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# FROM THE EAST



"Masonry is not so much a thing to be talked about as it is a thing to be lived."

— William Howard Taft

Hello from the East,

I want to speak plainly this month. We've talked often about the meaning of service, about how our tools and symbols remind us of labor, of building, of contributing to something greater than ourselves. But brothers, service is not just a concept, it's a necessity for our lodge.

October Calendar				
Mon Sep 29	Reservations For Stated Meeting	NOON		
Wed Oct 1	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm		
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm		
	Official Visit of SGW			
Wed Oct 8	EA Degree Practice	7:00 pm		
Wed Oct 15	Awards Night	7:00 pm		
Wed Oct 22	EA Practice/Degree	7:00 pm		
Wed Oct 29	EA Degree/Practice	7:00 pm		
Fri Oct 31	Cigar Night	7:00 pm		
Mon Nov 3	Dinner Reservations Due	Noon		
Wed Nov 5	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm		

We are blessed to have a building to meet in, a history that stretches back through generations, and a fund that, by good fortune and careful guidance, has grown. But let's be honest with one another: our dues alone do not keep the doors open. It takes more than money on paper, it takes us, present and willing, to raise the funds and put in the work that will keep our lodge alive for future brothers.

Too often, I see us slipping into the comfort of assuming "someone else" will do the heavy lifting. Whether it is Winterhaven parking, building upkeep, or even small opportunities to raise a few dollars and a little goodwill in the community, the truth is simple: if not us, then who? If we do not step up to support our own lodge, we cannot expect others to do it for us.

Service is not always glamorous. It might be long hours in the cold during Winterhaven, or helping set up chairs, or just showing up when help is needed. But Masonry is built on the square and the compasses, symbols that remind us our obligations are not words on a page but actions in the world.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together. We have stabilized the ship and set a course forward. But the work is not finished. I am asking...no, urging each of you to find one way, however small, to help in the months ahead. Together, we can raise the funds and give the service that will secure our lodge's future.

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.

# FROM THE WEST

Good Ideas and Common Sense

Familiar sayings such as; "No point in re-inventing the wheel", "Love thy Neighbor" and "Seek the Light" summarily convey the same message, good ideas, positive virtues and positive values should be, and often are, shared around the world and through-out history.

The three principal tenets of Masonry; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth repeat themselves throughout history and across multiple cultures. There are also parallels regarding how Masons should conduct themselves.

Among the Ancient Tribal Values of the Native Americans we find: **Truth**; **Respect**; **Love**; Courage; Honesty; **Wisdom** and Humility. Truth is Truth, Respect and Love are similar to Brotherly Love, Honesty can be construed as acting by the Plumb, and Wisdom is needed for every leader, especially those who sit in the East.

In the Nine Noble Virtues of the Vikings, we find; Truth, Discipline, Fidelity, Hospitality, Honor, Courage, Perseverance, Self Reliance and Industriousness. The **Truth** Virtue states;" I will seek the truth, I will speak the truth and I will defend the truth from those who do not honor it". **Fidelity and Hospitality** are both requirements for Brotherly Love and Relief. **Honor:** "I will stand by my oaths and honor my ancestors by keeping my name pure among the kindred".

Excerpts from a more contemporary list from Chris Pratt (the actor) are: "God is real"; "Do a good deed, Be of Service", "Be strong, be a Protector" and "You have a soul, be careful with it". If you are performing good deeds, you are providing **Relief**. If you are being a Protector, it may be that you have a **Brotherly Love** for your fellow man. And of course, believing in the Supreme Being (**God**) is essential for Masons.

Our basic tenets are shared values around the world and they existed long before Free Masonry was an official organization. If the original organizers of Masonry had been looking for a "Tag Line" or a motto, they didn't need to look far, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth were goals that were aspired to by a variety of cultures around the globe and across the millennia. Also found in some of these ancient writings are virtues to be pursued such as Humility, Honor, Discipline and Courage, Wisdom and Fidelity. Each of these virtues and values are applicable to Masons as well.

So, Masons did not "re-invent the wheel" when we codified our tenets and values. What we did do was to clearly specify the values and goals of our ancestors who were aspiring to higher goals. Masonry reflected the best values of mankind 300 years ago, and we continue to pursue those values and virtues today.

Sam Greer, PM, Senior Warden

# FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

For those of you who don't know, I'm a mining engineer by day. That might seem a long way from our craft, but over the years I've learned something about myself: the most important tools I have are not scanners or specialized software, they're the principles you and I were taught right here in the Lodge. The historical connection between stonemasons and miners is evident, but the true parallel today is in the values we uphold.

It all begins with Truth. Before we even consider breaking ground, we create a Life of Mine plan - picture it as our operational Tracing Board made up from mountains of data. Not only that, but all of its sums - from ensuring the ground won't give way to determining what the rock is holding - all have to be exactly right. Because a plan not conducted 'on the square' will likely ensure failure and risk lives. Every new mining engineer is a Rough Ashlar with a head full of theoretical knowledge. Only through the faithful (disciplined and ethical) application of truth do they become a Perfect Ashlar - a professional whose work can be relied upon to build a safe and profitable operation.

But the execution of that robust design and plan depends on Brotherly Love. In the complex operational environment of a mine, this isn't a sentimental notion, it's an engineered requirement. Because we have our entire safety culture based around what the industry calls 'Zero Harm' (interdependent safety) - the fundamental responsibility of every individual to lead the care for their colleagues. Or to be more succinct, it's 'having each other's back'. That kind of commitment transforms a group of workers into a real brotherhood, able to handle workplace hazards with discipline and constant care.

Lastly, we must take account of our legacy. What follows after the work is done and mining ceases? That, brothers, is where we're offering Relief. Today we refer to it as our Social License to Operate, which is most frequently codified through memoranda of understanding with local and indigenous communities. We owe it to one another to effect real change, the kind that doesn't feel charitable but is embraced as critical to the business. It appears in our principles of building back progressively, and uplifting communities - through infrastructure, education, healthcare, and environmental stewardship. So you see, these parables we are handed in lodge also serve as remarkably useful guides for the mining engineer of today: lay your plans on the Truth, execute them in Brotherly Love, and ensure your final product provides Relief for all concerned.

Fraternally,

Moe Momayez - The Junior Warden

# STATED DINNERS

For October, the ladies of Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, will be preparing two dinners for us to enjoy. For the Stated Meeting dinner, the menu will be bratwurst (with buns, sauerkraut and mustard), Cherie's German potato salad, German cucumber salad, and German chocolate cake. For the Awards Night dinner on October 15, we will be serving chili with cornbread muffins, a garden salad and ice cream. These dinners are an ideal time to share food and fellowship beyond the usual ritual.

## **AWARDS NIGHT**

Our annual longevity awards night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th. We will have a light meal at 6:00 pm and retire to the lodge room for the presentation of longevity awards at 7:00 pm. Family members and friends are wholeheartedly invited. The Grand Master, our own MW Leigh Creighton, will be presenting the Grand Lodge awards of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years. In addition we will be presenting lodge longevity certificates for 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years.

Invitations have been sent out, and if you received one, please let the secretary know if you are or are not able to attend. Meal is open to everyone with *reservations due by noon on Monday, October 13th.* 



# **Our Sick and Distressed Brothers**

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

Jim Wadley, Ron Hill, Earl Starr, Earl Shambo, Bill Predgo (surgery) and Mary Yandell (Wes' wife)

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

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS			
NAME	DAY	YEARS	
KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	1	50	
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICERNO	1	57	
STEVE JOSEPH POKUBA	2	50	
ERNEST BRUCE COOPER	8	11	
ROBERT LEE REID	8	45	
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	10	24	
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	11	8	
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	11	19	
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	12	49	
JERRY CARL HALL	15	51	
RUSSELL BLAIR JOHNSON II	15	18	
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	16	28	
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	17	41	
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	19	<i>75</i>	
DARRYL LESTER WEAVER	22	6	
GENE ARTHUR WICKEY	23	50	
ROBERT DEWAYNE CRAWFORD	27	49	
KENNETH ALAN MARCOUX	28	59	
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	29	45	
VINCENT MORENO SANTOS	31	35	
STEVEN LEO VOGEL	31	41	

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS				
NAME	DAY			
RALIUS VICTOR ERICKSON	1			
BRUCE ANDREW FISHER	2			
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ	2			
DON LEE KING	2			
RONALD NEAL ALLEN	3			
PAUL ALAN SIMPSON	6			
WESLEY YANDELL, Jr	13			
RICHARD JAMES GONIA, Jr	14			
ROBERT GRAHAM KITCHELL	15			
AYMAN ISMAT ABDULHAMID	16			
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE	16			
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO	17			
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	17			
RAMON MARK SULLIVAN	19			
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	20			
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20			
RICHARD DOMENICK CHIMBLO	23			
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24			
RAFAEL LEIDY-ESCABI	24			
FREDERICK MARTIN BLATT	26			
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	27			
ANTHONY COVIELLO-BLINN	29			
JAMES BLAKE HILL	29			
MICHAEL EUGEN NORVELLE	30			
JOHN FRANKLIN THOMPSON II	31			
NEIL ALAN BAILEY	31			

# **MASONIC MUSINGS ON MORTALITY**

# To the Study of Geometry Celestial Geometry

Thinking about how to imagine looking back on my life in the future when near death, forced me to consider what was important to do in life then and going forward to consider looking at backwards in my past imagined future.

Over the last 2,000 years the most published book has been the *Holy Bible*. The runner up in second place of the past 2,000 years is Euclid's book on geometry called, *The Elements*. Euclid flourished circa 333 B.C.E. It is the most influential math book ever written. While studying geometry during my literal 50 years as a Master Mason it occurred to me that there have been some incredibly significant changes in the knowledge inventory over the last 308 years when formal Freemasonry began since its constitutional creation in 1717 England.

Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855), a German mathematician, physicist, and astronomer, was a Professor of Astronomy at the Gottingen Observatory in Germany. He developed a new type of geometry, circa 1798-1813, that tackled the problems involving non-flat planes that traditional geometry addressed solely since the time of the Greek Euclid. Gauss worked with geometry in curved space like the surface of spherical planets. He discovered that when sphere is bisected through its center, like Earth's equator, and then across its longitude, like at the Earth's north and south poles, then the triangles had 90-degree angles on a curved surface. The three 90-degree angles totaled 270 degrees. Euclid's triangles can only total 180 degrees when limited to flat plane surface. Professor Gauss called his innovative approach non-Euclidean Geometry. I commend you to the are many current YouTube videos available to learn more about this body of knowledge in non-Euclidean Geometry.

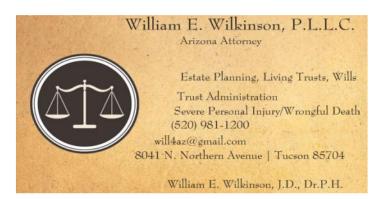
A German student of Gauss named Bernhard Riemann (1826-1886) took it further and developed a way, published in 1854, to plot the same shaped patterns of curved space anywhere in empty space. This was valuable because curved geometric shapes could then be used without having to prove the same curves and angles multiple times when moved to a different location.

These curved space non-Euclidean geometry discoveries were extremely important as a basis for exciting creation of more curved space and time geometry by a man named Albert Einstein (1897-1955). Curved space non-Euclidean Geometry, also known as Hyperbolic Geometry, Saddle Geometry, Parabolic Geometry, Spherical Geometry, and Elliptical Geometry, were steppingstones to creating Einstein's Theory of Relativity, and its well-known formula:  $E = mc^2$ , which led to the "atomic bomb."

Freemasonry has always been zealous for Masons to know, learn, and use geometry. "To the study of Geometry, your attention is especially directed." Freemasonry is 308 years old, if 1717 is used as its formal stating point. One of Freemasonry's foremost values is the study of geometry by its members. Since its inception in 1717 the excellent flat plane geometry Freemasonry included in its ritual has changed extraordinarily little. Geometry itself has experienced substantial growth as a mathematical science over the past 300 years. Since non-Euclidean geometry is useful as humans explore and venture out more into the non-Earthbound universe Masons may someday update geometry in its ritual work in the future.

It might be useful to contemplate where and how it could be added to our craft stories to someday include celestial geometry somewhere and somehow.

Will Wilkinson, PM, Esq.



SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523
Meets every Thursday 8:00AM
IHOP—Oracle and Limberlost

# FROM THE SECRETARY



"It's not what you achieve, it's what you overcome. That's what defines you career"

~ Carlton Fisk

...Most, if not all of us, have been in the work force where we had what we considered careers. For many of us, we also had a parallel career in the craft. Some become brilliant ritualists, their achievements bringing joy to the craft. Others become experts in fund raising (we could use a couple of them). Still others remain in the background supporting the lodge in whatever way they could. In every case, they have had to overcome challenges to get where they are now. Other pundits have said it is not the final destination, but the journey it takes to get there.

This being October, it is time for my usual treatise on dues and per capita. This year is a little different, so please pay close attention.

Dues for 2026 will be \$129 (\$135 if paying by PayPal) and are due and payable by December 31st, 2025. By our by-laws, Article 9, Section 1, "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." It is worded in this manner so we don't have to change our bylaws every time Grand Lodge raises per capita. For the "dues" portion of the amount, this works out to be \$7 a month, which is pretty darn inexpensive. As of this writing, only 127 of our 203 members pay dues.

In regard to per capita, the lodge pays per capita on all dues paying members and our Perpetual Members. We do NOT have to pay per capita on our Senior Life Members of 9-106 (Reg 19) members. That is why I often ask to make a Perpetual Member a Senior Life Member when they qualify. It saves the lodge money.

I am now accepting dues payments for 2026. I know, it will mess up the treasurer's books, but he and I can reconcile our books if there is an issue. I will be uploading dues information into Grandview in mid-October. As voted on at the Annual Communication, we are going to electronic dues cards for 2026. Printed cards will be available on a very limited basis. These cards will look a little different than what we are used to. If you have

activated your account in Grandview, you can print out a copy of your 2025 dues card to see what it will look like. One small caveat—this dues card is not valid as it does not have the lodge seal on it.

I am changing the way I am sending out dues notices. If you have an email in Grandview, you will be getting your notice emailed most likely toward the end of October. If you do not have an email, your notice will be mailed in a business size envelope in a letter format. I have stopped using the traditional mailer we had in the past. Why, you may ask? The cost of the mailers and matching envelopes has almost tripled, and they use a proprietary windowed envelope. The mailing address doesn't line up with traditional openings.

We are still determining when the 2026 dues cards will be available for all our Perpetual, Senior Life, and Section 9-106 members. Rest assured, if you pay your dues early, your record will reflect it. Your electronic dues card will reflect the status of your dues at the time you open it.

I am still in the process of creating instructions for member activation of their accounts, as well as setting up their electronic dues cards. These instructions will be sent out via mail when I send out the 2026 dues notices.

> See you in lodge, Paul A. Simpson, PM, Secretary





# 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

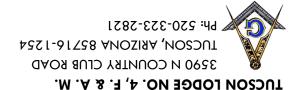
# **2025 LODGE OFFICERS**

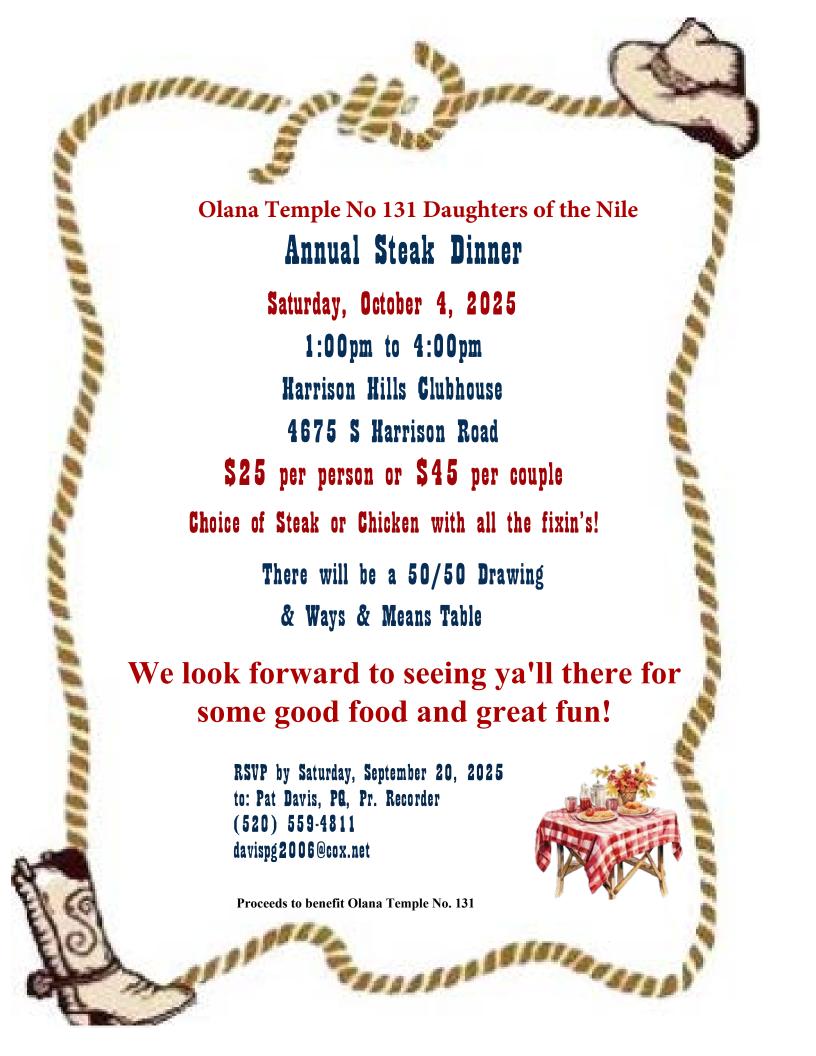
Worshipful Master	.Trevor Tanzillo (Isela)
Senior Warden	.Sam Greer (Paddy)
Junior Warden	.Moe Momayez (Caroline)
Treasurer	.Ronald Hill, PM (Linda)
Deputy Treasurer	.Jon Schmidt, PM (Shari).
Secretary	.Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)
Secretary Emeritus	.Bob Conrad, PGM (Jackie)
Senior Deacon	.Kirk Klosowsky
Junior Deacon	.Logan Gaither (Shelby)
Senior Steward	.William Predgo (Cheryl)
Junior Steward	.TBA
Marshal	.Anthony Coviello-Blinn
Chaplain	.Rafael Leidy-Escabi
Tyler	.P Scott Ceravolo
Musician	Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)
Ritual Advisor	.TBD
Trustee 2025	.Hannes Meyer, PM (Joyce)
Trustee 2025	.Rafael Leidy-Escabi
Trustee 2025	Gabriel Class (Rosa)
Trustee 2026	Logan Gaither (Shelby)
Trustee 2027	.William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie)
Website Editor	.John Prokop (Sharlot)
Widow's Assistance	.Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)



# **CURRENT RESIDENT OR**







Bethel No. 25 Presents...

# 3rdannual Murder Mystery Dinner

October 18, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Tucson Lodge No. 4 F&AM 3590 N Country Club RD Tucson, AZ 85716

# Mystery Menu!

Vegetarian and Glutenfree versions available

# \$20 per ticket

Includes dinner and a show



Use QR code to RSVP, email secbethel25azjdi@gmail.com or text (520) 471-7130

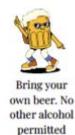




# Masonic Community Family Picnic in the Park



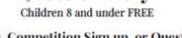


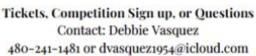


Chili Cookoff













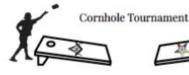








**Burgers and Hotdogs** 







**Buy Tickets** 

# Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children & Masonic Lodges FUNDRAISER

Brethren,

On behalf of the Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children (AMFC), I am honored to share this year's fundraising raffle opportunity. This venture provides every Lodge the chance to raise funds for your own charitable programs while also supporting AMFC's Children at Risk programs..

Together, we continue our Masonic tradition of caring for Arizona's youth.

# **PRIZES**

- Grand Prize: 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige
- Second Prize: Two 1st Class tickets anywhere in the world (limits apply)
- Third Prize: \$5,000 cash

# **TICKET INFORMATION**

Cost: \$25 each, or 5 tickets for \$100

# **FUNDS RAISED:**

Lodges may keep 50% of ticket sales for their own charitable purposes OR elect to contribute 100% of sales directly to AMFC.

Please indicate your choice when submitting funds.

# **HOW TO ORDER TICKETS**

- 1. Contact Henry Spomer, AMFC Vice President
  - Email: vpresident@foundation4children.org
  - Text: 520-661-2021

# 2. Order by Mail:

Send a check payable to Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children

Memo line: "Raffle Tickets"

# Mail to:

Henry Spomer 6360 N. Orange Blossom Lane Tucson, AZ 85741

Include your: Full Name, Address,

Phone Number, and Email in clear print.





Tickets must be ordered and paid for by November 29, 2025. A copy of your ticket(s) will be emailed to you once it has been processed.