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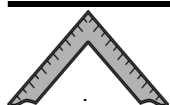
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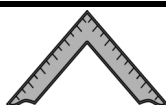
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From The East



Brethren,

Another Masonic year is coming to an end and “it was a good year”! Now is a good time to look back and reflect.

We were quite busy conferring degrees. It started with a very lively conversation group. This group was established as a point of contact for those who are curious about Masonry. We receive many inquiries about Masonry, either from the WEB or from conversations with friends. All who are interested to join in the

conversation group are invited to meet Wednesday nights. This group was created for informational purpose and anyone may join as the main time is spent to answer questions about Masonry and membership. While attending the group, the mandatory half year of getting to know Masons can pass, thus eventually leading to filing a petition for membership. Few have decided that this was not for them, while most of the attendees show interest in membership.

Out of this group came the most petitions for membership this year. Others also petitioned for dual membership or affiliation. We had fourteen men receive their first degree this year and most have also moved forward with the other degrees. Needless to say, the Lodge calendar was filled with many degrees this year. I am grateful we have this momentum going and welcome each and everyone of them as new Brothers. As a pleasant side effect, we have now a group of young and dynamic Masons moving into Lodge offices for 2020. With this group going forward, I expect it to be a great new year.

I want to thank all those who have worked hard and put a lot of effort into making the Lodge grow. My time as a Master of the Lodge comes to an end and I am thankful for all the support my officers and I have received. It is a great honor to be in this position, but now it is time to pass the gavel. Brother Richard Vaughn was elected

NOVEMBER 2019 Calendar

December 2nd—5th, 7:00 am—4:00 pm:

Children At Risk

December 14th—29th, 5:00pm:

Winterhaven Parking

December 4th Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm

Stated Meeting 7pm

December 7th Fellowship Breakfast 8 am

(Coffee available at 7 am)

December 14th Installation of Officers

December 18th Second Degree

December 25th Dark. Merry Christmas!

December 28th Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am

(at Laverna's)

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to be the Master for the ensuing year. I wish him and his officers all the best.

As we are preparing for the holiday season, I hope you will find the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Nobody needs to be lonely; we have all our Brothers that are interested in spending time together. Call or text someone and get together for company.

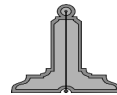
Our Lodge events will go on and the activities will be announced in the Sunday Email.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a great transition into the 2020 New Year.

-Fraternally,
Hannes Meyer,
Worshipful Master of Tucson Lodge#4, signing off
"It was a good year"!

NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
DAVID ARTHUR BERNE	3	45
RICHARD GERALD HALL	5	45
RAFAEL LEIDY-ESCABI	5	27
JOHN JOSEPH LOBAUGH	5	29
JOHN FRANKLIN THOMPSON, II	6	24
BENJAMIN ANDREW HARTNETT	8	15
RALPH VICTOR ERICKSON	9	27
JOHN LEE "JACK" KALTENHAUSER	9	13
CHARLES ALLEN ROSIER	10	29
RONALD LEE RICHEY	11	45
JACK ROLAND STATLER	11	66
SCOTT ALLEN CLICK	21	36
CLYDE RAYMOND SNOW	22	9
RUSSELL BLAIR JOHNSON II	23	12
ROGER PAUL SCHNEIDER	28	17



From The West



After my dog's evening meal and before we retire for the night, I always walk him through my neighbor-

hood. Especially during this time of the year, when the nights are getting longer and colder, I get the opportunity to do a lot of looking into the night sky and observing the many constellations, individual stars and planets, and phases of the moon. I'm becoming quite the smarter one in my identification and naming of these heavenly objects.

It truly amazes me that when we look at any individual star that what we are seeing is only a small pinpoint of light that has traveled from that star over millions, billions and even trillions of miles and sometimes many thousands of years to at last enter our eyes and be recognized as one of the countless thousands of observable stars.

The light from the closest star that we can see started its journey almost 4 years ago. Many of the stars are so distant that the light that we see today started out so long ago that none of us were yet born; or even before our parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents were born. Before Freemasonry even existed. Before Christ was born. Before the first stone was laid for that gorgeous temple which sat atop Mount Mariah. Even before life ever existed on this planet.

Scientists tell us that some of the pinpoints of light that we observe today have come from stars that actually ceased to exist hundreds, thousands or even millions of years ago. The star Betelgeuse, for example, is a very bright and very large red-giant that is the observable as the star that forms the left shoulder of the constellation Orion. Scientists believe that this star, being at the end of its evolution, is expected to explode as a supernova sometime between now and the next million years and as far as we know it may have already done so. It being calculated to be 640 light-years away, we on earth may have just not yet been able to observe the event as that

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From The South

Greetings from the South.

As we move into the holiday season I am reminded of the expressions from people to be kinder to one another and to be a little more patient with one another at this time of the year as we hurry around from place to place, whether it is trying to find that certain gift for that special someone or traveling to see someone's family. As Masons we are constantly reminded to practice the tenets of Masonry (Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth) while having Hope in The Great Architect of the Universe, Faith in immortality and Charity for all mankind. We all know that the greatest of these latter is Charity, especially at this time of year, when we hear stories abound of the have-nots and less fortunate which give us pause and thought as to how fortunate we are compared to those souls. In this day of technological advancement which supposedly is making our daily lives more convenient, we must remember, while giving, that not every family can afford to give their child such things like the latest gadgets that their peers may get. So therein lies the challenge for everyone and especially for every Mason withersoever dispersed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Robert Ribbeck

"From the West" continued...

light has yet to reach us.

It is also said that our human life is but a twinkle in the life of a star. We live under that light of stars that no longer exist, yet masons live by the Great Light of the Universe such that those who follow us will be guided by what we have done. Like the stars, we who are here for but a fraction of a moment should not hesitate to start rays of Masonic light which shall live long after we cease to exist.

Fraternally,

-Richard Vaughn, Senior Warden



THE DUTIES OF A LODGE INVESTIGATOR

(Part II Iof III)

Submitted by Gene Wickey

If you read both Parts I and II, this final part of the Article should be more meaningful and make more sense. At least I hope so.

Once the Master appoints an investigative committee, the Secretary of the Lodge will contact each committee member and provide them with information on the Petitioner, along with some basic instructions regarding the scope of the investigation; how to conduct the investigation; the Report (or Reports) that must be prepared and submitted to the Master; etc. It also includes Regulation No. 10 and No. 12. Regulation No. 10 deals with the belief in a Supreme Being, moral conduct, etc. Regulation No. 12 deals with the appointment of a committee by the Master and the submission of the Report (s).

Part of the information that each committee member

will receive deals with HOW THE INVESTIGATION IS CARRIED ON:

The investigation should include interviewing the recommenders and references named in the Petition. However, the committee should not be unduly influenced in favor of the Petitioner by the prominence of the signers; for, unfortunately, members sometimes sign petitions based on very limited acquaintance. Such a practice is wrong, and a thoughtful member will not do it. A visit to the Petitioner is essential. Make the purpose of the visit known, and talk freely and frankly to him of the necessary requirements of candidates for the degrees of Masonry. If your intuition or knowledge impels you to delve into the past, do not hesitate to do so; remembering, of course, that lapses of conduct in early life may have been outgrown and atoned for during later years of upright living. (verbatim from Tucson Lodge No. 4 Petition for Degrees).

If you are appointed to serve on the investigation Committee and you are not sure how to proceed, contact the Master and let him know. He will take the appropriate action. Keep in mind that it's important to serve, and by serving, you are providing a very important service to the Lodge.

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DEADWOOD LUNCH

Past Masters and friends gather on the last Saturday
of every month for fellowship at:

LAVERNA'S COFFEE SHOP
STARTING TIME 11:30 A.M.

November 30th



Altan Kol Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.

(Your Masonic playground)

Meetings 2nd Thursday - (Dark July & August)

3959 E Mabel Street, Tucson, AZ

Stop in and say hello - Wives are welcome

6pm Pot Luck - & 7pm meeting

Ken Lewis, Secretary (520) 349-0709

Lodge Investigator continued...

Although each Committee member will have a different way of carrying out his responsibilities, I would like to offer some suggested items for you to consider. First of all, the interview with the Petitioner should be conducted at his home, preferably with his wife and perhaps with other family members present. The wife may have questions about the fraternity that you should answer. Inquiry should be made about his job, family, hobbies, etc. An open and free dialogue should take place. The Petitioners should be asked about why he wants to join, and is there anything in his background that would cause some concern for the fraternity. He needs to know there are some financial aspects and whether or not that poses any problems for him or his family. These are just a few of the areas that should be addressed and is not meant to be all-inclusive.

So, there it is. I hope the information in this article has provided some basic and useful information on the investigation of a new Petitioner. I learned quite a bit just doing some research on the subject matter and reading many articles from Lodges all across the Country. Also, some of our Lodge members provided valuable information and insight. I thank them for this.

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Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.



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From The Secretary



I would like to thank the lodge for the confidence they have in me by electing me to another term as secretary. I will continue to do my best to support the lodge.

2020 lodge dues are \$122 (\$126 via PayPal) and are due and payable by December 31, 2019. As I have done in the past, consider the trestle board as a dues notice. With 163 dues paying members, you can see the cost of postage adds up. By using the trestle board, I can save significantly on postage. I usually send out your dues card within 24 hours of receiving payment. If you are a Senior Life or Perpetual Member, or have already paid your dues, your cards have been sent out. Your dues card number may be different from last year. The only brothers who get the same number year after year are the Past Masters. By lodge tradition, their dues card number is the year they were Worshipful Master. Those who were WM in the years 2000 or later have numbers in the 200 series. The WM traditionally gets dues card #1 with the rest of the officers following in sequence.

Anyone interested in receiving an electronic copy of the Trestle Board or the WM's weekly emails please let the secretary know at tl4so@hotmail.com. Email addresses will only be used for these purposes and lodge correspondence.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM

BREAKFAST!

Bring family and friends to our Buffet-Style Fellowship Breakfast on

Saturday Dec 7th 8:00 am-10:00 am

Weekly specials, Gene's Grits (subject to Gene's Schedule), Scrambled eggs, pancakes, potatoes, biscuits & gravy, and bacon.

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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Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls	For info Contact Paul Simpson at psimpson130@gmail.com

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