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From The East



B rethren,

There are many in the Lodge that know answers and all you have to do is ask them. Use them! They will tell you what they think!

To the Officers coming up the line, be it elected or appointed: First, look at what is already said. Next, devote your time accordingly, to the Lodge. The Supreme Architect, your family, your career, then the Lodge. However, the higher you

go, the more time YOU volunteer to spend towards the lodge.

NOVEMBER 2022 Calendar

Wed 2nd	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 5th	Fellowship Breakfast	7:30 am
Wed 9th	Possibly Double	
	EA Degree	7:00 pm
Sun 13th	Public First Aid	
	Education	2:00 & 7:00 pm
Wed 16th	MM Degree	6:30 pm
Wed 23rd	MM Degree	6:30 pm
Wed 30th	MM Degree	6:30 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.

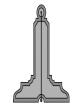
The Pedestal Officers should figure, what the Master sets, I will attend. The other elected Officers already know they will be busy. Appointed Officers, the higher you go, the more time you should commit towards the Lodge. Do you still want to be an officer in the line?

The pay is outstanding, if you do your job, Brotherly Love pays great dividends! The hours are long, breaks are few. The satisfaction of a job well done is, well, beyond pride.

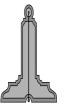
Sounds like I'm trying to talk you out of serving? I'm not. It's worth it! Peace and Harmony to all! to ALL!

Fraternally,

Garl Erdman, PM
Worshipful Master
Tucson Lodge # 4 2022



From The West



Lofty Goals

There are times when I think Freemasonry is attempting to achieve the impossible. We seek to learn to subdue our desires and keep our passions within due bounds. We profess to aid and assist a distressed worthy brother or friend. We counsel our Brothers that "No Contention should ever exist between Brothers" or that we will not allow personal piques to influence our actions. If we were completely successful in achieving these goals, Freemasons would be the greatest counselors, psychologists, and psychiatrists in the history of the world.

A large percentage of Freemasons should be able to achieve some portion of these ideals, after all, theoretically the basic requirement for membership in a Masonic Lodge is that they be a "good man". Along the path to Master Mason, we promise to be truthful, have no doubts about what we are signing up for and swear that we do not have any ulterior motives. Sounds like the foundation of Masonry is solid. We are (theoretically) a group of moral, "good men" who have committed to standard of conduct that few achieve. And yet......

Members of Masonic Lodges are subject to the usual fragilities of human nature that plague every person in the world. Does this mean that we just give in and lower the standards of the order. No, it means if a person is serious about realizing the moral and spiritual benefits of Masonry, each of us needs to discard our personal prejudices, agendas and bad behaviors and take Freemasonry's lessons, oaths and obligations to heart. If a Brother is not willing or capable of leaving bad habits behind, perhaps this is not the organization for them. Truly becoming a Mason does not mean you lose yourself, it means you have improved yourself.

It is important to note that each Mason should be contemplative regarding the intent and meaning of each word and phrase in our oaths and obligations. These are not merely words that we repeat to get through a ceremony. How do we become better men? By understanding and practicing the behaviors contained in every word of our oaths, promises and obligations.

NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS				
NAME	DAY	YEARS		
ROBERT PERRY RODDEY	04	63		
AKASH SHARAD TAGGARSE	06	23		
GLENN ROGER DAY	13	31		
MATTHEW ADAM WILSON	15	5		
MARK WILLIAM ALBERTSEN	17	40		
EDWARD WARNICK DUNGAN	17	50		
RODNEY JOE HOPPER	19	25		
CLIFFORD TERRY	20	63		
MARTIN THOMAS JONES	22	25		
SALIM ELIE JABBOUR	22	25		
JONATHAN FREDERICK BRADFORD	22	25		
JERALD WAYNE HARVEY	22	25		
WILLIAM EDWIN AHERN	22	25		
JOHN FRANK PROKOP	22	25		
LARRY DEAN SPAULDING	22	25		
PHILIP LEE SPAULDING	22	25		
FREDRICK MARTIN BLATT	23	58		
KENNETH CHARLES WILLIAMS	24	51		
RONALD NEAL ALLEN	27	37		

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

Worthy brothers come in all sizes, shapes and abilities. The true requirement is that they are honest, sincere and enthusiastic regarding the goals of Freemasonry.

As Masons, we work as a team to achieve our core objectives, operating in a manner that displays our communal values of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

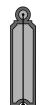
Sam Greer, Senior Warden

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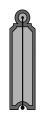
On page 5 we discover the poetic side of our secretary, where he reminisces on the beauty of fall in the more northern parts of the country, while we, desert dwellers, may miss fall entirely if we take a nap. To remind us all of fall's beautiful colors and to please our secretary, the following pages will illustrate, without words, what we sometimes miss, here in Arizona.

Have a great Thanksgiving everyone, invite someone you have been missing for a while.

JΗ



From The South



"I would say there are three steps of Freemasonry. The first step is the ritual; the second step would be the fellowship to be taken; and the third step would be Masonic information for enlightenment or education"

-William K. Bailey

Hello from the south! My year of service to the lodge as Junior Warden is coming to an end and I would like to start by saying I am grateful to everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve this. The above quote references 3 steps of Freemasonry in one Mason's opinion. I would tend to agree although just because these are steps in Freemasonry doesn't mean they need to be taken in that order or that everyone needs to go through all of them. Some prefer to focus on the social aspect of Freemasonry and enjoy the meals and having fun with other Brethren. Others delve in to Esoteric exploration. Some feel inclined to dabble in all 3 steps simultaneously. Others take their time and focus on one step at a time. Every step is equally important. Everyone's individual Masonic journey is a personal one. Not every brother wants to serve in the officer line. Not every brother can commit to every degree or every lodge event. But we all rejoice in every opportunity to get together that life allows us. As a rather young Mason I have been able to serve in the line for a while now and have had the pleasure of watching other young Masons grow in our craft. Luckily I have been able to grow as well... and still am. I'm looking forward to continuing that journey with all of you in whatever form that takes

Fraternally, **7revor 7auzillo**, Junior Warden







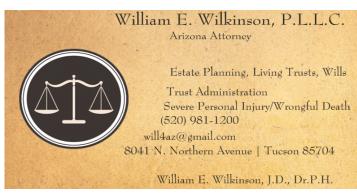












SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523 Meets every Thursday 8:00AM Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.





From The Secretary



From the Secretary

Ah yes, the month of November, where we see the signs of fall. Growing up in New England the signs were all there – the changing of the leaves, the apples ready for picking, the fresh, cold apple cider, and breaking out the winter jackets. All reminded us that winter is just around the corner. Having lived in Tucson almost 34 years, fall brings us to that time where we decide is it time to turn off the A/C and when do I turn the heat on? When do we get rid of the sandals and shorts? We see the other signs of the seasons - those political signs on every corner telling us who to vote for and asking for support of the various referendums. As masons, we do not discuss partisan politics in lodge. According to several Short Talk Bulletins, this was first laid down with the publication of Anderson's constitutions in 1723. While we do not discuss politics in lodge, we do strongly encourage every brother to exercise their right and responsibility to vote in their local elections. This is part of the civic duties contained in the charge given to the Entered Apprentice.

As of this when I am writing this, I have not received our 2023 dues cards yet. I want to thank those brothers who have already paid their dues as it saves me from sending out some of the dues notices. Once I get and process the dues cards, I will be sending out dues notices as well as dues cards to our perpetual, senior life, and regulation 19 members as well as those who have already paid. If you regularly attend lodge, I will give you your dues card at lodge. This results in a significant savings in postage. As a reminder, 2023 dues are \$122 (\$127 if paying via PayPal) and are due by December 31st.

I just received the updated copy of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge (aka the Code or

RAMS). If you would like a copy, please drop me an email at <u>tl4so@outlook.com</u> and I will send it to you. The Code is 151 pages and contains all the changes approved at the last annual communication.

That's all for this month, and to quote an unnamed newscaster in Chicago many years ago "vote early and vote often!"

See you in Lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM



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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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