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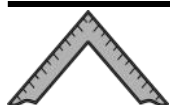
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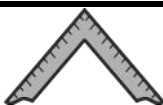
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FROM THE EAST



"Light reveals the path, but only the traveler can walk it."

— Anonymous

Hello from the East,

Sometimes in life, we get a clear picture of what we need to do. Call it light, call it clarity, call it whatever you want. It's that moment where the fog lifts and you can actually see the way forward. But here's the truth—seeing the path is one thing, walking it is another.

The floor can be lit up right in front of us, but it's not going

to move by itself. You've got to take that first step, then the next, and the next. Light gives us direction, but action is what makes that direction real.

It's the same in our personal lives as it is in our communities. We can sit around all day with good advice, big plans, or even wisdom from generations before us, but if no one acts on it, nothing changes. Knowledge and light don't mean much until they're lived out.

Think about your own life for a second. How many times have you known what the right move was but held back? Maybe it was fear, maybe doubt, maybe just comfort. Either way, the path was there—you just hadn't walked it yet. I think we all know that feeling.

So here's my encouragement this month: stop looking at the path and start moving down it. Maybe it's fixing a broken relationship, maybe it's finally committing to a goal you've put off, or maybe it's just taking better care of yourself. The light is already there. You just need to start walking.

Light is a gift, but it doesn't carry you forward. That's on us. Step into it.

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*

September Calendar

Mon Sep 1	Reservations For Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Sep 3	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed Sep 10	Fellowcraft Degree	7:00 pm
Fri Sep 19	Gaslight Theatre	8:15 pm
Fri Sep 26	Cigar Night	7:00 pm
Mon Sep 29	Dinner Reservations Due	Noon
Oct 1	Stated Meeting	

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

Commitment

Ask anyone who has been married for a while and they will tell you that you must be committed to the marriage (or relationship) for it to work. Commitment is essential in completing any goal or task. That doesn't mean that everyone who is initially committed to something carries that task to completion. Situations change, people change, priorities change and people must adapt to achieve a balance between health, relationships, goals and responsibilities. In America, roughly 50% of all marriages fail. Were these couples never fully committed, or did reality force them to seek a balance between the issues mentioned above?

Many of us have stated that their goal is to lose weight, lower their blood pressure, get into better physical shape or improve their memory. These are excellent personal goals, but are we actually committed to achieving these goals? Turns out we don't have to be committed, we just have to remember to take the right pill. Instant goal achievement and we didn't even have to cut out our dessert after dinner, or learn to meditate. Well, maybe except for the better physical shape part. There is no pill for muscle toning. It takes commitment to a physical training program to tone and strengthen muscle. The same is true for our brain, putting all those gray cells to work memorizing subject matter, solving problems and understanding concepts will fine tune your mind to operate at peak efficiency.

Now consider committing to a personal goal that doesn't involve another person. When you commit (obligate) to completing a personal goal, you are making an obligation to yourself to complete the task. If the task is not completed, whom have you let down? In the case of Free Masonry, you came to learn about Masonry, perhaps liked what you saw and (of your own Free Will) committed yourself to becoming a Master Mason. The road to Master Mason is not an easy one. If you speak with a number of Brothers, they will admit that somewhere along the road, they have experienced doubts and concerns regarding their commitment, but, came to the conclusion that their Masonic obligation was a worthwhile goal that they owed to themselves to complete. That's not say that there are not extenuating circumstances when reprioritizing one's goals. My personal priorities are: God, Family, Masonry, and they must be in balance. Each person must decide for themselves.

All of that being said, there is no magic Masonry pill. Obligating yourself to learn to be a Mason requires time, work, dedication and personal commitment. The good news is that Free Masonry is the oldest and largest Fraternity on this planet, and since the first of our basic tenets is Brotherly love, there is an entire Lodge of brother Masons here to encourage you in your travels and are committed to listen to your concerns.

A closing thought, **Listen**, and **Silent** are spelled with the same letters. What conclusions might each one of you come to regarding this similarity?

Sam Greer, PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As the summer winds down, it is customary to reflect upon the books we read over our holidays. Along the same line, I think it is appropriate that we take a moment and revisit some of the seminal texts of our Craft and relearn their timeless lessons.

I wish to share two passages related to the symbolism of the plumb and the position of the Junior Warden in the Lodge. The first comes from 'The Symbolism of Freemasonry' by A.G. Mackey (first published in 1882), and the second from 'The Meaning of Masonry' by W.L. Wilmshurst (first published in 1922). Let's look at what these passages are trying to tell us in pursuit of spiritual perfection.

"The plumb is a symbol of rectitude of conduct and inculcates that integrity of life and undeviating course of moral uprightness which can alone distinguish the good and just man. As the operative workman erects his temporal building with strict observance of that plumb-line, which will not permit him to deviate a hair's breadth to the right or to the left, so the speculative Mason, guided by the unerring principles of right and truth inculcated in the symbolic teachings of the same implement, is steadfast in the pursuit of truth, neither bending beneath the frowns of adversity nor yielding to the seductions of prosperity."

"Midway between the Master – light from the East – and the 'Moon' in the West is placed the Junior Warden in the South, symbolizing the third greater light, the 'Sun'. And, masonically, the 'sun' stands for the illuminated human intelligence and understanding, which results from the material brain-mind being thoroughly permeated and enlightened by the Spiritual Principle; it denotes these two in a state of balance and harmonious interaction, the junior Warden personifying the balance-point or meeting-place of man's natural reason and his spiritual intuition. Accordingly, it is he who, as representing this enlightened mental condition, asserts in the Second Degree (which is the degree of personal development where that condition is theoretically achieved) that he has been enabled in that degree to discover a sacred symbol placed in the center of the building and alluding to the G.A.O.T.U. What is meant is, of course, that the man who has in reality (and not merely ceremonially) advanced to the second degree of self-development has now discerned that God is not outside him, but within him and overshadowing his own "building" or organism; a discovery which he is thereupon urged to follow up with fervency and zeal so that he may more and more closely unify himself with this Divine Principle. This, however, is a process requiring time, effort and self-struggle."

These teachings represent the two sides of a coin. The segment on the plumb sets down and governs our social behavior -- external -- to live a life of unflagging rectitude. In contrast, the description of Junior Warden's position points to our personal endeavor -- internal -- to seek the Divine Light in ourselves. One tells us what we must do, and the other why.

Fraternally,
Moe Momayez - The Junior Warden

STATED MEETING DINNERS

After a careful and planned review, we are changing the way we handle our stated meeting dinners. For the first six months, the meals were essentially catered with a fixed per plate cost. To be frank, we were losing money. After some discussion, we have contracted with our local OES chapter (Saguaro #48) to provide our meals. The menu will be coordinated with the Junior Warden and the cost will remain the same. Our first meal will be pork chops with all the fixings. Our youth groups will continue to serve and clean-up as their way of "paying" for the use of the lodge for their meetings.

While this is a first for our lodge, the local OES chapters (and other appendant bodies) have provided meals for their host lodges. It is a win-win situation for everyone.

Reservations will still be required and the deadline will still be noon on the Monday prior. Reservations can still be made to the secretary.

On a side note, they may have one of their chapter cookbooks for sale. I believe there are several recipes from members of the lodge in it.

GASLIGHT THEATRE

We still have seats available for the Gaslight on **Friday, September 19th** for Phantom of the Opera. This is for the **8:30 pm** show. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. We have 30 reservations still available in our usual area. To make a reservation, please contact the secretary. Deadline for reservations is **August 31st** so we can let the Gaslight know if we need to release any of the reservations.

On a side note, we were looking another trip in the spring to see 009 (you can guess who that is about)

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, Ralph Francis, Ron Hill, Earl Starr, Donald Stevenson (shoulder surgery), Earl Shambo, Catheryn Simpson, 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.

SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
FLOYD KENNETH BERK	3	50
CLARK WATKIN MUNGER	5	41
JIMMIE DON CORRIE	6	47
ARTHUR RONALD ADAIR	8	49
RONALD STANLEY HILL	13	30
MOE MOMAYEZ	15	4
JOHN EDWARD NEVITT	16	45
ALLEN KENT PHILLIPS	16	26
THEODORE ROSS VIEU	16	33
GERALD LEE FRANCIS	19	52
ROGER NOBLE SMITH	19	40
CRAIG LEE GROSS, PGM	21	42
RICHARD ROBERT SMITH	26	10
TRAVIS ALVISE KISNER	29	26

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY
KENNETH ALAN MARCOUX	3
FRANK ELLIS TEICHMAN, Jr	4
THOMAS JAY HAYNIE, Jr	5
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICERNO	6
VINCENT MORENO SANTOS	6
CURTIS LEE WARREN	7
WILLIAM EDWARD WILKINSON	9
WILLIAM TAFOYA BELTRAN	12
JOHN ABDERHAMAN MURAD, Jr	12
NICHOLAS ANTHONY ANDRESS	13
RALPH ROSCOE FRANCIS	16
NICHOLAS LANE WERTS	16
CHARLES ALAN ROSIER	18
KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	19
LEIGH JARVIS CREIGHTON, MWGM	21
ENRIQUE PARES	22
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	22
IAN PAUL DAVEY	23
GARY RAY LARAMORE	27
RODNEY JOE HOPPER	28
JOHN HENRY GARCIA	30
STEPHEN JOHN PATRICK	30

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 Age Is Coming To You – Pope

Old age is coming to you, my Brother, dark shadowed on the swift wings of time.

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.

Alexander Pope (born 21 May 1688 – died 30 May 1744) was an English poet, satire author, and translator in London, England. Swift became an absolute expert in satiric deadpan, ironic style of writing essays and books. Pope was a colleague and friend of satirist Jonathan Swift. Some of Pope's work included *The Rape of the Lock*, *An Essay on Criticism*, *The Dunciad*, *An Essay on Man*, and his premier translation of the Roman author Homer's work into English. Pope edited some lines of Shakespeare's work as well.

Rendering to AI, "Alexander Pope was a Freemason. He was a member of [Lodge No. 16](#), which met at the "Goat at the Foot of the Haymarket" tavern in London. This lodge was constituted in 1729. Jonathan Swift was also a member of this lodge. Pope's membership in this specific lodge is well-documented."

Pope was not allowed, due to the laws current at the time preventing those not Catholic Church members from attending universities, teaching, voting, or holding public office. Alexander's aunt taught him to read. Pope later attended Twyford School, in 1698, and two Roman Catholic schools in London illegally. Pope read any available literature ravenously and further educated himself. He is considered one of the most prominent poets of the 18th century.

Pope is still frequently quoted for his famous phrases like, "To err is human; to forgive, divine"; "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"; "A little learning is a dangerous Thing;" "If you want to know what God thinks about money just look at the people He gives it to;" "You purchase pain with all that joy can give and die of nothing but a rage to live;" and "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed."

Pope's most well-known poem is, *The Rape of the Lock*. It is a satire a ridiculous high-society dispute where an English Lord clipped a lock of hair from a so-called Lady's head, but without her permission. The crux of the poem mocks the waste of useful human endeavor to focus on frivolous, non-productive pursuits by the gentry in the then current-time English society. I encourage you to read it.

Pope's *An Essay on Criticism*, chastised other poets who placed excessive value on following rhyme and meter in poetry from ancient poets and 18th century government rules to write poetry, than on more recent thoughts, topics, and innovative ideas. It is another work of useful, and relevant satire.

Brother Pope spent years translating the ancient original text written by Homer from the epic ancient poems, *The Iliad*, and *The Odessey*. They remain the best translations available.

Pope created a subscription series for his volumes of *The Iliad*. He published one each year for six years. Alexander Pope was paid 200 guineas for each volume. That was a lot of money in his era of life!

Pope had tuberculosis in his spine at 12 years old. It affected his health throughout his life. He died at the age of 56. He always lived as he wanted. He left a great legacy. He was a great man and a great Mason.

According to [Wikipedia](#), "when told by his physician, on the morning of his death, that he was better, Alexander Pope replied: 'Here am I, dying of a hundred good symptoms.' He died at his villa surrounded by friends on 30 May 1744, about eleven o'clock at night. On the previous day, 29 May 1744, Pope had called for a priest and received the Last Rites of the Catholic Church. He was buried in the nave of St Mary's Church, Twickenham."

Alexander Pope died 281 years ago. You might take a moment now to ponder what some Mason in the future can say about the life you led in a brief article 281 years from now.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

"You'll never feel ready, because ready isn't a feeling, it's a decision." Anon



I found this quote on my niece's Facebook page. She is a certified ophthalmic surgical technician, a town council woman, and owns her own photography business. She is wise beyond her years and a very loving wife and mother. Her comment on this post is that "it's going to live rent-free in my head". I heartily agree.

We are now approaching the last third of the year and as I usually do at this time, I give an update on our membership. We started the year with 208 members. We lost two to the celestial lodge above, had one demit, and another suspended for non-payment of dues in another jurisdiction (so he is suspended here as well). On the plus side, we raised one new master mason, had one affiliate, and another reinstated. We have conferred 5 degrees, 1 Entered Apprentice, 3 Fellowcraft and 1 Master Mason. As of this writing, we have 207 members on the books. To further break this down, we have 26 Senior Life Members, 11 relief, and 39 Perpetual Members who we have to pay per capita on. Doing the math, this leaves us with 131 members who are dues payers. Of these 131 members, we have 4 who have not yet paid their dues, one of which has already responded that he no longer wants to be a member of the craft. These 4 brothers will be suspended at the September stated meeting if I do not receive their dues.

Since our June stated meeting, we have had 10 pieces of mail come back as undeliverable, return to sender. Brothers, if you move, or change your email or phone number, please let me know. If you have activated your account in Grandview, you can update your own contact information. If you haven't, please drop a note to me. Next month, I will have an attachment on how to activate your Grandview account. This is important as we are going to electronic dues cards next year. On a case-by-case basis, I can and will print a paper dues card for those who don't have a smart phone.

I have received the latest copy of the Arizona Masonic Code which includes everything that was passed at the

Annual Communication in June (plus a couple of items that were left out from prior years). I will be sending this out via the email list later this week. If you are not on the list, I will send you an electronic copy upon request.

Over the last several weeks, I have received several emails purportedly from the Master, asking if you had a minute. If you replied, you would receive a request to pick up several gift cards for some nefarious reason. Needless to say, he never sent these out. If you do send out a request like this, it will be a formal request, with the lodge banner, through our usual method (same source as the trestle board).

I have also been working on our list of brothers who are deserving of longevity awards. The plan is to have them presented by our own MW Leigh Creighton on Wednesday, October 15th. Looking at the list, we have a lot of 50 year awards of gold. We have a 75 year member living in California. We will request a presentation be made to him.

I am trying to keep regular hours, but my wife's doctors appointments (after 3 surgeries in 5 months) drive the schedule. I am always available by email, text, and phone, and can set up appointments.

See you in lodge,

Paul A. Simpson, PM, 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
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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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Cans for Canines + Felines

This year Saguro #48 is supporting PACC ([Pima Animal Care Center](#)) and PCACC ([Pinal County Animal Care and Control](#)). Friends of PACC have had an aluminum can drive on-going since 2015. They accept aluminum beverage cans that are rinsed out. In our lodge, we have set up a donation bin for the aluminum cans. All money received for the can donation goes to helping pets in the shelter.



Masonic Community Family Picnic in the Park

Saturday October 25, 2025

10am - 3pm

Kiwanis Park

6111 S. All America Way

Tempe, Az 85283



Bring your
own beer. No
other alcohol
permitted

PRIZES



Burgers and Hotdogs

\$10.00 Entry

Children 8 and under FREE



Chili Cookoff

Tickets, Competition Sign up, or Questions

Contact: Debbie Vasquez

480-241-1481 or dvasquez1954@icloud.com

KARAOKE



Games



Cornhole Tournament



Buy Tickets

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE

Saturday – September 20, 2025 – 10:00 AM

**King Solomon TL #5, Willcox TL #10, Perfect Ashlar TL #12, Safford TL #16,
Huachuca #53, San Pedro Lodge #55, Camp Stone #77 and The Knights of Cochise
are hosting the Annual Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree
at the Amerind Ranch in Texas Canyon, Arizona.**

**Mail completed form & check
to: San Pedro Lodge No.55
Att: Bob Richards, Secretary
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520-241-0438**

**Directions:
I – 10 East from Tucson
Thru Benson toward Willcox
Turn ½ mile after mile post 318
Exit: Dragoon Road Exit 318
Turn right, around curve, 2nd left
Enter Amerind Foundation
follows signs to Tyler
Google Maps: Amerind Museum**

**The pre-registration fee is \$45.00 which includes a brisket lunch after the degree.
Walk-ons are welcome and the fee is \$50.00 but with no guarantee for lunch.**

Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree

**Date: Saturday - September 20, 2025 - 10:00AM Location: Amerind Ranch in Texas Canyon, AZ
* 2025 Lodge Dues card required * BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair Ladies Museum Tour (2hrs)**

Name (please print): _____
Address: _____ ☐ Lady is coming (\$10 Lunch)
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Lodge Name & Number: _____
Check for head count. Museum free

RSVP - Cutoff date for pre-register is Friday September 12, 2025