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**FROM THE SECRETARY**



Brethren,

The Worshipful Master is still out of town taking care of his family. In lieu of the Master's Message, here is something for you to ponder as you go about your day.

The last offices we pay to the dead are in vain except as they constitute lessons to the living. The beloved Brother who goes before us is unaware of our sorrows and our ceremonies. It matters not to him whether two or three have gathered around to perform his funeral ritual or that hundreds have assembled with the insignia of the Craft to deposit him in his final resting place. It is of little moment whether the wild winds chant his requiem or it be accompanied with rare and costly music and the minstrelsy of many voices. He has gone to accomplish the destiny of the human race, his body resting in the profound slumber of the dead, being dissolved once more into the earth whence it came.

What then are the externals of human dignity — power of wealth, dreams of ambition, pride of intellect, or the charms of beauty — when nature has paid her last debt? In the grave all ranks are leveled, all distinctions vanish. While we drop a sympathetic tear in remembrance of our departed Brother, let us cast around his foibles, whatever they may have been, the broad mantle of Masonic charity; and pay to his memory the commendation that his virtues deserve.

Let us ponder well the lessons of the hour: we are born to die, but is this the end of Man, the aspiring hope of all good Masons? No, blessed be God, we pause not at our first or second steps, but true to our principles look forward for further light. As the embers of mortality are feebly glimmering in the sockets of existence, the Holy Bible, that Great Light in Masonry, removes the dark shroud, draws aside the sable curtain of the tomb, and bids hope and joy to arouse us. It cheers our drooping spirits and points beyond the

**October 2014 Calendar**

Oct 1st	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 4th	Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am to 10:30 am
Oct 6th	Officers Meeting 6 pm Ritual Practice 7 pm
Oct 8th	Degree or practice 7:00 pm
Oct 15th	Degree or practice 7:00 pm
Oct 22nd	Degree or practice 7:00 pm
Oct 25th	Deadwood at Larverna's 11:30 am
Oct 29th	Chili cook-off Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm

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.

bounds of time to the breaking light of a resurrection morn, and bids us to turn our eyes of hope and confidence to the opening scenes of Eternity.

Then, let us so live that when our dissolution draws nigh, the entrance to that dark valley and shadow of death may be illuminated by the consciousness of a well spent life and the hope of a blessed immortality and may Almighty God in His infinite goodness extend His mercy toward him and all of us.

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When our brother no longer moves among us in the flesh, we should still remember his many virtues long unto the decades. Now is the time for brothers, friends and family to share their memories of the departed.

The Masonic Funeral Service is one of the most important obligations we have in the Craft. To honor our Brother is a duty incumbent upon all Masons. Remember our departed Brothers as we go about our lives, always bearing in mind that our days are numbered and that the time will come when you will not be able to answer our call. Please take time out of your busy schedules to join with us, and the family of the departed, whenever the opportunity occurs.

How do you want to be remembered?

Fraternally

*Craig Gross, PM*  
Secretary

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## DUES

This is the last chance for paying 2014 dues. If you do not have a 2014 dues card you will soon be suspended from all of the rights and privileges of a Master Mason. Please do not let this happen. The 2014 dues are \$112.00.

The 2015 dues will remain at \$112.00 and can be paid anytime. The Lodge will be sending out notices in mid-October but you do not need to wait on the notice to pay your dues. You can mail them to the Lodge or drop them off at the Secretary's office anytime. Make checks payable to Tucson Lodge No. 4 You can also pay via PayPal by going to the lodge website. Paying them early will be a benefit to your lodge and will save time and money

For those of you that are Perpetual Members please consider making a donation to the lodge to help cover your \$28.00 per year percapita fee to Grand Lodge. While the percapita investments have improved greatly, the low interest rates being paid still do not cover the full amount due for each percapita member so the Lodge must cover the balance out of the general fund. Your donation will help balance the lodge budget and not enquire taking money from the general fund.

Look well to the East and govern yourselves accordingly.

Brethren

In military terms a line of communication (LOC) is the route that connects an operating military unit with its supply base. Supplies and reinforcements are transported along the line of communication. Therefore, a secure and open line of communication is vital for any military force to continue to operate effectively. Accordingly, a unit whose lines of communication were compromised was vulnerable to becoming isolated and defeated, as the means for requesting reinforcements and resupply is lost. The interdiction of supplies and reinforcements to units closer to the front lines is therefore an important strategic goal for opposing forces.

So what does this have to do with Masonry? We really don't need supplies other than that the Secretary or Junior Warden can provide. However, we do need to communicate effectively with one another in order to make good men better and to serve the lodge and the community. In today's world with so many means of communications, i.e. telephones, cell phones, text messages, twitter, skype, facebook and email we can easily keep each other informed and up to date. We don't even have to talk – just send a quick text message!

This is of course leading up to a request. Please, let's talk to each other, let us keep open the line of communication. We have numerous brothers in the process of becoming a Master Mason who seem to have dropped out of sight. We also have numerous brothers who seem to have also dropped out of sight, and some of them could use some brotherly love and relief. But if the lodge, and its leadership, are not kept informed then the lodge and its leadership can't provide that brotherly love and relief. If we don't keep that LOC open we have allowed the opposing forces of apathy and indifference to diminish us as men and Masons.

So please, make that phone call to a brother you haven't seen in a while. Keep your coach/mentor and the lodge leadership informed of your progress towards degree proficiency, or the reasons for lack of progress, let somebody know if you're sick or distressed.

Fraternally

*Leigh Creighton*

Senior Warden, 2014



Is the art of being a gentleman lost? It seems as though manners and modesty in today's culture are a sign of weakness and are no longer virtues. You see these types of examples every day: Driving in traffic is the most obvious one, T.V. reality shows depict that nice guys really do finish last, and with the growing use of social media we learn that the more obnoxious you are, the more attention you get. The lack of consideration for others, of which good manners and being a gentleman are only a symbol, is also reflected by the "me-first culture". Masonry is vital in this situation as we are here for the purpose of making good men better and we are here to lead by example. Here are a few tips that will help you improve yourself and in your relationships with others (professionally and socially) at home and in your workplace and hopefully put you on the road to becoming a true gentleman.

Have pride in your appearance - if you look the part, you will BE the part.

Be mindful of the way you carry yourself – remember the Golden Rule.

When you want to be respected, it is also imperative that you return respect to others.

Always practice good manners and avoid offense.

Have good hygiene and clean up after yourself!

While these are lessons you may have learned from your parents, it is gratifying and satisfying when people regard you as a gentleman which means that you are doing well in your relationship with others especially at home, in the workplace, or in the lodge room!

Source: *The Art of Being a Gentleman*; April 6, 2011; *Freemason Information*

The October Stated meeting dinner on October 1st will be Lasagna. I would like to mention that Awards Night has been moved to the December Stated Meeting so there will not be a dinner on October 15th. On another note, I would like to congratulate the Job's Daughters on initiating two new members!

Fraternally

*Jon Schmidt*

Junior Warden, 2014

### Brother Albert Einstein's Space-Time Geometry

Albert Einstein, a Freemason, developed theory known as Space-Time Geometry. Space Time Geometry radically altered humanity's view of the nature and structure of gravity after Sir Isaac Newton described it initially. [Newton studied the geometry of the Temple of Solomon which he translated from *1 Kings* from original Hebrew too.] One property of space-time geometry is geometric gravity which is thus explained. Using Newton's laws of gravity two particles, labeled A and B, traveling uniformly on straight parallel directions accelerate and continue infinitely (See Figure 1) unless Newton's gravitational force as mass pulls them so they veer from their paths to meet. (See Figure 2) Brother Einstein's space-time theory views space as curved rather than flat. In his view two particles traveling along parallel paths would converge while still accelerating in the straightest possible parallel directions not due to a mass and gravity but rather due to the normal distortion caused by the curved fabric of space-time geometry.

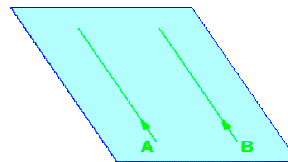


Figure 1

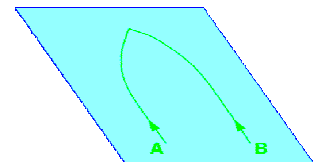


Figure 2

In other words, if the particles in Figure 1 accelerate in two-dimensional flatness then Newton's gravity explains their convergence in Figure 2. Einstein's theory of geometric gravity posits the two particles in Figure 1 come together because space-time is curved not flat. See Figures 3 and 4. Brother Einstein's theory of relativity shows no force on A and B may be needed to converge.

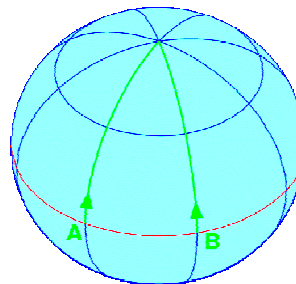


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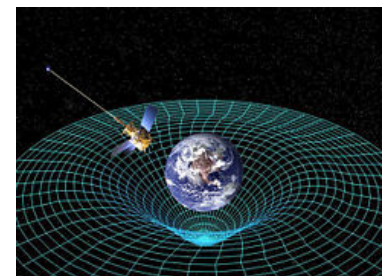


Figure 4

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**SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523**

**Meets every Thursday 8:00AM**

**Village Inn at 6251 N. Oracle Rd.**



**OLD PUEBLO HIGH TWELVE #773**

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

**Hungry Fox at 4637 E. Broadway**

### **!! The Great Tucson Lodge #4 Chili Cook-off!!**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday October 29th at 6:00 p.m.

As part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Potluck Social the lodge will host a Chili Cook-off! Everyone has their own special recipe, so why not bring your crock-pot with chili and compete against the best in Arizona? The lodge will provide electricity, sample cups and ballots – and the top 3 vote getters will receive prizes.

The rules are simple: bring a pot of chili !!

As always, the lodge will also provide drinks, utensils, condiments.

Who knows – you might win an all-expenses paid trip for 2 to Cancun!! Or Hawaii!! Or even the surprise FIRST PRIZE!!

Tucson Lodge already has an award winning chef among us. read the message in the next column to find out who, and yes he plans to compete on the 29th at our cook-off.

### **Award winning Chef**

On a recent vacation to Newport Beach California, one of our brothers, who is also a member of the Elks, attended a meeting at the Elks lodge there. After arriving he was informed that they were having a chili cook-off that evening. Thinking he made a pretty good chili, he decided to enter. He quickly gathered all the ingredients and started cooking. At the end of the evening, his chili was voted best among all twelve entries. Who is this master chef? It is our own Worshipful Brother Gene Wickey. Congrats on showing the California people what true chili tastes like.

Gene also informed me that a Brother Mason helped him get every thing he needed and also voted for his chili. After which Gene bought him a drink. So if Gene offers to buy you a drink during our chili cook-off on October 29th, report it as soon as you can and I will take the drink.

Fraternally submitted

Jim Wadley

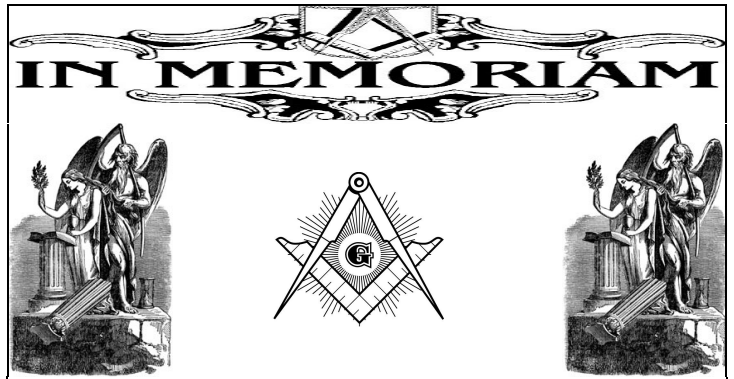
The chili cook-off police

## OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DATE	YEAR	YEARS
Salvatore Joseph Picerno	1	1968	46
Kenneth Stearns Henry	1	1975	39
Steve Joseph Pockuba	1	1974	40
Kenneth Ronald Bowen	4	1978	36
Gary Lee Sponseller, Sr.	5	1977	37
Robert Lee Reid	8	1980	34
Clifford Jackson "Jack" Hazard	10	1962	52
Michael Montano Santos	10	2001	13
Douglas J.W. Marcus	11	2006	8
Daniel Lee Swango	12	1976	38
Robert Jay Segal	12	1972	42
Christopher Luke Jordan	12	2011	3
Jerry Carl Hall	15	1974	40
Graham Alfred Davey	16	1974	40
Charles Richard Stup	16	1997	17
Ernest Daniel Busby	17	1984	30
Gene Paul Scott	17	1979	35
James George Eldorado	19	1950	64
Angelo Joseph Villani	19	1964	50
Samuel Allen Stephenson	20	1976	38
Christensen Erik	22	1990	24
Richard Ora Wilkins	22	1953	61
Gene Arthur Wickey	23	1970	44
Anthony Eric (Butch) Merriman	23	2013	1
Daniel James Bostick	26	2005	9
Robert DeWayne Crawford	27	1976	38
Kenneth Alan Marcoux	28	1966	48
Donald Dugald Stevenson	29	1980	34
Roger Ruel Schroeder	29	1969	45
Frank Flores Carley	29	1975	39
Elmo Gordon Smith	30	1957	57
Francis Joseph Cavanaugh	30	1991	23
Steven Leo Vogel	31	1984	30
Vincent Moreno Santos	31	1990	24

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.



### 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
Robert Alberic Garrepy	11-24-28	12-04-53	04-21-14
Lloyd Rueben Stock	03-04-19	03-20-48	05-26-14
Hyman Eisenstein	04-15-15	01-06-48	06-06-14
Ronald William Shuman	04-08-39	06-06-61	07-26-14
Clinton Eugene Hamilton	04-13-25	11-11-53	08-12-14

### THURSDAY CREW

I would like to take this chance to Thank the members  
of the Thursday Crew for all their OUTSTANDING  
work over the summer.

To Ray Snow for his brilliant carpentry work; to  
Gordon Beatty and Allen Bailey for their electrical  
know-how; to Vic Myer for his painting skills; to Mike  
Suba for his how to skills; to Paul Derderian for  
keeping the lodge grounds clean; to Jerry Fortson for  
making all the scheduling of outside contractors and for  
keeping all of us in line. Hurry back Jerry we miss you;  
to our newest member Jon Schmidt for helping to paint  
the wall that got damaged (yes Jon was initiated with  
a cup of coffee and a donut). And last but not least, to  
Vince Santos who started this crew and is always there  
to help in anyway necessary. This is your Thursday  
crew, please take a moment to thank them for all they  
do for this lodge to help keep it in good shape at the  
least expense to you the members.

Fraternally  
Jim Wadley

**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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Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First & Third Tuesdays .....	7:30PM
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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