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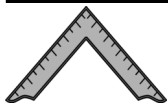
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From The East



Camelot is arguably one of my favorite musicals. It tries to balance the rashness of youth with the pursuit of a perfect society, one where Right makes Might. As we have seen too often in recent years, it is often the other way around, where Might makes Right, and youthful rashness and indiscretions are not held accountable. Some of the lyrics in the song "It's May" do not fit with any aspect of Masonry.

"It's May, that lusty month where everyone goes astray", "It's time to do, a wretched thing or two, and try to make each precious day one you'll always rue", "A libelous display, those dreary vows that everyone takes, Everyone breaks".

Perhaps during the origins of Free Masonry, men recognized that the male youth is not capable of constraining his passions and desires, nor able to take a vow seriously enough to hold to it. Modern Psychologists tell us that the male brain does not fully mature the chronological age of 26. I would suggest that 26 could be the median, with a range from 16 to 50. Reason enough to require that an applicant be at least 18 years old to submit an application to join Masonry.

Every man has some fond memories of his youth and we should hold on to them because youth is but a fleeting moment in our lives. However, as we mature, there comes a time to put away our toys, rashness and dreams of ruling a kingdom, and get down to the business of improving the world, and benefitting our "worthy" fellow human beings. What is considered "Right" is fairly well defined by a whole liturgy of words found in the Masonic rituals and vows, Truth, Brotherly Love, Relief, Fortitude, Justice, Honor and Faith to name a few. When we follow and adhere to our vows, we actually do become the force where "Right makes Might"!

As Masons, we are accountable to ourselves, our Brothers and the Fraternity. All Masons take vows, but they are far from dreary, they are the means to keep us from falling back into the trap of youthful rashness. They give us hope that we can contribute to making a better world.

It's May, that wonderful month when Masons gather and say, "It's time to do, a Masonic thing or two, and try to make each precious day one you'll never rue".

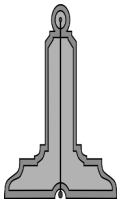
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June/July 2023 Calendar

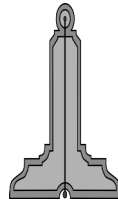
Wed 7th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 14th	EA Practice	7:00 pm
Wed 21st	Entered Apprentice Degree	7:30 pm
Wed 24th	Entered Apprentice Degree	7:00 pm

July 5th No Stated Meeting—Lodge Dark
(No stated meetings in July and August)

Please refer to the Worshipful Master's weekly email for the latest updates as the details of the events are not yet fully known when this edition is sent out.



From The West



“Life is not a problem to solve, but a reality to be experienced.”

-Soren Kierkegaard

Hello from the West! The ebb and flow in life is an interesting thing. One of my favorite movie quotes is “Sometimes you’re flush and sometimes you’re bust, and when you’re up, it’s never as good as it seems, and when you’re down, you think you’ll never be up again, but life goes on”. And it does. Which is why as masons I believe it is important for us to remember we never fully know what the man next to us is going through. We get wrapped up in the idea of perfection of ritual and forget that a brother may be down. Sometimes the fact that a man is even standing in our lodge attempting to do his best may take more effort than any of us are aware of. In my opinion it’s important for us to go easy on brethren at times as they may be having more than just an off night. Such is life but it’s important we attempt to be understanding to the best of our ability. I believe we mostly are.

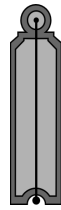
Lately I have been spending time on a popular social media app called TikTok. Via this app I have been able to interact with masons all over the United States. The great thing about the internet is it doesn’t stop there. I have had several conversations with Masons all over the world including in Israel and Sweden. I’ve also had the pleasure of getting to know several Prince Hall Masons. As we know Freemasonry helps us all meet with men we would have otherwise never interacted with. Through technology even more so. It really is amazing how the one common thread we have is Masonry and through that, we can all adequately communicate and get along.

Anyway as the year continues to move forward through this year my hope is you receive more blessings than steps backwards and I hope that you know each one of you can go to someone at the lodge if those steps backwards seem to become too much.

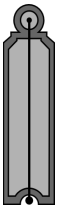
Remember...Tomorrow isn’t promised so do the things today you put off until tomorrow and make sure you tell those you love exactly how much you care now.

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Senior Warden



From The South



Freemasonry in the community is a large part of our organization. The fraternity has been present in the communities for centuries and its member are tied together by a set of shared values, that include the belief in the importance of charity work and service to others. The skills and talents of members of the fraternity are encourage to us be utilized and encourage to provide a positive impact to the communities they are present in.

- There are many ways that Freemasons can serve their communities. Some common activities include but are not limited to:
- Volunteering at local charities and organizations
- Donating money to worthy causes
- Mentoring young people
- Advocating for social justice
- Promoting peace and understanding

Freemasons are also known for their commitment to education. Many Masonic lodges sponsor scholarships and other educational programs for their local young scholars. They also support libraries, museums, and other cultural institutions to enrich communities with material to grow minds and encourage talent to harvest their abilities to strengthen their own communities.

The work of Freemasons is essential to the health and well-being of their communities. By working together, Freemasons can make a real difference in the lives of others.

In addition to the specific activities listed above, Freemasons can also make a difference in their communities by simply being good neighbors. They can be friendly and helpful to those around them, and they can work to build a sense of community spirit. Freemasonry teaches its members the importance of self-improvement, and this can lead to positive changes in the individual's behavior and attitude. As a result, Freemasons are often seen as positive role models in their communities.

The belief of a Freemason is to emphasis personal development and self-improvement which will in part then turn and make a positive impact on those around them, including members of their own community and neighborhood.

Bo Paxton, Junior Warden



THE STORY OF AUNT MINNIE

Years ago Aunt Minnie decided that it was time she owned an automobile. Very few families had them then, especially maiden ladies, but one friend after another joined the ranks of motorists until it was more than she could stand.

When she went to the weekly meeting of the sewing circle she was left completely out of the conversation. Now the talk was about horsepower where once it was of flower gardens and pies. At the Ladies Aid Society there was some mention of the Bible, foreign missions and the preacher's wife, but there was more and more talk about miles per gallon or how to repair a puncture. So, Aunt Minnie bought one! She went to the dealer and said, 'I'll take that one', wrote a check for the full amount and told him to deliver it the following week. She then went to a contractor to order a garage built to house the automobile.

The garage was built and the new automobile was delivered. The salesman informed her that he was ready to give here some driving lessons. That day was not convenient so she asked him to drive the automobile into the garage and promised to let him know when it would be convenient for her to begin driving.

Day after day passed without Aunt Minnie calling the salesman. Weeks rolled by and so did months. At the end of the year she bought a new license but never got around to taking her first driving lesson. Years passed and at the beginning of each one she bought a new license but never moved the car. This continued until the day she died!

Poor old Aunt Minnie never realized the pleasures she missed. The automobile was paid for. The streets were there and she helped pay for them, too, but the automobile remained in the garage. The only pleasure she obtained from the automobile was in her ability to tell her friends she owned it.

Aunt Minnie was a screwball but don't be too hard on her until you have looked in the MIRROR. Did you write a check for your Masonic initiation fees as Aunt Minnie wrote one for her automobile? Did you take the Degrees just as Aunt Minnie had a garage built? Do you pay your dues each year just as she bought the license for her automobile? Do you let your membership sit in the garage and rust like that automobile?

If you do.....Hi AUNT MINNIE!!!!

For one reason or another, many of our brethren are like Aunt Minnie in that they belong to the Fraternity but they do not contribute other than their dues. Ask yourself just what kind of an impression it makes on your family, friends, and associates when you tell them that you are a Mason but you don't go to Lodge or attend any of their functions? You are merely a Mason in name only!

RWB Milton Benson, Senior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Washington

(From the Washington Masonic Tribune, Official Magazine of the Masonic Grand lodge of Washington. May/June Issue year unknown))

JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ	1	15
BARRY MORRIS TUCKER	1	17
RICHARD BOOTH PERRYMAN	2	69
JOHN WILLIAM MYERS II	3	42
EDWIN CHARLES LEWIS	4	49
THEODORE HARRISON FAHS	7	49
FRANK JAY PROKOP	8	18
JACK CARSON ANDREWS, SR.	9	30
EARL C. STARR	9	52
JEFFREY DANIEL SWANGO	10	25
RICHARD ALLEN CLICK	11	44
RICHARD DE GAMO GARCIA	12	11
CRAIG ALEN PRINK	16	13
WALTER HOWARD FRITZ	17	34
RAMON MARK SULLIVAN	18	50
BRAD DEWAYNE TEMPLETON	19	4
JEAN-CLAUDE MALTERRE	23	35
JOHN ABDERHAMAN MURAD, JR.	26	61
MICHAEL PALMER JOHNSON	28	6
ENOCH WOOD PEABODY III	29	29
ERIC ROGER IVEY	30	33
JORGE LUIS POLIN	30	2

JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

MICHAEL HUGH MATLOCK	9	20
JOHN WESLEY STOKES	12	43
RONALD IRVINE LYSSELL	15	32
TREVOR REESE JONES	18	11
SEBASTIAN JR CONDOR BABON	20	1
ROBERT FRANCIS GOEMANS	20	7
ANDREW HALE LYONS	20	2
JAMES RUSSELL STITH	20	54
MARK ALLEN VIRAMONTES	20	12
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24	21
TRAVIS ROSS HUNGERFORD	28	2
JAMES ROBERT BELL	29	25
SAMUEL CAMPBELL GREER	29	8

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.

Earl Joseph Shambo, Ron Hill

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



GRANDVIEW

We use Grandview as our primary system for membership management. As we can do everything electronically, it saves a lot of paper, postage and work. It is the intent of the Grand Lodge to run the Grand Secretary's office as a virtual office. Currently we are getting approvals to proceed on petitions and applications for affiliation electronically after we upload the information and scan the paperwork at the local lodge level. In most cases, we can get these on the same day. We cannot vote on a petition or application for affiliation without Grand Lodge approval.

Another feature is that for members who have set up accounts in Grandview, they can update their contact information and view their masonic history. Being able to update contact information is very important. We average 2 or 3 pieces of mail a month that are returned as nondeliverable, usually with no forwarding order in effect. This is especially an issue when we try to send out dues cards or awards notifications.

As of today, we have only 90 out of our 228 members who have set up their accounts. This gives us about 39% registration. When you set up your account, you will also be able to configure your communication preferences. You can go anywhere from I don't want to hear from you to send me everything. It only takes a couple of steps to set up your account. If you have not set up an account, please contact the secretary at tl4so@outlook.com and he will send you instructions on how to do it and if you catch him at the right time, he may even walk you through the process.



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What Is A Cable-tow?

What is the length of my cable-tow, a newly raised Mason wanted to know. An aged Mason with snow white hair, pointed and said, "From here to there. From the first right rays of the rising sun 'till the last rays signal that day is done. Your cable-tow reaches from morn 'till night, and from night until morn, if I've learned it right! A time for refreshment and a time for sleep, a time for God and man's service to keep. And the one you can help along the way, sets the cable-tow's length and the hour of the day. If you can reach him without injury to you, your length--"Just how much good can I do! Those who depend on you always come first, and neglect of them your cable will burst. If you remember this and adjust it so, you'll soon learn the length of your cable-tow."

Another from that author, Unknown!

Editor's note—This was once posted in one of the masonic forums on Prodigy. (If you remember Prodigy, you are an old time computer geek).

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From The Secretary



Ah yes, the merry month of June. A time for school graduations, weddings, parties, and the like. For those graduating, it is the end of one phase of life and the beginning of another. For our Grand Lodge, it is the transition from one Grand Lodge year to another. For me, and the lodge it is the midpoint of the year. For those of you who haven't paid your 2023 dues, the day of reckoning approaches, swift on the wings of time.

By our by-laws (and the Arizona Masonic Code) *"In case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during the period of six (6) months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at the next Stated Meeting either his dues be paid or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of these things be done, he shall at the first Stated Meeting following the six (6) month period of nonpayment of dues be declared by the Master to be so suspended, unless for special reasons shown, the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for their payment."*

If you are suspended for non-payment of dues, you will be suspended in all bodies that require a current masonic membership including another lodge if you are a dual/plural member. This would also include Scottish and York Rites, OES, and the Shrine.

As of the time I am writing this, we have 15 brothers who have yet to pay their 2023 dues. I will be sending out Danger of Suspension letters via certified mail in July to those who haven't paid. If you need assistance with your dues, please, please, let either myself or the Master know. We have several ways we can help you before it gets too late.

Paul A. Simpson, PM Secretary

GASLIGHT THEATRE

By popular request we will be making our second journey over to the Gaslight Theatre (Broadway and Kolb) on Friday, August 18th for the 830 pm show. We will be "The Revengers" their spoof of the the Marvel Universe Avengers. As the Gaslight puts it—*It is a time of peace and prosperity across the galaxy. What is the cosmic force keeping the balance of the Universe? The Energy Cube! Safe somewhere on the Planet Earth, its exact whereabouts are only known by the beloved group of superheroes, The Revengers! But trouble is brewing on the distant Planet of Xerox. Long forgotten and overlooked, the Evil Ruler, Zantor, seeks power and control over the Universe. Will Zantor succeed?* Tickets are **\$22** for adults and **\$17** for children under 12 and reservations can be made with the secretary. We have 40 tickets for this show.



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TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2, OES, Meeting with Saguaro Chapter #48 (see below)	7:00PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	6:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday	6:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First Sundays.....	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org 6:00PM
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