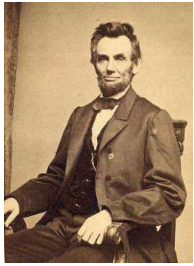


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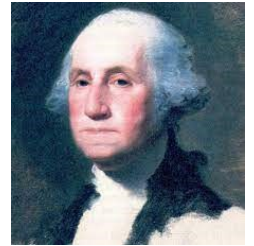
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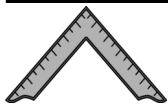
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From The East



“Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world.
Today I am wise, so I’m changing myself.”

-Rumi

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. We are working hard on our parts for upcoming degrees as we have several masonic hopefuls waiting in the wings. That being said, we could always use help in degrees. We practice every Wednesday at 7pm. If you can make it and don’t really want to play a part, it would still be great to have your presence out at degrees. A couple more things, we will be getting together for cigars on(usually) the last Friday of every month. Also the pancake breakfast is back! It will be a quarterly event. Keep an eye out for more details.

February Calendar

Mon Feb 5	Reservations for dinner due	Noon
Wed Feb 7	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat Feb 10	Lodge Breakfast	7:30 am
Wed Feb 14	Lodge Dark—Valentine’s Day	
Thurs Feb 15	Fellowcraft Degree	7:00 pm
Sat Feb 17	Lodge of Instruction	8:00 am
Wed Feb 21	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Feb 28	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Fri Mar 1	Cigar Night	7:00 pm
Wed Mar 6	Stated Meeting	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.

The quote above is an important reminder. We, as Masons, embark on what can best be described as a transformative journey, guided by symbolic rituals and allegorical teachings that prompt us to look inward. As we progress, a subtle change occurs within us. The desire to impact the external evolves in to a deeper understanding. A realization that enduring change begins within. Shifting focus to self improvement.

Our progression mirrors Rumi’s words. Change begins here and now with each and every one of us. We, as masons, should recognize that the wisdom gained through our shared experiences propel us toward a higher understanding of change. The quote should become a mantra, inspiring us to become architects of our own evolution and builders of inner fortitude.

May this month again be a time of fellowship and shared growth. May we attend our gatherings with open hearts, ready to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. Let our lodge be a testament to the transformative power of Masonry, where harmony prevails, and the light of wisdom shines bright.

Time is fleeting and each of us is only given so much. It’s not too late to do the things today you said you’d do yesterday or tell those you love how much you care.

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Your brother



From The Secretary



“When everything seems to be against you, remember that an airplane takes-off against the wind, not with it.” – **Henry Ford**

Last month I gave a report on our membership. I have been working with the Grand Secretary’s office in regard to our annual returns. The good news is we agree on our membership numbers—total members, senior life and Reg 19 members, and the number we pay per capita on. We pay per capita on 186 members for a total just shy of \$7100. We also have other fees we need to pay based on the activities of the lodge, i.e. election to membership, and degrees. Here is where we disagree. We have a couple of prior year record corrections that appeared on this year based on when they were made. We are working with Grand View tech support to correct this.

In regard to Grand View, if you have not activated your account, please let me know. It is very straight forward and will allow you to update your contact information as well as see your masonic history. Currently, only 40% of our members have activated their accounts. Speaking of updating contact information, if you move or change your contact information please let me know. So far this year I have had a larger number than normal dues notices and dues cards returned because the forwarding order had expired or no forwarding address was given.

For those of you who receive the trestle board electronically, you may notice some additional pages. We get flyers on a regular basis for events at the lodge or that may be of interest to our members. So, with that in mind, we will be adding them to the electronic version. The print version will not include them.

I want to give some well deserved thank you’s to some of the brothers who have helped with the “broken windows” around the lodge. Leigh Creighton, Ray Snow, and Jim Wadley replaced the ceiling tile by the coffee maker. The tile needed replacement due a leaking pipe that was fixed over a year ago. We finally found someone who was brave enough to climb the ladder to swap it out. We also replaced the automatic flush units on the men’s room urinals. They failed due to corrosion on the electrical contacts. It was cheaper to put mechanical units on than to replace the electrical parts of the mechanisms.

And now for my monthly public service announcement. If you are one of the 36 members who have not paid your 2024 dues, please do so. If you need help, please let either the Worshipful Master or myself know. We already have a couple of brothers who have reached out to us.

See you in Lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
JOHN PATRICK BOLDUC	5	7
BENJAMIN PHILLIP THORP, JR	5	27
RAYMOND AUSTIN PHILLIPS	7	56
GREGORY HAMMONDS	10	8
STEPHEN MATTHEW MURRILLO	11	15
MARK JOSEPH GILLILAND	13	11
ROBERT CHARLES CONRAD, PGM	15	46
RICHARD DWAYNE VAUGHN	15	10
CURTIS LEE WARREN	18	48
GEORGE CHARLES PARKER	19	10
WILLIAM BENARD PREDGO	19	2
JOHN RUSSELL PROKOP	19	30
JERRY EDDVILLE WHITE	19	47
GUY ALBERT HUMMON	20	68
WILLIAM ROBERT LOBB	23	13
KIRK KEVIN KLOSOWSKY	24	3
THOMAS JAY HAYNIE, JR	26	10
KENT ALLEN VANDERKOLK	27	39
NICHOLAS ANTHONY ANDRESS	29	12

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

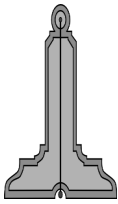
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DAY</u>
JOAQUIN ACUNA MUNOZ	1
MICHAEL HUGH MATLOCK	3
MICHAEL PALMER JOHNSON	5
JOHN WILLIAM MEYERS	6
JONATHAN FREDERICK BRADFORD	8
TREVOR JAMES TANZILLO	8
JAMES ROBERT BELL	17
JEAN-CLAUDE MALTERRE	17
SEBASTIAN CONDOR BABON	23
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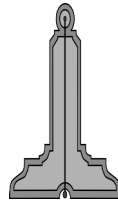
Feel free to drop these brothers a card on their earthly birthday.

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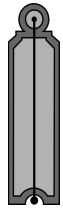
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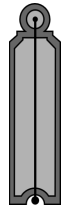
From The West



Our Senior Warden has been busy working in the quarries so we will see his article next month.



From The South



Greetings Brethren,

As the new year kicks off, so do the roles and responsibilities of this year's officers. We had a great dinner before the stated meeting on January 3rd. Brothers Dan and Austin did an amazing job. Their commitment and selfless service to providing the dinner meals to the lodge is very much recognized and appreciated by everyone that attended. February's stated meeting dinner will be chicken cordon bleu with homemade clam chowder. I hope to have a great turnout. If any brother is available in the afternoon of our stated meetings and would like to help out preparing the dinner, we could definitely use a helping hand.

There has been some maintenance issues with the left oven not working properly. The actual temperature was 50-80 degrees off from what the knob was set to. That issue has been resolved, so now we can use both ovens at the same time. We had the hood professionally cleaned as well—something that hadn't been done in quite a few years.

On February 10th we will start the Saturday breakfast on a quarterly basis, depending on the turnout. Please attend if you are able to.

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden

Brethren, my name is Austin Pena. I was born in Tucson and have lived here my entire life. The beauty of the mountains appeals to many and are a source of divine inspiration, for they are the Great Architect's design. With this, I was destined to join masonry and elevate it to its full glory with the help of my brothers, and we will continue the legacy beset upon us by those ancient masters of King Solomon's Temple.

My masonic journey began in October of 2021, newly 18 years old and out of my parents' home with my high school diploma under my arm, Gregory Pfister knew of my desire to uncover the great mysteries of the universe and invited me to attend the discussion group hosted by Jean-Claude Malterre. I reluctantly accepted the offer, but the curiosity of man compelled me, as it has done to many men before me. Naturally, my mind was filled with the wisdom and tantalizing articulation of Jean-Claude, where the topics of esoterics, history, and symbolism granted me immovable motivation to further my knowledge of the world, furthermore, I was brought in by the undeniable magnetism of all the brethren, so many glorious men of all backgrounds and personalities. I knew right then and there that I had found what I had been searching for.

I have been with Tucson Lodge No. 4 ever since then and have encountered even more brothers from various corners of the globe, all of which have amazing stories and knowledge. After being entered as an Entered Apprentice in the late summer of 2022, Carl Erdman was my proficiency mentor and guided me through both the EA and the FC proficiency. I am now a Master Mason as of May 2023, and am eternally grateful that my mentor, Worshipful Brother Carl Erdman, was able to witness my journey through the degrees. In late 2023, I fulfilled my unofficial role as Junior Steward under Junior Past Master Sam Greer, however; I am now serving as the *officially* appointed Junior Steward under Worshipful Master Trevor Tanzillo.

When I am not at the lodge cooking for stated meetings, or enjoying sacred time with brothers, you can find me with my beautiful girlfriend Alyssa and my three pets: Bernard (dog), Teddy (gato), and Patty (gato). I also cook at home, which is where I go to hone and expand my culinary skills and intuition. Additionally, you might find me at Bookman's collecting DVDs and VHS, or at Zia Records adding new vinyl records to my collection.

Austin Pena
Junior Steward



TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

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	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org
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Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls	For info Contact Paul Simpson at psimpson130@gmail.com

For use of the Lodge Building contact the Lodge Secretary at tl4so@outlook.com

House of the Temple

Gene Wickey

Here are some things you may not know about the Scottish Rite House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. Most of you probably know it is the headquarters of the Scottish Right of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. The building was designed by architect John Russell Pope, and is located about one mile north of the White House. Ground for the building was broken on May 31, 1911. Pope was only 36 years old when was commissioned by the Grand Commander to design the building. Pope was instructed to "make the new temple as magnificent as art and money can make it."

In addition to the temple, Pope designed many other now historic buildings including the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1978 the temple was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

There are guided tours during the week which are open to the public, masons and non-masons alike, at no charge.

Our Sick and Distressed Brothers

Brethren, please keep the following ailing brethren in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for their address.

*James Moore, Ralph Francis, Ron Hill,
Wes Yandell's wife, Mary*

If you know of any brothers who are sick or in distress please let the Senior Warden or the Secretary know.



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FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The lodge fellowship breakfast is back (at least quarterly). Join us on Saturday **February 10** from about **7:30-9:30 am**. We will have eggs to order, bacon, or sausage, toast or pancakes, coffee, and orange juice all for \$10. A steal in today's economy.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Junior Warden or Secretary.

Gaslight Theatre

Once again, we will be making another pilgrimage to the far east side of Tucson (Kolb Rd) to the Gaslight Theatre. **Save the date—Friday, April 19th at 8:30 pm** for Harlie's Angels.. Tickets will be \$22 for adults and \$17 for children. See the secretary for reservations! We have 40 seats reserved.

Harlie is the unseen head of a detective agency that specializes in one of a kind cases. He calls his detectives "Angels," for there is something unique about them. Now, Harlie has summoned the Angels to crack a case, which involves double dealing in the fast-paced worlds of music and high fashion. Swing into the 1970s as these glamorous private investigators high kick their way to solving their toughest case yet - in Harlie's Angels! *This musical melodrama is fun for all ages!

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Life, Liberty, ...Freemasonry

Life,

This past January twenty-first was the 15th anniversary of my brushing with death. Brushing, because it took nine applications of the defibrillator's "paddles" to pull me out of the clinical death I experienced while conducting a second degree with the Arizona Military Degree Team at Tucson Lodge #4. Thanks to my Brethren who administered CPR on me, and prayed for my welfare, I lived another fifteen years of a life that I endeavored to make more productive and meaningful than the previous sixty-eight years. The fact that the cardiac arrest that I suffered took place in a Lodge was not a coincidence: my Masonic involvement was such that several times a week I was participating in some Masonic function. Hence, being saved by Masons, by their prayers and in a Masonic Lodge, I can claim that I am alive today because I am a Mason.

Liberty,

Whether good, bad, or indifferent, every single one of my deeds were originally made possible by the human beings who brought me to life. You and I are in the same situation: my parents did that for me and yours did it for you. Because of this, every single one of my actions were made possible and the same goes for you and your parents.

Yet, other than being born, our lives couldn't be more different including the Masonic journey which brought us together.

For me, and truly for millions, the landing of the allied troops in Normandy which took place 80 years ago next June 6, 2024, made possible everything I was able to accomplish and do over the last 83 years (February 17th GMT -1). The magnitude and repercussions of what happened on "D-Day" cannot be measured.

The mere fact that you are reading these lines that I wrote, was made possible by the involvement of men like Jim Donovan, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., or Johnny Gibson. And millions of others... Indirectly or not.

The chocolate, the chewing gum, the sugar they initiated me to, together with the freedom that American GIs of WWII brought to me in 1944, and the sacrifices endured by their families, made the lives in Freedom of my children, grand-children, and mine possible. Through me, they also touched all the lives that I touched.

Since my initiation into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice Mason, over 35 years ago, many Masons added their contribution to my ability at touching others' lives who, in turn, added their own contributions to the betterment of our society.

"It is impossible to improve the world if man does not improve first." Plato.

Masonry,

Both Life and Liberty led me to the pursuit of Masonry in an Arizona Masonic Lodge where, having applied for the purpose, the members found me worthy and satisfied their Lodge purpose by Initiating, Passing, and Raising me as a Mason.

I am an Arizona Mason: I go to Lodge to improve myself in Freemasonry, subdue my passions and learn. The Lodge membership entrusts a team of elected and appointed Officers with the task of initiating, passing, and raising Masons. Since the only way one becomes a Mason is by the implementation of this process in a Masonic Lodge, the members of the Lodge and those to whom they delegate the execution of their task, are responsible for the perennity, and perpetuation of Freemasonry in their part of the world. Every one of us voluntarily committed to do so when we were willfully initiated into Freemasonry by those who came before us.

It is our indispensable duty to convey freemasonry to those we found worthy and who applied for the purpose. If, out of convenience or other reasons, we charged other Masons of our Lodge with the task of the actual conveyance of Freemasonry to those who will replace us someday, we remain responsible for it, totally responsible.

I don't know about you, but in my personal life, when I am responsible for something, I do see to it that it gets done, whether by myself or if I can't do it personally, find someone who will do it on my behalf and fulfill my obligation. It is that straight forward, and that simple. Once upon a time I willfully made Freemasonry a part of my personal life and consequently, I am fully responsible for all the commitments that I made, as well as those which, on my behalf were delegated to others.

Yet, I am where the buck stops: you too! You may not be as lucky as I am and may not like me be given a second chance... Still, Now is the time! I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

With Brotherly Lodge and Affection

Jean-Claude Malterre, PMX

¹All three were WWII Veterans: Jim was a member of Tucson Lodge #4, Theodore Roosevelt Jr. son of the President landed in Normandy on D-Day Utah Beach, and Johnny Gibson of Tucson 101st Airborne parachuted over Normandy on D-Day.

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SAGUARO CHAPTER #48

3rd Annual Rodeo Dinner

Saturday, February 10, 2024

4:00pm - 6:00pm

\$25.00 single or \$45.00 couple

**Steak, potatoes, salad, beans, rolls and dessert
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A small craft fair and 50/50 raffle will also be held

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