

**MS 620**  
**Roskruge, George James, 1845-1928**  
**Masonic Orders & Programs**  
**1891 - 1937**

## **DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of publications associated with various Masonic organizational units with special emphasis on the Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. Published proceedings of this organization are present in scattered issues from 1890 to 1930. Additional programs highlight the annual gatherings along with membership listings and three brochures of the local Tucson Lodge #4. Other Masonic related organizational materials present include selections from Royal Arch Masons, Arizona Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Knight Templar of Arizona, Independent Order of Good Templars, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

2 Box, .75 linear ft.

## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Freemasonry is a well know worldwide fraternity which neither hides its existence nor its membership. Certain modes of recognition and ceremonies are generally not open to the public however. Freemasonry is a voluntary organization which supports free choice in religious and political preference, promotes patriotism, respect for the Constitution, and equal rights under the laws. Its moral doctrines include the basic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Modern Masonry dates from the formation of the Grand Lodge in London, England in 1717. The first Lodge in the Arizona Territory was chartered in Prescott in 1866. Tucson Lodge No. 4 was chartered in 1881.

## **ACQUISITION**

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in April 2010.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

Folder 1-5	Proceedings of the Free and Accepted Mason of Arizona at Its Annual Communications	1899/1890/ 1891/1895/1899/1902/ 1903/1904/1907/1910/ 1912/1921/1930
f.6	Grand Mason Lodge of Arizona Annual Communication Programs	1903/1905/ 1921/1923/1924/1932
f.7	Masonic Grand Lodge of Arizona Constitution	1884
f.8	Tucson Masonic Lodge #4	1884/1903/1913
f.9	Masonic Traveling Trowel Ceremony	1909
f.10	Masonic Lodge at Flagstaff, AZ	1923
f.11	Masonic Grand Lodge of California Constitution	1895
f.12	Masonic Orations and Publications	1898/1927/1931
f.13	MISC Masonic Activities	1894/1932

### Box 2

f.14	Proceedings of Royal Arch Masons	1926/1937
f.15	Arizona Chapters Order of the Eastern Star	1899/1922/1927/1932
f.16	Grand Lodge of Arizona Order of the Eastern Star	1932/1934
f.17	Scottish Rite of Freemasonry	1915/1921
f.18	Reunion of Ancient & Accepted Order of Scottish Rite	1910
f.19	Tucson Santa Rita Lodge of Scottish Rite	1908
f.20	Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	1917/1927
f.21	Past Noble Grands Association	1930-1938
f.22-23	Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Arizona	1894/1908/ 1910/1927
f.24	Independent Order of Good Templars	1893
f.25	Independent Order of Odd Fellows	1893