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## SEPTEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

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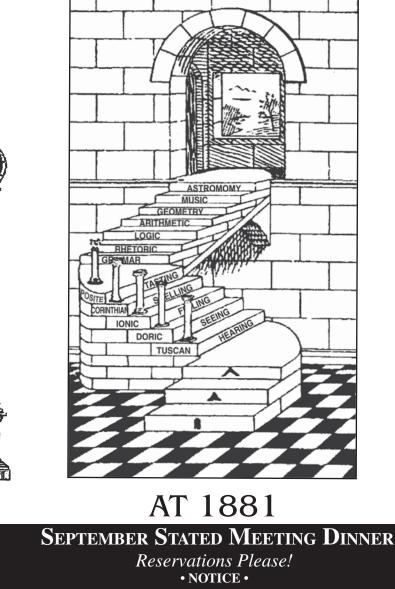
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- September 3rd.....Dinner 6:00 PM Stated Meeting 7:00 PM
- September 10th . . . . 2nd Degree 7:00 PM
- September 17th . . . . Award Night 6:00 PM
- September 24th . . . . 2nd Degree 7:00 PM

### • NOTE •

Degree nights on the calendar are subject to change depending on Candidates Proficiencies.



Brothers, bring your Birthday card to the Stated meeting dinner, September 3rd, 2008 and your dinner will be FREE!!

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### **FROM THE EAST**

Brothers,

We have had a little time off to relax and enjoy ourselves. Well I hope everyone rested so we can get back to the things at hand. As you can tell by the schedule we have a very busy month ahead of us. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Lodge not only to do ritual but also for the fellowship that takes place when we all get together.

Brothers, I want to invite all to hear the offer that the hospital has made in regard to the purchase of the Lodge property. Please don't miss this stated meeting it will be very informative. I cannot do the business of the Lodge without your support and confidence. We will be voting on this issue that night.

There is another item that I am quite concerned with and that is the sale of raffle tickets for the perpetual or lifetime membership in any Masonic organization such as Blue lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Shrine or any group that is associated through the Blue Lodge. This will cover all of the groups in the United States. If you already have a lifetime membership in all of the groups you belong to, they can be made a gift to one your friends or family members. They would make excellent gifts. We need to sell these tickets for the next two months. So brothers buy, sell and push these tickets because we are falling short of our projected goal.

The next few weeks are equally important. We will have a week of degree work to confer the second degree for 1 or 2 brothers the week of the 10th of September. The next week will be awards night where we have a brother that will receive an award for 70 years of continued support to his Lodge. With the help of the Grand Master of Masons in Arizona and myself: our Lodge is going to pass out 56 awards this year. It is going to be a great evening so come join in for the fun. This will take place on the 17th and then on the 24th we will again be conferring a second degree.

Brothers, I would very much like to see some of the sideliners at Lodge to show that we support the efforts of these new brothers as they progress along the path that we ourselves have taken.

Fraternally Yours Forever, Sam Stephenson Worshipful Master

## YOUTH REPORT for SEPTEMBER 2008

"Over the years I have been privileged to work with the DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls that meet, or have met, at Tucson # 4. The Masons have provided the finest facility in which these youth groups can gather. Our building is well designed, with good changing, catering, and meeting facilities. This contributes greatly to the success of any group meeting here, and is perhaps the greatest accomplishment of our Lodge".

Some may remember that I made this statement in the January newsletter. It rings especially true in view of the possible sale of the Lodge. From the point of view of the Youth and other Masonic organizations that meet in the Lodge we definitely benefit from these great facilities and hope that any future Lodge building provides us with similar conditions.

While the Lodge was dark during the summer the Brothers and other organizations were busy with their Annual Sessions. Many changes in leadership and policies have taken place, all inspired by the heritage of the Masons.

Bethel #25 who meet on the first and third Saturdays at 10:00 am have a new Honored Queen, Nicole Pero. They will be serving our meals at the September 3rd Stated meeting, and are working the U of A Football concession stand earning funds to support the Bethel.

The Rainbow Assembly meets on the second Tuesday for a regular meeting and the fourth Tuesday for an activity meeting.

It is always a good idea to check with the Guardian of the Bethel Trish Vega 304-8153 or the Mother Advisor for Rainbow Cheri Wade 887-7019 to verify that the meeting is on or that the time hasn't changed.

Graham Davey





The American Flag now flying over the Lodge honoring military veterans

## QUITTING

Abbreviated from "The Masonic Bulletin" of British Columbia and Yukon

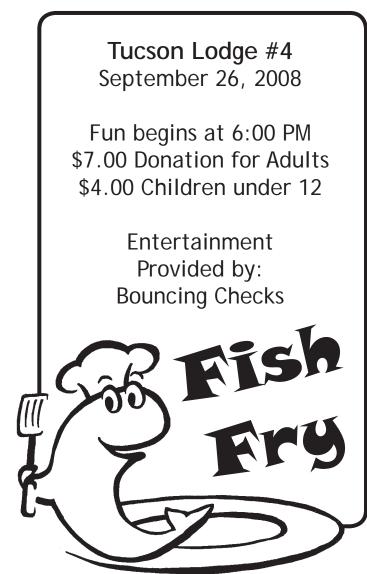
It is of course hoped that no member would ever find a cause to leave the Craft. However, if that need ever arises, it is important that he know the form.

Suspension deprives a member of all his rights and privileges. A member once suspended (or expelled) is no longer considered a Mason. He has no claim on Freemasonry and Freemasonry has no claim on him.

If a member, for whatever reason, finds himself unwilling or unable to maintain his association with Masonry, he may withdraw by requesting a Demit. If he is clear on the books, such request cannot be refused. Taking a Demit is preferable to being suspended. A demitted member will find an easier path if he wishes to join a Lodge in the future.

Just as important is the potential bearing of his Masonic status on his family. Membership in other Masonic related organizations requires that a relative be, or have been, a Mason. A member who has been suspended does a potential disservice to his children or his children's children.

The Secretary



Septemper 2008 MA	ASONIC E	BIRTHE	DAYS
Brother	Day	Year	Years
Floyd K. Berk	3	1975	33
Clark W. Murger	5	1984	24
Jimmie D. Corrie	6	1978	30
Scott Patterson	6	2001	7
Arthur R. Adair	8	1976	32
Theodore R. Vieu	11	1992	16
Ronald S. Hill	13	1995	13
Clarence Nasta	13	1989	19
Harry P. Stith Jr.	14	1966	42
George A. Brubaker	15	1954	54
Tilford J. Harmon	15	1945	63
William Z. Loose	15	1966	42
Paul R. Edward	16	1959	49
Barry A. Prater	18	1974	34
Gerald L. Francis	19	1973	35
Craig L. Gross	21	1983	25
Francis H. Wesley	21	1966	42
David F. Berry	23	1997	11
Christopher P. Wood	23	1997	11
Gale E. Peterson	24	1980	28
William T. Clarke	25	1995	13
Jerry W. Fortson	26	1979	29
Gregory W. Wyes	28	1977	31
Kerry R. Goolsby	29	1998	10
Russell B. Johnson	29	1971	37
John M. Conrad	30	1975	33

This month we celebrate 19 Masonic birthdays for members of our Lodge. All combined, they add up to 526 years of Freemasonry ranging from the highest of 68 years down to 2 year. The average time they have been members is 28 years. Please congratulate all of these Brothers when you see them. If you don't see them, yet know them, give them a call.



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TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES	
Arizona Chapter #2 OES, First & Third Tuesdays	PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	PM
Tucson Court #5 Amaranth, First & Third Thursdays 7:30	
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Mondays	PM
Sahuaro White Shrine, Second Thursday	PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters, First & Third Saturdays 10:00	AM
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls, Second & Fourth Tuesdays	PM

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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 AM

Deadwood has become a social gathering and tool for the Brothers of our Lodge. The knowledge you pass on to 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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