

recognize this as part of the Star Trek opening narration. It defined the mission of the starship and its crew. Venturing out into new territories is a great thing to do and a lot of encouragement is necessary if it leads into the unknown.

The Star Trek quote is in opposition to parts of our Masonic teaching, where we say ".. as all have done who have gone this way before". This leads us to think that there is nothing more to discover and encourages following a well-known path.

It seems that we feel the link to things of the past when we are talking about new concepts. There are many who will remind us that in the old days it was different, better or easier.

May 15th

May 16th

May 18th

May 22nd

May 23rd

May25th

May 30th

I like to think that our mission as Masons is somewhat in the middle of these two extremes. We want to go forward, but not boldly go into completely unknown territory. We want to reflect back to learn from the past, but not get stuck in it.

As we are venturing out into the next month of this year, I would like both components present. Briefly review the past and move forward with what we have learned.

This year we will have many degrees. This is a great thing to look forward to. I hope that we can bring the open mindedness to apply ourselves in new ways without giving up any of the core values which are important to us. Both quotes above have a journey in common. A journey always takes initiative. If we never take the first step, we will never get to the destination of the journey. So let's boldly take this first step by being available and to dare to apply ourselves. We will find that we are not travelling alone, but in the companionship of other brothers, even those who have gone this way before us. -Fraternally.

-Fraternally, Hannes Meyer, Worshipful Master

Potluck Dinner 6pm

Thursday Crew 7am

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(at Laverna's)

DeMolay Dinner 6 pm

Entered Apprentice Degree 7 pm

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Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am

Youth Appreciation 5 pm



# From The West



Early in my more youthful Masonic past, I was told this story by a brother in our lodge whom I very much admire for his quick wit and anecdotes. I do not know from whom it originates but it goes something like this:

There was this proud Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home into town for work. One day he boarded the bus, as usual, paid the driver and sat down in his seat; however, when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As we all would probably do, he pondered the predicament and considered his options: "Should I give the quarter back or just keep it? After all, it's only a quarter so why bother and who would miss it? Maybe I should just consider it a small fortuitous event in my favor; but, would I be wrong to keep it?" When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then turned and handed the quarter to the driver and said: "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver smiled and replied: "I have always noticed the Masonic ring and lapel pin that you wear. I have been thinking about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer: "Great Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

It is only through interactions with the world around us that some will ever experience our Masonic creed. This is an almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the honor and reputation of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Good men search for Freemasonry; Freemasonry makes them better.

Fraternally, -Richard Vaughn, Senior Warden Gentlemen of Freemasonry,

I would like to thank those of you who attended the Arizona Chapter installation last month. It was a special honor to have Most Worshipful Grand Master Craig Gross take time out of his busy day to attend as well! The Chapter has many exciting events occurring this term and I will do my best keep you informed in the activities these coming months. For May, we are having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday the 18th (see below). Our fun event this month will be an all-night lock-in Friday, May 10 at Tucson Lodge #4 where we will be playing video games and watching movies all night long starting at 6pm! If you know any young men from the ages of 12 to 20 who would like to join us please contact us at:

events@azdemolay.com.

Sincerely,

Erik Schmidt

Master Councilor, Arizona Chapter Order of DeMolay



Saturday, May 18th Tucson Lodge # 4

<u>Cost per person</u>: \$10.00 w/RSVP \$15.00 at the door RSVP by: May 11th Email <u>fundraiser@azdemolay.com</u> to RSVP

### Meal Includes:

Spaghetti, Salad, Breadstick Dessert and Beverage

From The South



#### Brothers,

I hope you had a Happy Easter! As we move into spring and the temperatures begin to rise thoughts tend to dwell on outside activities. I encourage you all to actively engage in planning and organizing outings for the brethren and their families, as I believe that these activities would both be fun and beneficial for the lodge.

I also feel that we need to make sure that we encourage the incoming brothers to become involved in the lodge and participate in any way shape or form. Whether it is setting up and creating committees, supplying physical labor whenever required or just suggesting good ideas.

Now we all know that these things require significant input from volunteers, and we also know that these may not always be available, either because of busy work schedules and other commitments or simply because of a lack of interest.

Because Freemasonry is a volunteer organization we all depend on each other: To help save the lodge money in maintenance costs, for example, as well as promoting our image to the public at large and to other lodges. While I know that I am stating what has already been said ad nauseam, I still feel it bears repeating and needs to be kept on the minds of all of us Masons: Freemasonry, one of oldest fraternal organizations in the world is also, I repeat, also a VOLUNTEER driven organization: it can only thrive through the work of volunteers. That is how in Masonic lodges men have become better men; that is how Freemasonry brings charity into the world.

## **Robert Ribbeck** Junior Warden, 2019

SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523 Meets every Thursday 8:00AM Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.



OLD PUEBLO HIGH TWELVE #773 Meets 2ND & 4TH Fridays 8:00AM Sabbar Shrine Temple 450 S Tucson Blvd



Here is what could happen when you volunteer too much: You might become Mason Of The Year!



## 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.

You do make a difference....

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## Altan Kol Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.

(Your Masonic playground) Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - {Dark July & August} 3959 E Mabel Street, Tucson, AZ Stop in and say hello - Wives are welcome 6pm Pot Luck - &:7pm meeting Ken Lewis, Secretary (520) 349-0709

William E. Wilkinson, P.L.L.C.







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## MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELL	3	3
LYLE STANLEY WILCOX	7	39
ARIF EMRE ERKOCA	10	15
IVAN ELMER ACUNA	13	4
BRUCE DANIEL PYLES	17	7
MIKE RAY SUBA	16	18
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE JR	18	8
BRUCE EDWARD FULTZ	18	15
JERRY LEE BECK	20	55
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20	4
DESMOND LEWIS HOOEY	20	56
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	22	34
PETER GOLDEN WILLIAMSON	23	56
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	27	49
DON LEE REDMAN	27	55
ROBERT LEE RIBBECK	27	4
JAMES PAUL ANDERSON	29	24
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	29	28
NICHOLAS JOHN POSUNIAK	30	4

# Table Lodge!



June 22, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Tucson Lodge No. 4 3590 N. Country Club Road All Masons Welcome Open on the EA degree Dress is Summer Lodge Uniform

Seven Course Prime Tri-Tip Dinner Cost: \$35 per person – Includes Masonic Cannon Reservations Required, Seating Limited to 40 Live music by Bro Randall Dighton

> Contact: Paul Simpson, PM, Secretary 520-572-7152 (tl4so@hotmail.com)

or Richard Vaughn, Senior Warden 520-404-3180 (vaughnrichard@earthlink.net)

### ADVERTISING IN TUCSON 4 NEWSLETTER

Would you like to get your business out to your Masonic Brothers? If so, consider taking out an ad in the Tucson Lodge 4 Newsletter. It is published monthly and gets sent out all over the State. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide its members and friends with current articles and information. A 1/8 page (business card) is only \$75.00, a 1/4 page ad is \$150.00, a 1/2 page ad is \$300.00 and a full page ad is \$600.00. If interested please contact the Lodge secretary and we will set you up. Thanks for your support.

### Why get a Masonic license plate:



Masonic Fraternity Specialty License Plate

ServiceArizona.com is an easy way to order your Masonic Fraternity Personalized/Specialty License Plate.

ServiceArizona.com is the authorized service website for the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division. Those who prefer to order by postal mail can download the order form.

Here are some good reasons to show your Masonic affiliation on your vehicle:

1. It is good advertising for the fraternity – it's always out there unless your car is in the garage. You don't have to say a word about being a Mason – folks will ask you!

That's almost 70%! You have to get a license plate anyway – so far another \$25 you can get a 70% return to Masonry and feel good all year long about your donation.

3. You'll be a better driver. I know that as Masons we're all good citizens and obey all the laws, including traffic laws. We would never exceed the speed limit, never cut anybody off and never ever engage in any kind of one digit salutes to other drivers. But if you have a Masonic plate you won't have to think twice about that – you will always want to represent the fraternity in the best way possible.

4. You're already a good man – and this is an opportunity to be a better man.

*Editor's note: Thank you Brother Leigh Creighton, PM for this contribution!* 



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 <u>tl4so@hotmail.com</u>. Email addresses will only be used for these purposes.

Dues for 2019 are required and still accepted (\$118 or \$122 via PayPal)

Sincerely and Fraternally, Paul Simpson, PM

2. \$17 of the \$25 cost goes to Masonic charities.

#### 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
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays	6:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters, First & Third Saturdays	
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls, Second & Fourth Tuesdays	7:00PM

For use of the Lodge Building call 520-370-3519 or send an email to VMSANTOS@comcast.net

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