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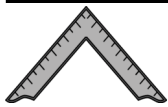
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From The East



. Have you ever looked at the literature on display in the foyer of the Lodge? It says that:

Masonry is the largest and oldest fraternity in the world,

The goal of Masonry is to make "Good Men", "Better Men".

The dictionary defines "fraternity" as: a society formed for a common purpose. The common purposes of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In a fraternity, the members refer to one another as "Brothers". How well do you know your "Brothers"?

I encourage each of you introduce yourself to your fellow Masons. Discover their interests, history, and philosophies. You may find you have more in common than just being Masons in the same Lodge. One Mason's approach to Brotherly Love or Relief may differ from your own, but that doesn't make one methodology better than another, merely different. Truth is well.... Truth! There is only one truth, not different versions based on an individual's perception.

There is no magic potion or wand that makes "Good Men" into "Better Men". Masonry admonishes us to meet on the level, persevere in our rectitude of life, and live our lives based upon the square of morality and truth. When we are able to restrain our passions, be resolute in our desire to follow the tenets of Masonry, judiciously conduct our lives, and practice justice in our dealings with all man, especially our brother Masons, we will make ourselves "Better Men"!

The principle of Justice was defined long before the Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1717. Marcus Tullius Cicero, (106 BC -43 BC) was a Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar, and philosopher who concluded that the principles of justice are fourfold;

- A. do not initiate violence without good reason;
- B. keep one's promises;
- C. respect people's private property and common property; and
- D. be charitable to others within one's means.

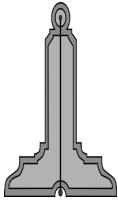
He also said, and this may be applicable to judiciously conducting our lives, that "Any man can make mistakes, but only an idiot persists in his error."

One might conclude that if Cicero wrote this over 2,000 years, humans in general may be slow learners, but as Masons, we are actively embracing the concept of becoming "Better Men" through the Fraternity of Free Masonry.

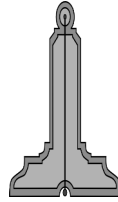
April 2023 Calendar

Wed 5th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 12th	MM Degree Practice	7:00 pm
Thur 13th	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 19th	Master Mason Degree	6:30 pm
Wed 26th	Entered Apprentice Degree	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 truth is not always beautiful, nor beautiful words, the truth”

~ Lao Tzu

Hello from the West! As Masons we like to cling to the ideal that we make good men better. The truth is we can't make anyone anything. We present some tools that others can use to help them along with this process but change is a very hard thing to do. It becomes harder the older we get. The importance for us lies in making sure the men coming to us are actually even on that journey. Many people profess a need for something but won't take any actual steps to rectify the situation themselves. Looking forward we have several degrees coming up. As you are aware, we have a process in place to make sure our ranks are filled with men who truly wish to improve themselves. No process is infallible. In order for this lodge to continue we need your help as a member of our lodge. We need you to continue to interact with the members of our discussion group. More importantly we need you to take careful consideration when interacting with those men. Would they really make good masons? Are they truly on the path to becoming good men? It takes a village to raise a man. It takes more than a few men in this day and age to really qualify these characteristics. That being said I'm personally asking every brother to make every effort to spend time with the men coming through. It's important you know more than an individual's name when their petition comes up in lodge. I know members of other lodges read our newsletter as well and while I am applying this specifically to Tucson 4, it is applicable everywhere. We say 2b1ask1. I say if you really want one to be one we need to make them feel like we want them.

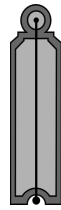
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Trevor Tanzillo, Senior Warden

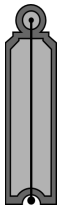
TUCSON 4 WIDOWS

Traditionally we have had our Widows' Luncheon in April or May. This year, due to scheduling conflicts and other considerations we have moved it to September.

We presently have 45 widows of members and long time sojourners to the lodge. Thirty-five of them live within the greater Tucson area. In the past we had a Widows' Assistance Program which was designed to assist them with handyman type work, or being able to offer them advice when they had to have major work done. Our assistance program was the source of the revamp of the Grand Lodge Widows' Program back in the late 90s. I am looking for a couple of brothers who would be interested in resurrecting this program. If interested, please contact the secretary for more information.



From The South



Who was Prince Hall, you may wonder....was he a real person? According to *Little Books About Big Things; Freemasons*, Prince Hall was a free black male living in the Boston area before the Revolutionary War began. Prince Hall, along with 14 other free black men, were introduced to the Irish Lodge No 441, which was associated with the British Infantry stationed within the colonies in 1775.

Masons in the US were now accepting for the first time, men of color. In 1776, as the British military were leaving, Prince Hall with his new Brethren were extended the right to form their own Masonic Lodge, that included certain rights and privileges, and Prince Hall was named its first Master.

The new lodge petitioned the Grand Lodge of England in 1784 for the full rights of all Free and Accepted Masons, as all things Masonic still stemmed from England, even after the war. African Lodge No 459 of Boston was officially chartered, and became so successful, that Prince Hall was named the Provincial Grand Master and continued on with founding African Lodge No 459 in Philadelphia and Hiram Lodge No 3 in the Providence Rhode Island.

African Grand Lodge No 1 in Boston was changed to Prince Hall Grand Lodge in 1807, after Prince Hall's death, in his honor. As a result, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts now has more than 5,000 Masonic lodges and at least 47 Grand Lodges that can trace their origin directly back to it.

Besides being recognized within the Masonic Community, Prince Hall was also very active in the fight against slavery and establishing schools for the black community. President George Washington also crossed paths with Prince Hall when he was petitioned to extend the right to join the colonial army for free black men.

“Modern Freemasonry from its very beginning have been populated by men of good character who are civic-minded, charitable, and dedicated to the service of others.” (Mucker, 2013)

Bo Paxton, Junior Warden

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

June 1-3

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held at the Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino in Chandler. Most of the business will be handled on June 2nd and 3rd. The secretary is in the process of putting together the information on the proposed legislation and should have it sent out by the April stated meeting. We will be reading a synopsis of each piece of legislation at the meeting as a requirement in the Arizona Masonic Code. The registration form is available on the Grand Lodge website at <https://www.azmasons.org/annual-communication>



“THURSDAY” CREW

As we have mentioned several times, we are in the process of resurrecting the “Thursday” Crew. They are a group of brothers that handle some of the routine maintenance around the lodge. It is NOT janitorial work—we pay a brother who is in the business to do that. This maintenance work includes such things as replacing interior lights that have burned out, cleaning the filters for the refrigerators and freezer, and whatever else may come up. There is a building maintenance schedule that was developed some time ago. By doing all this routine maintenance, we save the lodge a lot of money.

LOOKING FOR “LIGHT”

We have several of our exterior building lights that need to be replaced, and having a time trying to find a source for the replacement bulb. If any brother has an in with or is familiar with any of the commercial lighting folks in town, please let the secretary know. He has one of the old bulbs in the office and searches on the bulb number have been fruitless. As we have several of them out, the goal is to replace most, if not all of them at the same

BREAKFAST

There will be NO Fellowship Breakfast this month. Resumption of the breakfasts will be announced via the weekly email.



APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
RANDALL RAY WARD	1	41
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO, JR	3	38
EDWARD JOHN GARRETT	5	52
WILLIAM ROBB MARLIN	5	57
WILLIAM EDWARD WILKINSON	7	48
JOHN HENRY GARCIA	10	4
JON MCCARTY SCHMIDT	14	13
FREDERICK WILLIAM BASS	15	31
FRANK ELLIS TEICHMAN, JR	15	46
JOHN BABUTA PANGELINAN	18	11
RICHARD COLLIN RASBERRY	18	25
DAVID WAYNE REID	18	39
DAVID GRANT LURTSEMA	19	6
WILLIAM RAY WHITE	20	58
RUSSELL WAYNE DOTY	20	29
ROBERT WILLIAM HESLIP	22	48
CHARLES BRUCE RAYMOND	22	14
LEIGH JARVIS CREIGHTON	23	32
JOHN RANDALL DEIGHTON	24	30
LOGAN WILLIAM GAITHER	25	14
WILLIAM HAROLD ROSIER	26	34
ERIC DONOVAN MADDEN	27	7
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	28	51
WILIAM RAYMOND HILL	28	13
GAYLORD ANTHONY STUBBE	29	26

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

IN MEMORIAM

OWEN BRUCE LAMB

Born	Raised	Death
02/16/32	08/29/56	01/17/23

THOMAS AUSTIN ADAMS

Born	Raised	Death
09/8/29	02/3/55	11/10/22

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.

Earl Joseph Shambo, Leigh Creighton, Sam Greer, Ron Hill

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

I AM FREEMASONRY

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry.

Ray V. Denslow



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BY-LAWS CHANGES

Back at the February stated meeting we voted on several proposed amendments to our by-laws. All passed except for Article 2, Section 1—addition of a restriction about being an elected officer in another lodge as well as an elected officer in Tucson 4. Article 13, Section 7 — compliance with a provision in the code also failed. The changes have been sent to the Grand Lodge Charters and By-laws committee for their review. So far, we have not heard anything back from them other than that they received our changes. No news is good news at this point.

Our changes still need to be approved at the Annual Communication in June. Once they are approved there, the secretary will make the changes to the master copy of our by-laws and they will be distributed. We will also have some printed copies available for those who are not on the email lists.

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From The Secretary



We are approaching the end of the masonic year. How do I know this? The deadlines for Grand Lodge Awards submittals is April 15th. We have met the requirements for another Master Architect Award for the lodge. The Mason of the Year submission is in the process of being put together. For those who may have forgotten (we all slept since then) our lodge Mason of the Year is WB Jon Schmidt. For the Trestle Board award we need to submit five issues, so, Bro Jan Halvax (our predecessor) will be selecting three of his and I will be selecting two of ours.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, I have received the new proposed legislation to be voted on at Grand Lodge. Besides the carry-over legislation, the proposed ritual changes, we have 18 pieces of legislation plus one Grand Master's Recommendation. Several of these are some much needed corrections to processes and a couple deal with correcting some of the cross references. We will be presenting a synopsis of each piece of legislation at the April stated meeting and then having a discussion at the May meeting. I will also be sending out all the legislation before the stated meeting. I will also be sending out the resumes for those brothers who are interested in becoming a Grand Trustee. If you are not on the email list, and would like a copy, please let me know at tl4so@outlook.com.

Dues—I hate to sound like a broken record, but we still have 21 brothers who have yet to pay their 2023 dues. Dues were due on December 31st. I have sent out

multiple notices as well as electronic reminders. If you have already paid your 2023 dues, I thank you for supporting your lodge. If you haven't and are reading this, please send them in. If you need assistance with your dues, please contact either the Worshipful Master or myself. All requests will be kept in strictest confidence.

Lastly, when you move, change phone numbers, or emails, please let me know. I have several brothers who have moved and either did not provide a forwarding address or the forwarding order has expired. You would be surprised at the amount of mail that comes back as undeliverable. So far this year we have had seven masonic birthday cards come back. A couple of these are Perpetual and Senior Life Members. What this means is, when dues cards are sent out, I will not have a valid address for them.

That's all for this month
See you in lodge!
Paul A. Simpson, PM



ADVERTISING IN TUCSON 4 NEWSLETTER

Would you like to get your business out to your Masonic Brothers? If so, consider taking out an ad in the Tucson Lodge 4 Newsletter. It is published monthly and gets sent out all over the State. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide its members and friends with current articles and information. A 1/8 page (business card) is only \$75.00, a 1/4 page ad is \$150.00, a 1/2 page ad is \$300.00 and a full page ad is \$600.00. If interested please contact the Lodge secretary and we will set you up. Thanks for your support.

TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2, OES, Meeting with Saguaro Chapter #48 (see below)	7:00PM
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, First Sundays.....	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org 6:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters	For info Contact Laureen at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com
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