

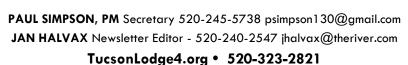
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From The East





First of all, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Speaking of a New Year..

When I sat down to write this I thought I would recapitulate the last year. Then on thinking of that, I thought, they know as well as you do. So, being one who doesn't remember what I had for lunch, it's best we don't go there.

What I would like to talk about is what we are planning for this year. Some have already happened. The Winterhaven parking fundraiser. I hope everyone enjoyed the "Who am I?" We had the last meeting of December.

One of the things I hoped to do last year and didn't get done is visiting each Tucson lodge sometime during the year. This year it's

JANUARY 2022 Calendar

Sat 1st	Happy New Year!	
	Breakfast next week	
Wed 5th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 8th	Breakfast	8:00 am
	Coffee available at	7:00 am
	(Lodge members and invitees)	
Wed 12th	Official visit Builders	7:30 pm
	Lodge # 60	
Thur 13th	Trustees meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 15th	Officers Party	4:00 pm
	(Invite only)	
Wed 19th	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Thur 20th	Users meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 26th	Degree or Practice	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.

on schedule. Let's go see our brethren in other lodges! If time permits and we can fit them in, we'll go see other lodges around the area. Not far, but not in Tucson. We shall see.

We will continue the Pot Luck Dinners this year. I am also planning a Table Lodge in March. A lady's night as well as widows luncheon for April. New to Tucson# 4 will be a car show in our lot. A youth group fund raiser with our normal Fellowship Breakfast. I have some fun nights planned and ask you to stay tuned for the details of those.

I also plan to try to collect a little bit of funds by having a parking lot fundraiser on Halloween. Looking for some help on that night.

Many of the traditional events are planned and will happen. One of them that will not happen this year is the Rodeo parade. I have asked several times for volunteers to help this event and not enough have come forward. I look forward to the new year and hope we at least have the success we have had in the previous years. Look to the East for any concerns. I have your six, my brothers!

Fraternally,

Garl Erdman, PM Worshipful Master Tucson Lodge # 4 2022



From The West



How do they know you to be a Mason?

First, I wish you all a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year and trust that you and your loved ones experienced the joy of family and fellowship during the Christmas season.

Food for thought for the New Year, how do I know you to be a Mason? Within the Lodge and among our fellow Masonic brothers, there are a number of positive and distinct answers. The question is how do the members of our community know you, as an individual, to be a Mason?

How do we demonstrate the basic tenets of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth to the general population? How do we show the world that we have become "better men"? Do we only practice Charity under the auspices of the Lodge, or do we identify ourselves as Masons when we do a good deed for our fellow man/woman?

It doesn't have to be a great act of sacrifice worthy of the evening news, small acts of kindness that give another person some relief from the stress of everyday life for even a few minutes add up and make a difference. It is not a question of self-promoting, or suggesting that as Masons we are somehow morally superior. Last month, I was asked why my dog and I spend 4 hours each week in hospitals doing Pet Therapy, "Was I sentenced to community service", "Was I being paid for my time"? My answer was simple, "As a Mason, relief is part of what we do". Watching staff, patients or family members decompress for a brief period of time, a laugh or a smile is the only reward I need. I usually wear one of the Grand Master's pins on my collar, I respond to questions, but never bring up the subject unless asked. The affirming response for me is the number of times I hear "my dad/grandfather was a mason".

So, I challenge you my brothers, exercise our basic tenets and truths and endeavor to make a difference during the coming New Year for even a few of the people with whom you come in contact. Convince the world that upon being a Mason, you have become a better man!

Fraternally,

Sam Greer, Senior Warden

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS				
NAME	DAY '	YEARS .		
ROBERT KITCHELL	5	9		
RICHARD TOLER	8	48		
IAN DAVEY	16	37		
JOSEPH HAINES	18	8		
GABRIEL CLASS	20	1		
STEVEN ZIMMERMAN	21	47		
MICHAEL IRVINE	24	15		
CLAUDE BEALER	25	43		
ENRIQUE PARES	27	1		
DON KING, SR	28	41		
DAVID EATON	29	36		
WILLIAM ARAGON, JR	30	18		
KENNETH HUNT	30	51		
CHAD RICHEY	31	21		



From The South



"Every soul is engaged in a great work-the labor of personal liberation from the state of ignorance. The world is a great prison; its bars are the Unknown. And each is a prisoner until, at last, he earns the right to tear these bars from their moldering sockets, and pass, illuminated and inspired into the darkness, which becomes lighted by that presence"

 $\label{eq:manly P Hall} \begin{tabular}{ll} Manly P Hall, The Lost Keys of Freemasonry: Or the Secret of Hiram Abiff \end{tabular}$

First I would like to thank the brethren reading this for letting me be a part of something as beautiful as free-masonry. Everyone has been very accepting and I appreciate your confidence and trust in me. That being said my hopes are to make these articles as interesting as I can moving forward. I would love to have a brother approach me at a meeting or event and want to discuss something I mention here.

My goal as a mason has always been to learn as much as I can about our craft and pass that information on to as many brethren as possible. I hope to continue to press forward in that goal.

Manly P Hall wrote the above quote in 1923 but was not made a mason until 1954. How then did one who was not a mason become so intimately acquainted with

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our fraternity? The answer is in the quote. Knowledge.

We must each one of us not settle in at just knowing our degree work and memorizing ritual. We must strive to really LEARN it and exhibit these lessons to even our greatest enemy. It is our job to pass these things on to the next generation and we do this not solely mouth to ear, but in every thing we do in every way. As we look to the current political climate and all the issues facing the world around us we must remember we are to be beacons of light in the darkness. The internet makes it easy to be as lazy as possible and the world is attempting to breed ignorance in our youth at every turn. But we can change that and we must as it is our duty as masons to do so. Lux E Tenebris.

Fraternally,

7revor 7auzillo, Junior Warden





Editor's Note: We do not usually place pictures of brethren that have passed, but Patrice's time with us has been so short that we were not given a fair chance to get to know him and to work with him.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and son.



IN MEMORIAM

BRETHREN WE LOST IN 2021

RICHARD ORA WILKINS

Born 7-3-1932

Raised - 10-22-1953

Died - 1-9-2021

LEONARD JOSEPH GULOTTA

Born 12-15-1937

Raised - 2-25-1981

Died - 10-5-2021

LESLIE CARL ERDMAN

Born 1-22-1938

Raised - 8-13-1975

Died - 11-29-2021

PATRICE ANDRE BOUDOU

Born - 9-30-1970

Raised - 10-27-2021

Died - 12-17-2021

WILLIAM EDWIN LOFQUIST

Born - 9-11-1932

Raised - 6-30-1962

Died - 12-21-2021

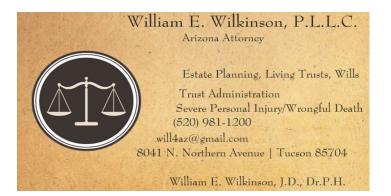
Through our belief in the mercy of God, we may confidently hope that our souls will bloom in eternal spring

TRANSMISSION AND EXEMPLIFICATION

This new credential of Tucson Lodge #4 Mason-of-the-year, now attached to my name, is profoundly meaningful to me. Over the course of the 2022 year, I intend to deserve it. It is my hope that sharing with you the lessons of Freemasonry which enabled me to better myself, may inspire you as well.

In the cycle of a new Masonic year, it seems fit to start at the beginning: new year, new officers, plans, projects, resolutions... I will start even before that: when we formed the idea of entering Freemasonry to become a Mason. Since the one and only way to become a Mason is to receive the degrees of Masonry from a just and legally constituted Lodge, we started by petitioning such a Lodge.

"A Lodge is a certain number of Masons who, when duly assembled, are authorized by their Charter to







Initiate, Pass, and Raise all good men and true who may apply for the purpose and whom they may find worthy."

I purposely re-established these definitions because they are essential to Freemasonry. Although oversimplified, we can say that a Mason is the recipient of Masonic teachings, conveyed to him by Masons who, similarly, received them from other Masons. From this "chain of transmission" of Freemasonry we must conclude that since Masons are only generated by other Masons, if the transmission is interrupted, Freemasonry is bound to disappear.

Although we would casually admit knowing this, we may not pay enough attention to two vital facts.

First, its transmission is Freemasonry's sole method of survival and, if you are a Mason, Freemasonry relies entirely on you for its transmission. Yes, you. Period. Not any other Mason, you. If you do not contribute to the transmission of Freemasonry, you fail to fulfill the implicit and fundamental pledge you made even before your initiation when you seriously declared, "upon your honor, that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity." If there is an ancient established tradition of the Fraternity, its transmission method, is it. It is yours to bear through an honorable life. Even if you entrust your responsibilities to someone else like the officers and acting officers of a Lodge, it remains your province to ensure that those you entrusted your responsibilities to, are doing a job in conformity to the standards used by those who came before you. Additionally, if you do not participate in the transmission, it is unfair to the brother who must do it in your stead. Also, you deprive yourself of what you would have learned by teaching others. Finally, Freemasonry is deprived of your own assets that it

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SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523 Meets every Thursday 8:00AM Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.



From The Secretary



Once again, thank you for the confidence you have in me by electing me as secretary for another year. As in prior years, I will strive to do my best in supporting my brethren and the lodge.

I am in the process of closing out the year and would like to share some numbers with you. We started 2021 with 229 members. We lost 5 to the Celestial Lodge Above, 2 to demits/withdrawals, and 4 to suspensions for nonpayment of dues. We raised 11 new master masons, had 4 affiliations, and 3 reinstatements. As of December 22nd, we had 236 members on the books. When we subtract out our Perpetual Members, Senior Life Members, and Regulation 19 Members that leaves us with 161 dues paying members. We pay per capita on the dues paying and Perpetual Members. This amount is just shy of \$8,000. There are also fees for each degree we confer, petitions we ballot on, as well as affiliations from outside of Arizona. This will add up to about another \$450. I am using rough numbers as they will not be final until I close my secretary's forms with the Grand Secretary just after Christmas. Now you see why I sound like a broken record on paying your dues. BTW, as of this writing, we have 74 brothers who have yet to pay their dues - and they were due by December 31.

The Worshipful Master has a very active year planned and there is a copy of the schedule on the lodge bulletin board. We have some events we have never done, some we haven't done for a while, and others that are traditional. I urge every brother to help and support him and the lodge during the next year. Make a resolution to attend lodge more often.

See you in lodge! Paul Simpson, PM

Transmission continued...

cannot transmit to those who will come after you.

The second major observation is that a transmitter is useless without receptors. Out of wisdom, Freemasonry addresses to good men seeking self-improvement. Because it is also powerful and beautiful, the example of good men living Freemasonry inspires other good men to emulate them. The exposure of the quality of life lived by Masons in society is the major generator of seekers of Freemasonry.

The initiation of a profane into Freemasonry is the launching of a man's earthly Masonic journey. His funeral ceremony is the closing of the earthly portion of that journey, and his entrance into his eternal life.

Let us always remember that the Masonic journey commenced at the initiation, implies the daily transmission and exemplification of Freemasonry all along the way, all the way. We are the best illustration of Freemasonry.

WB Jean-Claude Malterre PM & 2022 Tucson Lodge #4 Mason-of-the-year

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Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First Tuesday	7:30PM
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	7:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays	6:00PM
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