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FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

As we weave our way through autumn and enter into the holiday season, we should each and every one of us take time out to focus on the reason for each of these upcoming holidays. All too often with the hustle and bustle of activities, we become overwhelmed with the idea that we have to perform tasks, accomplish goals or complete jobs to make these occasions successful and satisfying.

Many younger people, not knowing how the day originated and all the sacrifices that were made by our veterans then through now, often see November 11, Veterans' Day only as a free day off from work. Originally, this date was known as Armistice Day, and when President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed the holiday in 1919, he said in part "...Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service...". In 1938, Congress declared November 11 an annual legal holiday, "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace...".

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 with two disparate cultures coming together rejoicing in nature's bounty and sharing knowledge for the betterment of both communities. George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States declaring Thursday November 26, 1789 a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" devoted to "the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." In 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday to be observed each November, entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife."

November 2014 Calendar

Nov 1st	Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am to 10:30 am
Nov 5th	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 12th	1st Degree 7:00 pm
Nov 19th	1st Degree 7:00 pm
Nov 27th	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Nov 29th	Deadwood at Larverna's 11:30 am

The preparation group Bob and Rich are leading will meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Degrees are subject to candidate availability and proficiency.

NOTE: Please do not forget to make reservations for all dinners.

As you celebrate, keep in mind the true importance of these holidays. Take time to acknowledge the Creator and all he has given us, and remember those who have laid down their lives for the continued peace and prosperity of this country.

With Brotherly Love and Affection

Marty Jones, PM

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

In my erratic reading I tend to scan a lot of different items about Masonry. As many of you know already a sure cure for insomnia is an attempt at Morals and Dogma, or almost anything by Albert Pike. However, there are a lot of very interesting articles about Masonry available in a lot of different sources, among them the Short Talk Bulletins put out by the Masonic Service Association. I was looking through a stack of them in the library and came across a notebook donated by a brother which contained both an "Introduction to Freemasonry, New Candidate Membership Program" from the Grand Lodge of Arizona, F&AM, 10/1/93 and "The Pollard Plan, Program of Candidate Instruction" from the Grand Lodge of Maine, AF&AM 1984.

It was very interesting to scan both of those to see the similarities and differences. They both take the same approach towards candidates in presenting some of the history and development of Freemasonry and in preparing the candidates. Both take a delicate approach in that they use very careful language yet still provide the necessary information for a candidate to be assured that what he is about to experience will give him the tools to become a better man.

I especially like the italicized definitions of Masonry in the Arizona booklet. First, the definition is from England and is "a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols". A modern definition is "Freemasonry is an organized society of men, symbolically applying the principle of Operative Masonry and architecture to the science and art of character building". Yet I wonder how often we lose sight of the symbols and forget the allegorical stories of the degrees. The journey is just begun at the Blue Lodge, the art and science of character building is and should be an endless journey.

Fraternally

Leigh Creighton

Senior Warden, 2014

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren

In October, my family and I had the opportunity to visit the Gettysburg Military National Park and Gettysburg National Cemetery. The battlefield is enormous, and we were able to cover a good portion of the park in the four days we were there. During the battle, there were about 163,000 soldiers who were engaged of which approximately 18,000 were Freemasons! The battle raged on in Gettysburg for three days in July 1863 and in the end there were 51,000 casualties of which approximately 5,600 were Masons. Observing the battlefield, I envisioned the regiments marching along the slopes through cannon fire while others that were entrenched behind rock walls that are still visible today. I was amazed at the gallant efforts and bravery from both sides in the desperate fight for their cause. Despite their differences, there was the higher cause of Masonry which was demonstrated even in the thick of battle.

In 1990, an idea for a Masonic monument in Gettysburg was discussed in several lodges in Pennsylvania by Brother Sheldon Munn of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Much effort was involved to complete the design of the monument, let alone the political support from Washington D.C. to place such a monument in a national park. On August 21 of 1993, the "Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial" was dedicated in its own section of the Gettysburg National Cemetery. The top of the monument depicts a scene of Union Captain Henry Bingham rendering aid to mortally wounded Confederate General Armistead, both Masons. Inscribed on the monument are these words: "Their unique bonds of friendship enabled them to remain a brotherhood undivided, even as they fought a divided nation, faithfully supporting the respective governments under which they lived."

The November Stated Meeting dinner will be Turkey ala King with a side dish and a wonderful dessert. As always, please be sure to make a reservation in advance.

Fraternally

Jon Schmidt

Junior Warden, 2014

TO THE STUDY OF GEOMETRY

Circumpunct: The Circle with a Dot in the Center

The circumpunct, often called the circle with a dot in the center, has been around for millennia. (See Figure 1) It has long been the perfect symbol of God. The circle represents the universe and the single point is emblematic of the single individual or self. It simple joins all with just one. This symbol was used to represent the sun in ancient Egypt. It is important to Freemasonry because it is associated with St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Their feast days occur on the summer and winter solstices and the circumpunct alludes to our annual solar orbit. The circumpunct can symbolize the moment of creation where everything started from one point.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

The center point of circle is equidistant from any point on the circle surrounding it on a plane. The distance or a line segment from the center point is called the radius. The single letter r represents the radius in mathematics and in geometry. The distance across a circle is the twice the length of the radius and is called the diameter of the circle. The distance around the circle is called the circumference. The formula to calculate the area of a circle is πr^2 . π is a circle's mathematical constant that is a ratio of its circumference to its diameter, approximately 3.14159.

For medieval alchemists the circle with a dot in the middle was the symbol used to represent gold. The goal of alchemy then was to turn the baser element of lead into a higher element of gold. As we pursue our own personal growth in Freemasonry for personal development, each of us is in fact achieving the ancient practice of transmuting lead (our former selves as good men) into gold, a symbol of purity, (by becoming better men as Masons) and in so doing we move closer to God and better serve God's grand plan for mankind. The Washington Monument and Milky Way (See Figures 2 and 3) are seen as images of the circumpunct made by man and God.

The circumpunct combines the perfect shape of the sphere, representing wholeness, with the point of one person or oneness. These dual ideas are symbolically linked to signify unity and spirituality of God and man

in one icon. The Great Architect of the Universe created a perfect cosmos for us to experience within which we can choose to grow mystically where we can become better men as Masons. The symbol's circle can represent our body and the dot our inner being also. The circumpunct historically and presently symbolizes this unity of mother Earth and the Solar System, transmuting ourselves from lead to gold as Masons, and linking every man individually with the magnificence and eternity of God within the confines of a single symbol.

William Wilkinson, Esq.

Senior Steward



NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DATE	YEAR	YEARS
Gerald Arnold Langemeier	3	1960	53
Gary Ray Laramore	3	1971	42
Robert Perry Roddy	4	1959	54
Laverne Buford Hayden, Jr.	5	1980	33
Akash Sharad Taggarse	6	1999	14
Glenn Roger Day	13	1991	23
Frank Charles Button	14	1973	40
Mark William Albertsen	17	1982	31
Edward Warnick Dungan	17	1969	44
William Lee Drake	18	1981	32
Rodney Joe Hopper	19	1997	16
Jerry C. Harris	21	1962	51
William Edwin Ahern	22	1997	16
Johnathan Frederick Bradford	22	1997	16
Roland Gunner Carlson	22	1997	16
David Louis Deibel	22	1997	16
Jerald Wayne Harvey	22	1997	16
Salim Elie Jabbour	22	1997	16
Martin Thomas Jones	22	1997	16
John Frank Prokop	22	1997	16
Roger Joseph Raymond	22	1997	16
Phillip Lee Spaulding	22	1997	16
Larry Dean Spaulding	22	1997	16
Fredrick Martin Blatt	23	1964	49
Joe Everett Nivison	23	1955	58
Kenneth Charles Williams, Sr.	24	1971	42
Donald Hutchison	25	1961	52
Ronald Neal Allen	27	1985	28
James Steve Balogh	28	1966	47
Jack Richard Lax	29	1952	61

Please congratulate these Brothers when you see them.
If you don't see them, yet know them, give them a call and
invite them to go to lodge with you.

Bring your Birthday Card and get your dinner compliments
of the Lodge.

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SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523

Meets every Thursday 8:00AM

Village Inn at 6251 N. Oracle Rd.



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Meets every 2ND & 4TH Friday 8:00AM

Hungry Fox at 4637 E. Broadway

HONOR FOR ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



Our member, Cliff Baser, was accorded the honor of **"SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH"** at the VA Hospital for August, 2014. You may not see him often around the Lodge but he is "up to his holsters" in Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 25 where his daughter was recently initiated. Well done, Cliff!

SICKNESS and DISTRESS

WB Jerry Fortson is getting better every day from his lung infection. It is great to see he is able to come out to some of the functions and we hope to see more of him as the months go on.

WB Paul Derderian has a very serious leg and blood problem. Around the 1st of the month his good leg started to swell to more than twice its normal size. The doctors have not been able to figure out what is causing the swelling but have given him some experimental medication that seems to be helping the swelling. He will be having more tests to hopefully solve the problem. He would like phone calls but does not wish any visitors as of now.

Please keep these Brothers and any others you know of in your prayers.

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....



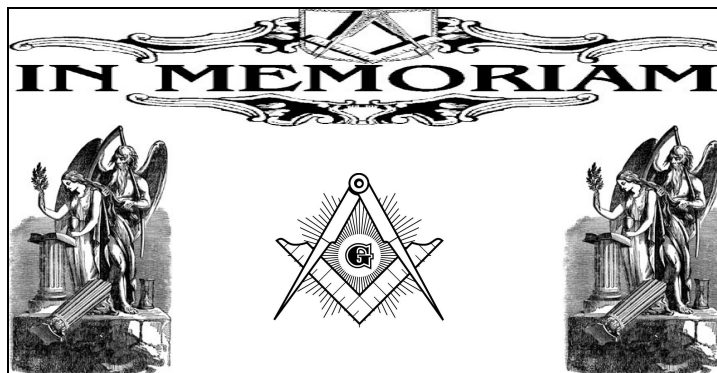
Everyone who attended the regular meeting of Tucson Lodge #4 on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 witnessed a bit of history. The members of Pima Lodge #10, Prince Hall of Arizona were in attendance to thank several of Tucson Lodge's Brothers who have gone above and beyond the length of their cable-tows to assist Pima Lodge.

Most Worshipful Brother Robert Conrad, Worshipful Brother Vince Santos and Brother Ray Snow were given Honorary Memberships from Pima Lodge #10 for their many hours of work in the Fraternal Brotherhood that exists between the two Lodges.

Most Worshipful Brother Conrad was instrumental in working out all the details between both Grand Lodges to finally have recognition granted. Worshipful Brother Santos and Brother Snow did extensive work to help Pima Lodge remodel their Lodge building.

These two Lodges have been visiting one another's meetings throughout the last few years as well as supporting each others functions. It is rare to not see some Brothers from both Lodges not matter which Lodge is presiding.

This type of honor has never been given in Arizona before (nor do we believe anywhere in the nation) between the two Grand Lodges. The



Of our Brethren who have passed on this Masonic year

Name	Birth	Raised	Death
Lewis George Irvine	06-27-45	03-12-73	11-29-13
Charles Loren Steele	03-31-22	12-04-77	12-09-13
Stafford Clark Sanford	01-28-51	10-27-92	02-11-14
Glenn Lee Cooughenour	12-27-53	05-20-98	02-11-14
Gene Ray Morris	10-07-27	12-05-56	02-28-14
Robert Alberic Garrepy	11-24-28	12-4-53	04-21-14

Brotherhood that exists between Pima Lodge #10 and Tucson Lodge #4 is very strong and will continue for many years to come.

We congratulate these Brothers for this great honor and we thank the Brothers of Pima Lodge #10 for the recognition they gave to these Brothers who live their obligations.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

RAINBOW GIRLS

DEMOLAY.

THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF

AMERICA,

THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF

MASONRY.



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Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:30PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Mondays	7:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Mondays.....	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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