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From The East



"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."

-Alan Watts

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. At work I am finally crawling out of my busy season and am able to focus more on other things. We have been meeting most Wednesdays still at 7pm. Any masons are welcome to join

August Calendar

Wed Aug 7	Movie Night	7:00 pm
Wed Aug 14	Official Visit to Epes Randolph	TBD
Wed Aug 21	Officer Mtg/Practice	7:00pm
Fri Aug 30	Cigar Night—Anthony's	7:00 pm
Mon Sept 2—Reservations for Stated Meeting		NOON
Wed Sept 4	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
	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.

us. Cigar nights are turning out to be a fairly big success and anyone is welcome to join us there as well. Cigar nights occur the last Friday of every month at 7pm at Anthony's Cigar Emporium on River and Campbell.

It's easy to see how the quote above aligns perfectly with Freemasonry. Not only have we as a fraternity had to change over the course of 300 years, but we as masons are all on our individual journeys of growth and change. While there are only a few things anyone can be certain of in life, change comes in first or second on that list.

Freemasonry, with it's rich tapestry of symbols and allegories, serves as a beacon of guidance through the inevitable currents of change. For Masons, change is not only an external phenomenon but and integral part of the Masonic Journey. Freemasonry teaches that embracing change is essential for personal and spiritual growth. It urges us to seek deeper meaning behind the ups and downs of life and to trust in the process of transformation.

The world around us moves fast, our Masonic principles provide us with a stable foundation. They remind us that, while we cannot control the tides of change, we can choose how WE respond to them. By plunging in to the dance of change with grace, we align ourselves with the wisdom of Freemasonry and the designs of our great creator.

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.

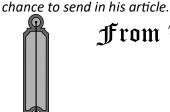
Time is fleeting and each of us is only given so much. It's not too late to do the things today you said you'd do yesterday or tell those you love how much you care.

Fraternally,

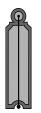
Your brother Trevor Tanzillo,

From The West

Editor's Note: Once again the Senior
Warden is still out working in the quarries and did not have a



From The South



Greetings from the South. I had a good time attending the annual communication oat Grand Lodge. This was the first time I was able to vote at the annual communication. A Very interesting and educational experience.

On Saturday, July 20th, I traveled with the military degree teem for a Fellowcraft Degree in Prescott and once again sat in the west.

Please keep an eye out on the weekly emails for up-to-date information about lodge activities and other information. I am starting to plan the dinner for the September stated meeting, but have not decided on what the menu will be. I hope you are all having a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone on September 4th.

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden

Our Sick and Distressed Brothers

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

James Moore, Ralph Francis, Ron Hill, Earl Joseph Shambo, and Mary Yandell (Wes' wife).

If you know of any brothers who are sick or in distress please let the Senior Warden or the Secretary know.

Gaslight Theatre

We are making another trek on Friday, September 20th at 8:30 pm, to see Shriek (a parody of True Love and Ogre acting). Join us at the Gaslight Theatre for an exciting new musical spoof, Shriek! Embark on an enchanting adventure as we reimagine this fractured fairy tale in true Gaslight style! Will Shriek discover true love with Princess Sharona? Will the nefarious Lord Kumquat wed her before she is rescued? Will it be fun for the entire family?! Join the Gaslight gang on this whimsical journey and find out! No, it's not a horror movie, but their parody of Shrek.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$17 for children. Reservations can be made to the secretary (as usual). We have 40 tickets reserved and they are going fast. We checked with the Gaslight and that evening is already sold out. As of this writing, we still have 17 reservations available.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

This is your trestle board and we are always looking for articles. We would rather have too many articles than not enough. If we need to add pages, we will. This month we went digging through our archives for content. We like to have something fresh, particularly if it comes from the brothers. If you have an idea about an article, please let us know. Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month prior.

ADVERTISING IN TUCSON 4 NEWSLETTER

Would you like to get your business out to your Masonic Brothers? If so, consider taking out an ad in the Tucson Lodge 4 Newsletter. It is published monthly and gets sent out all over the State. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide its members and friends with current articles and information. A 1/8 page (business card) is only \$75.00, a 1/4 page ad is \$150.00, a 1/2 page ad is \$300.00 and a full page ad is \$600.00. If interested please contact the Lodge secretary and we will set you up. Thanks for your support.

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 Laureen 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				

From The Secretary

"Thunder is good, thunder is impressive, but it is lightning that does the work." – Mark Twain

Monsoon season, that time of year when we wonder after every thunderstorm how much of the roof we lost, or how many branches we have to clean up. I spent almost four years in Oklahoma City and we always wondered iof we would still have a house after some of the more severe storms. With the recent Tucson weather, we have been very lucky at our house. The patio furniture got rearranged, and we lost a tree branch or two. Our neighbor across the street lost a good size tree, and there are a lot of blue tarps on roofs in the area. There was very little damage at the lodge, mostly a couple of broken branches on the small trees behind the building.

Even with the storms of life, freemasonry, notwith-standing and especially our lodge will survive and grow. While we have very small group of brothers working on their degrees, there is a sizeable group of good men who will make even better brothers in our conversation group. During the summer months I have sat in on a couple of sessions and am quite happy in what I have heard and seen. Hopefully we will have some petitions to read at our September stated meeting. We have a good young group of officers and other brothers who are ready to move the lodge forward. In the fall we should be seeing a lot more degree work and if you are interested in taking a part, please get in touch with the Senior Warden or Worshipful Master.

I have received the rcriteria for the 2024-2025 Master Architect Award and we have already started on earning our next one. Tucson 4 has earned the award EVERY year since it's inception. We want to keep that string going. The requirements for this masonic year are essentially the same as last year. It would be great if we could have an entry for every requirement (although there are a couple of sections we only need a specific number of the total.

The lodge is well represented in this year's Grand Line. RWB Leigh Creighton is our Deputy Grand Master, and WB Jon Schmidt was appoint Grand Standard Bearer as well as DDGL for District 8. WB Ron Allen is once again DDGL for District 4. We also have several brothers who are chairs of Grand Lodge Committees—MWB Craig Gross—Appeals; and Grievances; WB Robert Crawford—Credentials; WB Jean-Claude Malterre—Foreign Relations; and WB Ron Allen—Trial Masters. Congratulations to all those selected to serve.

That is all for this month and I promise I will have more next month.

See you in Lodge! Paul A. Simpson, PM

AUGUST MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

DAY	YEARS
01	6
01	12
14	11
15	16
20	27
20	10
21	38
21	5
24	19
27	27
28	50
28	45
29	6
30	18
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Mention it is your masonic birthday month and get a free meal at that month's stated meeting. Summer birthdays can be redeemed at the September stated meeting dinner.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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NAME	DAY
JAMES HENRI BLANKENSHIP	1
JOHN FRANK PROKOP	2
STEPHEN MATTHEW MURRILLO	3
LARRY DEAN SPAULDING	3
RICHARD ROBERT SMITH	4
ROBERT DEWAYNE CRAWFORD	5
BENJAMIN ANDREW CRAWFORD	9
DONALD HUNTON PHELPS	9
RAYMOND AUSTIN PHILLIPS	10
MICHAEL JOSEPH IRVINE	11
PETER GOLDEN WILLIAMSON	12
BOWMAN DEWAYNE PAXTON	13
MARTIN THOMAS JONES	14
DARRYL LESTER WEAVER	18
CLARK WATKIN MUNGER	19
AKASH SHARAD TAGGARSE	19
WILLIAM RAY WHITE	19
TRAVIS ROSS HUNGERFORD	20
ARTHUR RONALD ADAIR	21
GREGORY STEPHAN PFISTER	22
KIRK KEVIN KLOSOWSKY	24
LUCAS KIRKWOOD THORNE	27
FRANK JAY PROKOP	29

If you see one of these brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday, or better yet, send a card or email!/



WHITE LEATHERN APRON

When we were first presented with our white leathern apron we were taught that it was the distinguished badge of a mason (among other things). We were also taught that at our death it would be placed upon the coffin that contained our mortal remains, and together be buried beneath the silent clods of the valley. In some lodges we were admonished to let our loved know where our apron was kept so that it would be available on that day when we ascended to the celestial lodge above.

I mention this because in the last several months, we have had several brothers who have passed away whose family knew nothing about the location of their husband's white leathern apron. My brothers, tell you loved ones where your apron is and what your wishes are. The Grand Lodge has printed a Family Survivor's Information booklet where you can list your desires, as well as other important information. This booklet is available through the lodge secretary.

Brethren, we also ask that if you are assisting a widow with her late husband's affairs that you contact either the Worshipful Master or Secretary. This will allow them to assist you in the setting up of the Masonic Services (if desired) and will ensure that the proper notifications are made. We have too many cases of finding out that a brother has passed away long after it has occurred.

Editor's Note: Dug this one out of my files from 2008 and I have no idea who the actual author is.

CAN DO CREW!

Brethren, we are once again attempting to put a group of brothers together who like to putter around, do routine maintenance, and fix things (hopefully not something they have broken). The idea is to put a team of brothers together who can do the stuff that assists with the upkeep of the lodge. We are talking about tasks like changing burnt out bulbs in the building, cleaning the filters on our refrigeration units, replacing some of the various batteries around the lodge and so forth. The lodge will provide all materials (unless you have your own favorite tool you like to use). We have a janitorial service that comes in weekly, and our A/C folks come in quarterly to change filters. There will be some ladder work involved, but it will be inside. Some of us should not be on ladders and if our wives found out... let's say we don't need any more masonic funerals.

For years we had a group that would meet one day a week, usually Thursday, start with coffee and donuts and fellowship, do some work, then have some more coffee and donuts and fellowship, and do some more work. But a couple of the group moved away, and several are no longer able to dedicate their efforts. We are seeing the results of not having the crew. We seeing greater wear and tear on our refrigerators and freezers, burnt out lights, and so forth. The secretary handles all the arrangements for maintenance that we cannot do in house.

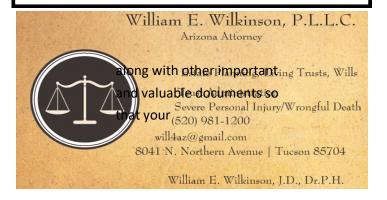
So, if you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please let the secretary or the worshipful master know. Oh, and did we say, there will be coffee and donuts? (And not the cheap ones either).











THE GREAT "TO DO-LIST" OF FREE MASONRY

- 1. STRIVE TO REMEMBER, NEVER FLY WITH A PESSIMIST (they have a hole in their balloon).
- **2. STRIVE TO BE STRONG LIKE THE PLUM TREE IN WINTER** (but in my heart cultivate the delicate beauty of Plum blossoms).
- 3. STRIVE TO FILL MY HEART WITH LOVE

(for love is a great escalator of Light, and the higher I go the more I glow).

4. STRIVE TO PRACTICE JOYFUL LABOR

(for joy is my most important vital sign).

5. STRIVE TO INCREASE MY DISCERNMENT THROUGH ACCURATE REFLECTIONS UPON ACCURATE OBSERVATIONS

(for the "Star" I look at tonight may have exploded milleniums ago, to progress, I must discern what exists and what does not).

6. STRIVE TO REPLACE IGNORANCE WITH FACTS BY LEARNING SOMETHING NEW EVERYDAY

(especially about Nature).

7. STRIVE TO EVER INCREASE THE QUALITY OF MY THOUGHT

(for the treasury of quality thoughts pays an hourly dividend of joy).

8. STRIVE ALWAYS TO BE SINCERE

(for sincerity means honesty and honesty means nodeception, and the spiritual art of no-deception leads to the calm eye of the human hurricane).

9. STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND ANALIZE MY EVER PRESENT POSSIBILITIES FOR THE BEST POSSIBILITIES

(then, like a seed of great beauty, activate it in my life).

10. STRIVE TO REMEMBER THAT IMPATIENCE LEADS TO PAIN

(for impatience is a thief which traffics in happiness).

11. STRIVE TO FORGIVE UNCONDITIONALLY

(because happy hurts less than sad).

12. STRIVE TO REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE WISDOM TO APPLY HARMONY

(in the world, as well as, in my family, and in my lodge, and my entire life).

Editor's Note—Another one from my files. I believe this one came from the old masonic forum on Prodigy

SOUTHEASTERN AZ OUTDOOR DEGREE

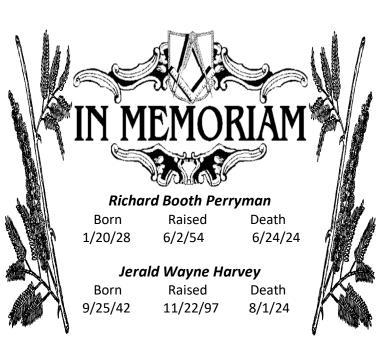
The Southern Arizona Outdoor Degree will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 am at the Amerind Ranch in Texas Canyon, AZ. This year they have invited the Oklahoma "Cowboy Degree Team" to confer the second section. This degree is put on by the members of the members of King Solomon 5, Willcox 10, Perfect Ashlar 12, Safford 16, Huachuca 53, San Pedro 55, Camp Stone 77, and the Knights of Cochise. Cost is \$40 for a brisket lunch if you preregister (\$50 the day of, but no guarantee of lunch). There will be a ladies program as well. Registration deadline is Friday, September 13th.

As this is a Master Mason Degree, it is open only to master masons.

For more information, contact Bob Richards, PM, Secretary San Pedro #55 at (520) 241-0438 or rc-richards@msn.com

GRAND CARE

We are continuing to talk about Grand Care. This is essentially free money in that it is a reimbursement (up to \$100) for expenses associated with a chronic medical condition. Here is the link to GCARE <u>Grand Care (azgcare.org)</u> If you have questions about it feel free to contact WB Will Wilkinson or Paul Simpson. They are both very knowledgeable in the process and Grand Care in general. And yes, they have both used GCARE and the process is quick and painless.





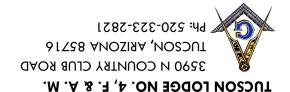
2024 LODGE OFFICERS

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Junior Warden	Darryl Weaver (Laura)
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Junior Deacon	Gabriel Class (Rosa)
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Junior Steward	Austin Pena
Marshal	Gregory Pfister
Chaplain	Justus Smith
Tyler	Sam Greer, PM (Patricia)
Musician	Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)
Ritual Advisor	TBD
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Trustee 2024	Rafael Leidy-Escabi
Trustee 2024	William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie)
Trustee 2025	Gabriel Class (Rosa)
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CURRENT RESIDENT OR





SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA OUTDOOR
MASTER MASON DEGREE



Saturday – September 21, 2024 – 10:00 AM

King Solomon TL #5, Willcox TL #10, Perfect Ashlar TL #12, Safford TL #16,
Huachuca #53, San Pedro Lodge #55, Camp Stone #77 and The Knights of Cochise
are hosting the Annual Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree
at the Amerind Ranch in Texas Canyon, Arizona.

Mail completed form & check to: San Pedro Lodge No.55 Att: Bob Richards, Secretary 6613 East Via Algardi Tucson, Arizona 85750 rc-richards@msn.com 520-241-0438

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Our website: SP55.org

Directions:

I – 10 East from Tucson
Thru Benson toward Willcox
Turn ½ mile after mile post 318
Exit: Dragoon Road Exit 318
Turn right, around curve, 2nd left
Enter Amerind Foundation
follows signs to Tyler
Google Maps: Amerind Museum

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The pre-registration fee is \$40.00 which includes a brisket lunch after the degree. Walk-ons are welcome and the fee is \$50.00 but with no guarantee for lunch.

Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Date: Saturday - September 21, 2024 - 10:00AM Location: Amerind Ranch in Texas Canyon, AZ

* 2024 Lodge Dues card required * BYOC - Bring Your Own Chair Ladies Museum Tour (2hrs)

Name (please print):		
Address:		Lady is coming (\$10 Lunch
		Check for head count. Museum free
Phone:	Email:	
Lodge Name & Number:		

RSVP - Cutoff date for pre-register is Friday 13th - September 13, 2024