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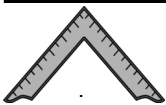
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From The East



Brethren,

You can't teach an old dog new tricks. That is the saying we use when we want to imply that we are too old to learn anything new.

As Masons we are faced with the fact that we need to learn and memorize in order to be an officer and to progress in the officer's line. In attempting to memorize, I was faced with the excuse I mentioned above. But at the end of my struggle with myself I found the saying about the old dog to be entirely wrong.

Granted there are situations where the capability of the brain to retain new information is limited by medical reasons. In general though the brain is a marvelous instrument, which is capable of acquiring new knowledge far into advanced age.

Scientific studies were conducted about the learning of a new language. It was concluded that the brain is very capable of learning a new language even in advanced age. It is not the brain's capability that is the limiting factor. The article stated that the perception that it seems impossible to learn a new language is rather a mental problem. As we mature, we seem to reason away things that appear hard. We would say, why do I need to learn the new language anyway, I won't need it. With this attitude, the learning effect is blocked easily and we think that we are unable to learn. It is not that our brain couldn't acquire the information, but we reasoned away the need to do it. Doing my homework for my Masonic journey, I often ran into this mental block. Why am I learning this and is this really necessary. Once I had decided deep within that I really wanted to do it, it was easier.

Understanding the reasons for memorizing is also a key. As an analogy we could look at a concert pianist. A good pianist when performing has the music memorized. That enables the transfer of music directly from the performer's heart and feeling to the piano and from there directly to the listener's heart. The pianist does not need to bother with the sheet music anymore or the mechanical aspects of the piano. If music is so internalized, it can be expressed in a whole new and expanded way. The same is true for the lectures we are giving. If they are learned well and rooted deep within, the distractions of reading, pronouncing, flipping pages and such are not in the way of transferring the meaning directly from heart to heart.

April 2019 Calendar

April 3th	Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm
	Stated Meeting 7pm
April 4th	Thursday Crew 7am
April 6th	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am
	(Coffee available at 7 am)
April 10th	Master Mason Degree 7 pm
April 11th	Thursday Crew 7am
April 11th	Trustee Meeting 7pm
April 18th	Thursday Crew 7am
April 25th	Thursday Crew 7am
April 27th	Deadwood Lunch
	@ Laverna's 11:30 am

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This was my motivation to positively approach the whole learning cycle. I wanted to internalize the meaning and content, so that it could come directly from within. Being so motivated, the learning is easier and possible. It is like climbing a hill in small steps rather than being overwhelmed by its insurmountable appearance.

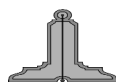
At the end I proved the saying about the old dog wrong. Yes, new tricks can be learned. Age is no excuse and I am not done learning.

-Fraternally,

Hannes Meyer, Worshipful Master



From The West



One of the few things I specifically remember from my initiation as an Entered Apprentice (being quite overwhelmed by the whole ceremony) was my amazement during the presentation of the 'movable' and 'immovable' jewels. The 'movable' ones are two large rocks, one with a smooth and the other with a rough surface; they are called 'Ashlars'. How, I wondered, could two such large, heavy rocks be deemed movable? As a matter of fact, I often tease the newly initiated by asking them to help me carry one of those rocks to the store room after the degree.

Of course, now I understand that 'movable' means that there is no specific place allocated for the stones in a lodge, whereas the immovable jewels do have fixed locations. Symbolism may be wonderful and all that, but I still think that those Ashlars would take a pretty big truck to get moving.

I also learned in that degree that the definition of 'ashlar' is 'a hewn or squared stone' and that some are obviously "hewn or squared" more than others. Rough ashlar were hewn from the quarries by the Apprentice masons. They did that under the supervision of Fellowcraft masons who were experienced craftsmen and who had proven their skills at shaping and adding the necessary intricate and artistic details to the finished stone.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that the Rough and Perfect Ashlars as presented in our Masonic ritual are a metaphor for the development of our individual selves; they symbolize the progression of a man's spiritual and moral life and illustrate that a man can be shaped

into a better being through brotherly love, cultivation and education.

It should be noted that nowhere in the ritual teachings, regarding the Ashlars, it is mentioned that the Rough Ashlar is a worthless stone, nor that the perfect one is ever completed to its final form, because it may still be in need of some adjustments for its final purpose.

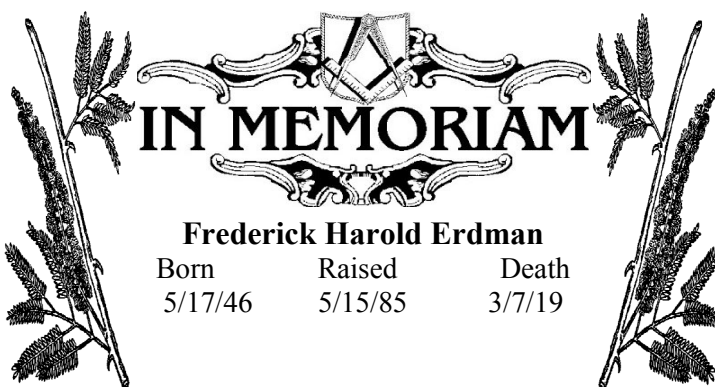
The Perfect Ashlar is the dressed stone that has been shaped, smoothed and made uniform with the working tools. A Perfect Ashlar is a symbol of a Freemason who works to achieve a purposeful, principled, righteous life and does all he can to become enlightened. A man can improve his moral and spiritual being through education and acquisition of knowledge. He can be shaped into a person who has been tried by the square of virtue and who has learned to use the symbolical compasses to set his moral boundaries, as required by his Creator.

Not all rough ashlar have the potential to become perfect ones. They must be made of solid materials and their structural flaws must be minimal. They must be capable of being worked into a perfect stone. In line with this, candidates for each Masonic degree must be receptive to change and be of strong character. For these reasons potential candidates are being examined thoroughly to assess their characters and qualifications before they are accepted into a lodge. Candidates must have the capability to serve and support the Brotherhood. They must be carefully inspected to certify that they can fit into Masonic goals and tenets and remain compatible with the Supreme Architect's laws. Freemasonry is a noble and ancient Brotherhood with a long history. A flawed ashlar can bring in negative thoughts, reproach and embarrassment to the Brotherhood and should therefore not be allowed to join.

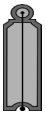
It's hard to find 'perfect men' that exist without Brotherly light, guidance and love. It's hard to find Freemasons that have not been in the state of Rough and Perfect Ashlars at some point in their lives.

Fraternally,

-Richard Vaughn, Senior Warden



Born	Raised	Death
5/17/46	5/15/85	3/7/19



From The South



Brothers, we have been enjoying great food and great fellowship together. Harmony is growing and the lodge is prospering. For me, the reward is bringing you all together and hearing your laughter and seeing you work together. I may be responsible for refreshments, but you are all truly the refreshment for me. For me it is not about the income we derive from the breakfasts and the Stated Meeting dinners. It is about bringing us all together, breaking bread and sharing fellowship.

Robert Ribbeck

Junior Warden, 2019



Masonic Royalty with the Tucson Lodge No. 4 contribution to the 2019 Rodeo Parade (courtesy Bob Conrad)

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
Hungry Fox at 4637 E. Broadway



From The Secretary



We are now taking orders for the summer lodge shirts. WB Hannes has decided to go with the same shirt as last year. Cost is \$25 per shirt (\$30 for XXL and larger).

Shirts can be ordered with either the MM or PM emblem and name. See the secretary to place your order.

Anyone interested in receiving an electronic copy of the Trestle Board or the WM's weekly emails please email the secretary at tl4so@hotmail.com. Email addresses will only be used for these purposes.

Dues for 2019 are required and still accepted (\$118 or \$122 via PayPal)

Sincerely and Fraternally,
 Paul Simpson, PM



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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NAME	DAY	YEARS
WARD, RANDALL RAY	1	37
ARMIJO, CHARLES EDWARD JR	3	34
GARRETT, EDWARD JOHN	5	48
ROBB, WALTER MARLIN	5	54
WILKINSON, WILLIAM EDWARD	7	44
SCHMIDT, JON McCARTY	14	9
BASS, FREDERICK WILLIAM	15	27
TEICHMAN, FRANK ELLIS JR	15	41
PANGELINAN, JOHN BABAUTA	18	7
REID, DAVID WAYNE	18	35
LURTSEMA, DAVID GRANT	19	2
DOTY, RUSSELL WAYNE	20	25
WHITE, WILLIAM RAY	20	54
CLARK, NORMAN CHESTER	21	37
HESLIP, ROBERT WILLIAM	22	44
RAYMOND, CHARLES BRUCE	22	10
BASER, CLIFFORD WAYNE	23	5
CREIGHTON, LEIGH JARVIS	23	33
GAITHER, LOGAN WILLIAM	25	10
ROSIER, WILLIAM HAROLD	26	30
MADDEN, ERIC DONOVAN	27	3
CORNELL, DENNIS LEE	28	47
HILL, WILLIAM RAYMOND	28	9
STUBBE, GAYLORD ANTHONY	29	22

Table Lodge!



June 22, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

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All Masons Welcome

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Seven Course Prime Tri-Tip Dinner

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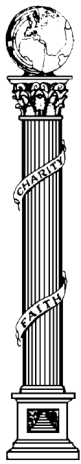
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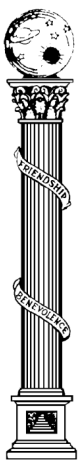


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Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	7:30PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday	7:00PM
Demolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays	6:00PM
Bethel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

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