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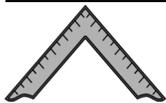
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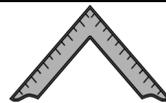
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From The East



The ebb and flow of the tide

It is encouraging to see the growing number of participants in the discussion group. As these individuals move from interested parties to petitioners to brothers, let us welcome them into the fraternity and embrace their enthusiasm and encourage their participation. This may result in improving various aspects of our craft, as well as improving the bonds between Brothers

The subject of every high school valedictorian's speech is that their class is going to change the world and be in control of their future. In short order, the realities of the world (fiscal and physical), combined with the fact that there is an established order in place quickly render some of the new graduates ideas as impractical. Dealing with reality and being practical is a major strength of the older generation. These are qualities that cannot be taught in school, they must be experienced. At the same time, the ideas and approaches brought to the table by the younger generation must be considered, weighed, and perhaps tried if they are viable.

I was once in a Boy Scout Troop where the older scouts were always in competition with the younger scouts. The younger scouts always lost these competitions and many became discouraged and dropped out. When I questioned this philosophy, the Scout Master told me, "That's how they did it when I was coming up in scouting". What a horrible approach!

The tenets of Masonry are solid, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth and it is true that men come to Masonry because there is something inside of them that wants to help their fellow man (and woman). Wouldn't it be a grand idea if every Entered Apprentice were introduced to several experienced Master Masons who would consider some new and different ideas while passing on some sense of practicality and lessons of experience? There should never be a competition between Older Masons and Younger Masons. Masonry has evolved over the centuries and should never stop evolving. We must instill the core Masonic values in our new Brothers while considering their ideas and different approaches to a variety of issues.

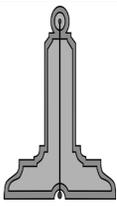
Consider Brothers, we did not become Masons for personal glory or gain, we became Masons to become better men and for the good of the Fraternity. How better to serve the Fraternity than to pass on the lessons we have garnered over the decades while embracing the future. The next time you see a new Mason, introduce yourself, ask your new Brother about himself, you may find you have indeed found a new friend.

Sam Greer, WM

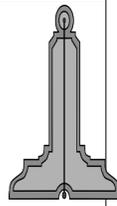
FEBRUARY 2023 Calendar

Wed 1st	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 8th	OV to Builder's #60	7:00 pm
Wed 15th	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Wed 22nd	Masonic Education	7:00 pm
Thurs Nights	Conversation Group	7:00 pm

Please refer to the Worshipful Master's weekly email for the latest updates as the details of the events are not yet fully known when this edition is sent out.



From The West



“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love.”

Hello from the West! The quote above continues:

“He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.” Bro Benjamin Franklin

Long ago I was told to never present a problem without a solution. I’ve held on to that advice and I make every effort to stand by it. This year brings along with it a lot of change. While it won’t be extreme change, there will be some things that happen that are different. Some of those changes you may already be aware of. Often we don’t always adjust well with change at the beginning but it is my hope that we do before the year is over.

The above quote has equally served me well. Freemasonry is a labor of love. The officers of the lodge serve the lodge volunteer basis. Every person in a chair has volunteered their time to the lodge with the goal of keeping it functional. This has been the case for some time but the average age of the members of the line has decreased. This is a great thing to see younger men stepping up and taking the helm. One thing that is important to remember is that most of these younger men have careers, spouses, and young children that require their attention. In a sense they have agreed to turn what may be a 40 hour work week in to a 60 or 70 hour one just by spending some of their “free time” with us in lodge. It won’t be abnormal for them to have to miss a degree or meeting or even entirely mess up their part.

For this reason it is my hope and goal to make some aspects of lodge fun for all the age demographics of the lodge and make the lodge feel like a loving place for everyone in attendance. Lodge shouldn’t feel like an extension to the work week. With the influence of the older men of the lodge I believe we will have another great year!

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Senior Warden



FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
LESLIE CARL ERDMAN, JR	3	40
BENJAMIN PHILLIP THORP, JR	5	26
RAYMOND A. PHILLIPS	7	55
GREGORY HAMMONDS	10	7
STEPHEN MATTHEW MURILLO	11	14
MARK JOSEPH GILLILAND	13	10
ROBERT CHARLES CONRADM, PGM	15	45
WILLIAM ROBERT LOBB	15	12
RICHARD DWAYNE VAUGHN	15	9
CURTIS LEE WARREN	18	47
GEORGE CHARLES PARKER	19	9
JOHN RUSSELL PROKOP	19	29
JERRY EDDVILLE WHITE	19	46
GUY ALBERT HUMMON	20	67
THOMAS AUSTIN ADAMS	23	68
KIRK KEVIN KLOSOWSKY	24	2
THOMAS JAY (TJ) HAYNIE	26	9
KENT ALLEN VANDERKOLK	27	38
NICHOLAS ANTHONY ANDRESS	29	11

Mention it is your masonic birthday month and get a free meal at that month’s stated meeting.

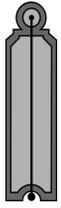
GASLIGHT THEATRE

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

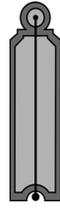
For those who have been wondering, we are going back to the Gaslight Theatre! The date is Friday, April 21st for the 830 show (doors open at 815). We will be seeing Robin Hood as you have never seen it before. See the Gaslight’s rendition with Robin and Marian, as well as the evil sheriff of Rottingham—more fun than Men in Tights! Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$17 for children (under 12). As we only have 40 seats, they will go quickly. Please make your reservations with the secretary.

For those not familiar with the Gaslight, it is a “dinner” theatre (and I use that term loosely) at the corner of Broadway and Kolb that spoofs all of the movie and theatre genres. You get to cheer the hero and hiss or boo the villain. It is family entertainment at its best. Food is from Lil’ Anthony’s which is right next door to the theatre.

This event has always been a good time for the brothers and their families.



From The South



Our members show the most exceptional way of Brotherly Love. Without this love and patience, we would not be able to have a smooth transition from year to year. Last month we celebrated and installed all officers into their new role and position; knowing the new year would bring new challenges and learning curves. Without brotherly love, we would not be able to transition easily with mistakes being frowned upon so easily by those of us who have been performing these roles each year.

Through each member assisting and donating their time, each member is given the ability to be able to ask questions, learn from prior members about their new positions, and understand what their new responsibilities entail. Without having this trust and understanding, we are unable to show one of our main goals as a member of the Lodge, Patients. We would not have such an easy task at hand with tremendous amount of misunderstanding and errors that would be frowned upon, judged, and even criticized; yet we are all excited to come together, learn, and present a Lodge that has lifelong relationships that allow us to continue to grow in our understanding of the Lodge's teachings.

Now we are entering into our second month of the year in our new positions, each of us are mastering and understanding our responsibilities. Brotherly Love is seen clearly through our actions and presentations. Any visitor would not have questions or concerns for this group, as we clearly pride ourselves in our actions and presentations. Be proud and stand tall as you introduce yourself as an outstanding member of this great establishment, a member of the Masonic Lodge and Family, and call yourself a Freemason.

Bo Paxton, Junior Warden

MASONIC EDUCATION NIGHT

Wednesday, February 22nd, we will have an evening of masonic education. If you would like to present an item, or have a question you would like answered, please contact Brother Trevor Tanzillo, or Senior Warden, to get on



VA DONATION BOX

Every stated meeting we make reference to the VA Donation Box sitting in the lobby (under the rogues' gallery of Past Master pictures). Have you ever wondered what happens to all the things we collect? Well, the other day, WBs Leigh Creighton and Rich Hall (both veterans themselves) delivered a very, full VA Donation Box to the Southern Arizona VA Homeless Veteran Health Care Center. So now that the box is empty, it is time to start filling it again.

Thank you Leigh and Rich!



OES 48 Rodeo Dinner

Steak dinner with all the fixings

When: Sunday, February 26th; 4:00—6:30 pm

Where: Tucson Lodge #4—3590 N Country Club Rd

Cost: \$25 per plate (\$45 per couple)

Reservations Deadline: February 19th

Reservations: Laurel Wadley: strawberrystar@sisna.com

Come and support our local OES Chapter!

Proposed By-Laws Amendments

Here is a general summary of the by-laws changes that were proposed at the January stated meeting:

Article 2, Section 1 – adding a restriction about being an elected in another lodge while serving as an elected officer in Tucson 4.

Article 3, Section 2 – allowing the Master, Secretary, and Treasurer to pay all routine and normal bills during the time the lodge may be dark pr when the lodge is prohibited from meeting.

Article 8, Section 1, Paragraph B (3) – delete as it has been removed from the AMC and is no longer necessary.

Article 8, Delete abrogated Section 6 and renumber subsequent paragraphs

Article 10, Section 1 (A) – Delete second paragraph as it is an artifact when the by-laws were reformatted

Article 12, Section 1 – Change to read ... contained in the Ritual Supplement. The Master may add to or change the order of business. Delete all sub paragraphs and Section 2

Article 13, Section 1 – adding the secretary as a non-voting observer to the trustees

Article 13, Section 5 – Delete and renumber subsequent paragraphs. (Section 5 was already deleted)

Article 13, Section 7 – New section regarding compliance the Arizona Masonic Code.

These amendments will be voted on at the February stated meeting and require a 2/3 majority to pass.



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From The Secretary



younger members and they have a lot of great ideas and some fresh insight to the teachings of the craft.

Here is the monthly plea for dues. As of today, we have 44 brothers who have yet to pay their dues. I will be sending out second notices later this month. I am holding off sending out the notices to see if more payments come in. Let's face, stamps are getting dang expensive. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so. If you need help, please let us know.

See you in lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

I am finishing up the annual report and I am pleased to say we agree with the Grand Lodge's numbers, almost. We differ by \$50. I am still working on correcting some differences on their end. In the meantime, I was looking at some demographics about our membership. Our average time as a mason is 28.9 years. Our dues paying members average about 23.3 years and our perpetual members come in at 33.5 years. Our Senior Life Members average 59.1 years (Remember you have to be a member for 50 plus years to be considered) and our Regulation 19 members come in at 38.7 years.

Let's look at age. The average age of our members is 67.9 years. Our dues paying members average 64.4 years, and our perpetual members 69.8 years. Our Senior Life Members have an average age of 86.5 years and Regulation 19 have an average age of 82.4 years.

We are an older lodge, both in experience and age. While we are seeing more younger members approach our portals, it will take a while for our numbers to shift. Our older members are living longer, and we only lost 6 to the celestial lodge above last year. With the hopeful influx of younger masons, we must get out of the mindset of "we have always done it this way". Traditions are good, they are part of us and our history, however there is nothing wrong with creating new traditions. (Says the crusty "old" secretary). We must present the lessons of the craft in a manner that applies to today's society without losing the traditions behind them. The future of the craft is in our

BREAKFAST

There will be NO Fellowship Breakfast this month. Resumption of the breakfasts will be announced via the weekly email.

ADVERTISING IN TUCSON 4 NEWSLETTER

Would you like to get your business out to your Masonic Brothers? If so, consider taking out an ad in the Tucson Lodge 4 Newsletter. It is published monthly and gets sent out all over the State. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide its members and friends with current articles and information. A 1/8 page (business card) is only \$75.00, a 1/4 page ad is \$150.00, a 1/2 page ad is \$300.00 and a full page ad is \$600.00. If interested please contact the Lodge secretary and we will set you up. Thanks for your support.

TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2, OES, Meeting with Saguaro Chapter #48 (see below)	7:00PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	6:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday	6:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First Sundays.....	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org 6:00PM
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