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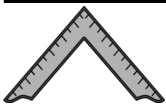
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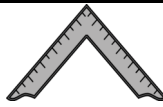
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From The East



“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences”

Hello from the East! I hope this finds you all well. We will be having our installation of officers on the 14th at 2pm and would love to have you join us. Also parking is coming up which is always a good time! The above words hold a timeless truth: Harmony is not born from uniformity, but from understanding.

December Calendar

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| Mon Dec 2 | Reservations for Stated Meeting | NOON |
| Wed Dec 4 | Stated Meeting Dinner | 6:00 pm |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wed Dec 11 | Installation/Degree Practice | 7:00 pm |
| Sat Dec 14 | Installation of Officers | 2:00 pm |
| Dec 14-28 | Winterhaven Parking | 5:00 pm |
| Jan 6 | Reservations for Stated Meeting | NOON |
| Jan 8 | 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.

Freemasonry beautifully illustrates the power of unity in diversity. In lodge, people of different beliefs, cultures, and viewpoints have the opportunity to come together as equals, bound by shared principals and values. This connection transcends individual differences, offering a glimpse of a larger, collective purpose. Achieving this type of unity is no easy task. It requires respect, openness, and a willingness to learn from one another.

As we close out the year, may we carry this wisdom with us into our own lives. Let us recognize the beauty in our diversity and celebrate the shared light that guides us all. In the spirit of the season, may we continue to strive for harmony both within ourselves and in the world around us.

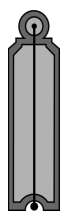
December marks an important milestone in Masonic history. On December 27th 1813, the United Grand Lodge of England was established, uniting two previously separate Grand Lodges. This historic union embodied the Masonic ideal of bridging divides and demonstrates the strength and beauty found in embracing our differences.

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.

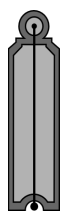
Time is fleeting and each of us is only given so much. It’s not too late to do the things today you said you’d do yesterday or tell those you love how much you care.

Fraternally,

Your brother **Trevor Tanzillo**,



From The South



Greetings from the South!

We had a great Thanksgiving dinner at the November stated meeting. The we will be having a ham dinner for the December stated meeting dinner. I would like to thank all the brothers of Tucson Lodge #4 for supporting me in the South this year,

I hope to see you all for dinner at the December stated meeting.

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden

From the Senior Deacon

Brethren, it is with deep gratitude and humility that I accepted last week, the position of Junior Warden. I am honored by the trust you have placed in me, and I am committed to serving this lodge to the best of my ability. As you know, the Junior Warden is symbolically associated with the South, where the sun is at its strongest. This reminds us that as Masons, we should strive to be a source of strength and energy within our lodge and our community.

One of the things I value most about Freemasonry is that our leadership is elected by the brethren. Every Mason has a voice, and it's through our collective participation that we ensure our lodge remains strong and vibrant. In the coming year, I hope to see even stronger member participation in our meetings, degrees, and social events. Let's work together to make this a year of growth, learning, and fellowship.

I am excited to embark on this journey with all of you. Please feel free to approach me with any questions or suggestions you may have. I am here to serve you and this lodge.

Moe Momayez
Junior Warden-elect



DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

| NAME | DAY | YEARS |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| DAVID ARTHUR BERNE | 3 | 50 |
| DENIS GREENLAND | 4 | 7 |
| RICHARD GERALD HALL | 5 | 50 |
| RAFAEL LEIDY-ESCABI | 5 | 32 |
| JOHN FRANKLIN THOMPSON II | 6 | 29 |
| BENJAMIN ANDREW HARTNETT | 8 | 20 |
| RALIUS VICTOR ERICKSON | 9 | 32 |
| JOHN "JACK" KALTENHAUSER | 9 | 18 |
| CHARLES ALAN ROSIER | 10 | 35 |
| RONALD LEE RICHEY | 11 | 50 |
| SCOTT ALLEN CLICK | 21 | 41 |
| CLYDE RAYMOND SNOW | 22 | 14 |
| ROGER PAUL SCHNEIDER | 28 | 22 |

Mention it is your masonic birthday month and get a free meal at that month's stated meeting.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| NAME | DAY |
|-------------------------|-----|
| GABRIEL CLASS | 1 |
| JACK CARSON ANDREWS, Sr | 5 |
| JAMES PATRICK BERRY | 7 |
| JAMES DONALD WADLEY | 7 |
| WILLIAM EDWIN AHERN | 8 |
| JUSTUS MATTHEW SMITH | 10 |
| GERALD LEE FRANCIS | 12 |
| ERIC DONOVAN MADDEN | 19 |
| LYLE STANLEY WILCOX | 22 |
| DAVID WAYNE REID | 25 |
| GREGORY HAMMONDS | 26 |
| JEFFREY DANIEL SWANGO | 27 |
| THEODORE ROSS VIEU | 27 |
| RICHARD ALLEN CLICK | 28 |
| RICHARD GERALD HALL | 29 |
| ROBERT WILLIAM HESLIP | 29 |
| RICHARD EUGEN TOLER | 29 |
| GALE EDWARD PETERSON | 30 |
| TRAVIS ALVISE KISNER | 31 |
| JERRY EDDVILLE WHITE | 31 |

*If you see one of these brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday, or better yet, send a card or email!/
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TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

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| 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



“There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus..”

Bob Phillips

Being the month of December, I am once again in the process of closing out another masonic year. With the implantation of Grandview and other processes I use, this is a far simpler task than it had been in years past. I also want to thank the brethren for once again electing me as your secretary. I will continue to do my best to serve the lodge and our members. I really enjoy what I am doing especially when I can help a brother.

This year, I tried something a little different in regard to dues notices. Grandview has the capability to electronically send dues notices. I tried this for the first notice and it appears to be successful. Granted, there was a typo in the lodge address entered at the Grand Lodge level. That error has since been corrected. Dues payments are on track with our more traditional methods. I will be sending out traditional notices in the next week or so to those who have not paid their 2025 dues. In the past, we have used a preprinted dues envelope from one of our masonic suppliers. When I looked to reorder for this year, I found the cost has almost tripled. Once I use up the ones I have, I will print them through Grandview.

Speaking of dues cards, the Grand Secretary’s office reversed the decision to go to electronic dues cards and we are going back to printed ones. I expect to get them the first part of December and will send them out as soon as I can. For those of you who are Perpetual Members, fell free to make a donation to offset the per capita payment we have to pay. We do not pay per capita on Senior Life or Section 9-106 members. As a reminder, dues are due December 31st. If you need help, please reach out to the WM or secretary. All requests will be kept in strictest confidence. I will put my building manager’s hat on once again and update some additional projects. Last week we completed all of our fire inspections—kitchen hood, sprinklers, fire extinguishers, lights, and alarm system. We had to replace 4 extinguishers and still need to replace 3 emergency lights. I am waiting to get an estimate on replacing them. We were also without phones lines for awhile. It took them 2 weeks to send out a tech and another 4 days to make the repairs. The issue was with CenturyLink and not on our end. As we had transferred our alarm systems over to cellular, this was not an issue. I looked into dropping the land lines and going with cable. In the very near future, we will shift over to cable with one phone line. Our internet speed will be almost 4 times faster than what we have now. The good news is the monthly cost will be about half of what we are currently

paying. We will make the change over as transparent as possible, however, we will correct the spelling of Tucson (thank you CenturyLink when you replaced the modem and it won’t let us change it).

As this is the December issue, I want to wish all my brethren the peace and joy that goes with the season. And just to set the record straight, while I may be built like Santa and sometimes act like him, I don’t have white hair or a beard,. and I am not qualified to drive a sleigh.

Did I say, I really enjoy helping my brothers?

See you in lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM, Secretary

JANUARY STATED MEETING

Section 10-201.1 – Legal Holidays. In the event that a Stated Meeting of a Lodge falls on a legal holiday, the regular Stated Meeting may be held at a subsequent date provided that the membership be given at least 30 days notice. The legal holidays for the purpose of this section shall be: New Year's Day, ...

This is the one holiday that affects our stated meeting. So, with this in mind, and bearing in mind most of us do not want to attend a lodge meeting on January 1st, the January stated meeting is moved to **January 8th** (one week later). Dinner reservations will be due on Monday, January 6th at noon. We will also be reminding you in the weekly email.

WINTERHAVEN 2024

This year’s *Winterhaven Festival of Lights* will be from Dec 14 thru Dec 28th. During Winterhaven, we charge to park in our parking lot. This is our main fundraiser of the year. As fundraisers go, this is FREE money in that we realistically spend no money to make money. We man our lot from around 5:00 pm until about 10:00 pm depending on activity. There will be a sign up list on the secretary’s door. We need to have at least one keyholder plus 3 or 4 other brothers there each night. It is a time for some good fellowship and we have been known to knock out a proficiency or two.

Even if you can’t help out, you can help spread the word. This year we are charging \$10 to park in a paved, lit, lot. As most of the other lots around us charge more than we had been, we felt it was viable to raise the rate. So, we ask you spread the word to family and friends to support us by parking in our lot when they go to Winterhaven.



DECEMBER "HOLIDAYS"

Here are some of the "fun" December holidays

Dec 1: National Christmas Lights Day (Sorry, slackers, lights should be up today!); National Pie Day

Dec 2: National Skip School Day (Did I miss that when I went to school?); National Mutt Day

Dec 3: Bartender Appreciation Day; Let's Hug Day (I wish I was a bartender)

Dec 6: National Microwave Day; National Gazpacho Day

Dec 8: National Brownie Day

Dec 11: Have a Bagel Day

Dec 12: National Poinsettia Day; Gingerbread House Day

Dec 13: Official Lost and Found Day

Dec 15: National Cat Herders Day (Good luck and wear gloves!)

Dec 16: National Chocolate Covered Anything Day

Dec 17: National Ugly Sweater Day

Dec 20: National Sangria Day

Dec 23: Last-Minute Shopper's Day

Dec 26: National whiners Day; National Candy Cane Day

Dec 27: National Fruitcake Day

Dec 28: National Chocolate Candy Day

Dec 29: Still Need to DO Day

Dec 30: Bacon Day

Dec 31: National Champaign Day; New Year's Eve. Have a great and healthy 2025!

LOST BROTHERS

Brethren, we have several brothers who we have lost contact with. All mail to them has been returned as undeliverable. The phone numbers we have on file are no longer valid and none of them have valid email addresses. If you have any contact information on the below listed brothers, please contact the secretary.

Salvatore Joseph Picerno, age 89, last known address in Harvest, AL

Steve Joseph Pockuba, age 94, last known address on Edith St in Tucson

William Harold Rosier, age 71, last known address on N Twin Lakes Dr in Tucson

Peter Golden Williamson, age 98, last known address on E Greenlee Rd in Tucson

We can also use this request as a reminder to notify the secretary when any of your contact information changes or you know of a brother's passing. Better yet, if you have activated your Grandview account, you can log in and update your own contact information. The secretary will receive an email advising him of your contact information change.

CAN DO CREW

Still looking for brothers to help out in routine maintenance of the lodge doing such things as replacing interior lights, painting, preventative maintenance, etc... If you are interested or can help, please contact either the master or the Secretary.

SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523
Meets every Thursday 8:00AM
Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.



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POINSETTIA

We are all familiar with these bright red, or yellow, flowering plants especially around this time of year. The scientific name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. It derives its common name from Joel Roberts Poinsett who is credited with introducing the plant to the US in the 1820s. It is indigenous to Mexico and Central America. While we may think of them as a flowering plant, in the wild they are actually shrubs or small trees. Approximately 70 million poinsettias of many varieties are sold in the six-week period leading to Christmas. The majority of these are cultivated in California and Guatemala.

The plant was used by Aztecs to produce a red dye and as an antipyretic medication (fever reducer). In the 17th century, Franciscan friars in Mexico included them in their Christmas celebrations. The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem. They became popular as part of an extensive marketing campaign when one of the prime growers would give them to TV stations to use on the air as backdrops. December 12 is National Poinsettia Day which marks the anniversary of Joel Poinsett's death.

This is all well and good, but you may be thinking about what this has to do with masonry. Joel Roberts Poinsett was born in 1779 and died in 1851. He was a well traveled man and led a very full and active life. He traveled extensively through Europe, Russia, and Central and South America. As a result of his travels in South America he developed the reputation of being an expert on Latin American affairs. He served in Congress, and as the 15th Secretary of War. He was the first United States Minister to Mexico. While some of his actions, such as his oversight of the Trail of Tears, may be controversial by today's feelings, he was a man of his time, and his actions are not part of this article.

We do know he was a Past Master of Recovery Lodge #31 in Greenville, SC and also a member of Solomon's Lodge in Charleston, SC. We do not know when he became a master mason. When in Mexico he played a prominent role in defining Freemasonry in Mexico. He favored the York Rite which at the time was allied to the political interests of the United States. There were two other groups—one allied to Continental Freemasonry, and the other an "independent" National Mexican Rite.

Poinsett retired to his plantation in South Carolina in 1841 where he lived until his death from tuberculosis and pneumonia in 1851.

Ed Note—Information for this article came from various sources which resulted from a search on "poinsettia".

Lodge Shirts and Ties

The secretary has been trying to clean up his office and cabinets and has come across shirts and ties from prior years. In an effort to find them good homes he has the following items for sale at reduced prices:

Long sleeve blue with square and compasses (Sam's year) \$30 [have 3 large and 1 2XL]

Short sleeve red polo with square and compasses and Tucson Lodge #4 (Carl's years) - \$30 [have 1XL]

Assorted ties from prior years—\$10 each

He also has assorted pins and the like that have found their way to the office. These are free for the taking.

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.

Ralph Francis, Ron Hill, Bo Paxton, Randall Dighton, 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

Once again, we will be making another pilgrimage to the far east side of Tucson (Kolb Rd) to the Gaslight Theatre.

Save the date—Friday, April 25th at 8:30 pm. Tickets will be \$23 for adults and \$20 for children. We have reserved 40 seats in our "usual" area. The show is Beach Blanket Bee-Bop. As we get closer to the date, we will have more information. Reservations can be made to the secretary.

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.



2024 LODGE OFFICERS

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| Worshipful Master | Trevor Tanzillo (Isela) |
| Senior Warden | Bo Paxton (Karen) |
| Junior Warden..... | Darryl Weaver (Laura) |
| Treasurer | Ronald Hill, PM (Linda) |
| Deputy Treasurer..... | Jon Schmidt, PM (Shari). |
| Secretary | Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn) |
| Secretary Emeritus | Bob Conrad, PGM (Jackie) |
| Senior Deacon | Moe Momayez |
| Junior Deacon | Gabriel Class (Rosa) |
| Senior Steward | William Predgo (Cheryl) |
| Junior Steward..... | Austin Pena |
| Marshal | Gregory Pfister |
| Chaplain | Justus Smith |
| Tyler | Sam Greer, PM (Patricia) |
| Musician..... | Randall Dighton, PM (Linda) |
| Ritual Advisor | TBD |
| Trustee 2024 | Hannes Meyer, PM (Joyce) |
| Trustee 2024 | Rafael Leidy-Escabi |
| Trustee 2024 | William Wilkinson, PM (Laurie) |
| Trustee 2025..... | Gabriel Class (Rosa) |
| Trustee 2026..... | Sam Greer, PM (Patricia) |
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