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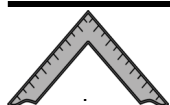
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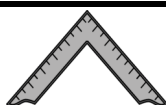
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From The East



Brethren,

The Lodge has been dark, which is the word we are using when no Stated Meetings are taking place and fewer activities are going on in the Lodge. This is the time for vacations and travel. I hope you all had a great time off and were able to do all your enjoyable summer activities. During this time I went to the Lodge to pick up a few items. It was an eerie feeling going through the hallway and the various rooms. Memories brought back many activities that had taken place in the building and now it was quiet and literally dark.

This experience triggered an interesting train of thought in me. The Lodge being dark means it is void of life and activities. In our lectures we learn that the Lodge is really not the building, but the Masons that assemble within. No wonder then, that the building feels abandoned. The Lodge is missing. So when we say that the Lodge is dark, we relate much more to the building than to the Lodge of Masons, who happen not to meet at that time.

But then, when I spin this thought some more, I am really questioning if a veil of darkness is actually draping over the Lodge of Masons. Observing attendance when the Lodge is not dark makes me think the life that used to be there, has faded. This type of darkness concerns me. If there are fewer and fewer men to carry the Masonic Light, then it is natural that the Lodge turns dark. My question is, if we can enlighten the Lodge again. I don't mean to have Stated Meetings again after coming out of the Dark, but if we can carry some light into the Masonic Lodge by supporting and attending meetings and activities again.

So all you seekers of further light in Masonry, let's come together again. Lighten up the place with your presence. The officers are trying to make improvements, but only a few cannot be expected to carry all the load. If the Lodge is a body of Masons coming together, we must all work together for a common good.

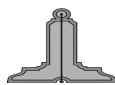
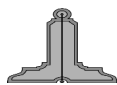
See you at Lodge.

Aug. - Sep. 2019 Calendar

August 1st	Thursday Crew 7am
August 3rd	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am (Coffee available at 7 am)
August 7th	Ritual Practice
August 8th	Thursday Crew 7am
August 14th	Master Mason Degree 6:30 pm
August 15th	Thursday Crew 7am
August 15th	Trustee Meeting 7 pm
August 21st	Master Mason Degree 6:30 pm
August 22nd	Thursday Crew 7am
August 28th	Degree or Practice
August 29th	Thursday Crew 7am
August 31st	Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am (at Laverna's)
September 4th	Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm Stated Meeting 7pm
September 5th	Thursday Crew 7am
September 7th	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am (Coffee available at 7 am)
September 11th	Degree or Practice
September 12th	Thursday Crew 7am
September 18th	Degree or Practice
September 19th	Thursday Crew 7am
September 25th	Degree or Practice
September 26th	Thursday Crew 7am
September 28th	Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am (at Laverna's)

-Fraternally,

Hannes Meyer, Worshipful Master



What I Did Over My Summer Vacation

As some of you already know, I went on vacation through the whole month of July. I took my travel trailer, dog and motorcycle up to a town named Prairie City, Oregon, and parked in an RV park for the month that I was away. My daughter works for the National Forest Service in the town of Prairie City and recently purchased a house thirteen miles west of there in the town of John Day, Oregon. During the time that I was away I did a two week motorcycle ride up into Canada and also installed a paver-stone patio for my daughter at her new house. It was a spectacular and invigorating month for me and it was good to get away and turn-off the responsibilities of everything here in Tucson.

Before I left on my trip I installed Square and Compass stickers on both my truck and motorcycle. I met no fewer than 10 people on that trip that approached me and said, "Hello, my brother," as they encountered the stickers on my vehicles. They were from all over the Pacific Northwest, California and Canada. During the last few days of my trip, my RV park neighbor was a Mason from Cheney, Washington. He excitedly ran over to greet me and introduce himself as I pulled into my RV Site after a long day of laboring on my daughter's patio. He had noticed my masonic sticker on my motorcycle when he had pulled into his site earlier in the day. We had long talks together about our respective lodges and about what it meant to each of us to belong to the fraternity.

The trailer park happened to be adjacent and across from the town's historic graveyard. I found myself,

every morning, while walking my dog, exploring that graveyard and searching for the headstones of passed masons. I counted 16 gravestones with Square and Compass markings, indicating that there lied a past brother. Many also had markings indicating that their wives were passed members of the Eastern Star.

As I traveled on my motorcycle through the many towns and cities of the Pacific Northwest and Canada it was interesting for me to seek out Masonic lodges as I rode through those towns and I wondered how many of those were still active. The Masonic Lodge building in Prairie City is a stately old block building, long since inactive as a lodge and now serves the town as an antique store. Ironically, they had no Masonic memorabilia in the store, which was sad.

As I worked my daughter's paver-stone patio, shoveling yards and yards of dirt, gravel, and sand and carefully cutting and placing each of its countless blocks, I was reminded that this too was masonry, although of the operative type.

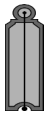
On the long drive back to Tucson I realized that although I had left Tucson to, "get away from it all", Masonry had become such an important and indelible part of my psyche. I spent the whole month of July with Free Masonry on the brain in one way or another throughout the trip. I am proud to be a Mason and excited to get back to work with Tucson #4 and be with my home lodge brothers again.

AUGUST—SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
AUGUST		
JAN JULIUS HALVAX	1	1
JAMES EDWARD MOORE	1	7
LESLIE CARL ERDMAN	13	44
JOAQUIN ACUNA MUNOZ	14	6
EDDIE MARREL TAYLOR	15	11
STEPHEN JOHN PATRICK	20	22
LUCAS KIRKWOOD THORNE	20	5
ALBERT JAMES CARR	21	6
PAUL ALAN SIMPSON	21	33
RICHARD JAMES GONIA	24	14
RICHARD ROBERT SMITH	26	4
DONALD HUNTON PHELPS	27	22
RALPH ROSCOE FRANCIS	28	45
JON ROMAN HAHN	28	40
TODD MATTHEW CANALE	29	1
OWEN BRICE LAMB	29	63
WILLIAM EUGENE ADDIS	30	39
JAMES PAYTON ROLLINS	30	13
SEPTEMBER		
TRAVIS ALVISE KISNER	2	20
FLOYD KENNETH BERK	3	44
GORDON SCOTT HAINES	3	5
CLARK WATKIN MUNGER	5	35
JIMMIE DON CORRIE	6	41
ARTHUR RONALD ADAIR	8	43
THEODORE ROSS VIEU	11	27
RONALD STANLEY HILL	13	24
ALLEN KENT PHILLIPS	16	20
GERALD LEE FRANCIS	19	46
ROGER NOBLE SMITH	19	34
CRAIG LEE GROSS	21	36
DAVID FREDERICK BERRY	23	22
GALE EDWARD PETERSON	24	39
SANDEEP SINGH BAINS	25	6
WILLIAM THOMAS CLARKE	25	24
LAWRENCE WILLIAM GAULT	27	40
KERRY ROSS GOOLSBY	29	21

Fraternally,

-Richard Vaughn, Senior Warden



From The South



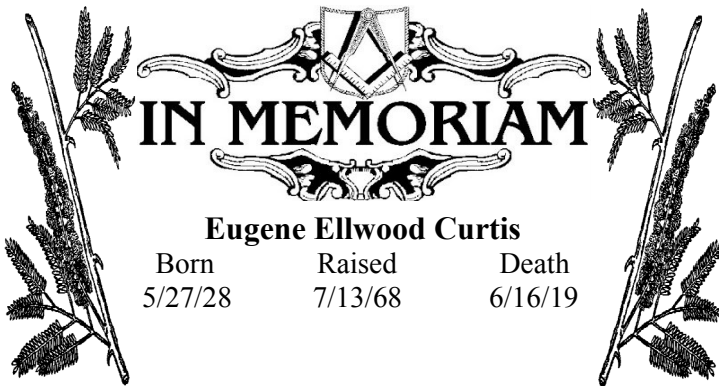
Greetings Brothers from the South,

As we trudge through the hot muggy month of August and make our way into September, we continue to gather for fellowship on the first Saturday for breakfast and as usual I would like thank my group of volunteers that always help make it a success. Brother Jan Halvax, Brother Phil Matthews, our Mason of the Year Guy Hummon our chief bottle washer who is currently recovering from a knee operation and as always our grits master Brother Gene Wickey. Also as we move into September with our stated meeting Dinner I would like to remind everyone to sign up for reservations and remember that cost is \$10. I look forward to seeing you all my brothers and continuing our fellowship and helping each other to learn and understand our rituals.

Cheers,

Robert Ribbeck

Junior Warden, 2019



Eugene Ellwood Curtis
 Born 5/27/28 Raised 7/13/68 Death 6/16/19



From The Editor



People often ask me: "Do editors ever sleep?" The answer unfortunately is 'Not much'. We think about our deadlines continuously, are waiting for the articles to come in, see if they are any good, asking ourselves do we have enough material or too much? In the trade it is known as the 'Grey Hair Position'.

You may now have the definitive feeling that this time I did not have enough material and am using my editorial privileges to fill up some space. You would be right. Everybody was on vacation and not everybody thought about contributing to our newsletter.

We are planning to switch over to a new, electronic format next year. That format will be more flexible size-wise, meaning we do not have to fill an exact amount of pages. So we can publish even more articles in an edition!

So let your (masonic) creativity flow and challenge me with an abundance of material. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the month of publishing.

See you in my Mail Box!

Jan Halvax



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

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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June 29th & July 27th



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

(Your Masonic playground)

Meetings 2nd Thursday - (Dark July & August)

3959 E Mabel Street, Tucson, AZ

Stop in and say hello - Wives are welcome

6pm Pot Luck - & 7pm meeting

Ken Lewis, Secretary (520) 349-0709



Here is a picture taken by Worshipful Bro William Wilkinson. It shows the Richardson 6th grade Student Wellness Council whose members taught all 350 students K-5th grade about the benefits of keeping hydrated. Also shown is Principal Henry Linker, an avid supporter of the 'Hydration Program' supported by Tucson Lodge #4.

The School and Family Celebration was held on May 17th.

Charity at Work!



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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. Email addresses will only be used for these purposes and lodge correspondence.

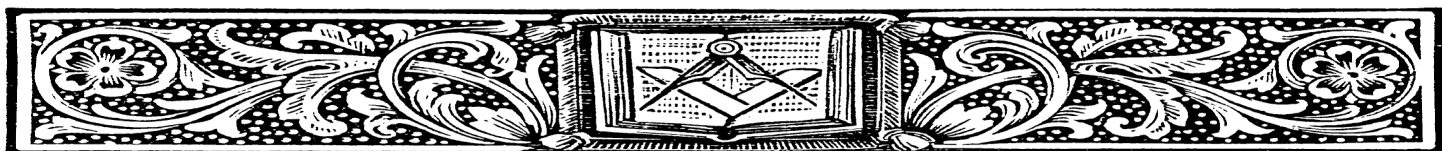
Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM

BREAKFAST!

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

Saturday Sep 7th 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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