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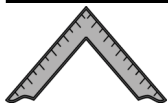
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### From The East



"Everything we hear is an opinion, not fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth"

-Marcus Aurelius

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. We are now in May of 2024. We had a very fun time playing pool in April. Everyone seems to enjoy these fellowship events and each seems to bring out a different group of Brethren. It's great to see different Brethren interacting in different ways! All are welcome at the next event! We also will shortly have several 1<sup>st</sup> degrees coming up and it would be great to have you join us at as many as you can.

I've been thinking a lot lately about the complexity of interpersonal interactions. The quote above is from Marcus Aurelius and I believe it's important for each one of us to keep in mind. As we navigate interactions with others it becomes evident that "truth" is not a fixed point but rather a multifaceted gem, reflecting light in endless variations. Each of us perceives everything through the lens of our own experiences, biases, and beliefs which combine to form our own unique perspective.

By embracing the diversity of perspectives, we enrich our own understanding of others and add depth to our appreciation of the human experience. By acknowledging that our perspective of another may be an illusion based on the distortion of our own lens we pave the way for greater harmony, empathy, and mutual understanding.

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,

Your brother *Trevor Tanzillo.*

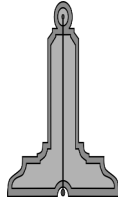
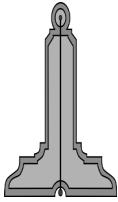
### May Calendar

Mon Apr 29	Reservations for dinner due	Noon
Wed May 1	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed May 8	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Wed May 15	Legislation Discussion	7:00 pm
Wed May 22	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Mon May 27	Memorial Day	
Wed May 29	Fellowship Event	7:00 pm
Wed Jun 5	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. For example, one of the practices may become an official visit to another lodge.*

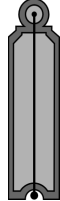
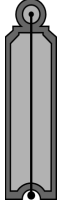


## From The West



*Editor's Note: Once again the Senior Warden is still out working in the quarries and did not have a chance to send in his article.*

## From The South



Greetings from the South. Dan did a great job with the dinner for April's stated meeting, as always was very delicious.

May stated meeting dinner will be taco plates, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. The young ladies from Bethel #25, JDI, will be serving the meal. Please support them. Reservations are due at noon on the Monday prior to the dinner as we go grocery shopping that night.

We had our quarterly trustees meeting on April 11th. The meeting was productive and several things were voted on for the benefit of the lodge.

On May 4th there is a military degree at Nogales #11. After the degree will be lunch and several brothers cross the border and go to the lodge on the Mexico side and observe a degree at their lodge. If anyone is interested in attending these events let me know.

I hope to see you all at the May stated meeting!

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden



## Gaslight Theatre

Last week we made another pilgrimage over to the Gaslight Theatre (Broadway and Kolb which seems like a trip to New Mexico for some of us) to see Harley's Angels a parody of the popular TV series. For those of you who remember the old SNL Czech brothers, they made an appearance as the evil henchmen and they did a fantastic job of being "two wild and crazy guys". A good time was had by all and the secretary even got another coffee cup to add to his collection and a free ice cream sundae for him and his wife (He'll buy you a cup at lodge and explain).

We are making another trek on September 20th to see Shriek (a parody of True Love and Ogre acting). No, it's not a horror movie, but their parody of Shrek. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$17 for children. Reservations can be made to the secretary (as usual).

## Widows Luncheon

Brethren, we had to reschedule our widows luncheon from last month due to a low number of reservations and some other logistic issues where it made it impossible to host the dinner. We are looking at some other options and have identified some alternative sites. We currently have 41 widows, 27 of which live in the greater Tucson area. Stay tuned for more information and a new date for the event.

### 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

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
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters .....	For info Contact Laureen at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com
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**



## From The Secretary



"Let us dare to read, think, speak and write."  
John Adams

Growing up just south of Boston, I used to drive by the birthplace of John Adams on a regular basis. It was over in South Quincy, MA and is now a National Historic Place. Adams was the second President of the United States and his son John Quincy Adams was the sixth. Adams was a Harvard graduate and is best known as one of the writers of the Declaration of Independence. He was a master of rhetoric, one of the seven liberal arts. Rhetoric is the art of persuasion through language. It represents the ability to communicate effectively and influence others and involves the study of language, grammar, and style, as well as the ability to use language to convey ideas and emotions. To do this, we must be able to read for comprehension and understand what is important and how it affects us. This is why the quote is applicable to masons.

With the Annual Communication right around the corner, I submitted all of our award nominations—trestle board, Web site, Mason of the Year, and Master Architect Award. We have earned the Master Architect Award every year since it was implemented. This award is the result of the hard work of the officers and members of the lodge. I just put the facts down on paper. In addition, the lodge sponsored the scholarship applications for three students, one is majority member Rainbow girl, and two are grand daughters of one of our members. Sponsoring scholarship applications is one of those things that are done in the background. It is always an honor to be able to help students with their studies.

We are in the home stretch for paying your lodge dues. By the AMC, and our by-laws, dues are due and payable by December 31st of the year prior (i.e. 2024 dues were due on Dec 31, 2023). Compared to past years, we are in great shape. As of this writing, I have 10 brothers who have yet to pay dues, one of which we just elected to affiliation earlier in the month. A couple of weeks ago I sent out another set of dues notices to those who hadn't paid. This is the last notice that will be sent out. By our by-laws (and the AMC) if you do not pay your dues by the six month point, at the next stated meeting you will be suspended. Suspension in lodge results in suspension in ALL organizations that require a masonic membership. Did I ever say I hate suspending brothers? So if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. If you need help with your dues, please let either the WM or I know as we have several means at our disposal to assist. But we can't help if you don't tell us you need it.

See you in lodge!

### MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELLE	3	8
LYLE STANLEY WILCOX	7	44
ARIF EMRE ERKOCA	10	20
ELMER IVAN ACUNA	13	9
BRUCE DANIEL PYLES	16	12
AUSTIN RILEY PENA	17	1
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE, JR	18	13
BRUCE EDWARD FULTZ	18	20
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20	7
DESMOND LEWIS HOOEY	20	61
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	22	39
PETER GOLDEN WILLIAMSON	23	63
PETER SCOTT CERAVOLO	24	1
JOHN PHILLIPS MATTHEWS, JR	26	62
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	27	59
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	29	33
NICHOLAS JOHN POSUNIAK	30	9

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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY
RONALD LEE RICHEY	5
HOWARD MARC STEINBERG	5
RICHARD DWAYNE VAUGHN	5
FRANK FLORES CARLEY	8
SCOTT ALLEN CLICK	8
RICHARD COLLIN RASBERRY	9
DAVID WAYNE EATON	10
ALLEN KENT PHILLIPS	10
KENT ALLEN VANDERKOLK	11
ANDREW HALE LYONS	13
THEODORE HARRISON FAHS	14
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	14
AUSTIN RILEY PENA	16
KENNETH CHARLES WILLIAMS	21
PHILLIP LEE SPAULDING	25
RONALD STANLEY HILL	27
WALTER HOWARD FRITZ	28
JOHN RANDALL DIGHTON	29

*Feel free to drop these brothers a card on their earthly birthday.*

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



## MEMORIAL DAY

As most of us know, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the U.S. and has become the unofficial beginning of summer activities. It was originally intended to honor and mourn those U. S. military personnel who died while serving in the armed forces. From 1868 to 1970 it was observed on May 30th. In 1971 it was moved to the last Monday of May.

The first observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868 and the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers killed in the Civil War. Before this, there were many local observances to recognize the "honored dead." Many cities and states have made the claim to be the first to observe it.

Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. Military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed the observance to the last Monday in May. Some feel that changing the holiday to make a 3-day weekend has undermined the true meaning of the day.

There are two other days to celebrate those who have served or have served in the U. S. military. Armed Forces Day (the third Saturday in May) is an unofficial holiday honoring those currently serving in the armed forces. Veterans Day (November 11) is the federal holiday honoring those who have served.



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## BUILDING UPDATES


Last month we provided some updates on our building and the editor has received several comments about the idea. So for now, it will continue.

We are in the process of replacing the hot water heater in at the lodge. The existing one came with the building and has started to leak as well as displaying some error codes. We solicited 5 bids and received 4 back. The bids were reviewed by the trustees and a decision was made to replace the existing hot water heater with a pair of tankless ones. The cost is far less than the first estimate we received. Seeing as we are a commercial building, we need a commercial water heater which raises the prices. Cha-ching! The new heaters should be installed by the May stated meeting.

If you have been to the lodge recently you may have noticed the building is cleaner and smells a lot better (especially the rest rooms). This is the result of the work of our new custodian service. While we do have weekly service, it is up to all of us to help keep the building clean. So, if you see trash on the floor, pick it up. If you see something that needs to be fixed, please let the secretary know.

We did get a lock on the dumpster enclosure so we aren't paying for other people's trash. The combination to the lock is posted on the inside of the dining room door going out to the patio. Many thanks to WB Vince Santos who attached the lock to the gate so it doesn't end up in the trash.

Replacement of part of the carpet in the lodge room with a checkered floor is being discussed. We have talked to most of the groups who also meet at the lodge to see how it would affect them. We are also looking at replacing the carpet on the lodge room floor at the same time as it is really starting to show its age and has been around longer than it was designed for. The intent is to pay for the checkered floor portion of it through donations to minimize the cost to the lodge. At this point, we are only in the talking stages and have yet to develop a set of plans and cost factors.



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## GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

### June 6-8

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel in Mesa. Most of the business will be handled on June 7th and 8th (Friday and Saturday). You can register on line via the Grand Lodge website—<https://www.azmasons.org/annual-communication> . Contact information for the hotel is also listed on the website. Meals this year are a lot less than last year and the room rates are about the same.

Cut off dates—

- \* Hotel Registration -**May 6**
- \* Meals and Ladies Luncheon—**May 11**

For the officers of the lodge, certain expenses are covered under our by-laws. If interested, please contact the secretary.

## GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION

(Update)

Presently there are 19 pieces of legislation for this year plus 3 more that were carry-overs from last year. Some of these are housekeeping, some deal with officer proficiency, some with changes to the ritual (automatic referral to Ritual Review to be voted on next year), and some you just have to stop and think about. The AMC requires us to read the synopses at the stated meeting after they are received. This we did at the April stated meeting. We also distributed an electronic copy to the members of the lodge we have email addresses for. We are planning to have a discussion session on Wednesday, May 15th at the lodge. We hold these discussions so our pedestal officers can get a feel for how the lodge feels about the legislation. The lodge has three votes—one each for the WM, SW, and JW. If one of these officers cannot attend, the senior of the remaining officers will carry their vote as well. In addition, each PM of an Arizona lodge also carries his own vote, however, they only get one vote no matter how many lodges they have been PM in.

As we get the resumes for Grand Trustees, and any Grand Master Recommendations, they will be sent out in a similar manner and if needed, be discussed at a later date.

Under the AMC any member of Grand Lodge can propose a change to the AMC. This is the beauty of our system. In general terms, membership in Grand Lodge is made up of the WM, SW, JWs of all Az lodges and all PMs of Az lodges, Grand Lodge Officers, and past Grand Officers (AMC 1-2, page 5). While we may not agree with some of the proposed legislation, every piece still has the opportunity to be brought up on the floor of Grand Lodge, discussed, and voted on.

## GRAND CARE

GCARE allows masons to serve masons financially, for serious, long-term health conditions. GCARE is a non-profit Arizona corporation owned by Masons and used to serve Masons, Masonic families, and others.

We need to service at least 200 unique applications so GCARE can apply to receive Arizona State Tax Credit donations. This will enable you, not the legislature, to decide how some of your tax dollars are directed for use to state residents. GCARE is already IRS approved and accepting federal tax-deductible funding to the Grand Care IRS 501 (C)(3) now, and in the future.

We expect you will have questions about GCARE. and your Grand Lodge of Arizona progressive line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and District Deputy Grand Lecturers, have all been well trained, to present GCARE information to you, and to answer your questions. Please ask them about this innovative Grand Lodge charity when you have the next opportunity to talk to them, or whenever they visit the lodge. You can also contact MWB Greg Vasquez (Grand Secretary), [azgnd\\_sec@azmasons.org](mailto:azgnd_sec@azmasons.org), or WB Paul Simpson, GCARE Secretary, [secretary.azgcare@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.azgcare@gmail.com). Please visit the GCARE website at <https://azgcare.org> for information on filing for a copay reimbursement (up to \$100) if you have a chronic medical condition for care, or prescriptions.

(This is based on MW Jim Baker's letter to the craft from when he was MW Grand Master back on November 1, 2022)

*Editor's note: Tucson 4 is well represented in regard to Grand Care. We have two members on the Board of Directors—WB William Wilkinson (President) and WB Paul Simpson (Secretary).*

*I have included the latest Grand Care brochure as part of the electronic trestle board. It includes an application for reimbursement as part of it. If you have any questions, feel free to ask WB Will or myself. And yes, we have both used GCARE and the process is quick and painless.*

## 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, Earl Joseph Shambo*

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

## 2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master.....Trevor Tanzillo (Isela)  
 Senior Warden .....Bo Paxton (Karen)  
 Junior Warden.....Darryl Weaver (Laura)  
 Treasurer.....Ronald Hill, PM (Linda)  
 Deputy Treasurer.....Jon Schmidt, PM (Shari).  
 Secretary .....Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)  
 Secretary Emeritus .....Bob Conrad, PGM (Jackie)  
 Senior Deacon .....Moe Momayez  
 Junior Deacon .....Gabriel Class (Rosa)  
 Senior Steward .....William Predgo (Cheryl)  
 Junior Steward.....Austin Pena  
 Marshal .....Gregory Pfister  
 Chaplain .....Justus Smith  
 Tyler .....Sam Greer, PM (Patricia)  
 Musician.....Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)  
 Ritual Advisor .....TBD  
 Trustee 2024 .....Hannes Meyer, PM (Joyce)  
 Trustee 2024 .....Rafael Leidy-Escabi  
 Trustee 2024 .....William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie)  
 Trustee 2025.....Gabriel Class (Rosa)  
 Trustee 2026.....Sam Greer, PM (Patricia)  
 Website Editor .....John Prokop (Sharlot)  
 Widow's Assistance .....Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)



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Date: 13 April 2024

Subject: Message from the Grand Master

Brothers,

This message is in response to any negative misrepresentative of our Honorable Fraternity or the misuse of our symbols.

As Freemasons we sometimes travel a rough and rugged road through society. Some view us with hate, some with curiosity and most with misunderstanding. It becomes our duty, therefore, to preserve the integrity of our honorable institution by our actions. If you are asked about Freemasonry in general or about a specific current event, remember that membership in our fraternity requires a solemn commitment to virtuous conduct and the pursuit of knowledge, and it is not conferred lightly or without due diligence. Anyone acting or displaying Masonic emblems in an un-masonic manner do not represent the ideals of our fraternity and we condemn any misuse of our emblems or misrepresentation of our fraternity for nefarious purposes.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arizona remains steadfast in our dedication to the principles of Freemasonry as written in the Old Charges and will continue our mission to promote moral and intellectual growth among our members. We stand united in our rejection of any who would seek to tarnish the reputation of our fraternity.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GRRusk".

George R. Rusk  
Grand Master 2023-2024  
The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F&AM of Arizona



*Bethel No. 25, Tucson, AZ*

# Bowl-a-thon

## FUNDRAISER

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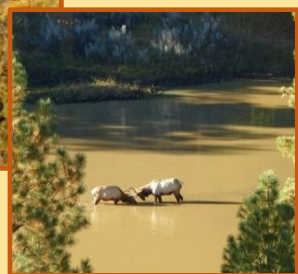




# Mohave County, Ariz. Freemasons Present ∴ THE 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL ∴ HUALAPAI MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR DEGREE



**SATURDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



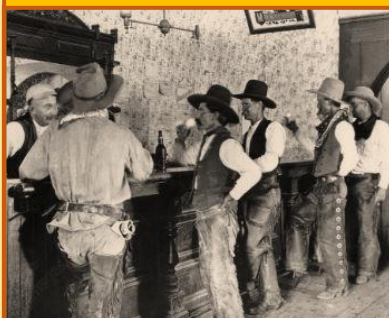
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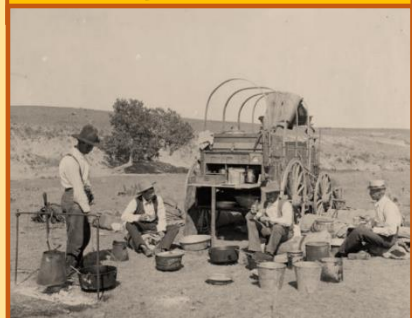
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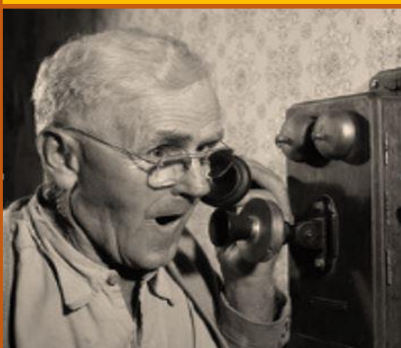
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**High Twelve**



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**Free Coffee and Donuts**  
**Free Steak Dinner**  
**Free YEAR Dangle for Bolo**

## Duds

**This is Kingman!** No need to get all gussied up. Boots and Jeans work. One of them fancy western shirts if ya like. Might be a chill of a morn so do bring ya a warm wrap. Hats are **Invisible**. **No Spurs!** We do got standards.

## Take This Trail

**Kingman City Limits: I-40 - Exit 51**

Ride South on Stockton Hill Road bout two miles or so. Then yer gunna cross 'Root 66'. But don't stray off the trail, just keeper going straight. The dern name changes to Hualapai Mountain Road. Follow it a fair piece, oh 12 miles or so, to a big outfit, name of Hualapai Mountain Park - Ranger Station. **Pull Right!**

**At the check in winda** (no need to dismount) tell'em yer here for the Mason's Shindig (**Free Entry**). The'll poincha in the right direction.

## Official Bolo Tie



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## Working Tools



### Masonic Education for Outdoor Degrees:

The Chuck Wagon was invented by Freemason Charles Goodnight in 1866. Bro. Col. Goodnight, a Texas Ranger and Cattleman, along with his partner and friend, Bro. Oliver Loving, a rancher, rounded up stray cattle from all over Texas and herded the Doggies to Bro. John Chisum's Spread near Fort Sumner in the New Mexico Territory. This would become known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail. He needed a conveyance for their Grub along the trail and the Chuck Wagon was born. The Brothers were members of Phoenix Lodge No. 275 in Weatherford, Texas, and are portrayed in the book and talking picture show **Lonesome Dove**.

