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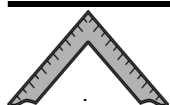
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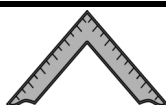
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From The East



Brethren,

I can't believe that it is April already and that we are through a third of the term of the 2020 officers of Tucson Lodge #4. It has been exciting and enjoyable being your Worshipful Master to this point and all the elected and assigned officers, in my opinion, are doing a spectacular job. Their support and dedication is truly inspiring.

I often joke that the word 'Worshipful' translates to "He who gets to wear the hat." But the worshipful master is also the leader of the lodge, who, as a symbol of authority, yields the gavel. He must use this gavel wisely to preserve harmony within the lodge. The gavel that the master yields is not, however, the only gavel in a lodge. Not counting the gavels yielded by the Wardens there are many others:

the symbolical gavels that are part of the working tools of the Entered Apprentices. They use these symbolically in the employment of their labors.

These gavels, that the Entered Apprentices yield, are equally as important as the one that is yielded by the Worshipful Master. A Master cannot open a lodge unless the workmen are present. A Master cannot be successful in his conduct of the lodge and his supervision of the work unless the workmen are willing ones. As powerful as the master's gavel may be, he cannot drive them to their labors.

The Master's term in office, his supervision of the work will certainly fail unless the workmen are interested in their labors and have pride in the kind of work they present for inspection. As the operative workmen present to their master the pieces to be set into the Temple, each of the brothers as well as the Master of the lodge must work together and willingly use their gavels to produce a finished Ashler as a service to the lodge for its betterment.

As your Worshipful Master, I pray that in some way I am inspiring each of you as much as you are so greatly inspiring me.

APRIL 2020 Calendar

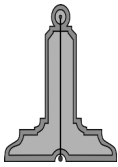
The following events are **cancelled**:

- All degrees
- Stated Meeting Dinner (April 1st)
- Fellowship Breakfast (April 4th)
- Potluck Dinner (April 22nd)
- Deadwood Lunch (April 25th)
- Widow's Luncheon (April 25th)

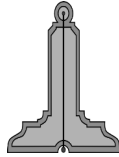
As of now the Stated Meeting will be held on April 1st, 7:00 pm. However, **ONLY** the necessary accompaniment of officers should be present, therefore no sideliners.

Note: Events may have been changed after we went to print. For an up-to-date calendar visit <http://tucsonlodge4.homestead.com>

Richard Vaughn, Worshipful Master



From The West



Greetings,

As I think back to the part of our initiation where we promised to always keep Masonic secrets to ourselves, I am reminded that silence, above everything else, is paramount in being a Freemason. We chose of our own free will and accord to keep those secrets. And even though the same information is readily available in this day and age on the internet, it does not replace the experience one gets from receiving it during the actual Masonic ceremonies. So we continue to pass down this long held tradition, that our forefathers started over 300 years ago, from brother to brother in the hope that they in turn will continue the same tradition. I would therefore like to pass along this quote I found which I find to be as relevant now as it was then.

A quote from Serbian Nobel prize winner and Freemason Ivo Andric:

All of us, both men and women, should pay more attention to what we say because we never know for how long and with what consequences every word we said can live in another man.

On another note: we will temporarily suspend the Thursday evening practices. When conditions allow we will resume them. These practices can be attended by any brother (provided he has the proper degree) who is interested in learning any of the lectures or other parts of the degrees, to be ready for our upcoming candidates or brothers who will continue their journey.

Fraternally,

Robert Ribbeck, Senior Warden



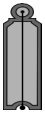
APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
RANDALL RAY WARD	1	38
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO, Jr	3	35
EDWARD JOHN GARRETT	5	49
WALTER MARLIN ROBB	5	55
WILLIAM EDWARD WILKINSON	7	45
JOHN HENRY GARCIA	10	1
JON McCARTY SCHMIDT	14	10
FREDERICK WILLIAM BASS	15	28
FRANK ELLIS TEICHMAN, JR	15	42
JOHN BABAUTA PANGELINAN	18	8
DAVID WAYNE REID	18	36
DAVID GRANT LURTSEMA	19	3
RUSSELL WAYNE DOTY	20	26
WILLIAM RAY WHITE	20	55
NORMAN CHESTER CLARK	21	38
ROBERT WILLIAM HESLIP	22	45
CHARLES BRUCE RAYMOND	22	11
CLIFFORD WAYNE BASER	23	6
LEIGH JARVIS CREIGHTON	23	29
JOHN RANDALL DIGHTON	24	27
LOGAN WILLIAM GAITHER	25	11
WILLIAM HAROLD ROSIER	26	31
ERIC DONOVAN MADDEN	27	4
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	28	48
WILLIAM RAYMOND HILL	28	10
GAYLORD ANTHONY STUBBE	29	23

MASON / FREEMASON

What does the word "mason" or "Mason" mean? Have you ever thought about that? "He's a Mason"; okay, tell me more. In very early times, a mason was an occupation; ie., stonecutter, carver, engraver. Generally, a person who builds or works with stone, brick, or cement. That still holds true today. So, we have "masons" and "Masons". A part of Webster's Dictionary defines "Mason" as a member of the fraternity of Freemasons. So, in order to be more precise and avoid confusion, it's probably more appropriate to say, "my neighbor Joe is a Freemason". Those who are somewhat familiar with the fraternity, will know what you mean in most cases. I don't know any masons that are Freemasons, but I'm sure some exist in our community. Do you know any?

Gene Wickey



From The South



MORE ABOUT MASONIC PRESIDENTS

Will Wilkinson, PM

I found this on a Masonic page on Facebook and thought I'd share it with my Brethren of Tucson 4. I do not know who wrote it.

THE LAMB SKIN

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great,
There are other things far more useful, yet truly I state,
Tho of all my possessions, there's none can compare,
With that white leather apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,
When Dad hustled around, and so much time was spent
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,
Until Mother would say: "It's the Masons tonight."

And some winter nights she said: "What makes you go,
Way up there tonight thru the sleet and the snow,
You see the same things every month of the year."
Then Dad would reply: "Yes, I know it, my dear."

Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true.
And though they are old, they always seem new,
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,
Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet."

Years later I stood at that very same door,
With good men and true who had entered before,
I knelt at the altar, and there I was taught
That virtue and honor can never be bought.

That the spotless white lambskin all Masons revere,
If worthily worn grows more precious each year,
That service to others brings blessings untold,
That man may be poor tho surrounded by gold.

I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,
That enmities fade 'neath the compass and square,
That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
As there on the level men meet and abide.

So, honor the lambskin, may it always remain
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain,
And when we are called to the Great Father's love,
May we all take our place in that Lodge up above.

Carl Erdman, Junior Warden

Congratulations to our Brother Junior Warden for his outstanding March 2020 Masonic Education presentation on American Masonic Presidents. My goal is to briefly add a few supplemental comments to highlight Bro. Carl Erdman's excellent talk. It is indeed important that President George Washington was a Mason. That Masonic connection enabled him to make use of contacts with the Marquis de Lafayette, one of Washington's Generals, and Benjamin Franklin, a great American statesman, to turn the tide of the American Revolution and buy arms with a large loan from the King of France. Before being elected President, Andrew Jackson was a General and a war hero in 1815 at the Battle of New Orleans against the British. He was very active as a Mason in that city and influenced establishment of the Scottish Rite in New Orleans.

MWB General Jackson personally laid the cornerstone for his own statue to be built for tribute to him as "The Hero of the Battle of New Orleans." His statue portrays him as a talented equestrian in what is now called "Jackson Square." Jackson Square borders the Mississippi River at the foot of the French Quarter at the Jackson Brewery, called the Jax Brewery by locals, after Jax beer, the delectable beverage named after our Brother. Andrew Jackson was also nicknamed "Old Hickory" for his toughness in the Battle of New Orleans where his 5,000 men thrashed 7,500 British regulars. The British had 2,037 casualties compared to General Jackson's 71. A photo I took of General Jackson's statue in the center of Jackson Square in 2015, two centuries after that battle, is shown below.



General Andrew Jackson in Jackson Square with St. Louis Cathedral Behind the Statue

There is now a world-famous park at the base of the French Quarter at the rim of the Mississippi River known as Jackson Square to commemorate his heroism and military accomplishments. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill were both Masons and communicated with each other as Masonic Brothers. Their fraternal ties helped

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DEADWOOD LUNCH

CANCELLED

Masonic Presidents continued...

them to trust each other quickly and deeply. Together they and others planned the famed D-Day event that turned the tide of World War II. President Harry S. Truman was the only U.S. President to earn a 50-year Master Mason certificate. The Masonic connections for these American Presidents had worldwide impact on their philosophy, access to certain information widely for many years and in the case of Washington for centuries.



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6pm Pot Luck - 8:7pm meeting

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From The Secretary



With consideration for the COVID-19 virus, we have moved the Widows' Luncheon to sometime this fall. I am still taking reservations for the Gaslight Theatre on May 8th as we are not committed until we purchase the tickets on April 24th. Hopefully we will have a better idea of how we stand in regard to the current health situation by then.

The Worshipful Master and I sent out an email on the weekly email list explaining the Grand Master's directive in regard to lodge activities and COVID-19. If you are not on the weekly email list and would like to receive a copy of this email, please send an email to tl4so@hotmail.com . [You can also put a request in to be added to the weekly activity email and electronic copy of the trestle board.]

2020 dues are still coming in. If you have NOT yet paid your dues, and there are 40 of you, please do so and help your lodge. If you need assistance in paying your dues, please contact the secretary as we have steps we can take while keeping your membership in the craft. All discussions are confidential.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM

BREAKFAST

There will be no Fellowship Breakfast this month. Check the Tucson Lodge #4 website for updates of all our activities.

Stay Healthy

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
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays.....	6:00PM
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