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DOWNTOWN LODGE #86

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

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Articles of Pedestal Officers

By WB Dave Morganflash, Worshipful Master Downtown 86

A WORD FROM THE EAST

Funny how some words present themselves to you at different times of your life, one word that has been coming to me lately is Civility. The word civility has presented itself to me several times lately as if to say, “research me, know me!” So, let’s take a look at civility.

Civility *noun*

- 1 archaic: training in the humanities
- 2 a: civilized conduct
especially: COURTESY, POLITENESS
- b: a polite act or expression

(from Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

It is said that Freemasonry has had a long history of fostering civil dialogue and building civil societies. We peacefully assemble with people of different places of origin, languages, backgrounds, and beliefs. Civility is in all we do as Freemasons. The three principal tenets of Masonry start us on the path of civility Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Says it all doesn’t it? Practicing civility should be a no brainer in my opinion.

Why then does it seem we have to practice it? Doesn’t practice mean to try and perfect or get better at something? As I looked at myself with some self-reflection it became clear that practicing civility was part of me and I took one day and broke it down to see how I could positively affect the world around me by being civil

Take a look at some examples from my day;

5:00am- Time to wake up and prepare for the day!

Put the coffee on and said good morning to my dogs (yes- I was giving them some civility too!) My wife woke up and I said a heartfelt good morning to her. (I am not the greatest morning person at times). I readied myself to leave for work and tried to focus on positive things that I would do this day. I said a genuine, “I love you, Have a nice day to my wife” and headed out.

Okay, so I was off to a solid start for my day of civility. Driving to work things started to heat up a bit. Traffic was heavy, the roads were rough (welcome to Tucson), and emails and text from work were pinging on my phone. This I realized was the beginning of the test of my civility. I held it together and took a deep breath. I refrained from the usual comments I make when driving alone- “come on! GO!, what are you doing!, idiot!, etc. Instead I began reciting the opening of lodge.



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During my workday I started off by saying hello to any coworker I encountered and genuinely asked them how they were doing. During conversations with my employees I actually listened to what they were saying without thinking ahead what response I was going to give. Surprisingly this did not take much time from my busy hectic day. As I moved around in my daily activities I looked for opportunities to hold a door, say hello to strangers, say thank you, smile more, let the car in front of me merge in, wave to people I passed by. I stopped for a drink at the convenience store and bought the drink for the person behind me. The person smiled big and thanked me (well worth the dollar spent).

When I got home from my day I said hello to my wife and asked her how the day was. This was the big test! Usually as my wife vents to me the things that happened at work I began to go into Mr. Fixit mode and respond to her with what she should do or say. This time I listened to her and let her vent. I did not give her unwanted advice or dismiss anything she said as work garbage that everyone deals with. My wife seemed more at ease and happy to sit and talk with me about things and that lent to an enjoyable evening hanging out together. As I lay down to go to sleep I began to pray to the Great Architect of the Universe as usual but with a feeling of a deeper connection or clearer ability to communicate my thoughts and prayers.

My day of civility wasn't hard to do by any means. I just needed to slow down a bit and practice out of the Lodge those great moral duties, which are inculcated in it. Imagine a day where everyone we came in contact with was practicing civility toward each other. It would be like it is at Christmas. People would smile more, give heartfelt greetings, hold doors for each other, listen, care, help, forgive, and love. Sounds like Lodge! Thank you for giving the gift of your time reading this and being a part of my life!

Fraternally,

David Morganflash, Worshipful Master
Downtown Lodge #86



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By WB Bil Hole, Senior Warden Downtown 86

THE LEVEL OF THE WEST

My Brothers:

I want to compliment my brothers on the very superb performance of the Fellowcraft Degree for Br. Ernie Bennet. The Degree went so well that a visitor from another Lodge decided he wanted to be a part of our great Lodge and will be submitting a petition for dual membership at our Stated Meeting on 2/25!

The old phrase “practice makes perfect” really is true. With the exception of an old dog PM, the work performed by the rest of the brothers was excellent on the 18th of February.

Another FC Degree will be performed for Br. Pat Pehowic on Monday, March 18, 2019. On that night, most of the stations and places will be filled by brothers who will be sitting the participating chairs for the first time!

To that end, a FC practice for these brothers will be on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. Practicing for the Degree makes the Degree look good, but the enthusiasm of the participating brothers, all of whom doing their best, is what makes the Degree excellent! Nil satis nisi optimum!

There is something special about Downtown Lodge 86. The only way to express my feelings about the brothers of 86 and their desire to learn, perform and practice Brotherhood, is to say that after more than 34 years, I have finely found a Lodge which excites me and makes me want to continue to participate in our Craft.

Long live Downtown 86!

Bil Hole, SW



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By Brother Marcos Castro, Junior Warden Downtown 86

VISION FROM THE SOUTH

What is the spiritual meaning of a new moon versus that of a full moon? To put it simply, the full moon is all about completion and the new moon is just the beginning, always with their eternal spirit in mind.

The new moon is symbolic of the second chance we are given over and over again. The new moon is a perfect time to meditate and start with a clean slate.

Many people believe that when the new moon starts it's a good idea to write down your intentions for the upcoming month and ask the universe (GATU) for help to make them come true.

If you feel that this past month was not very positive and/or productive, get ready to write down your positives and burn them on your fire pit this coming Tuesday when there is a new moon, and start your positive month all over again!

Marcos Castro, SW

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Articles of Appointed Officers

By WB Gustavo Portillo, Secretary Downtown 86

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Brethren:

The DUES are coming in but we have too many members who haven't yet become current. If you are one of the silent minority sitting on your check book, your dues are past due. We will be ramping up our effort to collect dues. Dues are \$125 which includes per capita that the Lodge has already paid to the Grand Lodge on your behalf.

Fraternally.

WB. Gus Portillo.



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By Brother Glenn Morgan, Marshall Downtown 86

TRAVELER'S REPORT

My brothers, I would ask your indulgence for a few minutes and have you visualize the world as it was a mere century ago.

Many of the things that you would see would not be that surprising. The wonderful advances of our age had their birth and adolescence in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The great cities of the world, the worldwide communications, the marvels of technology that wrested the secrets of nature and improved the lives of countless millions that our ancestors were rightfully proud of still stand today and indeed have spread to every corner of the globe.

Our fraternity was in a golden age of recognition and respect. The world had just united to fight the Great War (WWI), and optimism in the United States was high as a result of the successful conclusion of that mighty endeavor. However, not all was right in that day. Due to the Great War and a worldwide flu pandemic, many of that generation had lost their lives, leaving a gap in the lives of the families left behind that needed to be filled.

Into this time, I would focus on one Brother. Frank S. Land was a young man in his late 20's who was active in his home Lodge of Ivanhoe #446 in Kansas City Mo. In addition to his activity with his Blue Lodge, he was an active member of the local Scottish Rite.

Brother Land was a diligent and kind man, and through his offices as Masonic Relief and Employment secretary, he was able to help many families during that turbulent time. As a result of his service, Brother Land would meet one young man who would change the course of his life: Louis Lermer. Louis was 16 years old, and had recently lost his father who was a member of Ivanhoe lodge. The Senior Warden of Ivanhoe asked Brother Land if he could find a place for Louis in his organization, as the youth needed to find a job to assist his family.

Brother Land met Louis, and was taken with his honesty, upright character and drive. As Brother Land got to know Louis better, he asked if he would like to start a club for young boys and meet at the Scottish Rite temple in Kansas City. Louis was enthusiastic about the idea, and gathered 8 friends together. This was in mid-February 1919, one century ago as I write this missive.

Brother Land took the boys on a tour of the Temple, and they got down to a discussion of what sort of organization they wished to build. Many suggestions were made, but the one that stuck was based on a request by Clyde Stream made to Brother Land, "Dad Land, tell us something connected with Masonry. They must have great names and we are meeting here in one of their buildings."

As Brother Land was that year the Commander of the DeMolai council of Kadosh, he told them the story of Jacques DeMolay, last Grand Master of the Order of the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon, more commonly simply referred to as the Knights Templars or Order of the Temple. The story of the betrayal and eventual execution of DeMolay, and the destruction of the Order of the Temple inspired the boys with the implicit lessons of fidelity to your ideals, and faithfulness to your Brothers.



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That was on March 24, 1919, a date that the centenary will fall on during this coming month. When DeMolay was founded, the Order of the Temple creation was 800 years in the past and had been gone since 1314. However, due to the great lessons taught during its destruction, it lived on in Masonry, and from Masonry to inspire a new generation. We are now 900 years from the founding of the Order of the Temple, and yet today it has influence in the world through Masonry and DeMolay. As DeMolay reaches its first century, spreading across the world and having a long and distinguished list of members, from all disciplines and countries, we as Masons can reflect that light, that once kindled and nurtured, can change the world.

We pride ourselves on our core principle to make good men better. DeMolay exists to turn boys into good sons and good men. I encourage all Brothers to congratulate our fellow Brothers who sponsor and assist in DeMolay and to see what time and effort we personally could give to the great work of making boys into men.

Fraternally,

Bro. Glenn, Marshal
Proud Senior DeMolay

Appendant Bodies

By Brother Toby Thomas, Assistant Rabban of the Sabbar Shrine & Senior Deacon Downtown 86

SHRINE REPORT

On March 7, 2019, the Sabbar Shrine will be having their annual Shriner hospital fundraiser dinner. A representative from the hospital will be the speaker. Dinner is free but there will be donation envelopes on every table. You will get to hear what great work the Shriners do for children.

Please call (520) 624-2509 to make your reservations.

Toby Thomas,

SD Downtown 86 and
Assistant Rabban, Sabbar Shrine



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By Lady Catherine McLarnan, High Priestess-Elect Oasis Court #75, LOS

FROM THE LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE

To the members of Downtown Lodge 86:

So hard to believe it's already coming to the end of February. The Ladies of Oasis Court are having their Installation of Officers on March 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Tucson 4 Masonic Lodge. How wonderful it would be to have an Official Visitation from the brethren of your lodge. There will be delicious food served afterwards to which you are all welcome.

We will be continuing our normal activities starting with the monthly sewing on the third Tuesday at 9 am.

There is also an Installation of Officers in Phoenix for the Ladies Oriental Shrine held on April 14th at 2 PM at El Zaribah Shrine Center.

Fraternally yours,

Lady Catherine McLarnan,
High Priestess-Elect
Oasis Court #75, LOS

Masonic Birthdates

March:

- JP WB Aaron Feagley
- Bro Marcos Castro

March:

- Bro Mark Jaime
- WB Rufus Tomayo
- WB Bil Hole

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2017-2018 Downtown 86 Lodge Line-up

Position / Station	Name
Worshipful Master	WB Dave Morganflash
Senior Warden	WB Bil Hole
Junior Warden	Bro. Marcos Castro
Treasurer	WB Jason Stryker
Secretary	WB Gus Portillo
Chaplain	JP WB Aaron Feagley
Marshall	Bro. Glenn Morgan
Senior Deacon	Bro. Toby Thomas
Junior Deacon	Bro. Timothy Strasser
Senior Steward	Bro. Mark Jaime
Junior Steward	Bro. Nick Dacus
Tiler	Bro. Larry Wilhite

Trustee (Yr)	Name
1	WB Pat Zech
2	WB Eric Dupree
3	WB Aaron Feagley

Upcoming Events

Please see our most complete calendar of events at: www.downtown86.com/meet-dt86

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 Dave Morganflash at: (520) 549-8292 or dmorganflash@hotmail.com

