



Flagstaff Lodge No. 7

TRESTLE BOARD

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SENT TO SHAKE THE HANDS WE CANNOT REACH



From the West

by Bro. Tom Carpenter, Senior Warden

Tenets, Schmenets. What's the Point?

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Good stuff. Every Mason strives to conduct himself in accordance with these tenets. That is one of the reasons why our Masonic Temple and the Lodge it contains is a special place. Within its walls we are encased in Masonic tenets and traditions.

Out on the street, it's a different story. In a world where there are more horse's asses than there are horses, our tenets are put to the test daily in countless ways. I have a brother. We don't get along. Haven't for thirty years. So, we went to neutral corners and leave it at that. Brotherly love? Not so much, but whaddaya gonna do?

Summertime panhandlers at virtually every intersection and shopping entrance? How much do I give? How often, if at all? Our tenet of relief keeps that question before me every time I see the destitute holding a sign that reads, "Anything helps. God Bless." As for the guy with the sign that reads, "I need weed": not so much.

Truth? Mercy. Where is it? Truthfulness is its own reward, or so my Momma taught me. But ours is a world chock full of lying bastards. Who to believe and who to trust is becoming increasingly difficult to discern.

Do we declare our tenets useless in such a world? Naïve? Relics of another time? Or do we press on through the blowback and stank of rancorous political divisions and lunatic rhetoric, holding fast to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth? If we don't uphold these ideals, who will?

I say, press on, Brothers. Press on.

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An Educational Program: Writing for *Trestle Board*, with *Trestle Board* Editor John Kains, and Tom Carpenter, Senior Warden. Thursday, September 15, 2022, 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the dining room.

Trestle Board is an important communication tool for Lodge members: “Sent to shake the hands we cannot reach”. If you would like to learn more about writing for it, please join us. It will be fun and informative. All brothers are encouraged to attend.

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Clothe-a-Child

Saturday, November 19, 2022, 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Clothe A Child is the primary philanthropic project of the Lodge. Approximately 30 elementary students, ages five to ten years old, and 20 TAPP families receive clothing, shoes, hats, and gloves through this program. In addition, the Lodge provides breakfast and lunch and a visit from Santa who gives each child a toy.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this joyous and enriching event.

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October Stated Meeting

The October Stated Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022, will be a "White Apron" meeting. All in attendance shall wear a white apron, preferably the apron with which they were first clothed as a Master Mason.

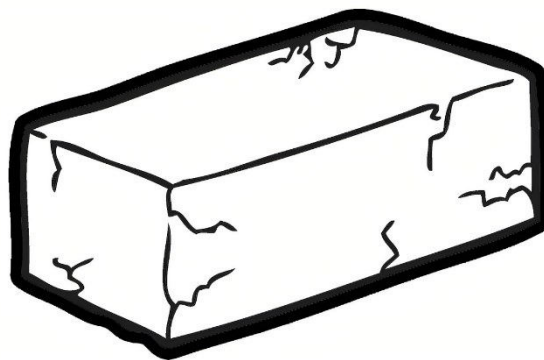
Also, we will receive an official visit from Right Worshipful Brother George Rusk, Deputy Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Arizona. All brothers are encouraged to attend and hear what RWB George has to share with us.

Heritage Brick Sale

We still have a few bricks from the East wall of the Flagstaff #7 Lodge available for purchase. The bricks were collected after the repairs to the East wall a few years ago. This is an opportunity to own a piece of our historic landmark building and preserve a piece of our heritage.

Each brick will have a plaque with the Lodge's information. Included at the bottom of the plaque will be the name of the brother who purchases the brick.

The "Heritage Bricks" are available now!



Get your "Heritage Brick" for \$100 now, while they last!

For purchase requests please contact WB John Graham:

928-522-8152 or Email: jd.graham.7@gmail.com

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Brother Ken Rhodes, Junior Deacon at Azatlan Lodge #1, poses in front of the fine refreshment cart that they graciously donated to us recently. We appreciate their generous gift and hope that they will travel to Flagstaff frequently to enjoy it with us.



A Good Story

From the South

*Submitted by Bro. Brad Ingram, Junior Warden
From Short Talk Bulletin, December 1963*

A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: "I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me, but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note?"

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree. He had not been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

"Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25", the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, "No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard the Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day, I didn't need that \$25, I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that

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they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.”

The pawnbroker responded. “Don’t let that worry you too much. I wasn’t a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off that moment you left. I didn’t want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn’t be too much to lose to learn if what I’d heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I’d heard about Masons was true, so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.”



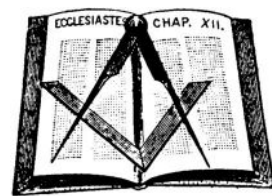
**Flagstaff Lodge No. 7 congratulates our brothers
on their Masonic accomplishments:**

Entered Apprentice



**Bro. Timothy Jordon Retter
Initiated August 18, 2022**

Master Mason



**Bro. Michael Wesley Humphrey
Raised August 20, 2022**

**Bro. Allen Todd Ginsberg
Raised September 8, 2022**

Upcoming Events

(Thursdays are typically reserved for degrees or degree practice).

September 29	Trustees Meeting	6:00
October 6	Stated Meeting /Official Visit/White Apron Night	Dinner at 6:30
November 3	Stated Meeting	Dinner at 6:30
November 4-5	Scottish Rite Reunion	Tucson
November 19	Clothe-a-Child	7:30
November 24	Thanksgiving	No Lodge Activities
December 1	Stated Meeting/Elections	Dinner at 6:30
December 10*	Officer Installation	
December 15	Christmas Parade	
December 29	Trustees Meeting	6:00
January 5	Stated Meeting	Dinner at 6:30

IN MEMORIUM

Brother Donald Arthur Daly passed on August 5 at the age of 76. He was raised on April 18, 1998 in Flagstaff #7.



Masonic Anniversaries



Alan Adams	9/7/1996	Richard McCall	9/25/2003
Jeremy Adams	9/9/2010	Richard Scott PM	9/26/1970
Matt Casado	9/10/1995	Keith Vogler	9/26/1982
Paul Sauerbrey III PM	9/11/2003	Arnold Barry	9/27/1984
Malcom Gough PM	9/15/1983	Allen Jensen	9/28/2002
Damon Krieg	9/16/2010	Tom Kaufman	9/28/2002
Jason Morrett PM	9/18/2008	Alan Kindsvater PM	9/28/1989
John Watson	9/18/2003	Richard Rhea	10/9/1969
David Skillern	9/20/1969	Roger Graziano	10/10/1970
Howard Davis	9/21/1979	Robert Lindley	10/13/2011
Robert Franklin	9/22/2001	John Nicolls PM	10/14/2004
David Saunders	9/22/1994	Gen. Roger Teague	10/17/1988
Nicholas Yates	9/24/2016	Carl Smith PM	10/27/1999
Stanley Carson	9/25/1971		



Birthdays



John Russell	9/2/1940	Clinton Russell	10/4/1958
Stanley Carson	9/9/1942	Brian Collup	10/11/1979
Paul Sauerbrey III PM	9/10/1945	Michael Reinecke	10/16/1946
Richard Vihel PM	9/14/1946	Todd Garfield	10/18/1957
David Moddrelle	9/15/1958	George Dorado	10/18/1954
Ross Hochen	9/22/1968	Lee McDonald	10/19/1937
Alan Kitchen	9/25/1934	Donald Hack, Jr.	10/22/1951
Robert Munson	9/28/1945	Michael Byrnes	10/23/1965
Richard Ale	9/29/1943	Roger Graziano	10/28/1936