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SENT TO SHAKE THE HANDS WE CANNOT REACH

From the South

by Tom Carpenter, Junior Warden

The emphasis on memorization is often, for the new Mason, the most surprising, and daunting, aspect of Freemasonry. How he revives the memorization skills he learned in school is unique to the man. His brothers can offer advice and examples from personal experience, but the newly minted Mason must find his own method for memorizing our ritual.

There are no shortcuts. It takes time and repetition to learn the words. When he has the words down, then he practices recitation until he can do so without error. Only when he can store them in the repository of his faithful breast is he able to grasp the value and purpose of memorizing ritual.

In his journey through the ritual, there is an evolution in his perception. The ritual he is learning to speak is also being spoken to him. Our ancient brethren are speaking, too, like a harmonious Philadelphia street-corner a Capella doo wop group in his head.

Gradually, he notices subtleties that eluded him previously. Quotation marks in the ritual, for example. The Old Testament passages spoken during circumambulations have quotation marks.

But what about this quoted phrase: “that undiscovered country from whose bourne* no traveler returns”? Is it another passage from the Bible?

Nope. It’s from Shakespeare: *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark,* Act III, scene 1, from Hamlet’s soliloquy that begins, “To be, or not to be. . . .” Hum. Interesting. The only nonbiblical quotation in the entire ritual.

**Boundary*

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Grand Canyon Chapter #4 Order of the Eastern Star

By Kathy Lindstrom PM

Grand Canyon Chapter #4, has signed up for a See's Candy fundraiser. Just go to the first link below for their regular candy products, or to the second link for special Christmas/Holiday products and place your order. They will ship your order directly to you and give a percentage of the sale to our Chapter. Think Christmas gifts, something to take to dinner hostesses or parties. The candy will definitely keep until then. Easy and done!

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/grandcc_grand_canyon__fundraiser7/candy?h=Eli_Gen9623&c=fb9701

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/grandcc_oes_christmas_candy36/candy?h=Eli_Gen9623&c=fb2325

In the past year, Grand Canyon Chapter #4 has given:

\$200 to the Northland Family crisis shelter with another \$100 to come in the next couple of months

\$100 to the Flagstaff Lodge #7 clothe-a-child project with another \$100 to come in the next couple of months

\$150 to the Grand Chapter Rob Morris emergency assistance fund (which helps our own members in times of need)

\$366 to Soldier's Best Friend, a service dog charity that pairs veterans and rescue dogs and does the training for service dog certification. They have a training facility in Flagstaff.

\$234 to the Grand Chapter Scholarship fund, plus whatever we collect in our silver drill at the upcoming Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron

\$100 to the Square & Compass Children's Clinic

\$50 to our state youth groups

We are making an impact on our community!

From the South (Continued from page 1)

Hamlet was written in 1603. Another, longer, huuuum. The Grand Lodge of London was formed over one hundred years later in 1717. As they say south of the border, Muy interesante.

And so, the Mason's horizon expands. What started as an onerous duty of rote memorization becomes an invigorating exercise that limbers the mind.

*I slept and dreamt
That life was joy.
I awoke and saw
That life was duty.
I acted and behold,
Duty was joy.*

-Rabindranath Tagore

Likewise, memorization of our ritual begins a duty and becomes a joy.

Clothe-a- Child Donations Sought

Brethren, our annual charity project will be held on Saturday, November 20. Details to follow.

Many of you have expressed a desire to donate. Every donation, regardless of the amount, will help us provide clothes, shoes, and toys to children and families less fortunate than ourselves.

Please make your checks payable to Flagstaff Lodge #7 and please write "Clothe-a-Child" in the note section of your check.

You can drop off your check in the Lodge office or mail it to:

Flagstaff Masonic Lodge #7
107 E Birch Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Masonic Education Hour

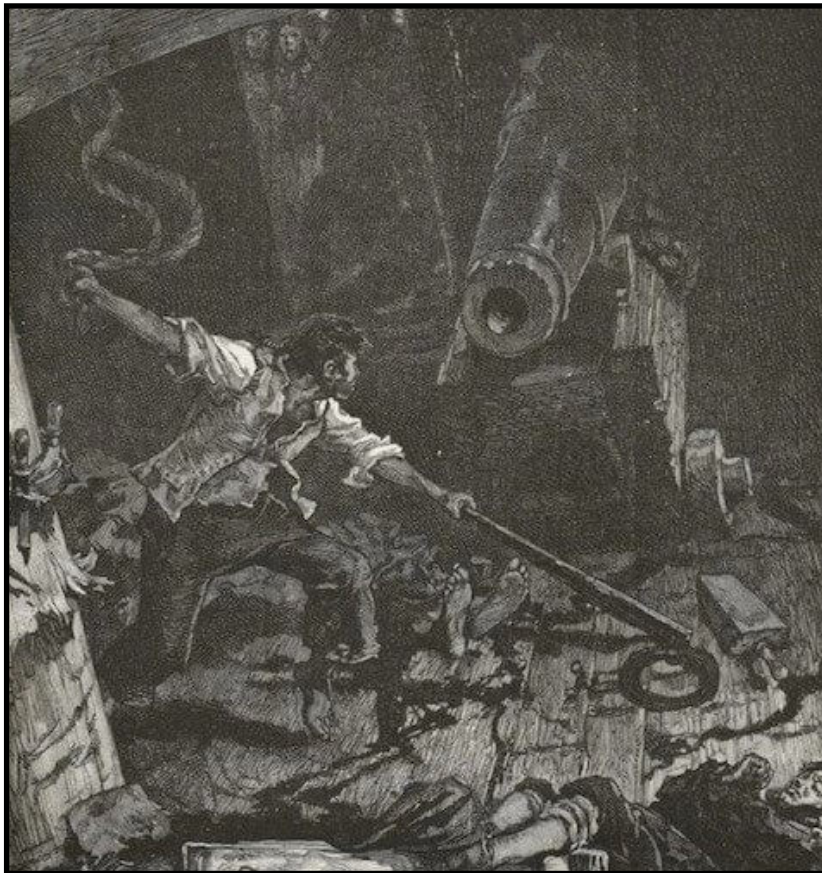
Freemasonry offers a lifetime of study and action. Whether we're digging deep into the degree lectures or slogging through Morals and Dogma, Freemasonry offers us the opportunity to improve our ability to read actively and effectively.

This level of reading is a learned, or re-learned, skill. Rather than crack open Morals and Dogma and dive into those deep waters, I'm offering an alternative.

On Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7:00-8:00 p.m., I will host a discussion of an excerpt from Victor Hugo's novel, *Ninety-three*, entitled "The Battle with the Cannon." I think you'll find the story engaging and stimulating and presenting issues that test Masonic ideals.

I encourage you to give it a shot by invoking the Chicken Soup maxim: Can't hurt; might help.

If you're interested in giving this a try, email me at carpentertom85@gmail.com. I'll send you a pdf of the selection to read before the discussion.



Brethren, you are cordially invited to a

Lodge of Instruction

Best Practices in Mentoring: A Panel Discussion

With

WB David Sahady, Junior Grand Steward

and

Bro. Brad Ingram, Senior Deacon, Flagstaff #7

Saturday, October 16, 2021

2:00–3:30 p.m.

At the Flagstaff Lodge.

**Please join us for a lively discussion of best practices for our
common and most important task, that of making new Masons.**

RSVP

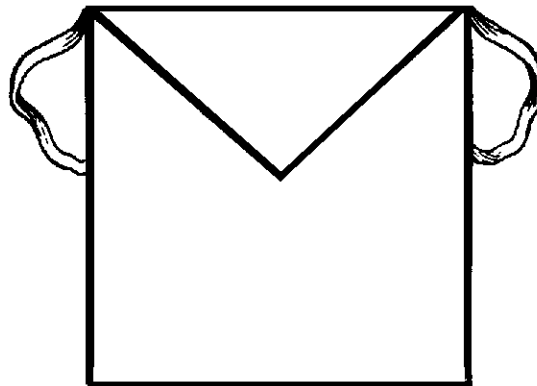
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Upcoming Events

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| October 7 | White Apron Night See below. | Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30 a.m. |
| October 14 | Masonic Education Hour (See page 5) | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| October 16 | Lodge of Instruction: Best Practices in Mentoring | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (See page 6 for details and RSVP) |
| November 4 | Stated Meeting | Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30 a.m. |
| November 5-6 | Tucson Scottish Rite Reunion | |
| November 6 | Widows' Tea | 2:00 p.m. |
| November 20 | Clothe-a-Child | 7:30 a.m. |
| December 2 | Stated Meeting/Elections | Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30 |

Thursdays are typically reserved for either a Degree or a Degree Practice.

Note that the October stated meeting has been designated a **White Apron Night**. All brothers, regardless of office, or past office, are asked to wear the white leathern apron in which they were raised all those years ago.





Masonic Anniversaries



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| Richard Rhea | 10/9/1969 |
| Roger Graziano | 10/10/1970 |
| Robert Lindley | 10/13/2011 |
| John Nicolls PM | 10/14/2004 |
| Fredrick Geboe | 10/15/1981 |
| Gen. Roger Teague | 10/17/1988 |
| Carl Smith PM | 10/27/1999 |
| Christopher Rose | 11/8/2012 |
| Irvin Drye | 11/10/1966 |
| Bruce Jacks | 11/20/1997 |
| Zachary Goodman | 11/21/2013 |
| Michael Seff | 11/22/1997 |
| Richard Ale | 11/30/2004 |
| Glenn Davis III PM | 11/30/1978 |



Birthdays



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|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Clinton Russell | 10/4/1958 | Donald Daly | 11/11/1945 |
| Brian Collup | 10/11/1979 | Richard Deaver | 11/11/1931 |
| Pat Jordan | 10/15/1938 | Richard Scott PM | 11/11/1937 |
| Michael Reinecke | 10/16/1946 | Walter Greer | 11/12/1952 |
| Todd Garfield | 10/18/1957 | Christopher Anderson | 11/15/1986 |
| George Dorado | 10/18/1954 | Paul Pertuit III | 11/16/1943 |
| Donald Hack, Jr. | 10/22/1951 | Anthony Foglia | 11/16/1984 |
| Michael Byrnes | 10/23/1965 | Zed Veale, Jr. | 11/17/1927 |
| Roger Graziano | 10/28/1936 | Tom Carpenter | 11/22/1953 |
| Kelly Vickers | 11/1/1972 | Jesse Mills | 11/24/1955 |
| Bruce McDonald | 11/2/1951 | Robert Hack | 11/25/1978 |
| Jason Morrett PM | 11/7/1981 | James Kruse | 11/26/1964 |
| Michael Purcell, Jr. | 11/8/1946 | | |