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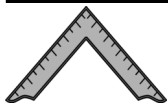
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From The East



Brethren,

How many times have you seen and Entered Apprentice Degree and heard about the three lesser lights—the sun, moon, and Master of the Lodge? More to the point, which are which? I wonder how many know. In the last practice for that degree I asked if anyone knew and got a few different answers. I'm certain the PMs know. I asked one of the PMs what he remembered and he said the same as I am sure they are.

The one in the East is for the Master. The one in the West is for

the sun, and that in the South is for the moon. If you think about it, it makes perfect sense. The Master is always stationed in the East. The Senior Warden is always stationed in the West, and the Junior Warden is always stationed in the South. On this, we can agree. On this basis, the East being the Master makes sense—it is his station. The sun is the Senior Deacon's symbol, and the moon is that of the Junior Deacon. So, does the moon come before the sun? Not usually.

Let's look at another. Did you know that the Lesser Lights also represent three Great Pillars? W, S & B. We all know those also go in order. E, W & S. I welcome any that wish to contradict this. If there is logic to the reasoning, I will gladly listen to it.

Next, we look at the Circumpunct. I'm going to try to keep this short. There are many illustrations of what one should look like. The one in our lodge has the two lines vertical and not horizontal as most versions with lines is what you find. How old is it? From what little reading I have done; it dates back over 300,000 years. It alludes to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Both have meaning deeper than we teach in Freemasonry. There is a reason we use them. Do you know why? I think it is because Freemasonry is older than we think. I'm not telling you what to think. Only asking that you do reflect what they are to you.

Fraternally,

Carl Erdman, PM

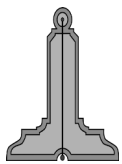
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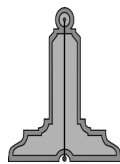
MAY 2022 Calendar

Mon 2nd	Dinner Reservations Due	Noon
Wed 4th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 7th	Fellowship Breakfast	7:30 am
Wed 11th	Youth Appreciation Night	6:00 pm
Sat 14th	OV Jerusalem Daylight	10:00 am
	Lodge #66	
Wed 18th	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Wed 25th	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Sat 28th	Deadwood (Laverna's)	11:30 am

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



Better Men

We are all familiar with our obligations and rituals; “Subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry”, “Act upon the Square”, “... among whom there should be no contention”, “Keep a tongue of good report”, “Without secret evasion of mind”, “...so help me God and keep me steadfast”, “On the level”, “Practice charity”, and many others.

The above quotes are only the headliners. How we achieve these goals requires study and commitment? How do you go about subduing your passions? Why act upon the square? Do we always act “on the level”? And never forget, each of us has invoked the favor of God in helping us to achieve these goals.

Now the real work begins, how to improve ourselves in Masonry? I submit that the study of the meanings of symbols, serious conversations with Brother Masons, reading the history and thoughts of previous Masons, and a serious commitment to the tenets of Masonry is one path to self-improvement.

According to the Masonic Service Association of America, Masonry is “A Fraternity”, “It is not a benefit society”, “It seeks no advantage for its members through business or politics”, “It is a way of life”, and “It is a system of moral conduct”. We may only meet once a month for a few hours for our Stated Meeting, but we are (or should be) Masons true to our obligations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Consider the difference between legal, moral and unethical. An act may be unethical and morally reprehensible and still be legal. Years ago there was a car dealer in Tucson whose contracts stated that if the purchaser was more than 24 hours late in the monthly payment, the

MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELLE	6	6
LYLE STANLEY WILCOX	7	42
ARIF EMRE ERKOCA	10	18
ELMER IVAN ACUNA	13	7
BRUCE DANIEL PYLES	16	10
BRUCE EDWARD FULTZ	18	18
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE, JR	18	11
DESMOND LEWIS HOOEY	20	59
JERRY LEE BECK	20	58
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20	6
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	22	37
PETER GOLDEN WILLIAMSON	23	62
JOHN PHILLIPS MATTHEWS, JR	26	60
DON LEE REDMAN	27	55
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	27	57
ROBERT LEE RIBBECK	27	7
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	29	31
NICHOLAS JOHN POSUNIAK	30	7

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

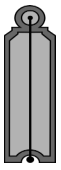
dealer could reprocess the car and that dealer enforced the terms of the contract to the minute. The action was legal, but ethically and morally reprehensible. The dealer soon went out of business because no one purchased cars from him, but he could have served as the poster boy for someone who did not qualify as a “Good Man”.

How do you conduct yourself in society? How do you treat your Brother Masons in and out of the Lodge? Masons do not (or should not) seek accolades or rewards from their actions to improve the lot of our fellow man (and woman), but you can give a nod to the fact that you are a Mason. Masonry seeks to make “Good Men better Men” through adherence to its obligations and teachings.

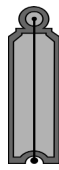
So, how are you showing the world that you are becoming a “Better Man”?

Fraternally,

Sam Greer,
Senior Warden



From The South



"Focusing on the quality of members, not the quantity, is the answer to Freemasonry's membership problem."
-Justin Jones

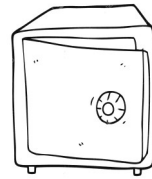
Hello from the south! I was asked awhile back what I thought the solution was to the declining membership in Freemasonry. "Should we begin using social media more? Do we make it easier somehow to join?" My answer was plainly no. I do not see our numbers as a problem. When any group seeks to increase its numbers they are always led to a path miles away from where they wanted to be. Not every man is meant to sit among us. Every man has some good within him, but we are not in the business of making okay men good. Our goal is to fill the lodge with good men. Why dilute our lodges with decent men in an attempt to increase our numbers? This thought process is counter-productive in regard to our ultimate goal. Our focus should be on nurturing the members we have and ensuring that those that do knock on our door seeking entry are truly worthy.

Historically speaking, the operative masons were very careful about who they taught their trades to. The reason being that when the master took on an apprentice, the apprentice was taught a trade that would free him from the shackles or servitude in ways the apprentice could never imagine. The price for this was the actions of the apprentice, either positive or negative, reflected upon the master.

I think we can all agree this principle applies equally today. Every man that enters our fraternity becomes a reflection of every single one of us. That being said I urge every brother to pop in on the discussion group and get to know the men who are on the verge of petitioning. Get to know them firsthand so that when you cast your vote, you know for certain the type of men that will continue to carry our fraternity in to the future.

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Junior Warden



From The Editor's Vault

DWELLING IN UNITY

By

R.W. Ardell G. Gould, Grand Chaplain

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In Psalm 133, there are words that we, as Masons are very familiar with. They are as follows:

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

I wonder if we are able to catch all that the writer is trying to impart! These are words that are filled with deep meaning. They are words that need to be heard in the society in which we live. Today our society and our world are in desperate need of the message that is given in these three short verses. The profound message that is here, should go deep within the inner recesses of our being and help us to come to a better understanding of what unity is all about.

The Psalmist begins with a very simple statement: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" As we begin, let it be understood that when the Psalmist uses the word "brothers," we must insert "sisters," or any combination where two or three are involved. And, we will want to explore the implications when we expand this idea to encompass the world.

Can we bring ourselves to experience what the Psalmist is talking? Do you know the feeling of what life is like when there is harmony, understanding and acceptance?

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In far too many cases, this is the exception, rather than the norm. Most of the time our experience in life tends to be a life where there is everything but harmony. Our fast pace more or less demands that we seek to achieve or climb a ladder. When this becomes the norm in life, there are too many occasions when we do not take the time to understand what others are thinking or feeling. We are always looking over our shoulder wondering who is creeping up to us, trying to bypass us, or perhaps trying to push us out of line for something we seek.

It is important that, when we come to this point in life, that we take time to know who we are and what we are. We must examine our lives and feel the goodness that can be there when all is harmonious. I am sure there have been times in our lives when we have known this feeling of tranquillity, peace or calm. Perhaps it has come when the kids are finally in bed and settled down. All is quiet, and for a few moments you can sit back and enjoy the peace of life. The Psalmist is saying that it is this kind of feeling that is great and should be the norm of our lives. How good and pleasant it is when we can dwell in unity.



In my ministry, I have witnessed all too often that when people disagree on issues, it is not just a difference of opinion, but it is like a wedge that separates and divides. People state their side of an issue and then immediately shut off their hearing as to what the other person is trying to say. There does not seem to be a willingness to try to hear what the other person has to say. Nor, is there an effort made to try to find a way wherein things can be worked out in agreement between the parties. Somehow there must come that moment when we take the initiative, and become the person who is willing to listen and seek to dwell in unity.

We can begin the practice of living together in unity within our own families. Then we can move to other areas of our lives. We are living in a time when there is great discord in our society. People are running here and there doing their own thing, not mindful of others, and bound and determined to be there first. Somehow, there must come that moment when people begin to stop and realize that others are involved. Someone needs to put forth those expressions of life that indicate that dwelling in unity produces far better feelings than can otherwise be experienced.

Are we willing to take that risk, and begin the process of turning things around? Each of us has the ability to be that one person to step forth and begin to truly dwell in unity. If we seek to give expression to dwelling in unity, in all affects of our lives, it will make a profound impact upon those around us. It will reach out into the far corners of the earth.

--Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity--



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



From The Secretary



Brethren, we are rapidly traveling along that level of time, better known as the masonic year, and coming up on the Annual Communication on the first weekend in June. At the April stated meeting we heard the synopses of the proposed legislation. Later in the month we had a session where the actual proposed changes were presented so you could let the voting members know how you feel. If you were unable to attend and still would like to make comments, feel free to let either myself or one of the pedestal officers know how you feel about the proposed legislation.

I have dusted off my social director's hat and am pleased to announce we will be making another trip to the Gaslight Theatre in August. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to do this. The date is Friday, August 26th, and we have tickets for the 8:30 pm show of Ghostbusters. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$17 for children under 12. These are at the group rate. If you have never been to the Gaslight, you have missed a great show. You are expected to cheer the hero and hiss and boo at the villain. If you are interested, please let the secretary know.

Almost two years ago, we shifted over the membership system, Grandview. Grand Lodge is using Grandview to send out information about what is happening in Grand Lodge. If you have not activated your account, please get with me and I can walk you through the process. So far, only about 30% of our members have activated their accounts. One of the big advantages

with this program is we can see membership changes in real time and members can also update their contact information. Please, if you move, let us know your new address. Also, have your family tell us if you become incapacitated or move into a care facility. This will also allow us to remain in contact with you.

2022 dues are still coming in and we have the lowest number of members who have yet to pay in comparison to past years. I will be sending out a third notice in May, and for those who still haven't paid, the Notice of Pending Suspension will be going out at the end of July as per our by-laws and the Masonic Code. We hate suspending brothers for non-payment of dues. If you need help, please let either myself or the Master know so we can do something about it.

That's all for this month. See you in lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM



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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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