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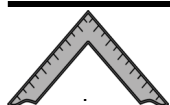
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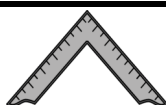
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### From The East



**B**rethren,

This month we will have the Awards Night, where we honor those who have been Masons for many years. Reflecting on the time our brothers have spent in our fraternity, it is good to see the many angles in which being a Mason influences our life.

The Masonic journey we are taking is one of many paths. We hear that we are here to make good men better. The journey starts with the First degree. Here we get initiated and take the first step. At first it seems that there is a three-step process of becoming a Mason. First, second and third degree. While we are going through the degrees, we learn that this is just the foundation. On this foundation we are travelling and improving.

There are several aspects to our journey. There is the ritual work, the esoteric aspect and the learning on the job. The ritual work is the part that is most visible. It starts with the proficiency that we learn after concluding each degree. For the most effective way it is recommended to learn the proficiency in full. Memorizing it lets the content sink in and it stays with us on the journey. I have seen in some cases that what we learn stays with us into old age, even to the point where the mind gives up, the ritual is still very much present. As we participate in the degrees, we improve our ritual knowledge. The repetition of hearing the ritual in every open Lodge adds to retaining its content.

The esoteric aspect is when we go beyond the ritual content and study further the origins and the deeper meaning of the ritual content. We have research Lodges, Masonic discussions and presentations to deepen our knowledge. Learning on the job happens when we advance through the offices. Here we learn that there is more than the ritual that makes a Lodge function. Besides the times when the Lodge is opened for degrees or Stated Meetings, there are many other elements the officers cover. Many administrative tasks need to be covered, but most of all communication between brothers can be learned and improved. For instance, the Senior Warden schedules all the degrees and needs to be in close contact with all who are participating. Planning a year as Master of the Lodge or preparing the budget requires communication with many other brothers. We learn leadership and communication skills. In addition to the Master of the Lodge and the officers, there are the Trustees, who oversee the fiduciary

### October 2019 Calendar

October 2nd	Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm Stated Meeting 7 pm
October 3rd	Thursday Crew 7 am
October 5th	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am (Coffee available at 7 am)
October 10th	Thursday Crew 7 am
October 13th	DON Steak Dinner 3:30 pm
October 17th	Thursday Crew 7 am Trustee Meeting 7 pm
October 23rd	Awards Night and Dinner 6:00 pm
October 24th	Thursday Crew 7 am
October 26th	Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am (at Laverna's )
October 31st	Thursday Crew 7 am

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## “From the East” continued...

and responsibility for the Lodge assets. Serving as a Trustee gives yet another very different angle into Masonry.

When we look back on the years of those Masons that are going to be awarded with a longevity award, we can just see how much they have invested in the fraternity and what they have contributed. At the end of a long Masonic journey, everyone can look back and see how it has changed them as a Person, as a Mason and as a leader.

-Fraternally,

*Hannes Meyer.* Worshipful Master



As I write this, the Autumnal Equinox is only about 1 week away. As much as I complain about the summer heat here in Tucson, I am always amazed at how fleeting the summer is and the year for that matter.

Tucson Lodge 4 is once again preparing for the end-of-year activities yet it seems like just yesterday that we

had our new officer installation. I was excited about being installed Senior Warden and could not foresee how busy of a year this would be for our Lodge and for me as I had to hurriedly schedule line-ups for all the (weekly!) degrees. Congratulations to all our newly initiated brothers; I am excited to be a part of your masonic journey.

Now as the year draws to a close, I am busy preparing for my year as your possible Worshipful Master: planning budget, assigning officers and chair positions and scheduling the next year's activities. I certainly appreciate the support of the lodge through my masonic journey to this point and know that I will continue to experience your support and brotherly love through the coming year as your Worshipful Master, if granted me through the blessing of God and the affirmation of the brethren.

It was just a few years ago that I exited the communication class and started my journey through the degrees. I remember sitting in the lodge in awe as the officers worked their magic sculpting the candidates through the degrees. I wondered if I would ever be able to accomplish what they seemed to so effortlessly perform; and oh, the memorization. The growth of character, confidence and the friendships I have made in this lodge are very much worth the hard yet satisfying effort to bring and share these experiences with my brothers.

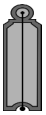
Wishing each of you a safe warm and happy Autumn.

## OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	1	44
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICERNO	1	51
STEVE JOSEPH POCKUBA	1	44
KENNETH RONALD BOWEN	4	41
GARY LEE SPONSELLER, Sr	5	42
ERNEST BRUCE (BRUCE) COOPER	8	5
ROBERT LEE REID	8	39
CLIFFORD JACKSON HAZARD	10	57
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	10	18
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	11	2
DOUGLAS J W MARCUS	11	13
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	12	43
JEFFREY DAVID HATFIELD	14	4
JERRY CARL HALL	15	45
GRAHAM ALFRED DAVEY	16	45
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	16	22
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	17	35
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	19	69
SAMUEL ALLEN STEPHENSON	20	43
RICHARD ORA WILKINS	22	66
ANTHONY ERIC (BUTCH) MERRIMAN	23	6
GENE ARTHUR WICKEY	23	49
ROBERT DeWAYNE CRAWFORD	27	43
KENNETH ALAN MARCOUX	28	53
FRANK FLORES CARLEY	29	44
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	29	39
FRANCIS JOSEPH CAVANAUGH	30	28
VINCENT MORENO SANTOS	31	29
STEVEN LEO VOGEL	31	35

Fraternally,

*-Richard Vaughn,* Senior Warden



## From The South



Greetings brothers, from the South. As we move out of summer into fall we resume our usual stated meeting dinners as well continue to serve our delicious breakfasts which are provided always on the first Saturday of the month. I would again like to thank all the volunteers (Jan Halvax, Guy Hummons, Phil Matthews and Gene Wickey with occasional assistance by Brother John Garcia and Brother Richard Vaughn), who continue to help me in setting up and then cleaning up each breakfast. The September Breakfast was well attended and the food served up by Dayton Brown of Old Times Kafe, our fantastic grits provided by Brother Gene Wickey and the Gravy for the Biscuits as usual were excellent.

I would like to remind everyone to make a reservation for the upcoming October stated meeting dinner either by stopping by the lodge and making a notation in the book or contacting Secretary WB Paul Simpson via email to be added to the reservation list. I continue to look forward to seeing you all the stated meeting dinners and the breakfasts to share in the fellowship and brotherly love of the lodge.

Fall Greetings from South

*Robert Ribbeck*

Junior Warden, 2019

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



**OLD PUEBLO HIGH TWELVE #773**  
**Meets 2ND & 4TH Fridays 8:00AM**  
**Sabbar Shrine Temple**  
**450 S Tucson Blvd**

## THE DUTIES OF A LODGE INVESTIGATOR

(Part I of III)

Submitted by Gene Wickey

The Lodge has received a Petition for Degrees and you, as a member of the Lodge, have been appointed by the Master of the Lodge to serve on an Investigative Committee to investigate the new Petitioner. (a Committee usually consists of three members). You have not done this before, and you are not sure what you are supposed to do. Your wife will not be able to help you on this one!

First of all, let's talk about the importance of the investigation. For starters, keep in mind that the fraternity is not an organization for all men. Masons subscribe to a higher standard, and that standard is best maintained by (1) the ballot box and (2) the results of the investigation. Members of the Lodge greatly rely on the Report submitted by the Committee and rightfully so. A shoddy or incomplete investigation, or one that does not follow the established criteria, can result in the admission of a Petitioner who is not worthy or fit to belong to the fraternity.

Throughout the entire process, all members of the investigative Committee must think and act for the good of Masonry at all times. The first piece of information you will receive after your appointment is a copy of the Petition. It will provide some limited information about the Petitioner along with references, etc. After your review of that document, you need to make contact with the other Committee members in order to see how they wish to proceed. Some Committee members prefer to conduct their own investigation, while others like to work as a team. Either way is fine as long as the investigation is thorough, complete, and timely submitted to the Master. I prefer the teamwork approach since I feel it results in a better investigation. If in doubt as to how you should proceed, check with the Master of the Lodge.

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**DEADWOOD LUNCH—Past Masters and friends gather on the last Saturday of every month for fellowship at:**

**LAVERNA'S COFFEE SHOP, STARTING TIME 11:30 A.M.**

Deadwood has become a social gathering and tool for the Brothers of our Lodge. The knowledge you pass onto some of our less informed Brethren is priceless. You are the link from the past to the future. The success of our lodge, and Masonry, is in your hands.

*You do make a difference....*

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**October 26th**



**Altan Kol Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.**

(Your Masonic playground)

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - (Dark July & August)

3959 E Mabel Street, Tucson, AZ

Stop in and say hello - Wives are welcome

6pm Pot Luck - 8:7pm meeting

Ken Lewis, Secretary (520) 349-0709

## Lodge Investigator continued...

Once appointed, you are not allowed to disclose your appointment, or discuss it with anyone other than the Committee members. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Report is submitted directly to the Master of the Lodge and to no one else. Although some Committees sign and submit just one Report, the better policy may be to have each member submit their own Report, although I do not believe this is required. Information on this was hard to come by at this point so I may attempt to clarify this in Part II.

Keep in mind that you are not confined to the contents of the Petition. In fact, a thorough investigation will include the gathering of information from sources not contained in the Petition. This could include background checks; talking to people who know the Petitioner, but whose name may not be listed on the Application; checking records that are generally available to the public; etc. The more information you can gather, the better. It is important that the Report submitted contain accurate, reliable; and complete information. Stated differently, unreliable or inaccurate information should not be included. The Petitioner is entitled to a process that is fair since his Petition will rise or fall on the Report submitted.

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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.



## From The Secretary



At the annual communication an increase of four dollars (\$4) in the annual per-capita was approved. Our lodge By-Laws (Article IX, Section 1) spells this out by saying "In addition to Grand Lodge per-capita and any special assessments, the dues of each member of this Lodge shall be eighty-four dollars (\$84.00) per year. The sum of Grand Lodge per-capita, special assessments, and Lodge dues are payable in advance." For 2020 this means our dues will be \$122 (\$126 if paying by PayPal). This equates to \$84 (dues) + \$38 (per-capita) for a total of \$122. The extra \$4 for PayPal is to cover their transaction fees.

Anyone interested in receiving an electronic copy of the Trestle Board or the WM's weekly emails please let the secretary know at [tl4so@hotmail.com](mailto:tl4so@hotmail.com). Email addresses will only be used for these purposes and lodge correspondence.

*I will start accepting 2020 dues after the November stated meeting.*

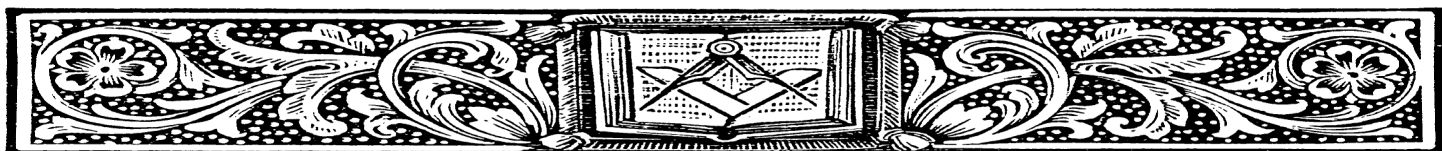
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Paul Simpson, PM

## BREAKFAST!

**Bring family and friends to our Buffet-Style Fellowship Breakfast on**

**Saturday Oct 5th 8:00 am-10:00 am**

**Weekly specials, Gene's Grits (subject to Gene's Schedule), Scrambled eggs, pancakes, potatoes, biscuits & gravy, and bacon.**



## TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First Tuesday.....	7:30PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays .....	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	7:30PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday .....	7:00PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays.....	6:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters, First & Third Saturdays .....	10:00AM
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls, Second & Fourth Tuesdays .....	7:00PM

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