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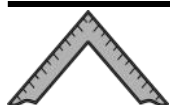
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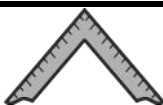
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From The East



“Everything we hear is an opinion, not fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth”

-Marcus Aurelius

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. We are now in May of 2025. We had a great time at cigar night and at the Gaslight Theatre. Everyone seems to enjoy these fellowship events and each seems to bring out a different group of Brethren. It's great to see different Brethren interacting in different ways! All are welcome at the next event! We also will shortly have several degrees coming up and it would be great to have you join us .

I've been thinking a lot lately about the complexity of interpersonal interactions. The quote above is from Marcus Aurelius and I believe it's important for each one of us to keep in mind. As we navigate interactions with others it becomes evident that “truth” is not a fixed point but rather a multifaceted gem, reflecting light in endless variations. Each of us perceives everything through the lens of our own experiences, biases, and beliefs which combine to form our own unique perspective.

By embracing the diversity of perspectives, we enrich our own understanding of others and add depth to our appreciation of the human experience. By acknowledging that our perspective of another may be an illusion based on the distortion of our own lens we pave the way for greater harmony, empathy, and mutual understanding.

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**

May Calendar

Mon May 5	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed May 7	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed May 14	FC Degree Practice	7:00 pm
Wed May 21	Legislation Discussion	7:00 pm
Mon May 26	Memorial Day	
Wed May 28	FC Degree Practice	7:00 pm
Fri May 30	Cigar Night (Anthony's)	7:00 pm
Mon Jun 2	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Jun 4	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Jun 5-7	Annual Communication (Phoenix)	

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

Brothers, Brethren and Bros

As Masons, we are constantly referring to individuals as; Brother, Brothers or Brethren. I thought it might educational to explore some definitions and accepted rules of conduct among “Brethren”.

In simplest form, Brothers are defined as male offspring of the same parents..

The dictionary also declares the term Brother and its plural “Brethren” may be used as a formal or solemn address or in referring to the members of a profession, society, or religious denomination.

As Masons, referring to ourselves as Brethren is accurate both in the Professional sense and as members of a Society. As Masons, we are committed to definite rules of conduct within our Society. In addition to Truth, Relief and Brotherly Love, there are a number of other Standards of Conduct that Masons swear to adhere to and support. Since ideas, inventions and accepted forms of conduct tend to spread throughout civilization, is it possible that:

- 1) Just observing how Masons conduct themselves has influenced society in general;
- 2) Has behavior which is acceptable to our overall society influenced Masonry; or
- 3) Is there a set of societal standards which are recognized regardless of the level of “civilization”.

Brethren who strictly follow the ten commandments in the Judeo-Christian religions certainly follow a strict set of rules and standards. Some of these are incorporated into our Masonic Code.

Although the term “Bro” has generally gained a wide usage beginning in the 20th century, the earliest known use of “bro” as a shortened form of “brother” dates back to around 1530 in the writing of Thomas Lupset, an ecclesiastic and scholar.

“Bro” is an informal, slang term that can mean “brother” or a male friend, or used as a friendly way to address a man. The term “bro” has also come to be associated with a certain type of young, male culture, often characterized as hearty, athletic, and party-loving. As a result of the television show, “How I met your mother”, a “Bro Code” was developed with 100 rules. While some of these rules may align to a few of the Masonic obligations, for the most part they support a hearty, athletic, and party-loving young male culture. A few of these codes are:

50: A Bro never willingly relinquishes possession of a remote control.

51: When a Bro is with his Bros, he is not a vegetarian.

52: If you tell a Bro you will do something, you must honor your word

53: If a bro asks you for a loan of less than 10 bucks, you give it to him, not asking him to return it. If he wants to return, he will.

OK, so maybe the Masonic standards of conduct have not seriously impacted the “Bro Code”. I find that when I am researching a subject, my level of knowledge regarding that subject is expanded. Although they are not “Bros”, it turns out there is a “Girl Code”. The Girl code is a set of unspoken but sacred rules that help set the foundation for how women’s friendships should be:

1: Don’t go after your friend’s ex or crush

2: Keep secrets secret

3: Be honest, even if it hurts

4: Not everything is a competition

5: Post photos only if both of you look good

6: Be able to be serious and laugh

7: Provide unconditional support even if you don’t agree

8: Share the spotlight

9: Not everything is a personal attack

10: Breaking girl code isn’t the end of a friendship, but the lack of an apology is.

It would appear that the “Sisters” have a better handle on acceptable conduct in society than the “Bros”. However; those of us who have been married for a length of time already know that the female gender is more often right than their male counterparts.

As always, this article is meant to instill a desire to explore the question of “who influenced who?” rather than define an answer, but my personal opinion is that rules and standards of conduct is a combination of; Masonic behavior modeling a set of standards for society, and polite society has independently developed standards which are a recognized and acceptable part of “civilization”. Polite society notwithstanding, doesn’t it behoove us to show the world that on becoming a Master Mason, we have become better men. Let us model behaviors and actions that help to instill a proper regard for a civilized set rules and standards of conduct for the world.

Sam Greer, PM
Senior Warden



From The South

Masonic texts tell us that Freemasonry is a progressive science taught in allegory and symbolism. Lodge officers are not merely 'Administrators' - they are also allegorical builders of a sacred geometry that binds mankind and the Universe. They appeal to the human spirit on different planes of esoteric significance. Let us explore these esoteric connections as we engage in our ritualistic studies of the ancient craft.

In the East, the Worshipful Master can represent Spirit – the Divine Spark – guiding the Lodge in search of Truth. His gavel, like Divine will, breaks off the unnecessary and shapes our imperfections. Spirit, the eternal "I AM" and source of wisdom, calls each brother from darkness to light.

In the West, the Senior Warden personifies the Soul, the point of contact between the Spiritual and Material. Through the struggles of human existence, the Soul compels one to think critically about justice and harmony in that inner space where, through thoughtful reflection, moral understanding dawns.

At high twelve stands the Junior Warden in the South, as the Intellect, the motivating factor behind the necessary labor of daily life. Just as the sun at meridian height casts its greatest energy – and as such, it is the catalyst for all life on Earth – so governs the junior warden in the South with focused authority.

The Senior Deacon carrying a caduceus of Hermes is the living link between the Soul (the Senior Warden) and Spirit (Worshipful Master). The path the Senior Deacon walks from East to West is the path of the Soul. If the cable tow binds the initiate to the Craft, then the Senior Deacon binds the divine to the labor of the Lodge.

In the Junior Deacon's measured pace, we find the link between the Soul and the Intellect and clearly appreciate the need for a steady balance between our deliberate actions and the harmonious principles of the Craft. His station near the pillars of Strength and Beauty reminds us of this important balance.

Looking upon the Lodge esoterically as a temple in which Spirit, Soul, and Intellect unite to represent man and his condition, we find that Masonic teachings encourage deeper reflection and the continuing development of virtues and brotherly love within us.

Speaking of the principles that bind us together in harmony, our May Stated dinner will feature a mouthwatering spread of juicy, all-American hamburgers and perfectly crisp, golden French fries. If you need to cancel your dinner, please notify the Secretary by Monday evening before the Stated dinner. Let us gather for Lodge business, enjoy good company and a fine meal together.

Moe Momayez
Junior Warden

MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELLE	3	9
ANTHONY COVIELLO-BLINN	9	11
ARIF EMRE ERKOCA	10	21
ELMER IVAN ACUNA	13	10
BRUCE DANIEL PYLES	16	13
AUSTIN RILEY PENA	17	2
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE, Jr	18	14
BRUCE EDWARD FULTZ	18	21
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20	8
DESMOND LEWIS HOOEY	20	62
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	22	40
PETER GOLDEN WILLIAMSON	23	64
PETER SCOTT CERAVOLO	24	2
JOHN PHILLIPS MATTHEWS, Jr	26	63
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	27	60
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	29	34
NICHOLAS JOHN POSUNIAK	30	10

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY
RONALD LEE RICHEY	5
HOWARD MARC STEINBERG	5
RICHARD DEWAYNE VAUGHN	5
SCOTT ALLEN CLICK	8
RICHARD COLLIN RASBERRY	9
URIEL SOLANO	9
DAVID WAYNE EATON	10
ALLEN KENT PHILLIPS	10
KENT ALLEN VANDERKOLK	11
ANDREW HALE LYONS	13
THEODORE HARRISON FAHS	14
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	14
AUTIN RILEY PENA	16
KENNETH CHARLES WILLIAMS, Sr	21
PHILLIP LEE SPAULDING	25
RONALD STANLEY HILL	27
WALTER HOWARD FRITZ	28
JOHN RANDALL DIGHTON	29

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



MASONIC MUSINGS ON MORTALITY

Old Ages Is Coming To You—Cherished Liberty

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 these words for the first time when I was 21. They had a profound and lifelong, lasting effect on me when I heard them in the process of becoming a Master Mason.

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 imagined 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.

The Esterwegen Germany Concentration Camp housed over 2,000 political, civilian prisoners during World War II in 1943. Seven Belgian Freemasons formed a Masonic Lodge in secret to create fraternal activity while living and starving together under great duress with over a hundred people in Hut 6. In French “**Loge Liberté Chérie**” translates into English as Cherished Liberty Lodge. It began on November 15, 1943. The Masons’ names were Paul Hanson, Luc Somerhausen, Jean De Schrijver, Jean Sugg, Henri Story, Amedee Miclotte, and Guy Hannecart.

They started their lodge to practice Freemasonry with friendship and brotherly love under the most difficult circumstances I can imagine. The lodge was started by seven Belgians. These officers initiated, passed, and raised one Brother to become a Master Mason, his name was Bro. Fernand Erauw.

Several Catholic Priests served bravely as Tylers and protectors to guard the lodge from cowans and eavesdroppers so the officers could meet in secret. They would all have been punished and most certainly killed if the Mason-hating Nazis in charge found them out. The prisoners were ordered to sort ammunition and radio parts during the day on wooden tables during the day. They quietly rebelled by opening a Masonic lodge at night. In their pre-war work lives the Masonic Belgians included a university professor, a doctor, a Ph.D. pharmacist, a lawyer who served as judge in local government, and a newspaper reporter journalist. Food was scarce and nutrition was miserable. On average, all the men lost 4 kilograms (8.8 pounds) of body weight each month they were in the camp.

Since the lodge officers were unable to communicate with the Grand Orient of Belgium, they could not obtain dispensation to open their lodge, so it was considered a clandestine lodge. Records and documents were scarce. Both previously imprisoned and other concerned Masons worked to have the Cherished Liberty Lodge recognized. At first it was not accepted. However, with persistence and testimony from survivors it was legitimately chartered. Loge Liberté Chérie finally unanimously received a retroactive lodge charter on October 22, 1987, by all 249 delegates present at the Grand Orient of Belgium Grand Communication.

There is much more to this story. A great deal of research through French and German documents by author Bro. Alexander P. Herbert resulted in a well-written book called, “*A Light in the Darkness*.” The book is worth reading.

An architect named Jean de Salle created an eerily striking monument to commemorate the heroic efforts many men made to create their secret lodge. It depicts seven men of skin and bones standing side by side holding hands. It is located in a cemetery in Esterwegen, Germany. I cannot display it here due to copyright restrictions. I easily found the image using the search term, “liberté chérie sculpture.” I hope you will take the time to search for it using your browser of choice to see this important, and utterly, unforgettable silhouette.

A memorial was placed at the Cemetery on November 13, 2004, by the then Grand Master of Belgium Wim Rutten, who said: “We are gathered here today on this Cemetery in Esterwegen, not to mourn, but to express free thoughts in public.—In memory of our brothers; human rights should never be forgotten.”

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From The Secretary

You will wait a time with patience...



Patience, something a lot of us are seem to be lacking. Being retired military, I learned patience from day one — hurry up and wait. In the last several weeks, my patience has been tested. A little over a week ago, my wife broke her ankle as the result of a misstep while trying to avoid one of our cats. We spent many hours in the ER waiting for the decision that we already knew—the ankle was broken in several places. Surgery was the next day, and of course, there was the wait while the surgeon was working his magic. Surgery was successful and after a couple of days in the hospital, she was moved to a physical rehab facility for physical and occupational therapy. Hours of keeping her company, but there are no regrets. So while she is in rehab, I get to try to put the trestle board together.

With the Annual Communication rapidly approaching, I submitted all of our award nominations—trestle board, website, Mason of the Year, and Master Architect Award. We have earned the last award every year since it was implemented. This award is the result of the hard word of the officers and members of the lodge. I just document it. In addition, we sponsored two scholarships, both Rainbow Girls, and also submitted two teacher grants which were approved. It is always an honor to participate in the education process.

We are in the home stretch for paying your lodge dues. As of publication, we have 20 brothers who have not paid their 2025 dues. Today I mailed out the last dues reminders. The next letters to go out will indicate the brother is in danger of being suspended. If you are suspended in the lodge, you lose membership in ALL organizations that require masonic membership. So, if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. If you need help with them, please let either the WM or myself know as we still have several means at our disposal to assist. But, we can't help if we don't know.

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, Craig Gross, Catheryn Simpson (broken ankle). 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.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

June 5-7

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel in Mesa. Most of the business will be handled on June 6th and 7th (Friday and Saturday). You can register on line via the Grand Lodge website—<https://www.azmasons.org/annual-communication>. Contact information for the hotel is also listed on the website. Cut off date for the hotel is May 18th, and for registration May 31st. For the officers of the lodge, certain expenses are covered under our by-laws. If interested, please contact the secretary.



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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

For use of the Lodge Building contact the Lodge Secretary at tl4so@outlook.com

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 Senior WardenSam Greer (Paddy)
 Junior Warden.....Moe Momayez (Caroline)
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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 Coviello-Blinn
 ChaplainRafael Leidy-Escabi
 TylerP Scott Ceravolo
 Musician.....Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)
 Ritual AdvisorTBD
 Trustee 2025Hannes Meyer, PM (Joyce)
 Trustee 2025Rafael Leidy-Escabi
 Trustee 2025.....Gabriel Class (Rosa)
 Trustee 2026.....Logan Gaither (Shelby)
 Trustee 2027William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie)
 Website EditorJohn Prokop (Sharlot)
 Widow's AssistancePaul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)



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SINCERITY**

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143rd GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA - ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

June 5th - June 7th, 2025

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone Number _____

Your Address _____

Street Address _____

Street Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Your E-mail _____

Masonic Title _____

2025 Dues Card # _____

Grand Jurisdiction _____

Ladies Program Information

Will your Lady accompany you? If so please provide:

Lady's First Name: _____ Lady's Last Name: _____

Lady's Email: _____

Registration

Please make your selections below. Once complete, total at the bottom for Payment.

☐ Voting Member Conference Fee (Past Masters or Pedestal Officers) \$75.00

☐ NON-Voting Conference Fee (Arizona Master Masons who are not eligible to vote, but wish to attend the proceedings) \$35.00

☐ Ladies Program: Open to all the Ladies attending \$60.00

☐ Proceedings Book QTY: ____ x \$45



**143rd GRAND LODGE OF
ARIZONA - ANNUAL
COMMUNICATION**

June 5th - June 7th, 2025

☐ Thursday, Grand Master's Buffet Saddle up for a hearty Cowboy-inspired feast featuring flavorful Flank Steak, savory Chili, warm Cornbread, Chef's Choice Vegetables, tender Roasted Chicken, and a selection of delicious Seasonal Pies. A true western delight!

QTY: ____ X \$70.00

☐ Kids Meal (12 Under) Thursday Buffet

QTY: ____ X \$25.25

☐ Fridays Men's Lunch Sandwich meal includes fruit, chips, cookie, and water
\$35.00

☐ Friday Ladies Lunch Buffet A refreshing Spinach Salad with strawberries, blueberries, pecans, and poppy seed dressing, paired with an assortment of Chicken, Egg, and Tuna Salad finger sandwiches, accompanied by warm rolls and butter. Finish with a classic treat: Apple Cobbler and creamy Vanilla Ice Cream. \$ 35.00

☐ Grand Master Elect Buffet Savor a delightful meal featuring Lemon Garlic Chicken, Mahi Mahi, flavorful Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, a fresh Garden Salad, and a decadent slice of Red Velvet Cake to finish.
QTY: ____ X \$70.00

☐ Kids Meal (12 Under) Friday Buffet

QTY: ____ X 25.25

☐ Saturday Men's Lunch Sandwich meal includes fruit, chips, cookie, and water
\$35.00

☐ Saturday Ladie's Box Lunch Sandwich meal includes fruit, chips, cookie, and water
\$35.00

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Arizona

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Event Registration must be received no later than May 5th, 2025