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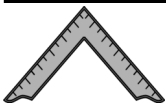
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### From The East



Hello from the east and happy New Year! Thank you to all who helped with Winterhaven parking. We had a great Winterhaven season and enjoyed fellowship with our brethren. It is my hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family. As we get into the swing of things again, please join us for upcoming degrees. We have several new men who will be joining us. We would love to see you on any given Wednesday night!

For both Masons and seekers, the start of the year offers a

moment to reflect on life's enduring rhythm—renewal, introspection, and purpose.

Freemasonry calls us to be builders—not just of physical structures, but of character, wisdom, and community. This year is like an unshaped stone, waiting for us to refine it with the square of morality and the compass of self-discipline. In our shared journey toward enlightenment, every decision and every action becomes a tool for shaping something greater.

To my fellow Masons, let this year reignite our dedication to the Craft. May we labor not only for our own growth but for the good of all. And to those walking parallel paths, may this year inspire your pursuit of truth, connection, and meaning.

As the days lengthen, let us embrace the lesson of the light—not as something to find, but as something to become. May the Great Architect guide us all as we work together to build a brighter, more harmonious world.

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.

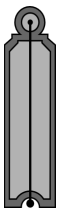
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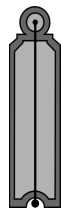
### January Calendar

Mon Jan 6	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Jan 8	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed Jan 15	Entered Apprentice Degree	7:00 pm
Wed Jan 22	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
Wed Jan 29	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
Mon Feb 3	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Feb 5	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.*



# From The South



Brethren,

The dinner that accompanies our Stated Meetings offers us an unequalled opportunity for meaningful fellowship. The dinner may not reach the culinary heights of two-Michelin-star meals (a goal not discouraged here by any means), but it does serve us well as an occasion to enjoy each other's company and grow in the spirit of the fraternity.

It goes without saying that the food can help us achieve that goal. But culinary achievement of any kind is not a precondition to stellar development as a lodge. When prepared with love and care, even the most basic of foods can bring us closer as a brotherhood.

There might be some who recall our earlier dinners that were well-intentioned and offered a simpler charm, the kind of unfussy, easy-to-eat meals with the comforting presence of familiar flavors. That's the space where we've resided with our lodge dinners for a while. Over the past couple of years, we were fortunate to have Brothers who dedicated their time and talents to preparing our Stated Dinner meals, and we are grateful for their contributions during that period. Recently, following their departure, through the diligent efforts of our past Junior Warden, we continued to enjoy simple, yet delicious, meals that provided a welcome and satisfying start to our evenings. The positive feedback from members and guests shows that culinary excellence doesn't always require elaborate creations.

The real reason for the Stated Dinner's existence is not just to eat but to promote brotherly love, relief and truth in an informal setting and reinforced through shared experiences and conversations. It is also a valuable avenue for recruiting new members and retaining existing ones. They provide a welcoming environment for potential candidates to experience lodge life and for existing members to feel connected to the fraternity.

I look forward to seeing more brethren actively participating and contributing to the vibrant atmosphere that makes our Stated Dinners a source of enjoyment and fellowship for all.

Moe Momayez  
Junior Warden

## ENERGY IS ALL AROUND US; PUT IT TO GOOD USE

Rick Chimblo

Albert Einstein said, "Energy cannot be created or destroyed; it can only be changed from one form to another". The universe as we know it contains all the energy that ever was and ever will be. This is the design of the Supreme Architect and is certainly beyond human comprehension.

When we look up at the night sky, we can only see a fraction of what has been created for us. Even with the most powerful telescopes and wandering space probes, we cannot see all that the Supreme Architect has given us. Scientists tell us that 95% of the Universe is made up of dark matter and dark energy. These are the names given to the mysterious, invisible side of the Universe. Dark matter pulls galaxies together, while dark energy pushes them apart. All is in balance; the perfect design. My Brothers, we stand humbled and in awe.

To go a bit further, the Law of Conservation of Energy which is also known as the First Law of Thermodynamics works in all spheres of life. For example, when we put our hard work (energy) to a good cause and there are no immediate positive results, we must remain faithful and be patient; do not become discouraged. The results of our positive energy and good work will be recognized in time. As Masons, "we work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally [and humbly] to ennoble [ourselves] and others, and thereby to bring about a universal league of mankind, which [we] aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale", *The Builders* by Joseph Fort Newton.

Please be patient my Brothers. Let's take this discussion down to the atomic level. Atoms are the fundamental unit of matter. The human body contains about a billion-billion ( $10^{27}$ ) atoms. It is estimated that those atoms contain  $8.2 \times 10^{18}$  Joules of energy. That is equivalent to the annual worldwide nuclear-powered electricity output; however, as we know, that form energy is not released during our daily mental and physical activities. So, is that the energy of the soul? The energy of our spirit? The energy of our thoughts, desires and passions? Is this the invisible energy that unites us all within the Universe created by our Supreme Architect?

Brothers, we are united and we should exhibit that unity in all we think, say and do, inside and outside the Lodge. We are a fraternity for the good of mankind. As Brothers, we should look inside ourselves to our soul and spirit, be true and sincere to are Brethren and mankind, in order to put our energies to good use. Be happy and SMILE, it doesn't cost you anything.

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts." Marcus Aurelius



## Thoughts from the Deputy Grand Master

Recently the subject of proficiency has been on my mind and been discussed with a couple of brothers whose opinions I respect. The two types of proficiency we discussed were that required to become the Worshipful Master of a lodge and that required to become a Master Mason; two considerably different in terms of difficulty.

It seems that in the past few years we in Arizona have been making the memorization requirement of ritual more difficult for the progressive lines. We have added what at first glance appear to be small increments of the ritual, i.e. the Apron and the "G" lectures. Legislation last year at the Annual Communication took another approach by giving the WM the option to name a designee for the parts that indicate the WM should be reciting that part as well. The proficiency card attesting to the brother's ability is a source of great anxiety for those in lodge progressive lines, and a rush to complete the next step just prior to elections. Some dedicated and active brothers who see the requirements decide that becoming a Worshipful Master is too hard and will not try, although they are good men and Masons with much to offer the craft in terms of leadership. Others may try and find it just too difficult and drop out. Many lodges end up recycling Past Masters because no one is willing to put in the effort. To ease some of this we passed legislation extending the validity of a proficiency card from five (5) to seven (7) years from the last signature date.

I have been approached by a couple of brothers as to why we require memorization in the first place. Why not just read it? To this question my response is that my own experience tells me when you put in some effort to accomplish a task you will place a great value on it. And when you spend time going over the words of the ritual then the meaning and understanding of that ritual is significantly enhanced. A simple reading just does not convey the message and indicates to the candidate that we are not quite as committed to our rituals as we claim to be. Anyone can stand up and read aloud without having any understanding of the importance of the words but working to fully comprehend and reciting our ritual benefits not just the recipient, the candidate, but also the brother presenting the ritual.

This brings me to the other proficiency requirement, that of a newly initiated, passed or raised candidate. Each degree has an oral examination that uses a question-and-answer format and that includes the obligation for each degree. This can sometimes be very difficult for the newly initiated brother as it does require memorization, and language that can be markedly different from the every day language we are accustomed to. The obligation can be difficult to memorize, especially the Master Mason obligation which is longer than the others. On a side note, the best proficiency examination I have ever seen was when two newly obligated brothers conducted the exam in open lodge by questioning each other. One would ask a question, the other would answer and then ask the next question and so on. An absolutely wonderful presentation by the two.

In addition, there are the candidate readings, and questionnaire to complete. However, and this is a big however, the AMC in §5-1.1.1 Minimum Proficiency for EA, FC or MM states that "A minimum proficiency consisting of the steps, the due-guards, the signs, the grips, the words, and the completion of the approved Candidate Education Program is acceptable as the minimum proficiency in Arizona." This should be easy enough to accomplish but I have seen instances where even this is beyond the new brother's capabilities. Many new brothers, and their coach or mentor, seem to feel that the minimum is all that is necessary and that is all that they do. Troublesome to me is that often even that minimum requirement is accomplished in committee and not in open lodge. This denies the rest of the lodge the opportunity to see the new brother demonstrate his proficiency and then to recognize his hard work.

And here lies the problem. We demand a lot from a brother who desires to serve the lodge in the East as Worshipful Master, as we should. But we sometimes do not require enough of a new brother to demonstrate his commitment to Masonry, his understanding of our history, symbols, and allegories and to becoming a better man. I applaud the lodges that require a full catechism for proficiency. They have met the high standard and communicate that to their new members as an expectation. They do not hurry a brother through the degrees but give him the time and support needed to indeed become a better man by becoming a Mason.

Leigh Creighton

Deputy Grand Master 2024-2025

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





# From The Secretary



“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.” — President Franklin D. Roosevelt

As I do every year at this time, here are the numbers for the lodge. We started 2024 with 216 members. We had 7 pass to the Celestial Lodge above, lost 1 to a demit, and 2 were suspended for non-payment of dues. On the plus side, we had 1 affiliation and 1 reinstatement from nonpayment of dues. As of December 31st, we had 208 members on the books. This includes 44 Perpetual Members (4 are also Senior Life), 23 Senior Life, and 11 under Section 9-106. We pay per capita on 174 members and have 134 dues paying members. Between per capita and other fees, we should owe Grand Lodge about \$6937 as part of our annual returns. Now you know why I am always asking members to pay their dues.

As for candidates, we have 8 who are at some stage in their degree work. This includes one brother who we have asked New York to complete his degrees as a courtesy (done on a regular basis).

As of Dec 31st, we have 64 brothers who have yet to pay their 2025 dues. If you haven't done so, please send them in. If you need help with your dues, please let either WM Trevor or myself know so we can help you. On a side note, you must have a current dues card to be a signer on a petition or application for affiliation. If you have not paid your current years dues, the system will flag it.

Another Winterhaven Parking Fundraiser is in the books. While we fairly successful, the car count was down compared to other years. We also noticed a lot less traffic on Country Club this year during the event. Many thanx to all who helped out and there will be a more complete report at stated meeting.

And for those of you making New Year's resolutions, how about adding this—come to lodge!. If you can't, reach out to a brother you haven't seen for a while and see how they are doing.

See you in lodge,  
Paul A. Simpson, PM, Secretary

## JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
ROBERT GRAHAM KITCHELL	5	12
RICHARD EUGENE TOLER	8	50
IAN PAUL DAVEY	16	40
GABRIEL CLASS	20	4
STEVEN ORVAL ZIMMERMAN	21	50
MICHAEL JOSEPH IRVINE	24	18
ENRIQUE PARES	27	4
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARAGON, Jr	28	21
DON LEE KING, Sr	28	44
DAVID WAYNE EATON	29	39
KENNETH LEROY HUNT, Jr	30	54
CHAD MICHAEL RICHEY	31	24

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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	1
MARK ALLAN VIRAMONTES	2
JAMES EDWARD MOORE	4
JOHN EDWARD NEVITT	4
JOHN BABAUTA PANGELINAN	4
MORRIS VAN ELROD	7
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	10
GEORGE CHARLES PARKER II	11
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	13
CHARLES JUDE SOULLIARD	16
ERIC ROGER IVEY	18
DESMOND LEWIS HOOEY	23
ROBERT FRANCIS GOEMANS	24
ELMER IVAN ACUNA	26
TODD MATTHEW CANALE	26
JOHN WESLEY STOKES	28
JOHN RUSSELL PROKOP	29
WILLIAM BENARD PREDGO	30
WILLIAM JOSEPH ARAGON, Jr	31

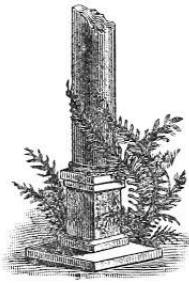
*If you see one of these brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday, or better yet, send a card or email!/  
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## TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

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





## BRETHREN WE LOST IN 2024

### ENOCH WOOD PEABODY III

Born: 1-1-1956

Raised: 6-29-1994

Died: 4-29-2024

### KENNETH RONALD BOWEN

Born: 2-2-1943

Raised: 10-04-1978

Died: 4-28-2024

### RICHARD BOOTH PERRYMAN

Born: 1-20-1928

Raised: 6-2-1954

Died: 6-24-2024

### JERALD WAYNE HARVEY

Born: 9-26-1942

Raised: 11-22-1997

Died: 8-1-2024

### RANDALL RAY WARD

Born: 3-25-1935

Raised: 4-1-1964

Died: 8-22-2024

### FANCIS JOSEPH CAVANAUGH

Born: 11-29-1938

Raised: 10-30-1991

Died: 11-9-2024

### LYLE STANLEY WILCOX

Born: 12-22-1933

Raised: 5-7-1980

Died: 11-19-2023

## 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, Joe 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

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.

## LODGE PHONES

In an effort to cut costs, we are dropping our CenturyLink plan and going with Cox. Under CenturyLink we had two phone lines plus DSL internet. Cox offered us one line with three times the internet speed at half the cost. As we only need one phone line, this is a win-win situation. We should have the changeover complete by the first week of January. The phone number will not change. The network ID is self-explanatory and the password has not changed.

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 Junior Deacon .....Logan Gaither (Shelby)  
 Senior Steward .....William Predgo (Cheryl)  
 Junior Steward.....TBA  
 Marshal .....TBA  
 Chaplain .....Rafael Leidy-Escabi  
 Tyler .....P Scott Ceravolo  
 Musician.....Randall Dighton, PM (Linda)  
 Ritual Advisor .....TBD  
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