



TUCSON LODGE #4 F. & A. M.



MOE MOMAYEZ
Senior Warden
520-775-2071
moe.momayez@gmail.com

TREVOR TANZILLO
Worshipful Master
520-869-0538
trevortanzillo@gmail.com

LOGAN GAITHER
Junior Warden
520-904-0783
logangaither@gmail.com



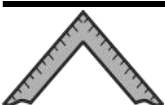
PAUL SIMPSON, PM Secretary 520-245-5738 psimpson130@gmail.com
CATHERYN & PAUL SIMPSON Editors - 520-245-5628 csimpson130@comcast.net

TucsonLodge4.org • 520-323-2821

VOLUME 145

October 2026

NUMBER 8



FROM THE EAST



*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."
Attribute to Aristotle*

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. Another month has come and gone and, like always, it feels like time is moving faster than it should. We have done a lot this year already, but there is still plenty left to do both as a Lodge and as individuals.

The quote above made me think about how we tend to look at improvement. Most of the time we expect change to come from some big moment or decision, but I don't think that is usually how it happens. Most change happens slowly. It comes from the small things we do over and over again. The same thing is true in Masonry. We are always told to work on ourselves and improve ourselves, but that work is never really finished. There is always something we can do better. We can be more patient. We can listen more. We can be a better friend or Brother. We can show up when it would be easier to stay home. None of these things sound very important by themselves, but over time they become a part of who we are.

I think sometimes we also forget that the same thing applies to the Lodge. A Lodge is not strong simply because it has a lot of members or because meetings are well attended. It is strong because the men in it care about each other and are willing to put in the work. Sometimes that means helping with a degree or showing up for an event. Sometimes it is as simple as sitting down with a Brother you do not know very well and getting to know him a little better.

The tools we are given in Masonry are meant to be used. Just like the rough ashlar, none of us starts out perfect and none of us ever really reaches perfection. The important thing is that we continue working. Hopefully we can all look at this month as another opportunity to do that. Not necessarily to make some huge change, but simply to be a little better than we were before.

May this month again be a time of fellowship and shared growth. May we attend our gatherings with open hearts, ready to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. Let our lodge be a testament to the transformative power of Masonry, where harmony prevails, and the light of wisdom shines bright. Time is fleeting and each of us is only given so much. It's not too late to do the things today you said you'd do yesterday or tell those you love how much you care.

Your brother **Trevor Tanzillo**

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Last month, I again had the privilege of sitting in the East to open, confer, and close a Third Degree as acting Master. Once the lodge is closed, the handshakes and congratulations wind down, the photos are taken, and the critiques (which are always welcome) are shared, you end up standing quietly on the floor looking out over the empty room. You think about what just happened. A brother was raised to the sublime degree in our Ancient Craft. In a previous article, I wrote about the charge the Master delivers to a brother at the conclusion of his degree, but that night, it was one of our working tools, the trowel, that stayed with me on the drive home.

Our ritual tells us that the trowel is what operative masons used to spread the cement that holds a building together. In the Craft, we use it to spread the cement of brotherly love, uniting men regardless of differences in faith, politics, or background. That is the work that, within the tyled walls of our lodge, comes easy. We know and respect each other already. We sit together at the Stated dinners, tell each other stories, and meet on the level with one another without giving it a second thought.

The real test of how we make use of the trowel isn't when we gather in the lodge; it comes after we close the building's doors behind us and walk across the parking lot to get on with our lives.

Daily life can seem more tense than it used to be. We've become conditioned to be easily offended, to argue, or to regard each other as opposing parties. I know how easy it is to mistake a quick and sharp answer for a good one. And sometimes I myself have decided what someone means before he has had the chance to say it. That's when I most need to remind myself of the lesson of the trowel: to try to understand the man before I answer him.

How we act outside the lodge matters for another reason, too. I belong to two lodges where we've had honest discussions lately about how best to bring new men into the Craft and guard the west gate. We've talked about open houses, social media, and other ideas, and whether any of it actually brings the right men in. In my limited experience, a man may notice the Craft at a public event or through something he comes across online, but he usually reaches out to the lodge when something or someone has piqued his interest.

At our education nights, the men who come to us usually speak about a personal connection or something they have read that prompted them to learn more. One man told us about the ring his grandfather wore. Another had an uncle who talked about the lodge but never explained much about it. Others come after reading about Masonic philosophy online. They want to see how the men in the lodge actually practice the teachings of Freemasonry they read about. Much of that they'll judge by how we act outside the lodge. A Mason who follows the lesson of the trowel in how he treats people at work, at home, and in the community says more about Freemasonry than anything we could print or say about it.

Fraternally,

Moe Momayez - The Senior Warden

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Fri Oct 2	Cigar Night (Anthony's)	7:00 pm
Mon Oct 5	Dinner Reservations Due	Noon
Wed Oct 7	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed Oct 14	FC Degree	7:00 pm
Oct 19—24	New Lodge Room Carpet and Tile	
Tues Oct 20	Official Visit to Adobe 41	7:00 pm
Fri Oct 23	Cigar Night (Anthony's)	7:00 pm
Wed Oct 28	Awards Night	7:00 pm
Wed Nov 4	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm

Please refer to the Worshipful Master's weekly email for the latest updates as the details of the events are not yet fully known when this edition is sent out.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Your editor team tries to present items about lodge activities, community events, and other articles to provoke thought and discussion. We enjoy putting together each issue, however, at times we run out of material. If any brother is interested in submitting articles, poetry, or other items to be published, please submit them to us either by written or via e-mail. Articles must be of interest to our brethren and families and be publishable under the Arizona Masonic Code (we will take care of that aspect). Again, if you are interested or want to see a short article about a Masonic subject, please let us know. Oh, and the more articles we receive, the less ramblings from the Secretary you will have to deal with. :-)



FROM THE SOUTH

Coming Back to the Table

September brings us the autumnal equinox, that brief point in the year when day and night stand nearly equal before the balance begins to tip toward longer nights. For centuries, the changing seasons have reminded people that there is a time for everything: a time for activity and a time for rest, a time to go out into the world and a time to return home.

Maybe fall is also a good time for us to **come back to the table**.

Summer has a way of scattering us. There are vacations, family trips, long evenings, Grand Lodge, reunions, projects around the house, and a hundred other demands on our time. None of those things are bad. In fact, they are part of a full and well-lived life. But eventually the days shorten, the weather begins to change, and familiar routines return.

So should we.

The Lodge is sometimes described in grand terms: a place where good men are made better, where ancient lessons are preserved, and where we labor together in the quarries of life. All of that is true. But Masonry also happens in much simpler ways.

It happens around a table.

It happens over dinner before a meeting. It happens when a Brother pulls up a chair beside someone he has not seen in a few months. It happens in the conversations before Lodge opens and the ones that continue long after it closes. It happens when an Entered Apprentice sits down beside a Past Master and discovers that the distance between them is only the width of a dinner plate.

Coming back to the table does not require us to have accomplished anything extraordinary during the summer. We do not need a profound insight to share or a great piece of Masonic scholarship prepared. Sometimes the most important contribution we can make to a Lodge is simply our presence.

There is another lesson in the equinox as well: **balance**.

Masonry asks us to divide our time wisely. Family deserves its portion. Work demands another. We need time for rest, recreation, service, and our own improvement. The Lodge should never consume all of those things, but neither should it quietly disappear beneath them.

Balance requires adjustment. If one part of our lives has received most of our attention for a season, perhaps another deserves a little more now.

So as summer gives way to fall, consider this an invitation.

Come back to Lodge.

Come back to the Brothers you have not seen lately. Sit with someone you do not normally sit with. Introduce yourself to the newest Mason in the room. Stay for dinner. Stay for the conversation afterward.

The days may be getting shorter, but there is still plenty of Light to be found.

Sometimes all we have to do is come back to the table.

Logan Gaither

Junior Warden

MASONIC BREAKFAST GROUP

Meets every Thursday 8:00AM

IHOP—Oracle and Limberlost



William E. Wilkinson, P.L.L.C.
Arizona Attorney

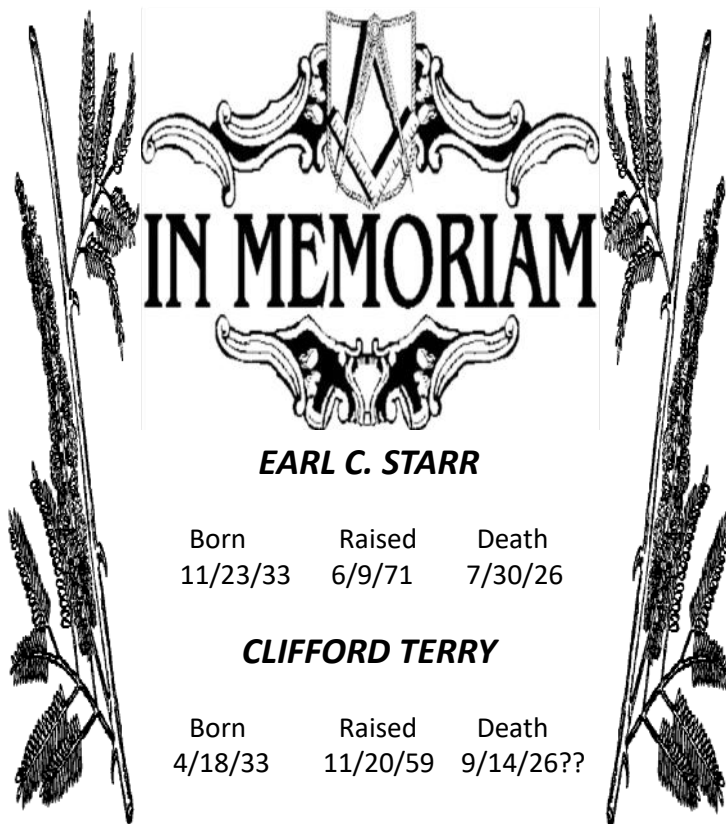
Estate Planning, Living Trusts, Wills
Trust Administration
Severe Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
(520) 981-1200
will4az@gmail.com
8041 N. Northern Avenue | Tucson 85704

William E. Wilkinson, J.D., Dr.P.H.

STATED MEETING DINNER

It's October and we know what that means—Oktoberfest!! (sorry no bier). Dinner will be a cucumber salad, bratwurst, potato salad, and carrots. Dessert will be a German chocolate cake. Price is \$15 and will be prepared by our sisters and brothers of Saguaro Chapter #48 OES. If paying by check, please make it out to **Saguaro #48 OES**.

As a reminder, *reservations are due by noon on Monday, October 5th*, and can be made to the secretary. If you make a reservation, please honor it as we do have to pay for no-shows (if we can't fill them).



AWARDS NIGHT

Our annual longevity awards night is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28th**. We will have a light meal at 6:00 pm and retire to the lodge room for the presentation of longevity awards at 7:00 pm. Family members and friends are wholeheartedly invited. The Deputy Grand Master, Eric Dupree, will be presenting the Grand Lodge awards of 25, 50, and 55 years. In addition we will be presenting lodge longevity certificates for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years.

Invitations have been sent out, and if you received one, please let the secretary know if you are or are not able to attend. Meal is open to everyone with *reservations due by noon on Monday, October 26th*.

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
ERIC PETER ELDREDGE	1	15
KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	1	51
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICRENO	1	58
STEVE JOSEPH POCKUBA	5	51
ERNEST BRUCE COOPER	8	12
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	10	25
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	11	9
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	11	20
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	12	50
JERRY CARL HALL	15	50
RUSSELL BLAIR JOHNSON II	15	18
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	16	29
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	17	42
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	19	76
DARRYL LESTER WEAVER	22	7
GENE ARTHUR WHICKEY	23	51
ROBERT DEWAYNE CRAWFORD	27	50
KENNETH ALAN MARCOUX	28	60
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	29	46

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY
RALIUS VICTOR ERICKSON	1
BRUCE ANDREW FISHER	2
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ	2
DON LEE KING, Sr	2
RONALD NEAL ALLEN	3
PAUL ALAN SIMPSON	6
WESLEY YANDELL, Jr	13
RICHARD JAMES GONIA, Jr	14
ROBERT GRAHAM KITCHELL	15
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO, Jr	17
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	17
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE, Jr	19
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	20
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20
RICHARD DOMENICK CHIMBLO	23
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24
RAFAEL LEIDY=ESCABI	24
FREDRICK MARTIN BLATT	26
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	27
ERIC PETER ELDREDGE	27
ANTHONY COVIELLO-BLINN	29
JAMES BLAKE HILL	29
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELLE	30
JOHN FRANKLIN THOMPSON II	30
NEIL ALLEN BAILEY	31

Please see the secretary for their address in the event you want to send a card.

MASONIC MUSINGS ON SERVICE

Craig L. Gross

Brother Craig L. Gross: A Life of Planning, Fraternity, and Masonic Service

Most Worshipful Craig L. Gross is a third-generation Master Mason, a native Tucsonan, and a long-serving Arizona Mason whose life joins public service, civic planning, lodge leadership, Masonic education, and youth mentorship. A member of Tucson Lodge No. 4 and Nelson Bledsoe Lodge No. 74, he began his Masonic career in 1983, served first as Chaplain in 1984, and was Master of Tucson Lodge No. 4 in 1988 and again in 2003. In 2018, at the 136th Annual Communication, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Arizona. His record reflects an unusually broad pattern of service: Blue Lodge leadership, Scottish Rite and York Rite participation, Shrine membership, Masonic charity, research lodge leadership, youth-order mentorship, and decades of civic responsibility through the City of Tucson.

Freemasonry and the Work of Building

Freemasonry teaches that a man improves himself by laboring with patience, humility, and purpose. Craig Gross's life offers a practical illustration of that teaching. His professional education in planning and urban development, his more than thirty years of service with the City of Tucson, and his retirement as Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services show a man accustomed to thinking beyond the moment. Planning requires attention to order, proportion, public need, and future consequences. These are also Masonic habits: to build wisely, to act with regard for others, and to leave the community stronger than when he found it.

Gross's Journey: Lodge Leadership, Civic Duty, and Fraternal Breadth

Craig Gross came to Masonry not as an isolated seeker, but as part of a family tradition. Being a third-generation Master Mason gave him an inherited respect for the Craft, but his record shows that inheritance alone did not define him. He entered the fraternity in 1983 and quickly accepted responsibility, serving as Chaplain the next year and then as Worshipful Master of Tucson Lodge No. 4 in 1988. Returning to the East of the same lodge in 2003, he demonstrated continuity, steadiness, and willingness to serve when called.

His Masonic work extended well beyond one lodge room. He served as District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Lodge Program Coordinator, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Orator, Public Schools Chairman, and on numerous Grand Lodge committees. He was recognized as Arizona Mason of the Year in 2001 and later elected Grand Master for 2018–2019. He is also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Tucson, a Knight of the York Rite of Arizona, a Noble of Sabbar Shrine, past President of Masonic Charities of Arizona, and past Master of Southern Arizona Research Lodge No. 2. Such breadth reminds us that Masonry is not merely a title to hold, but a field of labor in which a Brother may continue to learn, teach, organize, encourage, and serve.

Transformative Impact on Lodge, Youth, and Community

- **Masonic Impact:** Gross's service in lodge, district, Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, research lodge, and charitable work shows a Mason who treated leadership as stewardship rather than ornament.

Youth Impact: His service with Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay reflects a deep concern for the formation of young people and the transmission of values across generations.

Civic Impact: His long career in planning and development with the City of Tucson demonstrates the public value of order, foresight, and responsible building.

Freemasonry's Enduring Influence

Craig Gross's Masonic life displays the enduring influence of the fraternity as a school of character. His decades of participation suggest the steady enlargement of a Mason's circle of concern: first lodge, then district, then Grand Lodge, then youth organizations, charities, appendant bodies, and research. The pattern matters. Freemasonry at its best does not narrow a man into private ritual alone; it expands him toward usefulness. Gross's example shows that the working tools are not abstractions. They are habits of preparation, fairness, fellowship, instruction, and public service.

Aligning the Life of Craig L. Gross With Masonic Virtues: The life and service of Craig Gross provide a practical illustration of the virtues taught in Freemasonry. His record is not best understood as a list of offices, but as evidence of a Brother who repeatedly accepted responsibility, used experience constructively, and gave his time to institutions that form character and serve the common good.

Temperance teaches a Mason to govern appetite, ambition, and ego. Gross's long service suggests a disciplined willingness to work within institutions rather than merely seeking recognition from them. Serving twice as Master of Tucson Lodge No. 4, accepting committee assignments, teaching roles, charitable duties, and youth-order responsibilities all require moderation of self in favor of the larger work.

Fortitude appears in constancy. A Masonic career beginning in 1983 and continuing through lodge leadership, Grand Lodge service, and election as Grand Master required endurance over many years. Fortitude is not always dramatic; often it is the quiet strength to attend meetings, prepare programs, answer calls, mentor brethren, and remain faithful when the work is ordinary but necessary.

(continued on page 4)

Conclusion (from page 5)

Prudence is especially visible in Gross's civic profession. Planning and urban development depend upon judgment, consultation, proportion, and foresight. A planner must consider how today's decisions affect tomorrow's neighborhoods, families, traffic, schools, and public spaces. That same prudent mindset strengthens a lodge: good leaders plan programs, preserve harmony, develop successors, and remember that fraternity must be built for the future as well as enjoyed in the present.

Justice calls a Mason to fairness, reliability, and respect for the dignity of others. Gross's service in Masonic charities, public schools work, and youth organizations reflects a concern that institutions should uplift people rather than simply preserve themselves. A just lodge welcomes the worthy seeker, instructs him patiently, corrects him charitably, and provides examples of honorable conduct.

Relief is expressed not only by financial charity, but by presence, encouragement, and mentorship. Gross's work with Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay shows relief in a broad sense: the strengthening of young lives through guidance, ritual, responsibility, and wholesome association. Youth work is one of the fraternity's most generous investments because it serves those who will inherit the future.

Truth lies at the center of Masonic formation. A Mason must be honest about his obligations, his limitations, his motives, and his duty to improve. Gross's service through research lodge leadership and Masonic education points toward a truth-seeking Masonry that values study as well as fellowship. The Craft becomes stronger when its members ask thoughtful questions, read deeply, preserve history, and connect ritual lessons with daily conduct.

Brotherly love is visible in the range of relationships Gross sustained across the Masonic family. His work touched lodge officers, Grand Lodge committees, charitable boards, research brethren, youth leaders, and appendant bodies. Such breadth suggests the essential Masonic lesson that fraternity is not a closed circle of friends, but a widening network of trust, obligation, and mutual improvement.

For a Lafayette Masonic audience, Gross's example is especially useful because it is local, practical, and attainable. Not every Mason will become Grand Master, but every Mason can become more dependable. Not every Brother will serve on many boards, but every Brother can help one program succeed. Not every man will direct city planning, but every man can learn to build with foresight in his home, lodge, work, and community.

Craig Gross therefore offers Freemasons a model of steady usefulness. His life does not teach that Masonry is measured by titles alone; rather, titles become meaningful only when they represent labor performed, brethren encouraged, charities strengthened, young people guided, and communities served. In this sense, his Masonic career is a reminder that leadership is best understood as service made visible.

The general literature of Masonry repeatedly emphasizes moral formation, symbolic instruction, charity, brotherhood, and the pursuit of light. Gross's life illustrates those ideals in a modern civic and fraternal setting. He stands as an example of a Brother who joined inherited tradition to personal labor and who treated Masonry as a lifelong discipline of building better men and better communities.

What Younger, Midlife, and Senior Freemasons Can Learn From Gross's Example

For young and new Masons, Craig Gross's example teaches the importance of starting with humility and dependability. He served as Chaplain soon after beginning his Masonic journey, a role that emphasizes reverence, preparation, and the moral tone of the lodge. Young brethren should notice that early service need not be grand to be meaningful. The new Mason learns by showing up, observing carefully, reading, asking good questions, memorizing with patience, and accepting small duties with seriousness. The first Masonic trait to cultivate is reliability.

For Masons in middle life, Gross's record points toward the faithful use of ability and experience. By midlife, a Brother often has professional skills, family responsibilities, and a clearer sense of his strengths. Gross used his knowledge of planning, organization, education, and leadership in both civic and Masonic settings. Midlife Masons can learn from this by asking where their skills are needed most: mentoring candidates, supporting lodge finances, improving programs, helping youth orders, serving charities, or preparing younger officers. The midlife Masonic trait to cultivate is stewardship.

For older and senior Masons, Gross's example suggests the beauty of legacy. A senior Mason's greatest contribution may be wisdom, memory, encouragement, and continuity. The older Brother helps the lodge remember what matters, supports younger leaders without controlling them, and shares stories that make Masonic history personal. Senior Masons can strengthen the Craft by preserving records, teaching symbolism, visiting the sick, counseling officers, honoring widows and families, and reminding the lodge that brotherhood is a lifelong obligation. The senior Masonic trait to cultivate is legacy through generous counsel.

Conclusion

Craig L. Gross offers Freemasons a meaningful contemporary example of Masonic service joined to civic responsibility. His career reminds us that the Craft is not only preserved by ritual proficiency, but also by men who plan carefully, serve steadily, mentor generously, and keep charity and education alive. For young Masons, he teaches reliability; for midlife Masons, stewardship; for senior Masons, legacy. For all Masons, his example affirms that a well-built life is constructed through duty, brotherly love, relief, truth, and the patient labor of making good men more useful to one another and to the world.

William Wilkinson, JD, DrPH, Esq., Past Master, Tucson Lodge #4, Trustee, Wolcott Foundation

Copyright by William E. Wilkinson



FROM THE SECRETARY

“The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it.”

— Henry David Thoreau



Growing up in Massachusetts, Thoreau was on the required reading list when I was in high school. I remember reading *Walden* and a week on the Concord and Merrimack River. As a senior for my Advanced Placement Biology project we spent several days drifting down the Merrimack River taking water samples. A classmate of mine and I slept on a Glastron boat and simply let it drift down the river taking water samples as we went. For the record, we did have the capability to tow several water skiers so we didn't have to worry about maneuverability. To be honest, we did tie up a couple of nights at friend's docks and stayed near the river instead of sleeping on the boat. We gave up our spring break to make the trip. One of these days, I have to reread Thoreau.

This quote fits Freemasonry as well. One of the running myths (or jokes) about the craft is “it is only one night a month, they said”. I still laugh at that one. I'd be happy at only one night a week. (Just kidding.). Right now my wife jokes I have a cot hidden down at the lodge. I will admit, I have found that today's technology, I can do a lot of work from home, but I am still in the office several days a week. After my second term as WM, I took a Wednesday night off, and felt guilty. Even today, I still feel guilty when I can't make a meeting for whatever reason. Without going into great detail, I have found what you get out of masonry is proportional to what you put into it.

Tradition is a big part of freemasonry. We often hear “masonic tradition informs us...” What this really means is save the watches as I am going to tell you a story. As a veteran, tradition is important. The military has a lot of traditions. Last week I went to the retirement ceremony for an aircraft, EC-130H, tail number 59-1590. I have many hours in that particular airplane and over 2000 hours in the mission. I had the opportunity to see many of my compatriots that I used to fly and work with and many that I trained. I was introduced to one who I had talked and coordinated remotely with on my projects over the

years, we both replied “He does exist.”. It goes to show, we make an impact on all who come after us. In the several addresses that were given, the main theme was the old guys laid the ground work and it is up to the “new” guys to build on it. Freemasonry is like this, we have contacts and brothers who we have never physically met, but still we are one.

We have received guidance to have as many brothers as possible to activate their portals in Grand View. Activation of your portal account in Grand View will allow me to send messages and emails through the system and reduce calls to the lodge. Currently, we have about 55% of our members with active accounts.

At the September stated meeting, we suspended three brothers for non-payment of dues, something I really, really, don't like doing. If you need help with your dues, please let me know. I have several things I can do to help you. But, I can't help if I don't know you need help. Did I really just say I hate suspending brothers for non-payment of dues? Yes!

Dues for 2027 will remain at **\$129**. As of this writing, of our 193 members, only 125 are dues payers. The rest are Senior Life, Section 9-106 (the old Reg 19) and Perpetual Members. We pay per capita on 159 members.

In mid-October I will be loading dues into Grand View and then sending out electronic dues notices. **I am accepting dues payments for 2027** and will advise when the cards are available in Grand View for our SLM, Perpetual, and Section 9-106 members. For anyone who wants to try to be the first one to pay their dues, sorry, you are too late. Ben Thorp gave me his 2027 payment the other night. Who will be next?

I will be sending out electronic dues notices mid to late October. If you have an email address in Grand View, you will be getting an electronic dues notice.

Grand Lodge is still trying to go to electronic dues cards. Last year, I sent out 150 physical dues cards out of 195 members. I would love to minimize the number of paper dues I need to send out. This is a significant savings in postage to the lodge. If you really need a paper dues card, I can still generate one.

See you in lodge—**Paul A. Simpson, PM**

TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday	6:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday.....	6:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay—Arizona Chapter	For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters	For info Contact Michelle at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com
Assembly #2, Rainbow Girls	For info Contact Paul Simpson at psimpson130@gmail.com

For use of the Lodge Building contact the Lodge Secretary at tl4so@outlook.com

OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED BROTHERS

Brethren, please keep the following ailing brethren and their family members in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for their address.

Ron Hill, Hannes Meyer, John Bolduc, Jim Bell, Craig Gross, Wes and Mary Yandell Our layout editor, Catheryn Simpson will be having shoulder surgery at the end of October.

If you know of any brothers or family members who are sick or in distress please let the Senior Warden or the Secretary know. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for the appropriate address.

CIGAR NIGHT

Cigar night is the 4th Friday of the month at Anthony's Cigar Emporium at the NW corner of N Campbell and E River Rd, The September event is moved to Oct 2nd due to a conflict with our Gaslight event. Come on out even if you don't imbibe in cigars. It is a good time of fun and fellowship.

We realize that not everyone likes to smoke cigars or be around cigar smoke. if you have an idea for a social event, please see either the WM or SW with your idea.

OFFICIAL VISIT

We will be making our official visit to Adobe Lodge #41 on Tuesday evening, October 20th. On that evening the Arizona Military Degree Team will be conferring the Fellow Craft Degree. The degree starts at 7:00 pm. If you have never seen the military degree team, this will be a great chance to see them. Since its inception in 1991, Tucson 4 has long had members on the degree team. If we have enough members attending this will count as an official visit for our next Master Architect Award.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Masons have long taken care of those less fortunate than ourselves. With that in mind, we are collecting new, unwrapped toys. These toys will go the children at Casa de los Ninos. Casa de los Ninos has served the Tucson community for over 50 years to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to support and empower families. This includes foster care and helps families and children heal, grow, and families to stay together. They have family support, behavioral health, and foster care and adoption services.

If you would like to donate, there is a toy house in the lobby. For more information or you have any questions, please contact the JW.

CARPET PROJECT

After many starts and stops we finally have a date for the installation of new carpet and black and white tile in the lodge room. The contractor will be in on Monday, October 19th to remove the front row of theatre seats. Removal and installation will start on the 20th. We will need assistance on the 20th to move furniture. If you can assist, please contact Rick Chimblo or the secretary.

GASLIGHT THEATRE

We had a great time at the Gaslight on Sept 25th to see Hocus Pocused. The event was a sell out. Our secretary and his wife Catheryn celebrated their 45th anniversary. There was another Paul and Cathy their celebrating their 61st. It created a fun time for the emcee trying to keep us straight. They did get together after the show. Look for more details for our event in April 2027. We have 40 seats for that event as well.



GRAND VIEW PORTAL

For the last few years, dues cards have been available via your Grand View member portal. To date, only about half of you have activated your portal. Here is a review of the steps to set it up:

After watching this short video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

1. Enter the following URL in your browser:
Az.grandview.systems
2. Click on Member Portal
3. Click on Member Registration
4. Enter your Lodge Number – In our case, you would enter **4**
5. Enter your Member ID – found on the bottom left corner of your dues card
6. Enter your Last Name – (As listed on your dues card – case sensitive)
7. Click on Check Membership Status
8. Enter your email address
9. Enter a password that you can remember (password must contain at least 8 characters)
10. Enter Confirmation by entering password again
11. Click on Submit

Once you are logged in please review your member information. You can correct/update your contact information. If you do make an update, the secretary will get a notification of the change. **If you find information that is incorrect and information that you feel is missing, or you have any questions, please email me at tl4so@outlook.com with the information and ask that me to correct the information. If it is something I can't update, I will have the Grand Secretary make the change.**

You will also be able to set up the app so you can access your dues card on your smart phone (if desired). I will have more on that later.

While it should not impact the setting up of an account, we are expecting an update that will change some of the dash boards and upper level user function.

Paul A. Simpson, PM Secretary

TUCSON ASSEMBLY SPONSORSHIP

At our September stated meeting, the lodge voted to become the sponsors of Tucson Assembly #2, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. We have submitted the required paperwork and are waiting for final approval from the governing body in Oklahoma.

The lodge informally supported the assembly for many years. We provide meeting and storage space, and the young ladies pay their "rent" by serving at some of our dinners during the year. By becoming their sponsor, we further strengthen our relationship with them. One additional, and important role, is the lodge nominates the members of the assembly's adult workers, more specifically, the advisory board. A board is made up of no less than seven members and no more than fifteen. Two members must be master masons as the young ladies must have a master mason present at all ritualistic meetings. The females on the board can be members of some of the other ladies organizations, parents, and majority member Rainbow girls. The board is nominated in November or early December, and the names submitted to our state representative for approval and back ground checks. The board meets monthly as a board and elects a chairman, Mother Advisor, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Tucson Assembly #2 is the oldest continuous assembly in Arizona. They recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. A young lady is eligible to petition for membership if she is between 11 and 20 years of age. A masonic connection is not required, just the recommendation. If the young lady does not know a member of the masonic family, then a board member makes the recommendation.

If any one has questions, please contact the secretary as he is the current chairman of the advisory and has been an adult worker for many years.

You can find more information on Rainbow at this link:
<https://www.gorainbow.org/>

EDITOR'S NOTE

For the longest time, we have used Microsoft Publisher to produce our trestle board. As of October 1st, Microsoft is stopping all support for Publisher. When Microsoft ended support for other programs in the past, the program would still run. In the case of Publisher, they took the step to disable the program. We won't be able to open past files. So, we have a couple of candidates for our new software. We are having a set of newsletter templates created for one of the programs. We want to do this at no additional cost to the lodge. Stay tuned for more.



2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master.....Trevor Tanzillo (Isela)
 Senior Warden Moe Momayez (Caroline)
 Junior Warden.....Logan Gaither (Shelby)
 Treasurer.....Jon Schmidt, PM (Shari).
 Deputy Treasurer.....Ronald Hill, PM (Linda)
 Secretary Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)
 Secretary Emeritus Bob Conrad, PGM (Jackie)
 Senior Deacon Sam Greer, PM (Paddy) , PM
 Junior Deacon Anthony Coviello-Blinn
 Senior Steward P Scott Ceravolo
 Junior Steward.....Rafael Leidy-Escabi
 Marshal Jose Gonzalez
 Chaplain
 Tyler Mark Goldrich (Pro-tem)
 Trustee 2026 Samuel Greer (Paddy)
 Trustee 2026 Rafael Leidy-Escabi
 Trustee 2026.....Gabriel Class (Rosa)
 Trustee 2027.....William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie)
 Trustee 2027 Hannes Meyer (Joyce)
 Website Editor John Prokop (Sharlot)
 Widow's Assistance Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)
 Newsletter Editors Catheryn & Paul Simpson



**SPEAK WITH
HONESTY**

**THINK WITH
SINCERITY**

**ACT WITH
INTEGRITY**

CURRENT RESIDENT OR



TUCSON LODGE NO. 4, F. & A. M.
 3590 N COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
 TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716-1254
 Ph: 520-323-2821





ARIZONA FREEMASONS

September 17, 2026

RE: Last 100 days

My Brothers,

It may be hard to believe, but there are just over 100 days left in 2026.

The summer is behind us, our Lodges are getting back into full swing, and before we know it we will move through the holidays and into a new year. That makes this a pretty good time to ask ourselves a simple question:

What do we want our Lodges, and our Masonry, to look like in 2027?

It's easy to get caught up in simply doing what we have always done. Same meetings. Same programs. Same events. Same handful of Brothers doing most of the work.

But being busy isn't necessarily the same thing as being successful. Maybe this is the time for every Lodge to make a simple Start, Stop, Continue list.

What should we START doing?

What could bring more energy into the Lodge? Maybe an open house, better Masonic education, more community involvement, stronger mentorship, supporting our youth groups, or simply reaching out to Brothers we haven't seen in a while.

What should we STOP doing?

What are we doing simply because "that's the way we've always done it"? If something isn't strengthening Brotherhood, preserving our Traditions, serving our Community, or making Masonry meaningful to our members, maybe it's time to ask why we're still doing it.

What should we CONTINUE doing?

Every Lodge has things it does well. Find them. Build on them. And most importantly, recognize the Brothers who are making them happen. Planning for the future doesn't mean abandoning our traditions. In fact, I believe it means exactly the opposite. It means making sure those traditions remain meaningful and relevant for the next generation of Masons.

And that brings me back to something I've talked about all year: Finding Your Purpose and Passion in Masonry.

As we look toward 2027, don't just ask what your Lodge needs to do.

Ask what you can do.

What is your purpose in Masonry? What part of the Craft gets you excited? Ritual? Education? Mentoring? Fellowship? History? Youth? Charity? Community service?

Find it. Use it. Share it.

We still have plenty of 2026 left, but 2027 will be here before we know it. Let's not wait until January to decide where we're going.

Brotherhood. Tradition. Community.

Finding Your Purpose and Passion.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Roger C. Biede III
2026 Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arizona



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arizona

Roger C. Biede III

Grand Master

Mailing Address:
PO Box 2059
Gilbert, AZ, 85299-2059

Cell: (C) (520) 418-3959
Email: R.Biede@azmason.org

September 23, 2026

My Brothers,

Throughout this year, I have talked a lot about finding our Purpose and Passion in Masonry. One of the best ways we can put that into action is by supporting our Masonic Youth.

DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls are an important part of our Masonic family. They provide young people with opportunities to develop leadership, confidence, responsibility, friendship, and a commitment to service. But like our Lodges, they are strongest when people take an interest, get involved, and simply show up.

Our Grand Lodge Masonic Youth Committee has a straightforward mission: to help the Grand Lodge, our Lodges, and our three Masonic Youth organizations better understand and support one another. I am asking every Lodge in Arizona to help make that mission a reality.

Supporting our youth doesn't always mean writing a check. Attend a meeting, installation, or special event. **Invite the youth to participate in a Lodge activity, open house, parade, community service project, Public Schools Month activity, or Bikes for Books presentation.** Share their events with your members and on social media. Most importantly, get to know them.

I also encourage Brothers who have the time and interest to consider serving as adult advisors. Our youth organizations need good men and women willing to mentor, encourage, listen, and be positive role models. A few hours of your time can make a lasting difference in a young person's life.

This relationship should work both ways. When our youth have an event, let's support them. When our Lodges have an event, let's invite them. We are not separate organizations—we are all part of the Masonic family.

So, I am asking each Lodge to find at least one way to become more involved with our Masonic Youth this year. Attend an event. Invite them to yours. Volunteer. Mentor. Share their information. Ask how you can help.

Our young people need to know that the Masonic family believes in them and wants them to succeed. Sometimes the best way we can demonstrate that is simply by showing up.

Let's help them find their own Purpose and Passion while strengthening the future of our Masonic family.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Roger C. Biede III
2026 Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arizona

SADDLE UP

Olana Temple No 131
Daughters of the Nile

Invites You to Mosey on Down To Our

Annual Steak Dinner
Saturday, October 10, 2026

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Doors open at 2:00 PM

Tucson Lodge #4
3590 N. Country Club Rd
Tucson, AZ 85716

\$25 per Person or \$45.00 per Couple

STEAK, BAKED POTATO, GARDEN SALAD,
HOMEMADE BEANS, ROLL, DESSERT, COFFEE
& DRINKS. CHICKEN BREAST OPTION ALSO
AVAILABLE BY REQUEST.

Please RSVP by Saturday, October 3, 2026

Pr. Recorder Pat Davis, PQ
Davispg2006@cox.net
(520) 559-4811

50/50 RAFFLE FOLLOWING DINNER

Proceeds to benefit Olana Temple No 131

COME EARLY & ENJOY OUR
COOKIE JAR AUCTION
AT 2PM

