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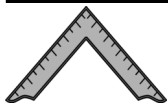
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From The East



Passions

One synonym of “passion” is “enthusiasm”. As we begin our new year, I would encourage all of us to embrace our fraternity, our worthy brothers, and the tenets of our craft with unbridled enthusiasm.

Reach out to a brother and say hello, meet for coffee or a meal together, or attend one of the discussion group meetings so that prospective

members are able meet a variety of brothers and be exposed to different experiences.

Make yourself a calendar and schedule one act of kindness or relief every day. It can as simple as calling someone you know is alone, in pain or just in need of a friendly voice and a smile. It is always a good thing to know that other people recognize your existence and are concerned about your mental and physical well-being. You may volunteer at a shelter, or a hospital or just help a neighbor who is unable to complete some simple tasks. For example the Salvation Army is always looking for groups who want to prepare and serve a dinner (Chicken soup and salad), and the publicity would constitute positive exposure for Masonry. Relief can be as simple or complex as we are willing to commit to.

Depending on which television program you watch, Masonry can be portrayed as honorable and noble, or very evil. Let’s put some effort into shining Light on the true nature of Masonry. Although we are not a “Secret Society”, there is a perception among non-Masons that Masonry is hiding some horrible agenda. The truth (and education) will shine some light on who we are and what we do. This doesn’t mean we put up a billboard or make a TV commercial, but each one of us takes pride in being a Mason. Don’t be afraid to let people know you are a Mason and what

JANUARY 2023 Calendar

Wed 4th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 7th	NO Fellowship Breakfast	
Wed 11th	Entered Apprentice Degree	7:00 pm
Thur 12th	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 18th	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Thur 19th	Users’ Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 25th	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.

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we stand for. Whether I am wearing a pin or a ball-cap, I am always gratified when complete strangers approach me and say, "My father/grand-father was a Mason". I hope that my grandson will someday proudly make that same statement.

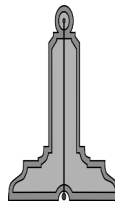
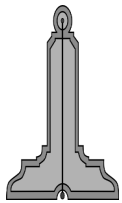
Sam Greer, WM



From The West

Masonry's power resides in it's ability to teach all men something"

-Rex R. Hutchens



Hello from the West! I hope the holidays treated everyone well. As we begin the new year we begin it with a loss.

The above quote from M.W. Rex comes from his book *Pillars of Wisdom*. I was lucky enough to get to sit with M.W. Rex on quite a few occasions. As a man he held more knowledge on a vast array of topics than many can hope to gain in several lifetimes. It is my opinion this exposure to many ideologies and cultures gave him a larger perspective on life and Masonry as a whole. Even with his wide berth of understanding he never treated a single brother differently. He would say things that sent your mind completely reeling then make a locker room joke.

In Masonry we must respect the fact that every man's journey will be different. We can not expect everyone to do the same things we do the way we do them. Nor can we force them to see things the way we do as individuals. Every Mason goes through the same process so why should anything be different? One man looks at a triangle and admires the length of the sides and how straight the lines are. Another man looks at the same triangle and is astonished at the three points the shape

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
ROBERT GRAHAM KITCHELL	05	10
RICHARD EUGENE TOLER	08	49
IAN PAUL DAVEY	16	38
JOSEPH MICHAEL HAINES	18	09
GABRIEL CLASS	20	02
STEVEN ORVAL ZIMMERMAN	21	48
MICHAEL JOSEPH IRVINE	24	16
ENRIQUE PARES	27	02
DON LEE KING, SR	28	42
DAVID WAYNE EATON	29	37
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARAGON, JR	30	19
KENNETH LEROY HUNT	30	52
CHAD MICHAEL RICHEY	31	22

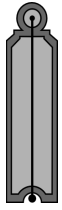
Mention it is your masonic birthday month and get a free meal at that month's stated meeting.

makes. The variable here is life. The life the individual has led before coming to lodge is entirely different. The experiences that we have throughout life shape our viewpoints on everything. Therefore what the individual latches on to during the process will be completely unique to that brother. No man is ever any more a man than another. One Mason is equally not more of a Mason than another. As Masons it is our goal to help brethren along the way through sharing what we have learned about Masonry and life but we must also accept that other brethren see things differently and that their experience and knowledge is as valuable as our own. If we pause long enough in our own studies and life we may learn more than we thought we ever would from those around us.

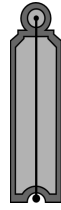
Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Rex for all you shared with us.

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Senior Warden



From The South



As I look back on my journey to becoming a Master Mason; it was not as easy as one might think it should have been. The first Lodge I visited in the south, rejected my application just because of the color of my skin. There was not a single time I felt welcome and was informed the colored Lodge was on the other side of town and may accept my application there. We all know that is not a behavior accepted in our Masonic teaching, but now that I am a Master Mason, those same individuals who originally rejected me have become brothers in my eyes.

I found brotherly love and welcoming feelings when I encountered the Lodge in Washington State, and I became a Master Mason in December 2019. The love and brotherhood has shown me to continue to strive for my goals and to understand the teachings to its core. You always hear about masonry and how they have secrets, but there are no real secrets when all you have to do is ask.

After moving to Arizona in 2020, anxiety set in not knowing if I would encounter another southern belief lodge or find one with open arms and welcome me as a brother. I now know that one bad apple, may not rot the bunch. I am truly welcomed as a brother, encourage to grow in my belief and teachings, and strive to become the best Master Mason for others to look up to and other men to ask about our brotherhood. I am overjoyed in telling those who ask what a great organization this is and how we are one unit under the Masonic Temple.

The prime example of brotherly love and teaching those that do not understand was enacted recently during parking lot duty for Winterhaven. It took our entire membership of the Lodge to staff the parking lot each night for several hours as their main fundraiser for the year, and during this same time, stronger

friendships were established and we were able to explain our organization to those that did not know and asked after parking in our lot. What a great community presence we were able to present.

Bo Paxton, Junior Warden

Brethren,

We as Masons elect our Worshipful Master, our Senior and Junior Wardens. Most of us know that to keep our lodge running in peace and harmony, we need to support all of them, including the appointed officers.

We gave the Master the Square, but let us act upon it as well. We gave the Senior Warden the Level, let us all be on it. We gave our Junior Warden the Plumb, and we all need to walk in the Rectitude of Life.

Let us stand in support of our Master and his officers and walk the same path we ask them to walk.

Let's be Masons!

Carl Erdman, PM

From the Editor(s)

This year we are fortunate to have an editing team producing the trestle board. The main editor is Catheryn Simpson, the wife of our secretary, Paul. Catheryn has a lot of experience as a newsletter editor as she is currently working on several groups' newsletters. When she is not busy editing, she spends her time quilting, loving on our 3 cats, and trying to keep your secretary out of trouble.

We are in the process of revamping the trestle board and if you have articles or ideas for improvement, please let us know. Catheryn's email is csimpson130@comcast.net. You can also send them to tl4so@outlook.com.



M.W. REX R. HUTCHENS
Grand Master 2006
1942-2022



MW Rex passed to the Celestial Lodge above on December 17th having served the craft for 40+ years. He was a philosopher, researcher and writer, authoring many papers and books including *A Bridge to Light, A Study in Masonic Ritual and Philosophy*. He was known to say “that the greatest gift that one man could bestow upon another was knowledge”. He was the Deputy for AZ for Scottish Rite and many other appendant bodies—too many to list here. He served the craft well.

While he was not a member of Tucson 4, he had an impact on many of our members encouraging them to learn more about the craft and freemasonry.



BRETHREN WE LOST IN 2022

NORMAN CHESTER CLARK

Born: 11-30-1940
 Raised: 4-21-1982
 Died: 11-21-2021

CLAUDE EUGENE BEALER

Born: 6-2-1931
 Raised: 1-25-1979
 Died: 1-10-2022

MIKE RAY SUBA

Born: 3-29-1937
 Raised: 5-16-2001
 Died: 4-20-2022

DON LEE REDMAN

Born: 2-8-1935
 Raised: 5-27-1064
 Died: 7-02-2022

ALBERT JAMES CARR

Born: 7-26-1942
 Raised: 8-21-2013
 Died: 12-1-2022

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From The Secretary



I am in the process of closing out the year and would like to share some numbers with you. We started 2022 with 236 members. We had 5 pass to the Celestial Lodge above, lost 2 to suspension for nonpayment of dues, and 5 to demits/withdrawals. On the plus side, we raised 3 new master masons, and had 3 join the lodge via affiliation. As of December 28th, we had 230 members on the books. When we subtract out our 46 Perpetual Members, 21 Senior Life Members, and 10 Regulation 19 Members (relief) that leaves us with 153 dues paying members. We pay per capita on our dues paying and Perpetual members and this year it looks like the amount will be right around \$7500. There are also fees for each degree we confer, petitions we elect, as well as affiliations from outside of Arizona. This will amount to an additional \$700 plus or minus. These numbers are not exact, I and will have the final figures once I close out my secretary's forms with the Grand Secretary. Now you see why I sometimes sound like a broken record on paying your dues. As of today, we have 59 brothers who have yet to pay their dues – and they were due on December 31st. If you haven't paid them, please do so. If you need help with your dues, please let either me or WB Sam know so we can help. We have a lot of tools at our disposal.

The Worshipful Master has a very active year planned and, in a few days, we will be posting a copy of this year's schedule on the bulletin board. We are going back to the Gaslight in April and hopefully again in August. I urge every brother to help and support WB Sam in his year. And for those of you making New Year's resolutions – how about this one – Attend Lodge! (and if you can't—call up a brother who you haven't seen for a while and ask how he is doing).

See you in Lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

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 and Third Sundays.....	6:00PM
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Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls	For info Contact Paul Simpson at psimpson130@gmail.com

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