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FROM THE EAST



Brethren

I am happy to be home. I enjoyed the time that I spent in Peoria, Illinois and have learned a lot about the people that live in that part of the country. I found that most everyone was friendly and polite.

We are coming to the end of the summer and will be returning to the usual routine at the Lodge. We will continue to wear the summer uniform through the September Stated Meeting and will start wearing our dress uniform at the October Stated Meeting. As always, your reservation for the Stated Meeting Dinner is required so that we can insure we have enough food for everyone.

There is some Degree work that we need to finish up and we have several new candidates to vote on in September. If your available to assist the SW, let him know.

The Military Degree Team will be performing a Second Degree at Adobe #41, September 30th. If you've never had the opportunity to see them in action, this is your chance.

Come October, we can look forward to a potluck the last Wednesday of the month. I would like to call for a chili cook-off this potluck. Whatever your specialty - chili con carne, chili with beans, hot or mild -bring it in.

Now for something more serious. As many of you know, I have been working to care for Leanne's parents. I do not really want to get into the specifics, but want to point out that it is imperative to get your affairs in order and have a plan, or better yet, several plans, to inform those who may need to assist you in the

September 2014 Calendar

Sept 1st	Officers Meeting 6 pm Ritual Practice 7 pm
Sept 3rd	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm Stated Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 6th	Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am to 10:30 am
Sept 10th	Degree 7:00 pm
Sept 17th	Degree 7:00 pm
Sept 24th	Degree 7:00 pm
Sept 27th	Deadwood at Larvena'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.

future about what you want. I have seen the effects of this first hand now.

Fraternally

Marty Jones, PM

Worshipful Master

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

-William Arthur Ward

FROM THE WEST

Brethren



A couple of definitions: rough ashlar, a stone from the quarry before squaring, a symbol of untutored man. Perfect ashlar, a stone squared and smooth, a symbol of enlightened manhood. I find it interesting that the improvement of the stones is by the taking away, the removal, the breaking off of the rough and superfluous parts of stone. Similarly, we divest our hearts and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life to improve our minds and thereby become better men. When a sculptor is in the creative process somehow he can see the figure underneath the stone and simply removes the excess revealing the resultant figure. The figure is there all the time, waiting to be revealed. When we are elected to become Masons we are judged by the lodge to already be a good man. When we remove the roughness, the excess, we reveal the better man underneath.

The lodge has been relatively quiet during the summer months when we do not have stated meetings and are considered dark. As we enter September, and hopefully some cooler weather, I hope everyone has had a delightful summer with vacation travels and good family times. We should soon see some petitions for membership and will once again embark on a string of degree work. We are also approaching the end of a Masonic year that seems to be passing very quickly. I hope to see you in lodge and at our fellowship events to enjoy the benefits of membership in the greatest fraternity in the world.

Fraternally

Leigh Creighton

Senior Warden, 2014

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren



It has been a few months since our last stated meeting and dinner, and I am looking forward to seeing my brothers and their families again! Though the Lodge has been dark over the summer, we still had several degrees that occurred as well as a Table Lodge, Saturday Breakfasts, and a Family potluck dinner at Tucson #4. There was also the Grand Lodge Communication, and it was a good time to visit other lodges that do not go dark this time of year. The Thursday crew has also been active as well over the summer doing odds and ends inside the lodge during the hot summer months. I myself had a fun time attending events provided by Bethel #25; my knees are still aching from roller skating!

We will be serving meatloaf for the September stated meeting, so please submit your reservations well ahead of time. I would also like to inform you that we will be having a few special events in the upcoming months. In October Tucson #4 will be having the Awards Night event, and the second week of November is Children at Risk. Both events will include dinners, so be sure to mark those on your calendars. A reservation list for these events will also be available in the blue reservation binder in the lodge dining room. Additional information for these events will be provided in the upcoming Trestle board newsletters.

Fraternally

Jon Schmidt

Junior Warden, 2014

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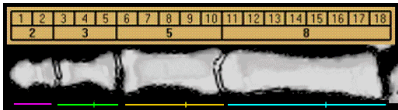


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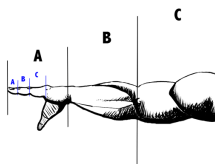
TO THE STUDY OF GEOMETRY

The Divine Proportion Is Present In Human Anatomy

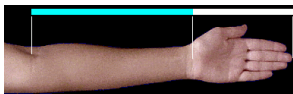
Applications of the Divine Proportion are all around us in the cosmos. In fact, we only need to look within ourselves to find meaningful evidence of the golden section ruling our own nature. Stretch out your own hand and look at the length of your fingers on it for a moment. Now notice the bone proportions below.



The sections of your hand and fingers are composed of bones that from the base of your wrist to the first knuckle of your fingers to the fingertips grow progressively smaller in the lengths of the divine proportion, that is, 0.61804 (or 61.8%) of the bone preceding it. Using this scale as a unit, your fingernail is one unit long.



Furthermore, your hand is in the Divine Proportion, also known as Phi, in its relative size relationship to your arm. Again, the ratio of your forearm to your hand is 1.618, the Divine Proportion.



The foot also has several proportions based on phi lines. These Phi length lines are present in: (1) the middle of the arch of the foot, (2) the widest part of the foot, (3) the base of the toe line and the big toe and (4) the top of the toe line and the base of the "index" toe.



The Great Architect of the universe designed us in the Divine Proportion on His trestle board.

William Wilkinson, Esq.
Senior Steward

THE HIDDEN LESSONS OF RITUAL WORK

by Michael Mayer

I would like to have you think back to that first night, it could have been a warm or cool night that we all share. That night we were so apprehensive, or for the sake of better words, confused as to what was going to happen.

Those first words you heard said at the Lodge door, asking questions and wanting answers of you, and how you were treated was only the start of your Masonic life. That life that leads most of us on a continuous journey of Masonic travel the rest of our lives.

For some of us, who had to memorise the Degree and Obligations, we share something that no one else can understand. This task of learning them, that we choose to do, and we did. This struggle teaches us what we all can do with hard work and a true desire to accomplish things.

So many times I have listened to the lectures and still I find them as interesting as the first time I heard them. Every time I hear them, I find a new perspective that I have missed before. I fear for those that do not choose to listen to them in this way, as they will never find the lessons that are taught there in Masonry.

And as for those that give those grand lectures, they learn as well. They learn how it feels to give that perfect lecture and also when they don't get it perfectly right! Most of the time just stopping for a moment to think or to taking a breath. I think we can all learn hidden lessons here too. How we should overlook everyone's little mistakes that we all make in life. Also to remember sometimes the best intentions go wrong by accident.

"Value Your Word" , For What Worth Hath a Liar!

FROM THE LADIES' CORNER

Hi Ladies!

I hope you've all had a great summer! Now we are ready to have fun chatting and sharing what we've done all summer while we send our other halves into the Lodge room!

For the September 3rd Stated Meeting, we are having a surprise presentation! It is something unique and I'm sure you will enjoy it. We've never had a presentation of this kind before, so be ready to try something new.

Doreen & Gert

FLAG CEREMONY

(Excerpted from *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY AND ITS KINDRED SCIENCES* by ALBERT C. MACKEY M. D.)

A formal reception of the National Flag was especially frequent in all fraternal Bodies during the World War and ceremonies of most impressive character were noted in leading Masonic organizations as in the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Indiana, and elsewhere.



The making of the first "Stars and Stripes" is credited to Mrs. Elizabeth Ross of Philadelphia. We have seen on the door posts of the old ancestral home of the Washington's at Sulgrave Manor, England, two shields each bearing three stars surmounting a horizontal bar or stripe. Doubtless this had a suggestive force in designing the new flag.

When the National Flag is hung either horizontally or vertically across a wall, the union (the stars on the blue field or background) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is to the observer's left. When displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill or the front of a building, the same rule should be followed. The union should go down to the truck (as the peak or point of the staff is called) unless the flag is at half-mast position. A Service Flag was designed by Brother Robert L. Queisser, Captain, Fifth Ohio Machine Gun Company, in honor of those in the military or naval service. This flag was much used in the United States during the World War. The flag had a center field of white with a red border. On the white field blue stars were placed for those in service, gold stars for the dead.

At the fifty-fourth annual session held at Miami, Florida, May 1-3, 1928, of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Committee on Revision of Ritual reported that some Temples were using elaborate and beautiful flag ceremonies. In a great many cases bugle calls were used in connection with the activities of the Color Guard and bands rendered patriotic airs in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Usually the National Anthems were sung by the entire membership present. The Committee submitted a minimum requirement to be made applicable to all the Temples of the Order with the understanding that the following simple ceremony might be developed and elaborated:

When the Color Guard, or Marshal, with his assistants presents the Colors at the altar after the Temple has been duly opened, the Potentate will cause the Nobility to come to attention and salute. After the salute is rendered, the following pledge will be recited in concert: "I pledge allegiance to my flag, to the principles for which it stands, one Brotherhood indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Color Guard will then escort the Colors to their proper position while the Nobility continue at attention. The Color Guard will then return to the altar and the Potentate will seat the Temple. The suggestion of the Committee was recommended to the Subordinate Temples.

Fraternally

Aaron French

Marshal, 2014

**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....

JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DATE	YEAR	YEARS
Michael Hugh Matlock	9	2003	11
Alan Brian Simmons	10	2013	1
Richard Hamilton Gilreath	12	1975	39
John Wesley Stokes	12	1980	34
Eugene Ellwood Curtis	13	1968	46
Trevor Reese Jones	18	2012	2
James Russell Stith	20	1968	46
Mark Allen Viramontes	20	2011	3
Virgil Dean Larsen	24	2002	12
Edward Arthur Justen	26	2006	8
James Robert Bell	29	1995	19

AUGUST MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

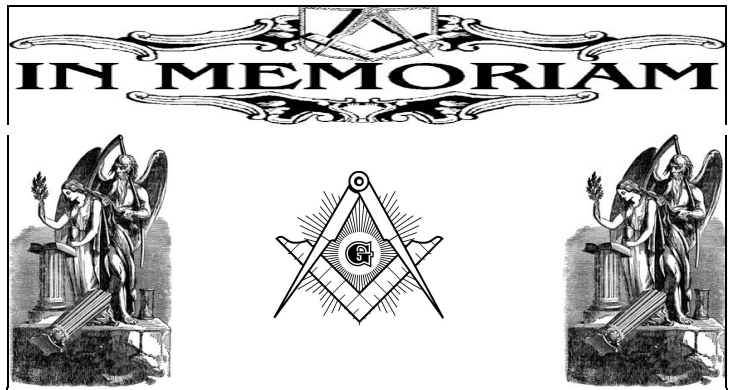
NAME	DATE	YEAR	YEARS
Aaron Jedadiah French	7	2013	1
Steven Everett Akins	10	2002	12
Leslie Carl Erdman	13	1975	39
Joaquin Acuna Munoz	14	2013	1
Eddie Marrel Taylor	15	2008	6
Stephen John Patrick	20	1997	17
Albert James Carr	21	2013	1
Paul Alan Simpson	21	1986	28
Richard James Gonia	24	2005	9
Donald Hunton Phelps	27	1997	17
Engene Jerome Arneson	28	1952	62
Ralph Roscoe Francis	28	1974	40
Conrad Benjamin Buette	29	2001	13
William Eugene Addis	30	1980	34
James Payton Rollins	30	2006	8

SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DATE	YEAR	YEARS
Floyd Kenneth Berk	3	1975	38
Clark Watkin Munger	5	1984	30
Jimmie Don Corrie	6	1978	36
Arthur Ronald Adair	8	1976	38
Theodore Ross Vieu	11	1992	22
Ronald Stanley Hill	13	1995	19
Clarence Nasta	13	1989	25
George Allen Brubaker	15	1954	60
Peter J. Lippert	16	2003	11
George Michael Stoll	16	1995	19
Alonso Alberto Vidal	18	2013	1
Gerald Lee Francis	19	1973	41
Roger Noble Smith	19	1985	29
Craig Lee Gross	21	1983	31
David Fredrick Berry	23	1997	17
Gale Edward Peterson	24	1980	34
Sandeep Singh Bains	25	2013	1
William Thomas Clarke	25	1995	19
Jerry Wayne Fortson	26	1979	35
Kerry Ross Goolsby	29	1998	16

*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	12-4-53	04-21-14

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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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