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From the East

WM Matt Covell

I hope you all enjoyed the vacation from Degree Work this Month. But now it's time to get back to work. We have Brothers who are studying hard and are ready to move forward, so let's support them and help them along their journey.

Speaking of our younger Brothers, I have the privilege of Going to California this Labor Day weekend to assist my Father in my younger Brother Timothy's Master Mason Degree. I look forward to Visiting their Lodge and seeing their Craft at work. Keep us in your thoughts and I will report back when I return.

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Although we not perform any degrees this month, we did perform a funeral. It was a truly solemn occasion this Past Saturday when we observed WB George Mason's passing. A beautiful ceremony was conducted by our MW Grand Master, Brother Michael T. Bishop. The remembrance was coordinated by WB Bob Whitney and the reception was prepared by the Order of the Eastern Star. I thank each of you for attending and keeping WB George Mason's family in your Prayers.

Looking at the rest of the year, We have some great things in the works and our Lodge is depending on your support. I look forward to seeing you in lodge, at our activities, and supporting our great fraternity.

Masonic Losses — Collected by Bro. Gene Bull

I am pleased to present a
blank page this month! I
am not aware of any
losses in the month of
August.

From The West

Bro. Harry Brown

Greetings from the West.

It was nice to have a break from degree work after July's hectic schedule.

It is always a pleasure to see candidates advance through the degrees in our Blue Lodge. However, with the Brothers work schedule and other commitments, we have to be careful not to burn our good brothers out with intensive degree work.

One of my hopes this year was to see more brothers getting involved in degree work. I am happy to say we now have several brothers that can do the lectures for the various degrees. WB Wynn Miller, from Douglas Lodge, did a great job on the third degree lecture at a moment's notice. Thank you WB Wynn. I know WB Johnnie Wagener is pleased to see the progress that the brothers are making in learning and giving the degree lectures.

The newly made Master Masons are energetic and eager to participate in Masonic work. Brothers Eric Navarro, Erik Coulson, and Maurice Mitchell are active in the Lodge since being made Master Masons.

Our newly made Fellow Craft Jeff York jumps right in and helps where ever he sees the need. Brother Jeff will probably be scheduled for his third degree this month (September). Recommend the Brothers support Jeff when the trestle board for his degree is published (emailed) with the specific date.

Hope everyone had a great summer and are now ready and refreshed to be involved in the work of the Lodge for the rest of the Masonic year.

Did you Know?

WB Andy Anderson

Arizona became a State in the nation on February 12, 1912.

Origin of States Name, Spanish interpretation of "arizuma". an Aztec Indian word meaning "silver-bearing." Also based on Pima Indian word "arizonac" for "little spring place."

Bird - Cactus Wren

Flower - Saguaro Cactus Blossom

Area - land 113642 sq mi, Water 364 sq mi.

Arizona flag - The 13 rays of red and gold on the top half of the flag represent both the 13 original colonies of the Union, and the rays of the Western setting sun. Red and gold were also the colors carried by Coronado's Spanish expedition in search of the seven cities of Ci bola in 1540. The bottom half of the flag has the same Liberty blue as the United States flag. Since Arizona was the largest producer of copper in the nation, a copper star was placed in the flag's center. Flag was adopted in 1917.

A spin off from an article in last month Newsletter titled "Work."

Concerned Member

How often have you heard the word "Discern" or "Discernment" in Lodge? In Lodge probably never or if used only by a select group discussion. My attempt here is to use this word within the context of a Masonic Lodge and the work we do here.

It will not be lengthy so please take the time to read the entire article as I feel certain issues are being discussed within some lodges that are affecting how we do our work, or the lack of it.

I will use the definition of discernment as follows: the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is not obscure.

Many of our Senior Members and especially Past Masters who have been involved with the Lodges degree work, administrative duties and teaching our younger Brothers by Mentoring need to take the time to ask themselves what can I do to contribute to the work and or mentoring? Many have past experiences in all levels of management in the military, civilian and the Masonic order that can be of great value to the Lodge and now is the time to step up and be a part of a great Fraternity that teaches many great lessons.

To be a part of this experience has many rewards. Let me offer more definitions of the word discernment; wisdom, experience, understanding, a searching mind and finally to detect with the eyes.

What in your judgment do any of these definition speak to you? Get involved, speak to a Lodge Officer now and be a part of the solution, not the problem.

“A MASONIC THOUGHT” VOL V, #15 (14 AUG 09)

Provided by Bro. Bruce Wood

INCULCATE...

We see this word in many of our Masonic rituals, teachings, and scripts. I get the feeling that a few of us do not know or understand the real meaning of the word. So....

INCULCATE: in-KUHL-kayt (transitive verb). To teach and impress by frequent repetition or instruction.

SYNONYMS: * instruct
* implant
* educate

WORD WISE: Inculcate is from Latin inculcare, "to tread upon, to force upon," from in-, "in, on" + calcare, "to trample," from calx, calc-, "heel."

Calendar of Meetings for 2009

Stated Meetings

7th of	January	7p.m.
4th of	February	7p.m.
4th of	March	7p.m.
1st of	April	7p.m.
6th of	May	7p.m.
3rd of	June	7p.m.
1st of	July	7p.m.
5th of	August	7p.m.
2nd of	September	7p.m.
7th of	October	7p.m.
4th of	November	7p.m.
2nd of	December	7p.m.

Charity, Finance and Fund-Raising

4th of	February	5p.m.
1st of	April	5p.m.
5th of	August	5p.m.
4th of	November	5p.m.

To be held in the Secretaries office and open to all members

Meetings of the Board of Trustees

4th of	March	5p.m.
6th of	May	5p.m.
2nd of	September	5p.m.
2nd of	December	5p.m.

To be held in the Secretaries office and open to all members

From The South

Bro. Phillip Shulsky

What a month! I hope that everyone enjoyed their break from Masonic work, though in truth, our work never ceases.

Personally, I think I learned more in the last 30 days, then in the last year and a half combined. I revisited the point within a circle, found myself being led through the Halls of the dead (metaphorically speaking) by Horus, and lastly stood for a period of time contemplating my apron. All of this precipitated by the self posed question of “wither am I traveling”

Several positive virtues, if allowed to develop in an uncontrolled way, can lead to a negative outcomes. I list mine here for your own reflection: Drive, Ambition, Pride, Duty, Responsibility. I doubt anyone would think these could possibly be negative attributes, but as with all things appertaining to human behavior and conduct, they can be.

Drive—We should all understand that just because the way seems clear to us, the goal within sight, it is not necessarily the case for others. Masonically speaking, we should not (in my opinion) lead the horse to the water. We should simply teach that the horse needs water and allow it to travel on its own.

Ambition—All paths may lead to light, but they go in drastically different directions.

Pride—Sometimes it may be better to follow than lead, especially if the people are not ready for a leader.

Duty—If we had a Masonic dictionary, this word alone could take many pages to define.

Responsibility—Just because no one else is doing something that needs to be done, doesn’t mean you have to do it yourself.

“So Mote It Be”

Any Fourth Saturday of the Month in Tombstone

Bro. Paul Weishaupt

If you want to know what goes through the minds of tourists in Tombstone, then just dress up in late-1880's attire and stand for three hours on the corner of Freemont and 4th Street in the Town Too Tough To Die. You'll find out.

That morning I arose and donned my best Virgil Earp get-up: boots-to-die-for, black pants, a shirt that buttoned up tight enough to choke a horse and a frock coat that discreetly covered the real power behind the badge.

I turned to my wife, "What do you think; the brother of Wyatt in the flesh?" "More like Wylee Coyote," she said. Feeling confident, I headed off to meet brothers, Frank 'The Miner' Belluardo and Pete 'The Judge' Criscuolo, at King Solomon #5 for the monthly open house and public tours.

Frank wore a wool wardrobe with heavy-duty suspenders guaranteed to keep you warm in winter and just past simmering in summer. Add to that working attire a dour expression and his attitude is, "I know the mother-load is only six inches down so keep your claim-jumping hands out of my way."

Pete, ever the eloquent, smooth talking legal-type, dressed in a dark judicial look with a stiff collar, western tie and a face made to stare you down from across the bench. He could condemn you to hang in front of the court house at high noon, send you straight to hell and you would be profusely grateful to him forever after.

When we got to lodge, we drew straws to see who got what duty. Frank, with historical knowledge to match the box loads of historical documents in his garage, and Pete, that ever-loving, soft talking snake-oil salesman, pulled tour duty in the lodge. I drew the short straw: hawk the wares on the corner and greet the sight-seers, as I headed to my post I thought -- this is going to be one boring day. That was premature.

In all, I escorted more than 25 tourists to the door of the lodge hailing from opposite ends of the country: New York City to Los Angeles. Just about every tourist and truck driver, who rolled past slowed down, smiled and waved. More than a few couldn't resist the temptation to have a little fun with the cowboy.

An old sedan with California plates came down the road. As the two young males inside pulled up in front of me they drew their imaginary six-shooters and yelled, "Got ya!" After blowing the wafting smoke out of the barrels of the fingers, they smiled and drove on. *Please don't let me get any more wise guys from across the state line.*

About a half hour late, a car with Colorado plates and two cute girls slid to a stop about six inches from the tips of my boots. "Hi cowboy!" I touched the tip of my hat, "Ladies" while quickly scanning the area to make sure they were talking to me. *You can't be too careful.*

"We're new in town." *I bet you are.* "We don't have long so we would just like a quick tour." *Darn.* "Can you help us?" "Well ladies, you have a quick one here in the Old Masonic West tour," I said. I then listed all the places to see and be seen in the town.

They bit on the stage tour that departs from in front of Big Nose Kate's. As I watched them drive off, I thought well, I didn't get the short-end straw after all.

There's plenty more where that came from and if you would like some of fun, come join us any fourth Saturday of the month from nine in the morning till high noon at King Solomon #5 in Tombstone.



'The Judge' Criscuolo finishes hanging the sign in the front window of Schieffelin Hall.



Kris Capas, Jeffrey York (a brother mason at Huachuca #53) and Scott Lowry, all of Sierra Vista, took the Old West Masonic Tour at King Solomon #5 in Tombstone with guides Frank 'The Miner' Belluardo and Pete 'The Judge' Criscuolo.

Lodge projects

As everyone may have noticed, we have yet to start the work to upgrade and repair our electric in the building, as well as install the new air conditioners and heaters. This is due to an unexpected requirement by the city. Given the scope of the job, it was apparently not expected that we would need wiring schematics. Unfortunate, we do need them.

In the mean time, the temple management board has added a few more band aids to the swamp coolers so we may have at least a little air circulating the building. Of course, being monsoon season, swamp coolers don't work very well.

Here is the latest update from Bro. Fred:

"The initial drawings are done and I have received the estimate for the full set of plans. The current price estimate to get the plans and permits is around \$3,000. I think this is pretty close to correct but it will not be final until we take the plans to the city and apply for the permit. I am ordering the full set of plans today unless the Lodge wants me not to. I think it will take 1-2 weeks to get the final drawings. At that point we will apply for the permit which may take another 2 weeks to be issued. Once we have the permit we can begin the work. If the engineers and the City don't require any changes to what we have planned the actual project should come in under \$15,000.00 plus the permits and taxes. This will include a new service panel on the building and the 2 new AC/ Heaters. I hope this gives you enough info for the meeting. Thank You Fred"

Cochise Scottish Rite And Huachuca Shrine Club



Bro Tom Jones

Well my Brothers and Nobels the Monsoons seem to have passed, as has the summer break. You may ask you what break. I'm sure we were all busy with family, friends and our Masonic groups too. Why does CHIPS come to mind?

On Saturday August 29th a very nice memorial and reception was held in honor of George Mason. I personally never knew Brother George, but I learned a lot about the man and what he had done for the Masons in Southeastern Arizona. I do know that his donation to the Huachuca Shrine Club of the audio equipment was greatly appreciated at the annual Shrine picnic. It worked as expected when we turned it on, the first time.



The Huachuca Shrine Club will meet Sept 19th at the Hwy 92 Café at 5:30. The Scottish Rite Lodge of perfection will on September 24th in Tucson. The Scottish Rite Club will be meeting October 10, preparing for degree work for the Fall Reunion.

Last but not least, a Happy Birthday to the Grand Master of Arizona, Sept 22.

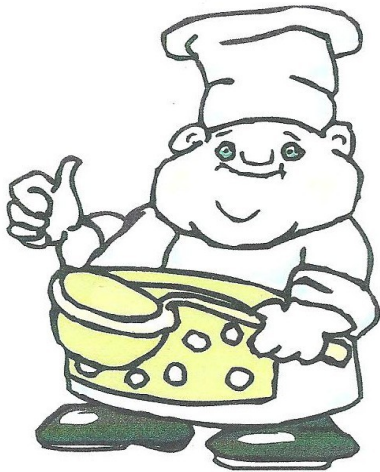
Until the next newsletter, hope we all travel safely.

Fraternally,
Tom Jones

Calendar of Events for September 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Sept 1st Campstone #77 Stated Meeting 7PM Pearl of Venus Chap 6, OES Stated Meeting at 2PM	Sept 2nd Huachuca #53 Stated Meeting Time: Dinner at 6PM; Meeting at 7PM	Sept 3rd Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 stated meeting at 7 PM Electa Chap 51, OES Stated Meeting at 7:30PM	Sept 4th	Sept 5th
Sept 6th	Sept 7th King Solomon #5 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	Sept 8th Mt Moriah Lodge #19 stated meeting at 7 PM	Sept 9th Huachuca #53 Fellow Craft Degree Dinner at 6PM, Degree at 7PM	Sept 10th Wilcox #10 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	Sept 11th Cochise High 12 club #703 Monthly Meeting at 5:30PM at the Holiday Estates Club House	Sept 12th
Sept 13th	Sept 14th	Sept 15th Pearl of Venus Chap 6, OES Stated Meeting at 2PM Adoniram Council #14, Cryptic Masons stated meeting at 7 PM Coronado Chap #20, Royal Arch Masons stated meeting at 7 PM	Sept 16th Huachuca #53 Master Mason Degree. Dinner at 6PM, Degree at 7PM	Sept 17th Electa Chap 51, OES Stated Meeting at 7:30PM	Sept 18th George W. Prioleau Lodge #13 Stated Meeting at 7PM	Sept 19th Huachuca Shrine Club meeting at 5:30 PM. Location TBA.
Sept 20th	Sept 21st Chiricahua Ct #15, Order of the Amaranth Stated Meeting at 7:30PM	Sept 22nd Burning Taper Commandery #15, Knights Templar stated Meeting at 7PM	Sept 23rd Huachuca #53 Open Lodge 5—8 PM	Sept 24th Tucson Lodge of Perfection, Past Venerable Masters Night. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30. (Diner reservations required)	Sept 25th	Sept 26th
Sept 27th	Sept 28th San Pedro Lodge #55 stated meeting at 7 PM	Sept 29th	Sept 30th Huachuca #53 Open Lodge 5—8 PM			

A special invitation from K of C Council 10799, OLM, end of Yaqui



KC Mason Night
48th year. A fund
raiser for local
charities.

Thursday October 22,09, 6:30 PM
OLM, Yauqui St.

Stag steak dinner and all the trimmings prepared by Master Chef Jose and his staff. Free beer. A night of fun and fellowship. Prior to the conclusion of the festivities a determination will be made as to which charity(s) the proceeds of the fines will go .Suggestions taken from the floor.

Call Don Mayer for more information, reservations and directions 378-3181. Masons call or see Bob Frampton (The Ace Man).

We are looking forward to a very special event. Remember its all free, bring a few dollars for fines. Your male guest are welcome.