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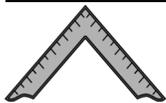
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From The East



“When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be”

-Lao Tzu

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. We are now in April of 2024. Time goes by so very fast. We have accomplished quite a lot this year but there are still many things we would like to do.

The quote this month relates to self reflection and improvement. Both are central to our goal as Masons. By embracing the spirit of openness, we create space for transformation to occur. As a sculptor chips away at marble to reveal the beauty hidden within, so too must we release

the layers that obscure our true selves. By releasing the constraints of what we believe we are, or what society has forced upon us, we open ourselves to the potential of what we might become.

Lao Tzu’s words above also remind us to let go of the reins and enjoy the ride a bit, trusting in the process of change. Sometimes it is important to relinquish control and allow ourselves to be guided by the hand of God and the currents of destiny. Together let us embrace the unknown with an open heart, keeping faith that in letting go of what we are, we pave the way for what we might be.

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.

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Your brother

April Calendar

Mon Apr 1	Reservations for dinner due	Noon
Wed Apr 3	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
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Wed Apr 10	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Thurs Apr 11	Trustees Meeting	6:00 pm
Wed Apr 17	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Fri Apr 19	Gaslight Theatre	8:30 pm
Wed Apr 24	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Fri Apr 26	Pool Tournament	7:00 pm
Sun Apr 28	Widows’ Luncheon	2:00 pm
Wed May 1	Stated Meeting	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. For example, one of the practices may become an official visit to another lodge.





From The Secretary



“If it wasn’t for the last minute, a lot of things wouldn’t get done” Anon

The first working tool we are taught is the 24-inch gauge and how to use it to divide our time. While it doesn’t say to divide it into three equal parts, it does teach us to have a balance in life—service, vocation, and refreshment/rest. There are times when it is hard to balance our time and we are forced to make trade-offs. If we make too many trade-offs we start to lead an unbalanced life. In the short term, we can pull it off, but it creates problems in the long term. Personally there are some times I feel like I am at the lodge every night of the week. Several of you have joked I ought to have a cot down at the lodge. (I will neither confirm nor deny that there is one). I am extremely fortunate my wife lets me do this from time to time. Yes, she does have her own activities that overlap some of the times I am at the lodge and she is also active in some lodge activities. So from time to time I do work more from home than at the lodge (the joys of modern technology). You would be amazed at how much can be accomplished when you can’t sleep.

As we come to the end of the masonic year, I am starting to send in all our award paperwork. The WM and I have coordinated and made sure we have met all the requirements for another in our string of Master Architect Awards. Once I have all the required signatures, I will send that in. I will be sending in our five trestle boards for the trestle board award. And finally, we will be sending in our nomination for Az Mason of the Year and for those of you who have forgotten (we have all slept since it was announced) our Mason of the Year is WB Will Wilkinson.

As mentioned elsewhere, we have received the proposed legislation to be presented at the annual communication in June. We will be reading the synopses at the April stated meeting and we will beholding a session on a Wednesday evening in May. There is the usual housekeeping legislation, some ritual changes, and couple I had to stop and say to myself “what were they thinking? Or simply why.” I have sent out a copy of the synopses and the complete legislation to those who have signed up for our email notifications.

Broken record time—Some of our younger members may have to ask some of our older members what a record is, but then it would also be a good chance to do some mentoring. As of this writing, I have 15 brothers who have yet to pay their dues. While this is better than past years, dues were still due and payable by December 31st of the year prior. If you haven’t paid your dues and need help, please let us know,. All requests will be kept in strictest confidence.

See you in lodge!

APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
RANDALL RAY WARD	1	42
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO	3	39
WALTER MARLIN ROBB	5	58
WILLIAM EDWARD WILKINSON	7	49
JOHN HENRY GARCIA	10	5
JON MCCARTY SCHMIDT	14	14
FREDERICK WILLIAM BASS	15	32
FRANK ELLIS TEICHMAN	15	46
JOHN BABAUTA PANGELINAN	18	12
RICHARD COLLIN RASBERRY	18	26
DAVID WAYNE REID	18	40
DAVID GRANT LURTSEMA	19	7
JUSTUS MATTHEW SMITH	19	1
RUSSELL WAYNE DOTY	20	30
WILLIAM RAY WHITE	20	59
ROBERT CHARLES HESLIP	22	49
CHARLES BRUCE RAYMOND	22	15
LEIGH JARVIS CREIGHTON	23	33
WILLIAM HAROLD ROSIER	23	35
JOHN RANDALL DIGHTON	24	31
LOGAN WILLIAM GAITHER	25	15
ERIC DONOVAN MADDEN	27	8
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	28	52
WILLIAM RAYMOND HILL	28	14
GAYLORD ANTHONY STUBBE	29	27

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

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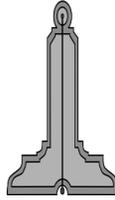
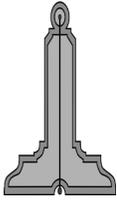
NAME	DAY
JERRY CARL HALL	2
BENJAMIN DAVID DENTON	5
CLYDE RAYMOND SNOW	8
FLOYD KENNETH BERK	10
STEVE JOSEPH POKUBA	11
EDDIE MARREL TAYLOR	11
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	12
JAN JULIUS HALVAX	14
CHARLES BRUCE RAYMOND	15
CLIFFORD TERRY	18
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	22
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	22
DONALD MELVIE JESS	25
CHARLES RAYMOND STUP	25

Feel free to drop these brothers a card on their earthly birthday.

**SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523
Meets every Thursday 8:00AM
Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.**

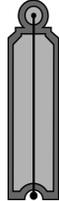
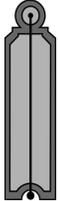


From The West



Editor's Note: Once again the Senior Warden is out working in the quarries and did not have a chance to send in his article.

From The South



Greetings from the South. On March 1st I took a journey to Bullhead City with the Military Degree Team and we conferred a Fellowcraft Degree on March 2nd at Mojave #68. I had the pleasure of sitting in the West for the first time. When I got back home I had some nasty cough with a mild grade fever that lasted for over two weeks. Unfortunately I was unable to attend our stated meeting on March 6th, as I did not want to expose myself to the brothers in the lodge.

I was informed that the corned beef meal was a hit. Thank you to all that attended the dinner. And thank you to brother Dan for making it happen.

Brother Dan is selecting the menu for the April stated meeting. More to follow on that.

We have another Military Degree on March 21st at Scottsdale #43 and I will be sitting in the West in place of RWB Leigh again.

I hope to see you all at the April stated meeting!

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden



News from Bethel #25

First off, on behalf of Job's Daughters, we'd like to thank everyone who was in attendance at our Bethel Reunion and Parcel Post. Thank you to the lodge for hosting.

We would like to share some of our upcoming events for the month of April.

- ◇ April 3rd—Serve at the lodge
April 19th will be a sleepover at the lodge, leading into our April 20th event.
- ◇ On April 20th, we will be having a Bethel meeting, along with a joint Initiation with Bethel 13 to welcome our new sisters.

Regarding early May events:

- ◇ May 1st is a lodge dinner
- ◇ May 4th we have a Bethel Meeting, along with our Bowl-a-thon fundraiser. We'd appreciate anyone who can participate!

Hope everyone has an amazing April!

Miss Laureen

Editor's Note—We are offering space in our trestle board to our masonic youth groups and appendant bodies to report/advertise their upcoming events. Please support them if you are able.

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

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 Laureen 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

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.

*James Moore, Ralph Francis, Ron Hill,
Wes Yandell's wife, Mary, Paul Simpson's wife .Catheryn*

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

Tucson 4 Widows

We will be hosting our annual Widows' and Special Ladies' Luncheon at the lodge on **Sunday, April 28th** at 2:00 pm. Brothers Dan Febrer and Austin Pena have volunteered their services to put on the meal. We will need some assistance in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

We currently have 42 widows of which roughly 30 live in the local area. In the past we had a Widows' Assistance Program which was designed to assist them with handy-man type work, or being able to offer them advice when they needed to have major work done. Our assistance program was the sources of the revamp of the Grand Lodge Program back in the mid-90s. We are looking for a couple of brothers who would be interested in resurrecting this program, If interested, please contact the secretary for more information.



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BUILDING UPDATES

While our building is fairly young as far as buildings go, she is starting to show her age, but she is still aging gracefully. She needs our help in staying young and beautiful. For years we had the Thursday crew who handled a lot of the routine maintenance—changing light bulbs, testing the emergency lights, cleaning the filters on the freezers and fridges and the like. As a result we have lights around the inside of the building and lodge room as well as a parking lot light (that will require a high-lift to replace) that need to be replaced.

We recently entered into an agreement with Acacia Commercial Services to provide custodial services. For those of you who don't know, this business is owned by one of our members. His rate was about the same as what we were paying with our previous service, Carlos Tolsa, also a brother. It will take some time to get the building back up to speed as it had been several months without janitorial services. Acacia will provide the same weekly service that Bro Carlos did.

We are still gathering bids to replace the hot water heater. Seeing as we are a commercial building, we need a commercial unit. We have three bids and are awaiting the fourth. One of the bids (at 24K) has already been ruled out.

We are also looking at putting a combination lock on the dumpster enclosure. This will stop some of the dumpster diving and some of the folks who like to use our dumpster.

After months of trying, we finally found an affordable source of a replacement battery for the AED. The old battery died and we had problems finding a replacement. The manufacturer had no idea when they could get one. Our intrepid secretary finally found a replacement battery at a reasonable price and has replaced the one in the unit. We also got a new set of pads as they old ones expired several years ago. So, we now have a working AED.

Finally, we need your help. If you see something on the floor, pick it up and throw it our After all, our mothers don't live at the lodge with us.



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GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

June 6-8

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel in Mesa. Most of the business will be handled on June 7th and 8th (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. Meals this year are a lot less than last year and the room rates are about the same.

Cut off dates—

- * Hotel Registration -**May 6**
- * Meals and Ladies Luncheon—**May 11**

For the officers of the lodge, certain expenses are covered under our by-laws. If interested, please contact the secretary.

PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

Because we did not have a candidate, the decision was made to reschedule our annual Past Masters' Night. This decision was not made lightly. Stay tuned for further updates.

GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION

The secretary has received the initial batch of legislation to be presented and voted on at the Annual Communication in June. Presently there are 19 pieces of legislation for this year plus 3 more that were carry-overs from last year. Some of these are housekeeping, some deal with officer proficiency, some with changes to the ritual (automatic referral to Ritual Review to be voted on next year), and some you just have to stop and think about. The synopses and legislation have been sent out to the members via email and the synopses will be read at the April stated meeting. We are planning to have a discussion session on Wednesday, May 8th at the lodge. As we get the resumes for Grand Trustees, and any Grand Master Recommendations, they will be sent out in a similar manner and if needed, be discussed at a later date.

Under the AMC any member of Grand Lodge can propose a change to the AMC. This is the beauty of our system. In general terms, membership in Grand Lodge is made up of the WM, SW, JWs of all Az lodges and all PMs of Az lodges, Grand Lodge Officers, and past Grand Officers (AMC 1-2, page 5). While we may not agree with some of the proposed legislation, every piece still has the opportunity to be brought up on the floor of Grand Lodge, discussed, and voted on.

LODGE BY-LAWS CHANGES

The by-laws committee has been approached with a possible change in Article 2 of the by-laws dealing with election of officers. While we are past the deadline to have our by-laws acted on at the Annual communication, we can still submit changes. We intend to have a first time reading of any changes at the May stated meeting and a vote at the June stated meeting.

A change in the by-laws requires a 2/3 vote of the members present at the stated meeting where they are voted on. There are notification requirements which must be complied with. The process of amending our by-laws is contained in Article 14 of said by-laws.

If you have a proposed change to the by-laws please contact the Chair of the by-laws committee (secretary) to ensure they are in the proper format and in writing..

If you need a copy of the lodge by-laws or the AMC, please contact the secretary and he will send them to you.

INFORMATION SECURITY

Over the last several months, you may have received a request from the WM to send him the numbers off of a couple of gift cards. There has also been an email scam going around with a similar request from the Grand Master. To make it clear, **we will never send out a request of this type.** If we do send out a request it will be in the same format we use for the weekly email. If you receive a request you are not sure of, reach out to either the WM or Secretary at their emails to verify it's authenticity. From time to time the secretary receives validated emails from the Grand Secretary with donation requests and he will send them out accordingly.

LODGE FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you the lodge has a Facebook group? Just do a search on Tucson Lodge #4 F&AM. You can view the group, but if you would like to join or post, you would need to join the group. For those of you familiar with Facebook, we recently set the group to private. Your admins (Ron Hill and Paul Simpson) got tired of playing whack-a-troll when the page was public. We were seeing multiple ads a day.

The intent of the group is to pass on information and events for Tucson Lodge #4. While it is primarily for events, you are welcome to post your masonic thoughts and insights. Remember, it is NOT a tyled lodge as we do have several members of the group who are not masons (but do have masonic connections).

2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master.....Trevor Tanzillo (Isela)
 Senior WardenBo Paxton (Karen)
 Junior Warden.....Darryl Weaver (Laura)
 Treasurer.....Ronald Hill, PM (Linda)
 Deputy Treasurer.....Jon Schmidt, PM (Shari).
 SecretaryPaul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)
 Secretary EmeritusBob Conrad, PGM (Jackie)
 Senior DeaconMoe Momayez
 Junior DeaconGabriel Class (Rosa)
 Senior StewardWilliam Predgo (Cheryl)
 Junior Steward.....Austin Pena
 MarshalGregory Pfister
 ChaplainJustus Smith
 TylerSam Greer, PM (Patricia)
 Musician.....Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)
 Ritual AdvisorTBD
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 Trustee 2024Rafael Leidy-Escabi
 Trustee 2024William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie)
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