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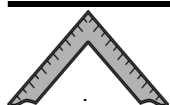
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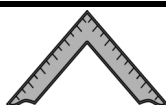
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From The East



Brethren,

Well, its June already and we are halfway through the year. Some may not know this fact, but on June 22nd the Sun reaches its northern-most arc across the daytime sky and begins its 6 month journey south back to Winter. That is why June 22nd marks the official start of Summer. June is also the month where we in Southern Arizona typically experience our hottest summer temperatures and let us not forget that this month also hosts Father's Day, June 14th. June is indeed a busy month also known for numerous graduations and Weddings.

More importantly, let's not forget to honor our Military, First responders and Veterans, especially and in particular during this month, as it was during World War II (1939-1945), that the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region and incurring over 14,000 allied deaths on that day. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning and equipment including 6,939 ships and landing craft, over 10,400 aircraft and 450,000 tons of ammunition. No reliable figures exist for German losses but it is estimated that around 200,000 were killed or wounded with approximately 200,000 more taken prisoner. French civilian casualties during the Battle of Normandy stand around 19,890 – not including the estimated 15,000 that had been killed during the bombardments prior to D-Day. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target.

By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had

JUNE—JULY 2020 Calendar

- The 2020 Grand Communication has been cancelled
- The June Stated Meeting will be held June 3rd through Zoom; details will be emailed to Tucson Lodge #4 members
- The conversation group will also meet through Zoom; details will be emailed by Jean Claude Malterre
- Most Wednesdays there will be Social Zoom Meetings; details are sent out in the weekend email from the Worshipful Master (If you wish to receive those, contact the secretary at psimpson130@gmail.com)
- There will be NO Stated Meeting Dinner this month (June)
- There will be NO Fellowship Breakfast this month (June)
- The lodge will be dark in July and August (no Stated Meetings)

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defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe. Please continue to pray for our country and its many heroes.

Plans for June and into July at Tucson-4 include the possibility of two Master Mason degrees and one Fellowcraft degree. The Stated meeting, June 3rd, will once again be via Zoom but unless we hear otherwise we will be slowly getting back to normal by incorporating new protocols of social gathering and cleanliness. The lodge will be going dark for the usual months of July and August, meaning no Stated Meetings during those months, however we will continue to meet for degrees and other social reasons during this off time.

Enjoy your Summer and Stay Safe and Healthy.

Richard Vaughn, Worshipful Master

From The West

Greetings,

As we continue to endure this pandemic, I sit here and began to think about how the journey through the portals of Masonry can be so different for individual initiates, and how they may experience each step of that journey in their own way. Some progress fairly quickly while others struggle, while others still seem totally perplexed, and while we all try to encourage the ones who struggle and celebrate the ones who are triumphant in reaching their goal, we somehow are still left feeling that we could do more or feel that we lack the qualities that allow others to instruct their candidates seemingly effortlessly.

However, as we are often told, there is no substitute for experience, so we look to the senior members of the lodge for guidance and wisdom; to keep us pointed in a Masonically relevant direction. (Whether we take these suggestions or directions to heart is clearly up to us.)

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JUNE—JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
JUNE		
BARRY MORRIS TUCKER	1	14
RICHARD BOOTH PERRYMAN	2	66
JOHN WILLIAM MYERS II	3	39
THEODORE HARRISON FAHS	7	43
FRANK JAY PROKOP	8	15
JACK CARSON ANDREWS, SR	9	27
EARL C STARR	9	49
JEFFERY DANIEL SWANGO	10	22
RICHARD A. CLICK	11	41
JOHN WOOD HOSTETLER	12	52
CRAIG ALLEN PRINK	16	10
WALTER HOWARD FRITZ	17	31
JAY LAURENCE LEUTENBERG	17	56
RAMON MARK SULLIVAN	18	47
BRAD DEWAYNE TEMPLETON	19	1
JEAN CLAUDE MALTERRE	23	32
JOHN ABDURHAMAN MURAD	26	58
MICHAEL PALMER JOHNSON	28	3
ENOCH WOOD PEABODY III	29	26
ERIC ROGER IVEY	30	30
EDWIN CHARLES LEWIS	30	46
WILLIAM EDWIN LOFQUIST	30	58
JULY		
MICHAEL HUGH MATLOCK	9	17
JOHN WESLEY STOKES	12	40
RONALD IRVINE LYSSELL	15	29
TREVOR REESE JONES	18	8
ROBERT FRANCIS GOEMANS	20	4
JAMES RUSSELL STITH	20	52
MARK ALLEN VIRAMONTES	20	9
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24	18
JAMES ROBERT BELL	29	21
SAMUEL CAMPBELL GREER	29	5

From The South

Maybe I should have done this a while back. I'd like to dedicate this to my father WB Les Erdman. Long before he became a Mason, he taught me things to make me a better man. Not everything he taught was told to me in words.

Much of what he taught was by example. I've always

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So, I say to all initiates and struggling members trying to learn their particular step as they progress through the portals of freemasonry: keep putting one foot in front of the other and always remember that the lodge will always be here to listen, to counsel and give a brother as well as their fellow man a helping hand.

Robert Ribbeck, Senior Warden



From The South continued...

heard, and believe, that actions speak louder than any words. My father did that. He lives the way he believes is the right thing to do. He showed me that if you give your word, you keep it. Tell the truth, no matter what the consequences may be.

He taught me to respect the law, love my country and defend all that I hold dearly. My sisters and I were led to a church and learned about our creator. It was not an option to go, however, it was our own choice to believe or not. All of us still hold that in great value. If it weren't for him and my mother, I more than likely would not be a Mason today.

There are so many things I could probably talk about that he showed me or taught by example. I'm sure all can relate.

As we are now in June, the weather folks are telling us about summer. Well, we here in Arizona have to laugh a bit about that. Even though it's not "officially" summer, it sure does feel like it.

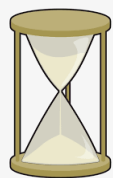
Hopefully, we won't have to Zoom much longer. It is hoped by many of us that as this is printed, we will all meet again.

Looking forward to that!

May the peace of the Great Architect find you and bless you!

Fraternally,

Carl Erdman, Junior Warden



From The History Department

Submitted by Carl Erdman

Brethren, you, by now, know my love of Masonry as well as my love of American history. We discussed our brethren in war once and here are some facts from the American Civil War.

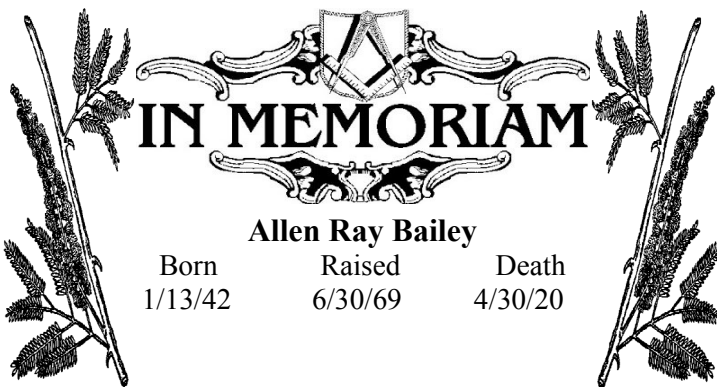
One of the first acts of Masonic Charity to occur in the American Civil War occurred at the First Battle of Manassas or Bull Run on July 21st, 1861. This act was reported in the Boston Masonic Monthly which started publishing in November, 1863, and was edited by Edward L. Mitchell.

Colonel W.H. Raynor of the 1st Ohio left his command and in the company of two sergeants went to fetch water at a nearby creek. Suddenly, as they neared the stream, they heard the yell that eventually became known as the Rebel Yell and the thundering hoofs of hundreds of horses. Colonel Raynor instinctively raised his pistol just as a buckshot from a pistol hit the instep of his foot and numbed it. Finding a large tree nearby he dropped upon his knees behind it and watched the battle rage around him. A horseman fired his pistol at Raynor and missed and then as he passed by struck Raynor with his sabre. Lights flashed through Raynor's brain and he fell to the ground senseless looking almost dead.

After a period of time Raynor, slightly becoming conscious, realized that someone was tugging at his clothes. Bewildered he leaned upon one elbow and realized that a Rebel soldier was stripping the dead. He had already taken Raynor's pistol, sword, canteen, and cap and was trying to take his coat. The robber, being startled at the resurrection of the man he was trying to rob, jumped on his horse and rode off.

Later coming completely to his senses, Raynor realized he was surrounded by the Confederate cavalry. Two cavalymen seeing him standing

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there grabbed him between their horses and dragged him off a considerable distance. Finally one lifted him and placed him in front of him on his horse. They rode till they came to a group of Rebel wounded. There he was placed upon the ground and a group gathered around him cursing him and calling him names. Being weak from the loss of blood and in considerable pain, he just laid back and ignored them. His being quiet caused even more of a commotion to the point that one angry wounded Confederate fired his pistol at Raynor but missed. Then the Southerners argued over this cowardly act. By this time, Raynor had almost wished that the ball had pierced his brain. Raynor was soon lifted behind a Rebel cavalryman and carried to the junction about four miles away. Here fresh Confederate troops were unloading and heading to the battle. Raynor was again met by verbal abuse.

It was now early evening and the Southern wounded from the front were being treated at the junction in a stable. Raynor was taken first to a surgeon who refused to treat him because he was a Yankee and who said that he had enough others to take care of from his own army. Finally another more compassionate surgeon was found and his wounds were taken care of. He was made as comfortable as possible. His guard, J.H. Lemon of Radford's Cavalry truly acted the part of the good Samaritan. Lemon somewhere found some ice and put it on the pounding head of Raynor and inquired if Raynor needed any money.

In response to Raynor's expressions of gratitude, pointing to the Masonic pin on Raynor's shirt, Lemon replied, "I can only hope to get the same treatment from your men if I ever fall into their hands. If you will relieve the distresses of a suffering Brother Mason when in your power, I shall be well paid." Lemon then mounted his horse and rode away.

The next morning Raynor was removed to a barn that contained 20 other Union officers, and he learned the full extent of the Confederate victory.

More Interesting Historical Facts in our next Edition

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From The Secretary



2020 dues are still coming in. Second notices were sent out a couple of weeks ago, So far, we have about 25 members who have not paid their 2020 dues. I realize this is a difficult time for a lot of brothers, but please, if you need assistance, let the Worshipful Master or I know. We have ways we can work with you.

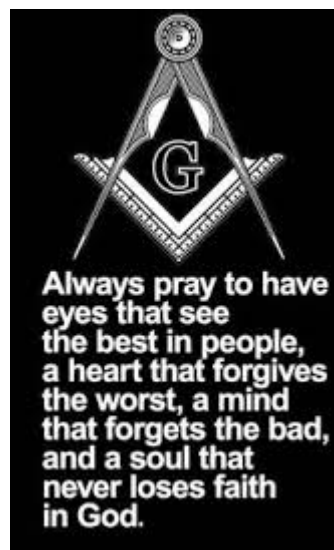
I am still taking shirt orders. Shirts are available with either the Master Mason or Past Master logo and can be seen in the weekly emails. For sizes S -XL the cost is \$30, XXL and up are \$35. Shirts can be ordered through the secretary .

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM

BREAKFAST

There will be no Fellowship Breakfast this month. Check the Tucson Lodge #4 website for updates on all our activities.

Stay Healthy



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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