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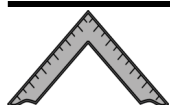
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From The East



Brethren,

Children are our future. We value them for many reasons. A month ago on March 30, 2018, a Dutchman who loved children died at the age of 107. His name was Johan van Hulst. In 1943, he imagined and implemented a plan to save over 600 Jewish children while in Amsterdam from being exterminated in Nazi concentration camps. The children ranging in ages from infants to 12-year-olds would have surely perished if this school teacher and later school principal did not get their pictures and match them up with sympathetic families who had similar facial characteristics so it looked like the children were their offspring and naturally fit in with their families. His idea involved pairing young children who had been marked to be sent to concentration camps with families that had children of similar physical description, then smuggled the children to those families. The families would claim the children as their own, which worked because van

Hulst came up with any necessary papers. Johan van Hulst went on to earn his Ph.D. later and became a Professor at a Teacher's College and then a Senator in Holland. On April 1, 2018, an Obituary in the *New York Times* written by Richard Sandomir documented this centenarian's life and deeds to save helpless children. Mr. van Hulst said his only regret in life was that he was not able to save more of the thousands of children in Holland from the certain death the Nazis planned for them. He was not Jewish. The Holocaust remembrance center in Jerusalem, in 1972 named him one of the Righteous Among the Nations, a designation for non-Jews who rescued Jews. He is one of 5,595 Dutch people given the honor. Dr. van Hulst had demonstrated that "we all have a choice to do the right thing at any time; even in times of enormous trouble."

Arizona Freemasons have made a choice to do the right thing for troubled children and families. May 7-9, 2018, Tucson #4 will again host the Masonic Children at Risk program from the Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children in our lodge building. Over 2,000 educators have been trained and more than \$500,000 has been donated by Arizona Masons. In these times it's easy for kids to get lost. When a child is in pain, it becomes very easy for them to turn to drugs, alcohol, gangs, fall into depression or even turn to violence or suicide. When a child turns to such destructive activities, everyone loses -- kids, families, schools and the community.

Because Freemasons care about kids, they offer a nationally recognized seminar free to Arizona educators, administrators, and support staff in schools from kindergarten through high school. Called Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP) this three day workshop teaches regular and/or special education teachers, administrators, school nurse and other staff members how to identify kids at risk and how to develop plans of action to help them reverse their downward spiral and live successful, productive lives. The seminar, all materials & food

May 2018 Calendar

May 2nd	Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm
	Stated Meeting 7pm
May 3rd	Thursday Crew 7am
May 5th	Fellowship Breakfast 7am
	Widow's Luncheon 1-3 @Mimi's
May 9th	Military Degree 7pm
May 10th	Thursday Crew 7am
May 16th	Degree or Practice 7pm
May 17th	Thursday Crew 7am
May 20th	DeMolay Meeting 6pm
May 23rd	Degree or Practice 7pm
May 24th	Thursday Crew 7am
May 26th	Deadwood 1130 am @Laverna's
May 30th	Degree or Practice 7pm
May 31st	Thursday Crew 7am
May 31-Jun 2	Grand Lodge



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and lodging while attending are provided by Arizona Freemasons. There is no cost to the participating schools excepting transportation and substitute coverage where necessary.

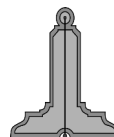
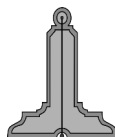
We are all proud to host and participate with WB Jerry Badinger, WB Vince Santos and WB Leigh Creighton and others who volunteer year after year to make the choice to do the right thing to serve and save needy children in our state by educating local educators how to better care for our kids. Thank all of you for your support to accomplish this important and necessary effort to make the world a better place for our children and the rest of us in our Masonic and worldwide community.

-Fraternally

William Wilkinson, Worshipful Master



From The West



When walking into our Lodge building, it is very visible. This place has a history. Along the wall pictures line up of all Masons, who have been Masters of the Lodge before. Many people have stood before that display and traced back the years - all the way to 1881. There are many who are still among us and those who have passed on. There are names we know and names that are famous in Tucson. Schools have been named after Past Masters of ours. Some were Grand Masters and rose to other honorable positions.

There is a connection that we have to those in the pictures. They have sat in Lodge, presided over meetings and conferred degrees. Their words then were the same as we are using still today.

Why do we feel this connection? What makes it special to ponder those who have gone before us?

One thing is common. They all have been very active. They found Masonry so important in their lives that they dedicated a great deal of their time to its service.

We also hear that the Lodges were possibly bigger and better. Even if that may be the case, it is more important to note these men saw the need to be active and they were.

Today our Lodge has seen a lot of movement as it seems that today's people are not settling in one place, but move to where the jobs and opportunity are. Looking over the past few years it is noticeable that many Brothers, who started out here, continued their journey in another state, city or country. This leaves a noticeable gap in the number of Brothers who chose to be active in the Lodge.

This is a callout to all that have been raised Master Masons to come, look at our wall of Past Masters and consider to join the work we do to benefit the Lodge. We don't want a call to come just to do the work, but a call to consider pouring your effort into serving other Brothers that will benefit the Lodge. In reference to a JFK quote, "Look not what the Lodge can do for you, but look what you can do for the Lodge".

There is a reward for being active. This reward is rather deep within and it is not monetary. Becoming acquainted with new Brothers and looking back over a good year is certainly a reward. So please, if you haven't been active for a while, come and join us. Contribute to the fraternity. We need concerned and willing Brothers. And yes, there is a chance that you may become one of those Masters lined up in the picture wall.

-Hannes Meyer, Junior Warden

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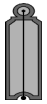
Meetings 2nd Thursday - {Dark July & August}

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Stop in and say hello - Wives are welcome

6pm Pot Luck - & 7pm meeting

Ken Lewis, Secretary (520) 349-0709



From The South



As your sitting Junior Warden, I became curious about the precious jewels of the three principal officers of the lodge and thus, in particular, the plumb, the precious and immovable jewel of the Junior Warden.

You might have noticed that the jewels of the three principal officers of a Lodge are also the working tools of the Fellowcraft degree, the Plumb, the Square and the Level. It is also interesting to note that these jewels were given distinction in the 2nd degree because in early Freemasonry the Fellowcraft was the ultimate degree. There was no Master Mason degree. The Fellowcraft was the Journeyman of today. The working tools of a Fellowcraft were the tools of a master craftsman or journeyman. When the master mason degree was instituted, other working tools were selected to fulfill the ritual requirements. These tools were selected because they are fundamentally necessary to erect any edifice.

The plumb or plumb rule is an instrument of antiquity. The earliest craftsmen used a weighted cord as a plumb. The Greeks of yore formed a bob of lead on a cord and they gave it a name: MOLUBDOS, meaning lead. From this working tool evolved the name MOLYBDENUM, the elemental name of a well-known metal. The ever practical Romans took the word and Latinized it to become PLUMBUM, the tool to measure perpendiculars of structures, walls, aqueducts, and fortifications in every corner of the Roman Empire.

The Gauls adopted the tool, and their successors, the Normans, shortened the word to PLOMB. The Britons added the letter “a” to coin a new word: APLOMB, meaning not easily upset — not off center. Later, Englishmen revised the spelling to PLUMB and it became a verb as well as a noun. Early English mariners used this tool. Shakespeare called it a plummet: “Deeper than ere a plummet sounded.”

It was the French who began to call the lead bob a ball. In French BOULE, meaning a ball of lead small leaden balls or boules were the primitive BULLETS. The Latins modified the word to BULLA. They used very small bullas which they compressed into a thin wafer, utilizing it as a

legal seal for documents. Thus was born the Papal BULL — it is definitely not of bovine origins!

While originally a simple lead weight on a string, the plumb, when required by expert craftsmen, evolved into the shape of the Junior Wardens jewel, and specifically adapted for operative stonemasons. It is interesting to note that this jewel or tool is sometimes found to be richly embellished with symbols (sun, moon, all-seeing eye, etc.) and at other times very plain.

To the operative masons, the level and plumb were intertwined, and together they formed a square. Brethren, the plumb rule is an instrument used in architecture by which a building is raised in a perpendicular direction; and it is figurative of an upright and true course of life. It typifies care against any deviation from the Masonic upright line of conduct! If you apply the square to the level, you get the PLUMB — the living perpendicular esteemed by all true craftsmen, and the emblem of growth and immortality. It is a truly magnificent jewel, an indispensable working tool; and when applied to the work

with its fellows, the square and the level, it opens the doorway of that middle chamber in those immortal mansions, whence all goodness emanates.

I would like to thank Most Worshipful Brother Jim Wadley and his wife Laurel and also Worshipful Brother Hannes Meyer’s wife, Joyce, for the wonderful April, Easter, Stated Meeting, ham dinner. Additionally, I would like to thanks Worshipful Brother Paul Simpson’s wife, Kathy, for her continued support of shopping and selecting the beautiful table decorations for this year. Also for the support by the Rainbow girls for their kitchen help, serving and clean-up. The Saturday fellowship breakfast in May will be on 5th, Cinco de Mayo and also my birthday (non-masonic). All are welcome to stop by for a hearty and delicious breakfast and fellowship. Thanks to all who come and help-out on Saturday mornings

The stated meeting Dinner for May will be held on Wednesday the 2nd and celebrate both Mother’s day and Cinco de Mayo. Menu is still TBA but will be served up by Worshipful Brother Vince Santos and his wife, Doreen. Reservations should be made by April 30th. As I have been stating, expect more great meals this year. All good, hearty and prepared with love.

Richard Vaughn

Junior Warden and Mason of the Year, 2018



From The Secretary



Just a couple of notes - Dues are loooong overdue. If you haven't paid them, please send me your check, money order, cash, etc... so I can send you your personalized 2018 dues card. Please brethren, don't make me read your names at the stated meeting to say you haven't paid your dues. If you don't pay your dues by the June stated meeting, and the lodge takes no other action, you will be suspended at the following stated meeting. If you need assistance with your dues, please let me know as we have some steps we can take.

Summer shirts - I have sent in the first order of the summer polo shirts. As the Worshipful Master has said in his weekly emails, see me if you want to order one. Cost is \$25.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM



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NAME	DAY	YEARS
NORVELLE, MICHAEL EUGENE	3	2
WILCOX, LYLE STANLEY	7	38
ERKOCA, ARIF EMRE	10	14
ACUNA, IVAN ELMER	13	3
ABDULHAMID, ISMAT AYMAN	15	5
ERDMAN, FREDRICK HAROLD	15	32
MCINTYRE, BENJAMIN ANTHONY	15	18
PYLES, BRUCE DANIEL	16	6
SUBA, MIKE RAY	16	17
AGUIRRE JR, LUIS IGNACIO	18	7
FULTZ, BRUCE EDWARD	18	14
BECK, JERRY LEE	20	54
GUZMAN, ANDREW JOSEPH	20	3
HOOEY, DESMOND LEWIS	20	55
PAVEY, GEORGE	20	41
THOMPSON, JOHN EDWARD	22	33
WILLIAMSON, PETER GOLDEN	23	54
KOLBE, DONALD ALLAN	27	53
REDMAN, DON LEE	27	24
RIBBECK, ROBERT LEE	27	3
ANDERSON, JAMES PAUL	29	19
PRINTZ, RANDY PAUL	29	27
POSUNIAK, NICHOLAS JOHN	30	3

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BDAY CARD IN FOR
COMPLIMENTARY STATED MEETING DINNER!



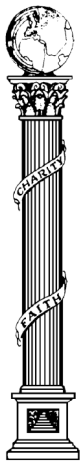
BREAKFAST!

Bring family and friends to our
Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday

May 5th.

Weekly specials, Gene's Grits
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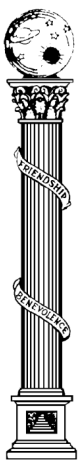


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Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First Tuesday	7:30PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	7:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday.....	7:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's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

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DEADWOOD LUNCH—Past Masters and friends gather on the last Saturday of every month for fellowship at:

LAVERNA'S COFFEE SHOP, STARTING TIME 11:30 A.M.

Deadwood has become a social gathering and tool for the Brothers of our Lodge. The knowledge you pass onto some of our less informed Brethren is priceless. You are the link from the past to the future. The success of our lodge, and Masonry, is in your hands.

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