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**JULY-AUGUST 2011
 CALENDAR**

There will be no Stated Meetings in the summer months of July or August. Degree work or other activities may be called by the Worshipful Master and will be announced in his weekly emails. To receive them, send him a request to be added.

FROM THE LADIES' CORNER

First of all I would like to thank all of you that participated in our last stated meeting's project. We painted a water color portrait; thanks to Candy Lobb who showed us how to bring out our inner creativeness. We had lots of fun and laughs doing this!

I'm not sure what we will be doing as a project in September yet; I have a few ideas but if anyone has some suggestions on something you would like to do, please email them to me and we'll organize something by phone, mail, or email. Some ladies suggested playing some games again ---- we had lots of fun doing that a couple of months ago. Dirty Bingo, Bunco, Mexican Train, or Left Center Right are some favorites that people have mentioned; but if you have something else you would like to show us, please contact me. I have some information on some speakers as well. I know some of us

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FROM THE EAST

This is the time of year that the Lodge normally goes dark. This means that we don't have stated meetings during this time. However, the Lodge bylaws allow the Master to have degree work or other activities as he may see fit. It obvious that we have an abundance of new Masons waiting in the wings ready to start their Masonic travels. It is our intention to work through the summer, as needed, to continue the degree work and help our fellow candidates fulfill their dreams of becoming Masons, as we have and our forefathers have before us.

Since our new building is so close to completion, there is also a lot to do to make our move a smooth one. I am looking for that twenty-fifth hour in the day and that eighth day of the week to do everything that needs to be done before the move. But I am confident that together we will be able to accomplish this.

After all the preparations are done for this transition, we have the task of actually moving into our new home. This entails the physical struggles we have to go through to get all of our belongings from point A to point B with least amount of confusion possible. But believe me when I say that once we are moved in, it will be a struggle well worth it. We will share a "Home" that we are proud of! I will attempt to keep you all informed of Lodge's status to make this a smooth transition for everyone. I normally send out a weekly email message every Sunday giving Tucson #4 members an update for the upcoming week. If you

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THE DUES OF YOUR LODGE ARE PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR. PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD TO ENSURE IT IS A CURRENT 2011 CARD AND THAT YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOUR OBLIGATION. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE LODGE. NO MASON SHOULD EVER BE LEFT BEHIND. GRAND LODGE IS NOT RAISING PERCAPITA SO DUES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AT LEAST THROUGH 2012 AND 2013.

FROM THE EAST (continued)

would like to receive this Sunday message simply get your email address to me and I will gladly add you to my mailing list.

I'm also taking this time to thank all of you who have taken of your valuable time and your precious families to fulfill your obligation to your Lodge. You are the exception and not the rule of our society and of our fraternity. The Masonic family is made up of more than Masons and the various appending organizations. Their wives, daughters, sons, grandchildren, and even the family pets play a vital part in what we know as the "family" of Tucson Lodge #4. We have collectively seen friends and loved ones pass through our lives and our organizations; we have also experienced the welcoming of new friends and the uniting of old friends and families. It is within this unison that we thrive together; and it is this togetherness that constitutes us as a Masonic family.

I will continue to reflect on the many fond memories that I have experienced in the "old" Tucson Lodge #4; and I will look forward to the many memorable experiences in the "new" Tucson Lodge #4. Remember, memories are made by people, and people make up families. Let us reflect on the good times and enhance them into the experiences we will live as a Masonic family in our new home. I ask that you take the time to search your minds and try to find the time to involve yourself in the new home as you did in the old one. We have a new building with a new generation of Masons. These new masons come with families, and the potential of new members being added to our extended families in the appending bodies.

I wish you all a pleasant and safe summer if your travels take you from Tucson; and if you are staying in the home, please be cautious in this "dry heat." Remember to hydrate and keep cool. Wherever your summer takes you, be careful, and I look forward to seeing all of you all back in September in our brand new "home"!

With Brotherly Love and Affection,

Vince Santos, P.M.
Worshipful Master, 2011

FROM THE LADIES' CORNER (continued)

will be pretty busy getting us moved into the new building so if you like to help just let me know. Also, we will be meeting sometime soon to finish up the dining room chairs and we can definitely use some help there too. If you can help with any of these projects during the summer, please contact me. Either way, I will be keeping in touch with you and letting you know what we plan for our September Stated meeting. I hope you all have a great summer and I hope to see you again definitely in September, but possibly before!! -- Doreen Santos, 722-0343.

FROM THE WEST

Travelling in foreign countries is very exciting when you are actually travelling and not only in the Masonic sense. This summer I have the opportunity to be in Germany to visit with my elderly parents and also with children and grandchildren. This means a lot to me, as my parents are not strong enough to make the travel to the United States anymore. The only way of spending time with them is to "travel in foreign countries". My journey actually takes me from west to east and from east to west again, just by coincidence of where I am going. This probably doesn't make my travel a more Masonic event. Also, I am also not sure about the Master Mason wages either, but I find this trip rather rewarding. I am not sure when and how often this visit can be repeated as my parents are getting older. Any time spent with them is valuable time.

If anything of this applies to Masonic travel, it is that I am supporting my direct family. This is a well worth task. On my journey of becoming a better man, improving family connections is definitely a major duty. As it is taught throughout the degrees, the family is a major responsibility.

Here in Germany I am also visiting with our son, family and grandchildren. This is the bonus of our family visit that we get to connect with all generations of family. It is like a live example of how life progresses through the different age stages. We see the little baby learning the elementary things for life and we are part of the aging process at the evening of life.

We all are travelling at different speeds and in different directions. Your summer might take you other routes. There might not be any family involved. You might not even leave home at all. Wherever your summer takes you, take a few moments and think about family. First and foremost your direct family, but also important, the Masonic family we are attached to. Sometimes they are just one phone call or one e-mail away. Masonic travel does not need transportation means. I encourage you to travel again to visit with family, reconnect with brothers of the Masonic family. Family ties are as good as the care we give them. May your Masonic travels take you to important places and connect you to valuable people.

Hannes Meyer
Senior Warden, 2011

SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523



Meets every
Thursday, 8:00 AM
at Village Inn
6251 N. Oracle Rd.



FROM THE SOUTH

Summer time is here again. The Lodge will be dark for July and August. We still can have degree work and other occasions during these months. There will not be a Stated Meeting for the months of July and August. If everything goes according to plan, our next stated meeting will be at the new Lodge location. Towards the end of July or first of August should be busy moving all our furniture and equipment.

It is overwhelming that knowing as members of Tucson Lodge #4 we are leaving behind fond memories especially our older members that have been there from the day when Tucson Lodge #4 received the charter as a Masonic fraternity. It would be wonderful if all the brothers could reunite for one more visit at the old Tucson Lodge #4 before moving to the new location, also if most of our members could be present at the dedication of the new Tucson Lodge #4.

Men that have become Master Masons, past and present have become inactive. I'm hoping, with the knowledge of the new Lodge opening in September that most likely they will be attracted back to the Lodge. Being a Master Mason what the words have actually meant to every brother is anybody's guess; but it is a safe assumption that the reply was at least intended to signify membership in the world's oldest fraternal organization.

I bless every brother and family to have a wonderful summer. Hope to hear from any Tucson Lodge members, my home phone is (520) 323-0370 about the Lodge or any subject. Will sign off with this phrase:

If I'm not for others, what am I?

If not now, when?

Virgil Larsen

Junior Warden, 2011

July Birthdays

Name	Date	Year	Years
Clifford W Baser	09	1980	31
Michael H Matlock	09	2003	08
Richard H Gilreath	12	1975	36
J Wes Stokes	12	1980	31
Ronald I Lysell	15	1991	20
Virgil D Larsen	24	2002	09
Edward A Justen	26	2006	05

August Birthdays

Name	Date	Year	Years
Steven E Akins	10	2002	09
Athur E Himebaugh	10	1949	62
Leslie C Erdman	13	1975	36
Thomas M E Spendarian	13	1997	14
Eddie M Taylor	15	2008	03
Floyd Phillips	16	1947	64
Gunter R Spear	19	1989	08*
Stephen J Patrick	20	1997	14
Paul A Simpson	21	1986	25
Richard J Gonja	24	2005	06
Donald H Phelps	27	1997	14
Engene J Arneson	28	1952	59
Ralph R Francis	28	1974	37
Conrad B Buette	29	2001	10
William E Addis	30	1980	31
James P Rollins	30	2006	05

This summer, we celebrate 23 Masonic Birthdays for members of our Lodge. All combined, they add up to 529 years of Freemasonry ranging from the highest of 64 years all the way down to 5 years. The average time they have been members is 24 years. 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.

*Indicates there was an interruption in continuous service.

MASONIC RENEWAL

The Lodge is experiencing a great opportunity. Men both young and old have been seeking out the Fraternity for everything that we have to offer. We currently have a dozen men who have knocked on the door of Freemasonry and are coming to the lodge every Wednesday night to learn about the organization and to make new friends and acquaintances. Several have already advanced to the point of submitting their petitions and receiving the first degree. Several others are nearing that portal and will be joining us after the summer. The group seems to grow on its own accord and as some of these men move along the path to becoming a Master Mason they are sharing their experiences with others who join the group.

Currently MWB Robert Conrad and WB Rich Hall head the discussion group but we need to get more of our knowledgeable brothers to help. We need brothers to step forward and become involved in the education of these men. While MWB Bob and WB Rich are enjoying the regular meetings and discussions, we need to establish classes and mentors for the men taking the degrees. They need our assistance to learn and understand what it really means to be a Mason and to discuss and practice the work that cannot yet be shared with the other men. Within a few short months we will have candidates in all three degrees that need to be able to meet separately with those that can answer their questions and discuss the essential concepts.

So now is the time to be of service to the craft and to your fellow man. Start coming down on Wednesday nights and meet these men who seek out the Fraternity. Become a part of their education and future, help ensure the continued longevity of the lodge by being a part of the teaching of these new men and help these good men become better men for the future of our society. It really doesn't take much and the rewards are enormous. If you are interested in assisting in this endeavor just come to Lodge on Wednesday nights. We will be meeting all through the summer months. We hope to see you at lodge.

**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 AM.**

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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TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2 OES, First & Third Tuesdays	7:30 PM
Saguaro Chapter # 48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays.....	7:30 PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Mondays.....	7:30 PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters, First & Third Saturday	10:00AM
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls, Second & Fourth Tuesdays.....	7:00 PM

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