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From The East		January Calend	ar
	Mon Jan 1	Reservations for dinner due	Noon
"We do not see things as they are; we see them as we are"	, Wed Jan 3	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
		Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Anais Nin	Thurs Jan 4	Annual Users Meeting	6:00 pm
	Wed Jan 10	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
Hello from the East! I hope the holidays treated you well.	Thurs Jan 11	Trustees Meeting	6:00 pm
As we get things rolling here at lodge, the first thing we will be focusing on is practicing! We have several goals for this year but none more important than performing well and feeling comfortable in our parts. Though the next several	Wod lop 17	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
	Wed Jan 24	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
	Fri Jan 26	Cigar Night	7:00 pm
	Wed Jan 31	Officer Practice	7:00 pm
weeks will be devoted to practice, we would love for you to join us! Not only are our practices an opportunity to brush	Wed Feb 7	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
up on ritual but they are also a chance for fellowship with your brethren!	latest updates	Please refer to the Worshipful Master's weekly email for the latest updates as the details of the events are not yet fully	
As we move forward let us not forget the lessons we are	known when th	his edition is sent out.	

taught in Freemasonry. While I would love to please everyone, it is an impossibility to do so. I'd love to get everything done during the time we have ahead of us but I also understand that is equally not possible. There will be some changes to events and some new events in the coming months. I hope you will great these changes with an open mind and join us in these endeavors.

Thank you again for your continued support and electing me to lead the lodge! I am so incredibly humbled by this opportunity and I can only hope that I continue to receive your support throughout the year. I know the other officers in the line feel the same way and are very excited to get working.

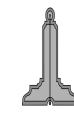
May this month be a time of fellowship and shared growth. May we attend our gatherings with open hearts, ready to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. Let our lodge be a testament to the transformative power of Masonry, where harmony prevails, and the light of wisdom shines bright.

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.

Fraternally,

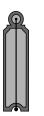
Trevor Tanzillo, Your Brother

From The West



This is Bo, your Senior Warden, and I would like to share my journey of becoming a Mason. My Masonic journey started in Virginia, where I started thinking about masonry and I even tried to find a lodge that would accept me. However, the lodges I found in Virginia didn't work out so well, so, I gave up for a while and moved to Washington state. There I found a friend who happened to be a mason who got me thinking about it again. I started visiting his Lodge, submitted a petition, and went through my degrees. Right after being raised I became the Marshal of King Solomon Lodge #60. My wife's company transferred her to Arizona and I thought to myself "I'm going to have to find a new Lodge." I discovered Tucson 4 and started visiting. They opened their doors and welcomed me and I decided this would be a good lodge for me. Once again, my first office was Marshal, but that was only for a few months. I progressed up the line and was elected to Junior Warden for 2023 and Senior Warden for this year. I will strive to do my best this year serving our lodge as Senior Warden and hopefully, become Worshipful Master.

Bo Paxton, Senior Warden





Now that the officers are officially installed for 2024, I am looking forward to serving the lodge as Junior Warden.

I have served in several leadership positions within the enlisted ranks in the Army. My philosophy and goal has always been to leave the leadership position which I am serving a better place than when I took it over. This should be the goal of anyone serving in a leadership role, not just in the military. If not, you will be doing a disservice to your subordinates. In masonry, this philosophy also holds true.

I am excited to work with brother Dan and brother Austin. Collectively we will be providing the meals and refreshments for the brethren. When there is a holiday in the month of our stated meeting, we plan on preparing the dinner correlated with that holiday. January will be prime rib in relation to New Years.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Santa was good you all! Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all at the January stated meeting.

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden

Hewing the Ashlar

The Worshipful Master is framed on either side by a rough ashlar, jagged and rude but whose general appearance implies a more elevated form within, and a perfect ashlar that is so square and polished that applying any further work would now take it irreversibly away from "perfection."

Through wisdom and effort, we shape ourselves like an ashlar, becoming better and better as we cleave away our less perfect parts. We examine ourselves and ruminate on our rough edges, asking "how can we do better and be better." We strive to continuously improve ourselves to get as close as we may to that polished and right cube knowing our hewing will never be complete, as perfection is divine.

Given that we as Masons are rough ashlars and that the lodge is composed entirely of us, does that not also imply that the lodge is similarly in a state of continuous improvement, where it must be ever hewed to get closer and closer to perfection?

Given that the ashlars are framing the Worshipful Master every single ceremony and meeting, does it not also imply that he and the lodge are tasked with continuously hewing it? As fine and square as the lodge's ashlar may be, we know that there is always a corner or façade that can be made more square. This year and in future years, I ask that we openly and intentionally discuss where the imperfections lie and use our collective wisdom to figure out the best way to strike the chisel. After all, ashlars cannot hew themselves.

Daniel Febrer

Ed Note: Brother Dan is our newest Master Mason having been raised back in October. It appears that beside cooking, he also has a talent for writing.



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

If you know whose working tools these are, then you may have an idea of what is coming.

From The Secretary

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better man." —Benjamin Franklin

As I do every year at this time, here are the numbers for the lodge. We started 2023 with 230 members. We had 8 pass to the Celestial Lodge above, lost 7 to withdrawals and 3 to suspension for nonpayment of dues. On the plus side, we raised 4 new master masons, and had one reinstatement from nonpayment fo dues. As of December 28th, we had 217 members on the books. When we subtract out 44 Perpetual Members, 19 Senior Life Members, and 11 Regulation 19 (relief) that leaves us with 143 dues paying members. We pay per capita on our dues paying and Perpetual Members and this year it looks like it will be around \$7100. There are also fees for each degree we confer (or have conferred), petitions we elect, as well as affiliations from outside of Arizona. This will amount to of an additional \$150 plus or minus. I will have better numbers once I complete my final annual report closeout with the Grand Secretary. Now you see why I sometimes sound like a broken record about paying dues. For you younger brothers, feel free to ask an older brother what a record is.

As of today, we have 60 brothers who have yet to pay their dues which are due December 31st. If you haven't done so, please do so. If you need help with your dues, please let either WM Trevor or I know so we can help you. We have many tools at our disposal and will keep all requests in strictest confidence.

We had a successful Winterhaven Parking Fundraiser. We were a little behind last year's parking income, but we would have surpassed it had we not lost the Friday before Christmas to rain. We did surpass what we had figured in the budget by a significant amount. Many thanks to all who helped out in our major fundraiser.

The Worshipful Master has a very active year planned out, and, in a few days he will be sharing it with everyone. We are going back to the Gaslight in April and most likely again in the summer. He also has planned several social nights away from the lodge and numerous lodge visitations. I urge every brother to help and support WB Trevor in his year.

And for those of you making New Year's resolutions how about this one—Attend Lodge!! (and if you can't call up a brother who you haven't seen in a while and ask how he is doing).

See you in Lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
ROBERT GRAHAM KITCHELL	5	11
RICHARD EUGEN TOLER	8	49
IAN PAUL DAVEY	16	39
GABRIEL CLASS	20	3
STEVEN ORVAL ZIMMERMAN, PGM	21	49
MICHAEL JOSEPH IRVINE	24	17
ENRIQUE PARES	27	3
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARAGON, JR	28	20
DON LEE KING, SR	28	43
DAVID WAYNE EATON	29	38
KENNETH LEROY HUNT	30	53
CHAD MICHAEL RICHEY	31	23

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

Our Sick and Distressed Brothers

Brethren, please keep the following ailing brethren in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for their address.

Rich Hall, James Moore, Ralph Francis, Ron Hill

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

JANUARY BIRTHDA	<u>AYS</u>
NAME	DAY
ENOCH WOOD PEABODY	1
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	1
KENNETH RONALD BOWEN	2
MARK ALAN VIRAMONTES	2
JAMES EDWARD MOORE	4
JOHN EDWARD NEVITT	4
JOHN BABUTA PANGELINAR	4
MORRIS VAN ELROD	7
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	10
GEORGE CHARLES PARKER	11
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	13
CHARLES JUDE SOULLIARD	16
ERIC ROGER IVEY	18
RICHARD BOOTH PERRYMAN	20
DESMOND LEWSI HOOEY	23
ROBERT FRANCIS GOEMANS	24
ELMER IVAN ACUNA	26
TODD MATTHEW CANALE	26
JOHN WESLEY "WES" STOKES	28
JOHN RUSSELL PROKOP	29
WILLIAM BENARD PREDGO	30
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARAGON, JR	31

WINTERHAVEN 2023

Winterhaven 2023 is in the books. The proceeds have been tallied, deposits made, and supplies ready to be put away until next year.

The secretary gave a brief report in his article about Winterhaven. We opened up the building to Tucson Police Department as a relief station for their folks, especially the bicycle patrols. On the first night, we had the pleasant surprise of finding out that one of the officers was a former student of RW Leigh Creighton when he taught at Wilson. DeMolay was supposed to have two nights of fundraising, but they were rained out the second night. They did show up and decided it was a little too wet.

Here are the folks (according to the updated signup list) who assisted: Austin Pena, Bo Paxton, Craig Gross, Dan Febrer, Darryl and Laura Weaver, Gregory Pfister, Jan Halvax, Jim Wadley, John Myers, Jon Schmidt (with De-Molay), Jose Gonzales, Justus Smith, Leigh Creighton, Mark Gilliland, Moe Momayez, Paul Simpson, Rafa Leidy-Escabi, Ray Snow, Rick Chimblo, Sam Greer, Scott Ceravolo, Steve and Debbie Murillo, Steven Zimmerman, Trevor Tanzillo, and Will Wilkinson. Our apologies if we missed anyone.

We are already looking at next year. We will need a new holder for the sign. This year it was held together with electrical tape from where a crack had developed. We will also need a new sign as we are raising the rate next year to \$10. We were the only folks at \$5 from what other folks had told us. One of the other ideas we are kicking around is to put lights on the sign to give it greater visibility.



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JOHN EDWARD NEVITT	4
JOHN BABUTA PANGELINAR	4
MORRIS VAN ELROD	7
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	10
GEORGE CHARLES PARKER	11
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	13
CHARLES JUDE SOULLIARD	16
ERIC ROGER IVEY	18
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Feel free to drop these brothers a card on their earth	nly birthday.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gaslight Theatre

Once again, we will be making another pilgrimage to the far east side of Tucson (Kolb Rd) to the Gaslight Theatre. **Save the date—Friday, April 19th at 8:30 pm**. Tickets will be \$22 for adults and \$17 for children. We have reserved 40 seats in our "usual" area. As we get closer to the date,



SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523 Meets every Thursday 8:00AM Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.



LESLIE CARL ERMAN, JR "CARL" Born: 9-20-1960 Raised: 2-2-1983 Died: 10-12-2023 EDWARD JOHN GARRETT Born: 9-7-1947 Raised: 4-5-1971 Died: 12-23-2023

Our Brothers have been raised in that glorious and celestial lodge above, which time shall never close, but will remain open through the boundless ages of eternity. There in that spiritual temple, in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, there our Brethren may Almighty God, in his wisdom and goodness, grant that we shall meet, never again to part.

Almighty and most merciful Father, as it hath pleased Thee to take from us those dear to our hearts, we beseech Thee to bless and sanctify unto us this dispensation of Thy providence. Inspire our hearts with wisdom from on high, that we may glorify Thee in all ways. And when our toil on earth shall have ended, may we be raised to the enjoyment of fadeless light and immortal life in that Kingdom where faith and hope shall end and Thine, Oh Righteous Father, shall be the glory forever. Amen.

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Would you like to get your business out to your Masonic Brothers? If so, consider taking out an ad in the Tucson Lodge 4 Newsletter. It is published monthly and gets sent out all over the State. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide its members and friends with current articles and information. A 1/8 page (business card) is only \$75.00, a 1/4 page ad is \$150.00, a 1/2 page ad is \$300.00 and a full page ad is \$600.00. If interested please contact the Lodge secretary and we will set you up. Thanks for your support.

TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays		
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday		
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday		
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday		
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First Sundays	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org	
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters	For info Contact Laureen at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com	
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls	For info Contact Paul Simpson at psimpson130@gmail.com	
For use of the Lodge Building contact the Lodge Secretary at tl4so@outlook.com		

BRETHREN WE LOST IN 2023

CLIFFORD JACKSON HAZARD "JACK"

Born: 9-5-1939

Raised: 10-10-1962 Died: 11-7-2022

THOMAS AUSTIN ADAMS

Born: 9-8-1929

Raised: 2-23-1955

Died: 11-10-2022

OWEN BRUCE LAMB

Born: 2-16-1932 Raised: 8-29-1956 Died: 1-17-2023

WALTER RUSSELL GRAHAM, JR

Born: 7-5-1935 Raised: 12-12-1987

Died: 2-16-2023

JACK ROLAND STATLER

Born: 11-4-1928 Raised: 12-11-1953 Died: 6-5-2023 **E. DAVID HOBBS** Born: 6-29-1926 Raised: 3-17-1948 Died: 6-22-2023

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