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Movie Templar Wisdom

In the Indiana Jones Movie, The Last Crusade. The old Knight Templar tells Dr. Jones to “choose wisely”. Just like the food that we put in our mouths determines at least to some extent our health. If you eat a lot of Donuts now it means getting fat later. Getting the weight off takes work. Work like walking on a treadmill, mile after mile and going nowhere.

That principle holds true in our spiritual and the way we live our lives. What we take inside now decides our behavior later. This causes many to get stuck on a treadmill going mile after mile with no destination or end in sight.

As an example, we can get bogged down financially. Our focus becomes the love of money and how we intend to spend it on ourselves, I knew a guy who would always tell his wife they were too broke to go to dinner and have nice things. When he died they literally had millions. Instead of planting into God’s purposes, like your wife, kids and noble causes he places in front of your face. We withhold our giving. We do the work but get nowhere because we do not share or use the financial blessing as intended. What happened to the lady whose husband withheld from her? She made it a point to spend every penny on herself before she passed away. She died, broke and a miserable old drunk. How different would her life had been if he had just taken the time to use some of that money for her.

Sometimes we find ourselves stuck in an endless loop of hate and unforgiveness. We want to let go and allow our hearts, to heal. But we rehearse the offenses over and over, we replay the scenes in our minds. Who is this hurting? Only one person, yourself. You are holding on to something that is killing you, and harming no one else.

The Israelites found themselves on a 40-year treadmill. Their doubt, rebellion, and disruption did not get them where they needed to go. It did not just harm them, but their wives, children and their friends. This harm continued on for many years.

Ask yourself? What values are you taking in and storing up? Are they worthy ideas that will cause you to bring forth good for your family and fellowman? Only you can control your thinking and maybe it will change the results you have been getting in many areas of your life. Then in the long run save you some time on the treadmill and you will not pass the bad on to someone else. “Choose Wisely” S.L.Doran

Exodus 31:3

And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

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Are you just a Man or a Sir Knight ?

There is a big difference between being a man and a Sir Knight which means being a Gentleman Solider. Being a gentleman is based on a man's values, morality and honor. It means that a man will devote his life to a superior standard of conduct. Gentlemen are polite, calm, and considerate. a gentleman always considers how he handles himself in times of desperation and in the hearts of those around him. When in a difficult or dire situation, A gentleman makes others feel more secure and safe while in his presence. He does so even if it means to sacrifice his own safety, or to go against his own mind's fear. A gentleman takes control of the situation to display both his confidence and leadership. Those around him take comfort in his helping hand, and view him with the utmost level of respect. Should there be an argument or disagreement among other men and himself, a gentleman will remain calm and take a hold of the situation with dignity. He will not sacrifice his pride, but rather use logic and understanding in an attempt to win over the hearts of those who do not agree. A gentleman will listen without condemnation or opinions. He will hold his tongue until he determines when it is appropriate to respond. Gentlemen also understand what it takes to be respectful and polite towards others, no matter what the circumstances are. Being polite and respectful does not make them weak; it actually does quite the opposite. A gentleman has a firm principal that any type of situation can be handled civilly and without creating bigger issues. Even if that means a fight. Being responsible is the main characteristic of what it means to be a gentleman. They take care of their responsibilities on a daily basis, whether it is their job, family, friends, or obligations. They will take care of it and vow to never break their word. A gentleman's word according to him, is a lifetime legal contract which is never broken and always remains intact. Doran



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New Mark Masters

The Exemplar was Shawn Patrick O'Brien, The Other Candidates David Earney, Mathew Acosta, Jason Brock, Wayne Thatcher. We were also joined by Brother and Mark Master Musa Able and the Grand Scribe of Arizona Hamilton Zachary for this degree.

Every Member of the Phoenix York Rite Bodies wish all the new Mark Masters a warm welcome and want to thank you for participating in the ritual. We hope that this important step you have taken in your journey will continue to enlighten you and pique your interest to pursue more knowledge and light in your masonic journey.

As you journey look for the men who, without recognition are loved by all. The noble-minded men, respected by their superiors and revered by their subordinates; the men who never proclaims what they have done, can do, or will do, but when they see a need they will move quickly with courage, vigilance and resolution, and a unstoppable power of mind.

These men will not cease until they have accomplished their work, and then, without any recognition or reward, will return into the crowd because they did not act for themselves but for the cause which they represent.

If you, my Brothers meet such men you will see the embodiment of wisdom, brotherly love, charity and faithfulness; and you will have found what it truly means to be a York Rite Mason. Doran

Brothers don't let each other wander in the dark alone.



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The Phoenix York Rite Festival

Your Brothers Masonic tomorrow happens here. We are asking all available companions to attend the festival. Even if you do not have a part or a job. We can use your support.

The dates and times are listed below. All degrees will be held at the Phoenix Masonic Temple.

Chapter February 22, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Council February 24, 7:00pm- 9:30pm

Commandery February 29, 9:00am-4:00pm



2020 Dues were due on 12/31/19 if you have not yet paid please do so. Your dues are now over a month past due and we have had to pay your per capita.

The New Dues Fee Schedule is as follows:

Council; \$42.00
Chapter; \$55.00
Commandery; \$53.00 and if you are not a life eye foundation member \$54.00
Eye Foundation Life Membership; 30.00 (Optional)

Total for all three Bodies \$150.00 or \$151.00

Perpetual membership

15 times the annual dues which includes per capita. \$140.00 X 15 plus 30.00 eye life until January 1st, 2020, then \$150.00 X 15 plus 30.00 eye life.

Please attempt to send in your dues no later than **November 30th** and we'll achieve **our goal** of collecting and paying our per capita in a timely manner.

You now have two ways to pay, you can remit your dues by mail, or you can pay them by credit card on line at <https://phoenixyorkrite.org/>

Have you thought about your York Rite Legacy?

For many people, it is important to them that upon their death, their estate is distributed to the family, close friends and causes that they passionately support. Having it in your will can ensure your wishes are carried out. An endowment will also allow your memory to live on.

Depending on the type of gift you make, you or your estate can enjoy certain tax advantages. For example, to lower your tax burden during your lifetime, you can create a life insurance policy with the Phoenix York Rite as the beneficiary, and claim the annual cost as a charitable donation. If you'd like to reduce your estate tax burden after your death, you can make a monetary donation in your Last Will.

Please contact Recorder Doran if you need more information on how to leave a gift to The Phoenix York Rite Bodies.



Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

Current Mark Master
Degree Schedule

None pending dates at this time

If anyone you know would like to participate in a Mark Master Degree Ritual; or if anyone is willing to help the Mark Master Team by taking a part, being a member of the stage crew or helping with the costumes.

You are also welcome to just show up and support your companions as they do the work of a York Rite Mason.

Please contact Nick Rouse

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Stated Meetings, and Knight Cap

Stated Meetings are always the second Monday of each month.

Our next stated meeting will be February 10, 2020 Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.–to 9:00 pm We will be opening in Chapter; Red Jacket if you have one if not shirt and tie will be fine.

Our meeting are always followed by a social hour, the Knight cap it is free to all masons, their friends, and family members.

This is a time to get to know your brothers on a more personal level and allow your loved ones to participate.



Meeting Will Open In Chapter

Meeting Agenda

If you would like to be on the meeting agenda please contact the Secretary / Recorder Steve Doran at 602-699-6156 or by email at recorder@phoenixyorkrite.org

The agenda will be finalized by Saturday February 8 th, 2020. unless it is an emergency no additional items will be placed on the agenda after that time.

Rules for being on the agenda are simple. You must be informative, respectful, and build good will while presenting your idea or making a point.



February Birthday's, Sickness and Distress Necrology

Birthdays

1. Terry Brown
2. Paul Raskaup
3. Richard Sparks
4. Roger Webber
5. Jeff Williams

The Officers and Members of the Phoenix York Rite Bodies join in wishing, all of you a Happy Birthday!!

May you Always have the strength to endure any situation and know you are appreciated by each and every one of us. God gave you the gift of life and he also gave you the gift of living well. Please use it every day of your life.

Sickness and Distress

My friends prayed for me and You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit.

1. Jim Rolle is in Assisted Living
2. Chris Cary is in Assisted Living

Necrology

None

Contact Us

Give us a call or email us if you have questions or need more information.

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Please keep the Secretary / Recorder Steve Doran informed of any Sickness, Distress or Necrology.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for the newsletter may do so no later than the 25th of the previous month.

***Be on your guard,
stand firm in faith,
be courageous, be
strong.***