# **YORK RITE NEWS**

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#### Sir Knight Paul Dore Sr, Over 50 Years of Masonic Service

When Paul became part of my life he was already over 80 years old. Those years are only visible to me in Paul's character, because his manner and appearance does not match Paul's years on this earth. I could speak of Paul's dignity and honor, but those things are the effect of a more basic attribute I will discuss those instead. It is that heart that causes a battle-fatigued soldier to stand up and move forward. It is that human spirit that presses some men, to deal with whatever comes their way honestly and without any visible hint of bitterness. It is that force of life which causes them to go on, looking ever forward, while others stand confused. Responsibility and perseverance is the core of Paul's being, He is Faithful in his personal and masonic relationships. Everyone wants Paul on their team, that is why he has been sought out by many organizations to help them achieve their goals. Paul always takes the time to Invests in others and demonstrates a servant's heart. He is a leader by design, teaching, listening and encouraging. The best part about Paul is he is one of the best story tellers I have known, and he loves to laugh. Anytime you are spending time with Paul he will tell you stories about historic people, places and events. Paul's contributions are prevailing , his work ethic more than remarkable. His energy, commitment, integrity are all words that hardly begin to capture Paul's personality. Thank you Paul for all you do and we look forward to at least another 50 years.



Robert Haynes, Back Row Steven Doran.

#### September 2019

#### Isaiah 41:10

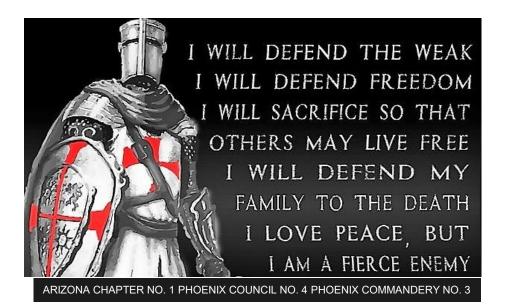
Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'.

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#### The Nature of a York Rite Mason

There seems to be some quality deep within our nature where at some point in our life Freemasonry especially the York Rite appeals to us. Maybe it is the idea of a secret bond known only to persons in York Rite masonry, a different and close sense of community with men of high principles sworn to a common purpose. A purpose that fits our personal concept of a social order. Fellowshipping with men who prize justice, faith, hope, charity, chivalry and most of all brotherly love. Maybe it is our desire to join with men of common action, and push toward independence and masculine self-sufficiency, having brothers to rely on but making one's own way without assistance. Or maybe it's the masonic morphological, symbols, and the ladder you must climb to obtain the different degrees. And just maybe it is all of these things.

But how then do we use the York Rite degrees and the wisdom of others to our advantage? We must value integrity. Recognize who you are and the values that you desire to obtain. Your integrity will provide others with the confidence of knowing that your intentions and actions are always genuine. Do right by others and always take the high ground. Trust your instincts and the knowledge of the ages, rather than seeking the validation of others.

Keep good company surround yourself with honorable companions who support each other. Then allow them to serve as role models and sounding boards that inspire you to become a better and more well-rounded individual. Never let your conduct be influenced by others who do not share your values; hold yourself to a much higher standard. Your character is on display every moment of every day. Make sure it causes people to feel proud to call you their trusteed York Rite Companion. Then look for ways to help others grow in honor and integrity.

When you stand for honesty, everything you say carries the voice of credibility. But when don't you become a joke. An aggravating court jester among men of honor. Meaningful relationships don't happen by chance. When you live with honor, people know your behavior is reliable, your heart is in the right place, and your word is your bond. You must also be prepared to accept the consequences of your actions or inactions. Knowing what's right isn't as important as doing what's right. Hard work and sacrifice build character, contribute to success, and promote happiness. Some masons roll up their sleeves and do the work, some turn up with their check books and fund the work, and some don't turn up at all they want everyone else to carry their load.

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A true York Rite Mason will make a difference. They are a positive force in people's lives because they take their oath and obligations seriously. They understand brotherly love and how to make people feel special. A Companion helps other Companions without expecting something in return; and are genuinely happy for others achievements.

You must live for a cause greater than yourself and find your purpose. It will inspire others, provide stability regardless of the turmoil life brings. Most of all, living life with purpose will encourage you to get up in the morning and make your life and the life of others more meaningful.

### **Grand Sessions**

During the Grand Sessions we received the Grand Lecturers Award for Chapter. We want to publicly thank Robert Haynes for bringing the award to our attention <u>and Vic Olson</u> for all of the work he did putting the information together for the committee to review. Everyone should thank Vic for a Job well done.

We were recognized by the Grand Encampment and received an award for raising money for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Attached is the 2019 revision of the Grand Commandery of Arizona Constitution. Please note that there is a page after the cover page called "Summary of Changes." This page illustrates what changes have been incorporated into the Constitution from our Grand Sessions. If you prefer the Constitution is available on the AZYR website . The Grand Council Committee Roster is also attached.

Sir Knight Paul Dore SR Received his 50 Year Pin, and many other issues were addressed at the Grand Sessions. All of those will be discussed at our stated meeting on September 09, 2019.



#### Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Current Mark Master Degree Schedule

Wednesday, September 11th Downtown Phoenix

Tuesday, October 29th Acacia Lodge

Wednesday, November 13th PVST Lodge

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.

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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 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 Summer Uniform; Chapeau or Garrison Hat, White Shirt, Black Tie, Black Trousers, Black Shoes. Basicly no jacket. Sword if you have one if not we will supply it.

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 Phoenix Commandery #3

## **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 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.



## Birthday's, Sickness and Destress Necrology

#### Birthdays

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

- 1. John Canisales
- 2. Harold Davis
- 3. Richard Lang
- 4. Kyle McNatt
- 5. Fred Miller
- 6. Russell Nichols
- 7. Daniel Ortiz
- 8. Perry Petri
- 9. James Robinson

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

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.