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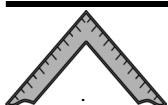
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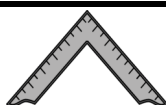
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From The East



Brethren,

In a lecture about the building of King Solomon's temple we learn that the workmen were all so classed and arranged by the wisdom of Solomon that neither envy, discord, nor confusion was suffered to interrupt or disturb the peace and good fellowship.

It indicates that this most important building of ancient time was

built with divine guidance and completed as a marvelous and impressive place of worship.

It is interesting how the importance of teamwork is illustrated in this example. The building could not have been finished by one person or a few. Many workmen were involved and each put their share of expertise in as the building progressed. It is easy to imagine that there could have been all kinds of problems and fighting; but there wasn't. The leadership provided guidance to promote teamwork. Everyone played their part and had their strength applied.

Every time I am involved in a building project, being it the building of an addition to our house or just the building of a tool shed, I am reminded of the fact that many steps need to be carried out with order and perfection. At the end, the building resembles closely what the architect put down on the drawings. When workers work together and complement each other's contribution to the process, it will be an image of harmony and esthetics.

The part of the lecture mentioned above relates to the physical building, of course. But it is also a metaphor for the esoteric building which makes up the lodge defined as a group of men coming together and learning life lessons. This also is a building process. There is a plan of what is the right thing to do and there are the workers who put in their own person as asset to the whole. It is essential that the lodge works together as a team as described in the temple building example.

Only that way the goal of a perfect building will be achieved. Everyone puts in the part they are good at and with

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NOVEMBER 2019 Calendar

November 2nd	Fellowship Breakfast 8 am (Coffee available at 7 am)
November 6th	Stated Meeting Dinner 6 pm Stated Meeting 7pm (Elections!)
November 7th	Thursday Crew 7am
November 14th	Thursday Crew 7am
November 21st	Thursday Crew 7am
November 28th	No Thursday Crew (Turkey Day)
November 30th	Deadwood Lunch 11:30 am (at Laverna's)
DECEMBER 14th	Installation of Officers 2:00 pm

“From the East” continued...

focus on the goal of having that marvelous building finished looks beyond their own advantage to the needs of supporting others so that perfection can be achieved. Sometimes it can be hard to see the common goal we have of building the spiritual lodge and within improve ourselves in Masonry. But we can try to give ourselves as workers for the common goal. Whether this lodge will ever be finished is not discussed. It is the process of the workers that is important. At the end of our journey we will know that it is finished and that we have arrived.

-Fraternally,

Hannes Meyer, Worshipful Master



NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
GARY RAY LARAMORE	3	48
ROBERT PERRY RODDEY	4	60
AKASH SHARAD TAGGARSE	6	20
GLENN ROGER DAY	13	28
MATTHEW ADAMS WILSON	15	2
TERRENCE EDWARD DEGRENIER	15	20
MARK WILLIAM ALBERTSEN	17	37
EDWARD WARNICK DUNGAN	17	47
RODNEY JOE HOPPER	19	22
CLIFFORD TERRY	20	60
JERRY C HARRIS	21	57
WILLIAM EDWIN AHERN	22	22
JONATHAN FREDERICK BRADFORD	22	22
JERALD WAYNE HARVEY	22	22
SALIM ELIE JABBOUR	22	22
MARTIN THOMAS JONES	22	22
JOHN FRANK PROKOP	22	22
LARRY DEAN SPAULDING	22	22
PHILLIP LEE SPAULDING	22	22
FREDRICK MARTIN BLATT	23	55
KENNETH CHARLES WILLIAMS, Sr.	24	48
DONALD HUTCHISON	25	58
RONALD NEAL ALLEN	27	34

A few months ago I wrote an article that suggested

that Masonry is indelibly imprinted in my psyche. That I tend to relate even the mundane into lessons regarding Masonry and its teachings. The other day I was having a philosophical discussion with a friend concerning God's influence in our lives and how to possibly recognize this over the coincidental aspects of our observations. For some reason a cute story that I had long ago tucked away into the recesses of my brain and which was told to me by my father when I was quite a bit younger surfaced. It succinctly goes like this...

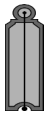
An old man in the city decided to supplement his food supply by farming and harvesting his own crops. He secured a vacant lot and after digging out the weeds, removing the stones and accumulated trash, he plowed and harrowed the field, planted the seeds, fertilized and watered it and after a while the once weedy, stony, rubbish-filled patch of ground became a thing of beauty.

One day a preacher was passing by and noticed the man dutifully and lovingly working his lot. Recognizing this man as a member of his church the preacher struck up a conversation with the man, exclaiming, "Brother, you and Lord sure have worked miracles with this old vacant lot." To which the man responded, "Yes, sir, the Lord and I have worked hard and have done a fine job here, but you should have seen all the weeds, stones and trash that were here when the Lord was taking care of it all by himself."

How can this possibly be related to Freemasonry? Well, I contend that Freemasonry gives the Brother only the rough. It provides him with the ground and implements and even the seed but it is up to the brother to do the plowing, harrowing, planting and cultivating to bring out the plants and their beauty.

The Master alone can't make Freemasonry flourish in his Lodge any more than God was able to make a garden grow without the help of the old man. Without the help of the brethren there will only be a stony, rubbish filled weed patch. Masonry cannot be funneled into you, it is you who have to put in the effort it to bring out its beauty.

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From The South



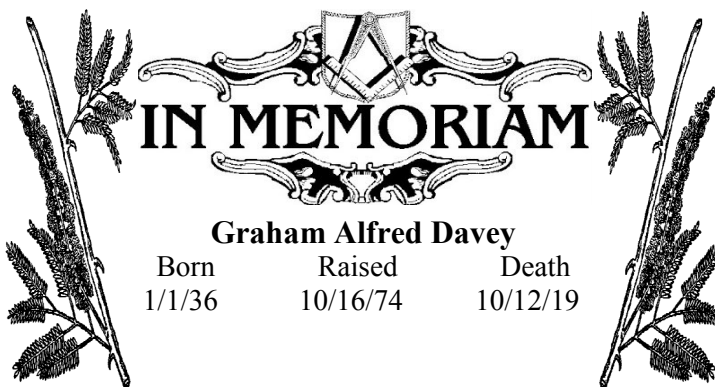
Greetings from the South

As we come closer to the end of another great year in our lodge, I am continually reminded of those three tenets of masonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We sometimes think we have to show a large presence to live by these virtues, but in reality it's the small deeds that make a long lasting impact on our fellow brothers and their families and the community as a whole. This month of November is usually the most attended due to the elections of officers for the ensuing year and I want to urge every brother who hasn't attended to please do so as your vote is one of the most important duties you can perform for your lodge. Also, you will see who your incoming officers are and will have the opportunity to get to know them and they will be able to get to know you. You can ask them any questions that you may have and if they do not know the answer they may direct you to a brother who does.

It has been my honor and pleasure serving as your Junior Warden, as we take time to give thanks for all our blessings, of the many blessings I can count on are my experiences with the all the masonic social gatherings as well as with my own family time. The November stated menu will be forthcoming in the weekly Sunday email blast provided by our WM, I look forward to seeing you all at the dinner as well the breakfast.

Robert Ribbeck

Junior Warden, 2019



"From the West" continued...

Your Masonic journey and the lifeblood of the Lodge can only be fruitful if you are willing to prepare the groundwork by enriching the soil of knowledge and nurturing the seeds of wisdom.

Fraternally,

-Richard Vaughn, Senior Warden



THE DUTIES OF A LODGE INVESTIGATOR

(Part II of III)

Submitted by Gene Wickey

Part I of this article dealt primarily with a Lodge member being appointed to serve as an investigator to gather information on a Petitioner and, at the conclusion, file a Report with the Master of the Lodge. The importance of this appointment cannot be over emphasized. It goes without saying that one of the more important duties of the Master is the appointment of members of the Lodge to an investigating Committee. The appointment should be considered an honor since the Master has placed his trust and confidence in the member's ability to conduct a complete, proper, and thorough investigation. If the assignment, and the duties related thereto, are not carried out properly, the member has not only let the Master down, but all of the members of the Lodge. You may ask, why is that the case? It's because the members, who must cast a ballot, are entitled to rely on the Report submitted as I stated in Part I. It's so important that it's worth repeating.

Part I touched upon how the investigator should conduct the investigation. At the outset I should mention that there are wrong ways; right ways; and different ways. The last two are okay since each investigator probably has a different *modus operandi* (Latin for "manner or method of operation or procedure").

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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.

You do make a difference....

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November 30th



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Lodge Investigator continued...

As you know, the members of the investigation Committee are the first (or second) line of defense against one who is deemed to be unworthy of admission to the fraternity. No phase of Masonic work is more important than the thorough, impartial, and unbiased investigation of those who seek admission into our ranks.

I mentioned "first or second line of defense". Let me explain. In my opinion, the first line of defense is with the Brothers who sign the Petitioner's Petition and therefore vouch for his reputation, character, integrity, honesty, and all of the other attributes we are looking for. On many occasions, the signers have not known the Petitioner very long and may not have conducted any investigation at all. Some may feel it's not really required as a signer, and I'm guessing that there may be several schools of thought on this. I think it's fair to say that the signers have an obligation to make sure they feel the Petitioner is suitable and worthy to join the fraternity. In some cases, where the signers know very little about the Petitioner, it makes the duties of the investigators even more important! (I'm referring generally to those situations where the signers have only known the Petitioner for a very short period of time and know very little about the Petitioner).

To be continued in a future Trestle Board edition



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From The Secretary



At the annual communication an increase of four dollars (\$4) in the annual per-capita was approved. Our lodge By-Laws (Article IX, Section 1) spells this out by saying "In addition to Grand Lodge per-capita and any special assessments, the dues of each member of this Lodge shall be eighty-four dollars (\$84.00) per year. The sum of Grand Lodge per-capita, special assessments, and Lodge dues are payable in advance." For 2020 this means our dues will be \$122 (\$126 if paying by PayPal). This equates to \$84 (dues) + \$38 (per-capita) for a total of \$122. The extra \$4 for PayPal is to cover their transaction fees.

Anyone interested in receiving an electronic copy of the Trestle Board or the WM's weekly emails please let the secretary know at tl4so@hotmail.com. Email addresses will only be used for these purposes and lodge correspondence.

I will start accepting 2020 dues after the November stated meeting.

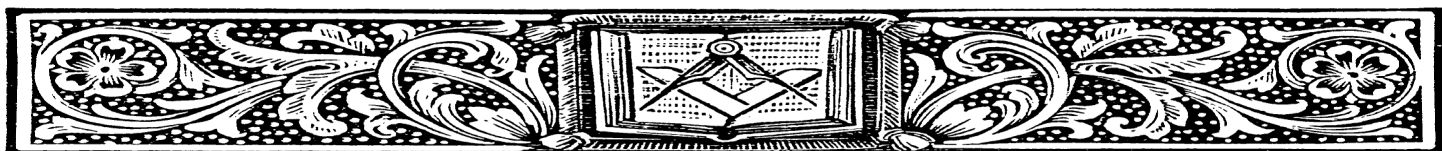
Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM

BREAKFAST!

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

Saturday Nov 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.



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
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