

YORK RITE NEWS



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Could We Extinguish the Light

Today a lot of Masonic organizations are guilty of not fulfilling their mission, and the individuals within the bodies are taking no action to bring light to their organizations. We hang back and wait for people to find us. We don't even make it easy for them to make contact. It is evidenced in the decline of our overall numbers in every single masonic organization nationally. When I travel 9 times out of 10 I will see a once beautiful masonic building boarded up in a state of ruin. There is no new building in town and no new masons to be found anywhere in the area since the doors closed and the last mason walked out.

We have been all been blessed with a wonderful diverse and intelligent group of brothers and being a part of a historic and honorable masonic tradition. This good news should be so uncontainable that we are sharing our positive experience with every eligible person we encounter. Instead, we often hoard it, hide it, and when nobody asks to join us or shows no interest we wonder why.

We wait for other members to touch the masses of eligible brothers, to travel and perform rituals, visit other lodges, think up ideas to raise money; or gain notoriety with the general public. We even have masonic neighbors in our own building and how many have personally been invited by one of our members to join us for dinner or a Knight Cap? There is no replacement for each members personal interaction with others as each of us represents the other. Let's begin to specifically work toward being more intentional in the mission of growing our organization and letting the general public know who we are. Let's stop drifting aimlessly and think about:

How can I use my talents to help the organization?

Who can I invite to our functions or fund raisers?

Who can we visit as a group in the masonic community?

How can we better use our finances and raise needed funds?

How can we improve education and rituals?

What mason or perspective masons can I have a conversation with that will eventually lead them to join us?

Just start there you never know what your labor may produce!

Let's fulfill our mission, and add value to the world around us. We have the ability, we need to ramp up our desire and activities.

Then I heard the voice
of the Lord, saying,
"Whom shall I send, and
who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I.
Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

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York Rite Trustee Meeting

A Trustee Meeting was held on 05/30/2019 and was published and open to all Phoenix York Rite Masons. Persons in attendance were: John Canisales, Steven Doran, Paul Dore SR, William Gar-rad, Ian O'Connor, Victor Olson, and Nick Rouse. A brief synopsis of what was discussed.

1. Organization Budgets
2. Investments
3. Per Capita
4. Rosters
5. Demits
6. Committees
7. Chapter and Council Dues
8. Unified Ritual
9. Fund Raisers
10. Pay Pal
11. Name Badges
12. Mark Master Degree Dates
13. Free Parking Map
14. Parking Stickers

Masonic Order for Running Effective Meetings.

These guidelines help people to hold more productive meetings.

Agenda – following a strict agenda adds structure to meetings.

Motion – motions are used to discuss a new item of business. They are introduced on the agenda, and can also be suggested at the meeting. The word “motion” means an idea or subject for discussion. Motions can also be used to suggest an action to be taken or a decision that should be made by the organization as a whole. Motions must be made, **seconded** by a different person (a person who seconds a motion is someone who supports it), debated and then voted on. If there is no second or in other words, no support for the motion, it is dropped.

Postpone Indefinitely – this move is taken if a motion is to be not discussed further at this meeting, though it may be reintroduced again at a later meeting.

Table – this action is used to postpone discussion of an item until later in the meeting or at a later date. Again, the decision must be seconded, and voted on.

Question – this can be used to terminate a debate so that a motion can be voted on. As with all of the other actions, it needs to be seconded by a different person. Directly after this a vote is held and a two-thirds majority is needed for it to pass.

Amend – sometimes a motion needs to be changed after it has been debated a bit. Someone might suggest an amendment, and in this case, it must be seconded to be voted on. again If accepted, the amendment stays.

Commit – one step that can be taken with motions is to have them researched further by a separate committee and reported back on at the next meeting. This job might be assigned to an existing committee or a newly organized committee. It must be seconded and be passed by majority vote for this action to occur.

Adjourn – The agenda helps to set a time and schedule and usually the president will call to end the meeting.

Minutes – the minutes of the meeting will be documented throughout and distributed to the attendees—and those invited who could not attend—after the meeting is over. Decisions and tasks are also included and are tracked for easy management and reliable follow-up.



The Memorial Day Observance at Pioneer Cemetery was the best ever. Thank you to our new and older members for representing us and Thank You to Mrs. Jennifer Rouse for all of the Great Photos!

Stated Meetings

Stated Meetings are always the second Monday of each month. We do not hold Stated Meetings during the months of July and August. Our next meeting will be June 10th, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. –to 9:00 pm and we will be opening in Council. Our meetings are always followed by a social hour, that 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 and learn more about why you are a member of this organization. It is also a time to brainstorm and make new plans and think about what you would like to see on the next agenda or what types of education you may like to see in the future. It is also fun to talk to the older members about their history in the organization.



Meeting Will Open In Phoenix Council #4 Cryptic Masons

The agenda is the most important part of the meeting.

In order to keep the meetings on track and the business portion concise so we can move on to education and fellowship. The agenda must accurately represent the contents of the stated meeting. The president will be reminded of the time constraints by the secretary if he loses track: and all persons present will abide by masonic etiquette in order to make the meeting end on time. Discussions will be kept to the point. New business may or may not be discussed in depth and may be tabled until the next stated meeting: depending on what action needs to be taken to make an informed decision.

If you would like to be on the meeting agenda please contact the Secretary / Recorder Steve Doran at 480-220-5114 or by email at sldoran@earthlink.net. The agenda will be finalized by Saturday June 8th, 2019. 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.



Name Badges, Important Dates, Necrology, Sickness and Distress.

If you would like a name badge see our Secretary Steve Doran at the next stated meeting. He will be making a list that will be submitted after the first stated meeting in September if you can not make the June meeting.

Important Dates

Stated Meeting 06/10/19 Phoenix Arizona

All Bodies Officer Meeting 07/08/19 Phoenix Arizona

Commandery Sword Practice 07/08/19 Phoenix Arizona

Grand Sessions 08/15/19-08/17/19 in Tucson Arizona

Four Corners 10/05/19 in Winslow Arizona

CRFF 10/20/19 –10/22/19 in Phoenix Arizona

York Rite SW Conference 11/01/19 Las Vegas Nevada

Christmas Observance 12/21/19 in Phoenix Arizona

Beauceant Installment 12/21/19 in Phoenix Arizona

Chapter Festival 02/22/20 in Phoenix Arizona

Council Festival 02/24/20 In Phoenix Arizona

Commandery Festival 02/29/20 in Phoenix Arizona

Grand York Rite Conference 03/21/20 In Phoenix Arizona

Templar Ball 04/04/20 (Phoenix Metro Area Exact Location To Be Determined)

Easter Observance 04/12/20

SEM 04/25/20 in Phoenix Arizona

Memorial Day 05/25/20

Necrology

None

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

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

Contact Us

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

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