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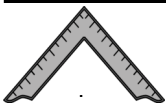
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From The East



Brethren,

A brother Mason whom I have long admired for his wise counsel and friendship once expressed these words:

“The completion of such work is neither simple nor easy, but it is impossible to do it alone. It can only be done with each other’s help. That is why we are organized in a lodge where the single challenge is who best can work and best agree. This is why the very first duty of a Mason is, assiduity. Assiduity is the constant and willfully sustained effort to participate in the activities of the lodge with our Brethren. We must always partake in the activities of our Lodge.”

On this topic, I would like to express my extreme gratification to the lodge and its brothers who came out to support our fund raising activity of parking cars in the lodge building’s lot during the December Winterhaven festivities. The support by the brothers of this lodge, during that season, truly warmed my heart. This, I told myself, is what Masonry is all about, a brotherhood of men pulling together to support the lodge and perhaps make the world a better place. The lodge took in a little over \$4300. Although I know that each of you in your own ways support our lodge in particular and Masonry in general as time and other obligations and reasoning will allow, this is the list of brother’s who specifically partook in the Winterhaven Parking activity:

Gabriel Class, Robert Conrad, Tanner Cook, Leigh Creighton, Carl Erdman, John Garcia, Sam Greer, Craig Gross, Mike Grzegorski, Jan Halvax, Guy Hummon, Phil Matthews, Steve Morrillo, Robert Ribbeck, Paul Simpson, Brad Templeton, Will Wilkinson.

That’s 19 brothers, including myself, who are owed a tremendous gratitude by the lodge.

The next major lodge activity is preparing for and participating in the Tucson Rodeo Parade which I’m sure will be equally successful.

We are well on our way to a very successful year. Thanks to each of you for your support.

FEBRUARY 2020 Calendar

- February 1st: Fellowship Breakfast 8 am
(Coffee available at 7 am)
- February 4th: Lodge of Instruction at Oasis
Lodge #52
- February 5th: Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm
Stated Meeting 7pm
- February 12th: Degree or Practice
- February 19th: Degree or Practice
- February 20th: Rodeo Parade 9 am
- February 26th: Degree or Practice
- February 29th: Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am
(at Laverna’s)

Note: Events may have been changed after we went to print. For an up-to-date calendar visit <http://tucsonlodge4.homestead.com>

Richard Vaughn, Worshipful Master

From The South West

Oh the joy of being a mentor! To be given the chance to re-read all the material pertaining to the degrees. So many things that I had forgotten and now am soaking in again, trying to imagine reading it for the first time, like my mentee. And having to admit that I really do not know much, but that the goal is to keep learning, searching and asking. Even though I am a relatively young mason (obviously I am talking about my Masonic age, not my real one) I noticed, through mentoring, how indeed I had become a little complacent, taking it all for granted and not being the relentless student I had imagined myself to be.

So I want to share with you an example of how I benefitted from my mentorship. The phrase we were discussing was that, in order to become a Mason, you must be, among other things, a man and *free born*. There has been, is, and probably will be a lot of dis-

ussion about these words. The term slavery comes to mind almost immediately. Are we saying that no (ex) slaves can ever become Masons? Should we therefore not remove this requirement from our statutes, since we are supposed to love *all* mankind?

As all students of Freemasonry will sooner or later discover, not all words and phrases should be taken literally; often they are used as symbols, and we are challenged to find the deeper meaning behind them. We must also remind ourselves that many of our words were written in different times, when morals may have been different from what we currently think is just and fair.

So I spent some time reading about the free-born requirement and found some interesting facts and ideas (among concerned articles that *do* condemn the fee-born phrase and want it removed from our rituals). In Europe of the Middle Ages most people were basically at the mercy of the landowners on whose land they lived and worked. They would never make enough income to pay off the landowner during their lifetime and their debt was passed on to their offspring. Those were therefore obviously not free born, but started out with a debt that they also would most likely not be able to pay off. Yes, one could label this as a form of slavery indeed. But why exclude those poor souls from the Fraternity? Because they are obedient to a master other than their Creator and themselves. Their 'master' may want to expand his power by installing them as trolls in a Lodge. It is not that they were not free-born, but that they are 'owned' by someone, that their minds are not allowed to think whatever they want to think themselves. A Mason must have that freedom of mind, must be able to make decisions out of his own free will. And must obey his Masonic obligations which he also took out of his own free will. In this way the Fraternity keeps itself strong and healthy.

Perhaps we should change 'free-born' into 'free-will', just to make clear what we really mean. At least that is what I will tell my mentee.

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
ERDMAN, Jr	LESLIE CARL	3 37
PHILLIPS	RAYMOND A.	7 52
HAMMONDS	GREGORY	10 4
MURRILLO	STEPHEN MATTHEW	11 11
GILLILAND	MARK JOSEPH	13 7
BOLDUC	JOHN PATRICK	15 6
CONRAD	ROBERT CHARLES	15 42
LOBB	WILLIAM ROBERT	15 9
VAUGHN	RICHARD DWAYNE	15 6
WARREN	CURTIS LEE	18 44
PARKER	GEORGE CHARLES	19 6
PROKOP	JOHN RUSSELL	19 26
WHITE	JERRY EDDVILLE	19 43
HUMMON	GUY ALBERT	20 64
ADAMS	HOMAS AUSTIN	23 65
GULOTTA	LEONARD JOSEPH	25 39
HAYNIE	THOMAS JAY (TJ)	26 6
VANDERKOLK	KENT ALLEN	27 35
ANDRESS	NICHOLAS ANTHONY	29 8

Fraternally,
Jan Halvax, JD

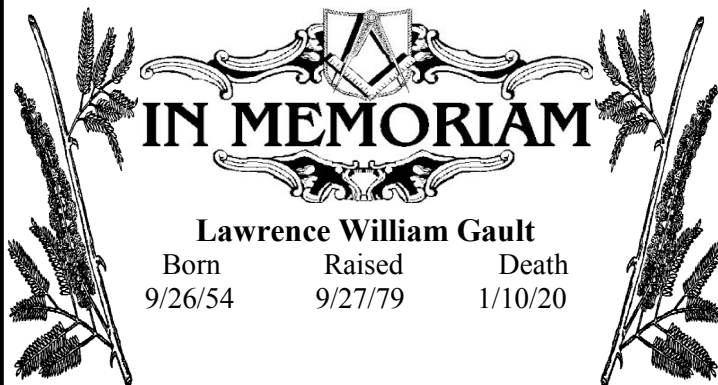


Brother Wesley Yandel along with Brother Richard Vaughn (with loyal companion, Tito) presenting students of Mission Manor Elementary School with their new bicycles during the Fall 2019 Bikes-for-Books event.

From The South

I'm not a perfect man. I'm not a perfect man of God. I'm not a perfect Mason. What I am is a man trying to be all of these. I will never achieve that status of perfect, but I can try. I can use the lessons taught to me by the rule and guide of my faith and from those who are learned in the craft. I have the love of my family to tell me when I stray from the line. I can also try to subdue my passions and keep my desires circumscribed. I have my brethren to keep me in check, keep me on the level, keep me on the square, and keep me standing upright by the plumb. One of the things I so love about Masonry, is that I have my brothers who will help me through all these things. We can speak on the level and our hearts be on the square, all while trying so hard to walk upright before The Supreme Architect of the Universe, and our fellow men.

Carl Erdman, Junior Warden



Lawrence William Gault
Born 9/26/54 Raised 9/27/79 Death 1/10/20



Thursday Feb 20th @8am

If you want to ride on the Lodge Float, please contact John Garcia, Lodge Parade Chairman or Richard Vaughn, WM, ASAP (before Feb 17th)

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Minors MUST have a SIGNED parental RELEASE



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.

February 29th



Masons Absorbed In Their Work



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

(Your Masonic playground)

Meetings 2nd Thursday - {Dark July & August}

3959 E Mabel Street, Tucson, AZ

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6pm Pot Luck - &:7pm meeting

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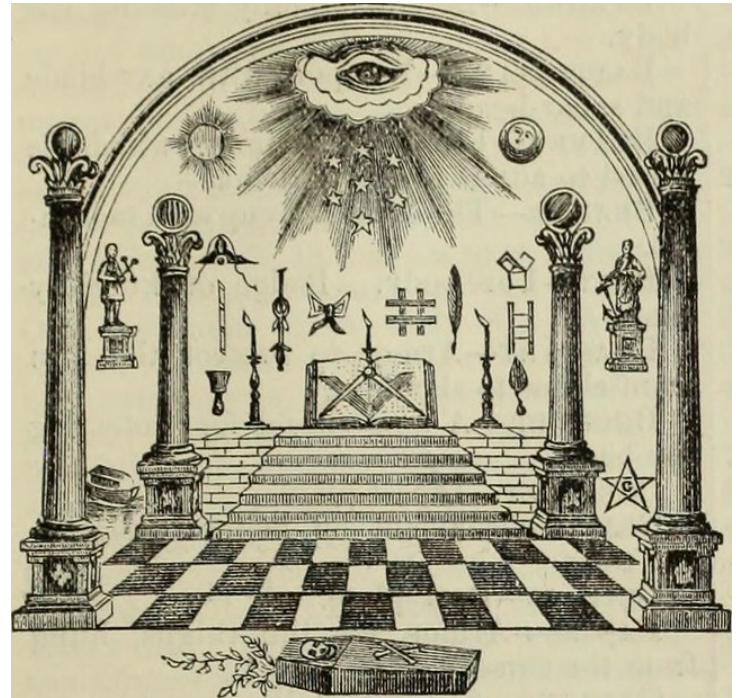
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Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.



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Sabbar Shrine Temple
450 S Tucson Blvd

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From The Secretary



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. So far, 25% of the dues paying membership have paid their dues. I usually send out your dues card within 24 hours of receiving payment. The traditional dues notices will be going out the first week of January.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM



BREAKFAST!

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

Saturday Feb 1st 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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