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FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Where do I begin with this, my final Trestleboard. First, I would again like to thank all of you, my brothers, for allowing me the privilege of serving the lodge as Master for this year. Things did not go as I had imagined in some aspects, but far exceeded my hopes in others. Family responsibilities required me to be away most of the year. The other Officers stepped in and took up the additional responsibilities and the Lodge was, and still is, in good hands. The thing I am most happy with is that we now have a very deep bench, with many of the Officers in the lower chairs having already conferred a degree, and with much of the ritual being devoured by our new Master Masons. I have learned a lot this past year and will take this new knowledge with me through the rest of my life.

Again, just to remind everyone, on December 3rd the Grand Master is scheduled to make his official visit; it's our Awards night; and of course there will be another wonderful Stated Meeting Dinner. The menu for the December has changed, but you know it's going to be good.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

With Brotherly Love and Affection

Marty Jones, PM

Worshipful Master

"Certainly, you can't participate in such a momentous program and not have the reminders of it have an effect on your life. What a wonderful gift for a person to receive." — Buzz Aldrin

(Although Brother Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin was speaking of the space program, I believe this sentiment is applicable to our "program" as well.) - MTJ

December 2014 Calendar

Dec 1st	Officers Meeting 6 pm Ritual Practice 7 pm
Dec 3rd	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec 6th	Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am to 10:30 am
Dec 10th	Degree 7:00 pm
Dec 13th	Installation of Officers 3:30 pm open to public
Dec 17th	Installation Practice 6:00 pm Degree 7:00 pm
Dec 25th	Merry Christmas
Dec 27th	Deadwood at Larvena's 11:30 am

The preparation group Bob and Rich are leading will meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Degrees are subject to candidate availability and proficiency.

NOTE: Please do not forget to make reservations for all dinners.

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MASONIC YOUTH!**

RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

DEMOLAY

FROM THE WEST



Brethren

Once again I wish to thank the brethren for electing me – this time to the East as Worshipful Master. And again I wish to say that it is an honor and a privilege to serve the lodge and I pledge that the confidence in me you have shown will be met with diligence and true effort. Thanks must also be extended to the line officers and other brothers who worked hard this past year and made it a successful one. The coming year will also be a successful one as the elected and appointed officers and others, such as the Thursday Crew, will surely prove to be as industrious and energetic as they have in the past.

The lodge again hosted the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program, also known as Children at Risk the last week of October. The class was small and able to accomplish the curriculum objectives in a very collegial, enjoyable manner. This led me to think about the different ways to go about accomplishing the goals of the lodge for the coming year. I certainly hope that we are able to work in a collegial, enjoyable manner, keeping in mind the three principle tenets of Freemasonry: brotherly love, relief and truth.

The installation of next year's officers will be on December 13 at 3:30 pm followed by a reception in the dining room. And this will bring us to a very busy Christmas holiday season. Whether or not we will try to control the parking lot during the Winterhaven lights festival is still undecided at this time, however the hayrides will not be present. The operator announced that since Winterhaven banned horses and mules he had to rent tractors and ATVs which made it unprofitable for him, so he will not return. Jon Schmidt, our newly elected Senior Warden, will be the decision maker on this issue since I will be visiting family in Tennessee.

I sincerely hope everyone has a joyful holiday season and returns to the Lodge in January safe and sound after enjoying the beginning of the New Year. It promises to be a great one.

Fraternally

Leigh Creighton

Senior Warden, 2014

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren

I would like to thank the brethren for electing me as Senior Warden for the upcoming year. It is quite an honor and it is a position I am looking forward to. Since this is my last entry as Junior Warden, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have made this past year successful. For those who have helped in the kitchen, I would like to thank Ginny, Doreen, Ellie, Margaret, Laurie, and Joaquin. For those of you who do not know, there is a lot of work involved to create an \$8 meal for these dinners. Ginny shops for items weeks before the dinner, and she delivers the items at the Lodge on the Sunday prior. On Tuesday, Ginny and Ellie will spend the day preparing the meals, and Ginny sometimes prepares some of the smaller items out of her home! Doreen makes the desserts, and she is up in the late hours of night getting everything ready for the next day. The Wednesday of the meal, the whole crew convenes in the kitchen by 2:00pm, sometimes earlier, to complete the baking and preparation. As you can see there is much planning and effort going into this meal of ours, and I hope you have appreciated their willingness to volunteer as much as I have! Their hard work has made these dinners affordable and not one of the Stated Meeting dinners this year were a burden to the Lodge's finances.

I would like to thank all who have volunteered to wake up early and help out for the Brotherhood Breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. As with the dinners, the food needs to be purchased and brought in ahead of time. The breakfast continues to be a great success, and we appreciate the donations.

Last, but never the least, I would like to thank the Thursday crew for everything they do for the facility. I cannot even estimate how much money they have saved the Lodge for their efforts.

The December Stated Meeting Dinner menu will be changed from prime rib to New York strip roast. Please be sure make your reservation.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Fraternally

Jon Schmidt

Junior Warden, 2014

TO THE STUDY OF GEOMETRY The Equilateral Triangle

The equilateral triangle has been viewed as symbol of deity in all ancient societies across the globe. (See Figure 1) It is composed of three equal lines joined at an intersection of three equal angles of 60 degrees. (See Figure 2) The equilateral triangle is present as a symbol within every Masonic lodge. It is foremost among the many types of triangles studied in Freemasonry. For example, notice the arrangement of the three lesser lights beside the central alter in each lodge room assumes this special geometric configuration. Even the placement of the three principal offices and their respective stations equal or approximate an equilateral triangle intentionally. The Window Rock sculpture by the front door of our lodge shows this formation also.

The equilateral triangle is the emblem and essence of geometry. It was a foundation for the study of geometry by Euclid. In Euclid's Book I the equilateral triangle is its very first proposition. Since antiquity the equilateral triangle has been the symbol for geometry as a science as well as one for deity. Ancient Greeks used this symbol for delta or the letter "D." In the time of Pythagoras, the most important oaths invoked the equilateral triangle for their administration. Oaths given over this symbol of deity were considered sacred and never broken. Opening compasses to the angle of 60 degrees represents invocation of deity in Masonic ritual work for like reasons when we exemplify Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason ceremonies.

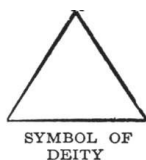


Figure 1

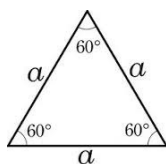


Figure 2

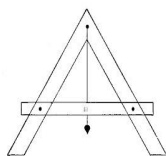


Figure 3

The equilateral triangle presents the most stable and strongest of triangular designs. It is the foundation of the three degrees in Masonry, each degree being equally-sized and equally-important taken together to make a man a Mason. This perfect, simple triangle teaches us important information with lessons for both

operative and speculative Freemasonry. By holding a plumb line atop an equilateral triangle, an operative Mason can determine three fundamental elements used for construction. The plumb line itself shows the vertical. The horizontal can be found where the plumb line shows itself to be equidistant between the other two sides. A right angle appears where the plumb line and base unite. (See Figure 3) These essential measurements enabled the construction of the great pyramids of Egypt, King Solomon's magnificent temple and medieval cathedrals and castles. For the speculative Mason the strength and stability of the equilateral triangle, along with the life lessons of the plumb, level and square, informs and reminds us of our multiple duties and obligations owed to our God, our country, our family, our brethren and ourselves. To the study of geometry, therefore, your attention is especially directed.

William Wilkinson, Esq.
Senior Steward



NOT YOUR FATHERS'S FREEMASONRY

The fact that "times are changing" was noted by Ronald A. Seale, Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, as he made an appeal for Masons to understand that new candidates approach our Fraternity with a different perspective than in the past.

In his "Grand Commander's Message" in a recent *The Scottish Rite Journal*, Brother Seale, while addressing Scottish Rite membership, made some comments which may apply to all of Freemasonry. Here are a few excerpts:

Younger, "upwardly mobile" men with families and resulting obligations as to time and finance will no longer join or remain with an organization that does not meet some need in their lives. and they definitely will affiliate with us content to be sideliners with no role to fill or challenge to meet. Those days are gone.

Thus, it is imperative that we treat each new ... Mason ... not as a member whose name is written in stone but as a good man who is trying us out - giving us a chance so to speak. Will he like what he sees? Will he find a welcoming group of Masons eager to involve him, hear his opinions and use his talents? Will he be given a chance to exercise real leadership and to be proud to bring his friends and acquaintances? Will we remember not to patronize him with worn out slogans as "you only get out of it what you put into it" but ask him to do a specific job and praise him for his performance?

This isn't rocket science, folks. It's easy. It's the right thing to do, and what we promised to do as Masons. If we don't reach out and engage our members, they will be gone and another chair will be empty at the next meeting.

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Meets every Thursday 8:00AM

Village Inn at 6251 N. Oracle Rd.



OLD PUEBLO HIGH TWELVE #773

Meets every 2ND & 4TH Friday 8:00AM

Hungry Fox at 4637 E. Broadway

2015 DUES

2015 Dues notices have been sent out. Per the Arizona Masonic Code, all dues are payable by the 31st of December. Dues for 2015 remain at the previous amount of \$112.00. Dues can be paid by returning the envelope enclosed in the dues notice with a check or money order made out to "Tucson Lodge No. 4", delivering it to the Lodge Secretary, or going onto the Lodge website and using PayPal. Unfortunately we are not set up to accept credit cards.

FROM THE LADIES CORNER

Hello Ladies!

Holidays are upon us and it is time to break out with your favorite holiday cookie recipes.

For our stated meeting night, December 3rd, we are asking that you bring with you a batch of those favorite cookies for

a "Holiday Cookie Exchange", along with your recipe. We hope everyone will take home samples of the cookies brought in and we will provide the containers for carrying your goodies.

The January Ladies program is "Personal Safety and Awareness" presented by Ann Huntington, a certified instructor and personal safety trainer.

While many people carry firearms, there is much we can do to protect ourselves besides carrying a gun. Simple everyday things that we carry with us all the time--our keys, pens, nail files, cologne, our purses etc.--can all be utilized in a self defense situation.

Simply being aware of who and what is around us can help us avoid challenging and/or potentially dangerous situations.

Come learn how to keep yourself safe and protected.

DEADWOOD LUNCH—Past Masters and Friends gather

on the last Saturday of every month for fellowship at:

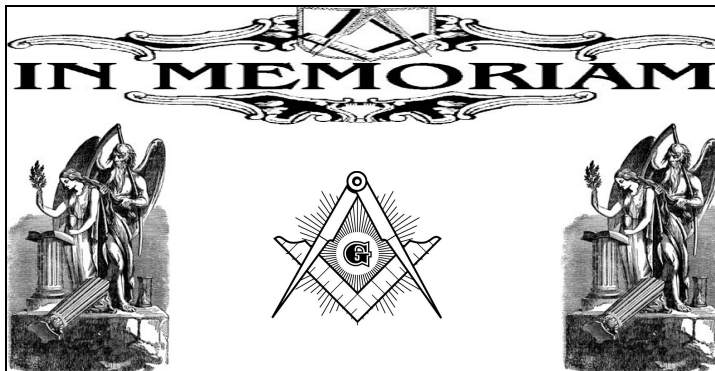
LAVERNA'S COFFEE SHOP, STARTING TIME 11:30 A.M.

Deadwood has become a social gathering and tool for the Brothers of our Lodge. The knowledge you pass onto some of our less informed Brethren is priceless. You are the link from the past to the future. The success of our lodge, and Masonry, is in your hands.

HONORS NIGHT

At the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 3rd, Tucson Lodge #4 will be holding their annual Lodge Awards night. They will be honoring and thanking those brethren who have served not only Tucson #4, but all of Masonry many years. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Michael Manning will be present to present these brothers with their service awards. A dinner will be served at 6:00pm in the banquet hall, **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**. The program will follow dinner at 7:00pm in the lodge room. Please come out and thank those brothers for their continued service to Masonry. The following is a list of the Brothers that will be honored that night:

NAME	RAISED	YRS
Richard Booth Perryman	06/02/1954	60
George Allen Brubaker	09/13/1954	60
Robert Perry Roddey	11/04/1959	55
Jay Laurence Leutenberg	06/17/1964	50
Angelo Joseph Villani	10/19/1964	50
Fredrick Martin Blatt	11/23/1964	50
Allen Ray Bailey	06/30/1969	45
Roger Ruel Schroeder	10/29/1969	45
Edwin Charles Lewis	06/04/1974	40
Ralph Roscoe Francis	08/28/1974	40
Steve Joseph Pockuba	10/02/1974	40
Jerry Carl Hall	10/15/1974	40
Graham Alfred Davey	10/16/1974	40
David Arthur Berne	12/03/1974	40
Richard Geerald Hall	12/05/1974	40
Ronald Lee Richey	12/11/1974	40
Richard Allen Click	06/11/1979	35
Jerry Wayne Fortson	09/26/1979	35
Gene Paul Scott	10/17/1979	35
David Wayne Reid	04/18/1984	30
Clark Watkin Munger	09/05/1984	30
Ernest Daniel Busby	10/17/1984	30
Steven Leo Vogel	10/31/1984	30
Clarence Nasta	09/13/1989	25
Enoch Wood Peabody, III	06/29/1994	20
Gordon Dale Beatty	04/13/1999	15
Akash Sharad Taggar	11/06/1999	15
Benjamin Andrew Hartnett	12/08/2004	10



Of our Brethren who have passed on this Masonic year

Name	Birth	Raised	Death
Lewis George Irvine	06-27-45	03-12-73	11-29-13
Charles Loren Steele	03-31-22	04-21-77	12-09-13
Stafford Clark Sanford	01-28-51	10-27-92	02-11-14
Glenn Lee Coughenour	12-27-53	05-20-58	02-11-14
Gene Ray Morris	10-07-27	12-05-56	02-28-14
Vern Arthur Amick	05-04-25	02-20-57	03-19-14
Robert Alberic Garrepy	11-24-28	12-04-58	04-21-14
Lloyd Rueben Stock	03-04-19	03-20-48	05-26-14
Hyman Eisenstein	04-15-15	01-06-48	06-06-14
Ronald William Shuman	04-08-39	06-06-61	07-26-14
Clinton Eugene Hamilton	04-13-25	11-11-53	08-12-14
Victor Henry John Lynn	11-11-25	06-04-86	10-14-14
James "Steve" Balogh	09-02-29	11-28-66	11-17-14

DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DATE	YEAR	YEARS
David Arthur Berne	3	1974	40
Richard Gerald Hall	5	1974	40
Rafael Leidy-Escabi	5	1992	22
John Joseph Lobaugh	5	1990	24
John Franklin Thompson, II	6	1995	19
Benjamin Andrew Hartnett	8	2004	10
Ralius Victor Erickson	9	1992	22
John Lee "Jack" Kaltenhauser	9	2006	8
Ronald Lee Richey	11	1974	40
Jack Roland Statler	11	1953	61
William Robert Lobb	15	2010	4
Scott Allen Click	21	1983	31
Clyde Raymond Snow	22	2010	4
Roger Paul Schneider	28	2002	12

Please congratulate these Brothers when you see them.
If you don't see them, yet know them, give them a call and invite them to go to lodge with you.

Bring your Birthday Card and get your dinner compliments of the Lodge.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

On December 6th at 10:00am our own Bethel #25 will be holding an initiation. Come have a great breakfast at the Lodge then support the girls by attending their meeting. This Bethel is growing, let's show them our support.

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Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First & Third Tuesdays	7:30PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:30PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Mondays	7:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Mondays.....	7:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters, First & Third Saturdays	10:00AM
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls, Second & Fourth Tuesdays	7:00PM

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