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FROM THE EAST

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

Hello from the East,

The quote above is an interesting one because it challenges us to look beyond our own assumptions. More often than not, we see the world through the lens of our own experiences. Our beliefs, preferences, and backgrounds shape how we interpret reality. While this is natural, it can also prevent us from seeing things as they truly are. In many ways, Freemasonry teaches us to overcome that tendency.

The reason I selected this quote is because it reminded me of a conversation I once had with an older Mason. During that discussion, he confidently stated that "Freemasonry is a Christian organization." Having been recently raised at the time, something about that statement did not sit quite right with me. Yet, as a new Mason, I assumed he must surely know more about the subject than I did.

Years later, while studying Masonic history and reading works written by early Masonic scholars, I came across references that described lodges being shared by men of many different faiths. That discovery caused me to revisit the statement I had heard so many years before. If men of different religions had always sat together in lodge, how could Freemasonry belong exclusively to any one faith?

Albert Mackey addressed this very question when he wrote: *"The Religion of Freemasonry is not Christian"* Likewise, Albert Pike expanded upon the idea: *"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 have 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."*

The lesson here is not that the older Mason was entirely wrong. Rather, he was viewing Freemasonry through the lens of his own experiences. His understanding reflected what Masonry meant to him personally, but personal experience alone rarely tells the whole story.

As Masons, we are taught to seek light. That pursuit requires us to examine every question from multiple angles, not simply the one most familiar to us. The moment we assume we already possess the complete answer, we stop learning. The moment we begin listening, studying, and questioning, we continue the journey that Masonry places before us.

This lesson extends far beyond the lodge room. In our daily lives, we encounter people, ideas, and situations that challenge our assumptions. Before reaching conclusions, we should strive to understand the full picture. We will seldom find truth by looking from only one perspective.

I encourage each of us to continue seeking understanding wherever we may find it. Not only in Masonry, but in every aspect of life. The answers we seek are rarely handed to us. More often, they are discovered through study, reflection, and a willingness to look beyond ourselves. So perhaps the issue has not been that we admitted too many men. Perhaps it is that we admitted men who had no desire to change.

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

In last month's article I talked about the fact that a man's faith places a ceiling over his life, and Masonry provides a common floor beneath his feet. That is the floor on which we meet as equals, regardless of our religious creeds. But given that we are going dark in July and August, let's look at what we are even supposed to be doing on that floor.

We often repeat the old fraternity tagline making good men better. The issue I have with that expression is how completely passive it sounds. It may make one feel as if the lodge does it for them by simply sitting in a chair on the sidelines, watching degree upon degree go by, paying annual dues, and somewhere along the way becoming a better man.

The Lodge does not reform an individual. A lodge is simply a room with familiar symbols, a charter, and a two-hour break from the hustle of daily life. If anything meaningful happens in the life of a man, it is not ultimately because he attended these brief monthly gatherings but because he took those lessons home and put them to work in his daily life.

Masonic scholars who shaped our traditions certainly understood this. Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry* was written in the 18th century as a collection of lectures and rituals presenting the Craft as both a moral and intellectual system. Preston argues that Speculative Freemasonry is closely entangled with religion and therefore places an obligation on its members to pay their respect to God in rational terms. Preston's views indicate that Masonry does not replace other traditional expressions of worship or faith; instead it assumes a man believes in God, and then strives to instill in him habits of virtue, benevolence, and good order as he relates to other men, and to the greater good of society.

I'll be honest. When I read Preston, I see a vast difference between what Preston wants from us and how most of us choose to spend our time in Lodge. Nodding in agreement during the lecture is easy and can lead one to believe that simply listening is all that is required of them. However, Preston makes it clear that the lectures are only the beginning of our work, not its completion.

On the other hand, Manly P. Hall looks at the issue more from within. He writes extensively about the work as a challenging spiritual alchemy. He sees the tools of the lodge as symbols for transforming the raw metal of human ignorance and animal instinct into the gold of true wisdom. Hall suggests that the belief system of world religions can divide men into rigid creeds, but when properly understood, Freemasonry leads one to discover common moral truth among all faiths. But for Hall, the individual brother is the builder, and the temple he constructs is himself.

W. L. Wilmshurst makes a similar point when he cautions that the ritual is a practical science of the soul and not a mere theatrical play. Words are dead letters, he maintains, until a man applies them directly in his daily life. Joseph Fort Newton ties all of this to what he calls our ordinary social responsibilities. Newton, himself an ordained minister, holds that there is no monopoly on religion by the church. He reminds us that Masonry is not a religion in itself, but is extremely religious, for it seeks the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. One might describe Newton's point of view as a type of geometry of character, a series of deliberate moral actions in our dealings with the world.

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And if we think that we are good men because we signed an application form and passed an investigation, we are setting the bar far too low. That's the minimum qualification for admittance. True goodness? That takes a lifetime. Every time we walk into the lodge room, we step onto the same level floor and try to stand a little taller than we did the month before.

Fraternally,

Moe Momayez - The Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Looking Beyond Our Lodge Room

This year marks a milestone in my Masonic journey: my first opportunity to attend Grand Communication. I am looking forward to seeing firsthand how our Grand Lodge operates, conducts its business, and supports the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. While we often focus on the work within our own lodge room, Grand Communication is a reminder that we are part of something much larger—a fraternity that stretches across the state and far beyond it.

I am especially excited for the opportunity to meet Masons from all over Arizona. One of the greatest strengths of Masonry is the fellowship it creates between men who otherwise may never have crossed paths. Every lodge has its own personality, traditions, and history, but the principles we share unite us all. I suspect that for many first-time attendees like myself, simply walking through the halls and seeing so many brethren gathered together will be an inspiring experience.

This year should also provide a special opportunity for Southern Arizona Masons to attend. Grand Communication is traditionally held in Phoenix, which can make attendance more difficult for brethren traveling from Tucson and the surrounding area. This year, however, the session will be held here in Tucson, making it far easier for local Masons to participate, even if only for a portion of the proceedings. I hope many brethren will take advantage of the rare opportunity to experience Grand Lodge without the usual travel burden.

Grand Communication also offers a chance to see the wider Masonic family at work. Over the last year or so, the members of Saguaro Chapter No. 48, Order of the Eastern Star have graciously prepared dinner for our lodge stated meetings, helping turn ordinary evenings into opportunities for fellowship and refreshment. Their support has been deeply appreciated by the brethren of the lodge, and it is a fine example of the cooperative spirit that strengthens the bonds of our Masonic community.

That same spirit of hospitality will continue at Grand Communication, where Saguaro 48 will be hosting the hospitality suite. For many attendees, hospitality suites become gathering places where old friends reconnect, new friendships are formed, and conversations continue long after the gavel falls. They remind us that Masonry is built not only through ritual and governance, but also through fellowship, service, and shared labor.

As I prepare to attend my first Grand Communication, I am grateful for the opportunity to represent our lodge, learn more about the Craft, and experience this broader view of Masonry. I look forward to returning with a greater appreciation for the fraternity we all share—and perhaps a few stories from the hospitality suite as well.

Logan Gaither

Senior Warden

JUNE-JULY CALENDAR

Mon Jun 1	Dinner Reservations Due	Noon
Wed Jun 3	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Jun 4-6	Annual Communication (Tucson)	
Sat Jun 6	Reception for MW Leigh (PGM)	3:00 pm
Wed Jun 10	EA Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Jun 17	EA Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Jun 24	EA Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Fri Jun 26	Cigar Night (Anthony's)	7:00 pm
Wed Jul 1	Lodge Dark—No Stated Meeting	
Fri Jul 31	Cigar Night (Anthony's)	7:00 pm
Fri Sep 25	Gaslight Theatre	8:15 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.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Your editor team tries to present items about lodge activities, community events, and other articles to provoke thought and discussion. We enjoy putting together each issue, however, at times we run out of material. If any brother is interested in submitting articles, poetry, or other items to be published, please submit them to us either by written or via e-mail. Articles must be of interest to our brethren and families and be publishable under the Arizona Masonic Code (we will take care of that aspect). Again, if you are interested or want to see a short article about a Masonic subject, please let us know. Oh, and the more articles we receive, the less ramblings from the Secretary you will have to deal with. :-)



FROM THE EAST (cont)

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I encourage each of us to continue seeking understanding wherever we may find it. Not only in Masonry, but in every aspect of life. The answers we seek are rarely handed to us. More often, they are discovered through study, reflection, and a willingness to look beyond ourselves.

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 *Jrevor Janzillo*

FROM THE WEST (cont)

(From page 2)

The Lodge is going dark for the next two months. No ritual work will take place but there is no end to the requirement to square our actions. The principles we received have a rightful place in our homes, our businesses and our engagements over the summer. The work is in our hands. I look forward to seeing what you have done with it when we reconvene in September.

Fraternally,

Moe Momayez - The Senior Warden

STATED MEETING DINNER

Dinner for the stated meeting will salad, individual Shepherd's Pies, with fresh fruit for dessert. Price is \$15 and will be prepared by our sisters and brothers of Saguaro Chapter #48 OES. If paying by check, please make them out to **Saguaro #48 OES**.

As a reminder, *reservations are due by noon on Monday, May 31*, and can be made to the secretary. If you make a reservation, please honor it as we do have to pay for no-shows (if we can't fill them).



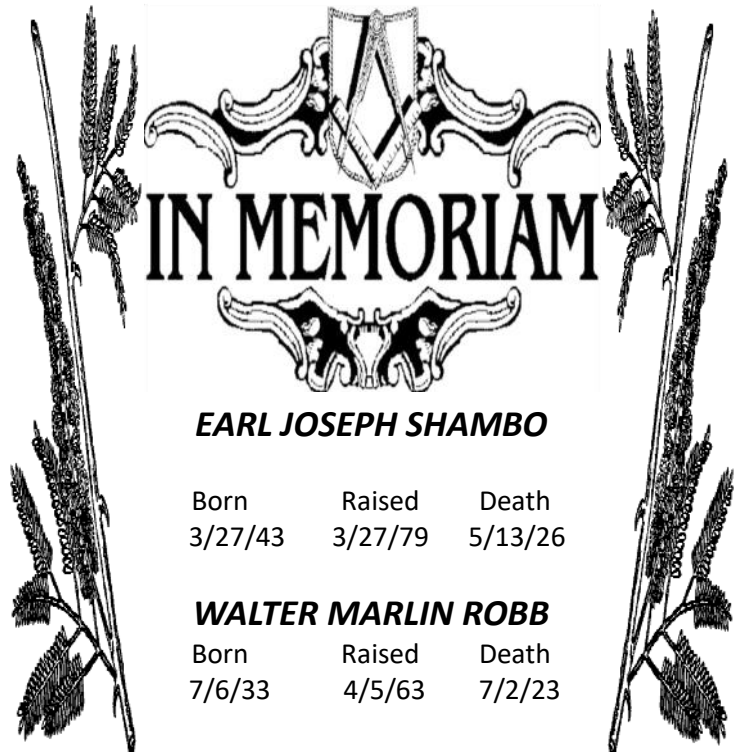
JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ	1	18
BARRY MORRIS TUCKER	1	20
JOHN WILLIAM MYERS	3	45
EDWIN CHARLES LEWIS	4	52
THEODORE HARRISON FAHNS	7	52
FRANK JAY PROKOP	8	21
JACK CARSON ANDREWS	9	23
EARL C. STARR	9	55
JEFFREY DANIEL SWANGO	10	28
RICHARD ALLEN CLICK	11	47
CRAIG ALLEN PRINK	16	16
WALTAR HOWARD FRITZ	17	37
JOHN DOUGLAS DYER	22	8
JEAN-CLAUDE MALTERRE	23	38
JOHN ABDERHAMAN MURAD	26	64
MICHAEL PALMER JOHNSON	28	9
ERIC ROGER IVEY	30	36

JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

MICHAEL HUGH MATLOCK	9	23
JOHN WESLEY "WES" STOKES	12	46
RONALD IRVINE LYSELL	15	35
SEBASTIAN Jr. CONDOR BABON	20	4
MARK ALLAN VIRAMONTES	20	15
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24	24
TRAVIS ROSS HUNGERFORD	28	5
JAMES ROBERT BELL	29	28
SAMUEL CAMPBELL GREER	29	11

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



EARL JOSEPH SHAMBO

Born	Raised	Death
3/27/43	3/27/79	5/13/26

WALTER MARLIN ROBB

Born	Raised	Death
7/6/33	4/5/63	7/2/23

MASONIC MUSINGS ON MORTALITY

Brother Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: Creator of Forever Present Sherlock Holmes

Brother Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930) was a Scottish physician, author, and Freemason whose name remains inseparable from Sherlock Holmes, one of literature's most enduring figures. Educated at the University of Edinburgh, Doyle brought to his writing the habits of close observation and disciplined reasoning he learned in medicine, especially under Dr. Joseph Bell. Those habits shaped Holmes and also reflected qualities long esteemed in Freemasonry: inquiry, self-command, truthfulness, and service. Doyle's life shows how intellectual discipline and moral purpose can work together in ways that outlast a lifetime.

Freemasonry and the Pursuit of Light

Freemasonry teaches men to seek light through knowledge, reflection, fellowship, and upright conduct. Doyle's life offers a fitting example of that ideal. He united professional rigor with imagination, and he used both to elevate public thought. In his fiction and in his public life, he presented reason not as a cold mechanism, but as a moral instrument for discovering truth and defending justice.

A Life of Observation, Imagination, and Service

Born in Edinburgh, Doyle matured in circumstances shaped by talent, hardship, and perseverance. After Jesuit schooling and medical study, he worked as a ship's doctor and later practiced medicine in Southsea while writing fiction to supplement his income. Out of that demanding period came Sherlock Holmes, first introduced in *A Study in Scarlet* in 1887. Holmes's success rested not only on clever plots, but on Doyle's larger vision: that patient observation, sound judgment, and loyalty can bring order to confusion. Though Holmes came to overshadow his creator, the character's enduring appeal reflects Doyle's remarkable power to join intellect with moral seriousness.

Literary and Cultural Influence

Doyle wrote four Holmes novels and fifty-six short stories, helping to define modern detective fiction through methods of observation, inference, and logical analysis. Yet his career extended well beyond Holmes to historical fiction, adventure writing, war commentary, and the Professor Challenger stories. His influence on literature, theatre, film, and popular culture has been immense, but his deeper legacy lies in presenting disciplined thought as something both intellectually satisfying and morally useful.

Masonic Virtues Reflected in Doyle's Life

Doyle's documented membership in Phoenix Lodge No. 257 places him within a fraternity that values integrity, reflection, brotherhood, and service. Those themes appear clearly in his career. As a physician, he learned patience and disciplined judgment. As a writer, he transformed those habits into stories that consistently honored truth, courage, and fairness. As a public figure, he used his voice in causes he believed just, showing that intellect carries responsibility as well as power.

Several Masonic virtues can be seen in Doyle's life. Temperance appears in the discipline with which he pursued both medicine and literature without surrendering seriousness to fame. Fortitude is evident in his perseverance through professional uncertainty and public controversy. Prudence shaped both his medical training and the deductive methods he gave to Holmes, while justice guided his concern for evidence and fairness, including his support for reviewing controversial legal cases. Even relief may be seen in the spirit of service that marked his medical work, public advocacy, and the moral usefulness of his fiction.

Above all, truth stands at the center of Doyle's example. Holmes's methods dramatize the power of careful observation and reasoned judgment, while Doyle's own public interventions suggest that facts matter not only in art, but in conscience. He reminds Freemasons that imagination need not oppose reason, and that a life of thought reaches its highest purpose when joined to character, service, and fidelity to what is right.

What Freemasons Can Learn From Doyle

Doyle's life teaches that meaningful achievement grows from preparation, discipline, and outward service. Younger Masons may learn from his habits of study, observation, and reliability before recognition ever arrived. Brethren in midlife may see in him a model for using experience and influence not merely for personal success, but for mentorship, justice, and the good of others. His example suggests that personal growth and service to the community are not competing aims, but parts of the same Masonic calling.

FOR THE GOOD OF MASONRY

Logan Lake Tucson Lodge #4 F&AM

One phrase I've heard often in Lodge is, "for the good of Masonry." At first, it sounded simple. Almost like a procedural phrase used during meetings or discussions. But the longer I've sat in Lodge, worked beside Brothers, and reflected on what this fraternity truly means, the more I've come to understand the depth behind those words. "For the good of Masonry" means setting aside ego for something greater than ourselves. It means understanding that the Lodge does not belong to one man, one opinion, one officer, or one generation. We are only temporary stewards of something that was here long before us, and if we do our duty correctly, it will remain long after we are gone.

In a world that constantly pushes self-interest, Freemasonry teaches something different. It teaches us to serve. To listen. To preserve harmony even when disagreements arise. To remember that Brotherly Love is not just something spoken during ritual, but something lived through our actions.

Sometimes acting for the good of Masonry means volunteering when nobody else wants to. Sometimes it means mentoring a new Brother. Sometimes it means remaining silent instead of speaking in anger. And sometimes it means making difficult decisions, not because they benefit us personally, but because they protect the peace, dignity, and future of the Craft.

I've come to realize that Masonry survives not because of grand titles or recognition, but because ordinary Brothers quietly carry the weight of the Lodge on their shoulders without asking for praise. The Brother preparing meals for fellowship, the one checking on a sick member, the mentor helping an Entered Apprentice learn his work, the officers dedicating countless unpaid hours behind the scenes, this is the labor that keeps the light of Masonry burning.

"For the good of Masonry" also reminds us that our conduct outside the Lodge matters just as much as what we do inside it. Every interaction, every act of integrity, every moment where we choose character over convenience reflects upon the fraternity we claim to love.

We are all imperfect men, working toward the same goal, becoming better than we were yesterday. And when we place the welfare of the Craft above pride, politics, or personal gain, we strengthen the very foundation of our Brotherhood. At the end of the day, the good of Masonry is not about protecting an organization. It is about protecting the principles that built it.

Brotherly Love.—Relief— Truth—Charity —Honor—Humility.

And our obligation to each other. If we can remember those things, then the Craft will continue to endure, not just in

Conclusion (from page 5)

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle offers Freemasons a compelling model of disciplined thought, creative labor, and public-minded service. His legacy endures not only in Sherlock Holmes, but in the larger example of a man who united medicine, letters, moral seriousness, and fraternity. If Freemasons would seek light with the same seriousness of purpose, they too may use their gifts to instruct, encourage, and bring relief to others.

I would suggest to elders or elder Masons---that a Mason—or any thoughtful admirer of Masonic principles—should take from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's later years the enduring lesson that the final stages of life are not meant for withdrawal into passivity, but for the fuller exercise of wisdom, conscience, and moral steadiness.

Doyle's example suggests that advancing age brings with it not merely reflection on what has been accomplished, but a heightened duty to encourage others, to defend sincerely held truths, and to leave behind a legacy of intellect joined to character.

In a distinctly Masonic sense, the evening of life remains a time not of extinguished labor, but of tempered light—when the seasoned man may shine with greater calm, gravity, and purpose than ever before.

Doyle did exemplary work near the end of his life with the London courts and was responsible for encouraging and educating the London court system to challenge an incorrect jury verdict under English law in two specific murder cases. He helped start the first London Criminal Court of Appeal.

William Wilkinson, JD, DrPH, Esq., Past Master, Tucson Lodge #4, Trustee, Wolcott Foundation

OUR OBLIGATIONS

by Rick Chimblo

When we are initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, we take upon ourselves a solemn obligation and ask the supreme architect to keep us steadfast in its observance.

It has been noted that our obligations are to our brothers, our lodge and to all mankind. Inherent in our Masonic Obligations are the same Ten Commandments passed to us as written in the holy scriptures of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. These three major religions are also united in the common belief of one Almighty Supreme Being. The name may differ by language spoken and for Masons, the use of Supreme Architect is all encompassing and fits well with our Craft.

The memorization of our obligations gives us a tool to use every day to remind us what we think, say and do to improve ourselves and strive to be better men. Like a daily prayer or meditation, repeating our obligations in private, in solitude or in our mind is a reaffirmation of this trestleboard of plans to building a better man.

Early in our introduction to Freemasonry during discussion group meetings, we learn that the most important tenets of our craft are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We are reminded in our obligations to care for our distressed brothers and offer relief; to keep him and his actions in our confidence, and; to not injury him in his person or good name.

Relief or Charity includes love, kindness, and selfless service to others, extending even to those outside the fraternity. Masonic charity goes beyond material donations to include moral and emotional support. Through our acts of kindness, we build goodwill and better friendships. We are instructed to “work for the welfare of mankind” by striving morally to be men of dignity and integrity.

Consider that without Truth, the other two tenets have no foundation. Without truth in our words and actions, expressions of love may become deceptive and acts of charity may become self-serving. We are given the Plumb as a tool to remind us to act with moral uprightness, justice, and unwavering integrity. And, of course, the Square is our symbol of Truth and Morality. These are the qualities of true men of honor.

As an Entered Apprentice, we learn of the Four Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Are these too not part of our obligations? Temperance, self-control, moderation, is symbolized by the Compasses for us to “circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds”. Fortitude, moral courage, reminds us that mental strength is needed to do what is right, even when facing adversity or unpopularity. Prudence is also referred to as wisdom and our ability to discipline ourselves through reason to discern right from wrong. And, Justice is our commitment to render to everyone their due, ensuring equality, honesty, and moral rightness in all interactions.

As a Fellowcraft Mason, we were invested with three precious jewels: an attentive ear, an instructive tongue, and a faithful breast. These truly are the jewels of a brother, to listen carefully, without interruption and without judgement. Keep an open mind! Respect the views and opinions of others. Speak with an instructive tongue, keeping your passions in due bounds. Be a brother; be a friend. Be a teacher, not a critic. And never be condescending. Finally, within a faithful breast, find in your heart, love and compassion. The Supreme Architect puts us here to build not destroy. Harmony is the keystone to all societies, especially our Fraternity.

Finally, as a Master Mason, we are reminded of all the symbols and working tools of our craft by being presented with the final tool, the Trowel. We are instructed that the trowel is the primary working tool of a Master Mason and symbolizes the spreading of the “cement of brotherly love and affection into a single, unbreakable wall”. It is our obligation to assure harmony among the brethren and to foster peace and goodwill. Furthermore, the trowel is a symbol of charity and service by helping those in need.

My brethren, through reciting our obligations, we can find solitude and sanctuary. I know that I do. Oscar Wilde said “generosity is the essence of friendship” based on selfless giving, kindness, and support, all of which can be found through our Masonic Obligations.

GASLIGHT THEATRE

We will be making our fall pilgrimage on Friday, September 25th for the 8:30 show. This time we will be seeing an all-new show—Hocus Pocused! Or Witch, Please! Expect outrageous villains, heroic Hijinx, and plenty of musical mayhem as the witches return with a wink and a cackle. It’s family-friendly fun where the laughs are loud, the magic is silly, and the only thing truly frightening, is missing it!

We have 40 seats in our usual area and the secretary is already taking reservations. Tickets will be \$26 for adults and \$22 for children under 12. For a little bit of history, we have been making biannual pilgrimages to the Gaslight Theatre since 2018, with the only break being during COVID. It is always a great time.



FROM THE SECRETARY



“How did it go so late so soon?”

Dr. Seuss

“Behold how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close.” These are the words engraved on the base of the hourglass my mother gave me when I was installed as Worshipful Master many years ago. The hourglass is mentioned in one of the lectures, but we never go into it. It is another symbol of life.

“Today, we put forth the tender leaves of hope, tomorrow the blossoms and hearts, his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day a frost comes which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich the earth.” This is yet another of the lessons of time and life we are taught.

We are in the merry month of June. A time for school graduations, weddings, parties, and the like. For those graduating, it is the end of one phase of life and the beginning of another. For our Grand Lodge, it is the transition from one Grand Lodge year to another. For me, and the lodge it is the midpoint of the year.

For those of you who haven't paid your 2026 dues, the day of reckoning approaches, swift on the dark wings of time.

By our by-laws (and the Arizona Masonic Code) *“In case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during the period of six (6) months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at the next Stated Meeting either his dues be paid or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of these things be done, he shall at the first Stated Meeting following the six (6) month period of nonpayment of dues be declared by the Master to be so suspended, unless for special reasons shown, the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for their payment.”*

If you are suspended for non-payment of dues, you will be suspended in all bodies that require a current masonic membership including another lodge if you are a dual/plural member. This would also include Scottish and York

Rites, OES, and the Shrine.

To date, we have 19 brothers who have yet to pay their dues. This is well behind where we have been in past years. I have sent out dues notices via mail; dues notices via e-mail (through Grandview). We have sent reminders out in every trestle board and in the weekly emails, and finally reminder letters with a return envelope. Today, I sent yet another reminder out via Grandview. This is the last :“friendly” mailing I will send out. The next mailing will be a notice of pending suspension for non-payment of dues. I hate sending these out for many reasons. If any brother wants to help contact this brothers, please contact me. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. If you need help with your dues, please talk to the Master or Secretary. All requests will be kept in strictest confidence. An addition for payment this year is Zelle. If you have Zelle set up with your bank, all you need to do is go to your banking app, and enter in either the lodge phone number— **(520) 323-2821** or email— **tl4treas@outlook.com**. If neither of these methods work for you, you can always send your payment to my personal account using my cel phone number. I will then transfer the amount to the lodge account. (and I won't even ask for a handling fee). The amount will be **\$129** via Zelle. I also have a QR code available in the office. If paying by PayPal the amount is **\$135** so we can cover the fees.

As most of you know, our by-laws state the lodge is dark for July and August. What this means is there will NOT be a stated meeting during those two months. The next stated meeting after the summer will be September 2nd. While we won't have a stated meeting, the WM has a full schedule planned and we will be conferring several degrees during the summer. We are planning on several visits to other lodges and have some social nights (besides the monthly cigar nights)-i.e. movie night, pot luck, etc....We will also be working to accomplish as many items as we can on the Master Architect Award so we can continue our streak. So, pay attention to the weekly emails so you can stay abreast of the happenings at the lodge. If you aren't receiving the weekly email, please let the secretary know so he can add you to the list.

See you in lodge—**Paul A. Simpson, PM**

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 Michelle 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

LODGE IN A BOX

Soon to be available the new video of *LODGE IN A BOX* which contains everything you need to hold lodge in your home. This masterpiece of invention will make it possible for any brother to attend lodge at any time at a place and time convenient for him. But there is more!

This colorful and professionally done video covers everything from opening and closing lodge to the conferment of the complete three American degrees. All work is done by professional actors playing the appropriate roles with flawless precision and easily heard full voices while dressed in tuxedos and complete costumes for the third degree. No longer any stumbling over words or mispronunciations. Also included, of course, all the lectures and charges that follow the degrees. All language has been checked and double-checked with the official standardized work.

No longer do you have to miss a week night with your family, no longer do you have to call an acquaintance to make out a difficult word in a cipher, now lodge is available at any time for your 'labor'. Certain Grand Lodges are allowing an internet connection so that you may choose to upload your attendance in *LODGE IN A BOX* and it can be recorded by the Grand Secretary. Some 'prodigies' may attend lodge 200 times a year.

This modern marvel, especially the DVD version which allows you to switch back and forth and be the candidate, the master, or play any other role by the push of a button, will no doubt increase attendance and improvement in the work. It will also attract new members. Let your friends view this and be impressed - of course only if you first warn them that they must ask to see it before you show it. You may find neighborhood *LODGE IN A BOX* groups begin to be formed.

Don't object to this wonderful advancement unless you can say that you know your lodge work, can give it reasonably well, including at least one lecture. This is a better solution than having poorly trained brothers trying to open lodge by reading a cipher or skipping the lectures after a degree altogether because there is no one available to present it.

Don't be an old 'fuddy-duddy' and resist progress and improvement. Don't we already use color slides, props and books for these things? Now it is professionally done for our education and enjoyment. Isn't a quality video better than nothing at all, or, a stumbling bumbling attempt at a presentation? This video is 'letter perfect' and no doubt your lodge's color slides are well worn and incomplete.

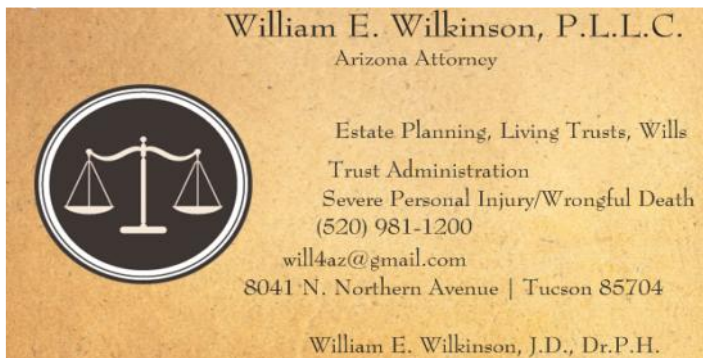
Brothers who do not wish, or can not afford, to purchase the video may check it out from their lodges but once you have attended *LODGE IN A BOX* you will not want to be without your copy. Don't dismiss this out of hand. First buy the video and try it and then make your comments.

The initial copy will cost approximately \$35.70 plus tax. Advance orders are being accepted. For every copy purchased \$3.00 will be sent to the charity designated by your Grand Lodge.

Support Freemasonry. Purchase a copy for a friend.

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(Editor's note: This satire was first printed in our June 2000 Trestle Board. Today we can easily find the degrees on the internet. Some of these were professionally done, others, videos obviously taken in secret and from many jurisdictions. While we are not there yet, it is an interesting commentary about Freemasonry then and how it fits into society today).



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OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED BROTHERS

Brethren, please keep the following ailing brethren and their family members in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for their address.

Ron Hill, Randall Dighton, Gene Wickey, Mary Yandell (Wes' wife) and Catheryn Simpson (ankle surgery)

If you know of any brothers or family members who are sick or in distress please let the Senior Warden or the Secretary know. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for the appropriate address.



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