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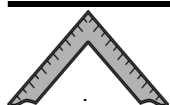
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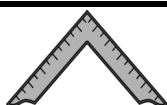
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### From The East



**B**rethren,

Over the years I've heard many things about what we should be doing and studying as Freemasons. Masons come in a variety of flavors and levels of interest.

There seems to be Fraternalists, Historians, Esoterics and what I'm going to call Saplings (no, not the small tree that can't stand). There are also Ritualists and Caretakers and we can't forget about the Ashlars.

The Fraternalists are the brothers who are mostly for the fellowship. Historians are the ones that can tell you every Past Master there ever was, no, just kidding. They do study the history of the Order. Esoterics study all the symbology and mystic things about the Craft. Very interesting work! The Ritualists are obvious. Caretakers are the brothers who care deeply about the Fraternity as an institution. The Ashlars are the ones we have given them what they want, our job seems to be done. They don't come anymore and we miss them.

Oh! Those Saplings? They are the ones who will tell you that Freemasonry makes good men better men and when someone asks them how to enter Freemasonry, they tell them 2B1ASK1. It doesn't matter which Mason you are as long as you do a few things (in my humble opinion). Meet on the Level, Act by the Plumb and Part upon the Square.

We must always remember that no matter what interests we have in Freemasonry, that we are ALL on the Level. We must ALWAYS live uprightly with the Plumb. Never forgetting that the Square being an emblem of truth and morality, we must always be of good character in and out of the lodge and truthful and honest in and out of the Lodge.

### JUNE—JULY 2022 Calendar

#### JUNE

Wed 1st	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday 2nd	through Saturday 4th: Grand Lodge Communication	
Sat 4th	<b>NO</b> Fellowship Breakfast	
Wed 8th	EA Degree	7:00 pm
Thurs 9th	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Tues 14th	Official Lodge Visit (Oasis Lodge # 52)	7:00 pm
Wed 15th	Masonic Education	7:00
Wed 22th	Masonic Spelling Bee	7:00 pm
Wed 29th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Youth Appreciation Night	7:00 pm

#### JULY

*Lodge is dark in July and August, there will be no Stated Meetings*

Sat 2nd	Fellowship Breakfast	7:30 am
Wed 6th	Degree or practice (FC)	7:00 pm
Wed 13th	Official Lodge Visit (Epes Randolph Lodge #32)	7:00 pm
Mon 18th	Junior Warden Night (Marion McDaniel Lodge #56)	7:00 pm
Wed 20th	MM Degree	6:00 pm
Wed 27th	Movie Night	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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My point here is that all regular Masons are the same, on the level. No one above and no one below. I see only one time that anyone would do that and that is when a brother is down and is looking up for help and the one helping him is looking down to make sure he has a good grip to pull him back up.

After the Stated Meeting we will go "dark" but we will have activities throughout the summer months. One of those is Grand Lodge Communication which begins the day after the Stated. Then we will have various activities to do if you want to come to the lodge and have some fun. Hopefully, we will have some candidates to initiate. Check the schedule and see what changes. It may.

Take care of each other and I'll see you later! Peace and Harmony unto you!

Faternally,

*Carl Erdman, PM*

Worshipful Master  
Tucson Lodge # 4 2022

## From The West

### Truth, Justice and the American Way

When "Superman" first debuted on radio and on television, the intro to each episode included, "...fights a never ending battle for Truth, Justice and the American Way"! Noble sentiments, but not easily defined. Truth can be a matter of perception. Justice varies according to who is meting it out, and who knows to what the "American Way" refers. I will offer my interpretation of these concepts. "Truth" consists of actual events, facts and statements, not what someone thought happened, or what they wanted to happen. Facts are hard evidence, suppressing a fact because it doesn't fit an agenda is by definition, a lie of omission. Statements should be taken at face value, but are often altered by "Spin Doctors" to support their own agenda. What constitutes "Justice" is also subject to political, reli-

## JUNE—JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
<b>JUNE</b>		
BARRY MORRIS TUCKER	01	16
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ	01	14
RICHARD BOOTH PERRYMAN	02	68
JOHN WILLIAM MYERS II	04	41
EDWIN CHARLES LEWIS	04	48
THEODORE HARRISON FAHS	07	48
FRANK JAY PROKOP	08	17
EARL C. STARR	09	50
JACK CARSON ANDREWS, SR	09	29
JEFFREY DANIEL SWANGO	10	24
RICHARD ALLEN CLICK	11	43
BENJAMIN DE GAMO GARCIA	12	10
CRAIG ALLEN PRINK	16	12
WALTER HOWARD FRITZ	17	33
RAMON MARK SULLIVAN	18	49
BRAD DEWAYNE TEMPLETON	19	3
JEAN-CLAUDE MALTERRE	23	64
JOHN ABDERHAMAN MURAD, JR	26	60
MICHAEL PALMER JOHNSON	28	5
ENOCH WOOD PEABODY III	29	28
ERIC ROGER IVEY	30	32
JORGE LUIS POLIN	30	1
Eric Roger Ivey	30	32
Jorge Luis Polin	30	1
<b>JULY</b>		
MICHAEL HUGH MATLOCK	09	19
JOHN WESLEY STOKES	12	42
RONALD IRVINE LYSSELL	15	31
TREVOR REESE JONES	18	10
JAMES RUSSELL STITH	20	54
MARK ALLAN VIRAMONTES	20	11
ROBERT FRANCIS GOEMANS	20	6
ANDREW HALE LYONS	20	1
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24	20
TRAVIS ROSS HUNGERFORD	28	1
JAMES ROBERT BELL	29	24
SAMUEL CAMPBELL GREER	29	7

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

gious and legal interpretation. I would suggest that "The American Way" is fairly well defined in the first ten amendments to the US Constitution, otherwise known as the Bill of Rights.

Historical quotes include, "if you tell a lie often enough, people will eventually believe it" and "the truth will out". The bottom line...the truth is the

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truth. It is what is "right".

What is or was actually said, done or recorded is the truth. Paraphrasing Luke 12:2-3, "What is said in the dark will come to light".

Most people inherently know the difference between "right" and "wrong", and there has to be a mechanism in place to separate those who consciously choose to do wrong in our society. The severity of justice may vary, but there must be consequences for "wrongful" actions.

Americans have their freedoms defined in the US Constitution; many citizens of other nations do not enjoy these freedoms. Our Constitutional freedoms have come to define the "American way" of life.

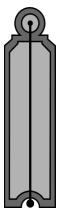
What does this academic discussion have to do with Masonry? We have all sworn to God to be truthful, forsake personal agenda and maintain harmony among our brethren. Being a Mason is sometimes not an easy task. We must overcome personal prejudices, cultural differences, lifetime experiences and learned responses. There is no such thing as a short or quick Masonic journey. "Improving ourselves in Masonry" is a lifetime journey. No one ever said this would be an easy task, but striving to become a better man is its own reward.

Are we, as Masons, just as committed to our tenets as Superman is to his? Along with our Masonic oaths, Truth, Justice and the American Way seem to be noble goals. We must constantly attempt to adhere to the three great lights of Masonry and to our three principle tenets.

Fraternally,

*Sam Greer*, Senior Warden

## From The South



*"The truth is that masonry is undoubtedly a religious institution. Its religion being of that universal kind in which all men can agree." -Albert Mackey*

Hello from the south! The quote above is an interesting one. It comes from Albert Mackey himself. More often than not we see reality under a bias lens. That is we tend to see things as they relate to us individually. Our personal experiences, likes and dislikes tend to distort things as they actually are. We rely on the angles in which we see things more often than we should. I would venture to say this is counterintuitive to what we are really supposed to do in freemasonry.

The reason I picked this quote is because it reminded me of a conversation I once had with an older mason. During this conversation this mason proclaimed confidently that "Freemasonry is a Christian organization". Being freshly made a mason a part of me felt what was being said was incorrect but hey I was young and surely this brother knew more than I did about the topic.

*"The Religion of Freemasonry is not Christian" -Albert Mackey.*

It wasn't until some years later that I truly began to question what the elder mason told me so long ago. I was taking a masonic history class that delved deeply in to masonic works written in the 1700s. The name of the exact paper escapes me at this moment but this dissertation from the 1700s stated very clearly that the lodge was shared with men of all religions. How then was Freemasonry a "Christian organization?"

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*"But Masonry teaches, and has preserved in their purity, the cardinal tenets of the old primitive faith, which underlie and are the foundation of all religion. All that ever existed has had a basis of truth; and all have overlaid that truth with errors. Masonry is the universal morality which is suitable to the inhabitants of every clime, to the man of every creed." -Albert Pike*

Therein lies the answer. The elder mason was looking at Freemasonry through his own personal experiences. Does that mean he was wrong? Yes and no. Freemasonry is far too complex for such broad generalizations and a man is seldom right when he tries to make said generalizations while possessing only half the information. This, my brethren, is the underlying lesson here. Freemasonry at its very core urges each one of us to separate ourselves from our own individual experiences and really learn the depth of any situation from every angle we are capable of. That being said I urge each one of us to go out and apply this information as much as possible. Not just as it pertains to Freemasonry, but everything we do. We will never get the answers we are looking for if we don't go out and firmly seek them.

Fraternally,  
*Trevor Tanzillo*, Junior Warden

## DID YOU KNOW??

Each month has its particular celebrations. Here some for June and July:

**June 1:** National Go Barefoot Day

National Nail Polish Day (This is a stated meeting day, make sure your nails look fine)

**June 13** National Kitchen Klutzes of America Day (Order out today)

**June 14:** National Bourbon Day (Not for forklift operators)

National Forklift Safety Day

**June 22:** National Kissing Day

National Onion Rings Day (Do one or the other)

**Jul 7:** National Dive Bar Day

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day (Are you sure you want to take your daughter?)

**July 14:** National Nude Day

National Tape Measure Day  
(No comment)

**July 22:** National Rat Catcher's Day

**July 30:** National Whistleblower Day (don't tell anyone)

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## From The Secretary



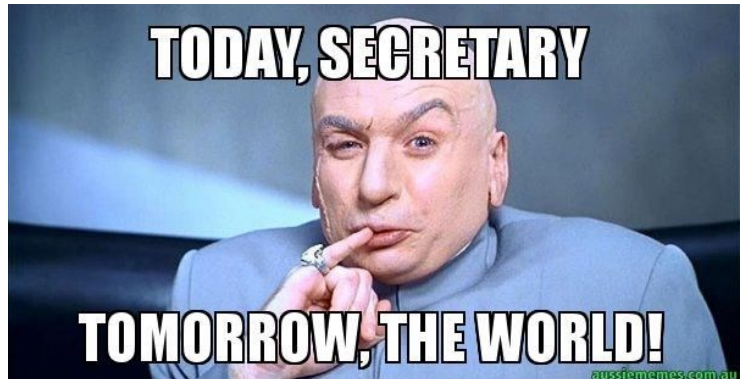
In between getting ready for the Annual Communication and helping out with some of the maintenance at the lodge, I don't have too much to say this month. (I can hear some of you cheering). So, I will keep it brief.

I still have tickets for the Gaslight Theatre on Friday, August 26th, at 8:30 pm. Adult price is \$22 and children 12 and under are \$17. See me if you are interested.

We still have brothers who have yet to pay their dues or even respond to their dues notices. If you know of a brother who needs help with their dues, please let me know. I still have a lot of ways we can help. I realize it is hard to ask for help, but it is here if you need it. That's all for this month. See you in lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

Ha, now that the secretary is gone we can amuse ourselves with a Secretary Survey: Which of the following images depicts our secretary the best? Send your suggestions to the Tucson Lodge #4 Secretary's office.



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### 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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