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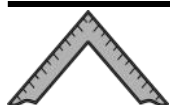
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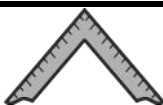
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### FROM THE EAST



"Time is the wisest counselor of all." —Pericles

Hello from the East,

I've been thinking lately about the strange way time moves. How it never asks permission, never apologizes for passing too quickly, and never slows down when we want to catch our breath. And yet, for all its indifference, time teaches us more than any man ever could. It doesn't speak in words—it speaks in perspective.

When I first sat in the South, the hours in lodge felt long. Every motion was something I had to remember. Every line in the ritual, something to get through. Now, those same moments pass in the blink of an eye, and I find myself wishing I had paid more attention. Time, like a seasoned brother, reveals its wisdom only after you've already made the mistake.

We often say Masonry is a journey, and it is. But what we don't say enough is that the map is only drawn after the walk has begun. You don't see where the lessons were until much later—when enough time has passed to connect the dots. That's when it becomes clear why the plumb, level, and square matter not just in lodge, but in life.

Time won't stop for any of us. But it will reveal the truth, if we're patient enough to watch. So take the moments you have now—at work, at home, in lodge—and treat them like the tools they are. Because one day, long after the gavel has been passed, you'll look back and realize those simple, ordinary hours were the ones that shaped you most.

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**

### June - July Calendar

Mon Jun 2	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Jun 4	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Jun 5-7	Annual Communication (Phoenix)	
Wed Jun 11	FC Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Jun 18	FC Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Jun 25	Report From Grand Lodge	7:00 pm
Fri Jun 27	Cigar Night (Anthony's)	7:00 pm
Wed Jul 2	NO STATED MEETING	
Wed Jul 9	FC 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

How often, during a conflict or argument, are we admonished to “Be the Better Man”? A statement seen in informational Masonic pamphlets is, “Making Good Men Better Men”! So, what defines a “Better Man”?

My freshman year at Arizona, my English Teacher cautioned the class to question comparative terms with no reference, e.g. “Tide cleans better”. Better than what, swamp water? I certainly would not use Tide to clean engine parts from my car. Ah, she was encouraging Critical Thinking or the mental discipline to question vague or incomplete statements/concepts and do some investigation and fact finding.

Being a “Better Man” does not mean comparing yourself to another man. Every man has their own strengths and weaknesses. Becoming a “Better Man” is only in reference to becoming a better version of yourself. Being the “better man” generally means striving to be a more positive, responsible, and compassionate individual, particularly in the context of male roles and expectations. It involves personal growth, improved relationships, and contributing positively to society. Free Masonry cannot make you a “better man”, but it certainly encourages you to embrace the tenets of Free Masonry in your journey to being a “better man”. Someone advised to “be the better man” is being asked to do what is right instead of doing what is convenient or selfish.

There is a branch of ethical philosophy known as virtue ethics, where the basic idea is that rather than defining rules for what is good or bad in terms of consequences, situations, duties or intentions, it is held that a person should increase certain character traits in themselves, known as “virtues” (justice, temperance, prudence, wisdom) and these character traits will lead you to more often do the right thing in various contexts. Quoting another Mason, “it means being a better husband, better family man, better friend, better at work, having better health, being a better philanthropist and contributor to the betterment of the world”.

With all of these “betters”, I can’t resist adding a “You betcha Dupa” for our Minnesota brethren.

Back to the question, what makes a man “better”? Being a good person is a habit, and as a habit, it must be practiced regularly in ways both small and large. It’s like any habit. You have to do it so often it becomes second nature. In Free Masonry, every Mason is given the tools and concepts to fulfill our oaths and obligations. Additionally, we are surrounded by our brethren who can offer advice, experience and encouragement.

I present a challenge to my brethren in Tucson Lodge 4, either privately or in the Lodge, share a few brief examples with your brothers referencing how Free Masonry has helped you in your journey to be a “Better Man”.

Sam Greer, PM, Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH

Within the rich motifs of Masonic fabric woven in esoteric threads, the jewel of an officer serves as an emblem, invested with allegory. Of these, the jewel of the Junior Warden, the plumb rule, is a powerful example of upright conduct and the pursuit of moral truth that characterizes the Craft.

The physical description of the Junior Warden’s jewel is straightforward: a plumb bob hanging from a vertical rule. Its outwardly simple design carries many layers of meaning. On a practical level, the plumb is an essential tool to ensure that vertical structures are upright – a requirement for stability and strength. The sound workmanship and desire to build a lasting structure in operative masonry can be associated with the moral purpose of leading an upright and virtuous life in speculative masonry.

The Junior Warden, in the South, oversees the Craft during refreshment – a time for fellowship and strengthening of our brotherly love. During these times, the plumb rule reminds us that it is even in the moments of pause that we must follow Masonic conduct. More broadly, it also teaches us that our conduct, both within and outside the lodge, should reflect high moral values that Masons are known for.

Masonic allegory often compares building a physical structure to building a man’s character. Let’s think of the operative mason who lines up each stone with a plumb rule. This isn’t a task he rushes; every movement is carried out with intention and deliberate precision, because it is through such consistent application that an upright structure that will stand the test of time is built. For the speculative mason, the Junior Warden’s jewel might be seen as the constant introspection that will keep him on the path to moral and spiritual growth. In other words, a single stone, no matter how precisely laid, won’t make a structure stand solid; neither does one virtuous act perfect a character. The Junior Warden’s jewel symbolizes the ongoing effort to improve ourselves, yet achieving mastery is far more attainable when supported by a fraternity like the Lodge.

The symbolism of the Junior Warden’s jewel can also be explained in the broader context of the three great lights of Freemasonry. While the Volume of Sacred Law serves as a rule and guide for faith, the Square teaches morality, and the Compasses urge us to keep passions and desires within due bounds, so could the plumb line encourage a Mason to apply these principles and orient his inner compass of moral truth and good intentions to ever walk a straight path. Simply put, the Junior Warden’s jewel represents a commitment for individuals of good character to live by the tenets of the Craft, always maintaining integrity, and thus helping to create inner peace and harmony within themselves and their community.

Moe Momayez  
Junior Warden

## FAMOUS FREEMASONS

Submitted by Gene Wickey

From the time I became a Freemason 55 years ago, I started collecting books on the Craft; the history; the ritual; etc. One of the books was written by Todd Creason, a Mason from Illinois. Most of the contents in this Article, were taken from his book, entitled: "Famous Freemasons".

As you can imagine, the list of famous Freemasons is a rather lengthy one. I will just mention a few (3) who all of you will recognize.

1. Benjamin Franklin..."We must, indeed all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately". Ben was a writer, printer, publisher, philosopher, scientist, diplomat, and inventor. It's hard to believe he could accomplish so many things during his 84 years. In 1731 he became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. To say he was an active Mason would be an understatement.

2. James "Jimmy" Doolittle...."The first lesson is that you can't lose a war if you have command of the air, and you can't win a war if you haven't". The head of The Doolittle Raiders was a member of Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319, Los Angeles, CA. He was also a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. His aviation skills were of the highest level. He passed away in 1993 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

3. Audie Murphy....."Lead from the front". You all know him as a WW II war hero. When he was 17, he tried to enlist in the US Army but was rejected because of his age. He tried again when he was 18 but was again rejected because of his small size: 5 ft/5 in. tall. He eventually was able to enlist in the US Army. He became the most highly decorated soldier of WW II. He was an active Mason & Shriner. He was buried at Arlington in 1971 having died at the age of 46 in a plane crash (I was at his gravesite about 3 years ago). He was awarded the 33rd degree designation posthumously.

## GASLIGHT THEATRE

"Will the chorus girl Christine rise to the occasion after Diva Soprano, Carlotta, storms off the stage during dress rehearsal? Who will be seated in the mysterious Box #5...where programs disappear and ghoulish laughter echoes? Join the Gaslight artistes as they transform the stage back to post-Revolution Paris to revive The Phantom Of The Opera – a love story of musical inspiration and hidden longing, along with a palate-pleasing portion of goofy song and dance!"

We are going back to 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 64 reservations in our usual area. To make a reservation, please contact the secretary.

## JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ	1	17
BARRY MORRIS TUCKER	1	19
JOHN WILLIAM MEYERS, II	3	33
EDWIN CHARLES LEWIS	4	51
THEODORE HARRISON FAHS	7	51
FRANK JAY PROKOP	8	20
JACK CARSON ANDREWS, Sr	9	32
EARL C. STARR	9	54
JEFFREY DANIEL SWANGO	10	27
RICHARD ALLEN CLICK	11	46
BENJAMIN DE GAMO GARCIA	12	13
CRAIG ALLEN PRINK	16	15
WALTER HOWARD FRITZ	17	36
RAMON MARK SULLIVAN	18	52
BRAD DEWAYNE TEMPLETON	19	6
JEAN-CLAUDE MALTERRE	23	37
<b>JOHN ABDERHAMAN MURAD, Jr</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>63</b>
MICHAEL PALMER JOHNSON	28	8
ERIC ROGER IVEY	30	35

## JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
MICHAEL HUGH MATLOCK	9	22
JOHN WESLEY "WES" STOKES	12	45
RONALD IRVINE LYSSELL	15	34
SEBASTIAN CONDOR BABON	20	3
ROBERT FRANCIS GOEMANS	20	9
ANDREW HALE LYONS	20	4
<b>JAMES RUSSELL STITH</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>57</b>
MARK ALLAN VIRAMONTES	20	14
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24	23
TRAVIS ROSS HUNGERFORD	28	4
JAMES ROBERT BELL	29	27
SAMUEL CAMPBELL GREER	29	10

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

## June Stated Dinner

We are preparing for the June Stated Dinner – a delicious chicken-fried steak meal served with macaroni and cheese, and seasonal vegetables. Please remember to notify the Secretary by Monday Jun 2nd to make your reservation.

**SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523**  
**Meets every Thursday 8:00AM**  
**IHOP—Oracle and Limberlost**



# MASONIC MUSINGS ON MORTALITY

## Old Age Is Coming To You – Schweitzer

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. Here is an example of a life well-lived.

Ludwig Philipp Albert Schweitzer, M.D., Ph.D., was a theologian, organist, book author, humanitarian, philosopher, and physician. He was born on January 14, 1865. He received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1952 for his writings, speeches, and book on Reverence for Life. His reverence includes humans as well as all other animals. Dr. Schweitzer founded the famous Hospital Albert Schweitzer to practice medicine there in Lambaréné, then French Equatorial Africa, (now known as Gabon.) He studied and played the organ for natives and visitors to his hospital. He especially enjoyed playing music by the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Dr. Schweitzer served poor people in Africa as a physician with his wife doing anesthesiology for their patients until he died. Schweitzer died on 4 September 1965. Within weeks before his death, Dr. Schweitzer made his own wooden cross for his grave overlooking his favorite water overlook view of the Ogooué River.

Two of Dr. Albert Schweitzer's most famous quotes are: **"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."** . . . **"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."**

The second quotation was used by the Grandmaster of Masons in New York after the deadly 911 attack on the Twin Towers in New York after the Grand Lodge of New York raised from around the world and gave \$2,870,000 to charity. Here is what Grand Master Stephen Adam Rubin wrote:

"Dear Brethren, **September 11th is indeed one of the most somber and riveting days in the life of our beloved Nation.** It stands equally alongside such horrendous and devastating acts as December 7th, the Day that Pearl Harbor was attacked; November 22nd, the Day our President, John F. Kennedy, was assassinated; and April 4th, the Day the Reverend and Brother Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. A sinister and fearful cloud permeated the very fabric of our society on 9-11, and yet the forces of good coupled with the strength and fortitude of a united people came into fruition to rebuild what was lost and brought comfort and solace to those who mourn. Hundreds of Brother Masons from all over our Grand Jurisdiction in New York State in tandem with fellow Brother Masons from across the Globe answered the call with a generous and kind-spirited gift amounting to well over \$2,870,000 in aid for the distressed families of the victims. Remembering the generosity and benevolence freely given during that turbulent time reaffirms my convictions and makes me so very proud of our Masonic Fraternity. The noted humanitarian and physician, Dr. Albert Schweitzer aptly said, **"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."** In memory of the many victims of the September 11th Attack on America and in cohesion with their families, we gratefully bear witness to the genuine and unselfish expression of charity expressed by our Brethren near and far. Our humble and quiet fraternity of Freemasons have always been first in line to do our part toward answering the call of the distressed in providing a source of much needed help, especially to those adversely affected by cowardly acts of violence against our citizens. These unprecedented assaults were especially traumatic and harrowing to the population of our beautiful city of New York and our Capital in Washington, where peoples of many nations, religions and ethnicity visit, reside and work together for the betterment of society. The heartfelt compassion and empathy that the members of our Fraternity have displayed for their fellow human beings during that hour of darkness has been a source and fountain of benevolent light. Together, we have emerged from this tragic and dispirited experience united with a renewed zeal for bringing back peace, harmony, and brotherhood throughout the world. The essence of True Masonic Brotherhood will be a beacon of hope for all to see and emulate. My Brothers, your good works shall **Never Be Forgotten! It's called Brotherhood!** In closing, reflecting upon my recent travels to Finland and Estonia, I would like to share a short but true story that is most apropos today as it was when originally told in 1941. During the height of World War II, the Pro Grand Master of Finland, RW Brother Marcus Tollet, spoke of a little boy at a local seaport in Finland who looking at the various sailing ships noticed one flying a strange flag on its masthead, he asked his father, "What flag is that?" He knew the flags of the Scandinavian countries and of all the countries that border on the Baltic, but this was a different flag; and his father replied, **"It is the Freemason's Flag – It is the Stars and Stripes of the American Flag". Amen.** With kind fraternal love, **Steven Adam Rubin Grand Master"**



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## FROM THE SECRETARY



*"Time is an illusion. Lunchtime is not."*

*~Douglas Adams (Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy)*

In his article, the WM talked about the passage of time. As I am writing this, I am thinking back to my college days. Fifty years ago this week-end I graduated from college with a BS in Animal Sciences. I would later complete a Master of Science in Safety and Systems Management. On the same day, I was commissioned at 2 LT in the USAF and started a career which ended up here in Tucson, and as the writers have said—the rest is history.

This is also the mid-point of our masonic year. For those of you who haven't paid their 2025 dues, the day of reckoning is approaching, swift on the dark wings of time.

By our by-laws (and the Arizona Masonic Code) *"In case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during the period of six (6) months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at the next Stated Meeting either his dues be paid or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of these things be done, he shall at the first Stated Meeting following the six (6) month period of nonpayment of dues be declared by the Master to be so suspended, unless for special reasons shown, the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for their payment."*

If you are suspended for non-payment of dues, you will be suspended in all bodies that require a current masonic membership including another lodge if you are a dual/plural member. This would also include Scottish and York Rites, OES, and the Shrine.

At the time of writing this, we have 18 brothers who have yet to pay their dues. We will be making one last personal contact to these brothers, and if there is still no resolution, I will be sending our Danger of Suspension letters via certified mail in mid-July to those who haven't paid. If you need assistance, please, please let either the myself or the Master know. We have several ways we can still help you before it gets too late.

As most of you know, our by-laws state the lodge is dark for July and August. What this means is there will NOT be a stated meeting during those two months. With that in mind, the next stated meeting after the summer will be September 3rd. While we won't have a stated meeting, the WM has a full schedule planned and we will be conferring several degrees during the summer. The first is scheduled

for June 11th. We will be making several visits to other lodges and have some social nights (besides the monthly cigar nights) - i.e. movie night, pot luck, etc... We will also be working to accomplish as many items as we can on the Master Architect Award so we can continue our streak. So, pay attention to the weekly emails so you can stay abreast of the happenings at the lodge. If you aren't receiving the weekly email, please let the secretary know so he can add you to the list.

During the summer I intend to keep my usual office hours—Monday and Thursday mornings, plus Wednesday evenings. I will not be at the lodge at all June 18th—20th (Rainbow Grand Assembly) and during the day July 21st—2th (church music camp) but will be available via email and text. I am available other times by appointment.

See you in lodge,

Paul A. Simpson, PM, Secretary

## 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.

*Ralph Francis, Ron Hill, Earl Shambo, Catheryn Simpson (broken ankle). and Mary Yandell (Wes' wife).*

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

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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
DeMolay—Arizona Chapter .....	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org
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 Junior Deacon .....Logan Gaither (Shelby)  
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 Junior Steward.....TBA  
 Marshal .....Anthony Coviello-Blinn  
 Chaplain .....Rafael Leidy-Escabi  
 Tyler .....P Scott Ceravolo  
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