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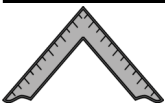
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From The East



“Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one.” Marcus Aurelius

Greetings from the East! I hope everyone reading this has had a great year so far. We are coming up on elections and, no matter what happens, I am glad I was able to serve the lodge these past 5 years. I began my masonic career as Chaplain shortly after becoming a master mason. Since then I have sat in every chair in the lodge except for Treasurer and Secretary at least once. Through working my way up those chairs I have learned something different from every single one which is by design. Each chair holds it's own duties, responsibilities, and lessons. More than that I have

learned from every mason I have come in to contact with. Every single one offers a different perspective or angle on something. During my Masonic career I have by no means been perfect either. I have made plenty of mistakes and at times my ritual work has been sloppy. None of us are perfect, but all of us are consciously pursuing being as good as we can be in everything we do. I have found it's also important to understand that our pursuit is not necessarily everyone else's. Some have no desire to be in the line but want to join in on the brotherhood as much as possible. That is as valiant an effort as anything else in my opinion.

We are reminded often that past masters are the backbone of our fraternity. I would absolutely agree with that but would add that all our members are the body of our fraternity. Without every one of our members, Freemasonry would not exist. That being said I encourage you every one of you to come out to a degree. Sit on the sidelines and be a part of one of the most memorable moments in a young masons career. Be that smiling face a brother sees in his darkest hour. Be that friendly voice on the other end of the phone when a brother needs it most.

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.

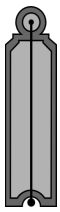
Fraternally,

Your brother *Trevor Tanzillo*,

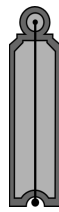
October Calendar

Mon Sept 30	Reservations for Stated Dinner	NOON
Wed Oct 2	Stated Meeting Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed Oct 9	Entered Apprentice Degree	7:00 pm
Mon Oct 14	Reservations for Awards Night Dinner	NOON
Wed Oct 16	Awards Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Awards Night	7:00 pm
Wed Oct 23	Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Fri Oct 25	Cigar Night—Anthony's	7:00 pm
Wed Oct 30	Degree/Practice	7:00 pm
Mon Nov 4	Reservations for Stated Meeting	NOON
Wed Nov 6	Stated Meeting (Elections)	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



I hope everyone had a great summer, We had a great dinner and stated meeting last month. Congratulations to WB Paul on receiving the secretary award from Grand Lodge during the meeting.

I attended the Leadership Summit in Glendale last month. There was a lot of great information shared by the presenters and those that were in attendance. I highly recommend this event for everyone. There will be others in the future.

We have been practicing for an Entered Apprentice degree coming up in the near future. Bro Moe is working on his first degree proficiency and will be in the east for our next degree, I hope you will be able to make it.

I will be travelling during the October stated meeting, so I will unfortunately miss it. I am leaving the kitchen in the capable hands of Bros Austin and Kirk.

Stay safe and I will see you soon.

Darryl Weaver, Junior Warden

Lodge Leadership Summit—Part 2

There is a second Grand Lodge sponsored leadership summit in Tucson at the Scottish Rite on Saturday, November 16th from 08:00 am until about 5:00 pm (lunch will be provided). This is in addition to MasoniCon which is usually held in the late March-early-April time frame. Registration fee is \$50 and includes lunch. You can register for the session on the Grand Lodge website at

[Leadership-summit \(azmasons.org\) .](http://Leadership-summit (azmasons.org) .)

For our lodge officers, seeing as this is a Grand Lodge event, the lodge will reimburse your registration fee. (One of the nice things in our lodge by-laws).



OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	1	49
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICERNO	1	56
STEVE JOSEPH POKUBA	2	49
ERNEST BRUCE COOPER	8	10
ROBERT LEE REID	8	44
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	10	23
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	11	7
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	11	18
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	12	48
JERRY CARL HALL	15	50
RUSSELL BLAIR JOHNSON II	15	17
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	16	27
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	17	40
<i>JAMES GEORGE ELDERADO</i>	19	74*
SAMUEL ALLEN STEPHENSON	20	48
DARRYL LESTER WEAVER	22	5
ROBERT DEWAYNE CRAWFORD	27	48
KENNETH ALLEN MARCOUX	28	58
FRANK FLORES CARLEY	29	49
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	29	44
JAMES PATRICK BERRY	30	4
FRANCIS JOSEPH CAVANAUGH	30	23
VINCENT MORENO SANTOS	31	34
STEVEN LEO VOGEL	31	40

**Bro Eldorado is our longest serving member.*

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

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

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



“We can lift ourselves out of ignorance, we can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and intelligence and skill.” - Richard Bach

Last month I revealed I was a book nerd. I love to read. This love of reading has led to my desire to learn new things, whether it is something important, something I want to learn about, or a piece of “worthless” trivia. For some, sports trivia falls into the realm of worthless trivia—it may get you extra points in a game of Trivia Pursuit. For example, did you know the capacity of the old Boston Garden for a Bruin’s game was 13,909 and 4 of those seats were obstructed view. Over my many decades on the earth, I have amassed a great deal of trivia, most of which came from my AF days when used to sit and bore holes in the sky for 12 to 14 hours at a time. We had to talk about something.

How does this apply to us as masons? We are taught early that masonic ritual is full of allegories. Each time you study the ritual, or really listen to it, you come away with something new. For example, there have been many books and articles written on the Apron Lecture alone. The charges also give us a guide to live our lives—both as masons and in the profane world. With knowledge, we can learn about rhetoric, grammar, and logic. Remember my comments from last month? With learning, we can make educated assessments and evaluate the information that has been presented to us, whether it is from the daily news, political commentary, or some of those memes we see on social media. We can intelligently discuss ideas and have meaningful discussions, not arguments.

Some have said masons were behind the American Revolution. There is significant documentation of the role of masons in history. In the early days of our nation, masonry provided the arena for educated discourse and the exchange of ideas. It is still true today. While we may not discuss politics in the lodge or masonic centers, the craft has provided each of us the tools necessary to have civil discourse. In the first degree charge we are instructed in how to be good citizens and live in society. While we do not tell each other how to vote, we do encourage each of us to vote our conscious.

Now, on to secretary stuff. Brethren, when you move or change any of your contact information, please let me know. I receive quite a few letters back as unable to forward, no address given every time we send out a mailing. If you have activated your Grand View account, you can do this yourself. If you have questions about how to do this, please drop me a note.

See you in Lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

SEPTEMBER 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
AYMAN ISMAT ABDULHAMID	16
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE	16
CHARLES EDWARD ARMIJO	17
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	17
RAMON MARK SULLIVAN	19
DENNIS LEE CORNELL	20
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20
VIRGIL DEAN LARSEN	24
RAFAEL LEIDY-ESCABI	24
FREDERICK MARTIN BLATT	26
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	27
JAMES BLAKE HILL	29
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELLE	30
JOHN FRANKLIN THOMPSON II	30
NEIL ALLEN BAILEY	31

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

AWARDS NIGHT

Our annual longevity awards night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th. We will have a light meal at 6:00 pm and move to the lodge room for the presentation of longevity awards at 7:00 pm. Family members are wholeheartedly invited. Our Grand Master, Michael Dale, will be presenting the Grand Lodge awards of 25, 50, 55, 60, and 65 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.

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, 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.

COWANS AND EAVESDROPPERS

By Gene Wickey


We have all heard of them, but what are they and who are they? As all of you know, one of the main, important, and assigned duties of the Lodge Tyler is to guard the door to the Lodge while the Lodge is in session and to make sure that no Cowans or Eavesdroppers are allowed to enter the Lodge or to “eavesdrop” (listen in) on what’s being done or said in the Lodge. He must prevent a non-Mason from entering a Lodge, etc., while in session and to take all necessary action (with sword drawn) if the need arises! Perhaps the office is most suited for a younger and stronger Mason! (I just threw that in for no particular reason).

A Cowan is someone who presents themselves as a Freemason but has not gone through the proper initiation process and is not recognized as a member by any legitimate Masonic organization. Stated somewhat differently, “one of the profane”. It’s now strictly a Masonic term and dates back to the early days of the church. (see the Greek word “kuon”...a dog, etc.). Also, during the Middle Ages, a Cowan was a man who built stone walls of poor quality. He was an uninitiated or non-apprenticed stonemasona “jackleg” if you will.

An Eavesdropper is a listener. The term, according to Albert Mackey, dates back to the early 1700’s and is derived from the punishment that was to be inflicted on a detected Cowan, who was “to be placed under the eaves of the house in rainy weather, till the water runs in at his shoulders and out at his heels”. (ouch!!!) So...if you want to assist the Tyler, let him know if you spot or see a Cowan or Eavesdroppers so the Lodge meetings can be totally secure. I wish I could tell you what they look like. Just use your own judgment! Not all of them are lawyers or look like lawyers!

Sources: Jackson Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., (Florida) and Lexicon of Freemasonry, by Albert Pike, 33rd degree.

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Section 9-108 – Duty of Temperance.

Masonry prohibits intemperance and excess, and no drunkard should be admitted to the order, or retained when good counsel, fraternal influence and friendly admonition fail to effect a reform. A laxity on the part of the Lodges in disciplining offending members will entail a speedy revocation of their charters.

After reading Section 9-108 of the Arizona Masonic Code above are you asking yourself if this applies to you? Hopefully, the answer is “of course not, I don’t indulge excessively” but is this true? And in the 21st century does “drunkard” mean only alcohol or does it include other intoxicating or even recreational drugs? I submit that indeed this section prohibits intemperance and excess in all these things. William Shakespeare wrote in Othello “I would not put a thief in my mouth to steal my brains.”

Brethren ... Of this take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Submitted by a very knowledgeable brother.

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2025 DUES

For those of you who have already read From the Secretary, this was the second month I didn't mention dues. You thought you were safe from my nagging. Not quite. This time you get a dedicated article.

Dues for 2025 will remain at **\$122** and are due and payable by **December 31, 2024**. By our by-laws, Article 9, Section 1, *"In addition to Grand Lodge per-capita and any special assessments, the dues of each member of this Lodge shall be eighty-four dollars (\$84.00) per year."* They are worded in this manner so we don't have to change our by-laws every time Grand Lodge raises per capita. For the "dues" portion of the amount, this works out to be \$7 a month, which is pretty darn inexpensive.

In regard to per capita, the lodge pays per capita on all dues paying members and our Perpetual Members. We do NOT have to pay per capita on our Senior Life Members of 9-106 (Reg 19) members. That is why the secretary will ask to make a Perpetual Member a Senior Life Member when they qualify. It saves the lodge money.

While we say dues are due on December 31st, we don't suspend for non-payment of dues until the stated meeting after they are 6 months behind. For us this is September, although we read names in June and send warning notices out in July. We do not like to suspend for non-payment. Part of the reason we do this in September is if the brother wants to get reinstated and does it before December 31st, he only has to pay the dues he is in arrears. For 2024, we only suspended 2 brothers for non-payment of dues. One of which returned all certified mail as rejected.

For those of you who may not know, or have long forgotten, you need a current dues card to sign a petition. Secretaries have been "requested" to track dues in Grand View which will allow us to instantly check on dues status. So, if you want to sign a petition, or affiliate with another lodge, your dues card will be checked. If you want to request a demit, you must be clear on the books, part of which is being current on your dues. To hold an office in the lodge, your dues must be current. A search in the AMC will give you other examples.

So, I am now accepting dues payments for 2025. I have already received one. (He paid for several years at once). I have not yet received the 2025 dues cards, nor do I know what format they will be in. But once I get them, they will go out most likely starting in November with all the Perpetual Members, Senior Life, and Sec 9-106 as well as those who have already paid being distributed first.

If you have any questions, or think you may have difficulties paying your 2025 dues, please let either the Master or Secretary know as soon as possible. All requests will be held in strictest confidence.



GRAND LODGE SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

At the September stated meeting our own WB Paul A. Simpson was presented the Grand Lodge Secretary of the Year Award. The award is presented by the Grand Secretary's office to a lodge secretary for his "diligence, attention to duty, accuracy, and timeliness of reporting as well valuable support to and interface with the Grand Secretary's office." The award was presented by (left to right in picture) MW Jim Baker, Dep Grand Secretary; WB Paul, MW Greg Vasquez, Grand Secretary; and MW George Rusk, PGM.

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.

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 [Grand Care \(azgcare.org\)](http://azgcare.org) 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.

We have included a copy of the application and flyer as part of the electronic copy of this trestle board.

2024 LODGE OFFICERS


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)
Website Editor	John Prokop (Sharlot)
Widow's Assistance	Paul Simpson, PM (Catheryn)



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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

One-Time Medical Expense Requested Amount \$ _____

Masonic Affiliation (Circle One): Yes No (Information for statistical purposes only. Applicant is not required to have Masonic affiliation to apply.)

If yes, list Arizona Masonic Lodge Name & No. _____ # _____

A receipt must be attached to apply. Please attach or enclose a copy of your health care payment receipt to this application and return it to:

Attn: GCARE, P.O. Box 64251, Tucson, Arizona 85728-4251

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I certify under penalty of perjury by signing below that (i) I suffer from a chronic health condition; (ii) that the related medical costs have created hardships impacting my daily living; (iii) these funds will help meet immediate and basic living needs; and (iv) all information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name

Applicant's Signature

Print Name

Signature of Parent, Guardian, or under Conservatorship (if applicant is under 18)

Form GC-1



Date Received _____ Date Reviewed _____
Approved _____ (OR) Not Approved _____



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