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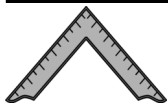
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From The East



Have We Seen The Light?

Sounds like a fair question, one that we may have heard many times in a variety of contexts. For thousands of years, Darkness and Light have been used to represent Evil and Good, or Ignorance and Enlightenment. The floor in Solomon’s temple was an alternating pattern of black and white tiles represented the two natures of Man., Three thousand five hundred years ago Zoroastrianism defined Darkness as evil and Light as good. Even modern science fiction refers to the “Dark Side” of the force when referencing evil. The fact that Man (humans) is capable of both horrendous acts of depravity and humbling acts of kindness and love has

been recognized for millennia. Society (in general) tends to lean toward kindness and love. Even in the presence of over-whelming evidence that a particular individual is invested in dark side of their psyche, society holds on to the hope that they may be persuaded to “see the light”. The ancients (and some modern primitive tribes) ascribed to the belief that possession by evil spirits caused an individual to perform evil acts. They believed that the individual was basically “good”, but overcome by evil spirits and their behavior could be corrected by driving out the evil spirits. Modern psychologists and psychiatrists’ deal with the fact that both good and bad behaviors are a result of experiences, upbringing, culture and personality, but these behaviors are a projection of an individual human mind, not some malevolent external force. Of course there are cases where the Doctors just have to concede that the individual just has a “screw loose”.

So, to what are we referring when candidates are brought from darkness to “See the Light” by which Masons work? Whatever religion an individual ascribes to usually has a “Book of Holy Writings” which delineates a moral code (e.g. The Ten Commandments), Masons are advised to live their lives by a Code of Truth and Morality, and to keep their desires and passions within the limits defined by society and their religion. This limitation on emotional acts is extremely important and extremely difficult. Both incredible acts of goodness and unimaginable acts of evil are sometimes attributed to “being caught in the heat of the moment”.

When we begin our Masonic journey, we are committing to a course of study and behavior that will bring us into “The Light”. After you learn about the three Great Lights of Masonry, then move on to the Three Tenets of Masonry. The key is to study, learn and apply the lessons of Masonry.

If ignorance on a subject is your darkness, Masonry encourages each man to learn subject matter facts and discuss these with his Masonic Brothers.

The Truth about an idea, a concept or a person is always refreshing. At the risk of being redundant (too late), “The Truth Will Set You Free”.

In our individual studies, reference to our “Book of Holy Writings” will usually illuminate the correct path to follow when you find yourself at a crossroads.

Lastly, shining a light on the consequences of acting solely on a momentary urge or hormonal drive will help to keep your actions within due bounds! If you persist in acting in a “out of bounds” manner, you haven’t learned very many Masonry values.

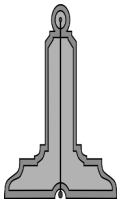
Borrowing the Slogan from a Past Grand Master, L.I.G.H.T. ... Live in Grace, Harmony and Truth!

October Calendar

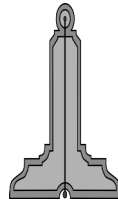
Mon Oct 2	Reservations for dinner due Noon
Wed Oct 4	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
Wed Oct 11	MM Degree Practice 7:00 pm
Wed Oct 18	Awards Night Dinner 6:00 pm
	Awards Night 7:00 pm
Wed Oct 25	MM Degree 6:30 pm
Wed Nov 1	Stated Meeting—Elections

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.

Sam Greer, WM



From The West



“Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one.”

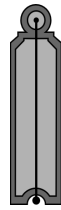
Marcus Aurelius

Hello from the West! I hope everyone reading this has had a great year so far. We are coming up on elections and, no matter what happens, I am glad I was able to serve the lodge these past 4 years. I began my masonic career as Chaplain shortly after becoming a master mason. Since then I have sat in every chair in the lodge except for Treasurer and Secretary at least once. Through working my way up those chairs I have learned something different from every single one which is by design. Each chair holds it's own duties, responsibilities, and lessons. More than that I have learned from every mason I have come in to contact with. Every single one offers a different perspective or angle on something. During my Masonic career I have by no means been perfect either. I have made plenty of mistakes and at times my ritual work has been sloppy. None of us are perfect but all of us are consciously pursuing being as good as we can be in everything we do. I have found it's also important to understand that our pursuit is not necessarily everyone else's. Some have no desire to be in the line but want to join in on the brotherhood as much as possible. That is as valiant an effort as anything else in my opinion.

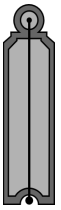
We are reminded often that past masters are the backbone of our fraternity. I would absolutely agree with that but would add that all our members are the body of our fraternity. Without every one of our members, Freemasonry would not exist. That being said I encourage you every one of you to come out to a degree. Sit on the sidelines and be a part of one of the most memorable moments in a young masons career. Be that smiling face a brother sees in his darkest hour. Be that friendly voice on the other end of the phone when a brother needs it most.

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,
Trevor Tanzillo, Senior Warden



From The South



Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, renowned explorers of the early 19th century, were indeed members of the Freemasons, a secretive and influential fraternal organization. Their Masonic affiliation played a subtle yet notable role in their famed expedition, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which aimed to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

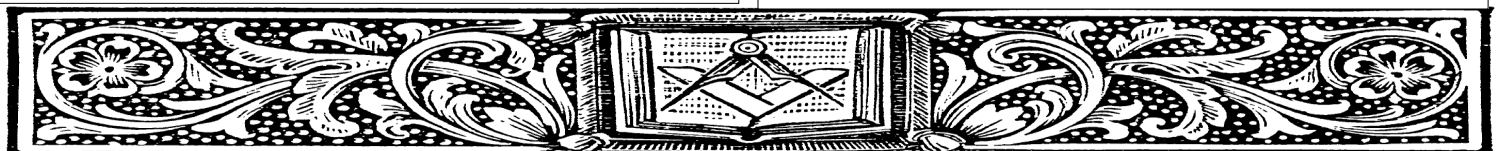
As Freemasons, Lewis and Clark were bound by shared values of brotherhood, morality, and enlightenment. These principles guided their interactions with fellow Masons they encountered during their journey. Freemasonry provided a network of support and assistance, as they often received help from fellow Masons along the way, facilitating their progress through uncharted territories.

The Masonic influence also extended to the symbolism within their expedition. The compass and square, prominent symbols within Freemasonry representing moral and intellectual virtues, can be seen as allegorical guides for Lewis and Clark in their mission to navigate and map the unknown expanses of the American West.

Moreover, their Masonic affiliation may have influenced their approach to diplomacy with Native American tribes they encountered. The Masonic values of respect for diverse cultures and fostering mutual understanding likely played a role in their efforts to establish peaceful relations with indigenous peoples.

While Freemasonry did not dictate their mission's objectives, it undoubtedly influenced the demeanor and conduct of Lewis and Clark throughout their historic expedition. The principles of unity, morality, and enlightenment that they shared with their Masonic brethren provided a foundation for the success of their exploration, leaving an indelible mark on American history.

Bo Paxton, Junior Warden



LET THERE BE LIGHT

I recall very well when the honor of becoming a Master Mason was bestowed on me over 50+ years ago. I was in my mid-20's and tried over the years to retain and practice as many Masonic teachings and lessons that I could. I remember some of them, and always try to remember what each one stood for. I would like to be able to tell you that I remember most or all of them but that would not be less than accurate. I give myself a B+ and am working towards a better grade. (as they say, a work in progress and nothing more than a goal).

The one lesson that caught my attention, among others, was the one that referred to "light". I was asked during the FC degree if I wanted more light in Masonry. I wasn't sure how to answer that, but at the risk of being thrown out of the Lodge, I said 'yes'! I think at the time, I thought it was the most appropriate and safest response. I asked myself at the time, "where are they going with this" and "what am I getting myself into"?

You may recall during your entry into the fraternity, that in the EA degree, the term is "light" (from darkness to light or from non-Mason to Mason); in the FC degree, the term is "more light"; in the MM degree, the term is "further light". I guess the more light the better! Seems logical.

Why such an emphasis on light? The word "light" can mean many things. In Masonry, I think it refers to the process of learning and seeing things more clearly. If for example, you are walking on a very dark path at night with no lighting, light would help you stay on the path and out of danger. When you light things up in your daily travels, you are more inclined to stay on the better and more enlightened pathways of life, which as we all know, sometimes has some dark moments. (they always seem to show up at about the same time). As a Mason, you are probably better able to deal with them and you might even have support from your brothers.

The word, among other things, includes illumination and a source that makes vision possible. As used in Masonry, I think it's a descriptive term that means a way to learn and acquire additional knowledge so one can live a better life. Stated differently, to carry throughout our lives, the teaching and principles of Masonry. Of course there are many other ways that this could be presented or explained. Take a stab at it! Food for thought.

Let there be light, and let it shine bright on the members of our fraternity!!!

Gene Wickey

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	1	48
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICERNO	1	55
STEVE JOSEPH POKUBA	2	48
KENNETH RONALD BOWEN	4	45
ERNEST BRUCE COOPER	8	9
ROBERT LEE REID	8	43
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	10	22
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	11	6
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	11	17
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	12	47
JERRY CARL HALL	15	49
RUSSELL BLAIR JOHNSON	15	16
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	16	26
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	17	39
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	19	73*
SAMUEL ALLEN STEPHENSON	20	47
DARRYL LESTER WEAVER	22	4
ROBERT DEWAYNE CRAWFORD	27	47
KENNETH ALAN MARCOUX	28	57
FRANK FLORES CARLEY	29	48
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	29	43
FRANCIS JOSEPH CAVANAUGH	30	21
VINCENT MORENO SANTOS	31	33
STEVEN LEO VOGEL	31	39

*Brother James Eldorado is our longest serving Master Mason.

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

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.

Earl Joseph Shambo, Ron Hill, Rich Hall, Carl Erdman

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



By-Laws Changes

At the February stated meeting we voted on a several changes to our by-laws. They were submitted to Grand Lodge two days after our stated meeting. Not bad seeing as we had to put everything together and make three copies to send up via snail mail. For a reason we had no control over, our submission did not make it in time for the annual communication. I received word from the chairman of Charters and By-Laws that our changes had been approved. This week we received the letter signed by the Grand Master telling us we can operate under the changes while waiting for their ratification at the next annual communication. I will first be updating our meeting agenda to match the change in the order of business. Once this is done, I will update the by-laws and send them out as an electronic file to the membership. I will print them as requested. The majority of our changes, except for the Order of Business and the make-up of the trustees were housekeeping.

MASONIC HUMOR -You might be a mason if

- Your yearly dues payments are bigger than your car payment
- The only day you are not at lodge is Sunday
- You had to turn down joining an appendant body because you could not find an open day on your calendar
- You have been asked more than once to give the lecture at the last minute.



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LODGE EMAILS

For sending out our weekly emails, trestle boards, and other notifications we use a service called MailChimp. This service protects the lodge email address so we don't get listed as a spammer. We the relatively small number of addresses (about 300) this works out great for us and we qualify for the free version. One of the fun options is we can tell who opens their emails and who doesn't. For every member of the list we have a series of tags set up—weekly, trestle board, mason, and member. This allows us to target our emails. Some folks get the weekly email, but not the trestle board. The member tag is for all Tucson 4 members. We use the Tucson 4 tag for those emails we need to send out to the members of the lodge—minutes, notices from the Grand Lodge and so forth. We bring this up as each email has an unsubscribe option at the bottom. If you unsubscribe, you turn off emails for everything. If you no longer wish to receive the weekly emails, please let the secretary know and he will adjust your account accordingly. We would like to have all our members remain subscribed so we can send out information from the lodge. However, if you really want to unsubscribe, go for it.

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From The Secretary



“So it be written, so it be done”

Any Pharoah

October, that time of year when the leaves start to change, if you live in an area with trees like oaks, elms, maples, and aspens to name a few. Growing up in New England we used to call it “dead leaf season”. It was the time when there was a crispness to the air in the morning, time for fresh apple cider, and good Macintosh apples. A good mac has a unique tang to it, especially when they are cold. It is hard to find good macs here in Arizona as most of them come frozen.

October is also the month when we have our annual awards night. This year it is on Wednesday, October 18th. There will be a dinner at 6:00 pm and the awards will be presented by our MW Grand Master, George Rusk, starting at 7:00 pm. We will be presenting both Grand Lodge and lodge longevity awards. For the 25-year award of silver, a brother must have been a master mason for 25 years when the award is present. The same goes for the 50 year award of gold. For the awards of 55 years and up, they can be presented anytime in the year it comes due. If you have a break in service due to being suspended for non-payment of dues or being a unaffiliated mason, that time is subtracted out.

Speaking of dues, at the September stated meeting we suspended 3 brothers for non-payment of dues, something I really, really, dislike doing. If you need help with your dues, please let me know. I have several things I can do to help you. I know I have said this before, but I can't help you if I don't know you need help. Did I mention, I really, really hate suspending brothers for non-payment of dues?

Dues for 2024 will remain at \$122 (\$127 if using PayPal). As of this writing we have 225 members of which 150 are dues payers. The rest are our Senior Life, Regulation 19, and Perpetual members. We pay per capita on 193 of our members.

I have not heard when to expect our new dues cards. I have already submitted the number of blanks cards I may

need so it is getting close to the time they go to print. I have been thinking about starting a pool as to what color they will be.

I am planning on sending out dues notices the first part of November followed by dues cards shortly there after to all those who have paid, Senior Life Members, Perpetual, and Regulation 19s. I will try to hand deliver as many as possible to cut down on postage costs.

At the risk of getting the treasurer made at me, I will start taking dues payments at the October stated meeting. If you pay via PayPal before we get the date changed over, please send me an email and let me know. As a reminder, 2024 dues are due by December 31, 2023. Seeing as we are tracking dues in Grand View (at the request of the Grand Secretary), if you are a first or second line signer on a petition or application, you dues must be current, i.e. paid in full. The Grand Secretary's office does check dues status in Grand View. If they see that you have not paid, the petition will be “sent” back until your record shows you paid your dues. Once I get our 2024 dues cards, I will put the 2024 dues assessment into Grand View.

That is all for this month

See you in lodge,

Paul A. Simpson, PM

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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 Sundays.....	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org
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