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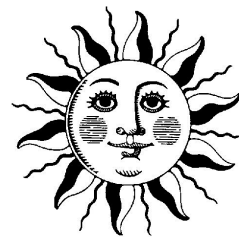
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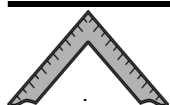
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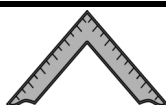
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### From The East



**B**rethren,

"How do I become a Mason?" – "I am glad you asked, let me explain to you how". Many of us started our Masonic journey with this kind of dialog.

So how do we become Masons? It starts with the question. You might remember the car sticker that said: 2 B 1 ASK 1. To be one, ask one. In the past days Masons were taught that they had to be asked three times before they could talk about it. Nowadays a single question is sufficient to start the process. We do not go out and solicit for membership but wait until we are asked.

In order to become a member it is necessary to fulfill certain criteria.

### March 2019 Calendar

March 2nd	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am (Coffee available at 7 am)
March 6th	Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting 7pm
March 7th	Thursday Crew 7am
March 14th	Thursday Crew 7am
March 20th	Past Master Dinner 6 pm Past Master's Night 7 pm
March 21st	Thursday Crew 7am
March 22nd	Gaslight Theatre Outing 8:30 pm Show: Belle Of Tucson
March 28th	Thursday Crew 7am
March 29-31	Grand Lodge Leadership Conf. Holiday Inn, Casa Grande
March 30th	Deadwood Lunch @ Laverna's 11:30 am

First of all, Lodges in Arizona and in most of the US only have a male membership. We require belief in a Supreme Being and a loyalty to the country we live in.

Then it is required that a candidate knows a Mason for at least for six months. For this purpose we have a group that meets with interested men to get acquainted and to answer questions.

After that time a petition for membership is filed. This petition is co-signed by two Master Masons who have known the candidate for six months or more and can vouch for him. In the next Stated Meeting this petition is read for the first time. After the first reading the Master of the Lodge assigns an investigation committee consisting of three members who will independently contact the candidate and talk with him. During the month after the first reading any member of the lodge who has reasons why this candidate should not become a Mason, is urged to contact the Master and post the concerns. The Master assembles the information of the investigation committee plus any additional concerns that may have arisen and verifies whether everything is agreeable to continue with the membership procedure. However, if anything negative was posted during this time, the Master will not proceed and there will be no ballot on this petition.

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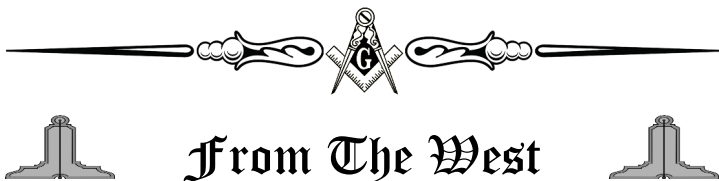
Masons want to back the candidate in the strongest way possible. When it comes to the ballot, we need a unanimous vote in favor of the candidate. As the candidate has been investigated and all objections have been raised before this time, the vote should be positive. Masons are instructed that balloting is a serious Masonic responsibility and that the ballot cast is for the good of Masonry.

After the unanimous ballot is cast, the candidate will receive communication from the secretary of the Lodge informing him that he will now receive the three degrees of Masonry. The first degree will be scheduled and the journey begins in earnest.

And that's how you become a Mason.

-Fraternally,

*Hannes Meyer*, Worshipful Master



### The Fractional Mason

When I entered 4<sup>th</sup> grade, my parents decided to take me out of a parochial school and put me into a Catholic school. For what reason I still do not know, but as with most young lads I just went along with it. As it turned out this move probably had more to do with shaping my whole future than any other event I can remember. Most of the regular curriculum teachers in that day were nuns but the mathematics instructor was a laywoman, Mrs. Murphy, to whom I gravitated. Although I was a young cocky kid who would rather daydream of sports or any other outdoor activities, something about her classes and instruction stuck with me and somehow I learned to love numbers and their manipulation. It was in that year of schooling that I was introduced to the dreaded concept of FRACTIONS and PERCENTAGES; you know, that subset of numbers that represent a portion of the whole.

Fractions are an important concept and we certainly deal with them numerous times through the course of every day, but how does this relate to our lodge activities or Freemasonry in General? Well, I would venture to say that within this concept each of us can be referred to as a "Fractional Mason".

None of us can possibly, nor should we be expected to, devote 100% of our time to the lodge. Our usual daily activities will, of course, take up a majority of our daily routines. Family, Church, Jobs, Chores, etc. How much of your time do you devote to each of these or to the lodge specifically? 1/8, 1/4, 1/2? Whatever time you devote to the lodge is certainly appreciated and any number greater than 0% is probably expected.

In the first degree we are taught to divide our time into three parts: one for our service to God and a distressed worthy brother, one for our usual vocations and one for refreshment and repose. This specifically states our obligations to the craft, not just the lodge, but rather what is expected of us as a Freemason. And I would go so far as to say that, due to the fact that the full 24 hours in a day are thus assigned, we as Freemasons are expected to be so 100% of the time.

As Freemasons we should devote our time to the worshipping of our God and to our church. We should take pride and do well in our vocational activities, and offer gentle and total devotion to our families, our friends and our communities; we should also practice moderation in our social activities. Being a good man is not a part time fractional activity. Freemasonry should be present, emulated and encouraged in all aspects of our daily lives. We certainly cannot be good men only part of the time. Freemasonry and all that it represents and teaches should be consciously practiced in everything we do. As Freemasons we should emulate the good men that we are expected to be in all aspects of our existence, 100% of the time.

Devotion to the lodge may be fractional, but devotion to Freemasonry is not.

Fraternally,

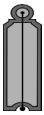
*-Richard Vaughn*, Senior Warden

## BREAKFAST!

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

**Saturday March 2nd 8:00 am-10:00 am**

**Weekly specials, Gene's Grits (subject to  
Gene's Schedule), Scrambled eggs, pancakes,  
potatoes, biscuits & gravy, and bacon.**



## From The South



Brethren, before I begin this month's article, I would like to thank all of you who attended our second degree on February 13<sup>th</sup> and supported me in the east. The encouragement meant a lot to me.

I came across this short talk about challenge and as I read it my thoughts went back to MW Craig Gross's call to challenge ourselves outside as well as inside of the lodge to promote the fraternity and its good works.

### CHALLENGE

by William R. Fischer

*In life challenge is abundant, life is a challenge, and because of this life has meaning. In Operative Masonry the challenge was to build a great structure from rough stone. The challenge progressed from one building to another throughout the life of the Mason. He had a purpose and worked diligently with his brothers to fulfill that purpose. In Speculative Masonry the challenge is to build a better person through instruction, deeds, and example. The purpose is no less noble than our operative brothers purpose, just more challenging.*

*Over the centuries Masonry has been persecuted by those who oppose it. Through these challenges Masonry has grown and become stronger. We have faced and defeated every challenge, and become satisfied. Maybe too satisfied" Now we face a new and more fearsome challenge:*

#### APATHY"

*As a teen, we did not care. Who cares?"It doesn't matter." Now as adults many of us have the same bad habits, but it does matter. The only challenge most Masons think they have, is memorization of the degree work. The only education is teaching that memorization.*

*We have forgotten our young brothers who are starving for knowledge and information about Masonry. Even now it had to be ordered by the Grand Master so there would be an educational talk at every meeting.*

*This brings up another challenge, our educators need to be enlightened before they can instruct others. All because of the lack of education and apathy.*

*No one cared*

*No one sought*

*No one taught*

*It's time for you to:*

*Care*

*Seek*

*And teach, if given a chance.*

Help face this challenge and help challenge others to learn, to seek, to ask and most of all to care.

*Robert Ribbeck*

Junior Warden, 2019

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## From The Secretary



We are now taking orders for the summer lodge shirts. WB Hannes has decided to go with the same shirt as last year. Cost is \$25 per shirt (\$30 for XXL and larger).

Shirts can be ordered with either the MM or PM emblem and name. See the secretary to place your order.

Anyone interested in receiving an electronic copy of the Trestle Board or the WM's weekly emails please email the secretary at [tl4so@hotmail.com](mailto:tl4so@hotmail.com). Email addresses will only be used for these purposes.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
 Paul Simpson, PM



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## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

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BELTRAN, WILLIAM TAFOYA	2	36
JEFFERSON, THOMAS FRANK	2	6
SOULLIARD, CHARLES JUDE	3	16
ABDULHAMID, AYMAN ISMAT	5	17
FISHER, BRUCE ANDREW	8	56
RANDOLPH, JAMES RICHARD	8	26
HILL, JAMES BLAKE	9	8
BAILEY, NEIL ALLEN	12	5
HOBBS, E DAVID	17	71
LOSS, DENNIS MICHAEL	19	38
ELROD, MORRIS VAN	22	39
MEYER, HANNES JURGEN	24	15
DOONAN, STEPHEN ODELL	25	21
PODESTA, JUAN CARLOS	26	49
WADLEY, JAMES DONALD	26	40
SHAMBO, EARL JOSEPH	27	40
KERFOOT, RALPH FLEMING	28	22
YANDELL Jr. WESLEY	28	7
MADDUX, JOSEPH FRANKLIN	30	59
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## From The Editor

Wow, if I got a dollar for every drop of sweat I poured out over this edition I would be sitting on a beach somewhere in the Bahamas, and I certainly would not be writing this. Alas, the life of a mason mostly travels paths of intense learning and hard work, so no such luck.

I was volunteered to be the new editor of our newsletter and I actually accepted the position. I am sure that after a few editions I will get the hang of it, but meanwhile please be gentle with your critique and generous with your praise (for that is the Masonic way). Thank you Bro. Nick Posuniak for doing this job so well for so long, and for teaching me how it's done.

Obviously I will be open to suggestions and recommendations, and especially to contributions from "guest" writers. Do you have some masonic wisdom to spare? Did you travel somewhere exciting and want to share? Anything else that might be of interest? (Non-masonic contributions are welcome also!)

The deadline for contributions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publishing. If there is not enough space for your article I will try to include it in the next edition.

Enjoy Spring!

-Fraternally,

Jan Halvax

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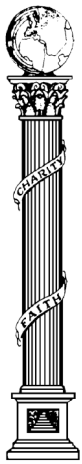
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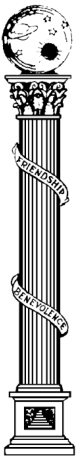


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Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays .....	7:30PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	7:30PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday .....	7:00PM
Demolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays .....	6:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters, First & Third Saturdays .....	10:00AM
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls, Second & Fourth Tuesdays .....	7:00PM

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