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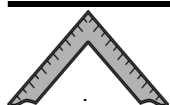
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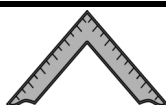
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### From The East



**B**rethren,

I very much dislike the clichéd beginnings of New Year's letters and articles: "Another year has come and gone...", or "As we enter a new year...", and yet I find it difficult to begin my article to you without their use.

Indeed, as we enter a new year with all newly elected and assigned officers the excellent heritage of Tucson Lodge #4 continues. I am proud to have been elected as your Worshipful

Master ('1<sup>st</sup> among equals' or 'he who gets to wear the hat'), and look forward to serving Tucson Lodge #4 with as much enthusiasm for the fraternity in 2020 as I have had and demonstrated over the past years as I passed through the chairs to obtain this position. Which also demonstrates the concept that if I can do it then you can too.

Thank you MWB Robert Conrad, MWB Craig Gross and WB Leigh Creighton for a beautiful installation ceremony. And I especially want to thank Hannes Meyer for his excellent leadership through 2019 and also his wife, Joyce, for working so hard on the installation reception. And finally thanks to Kathy Simpson for the beautiful Christmas Decorations.

I also cannot be prouder of the 2020 elected and assigned officer line-up and know that we will all receive as much support from our lodge brothers as we have received in the past. All have worked so hard and are so deserving of their positions.

We ended the year in typical excellence, diligence and comradery during our Winterhaven parking fund raiser. At the time of this writing I do not yet have the total dollar amount raised, but from the ink all over the sign-up sheet I know that we had a great turn-out. Thanks to all for your support and making it another successful venture.

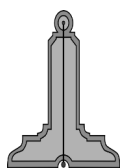
Next on the list of activities is the Tucson Rodeo Parade (February 20). Thank-you to all who have volunteered to see this activity through to another successful completion.

Peace and Plenty, Health and Happiness to each and every one of you throughout the new year.

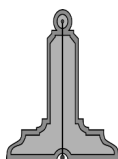
### JANUARY 2020 Calendar

January 1st:	No Stated Dinner or Meeting
January 4th	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am (Coffee available at 7 am)
January 8th	Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm Stated Meeting 7pm
January 15th	Degree or Practice
January 13th—16th:	Children At Risk
January 22nd	Degree or Practice
January 25th	Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am (at Laverna's )
January 29th	Potluck Dinner

*Richard Vaughn*, Worshipful Master



## From The West



I hope everyone's Christmas and New Year was filled with joy and laughter, surrounded by family and friends. What it means to meet on the level, we are taught that regardless of a brother's position in the community, when they are attending lodge they all meet as equals. By symbolism the newly made mason is taught that the

level is for the purpose of proving horizontals and also that it represents the jewel of one of the principle officers in the lodge, being that of Senior Warden who is always situated in the west. Also the level denotes equality and teaches that truth needs to be carefully understood.

Although Freemasonry did not invent those virtues, it inculcates them from the time a candidate for Masonic degrees first knocks at the door of a lodge until he is translated from this imperfect life to that celestial lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. As is stated in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree lecture, brothers come together the high and low, the rich and poor, who, as created by one almighty parent and inhabitants of the same planet are to aid, support and protect one another.

For these reasons no two people are or should be treated differently in a Masonic lodge, on this principle hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us and with heart and tongue we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. Thus, as with all other virtues taught in Freemasonry, the lessons in equality taught by the level, instilled and nurtured within a Masonic lodge, achieve the greatest good for all mankind when lived in the world by the Mason himself.

So with these words and examples the Mason goes about promoting peace, harmony and goodwill. In this way, each Mason brings light into the world and yields himself to become G\_d's vessel for extending extraordinary grace to all creation.

*Robert Ribbeck, Senior Warden*

### JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
ROBERT GRAHAM KITCHELL	5	7
RICHARD EUGENE TOLER	8	45
CHAD MICHAEL RICHEY	12	19
IAN PAUL DAVEY	16	35
MICHAEL JOSEPH IRVINE	24	13
CLAUDE EUGENE BEALER	25	41
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARAGON, Jr.	28	16
DON LEEKING, Sr.	28	39
DAVID WAYNE EATON	29	34
KENNETH LEROY HUNT, Jr.	30	48

Freshly Installed Worshipful Master and his 2020 Team





## From The South

I hope you all have had a Merry Christmas. As we begin a New Year. I am continuing my Masonic journey and the vote of the brethren have allowed this to happen. First, I'd like to thank you all. Next, I'd like to look back on the first steps of this journey that I have so much enjoyed. I was one of the lucky ones to have been initiated, passed, and raised by my father, Worshipful Brother Les. Although he was not the WM, in fact, at my initiation, he was given the honor of being the one in the East that night. After he was installed in his own right as WM, he passed me to Fellowcraft. Later he raised me to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I was offered a position in line by Worshipful Master-elect Bob Conrad. Reluctantly, at that time, I had to decline the honor. It turned out to be a good decision as the Supreme Architect of the Universe had other plans for me.

As I am back with my home lodge after traveling the world and the USA I look forward to helping our lodge grow, and work with our WM Richard Vaughn and SW Robert Ribbeck to keep our lodge at the high standard that we hold. I may be getting bold because I believe we can do even better than that. Bold as we follow many brothers that brought us to where we stand now. In short, I look ahead to a very good year, and will serve this lodge to the best of my ability.

*Carl Erdman, Junior Warden*



*December 14, 2019. Installation of Officers.  
From top, clockwise:*

*The new WM, Richard Vaughn, escorted by  
MWB Craig Gross, Installing Marshall.*

*Richard congratulated by MWB Robert Conrad,  
Installing Master.*

*Changing of the Guard: Hannes Meyer (WM  
in 2019) hands over the Charge to Richard.*



## 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.**

*January 25th*



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

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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - (Dark July & August)

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Stop in and say hello - Wives are welcome

6pm Pot Luck - 8:7pm meeting

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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 Jan 4th 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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