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Master's Message

Greetings from the East

As I write this, we are beginning a busy part of our Masonic year. The last weekend of March is the Masonic Leadership Conference, which is held in Casa Grande. At this meeting, your Pedestal officers and other Lodge leaders will be involved in special sessions aimed at Lodge activity planning, the financial aspects of running a Lodge, membership and retention, and ritual. A special thanks to all of the Oriental brothers who take the time to participate in this meeting to enhance their own leadership skills, and to pitch in to help Oriental #20 improve. From the Grand Lodge perspective, several events will occur in Lodge leading up to our participation in the Grand Lodge of Arizona 137th Annual Communication, which occurs June 6-8 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Tucson. Don't forget to register at the Grand Lodge Web Site. Why am I mentioning this two months before it occurs? First, we will be discussing this meeting during our two upcoming Stated Meetings when we review any legislation that will be voted on at Grand Communication. Come to Lodge and voice your opinion on how your voting members should cast their ballots. Second, Grand Communication is a great way to meet Masonic brothers from all around Arizona. Any Master Mason in Arizona may attend, and it's especially important for Past Masters to attend since each Past Master gets a vote on legislation. Finally, Grand Communication includes installation of next year's Grand Officer line. Our own WB George Rusk (Junior Grand Deacon) does a great job of representing Oriental #20 in the Grand Lodge (as do others who have served in the past), and I hope you will join me in thanking him/them the next time you see him in Lodge or elsewhere.

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We are doing our best this year to balance Lodge activities to include degrees, official visits to other lodges, education, and charitable activities. In the past month, we've visited Arizona Lodge #2 in downtown Phoenix, had education on the Tenants of Freemasonry, The National Sojourners, and on the Scottish Rite - House of the Temple. WB George Rusk and several others organized a Widow's Tea at lodge, participated and awarded Science Fair awards with Mesa Public Schools, and we also held a Colonial Degree with Prometheus #87. There are a seemingly an unlimited number of opportunities to be involved with at Lodge. I hope you will join us!

[1]One final note of Masonic Trivia. Did you know that Hiram Abiff Boaz, was born December 18, 1866 in Murray, KY. He received his degrees in 1922 before an unusually large crowd and he served as Grand Chaplin of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1953.

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[1]Hiram Abiff Boaz, December 1866- January 1962
President of SMU, 1920-1922, and Bishop of the Methodist Church, 1922-1962. Bro. Boaz was raised in Granger Lodge No. 677, Granger, Texas, and served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1953. He later affiliated with Hillcrest Lodge No. 1318, across the street from SMU. He received the 32° on March 30, 1950, in the Valley of Dallas, the KCCH on January 4, 1956, and the 33° on January 11, 1958

See you in Lodge.,
Tim Lindquist, PM
Master

Greetings from the West

Last month, we conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree on the eve of the Vernal Equinox. In my Senior Warden remarks prior to the closing of the lodge, I mentioned how appropriate it was to be performing the degree at such an auspicious time.

Traditionally, the Vernal Equinox marks the First Point (or Cusp) of Aries- the point at which the constellation of Aries crosses the ecliptic. In the Sepher Yetzirah ("Book of Formation"), an ancient Hebrew text that relates how the Grand Architect spoke the material universe into existence using the Hebrew alphabet, the Hebrew letter Heh is attributed to the first biblical month of the year (Nisan) and the astrological sign of Aries. Being the first month of the year makes sense in the context of the beginning of the journey for the newly initiated Entered Apprentice, however, the connection of the sign of Aries to the first degree may not be so apparent. You will recall that Aries is the sign of the Ram, a male sheep - in the EA degree, a lambskin apron is presented to the candidate. Also, of particular interest to Masons, the Sepher Yetzirah attributes the letter Heh to the Northeast, a connection to the Entered Apprentice Degree needs no explanation. Many other connections can be drawn to this degree, however, not without revealing the "Hidden Mysteries of Freemasonry"....

Fraternally,
Matthew Adams
Senior Warden

Trestle Board articles need to be in by the 15th of the month!!

Appendant Bodies List

If you are a member of one of these appendant bodies and have not attended for awhile, make this year the year you come back. You will surely be welcomed. You can reunite with old acquaintances and meet some new ones. So, come on out at the time and dates noted. We would love to see you again.

MESA STARLIGHT NO. 16
Order of the Eastern Star
Meets 1st - 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Amanda Cherry (480) 580-1905	Worthy Matron
Robert Cherry (480) 600-1121	Worthy Patron
Renee Hurd (480) 861-8081	Secretary

MESA ASSEMBLY NO. 9
International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Meets 2nd - 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Savie Adams	Worthy Advisor
Rose Hanne (602) 430-7911	Mother Advisor
Brian Hanne	Rainbow Dad
Don Wilson (480) 962-9001	Board Chairman

VALLEY OF THE STARS NO. 62
Order of Eastern Star
Meets 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Kelly (480) 659-8342	Worthy Matron
Dan Hinkson (480) 463-3482	Worthy Patron
Mildred Evans (480) 982-6681	Secretary

BAA HANII COURT NO. 9
Order of Amaranth
Meets 2nd - 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Hinkson (480) 493-3482	Royal Matron
Dan Hinkson, PM (480) 493-3482	Royal Patron
Shirley Davis (480) 831-1698	Secretary

BETHEL NO. 13
Job's Daughters International
Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Emma De Korte	Honored Queen
Jennifer De Korte (210) 260-1704	Bethel Guardian
Richard Warren (480) 370-4100	Associate Bethel Guardian

EAST VALLEY LODGE OF PERFECTION AUX
Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Kenneth Von Hopf (480) 252-7249	Venerable Master
Jim Watson, PM (602) 999-7780	Scribe

April Birthdays

Come to are Stated Meeting April 2nd to celebrate your birthday. Dinner @ 6 p.m. Meeting @ 7

Name	Birth Date
Michael D Roldan	4/01
Travis R Jones	4/04
Walter E Taylor	4/04
Don R Beyers	4/05
Alfredo C Alejandrez	4/09
Martin Lebowitz	4/09
Todd A Sturner	4/09
Milton Arizmendi	4/10
Louis I Shire	4/11
Matthew L Adams SW	4/14
Dennis E Haworth	4/17
Donald R Wilson, II, PM	4/19
Shawn C Barinka, PM	4/21
Robert E Sylvester	4/25
Melvin T Patterson	4/28

April Anniversaries

Come to are Stated Meeting April 2nd and be recognized for your years of service. Dinner @ 6 p.m. Meeting @ 7

Name	Raised	Years
Kenneth G Swanson	4/12/1965	54
Louis I Shire	4/13/2002	17
Sergio L Romo	4/14/2009	10
Marko L Vandevier,	4/15/1997	22
James W Hurd	4/18/1998	21
Ronald R Neal	4/18/1998	21
Chris A Schneck	4/18/2000	19
Tom L Callender	4/18/1998	21
David A Mawyer	4/20/2010	9
Thomas H Rhodes	4/21/1987	32
Michael D Fenno	4/24/2001	18
Jack D Stewart	4/26/1978	41
Curtis S White	4/28/2009	10
Michael S Scelsi	4/29/2003	16
Stephen F Beardsley, Sr	4/30/1974	45
Lawrence L White	4/30/1968	51

Greetings from the South

Brethren,

April means Major League Baseball is in full swing. This always takes me back to my childhood playing T-ball, Little League and Pony League baseball. The Little League field was behind my grade school, Blountville Elementary in Blountville, Tennessee. That's where my Father's Lodge, Whiteside #13 was, and STILL is located. My Father departed for the Celestial Lodge last August, and I was fortunate enough to be in Whiteside #13 when they recognized his passing. That same night I filled out my application for affiliation and paid my dues. I received word recently I have been approved and hope to visit them soon.

While my Father and I did not live near each other for many years, we discussed baseball every season and this is my first year without him. But his lessons of the Craft are with me all the time.
And it got me thinking about Freemasons in MLB. I'm sure there are far more than I could ever discover, but with a little help from the internet, I found a few very famous Brothers that were huge names in the game.
Ty Cobb, (December 18th, 1886 – July 17th, 1961), member of Royston Lodge #426 (Now 52), Royston, Georgia, Nicknamed "The Georgia Peach". In 1936 Cobb received the most votes of any player on the inaugural Baseball Hall of Fame ballot, receiving 222 out of a possible 226 votes (98.2%) which is 6th highest of all time. He was 1 of the 6 original inductees into the Baseball Hall of Fame and still holds the all-time career batting average title at .367.

Johannes Peter "Honus" Wagner (February 24, 1874 – December 6, 1955) member of Centennial Lodge #544 Carnegie, PA., was a shortstop who played 21 seasons from 1897 to 1917, almost entirely for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Wagner won eight batting titles, tied for most in National League history with Tony Gwynn. He also led the league in slugging six times, and in stolen bases five times. Wagner was nicknamed "The Flying Dutchman" due to his superb speed and German heritage ("Dutch" in this instance being an alteration of "Deutsch"). In 1936, the Baseball Hall of Fame inducted Wagner as one of the first five members. At that time, he received the second-highest vote total, behind Ty Cobb and tied with Babe Ruth. The Honus Wagner trading card sold for a record 3.12million dollars in Oct 2106 due to its excellent condition and age.

Denton True "Cy" Young (March 29, 1867 – November 4, 1955) member of Mystic Tie Lodge #194, Uhrichsville, Ohio, was a pitcher. During his 21-year baseball career (1890–1911), he pitched for five different teams. Young established numerous pitching records, some of which have stood for a century. Young compiled 511 wins, which is most in Major League history and 94 ahead of Walter Johnson who is second on the list. Young was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1937. One year after Young's death, the Cy Young Award was created to honor the previous season's best pitcher.
So, get out and enjoy some peanuts and popcorn and watch the boys of summer take the field!

Fraternally,
Don Davis,
Junior Warden

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Quote from A Well Known Mason

To be a man requires that you accept everything life has to give you, beginning with your name.

Burl Ives

Burl Icle Ivanhoe Ives (June 14, 1909 – April 14, 1995) was an American singer and actor of stage, screen, radio and television. Ives was inducted into the DeMolay International Hall of Fame in June 1994.

Nugget of Wisdom
By David Woodland, PM

COMMUNICATION

Plato probably said it best a long time ago: "Wise men speak because they have something to say. Fools when they have to say something". Communication, the art of the word, is always the human connection, no matter how transmitted. It can share ideas, be encouraging, or cause despair, but always the language of leadership.

Communication is not only the means of spreading forth the word, but ideas as expressed in those words. It is an ever flowing, collaborating explanation of information, and what has formed civilizations. Information held captive is a lifeless asset, good to no one. We know the value of dialogue, but not communicated, it does not exist. Basic concepts of the learning experience are teaching and communicating what is being taught. As a formative force in establishing civilizations, communication leads to community understanding of its purpose, and of each other.

Communication, person to person, is the adhesiveness of the personal attachment of family, the force we call bonding.

A closing thought...We have two ears and one mouth so we can listen twice as much as we can speak.

Lesson of Life

The Fence

There was a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, to hammer a nail in the back fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. *Author Unknown*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Mesa Starlight 16 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	2 Camelback Lodge #75 Breakfast @ 9 Meeting @ 10 a.m. Oriental Lodge #20 Dinner @ 6p.m. Stated Meeting @ 7 p.m.	3 Apache Lodge # 69 Trustee Mtg. @ 7 p.m. Bethel 13 Council Mtg.	4 Apache Lodge # 69 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	5 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting @ 7p.m.	6
7	8 Rainbow Assembly 9 Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	9 Oriental Lodge #20 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	10 Valley of the Stars #62 Meeting @ 1 p.m. York Rite Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	11 Apache Lodge # 69 Stated Meeting @ 7 p.m. Dinner @ 6p.m.	12 Baa Hanii Court # 9 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	13
14	15 Mesa Starlight 16 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	16 Oriental Lodge #20 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	17 Scottish Rite Meeting @ 7 p.m.	18 Apache Lodge # 69 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	19 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting @ 7p.m.	20
21	22 Rainbow Assembly 9 Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	23 Oriental Lodge #20 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	24	25 Apache Lodge # 69 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	26 Baa Hanii Court # 9 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	27 LODGE WORK DAY 8:00 a.m.
28	29 Oriental 20 Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	30 Oriental Lodge #20 Meeting @ 7 p.m.				

Think About It

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.