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From The East



“The key is not to prioritize what’s on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.” — Stephen Covey

If there’s one thing I’ve learned while sitting in the East, it’s how challenging it can be to balance everything. Between family, work, and the unexpected curveballs life throws our way, time is one of the most valuable things we have. And yet, it’s also the easiest to lose track of.

Through the lesson of the 24-inch gauge, masonry teaches us to be intentional—with our thoughts, our actions, and yes, even our time. That doesn’t mean putting lodge ahead of everything else. It means recognizing that the time we spend here, when we can give it, has value—not just for ourselves, but for each other.

Lodge is a place where we can reset, reflect, and reconnect—with the Craft, with our Brothers, and with the better parts of ourselves. But life outside the lodge matters just as much. Striking that balance isn’t always easy, but it’s worth striving for.

None of us get it right all the time. I know I don’t. But when we make time—even a little—to be present in lodge, it helps remind us why we joined in the first place. And when we carry that sense of purpose back into our daily lives, it makes a difference there too. Let’s keep making space for both. With balance, everything feels a little more steady. 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.

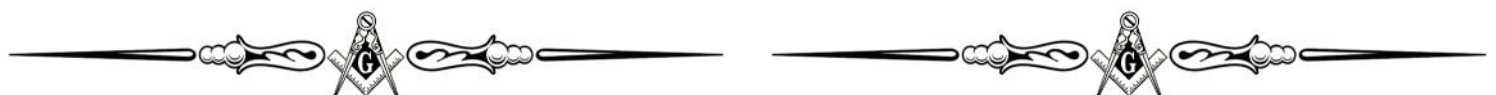
Time is fleeting and each of us is only given so much. It’s not too late to do the things today you said you’d do yesterday or tell those you love how much you care.

Your brother **Trevor Tanzillo**

April Calendar

Mon Mar 31	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Apr 2	Stated Meeting	7:00
Tues Apr 8	Possible OV to NCB 74	6:00 pm
Wed Apr 9	Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Apr 16	Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Apr 23	Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Fri Apr 25	Cigar Night (Anthony’s)	7:00 pm
	Gaslight Theatre	8:15 pm
Wed Apr 30	Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Mon May 5	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed May 7	Stated Meeting	7:00 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.



From The West

THE PEACE AND HARMONY OF THE LODGE

In addition to administration duties, financial accountability, adherence to the Revised Arizona Masonic Code, traditions, standards, and fraternal issues, the Master is tasked with maintaining the Peace and Harmony of the Lodge. Not as simple as it sounds, because a "Lodge" is defined as being all the members of a Lodge.

Any Master of a Lodge may also have a family, a 40+ hour a week job and additional personal/professional responsibilities, yet he has taken on all the duties referenced in the paragraph above. That doesn't sound like a job most men would volunteer for, yet we have a myriad of Past Masters who have served the Lodge multiple times and never once have I heard, "Glad that is over, it was terrible".

Similarly, it is rare that a Master or Past Master is overheard bragging in public about being the Master of a Lodge. So, how does one remain humble, yet still be responsible keeping the Peace and Harmony among 100+ adult men.

A huge part of this Peace and Harmony is the responsibility of each individual Mason. We all promise and swear that we will or won't do specific actions, that we are honest in our intentions and commit to these roles and responsibilities without doubts or ulterior motives. Another component of Peace and Harmony is subduing our desires (personal wants and agendas) and keeping our passions (emotions) within due bounds. And no, each Mason doesn't get to define their own personal bounds. Masonic boundaries are well defined from a man's first introduction into Masonry. The goal is to be one cohesive band of friends and brothers working toward brotherly love and affection.

Having reiterated all of these things which we have heard dozens of times before, we are still human, with human flaws. Add to this the fact that the "Lodge" is made up of a wide range of age groups, cultures and experiences and motives and the task of maintaining "Peace and Harmony" can be daunting, frustrating, and exhausting! There is no cookie cutter approach to maintaining Peace and Harmony, it may be achieved by a private conversation, it may take a Masonic Trial to resolve an issue, but however it is achieved, Peace and Harmony are the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge.

Key issues to take away from this article, the Master of a Lodge must be responsible, accountable, willing to donate his time and energy to Masonry, work for no money and even fewer accolades, ever keeping as one of his goals the Peace and Harmony of the Lodge!

Sam Greer, Senior Warden

From The South

Keeping a harmonious Lodge environment is the Junior Warden's most important task. That officer's steady presence carries order and decorum into the Lodge — much more than mere standard operating procedure, they are the very foundation of Masonic work. They also create an environment that encourages the kind of introspection that is central to Masonic ritual.

Consider a craftsman's workshop. If tools are disorganized and conversations are chaotic, it would be very difficult to create a masterpiece. Similarly, a disordered Lodge will struggle to promote the inner edification of individual members. The Junior Warden, in the South, helps us to keep this edifice in place.

But what does the South really have to do with order? An awful lot. The Junior Warden's duties are more than just silencing the noise. He endeavors to create an environment where the Lodge business is carried out with dignity and respect, our long-standing traditions are upheld, all members can feel involved and have the opportunity to learn and grow together.

The Junior Warden's part involves gentle persuasion over strict enforcement. He reminds us that our Lodge gatherings serve not just as social events but as opportunities for self-improvement and the reinforcement of masonic ties. By encouraging proper conduct, he helps us focus on the deeper meaning of the ritual and masonic teachings.

The first and most important care of fellowship is to listen... really listen. When a brother speaks, he deserves not just the momentary but the full, undivided attention of the other brothers. The Junior Warden helps to create this environment through which meaningful discussions and sharing of ideas can take place.

Specifically, the Junior Warden frequently reminds the brethren of the proper times to rise and when to sit. He reminds a brother, gently but firmly, when he is talking in a tone that is too loud, and when he is having a conversation that is not befitting to have in an open lodge. He makes sure the proper officers are attending to the business of the lodge, and that the lodge is ready for the next order of business. His presence, in the south, acts as a reminder of order and decorum.

Furthermore, the seamless flow of our ceremonies is an important part of transmitting the symbolic messages they teach. When a meeting is conducted well, it allows all present to fully grasp the meaning of the ritual.

Essentially, the Junior Warden's concern for order and decorum is a service to the Lodge. He creates a space where brotherly love, relief, and truth can thrive, enabling us to improve ourselves and contribute to the betterment of society.

Moe Momayez
Junior Warden

MASONIC MUSINGS ON MORTALITY

Old Ages Is Coming To You—Tolstoy

Old age is coming to you, my Brother, dark shadowed on the swift wings of time. These very true words are not often thought about by young people. I heard them for the first time when I was 21. They had a profound effect on me when I heard them in the process of becoming a Master Mason.

Thinking about how to imagine looking back on life near death, forced me to consider what was important to do in life forward to look backwards in the future.

The best philosophers, psychologists and psychiatrists say when you are older and especially near death, that reminiscing about the fun and important life experiences you collect with family, friends, your good works, and things you did to help others, are your most worthwhile assets to remember. So, maybe the best way to spend our lives is to collect exciting, interesting, and valuable experiences.

Count Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy, known in English as Leo Tolstoy, was a Russian writer and Jewish. He is revered as one of the greatest and most influential authors of all time. I recommend reading it to everyone.

Lev (Leo) Tolstoy wrote the novel *War and Peace*, considered around the world as one of, if not the best, and most well-known books ever written. A famous quote by Tolstoy regarding life and death follows:

“The worst thing about death is the fact that when a man is dead it impossible any longer to undo harm you have done to him, or to do the good you haven’t done him. They say: live in such a way as to be always ready to die. I would say: live in such a way that anyone can die without having anything to regret.”

War and Peace, was published during 1869, inside Russia. It detailed the Napoleonic wars and injustices in Russia to its readers. The book was published in French in 1879. Worldwide demand for the book necessitated that it be published in English in New York for Americans Jews and others, in 1886 (139 years ago). The Biblical Jewish name: Lev, means “Giving Thanks.” Then Tolstoy learned that the English translation of Lev was “Leo” and in English meant Lion. He loved that he would be known as the lion in English and insisted that Leo be used everywhere and always across the world.

Another famous and interesting quote from Leo Tolstoy is: “Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself. All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. If you look for perfection, you’ll never be content.” We all know family life is an important value to Masons.

Lev N. Tolstoy, born on September 9, 1828, was a Russian novel writer. Leo wanted to become a Freemason, like his brother was, but he did not. Without question, Leo Tolstoy was very knowledgeable on the subject of Freemasonry. His descriptions of Masonic rituals in *War and Peace* were extremely accurate and detailed. During his lifetime in Russia, Masonry was considered to hold a philosophy promoting personal worth, liberty, and freedom, which rulers in charge felt was against the best interest of the state. As a famous author, he could have been put to death if he joined our fraternity, as an example of what not to do in that country. Leo Tolstoy died November 20, 1910 (at 82 years old).

Here is a direct quote on Masonry from *War and Peace*. Book 6, Chapter 7.

“He divided the Brothers he knew into four categories. In the first he put those who did not take an active part in the affairs of the lodges or in human affairs, but were exclusively occupied with the mystical science of the order: with questions of the threefold designation of God, the three primordial elements—sulfur, mercury, and salt—or the meaning of the square and all the various figures of the temple of Solomon. Pierre respected this class of Brothers to which the elder ones chiefly belonged, including, Pierre thought, Joseph Alexéevich himself, but he did not share their interests. His heart was not in the mystical aspect of Freemasonry.

In the second category Pierre reckoned himself and others like him, seeking and vacillating, who had not yet found in Freemasonry a straight and comprehensible path, but hoped to do so.

In the third category he included those Brothers (the majority) who saw nothing in Freemasonry but the external forms and ceremonies, and prized the strict performance of these forms without troubling about their purport or significance. Such were Willarski and even the Grand Master of the principal lodge.

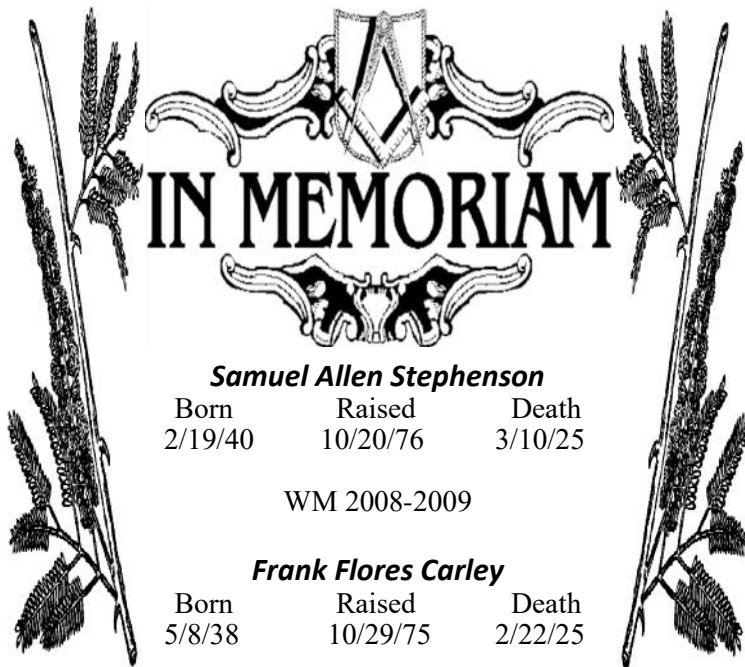
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Finally, to the fourth category also a great many Brothers belonged, particularly those who had lately joined. These according to Pierre's observations were men who had no belief in anything, nor desire for anything, but joined the Freemasons merely to associate with the wealthy young Brothers who were influential through their connections or rank, and of whom there were very many in the lodge.

Pierre began to feel dissatisfied with what he was doing. Freemasonry, at any rate as he saw it here, sometimes seemed to him based merely on externals. He did not think of doubting Freemasonry itself, but suspected that Russian Masonry had taken a wrong path and deviated from its original principles. And so toward the end of the year he went abroad to be initiated into the higher secrets of the order."

William Wilkinson, Esq., Past Master



IN MEMORIAM


Samuel Allen Stephenson

Born	Raised	Death
2/19/40	10/20/76	3/10/25

WM 2008-2009

Frank Flores Carley

Born	Raised	Death
5/8/38	10/29/75	2/22/25



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APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO, Jr.	3	40
WALTER MARLIN ROBB	5	60
WILLIAM EDWARD WILKINSON	7	50
JOHN HENRY GARCIA	10	6
JON MCCARTY SCHMIDT	14	15
FREDERICK WILLIAM BASS	15	33
FRANK ELLIS TEICHMAN, Jr.	15	47
JOHN BABAUTA PANGELINAN	18	13
RICHARD COLLIN PRASBERRY	18	27
DAVID WAYNE REID	18	41
DAVID GRANT LURTSEMA	19	8
JUSTUS MATTHEW SMITH	19	2
RUSSELL WAYNE DOTY	20	31
WILLIAM RAY WHITE	20	60
ROBERT WILLIAM HESLIP	22	50
CHARLES BRUCE RAYMOND	22	16
LEIGH JARVIS CREIGHTON	23	34
JOHN RANDALL DIGHTON	24	32
LOGAN WILLIAM GAITHER	25	16
WILLIAM HAROLD ROSIER	26	36
ERIC DONOVAN MADDEN	27	9
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	28	53
WILLIAM RAYMOND HILL, Jr.	28	15
GAYLORD ANTHONY STUBBE	29	28

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY
JERRY CARL HALL	2
BENJAMIN DAVID DENTON	5
CLYDE RAYMOND SNOW	8
FLOYD KENNETH BERK	10
STEVE JOSEPH POCKUBA	11
EDDIE MARREL TAYLOR	11
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	12
JAN JULIUS HALVAX	14
CHARLES BRUCE RAYMOND	15
CLIFFORD TERRY	18
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	22
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	22
DONALD MELVIE JESS	25
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	25

If you see one of these brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday, or better yet, send a card or email!

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





From The Secretary



You may have noticed, I'm not all there myself.
Lewis Carrol

Many of you know or have experienced my sense of humor. While, I try to keep it in check, it slips out every so often. I served as a USF navigator for 20+ years, some of that in combat and high threat environments, and worked as a contractor training aircrew in one of the aircraft I flew and instructed in. Humor is a way we deal with stress, a way to deal with our own mortality. My brothers in the lodge who have also served can identify with my thoughts. The lessons of freemasonry have helped me keep my sense of humor in check. I have been told the only humor that is worse than military aviation? That of first responders and the medical profession.

The Annual Communication is coming. I received the proposed legislation that will be voted on. I sent out the synopsis of the legislation, as well as the full text of the proposed legislation to all those members who I have email addresses for. Under the Arizona Masonic Code, we will be reading the synopsis at the April stated meeting. I will try to make it as painless as possible. In conjunction with this, I will be sending out our submissions for our Master Architect Award, Mason of the Year Nomination, and Trestle board Award next week. (Still need to get a couple of signatures).

I want to thank Bros Rick Chimblo and Mark Goldrich for their work with the emergency lights in the lodge. They replaced the three lights that needed to be replaced, and Brother Mark designed and constructed the panels to cover the old openings. We need more brothers to step up and assist in the care of the lodge. Please see me if you are interested as I have a list of things that need to be done.

Here it is, the obligatory dues notice. If you have not paid your 2025 dues, please do so. If you need help, please let either the WM or myself know as we still have several tools at our disposal to assist.

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

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.

Ralph Francis, Ron Hill, Bo Paxton, Randall Dighton, Joe Shambo, Ben Denton, and Mary Yandell (Wes' wife).

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

April Stated Dinner

We will be serving pork tenderloins with white gravy, scalloped potatoes and locally sourced seasonal vegetables. I look forward to seeing many brethren for an evening of refreshment and fellowship. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, March 31st and can be made to the secretary.

Gaslight Theatre

This is the final push for our spring pilgrimage to the far east side of Tucson (Kolb Rd) to the Gaslight Theatre on **Friday, April 25th at 8:30 pm**. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$20 for children. The show is Beach Blanket Bee-Bop. We have 5 seats available.

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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

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 Deputy Treasurer.....Jon Schmidt, PM (Shari).
 SecretaryPaul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)
 Secretary EmeritusBob Conrad, PGM (Jackie)
 Senior DeaconKirk Klosowsky
 Junior DeaconLogan Gaither (Shelby)
 Senior StewardWilliam Predgo (Cheryl)
 Junior Steward.....TBA
 MarshalAnthony Covielo-Blinn
 ChaplainRafael Leidy-Escabi
 TylerP Scott Ceravolo
 Musician.....Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)
 Ritual AdvisorTBD
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 Trustee 2025.....Gabriel Class (Rosa)
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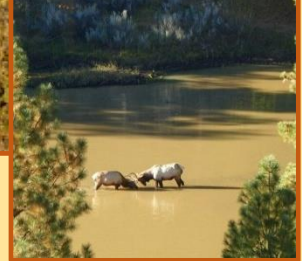
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Mohave County, Ariz. Freemasons Present
 :. THE 22nd ANNUAL :.
HUALAPAI MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR DEGREE



SATURDAY, May 17th, 2025



Particulars
Master Masons Only

Dues Card Required

09:00

Coffee and Donuts

10:00

Labor Begins

High Twelve

Grub

Registrate Yerself

~ Don't Dilly Dally Around ~

Contact W.B. Jed A Holley,
 Party Line: (760) 559-2164
 [Text] Or Email To:
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Bring Folding Money

\$40.00 Donation
~ Includes a Hole Bunch of stuff ~
 Free Entry and Hitchin Post
 Free Coffee and Donuts
 Free Steak Dinner
 Free **YEAR** Dangle for Bolo

Duds

This is Kingman! No need to get all gussied up. Boots and Jeans work. One of them fancy western shirts if ya like. Might be a chill of a morn so do bring ya a warm wrap. Hats are Invisible. **No Spurs!** We do got standards.

Take This Trail

Kingman City Limits: I-40 - Exit 51

Ride South on Stockton Hill Road bout two miles or so. Then yer gunna cross 'Root 66'. But don't stray off the trail, just keeper going straight. The dern name changes to Hualapai Mountain Road. Follow it a fair piece, oh 12 miles or so, to a big outfit, name of Hualapai Mountain Park - Ranger Station. **Pull Right!**

At the check in winda (no need to dismount) tell'em yer here for the Mason's Shindig (**Free Entry**). Thell poincha in the right direction.

Official Bolo Tie

Bolo \$20.

Working Tools

Masonic Education for Outdoor Degrees: The Chuck Wagon was invented by Freemason Charles Goodnight in 1866. Bro. Col. Goodnight, a Texas Ranger and Cattleman, along with his partner and friend, Bro. Oliver Loving, a rancher, rounded up stray cattle from all over Texas and herded the Doggies to Bro. John Chisum's Spread near Fort Sumner in the New Mexico Territory. This would become known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail. He needed a conveyance for their Grub along the trail and the Chuck Wagon was born. The Brothers were members of Phoenix Lodge No. 275 in Weatherford, Texas, and are portrayed in the book and talking picture show **Lonesome Dove**.





Cleaning Out Your Closets?

We need your shoes!

 **Location**

 **Dates**

 **Contact**

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

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