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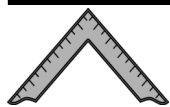
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### From The East



.Mission Impossible

Each of us comes to Masonry of our own Free Will and Accord. The reasons that lead us to start our Masonic journey may vary, some may join looking for someone to be friends with, some may join the Fraternity hoping to make business contacts, others may have heard of the charitable works done by Masons or Shriners and want to be part of caring for the less fortunate. During the time we spend in discussion groups or in the first degree, we soon

learn that there is a strict regimen we are expected to adhere to and pursue with zeal. A regimen that requires an entire medical field to help humans achieve, the goal of subduing our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds. Masonry attempts to address personal issues that Psychiatrists and Psychologists have been trying to resolve for over a hundred years. Subduing our passions begins to sound like an episode of "Mission Impossible"!

When a person sees a mental health professional, he is encouraged to talk about himself or talk about issues that are important to the individual. The brotherhood of Masonry is present for the same reason. Masonic brothers listen to one another. Sincere and honest bi-lateral communication can help a brother realize there are multiple facets to consider regarding every issue or perception.

A conversation is not meant to convince another brother that your perception is the correct one or to seek out others that can be recruited to your cause. Conversations between Masonic Brothers are first and foremost of our own Free Will and Accord, and have the end goal of enabling each of us individually to determine which desires should be subdued and which passions are to be kept within due bounds. Masonry is a magnificent self-improvement project with the added benefit of having a Brother to talk to about your individual issues, and it won't cost \$450 per hour to talk to him.

There are individuals who will never be Masons. Being a responsible, even minded person is simply too much work. There are Masons who struggle to learn to subdue their desires and keep their passions within due bounds.

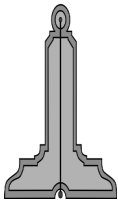
Please keep in mind each of us came into Masonry of our own Free Will and Accord, without doubts, deceit, or ulterior motives. If we resolve to meet on the level, be upright in our dealings with others, ever act upon the Square of Truth and subdue our desires, the goal of Masonry, Making Good Men Better Men, is not impossible, but it does take commitment and a lot of hard work.

Sam Greer, WM

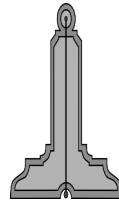
### March 2023 Calendar

|              |                       |         |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Wed 1st      | Dinner                | 6:00 pm |
|              | Stated Meeting        | 7:00 pm |
| Wed 8th      | School of Instruction | 7:00 pm |
| Wed 15th     | Past Master's Night   | 7:00 pm |
| Wed 22nd     | Fellowcraft Degree    | 7:00 pm |
| Sun 26th     | Al Carr Memorial      | 2:00 pm |
| Wed 29th     | Pot Luck              | 6:00 pm |
| Thurs Nights | Conversation Group    | 7:00 pm |

*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



“If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn’t sit for a month”

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt  
Matinecock Lodge #806 NY

Hello from the West! It’s not so easy to admit the above. The cause of the problems any individual has is likely mostly their own. How do we solve this?

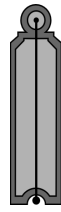
In a long defunct splinter of Freemasonry that lasted only a short number of years there was a portion of their ceremonies that involved bringing the candidate in to the room with a hood over his head and telling him that they had searched the town and found his biggest enemy. He would not be able to move forward in the process unless he confronted the person and made amends. They laid out the ground rules “There is to be no punching, kicking, yelling or cursing. You must forgive this person for all they have done to you and move forward”. This would be the only way to progress. The candidate was then led to the center of the room and placed face to face with this other person. As the hood was removed from his head the candidate found himself face to face with his greatest foe....himself. The hood was removed to reveal a mirror.

No one is perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. When we make mistakes we must look inward and understand how we ourselves caused the issue. The only way we can do this is by taking personal responsibility for everything that happens to us or that we cause. Both good and bad. Once we take responsibility we can begin learning from our mistakes and making corrections. One can never learn anything if everything always happens TO them rather than accepting they are in fact the source. We are not generally victims of circumstance. Not having a great time? We must look inward before placing blame or acting outward.

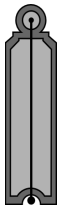
Fraternally,  
Trevor Tanzillo, Senior Warden

### ***GASLIGHT THEATRE***

*We still have tickets for the Gaslight on April 21st at 8:30 PM for Robin Hood.* Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$17 for children (under 12). Please make your reservations with the secretary.



## For The South



While our intrepid Junior Warden is slaving in the scullery, aka kitchen, we present this article from our files. We would hate to be the Junior Warden in charge of this festivity.

As we wind down the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA at which several of our members were in the Grand Lodge of Arizona delegation, we were thinking about George Washington’s farewell party in Philadelphia in 1787. To set the stage, the Constitutional Convention was wrapping up the framing of our constitution.

The party was held at City Tavern, a few blocks away from Independence Hall. This was the place to go in Philly. He met up with the Light Horse Cavalry Corps who crossed the Delaware River with him. (Cue the classic picture of Washington crossing the Delaware). According to reports, Washington didn’t really want to be there, but felt he was needed to provide a stabilizing presence to the festivities—i.e. a chaperone. He was there without his wife and he knew there was no way she would join him.

When settling the bill we find they were charged for 54 bottles of Madeira, 60 bottles of Claret, 8 bottles of whiskey, 8 bottles of cider, 12 bottles of beer, and 7 large bowls of punch. This does not include additional bottles of Madeira and Claret, or the 7 bowls of punch that were bought for the musicians. The total amount was figured to be 89 pounds which works out to be \$15,400 today. This bill also included the food, fees for broken glasses, and meals and drinks for the musicians and servants. When you split the consumption between the 55 attendees, it works out to be roughly two bottles of wine, several shots and few cups of punch and beer for each guest.

According to Alexis Coe, historian, Washington was very self controlled and if anyone had gotten out of hand or made too many toasts or broke too many glasses, he would have put them in their place. Ah, yes, the lesson of temperance.

By the way, there is a real good book about Bro George’s expense account—*George Washington’s Expense Account*, by Marvin Kitman on how he lived like a king off his expense account instead of pay.

## GRAND LODGE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 24—26

The Grand Lodge Leadership Conference (aka Masonic) will once again be held at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center in Prescott, AZ. It will start with a No Host Cocktail Reception Thursday evening and sessions will run on Saturday and Sunday morning wrapping around noon at Sunday. There is also a ladies program. Please go to the Grand Lodge website for more information.

### ACACIA

An interesting and important symbol in Freemasonry. Botanically, it is the 'acacia vera of Tournefort', and the 'mimosa nilotiva of Linnaeus.' It grew abundantly in the vicinity of Jerusalem, where it is still to be found and is familiar in its modern use as the tree from which the gum arabic of commerce is derived.

The acacia, which in Scripture, is always called "SHITTAH" and in the plural "SHITTIM", was esteemed a sacred wood among the Hebrews. Of it Moses was ordered to make the tabernacle, the ark of the covenant, the table for the shewbread, and the rest of the sacred furniture. Isaiah, in recounting the promises of God's mercy to the Israelites on their return from the captivity, tells them that, among other things, he will plant it the wilderness, for their relief and refreshment, the cedar, the acacia, the fir and other trees. The first thing, then, that we notice in this symbol of the acacia, is that it had been always consecrated from among the other trees of the forest by the sacred purposes to which it was devoted. By the Jew, the tree from whose wood the sanctuary of the tabernacle and the holy ark had been constructed would ever be viewed as more sacred than ordinary trees. The early Masons, therefore, very naturally appropriated this hallowed plant to the equally sacred purpose of a symbol, which was to teach an important divine truth in all ages to come.

By Bro. E.R. Johnston --1924

## BREAKFAST

**There will be NO Fellowship Breakfast this month. Resumption of the breakfasts will be announced via the weekly email.**

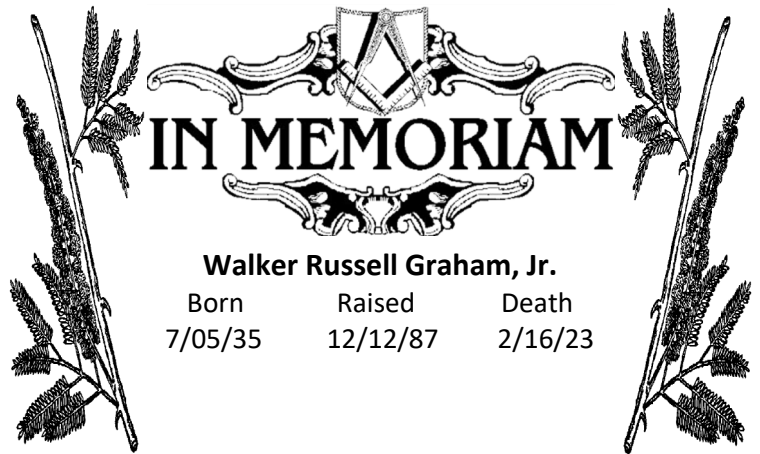


## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

| NAME                   | DAY | YEARS |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| WILLIAM TAFOYA BELTRAN | 2   | 40    |
| CHARLES JUDE SOULLIARD | 3   | 20    |
| AYMAN ISMAT ABDULHAMID | 5   | 21    |
| BRUCE ANDREW FISHER    | 8   | 60    |
| JAMES RICHARD RANDLOPH | 8   | 30    |
| JOSE ESTRELLA          | 9   | 35    |
| JAMES BLAKE HILL       | 9   | 12    |
| NICHOLAS LANE WERTS    | 10  | 2     |
| NEIL ALLEN BAILEY      | 12  | 9     |
| <i>E DAVID HOBBS*</i>  | 17  | 75    |
| DENNIS MICHAEL LOSS    | 19  | 41    |
| MORRIS VAN ELROD       | 22  | 43    |
| HANNES JURGEN MEYER    | 24  | 19    |
| JOSHUA LEE STEWART     | 24  | 2     |
| STEPHEN ODELL DOONAN   | 25  | 25    |
| JUAN CARLOS PODESTA    | 26  | 53    |
| JAMES DONALD WADLEY    | 25  | 44    |
| EARL JOSEPH SHAMBO     | 27  | 44    |
| WESLEY YANDELL, Jr     | 28  | 11    |
| JOSEPH FRANKLIN MADDUX | 30  | 63    |
| BOMAN DEWAYNE PAXTON   | 30  | 4     |
| HOWARD MARC STEINBERG  | 30  | 7     |
| DONALD MELVIE JESS     | 31  | 20    |

\*E David Hobbs is our longest serving brother.

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



## IN MEMORIAM

**Walker Russell Graham, Jr.**

Born                      Raised                      Death  
7/05/35                      12/12/87                      2/16/23

### 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*

*James Donald Wadley*

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

Ed Note—The Daughters of Scotia are one of the many groups who meet at the lodge. We are asking each group to give a brief article about who they are.

## DAUGHTERS OF SCOTIA

I would love to give you a little history of our wonderful fraternal order. It all started in 1878. When the Order of Scottish Clans was founded by a group of Scottish men who wanted to help Scottish immigrants and their descendants. Most of whom did not have life or disability insurance. They also wanted to maintain Scottish culture and the traditions among Americans with Scottish ancestry. And so, the Order of Scottish Clans was formed on November 30, 1878, in St Louis Mo. Membership was offered to Scotsmen their sons and male descendants ages 18 to 50 who were of good moral character and possessed a reputable means of support.

The Daughters of Scotia was formed in New Haven Connecticut July 2, 1895. It was a female auxiliary and was open to the wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, and widowers of the Order of Scottish Clans. Over time membership was opened to all women of Scottish decent. We have two classes of membership both donation (beneficiary) and Social (non-beneficiary) members. The donation members of ages 16 to 45, and the Social 45 and over. The option is now given to all members over 45 to become donation members as well.

The formation of Daughters of Scotia at that time consisted of two men of the Order of Scottish Clans and 23 women married to the men of the Order. Once the DOS was in place and running properly the men then backed out and left the women to their volition. By 1949 the Daughters of

Scotia had risen to over 17,000 members in the US. The first lodge #1 Victoria formed July 2, 1895, in New Haven Connecticut to the last thus far #265 Pride of Scotland which formed June 30, 2018, in Riverside, Illinois.

The Daughters of Scotia holds their annual Grand Lodge Convention in September. As of 2022 convention is was voted in that all woman seeking membership may be considered regardless of their Scottish descent. The decline of the DOS membership played a large roll is this decision. With members getting along in age and lodges closing due to lack of membership. It has become the natural progression for us to survive. This year we will be celebrating our 125 Anniversary year which will be held in Seattle, Washington. Members from lodges all over the US come together for a week of sisterhood, meetings, installations, honors, traditions, dinners, dancing, bagpipes, and fun!

Thank you for your interest in the Daughters of Scotia. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out. If I cannot answer them, I will find someone who can.

Tracy Hargrove

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# From The Secretary



There IS light at the end of the tunnel and I am happy to say it is not an oncoming train. Between working with Grand Lodge and fixing our annual report (issues on their end), working with the treasurer on his report, distributing our proposed by-laws amendments to where they need to go, reviewing the new secretary's handbook, plus one other item that will be revealed at the proper time, I can finally do some of the other projects I want to do. The largest of these projects is our annual report which by the time you read this, Grand Lodge would have received. With that, we are assured of getting our lodge votes at the Annual Communication in June.

Dues—yep—I have to mention them. Currently we have 36 brothers who have yet to pay their dues. I hate to harp on this, but we just sent Grand Lodge a check for \$8332 for our 2022 Per Capita plus other fees. We have \$4482 outstanding in unpaid dues. If you need help paying your dues, please contact either the Worshipful Master or myself. We will keep all requests in strictest confidence.

We are working on revitalizing the "Thursday" crew to handle routine lodge maintenance such as changing lights, filters and any other project that come up. This saves the lodge money by being able to do this ourselves. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Snow (info on the officer list).

See you in lodge!  
Paul A. Simpson, PM

## SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 we will be hosting a School of Instruction concentrating on Deacons, Stewards, and Marshals (Oh my!). This is open to all masons (EAs and up). So bring your ritual book and/or you monitor. I am told WB Ron All, DDGL, will have a supply of his famous GooGoo clusters for those who give the correct answer to some of his masonic trivia.

## PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

Ever wonder what the ritual was like in past years? On March 15th you will be able to hear the Past Master's of the lodge confer the Fellowcraft degree according to the RITUAL IN THEIR YEAR. Of course seeing as the ritual is being done by PMs, we know it will be letter perfect. There is dinner at 6 and the usual reservation rules apply. Come on out for a very enjoyable evening.



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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    |
| Bethel #25, Job's Daughters .....   | For info Contact Laureen at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com    |
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