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A Message from the Illustrious Master

As we enjoy another lovely Arizona summer, I want to thank everyone in making this year an fantastic one so far.

We are in the first stages of a long and challenging process. But the amazing things I'm seeing from the membership both old and new makes me more than hopeful. We are no longer running in circles and getting nowhere. We now have a vision. As a former music producer, I know that having a creative source of inspiration helped me build and create some extraordinary music.

As a group we are doing great work on our rituals; thanks to all of you. I am also so proud of our new members who stepped up and took on some critical roles!

But what I like most is the fellowship during our Knight Caps. I love to see and have the opportunity to talk to all of those that attend. It is not only a time to unwind but allows a relaxed forum to talk to each other, to share personal experiences and continue to moved foreword as brothers, promoting our vision; and continuing to create our brand.

We all have busy, with hectic schedules. For those of us not retired our work demands a lot of us. I'm glad we have each other and the wisdom of the older members to help make life a little easier and more enjoyable and at times sort it all out!

I thank God for all of you, and especially the honorable men that I have been blessed to spend time with at the meetings.

Cheers!

Ian O'Connor

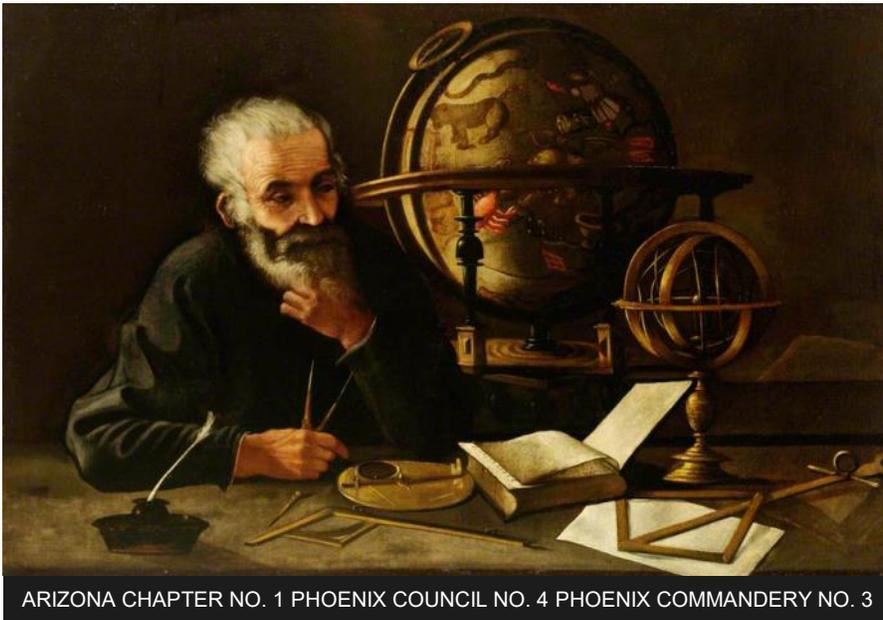


God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

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Choose To Know a Message from The High Priest

As a relatively new companion, I have not yet mastered the signs, grips and words of a Royal Arch Mason, Cryptic Companion and Knight Templar. I fault only myself for that and have committed to being proficient in all by this September 2019. I am also learning a couple parts in the ritual, as well as the openings and closings of the three bodies as my obligation requires. That means also knowing salutes and sword work, floor work and meeting room setup. The impetus for the commitment is my deficiency would be intolerable in my Blue Lodge.

It is pretty clear this commitment is no small task. I also have other obligations, ie; family, friends, charitable work , a full-time business, and a social life. I also need to have time to sleep, eat and have some quite time for myself which is a fundamental part of having the energy to accomplish my goals. So why have I chosen to have such a full plate?

Years ago I attended a couple personal growth seminars and can honestly say most of what was presented left a small impressions. However I can say one particular lesson has stuck with me— “What you do is what your really, really, really want to do and regrets are simply consequences of choices made by some other factor which outweighed the potential regrettable outcome”. That lesson is so empowering.

Dropping the excuses of “I had to”, “So -in-so made me do it”, “I couldn’t think of anything else” gave me personal vindication and the knowledge that my choices are the most powerful ability we have as a man.

People argue that this approach to life sounds to Pollyannaish. But every time “I say I choose to do that” my confidence increases and that alone makes my choice worth it.

Vic Olson



Change

Life is full of changes whether a believer or nonbeliever we are forced to accept all kinds of changes in everyday life.

However we do have a choice about how we accept change as none of us can reject it, for it will come whether we like it or not. We can accept change in only one of two different ways. We can accept it prayerfully trusting the Creator or we can accept it on our own terms without Him.

Yes it is a black and white area with no gray because we are not in charge of when change will come, God is.

The Creator instructs us that he will help us accept all of the changes in our life, and further how to face the changes like men.

The best way to accept change is to be thankful that someone bigger than us is in charge of change.

No man wants anyone else in charge of their life, so it's only logical to ask God to help us. If we don't we only hurt ourselves.

Doran 08/2019

Stated Meetings, Ritual Practice, and Knight Cap

Stated Meetings are always the second Monday of each month. We remain dark until September but will be having Sword Practice on August 5th at the same time of our stated meetings. We have swords available if you do not have one.

Our next stated meeting will be September 9th, 2019 Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. – to 9:00 pm and we will be opening in Commandery.

Our meeting are always followed by a social hour, the Knight Cap 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.



Meeting Will Open In Phoenix Commandery #3

Meeting Agenda, New Contact Information

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 September 7th, 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.



Birthdays , Necrology, Sick- ness and Destress. Other

Birthdays

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

1. William Melton
2. Harvey Quackenbush
3. Charlton Rhodes
4. Harry Sharp
5. Stanley Stobierski
6. Richard Thomas

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.

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.

Other

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

Contact Us

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

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