



# Trestleboard – November 2018

## DOWNTOWN LODGE #86

Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona



Downtown Lodge #86 meets every 4th Monday 7:30 pm at: 450 S. Tucson Blvd. Tucson, AZ

*Dark: July & August*

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### Articles of Pedestal Officers

#### By WB Aaron Feagly, Worshipful Master Downtown 86

From the Oriental Chair

First of all, I want to congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed Officers for Downtown 86 for 2019! Particularly, I want to congratulate Bro. Dave Morganflash on his election as Worshipful Master. I look forward to seeing what your year in the East will bring to Downtown. Additionally, congratulations to WB Bil Hole on his election as Senior Warden, and Bro. Marcos Castro as Junior Warden.

As we move towards the holiday season, I encourage you all to take some time for rest and refreshment. Spend time with friends and loved ones, and reflect on this last year and the improvements you have made, and the work that still may need to be done.

It has been a pleasure serving the lodge as Worshipful Master for 2018, and I look forward to continuing to serve as Chaplain for 2019. We have several talented ritualists in the making, and lodge participation continues to be strong. I am proud to be associated with what I believe to be the best Lodge in Arizona. Thank you for everything, brothers.

Faternally,

Aaron M. Feagley, WM

#### By Brother David Morganflash, Senior Warden Downtown 86

Greetings from the West!

As the sun is in the West at the close of the day, so is the Senior Warden in the West....

As we roll into November I am reflecting back on this year. There have been a lot of lessons learned and a lot of work put in, and now here we are as the year reaches its end or close. Feels like in a blink of an eye the year has passed.

I believe it is time to pay the craft their wages and I know there are many due. I enjoy every minute of our great lodge and I would like to thank all my brothers from Downtown Lodge #86 for a good year. The time we spend together really is a gift that I cherish.

I am excited to see the year ahead and ready to tackle the challenges we face. I will be constantly reaching for the working tools and looking to improve myself at every opportunity. I remind myself that the work is sometimes the reward and that gets me going, charged up if you will.

So as I said wages are owed: **THANK YOU BRETHREN!**

Faternally,

David Morganflash, SW 2018



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### **By Brother Marcos Castro, Junior Warden Downtown 86**

FROM THE SOUTH

This year I move into the Junior Warden's Station for the third time which might seem odd to some who fail to realize that you do what you have to do for the good of the Lodge. I've been a mason for 5 years and have come to the conclusion that it does not matter if you are a Past Master or if you know the lectures from left to right; if you don't show up, it does none of us any good. Stay true to your Lodge and show up regularly because having an opinion outside of lodge is just Jubalum.

Marcos Castro, JW Elect

### **Articles of Appointed Officers**

### **By WB Gustavo Portillo, Secretary Downtown 86**

Brethren,

This time of year we start thinking about Thanksgiving which often means a really nice dinner with family and friends, followed by watching football or some other traditional activity. We often seem to forget to really be thankful for the many blessings in our lives, and we take for granted our good health (if we have it) and our family and friends who make up a large part of our lives.

We also should be thankful that we live in a free country even if it isn't perfect. This allows us to participate in organizations like our own wonderful fraternity, Freemasonry. I understand that not all of us can be nor may desire to be active in a Lodge, but we can all live as Masons. There may be a time in your life when you do find time to become active or may become active in one of the many other groups that are attached to the Masonic tree.

As you sit down for your Thanksgiving dinner, whether it is a turkey, pizza or some family favorite, please take a few moments to say thanks for all your particular blessings and remember those who are at risk protecting our freedoms.

Fraternally,

Gus Portillo  
Secretary



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**By WB William Hole, Chaplain Downtown 86**

### INTRODUCTION TO FREEMASONRY

### AND THE ENTERED APPRENTICE

### PART 3

### EARLY HISTORY (continued)

Freemasons, from the cathedral-building ages through the Reformation and up to the gradual decline of the building art, were far more than just architects and builders; they were the artists, the leaders, the teachers, the mathematicians and the poets of their time.

In their Lodges, Speculative Masonry grew along with their operative art. Freemasons were jealous of their Order and strict in their acceptance of Apprentices; strict in admitting Apprentices to be Fellows of their Craft, requiring seven years of labor as an Apprentice before he might make his "Master's Piece" (or Master's project) to submit to the Master and Wardens of his Lodge. If his "Master's Piece" was accepted by the Master and Wardens, he then might become a "Fellow" and receive "The Mason Word."

At a time when learning was difficult to get, and an association with educated persons was hard to be found outside of the church, it was natural that thoughtful and scholarly men would desire membership among the Freemasons. These men, however, would not want to practice operative masonry or serve seven years' apprenticeship. Therefore a place was made for these scholarly men by taking them in as *accepted* Masons. They were accepted as members having something to offer and desiring to receive something from the lodge, but distinguished from operative Freemasons by the title, *accepted*.

It is not possible to say when this practice began. The Regius Poem, the oldest document of Freemasonry, (from the Halliwell Manuscript, the oldest of the written Constitutions, transcribed in 1390 from an earlier version and first published in 1840 by James O. Halliwell, who first discovered its Masonic character) speaks of Prince Edward (10th Century) as:

*Of speculatyfe he was a master.*

Desiring to become architects and builders, ecclesiasts joined the order. Lovers of liberty were naturally attracted to a fellowship in which members enjoyed unusual freedom.

Through the years during which came the decline of great building and the coming of the Reformation, more and more men became Accepted Masons and less and less men became the operative, building Freemasons. Of forty-nine names on the roll of the Lodge of Aberdeen in 1670, thirty-nine of those were Accepted Masons.



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Hence, our title, Free and Accepted Masons which is abbreviated F&AM. There are two variations of this abbreviation in other jurisdictions in the United States of America; AF&AM (Ancient Free and Accepted Masons) and FAAM (Free And Accepted Masons, found in the District of Columbia only).

The next installment of this educational piece will be Allegory and Symbols, followed by information about the Lodge.

*(From Introduction to Freemasonry by Carl H. Claudy, © 1931)*

### Articles of Lodge Members

#### By WB Art Del Cueto

G.' B.' T.' T.' G.' A.' O.' T.' U'.  
Illus.'. Dig.'. and Resp.'. Lodge'.  
B.'. B'.

Bees not just making honey and beyond Freemasonry

They guard their honey in the hexagons that form the cells of the honeycomb. We always hear that they are a symbol of freemasonry because Freemasons work together for one cause similar to that of bees. We should explore further where these magical creatures have also been used symbolically in other societies through time.

Symbolically speaking, the Flower of Lis represents the flower of Iris. Its first use as a symbol was in the decoration of the Door of Istar in Mesopotamia (ancient Babylonia) constructed by Nabucodonosor II (also known as Nebuchadnezzar II) in 575 B.C. It is a symbol of power, sovereignty, honor and allegiance, and also of purity of body and soul. The Iris is a symbol of Mary of Magdalene, and the flower of Lis is considered to be an emblem of the French monarchy since Louis VII of France in the 12th century, started using it in a royalty stamp. This flower symbolizes a bee and as we know allegorically used by the Freemasonry.

Numerological the Flower of Lis is a styling of the Flower of Iris. It is composed by 7 units: 6 pedals of iris, 3 Superiors, 3 low ones and a central clamp that turns her into a bunch. Forming a scheme 3 1 3 (Gimel Aleph Gimel). The Talmud (Jewish documents used for teaching) says that Gimel (3rd letter Hebrew alphabet) symbolizes the rich one running behind a poor man, to give him tzedaká (charity). Aleph (1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet) alludes to the indescribable mysteries of the unity with the creator.

The bees were related to the Egyptian Pharaohs. Let us remember and learn the name Nesut-Bity (word used by Egyptians for Kings), literally that of the Bee and the Reed or Master of Two Earths (the bee is a symbol of the Low Egypt and the Reed of the High Egypt). Let's not forget the sweetness of honey made by these magical creatures. Fermented honey (mead), was made and drunk by Vikings, Mayans, Greeks, Romans, Celts, Normans and Saxons. Among those mentioned above, their Kings and monarchs referred to Alchemy as a Real Art. In Freemasonry we call Real Art to the work realized by workers and bricklayers of the construction during all the Middle ages, those



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who formed the first guilds and brotherhoods. Is this where there is a symbolic relation with the Flower of Lis-  
bee?

The flower was a symbol used by France, Belgium, a part of Germany and of Switzerland between the 5th and 8th centuries. Among the French military leaders was a man named Merovech. He is credited with founding the Merovingian dynasty, a Dynasty that is of the Salian Franks. The first historical representative of the Merovingian dynasty is Childeric the 1st, son of Merovech and himself a Frankish leader.

On 5-27 of the year 1653 in the reconstruction of the church of Saint-Brice in Tournai, they discovered a Merovingian grave that contained several articles, among them 300 golden bees. One of the pieces was a ring with the inscription Childeric. This inscription identifies the grave as that of Childeric I.

When you come to this point the connection makes logical and coherent sense: Sicily + Holy Tomb + Royalty + Mary Magdalene + Bees and to this I believe we can add Freemasonry.

### **By Brother Glenn Morgan**

Are you a military Veteran?

If you are, please accept my thanks for your service, in whichever capacity you held. If you served in combat to defend our freedoms, please also accept my humble acknowledgement that I enjoy those freedoms today, due to that service.

It is a strange thing to realize that the percentage of people today who can claim with pride that they are a military Veteran is shockingly small. The most recent data that the VA has available shows that currently, less than 0.4% of our population is actively serving. To quote a favorite Brother "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

If you broaden the scope to include all living Americans who have military service the numbers climb to a more reasonable 7.3%, though it is heavily skewed with over 50% of those veterans being over the age of 60.

The numbers dive again if you count wartime service, and yet again if you only search for combat deployment. So I reiterate, if you are a military combat veteran, I doubly salute you. With Veterans' day approaching on November 11th, I would like to give a small amount of information on this holiday, to honor our Brethren who have served.

The original holiday of Armistice day was observed on November 11th 1919, to commemorate the ending of "The Great War" or "The War To End All Wars" one year prior. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for a national annual observance, and it became a national holiday in 1938. In 1954 President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans' day to include members of the military who had served in the Second World War as well as the Korean conflict, instead of just for World War One service members.

The United States is not alone in remembering this date. The United Kingdom, France, Canada, and other nations of the Commonwealth (former British colonies) have a holiday either on, or near November 11th. It is a common practice in those countries to observe 2 minutes of silence at 11am on November 11th (WW1 ceased on the 11th



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hour of the 11th day of the 11th month), for reflection and remembrance. The wearing of a red poppy in your lapel is also prevalent in the UK, as I have personally observed in visits there.

So this month, when Veterans' day is upon us, please reach out and thank the Veterans that you know. They did their bit, be sure that you do yours.

Fraternal Regards,  
Bro. Glenn Morgan

### Words from Appendant Bodies

#### From the Shriners

To get a good idea of what the Shriners do come out to The Square and Compass Children's clinic on the Tucson medical center campus on November 3rd. There will be a mini clinic for many children from across the border who are coming for treatment. This service is at no cost to the families. Shriners pay for everything needed including their transportation.

On November 17th at Sabbar Shrine, Alec, the spokeschild for Shriners, will be in attendance at a fundraiser dinner called The Silver Wings.

The mini clinic is at 8 a.m. and Silver Wings is at 6 p.m. with dinner \$40 a plate and a silent auction.

Fraternally,

Toby Thomas, JD  
Downtown Lodge #86

#### From the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America in Tucson

Dear Brothers of Downtown Lodge #86,

Fall is upon us and cooler temps are finally here. Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America has fun while working on projects for the children of the Shriner's Hospitals and creates time for socializing. Ladies can join in our activities without being a member. Our organization has been around since 1903 and in Tucson since 1965. The local Court has three units, namely Pageantry, Clowns, and Chautauqua. Chautauqua is a unit that performs Native American Sign Language to songs and is a beautiful sight to see.



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Eligibility to LOSNA is simple. To become a member, a lady must: Be related to by birth, marriage or adoption to a member in good standing (or a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of death) to a Noble of Shriners International; be related to a Master Mason by birth, marriage or adoption; be sponsored by two members in good standing of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America. She must be at least 18 years of age and she must be a resident for at least six months in the area of the Court in which membership is desired. Any Court, however, may receive and act on the petition of an individual who lives in a city, territory or state where no Court of the Order exists.

Our current calendar coming up includes:

- 21 October Tombstone Parade
- 27 October Green Valley Parade U of A Football Game
- 02 November U of A Football Game
- 03 November Square & Compass Mini Clinic
- 05 November Regular Meeting. Dinner at 5:30 pm everyone is welcome
- 10 November Silver Wings Dinner
- 20 November Monthly sewing (I can give you the address if interested)
- 24 November U of A Football Game
- 25 November Phoenix Walk for Love (in Phoenix)

We would welcome any lady to join us for fun events or dinner before our meetings each month. Please reach out to me if you are interested.

Fraternally,  
Catherine McLarnan,  
Princess of Oasis Court No. 75  
520.999.0068

### Masonic Birthdates

November:

➤ None

December:

- WB Art Del Cueto, 2007
- WB Jason Bogart Stryker, 2004
- Br Charles Murdock, 2012





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### Committee & Contact Information

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### 2017-2018 Downtown 86 Lodge Line-up

Position / Station	Name
Worshipful Master	WB Aaron Feagly
Senior Warden	Bro. Dave Morganflash
Junior Warden	Bro. Marcos Castro
Treasurer	WB Jason Stryker
Secretary	WB Gus Portillo
Chaplain	WB Bil Hole
Marshall	Bro. Nick Dacus
Senior Deacon	Bro. Tony Kincheloe
Junior Deacon	Bro. Toby Thomas
Senior Steward	Bro. Mark Jaime
Junior Steward	Bro. Timothy Strasser
Tiler	WB Lew "Shorty" Ivy

Trustee (Yr)	Name
1	WB Art Del Cueto
2	WB Pat Zech
3	WB Eric Dupree

### Upcoming Events

Please see our most complete calendar of events at: [www.downtown86.com/meet-dt86](http://www.downtown86.com/meet-dt86)



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### Sickness & Distress

There is health and happiness in the lodge, however, this does not mean there is peace or contentment in all corners. If you or a loved one are suffering from an illness or are in any kind of distress, please reach out to our Worshipful Master Aaron Feagly at: (520) 549-8292 or [figs981@gmail.com](mailto:figs981@gmail.com).

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