

## Phoenixia Lodge NO. 58 F&AM



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Steven Hooper, JW



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Anthony Rossi, JD



Joseph Papas, Chaplain



Miguel Vargas, SS



David Pisani, JW



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Bryon Howe, PM, Marshal

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1 Yr — WB ROBERT HAYNES

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3 Yr — BRO. SCOTT HEWITT

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## JANUARY

*\*All events will begin at 6PM unless otherwise stated.*

January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	OFFICERS MEETING
January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	JANUARY STATED MEETING
January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	MASONIC EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021	BLUE HORSESHOE SOCIAL CLUB "PIG IN A PIT" BBQ
January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> DEGREE PRACTICE (Bro. David Pisani)

## FEBRUARY

February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021	OFFICERS MEETING
February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	FEBRUARY STATED MEETING (Hawaiian Shirt Night!)
February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> DEGREE PRACTICE (Bro. David Pisani)
February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> DEGREE FOR BRO. DAVID PISANI

## DRESS CODE

For the winter months, our dress code for Stated Meetings will be suit and tie for Lodge Officers. Other members should be in business casual attire. During Degree Meetings, tuxedos or dark suit, white shirt and tie for Degree Team members and Officers is strongly desired.  
Business attire for sideliners.

Thank you.





## Worshipful Master - Matthew Brassard



Brethren,

Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with your family. I would like to thank everyone for helping make our recent installation of officers a success and for trusting in me as your next Worshipful Master. I plan on building on the success the lodge has enjoyed over the course of excellent Masters that have come before me. I want to take this opportunity to share how the lodge will be focusing on over the next year.

First, we will continue to pursue the Master Architect award.

Completing the requirements of this award continues to be the best

way to gauge that a lodge is functioning the way it should be. We have a long tradition of achieving this distinction and will continue to pursue it. Chris has done an outstanding job setting us up for success with the last half of his term. Only a few items remain before we can switch gears and get ourselves well set up for next year.

Next, we will be focusing on how to train future elected officers on how to lead and manage a lodge successfully. Not as individuals, but part of a 5-man elected team. We will also be working out how to train and rotate members of the lodge through key positions that have a tendency to be high workload and have high burn out risk.

Finally, we will be focusing on understanding the regulations and constitutions of the Grand Lodge and the process of creating meaningful change via proposed legislation. This will be a lodge wide committee. Every voice of our membership will be needed as we join the other lodges in the state in helping to shape the state of Masonry in Arizona for ourselves and future generations.

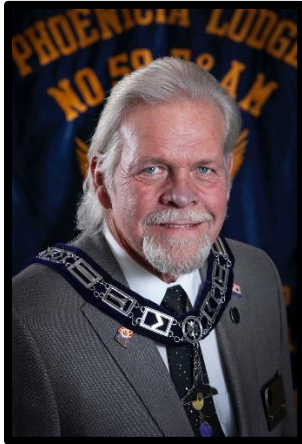
We will have a new cadence of meetings this year. 1st Tuesdays will now be our officer's meetings where we will be reviewing the agenda for the month's stated meetings and having our Grand Lodge legislation committee meetings. The 2nd Tuesday will still be our stated meeting night. 3rd Tuesdays will be reserved for training sessions of current and future officers and for social events. The 4th Tuesdays will be reserved for Degree work or fellowship with our prospective members.

I look forward to working with the officers of the lodge to continue the tradition of making Phoenicia #58 the best lodge, in my opinion anyway. Fraternally,

Mat Brassard, Worshipful Master

# Senior Warden's Message

## Brother Steve Dilda– Sr. Warden



From the West Gate;

First and foremost, Congratulations to Worship Brother Mat Brassard for being installed as our Worshipful Master for 2021. I know it was a proud moment to have WB Glen Van Steeter, your father-in law, presiding over your ceremony. And I believe I heard him say that he also installed you as Master Councilor of your DeMolay Chapter. Congratulations!!!

Secondly, I want to thank all of the Phoenicians for their vote of confidence in me as the Senior Warden. I welcome the challenge

and look forward in serving you.

I owe Masonic Wages to the degree team of our last MM degrees for Bro. Miguel Vargas on Oct 27th. Excellent job, brethren.

And, while on the subject of degree teams, and big shout out to the brothers who stepped up to help raise Brother Marion Hemby during our Official Visit to PVST #29 on Nov 18th. That's what Masonry is all about. Thank you, brethren.

Masonic Wages were richly awarded to WB Geoff Cummins, AZGL, and WB Mark Simington, DDGM, when they visited our Lodge on Dec 1st for our Education Night delivering a magnificent program that included ritual work, mentorship, and our Secret Section. Thank you, both.

And, very recently, I paid Masonic Wages to Bro. Bill Kennard for the excellent true work on making a bell for our degrees. Thank you. Bro. Bill

Brethren, bear with me as I learn my new duties in the West. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Happy 2021 to all,

Steve Dilda. Senior Warden

# Junior Warden's Message

## Brother Steve Hooper – Jr. Warden



Brethren,

Greetings from the south. As we welcome in a new year, we reflect on a 2020 that we never imagined could happen and look forward to a more "normal" 2021. As Masons we have had to overcome new challenges and adapt to our current state of affairs in order to pursue our labor.

We at Phoenicia 58 F&AM remain committed to our mission of improving the lives of those less fortunate in our community and just trying to leave the world in a better place than we found it. The years 2019 and 2020 saw us raise record numbers of funds to further our mission. however. the onset of this pandemic has

curtailed most of our revenue generating activities and we find ourselves waiting patiently for the return of more normal days ahead.

One of our proven revenue generating activities has been our Blue Horseshoe event held every January. At the current moment we are planning on holding it as we always have in past years, ever knowing that events could force us to change course at the drop of a hat. As such we have a contingency plan in place where we will pivot into a take-out situation. As always meats are available for pre-order which may be picked up on the day of the event. This year we will have brisket, pork, and turkey available for pre-order. Brisket and pork will be sold in 2 ½ pound increments at \$20.00 each; turkeys will be sold whole at \$35.00 each. Purchases can be made on the Phoenicia 58 web page and detailed information can be found on our Facebook page.

As should be expected our other social events are on hold until further notice. Until then I wish each of you a prosperous and uneventful 2021.

Faternally,

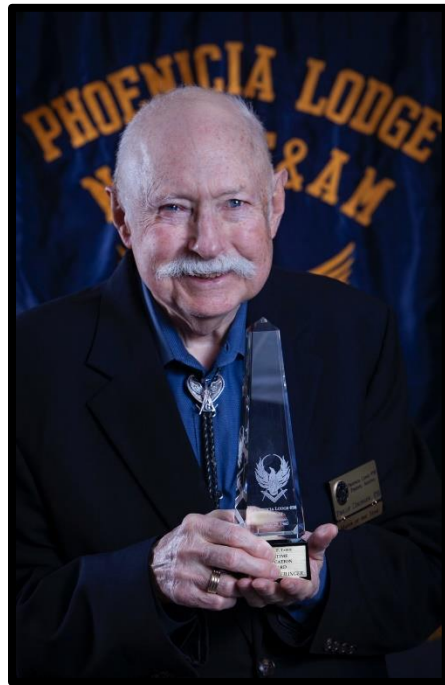
Steve Hooper, Junior Warden



# Lifetime Dedication

## 2020 Lifetime Dedication Award Winner

Phil Zeilinger, PM



In 2018, the Brothers of Phoenicia Lodge #58 created the Robert P. Taber “Lifetime Dedication Award”, affectionately called the “Tabey Award”. This award honors those Brothers in the Lodge who have devoted countless years of time and effort to the betterment of our Lodge. They are the true “Pillars” of Phoenicia #58 and without their commitment and sacrifice, our Lodge would not be what it is today.

Phoenicia has only given out two such awards in prior years.

- 2018 - WB Chester Hinson, a 56-year Member of Phoenicia #58
- 2019 – WB Howard Ward, a 50-year Member of Phoenicia #58

This year, we honored Worshipful Brother Phil Zeilinger, Past Master of Phoenicia in both 1990 and 1991. WB Phil has been a Member of Phoenicia for 56 years, and throughout that time he has rarely, very rarely, ever missed a Stated Meeting.

WB Phil is an example well worthy of our imitation. The Brethren of Phoenicia #58 thank him for everything that he has said and done to improve and enrich our lives, our Lodge, and the Masonic Fraternity as a whole.



*This Masonic Education Article is Shared by WB Robert Haynes, PM.*

### **The Seven Kinds of Freemasons (5 minute read)**

In our travels through Freemasonry we run into all different kinds of men and personalities. With time though, some categories start to come forward: Historians, Esoterics, Saplings, Ritualists, Caretakers, Fraternalists, and Ashlars. Many brothers you know may be a combination of two types.

Each kind of brother brings a unique perspective and set of strengths to a blue lodge, and a lodge is stronger for having at least one of each kind. This article is intended to describe each kind of Freemason and draw out what they do for the Craft, and why they are so important to keeping Freemasonry vital.

Consider for yourself: what kind of Freemason are you? What does that say about your unique talents and benefits you bring to your lodge?

#### **Fraternalists**

This brother is the life of the party and is in Freemasonry for its social aspects. He is constantly using his trowel to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection and values the fraternity for the social bonds that it creates. The Fraternalist tends to be outgoing and sociable, putting other brothers at ease, and knit together friendships in lodge and promote trust.

#### **Historians**

This brother knows the names of many past masters who came before. He gets excited talking about the unbroken thread of the Craft through time and may have his own theories about how it started. Historians care about the institution itself and help other brothers not to forget where freemasonry came from and what it is about. Historians tend to overlap with caretakers.

#### **Esoterics**

This brother is most engaged when the conversation gets philosophical. Symbols and allegory are this mason's stock and trade; he may appear to other brothers as one of the more "far out" members with a head full of ideas, but he helps all of the brethren remember that the Craft's meaning goes well beyond paying the bills and running the stated meetings and causes brothers to think for themselves. Often, the esoterics push forward the agenda of lodge education.

#### **Saplings**

This brother will say that freemasonry makes good men better and is committed to individual personal growth. He is a sapling because he is trying to grow up, not because he is necessarily young. Saplings are often open-minded and willing to help. Saplings make excellent examples and reminders for other brothers who know that they need to work on smoothing their ashlar but sometimes find life's obligations getting in the way.



### **The Ritualist**

Ritualists are the brother who is always ready to feed the correct next line, and who can explain why a thing is said the way that it is. This brother is probably who your lodge turns to when it's time to take a recent EA through the traditional method. The body of work is so large, ritualists are usually either past masters with

### **Caretakers**

The caretaker brother is the one who cares the most about freemasonry as an institution. He knows how things are done and looks to the details and logistics around the lodge. Caretakers are critical to the day-to-day functioning of the craft, because they keep the lights on, food on the table, and the hive of masons functioning. As a result of their history often have strong opinions about how masonry is done right, and so overlap with the Historian.

### **Ashlars**

An Ashlar is a brother you haven't seen in lodge much recently. We don't know where he is in his journey, and we wish we saw more of him. Lodge activities may not be within the length of the ashlar's cable tow, but we know he's still out there — he may occasionally respond to an email, and he keeps paying his dues year after year. Ashlars comprise a huge number of Freemasons, even if they aren't highly active — and represent to the outside world what the craft is, and critically help pay the bills in any blue lodge. This means that Ashlars overlap with Caretakers, as they are a form of Caretaker, whether they know it or not.

### **Summary**

For the craft to stay vital over the long term, it must engage the brethren, help them improve themselves, teach them something, and do the basic work of Masonry. The craft has to do all of this while still not losing sight of where it came from, and while managing to keep the lights on and food on the table. This is a very tall order, and no small handful of masons can do this by themselves in the long run.

Each Mason has something crucial to offer his lodge, like an individual thread in the fabric of the lodge. Thinking about a lodge membership in these terms may suggest to you a brother whose talents are being under-utilized or may even bring to mind something that you can do for yours.

## **Non-Active Members**

**The Lodge Secretary is constantly trying to ensure that we have the most accurate information for each member. But if you move, or get a new phone # or email, please contact him so we can update our database!**



### Audit and Trustees Report;

COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 1/26.

2/28 IS THE DEADLINE FOR GL PER CAPITA PAYMENT AND AUDIT REVIEW.

### Awards;

MASTER ARCHITECT SUBMISSION WILL BE DUE IN MID-MAY.

### Beneficent Fund;

NO REPORT.

### Calling Committee;

REPORTS WILL BE DUE; 2/28, 5/30, 8/30, AND 11/30

### Candidate Progression;

MIGUEL VARGAS; AWAITING 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE PROFICIENCY.

DAVE PISANI PASSED HIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE PROFICIENCY ON 1/5.

JOHN FOWLER AWAITING 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE PROFICIENCY.

### Degree and Ritual Proficiency;

3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE (PISANI) TO BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE FEBRUARY.

### Fraternal Relations;

NO REPORT.

### Fundraising;

BLUE HORSESHOE TO BE HELD ON 1/23 AT 1PM.

### Masonic Education;

ARTICLE INCLUDED IN THE TRESTLE BOARD.

### Membership/Retention;

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS AT 59.

### Public Schools;

WB HERNANDEZ IS WORKING WITH CAMPO BELLO ON HOW WE CAN PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE DURING THE PANDEMIC.

### Reports of Sickness and Distress;

REPORT

### Grand Lodge Legislation Committee

FIRST MEETING OF THIS NEW COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON 2/2 AT 6PM.

## Committee Membership Roll

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Who</b>
Audit and Trustees	1yr; WB Robert Haynes / 2yr; WB Bryon Howe, 3yr; Bro Scott Hewitt	Active members
Awards	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / WB Ray Brigandi Focus: Master Architect 2021	WM / Sec
Beneficent Fund:	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / WB Rodger Marx / Bro. Steve Dilda	WM / SW/ Tres
Calling Committee:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi / WB Glen Van Steeter / WB Chris West	Sec / PM / PM
Candidate Progression:	Chair: Bro Steven Dilda / WB Ray Brigandi	SW / Sec
Degree and Ritual Proficiency:	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / WB Ray Brigandi / Bro. Keith Brooks	Ritualistic
Fraternal Relations:	Co-Chairs: WM Mat Brassard / PM Bryon Howe	Youth Groups
Fundraising:	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / Bro. Steve Dilda / Bro. Steve Hooper	WM / SW / JW
Funeral Team:	WM: WB Ray Brigandi / SW: WB Tony Hernandez / JW: Bro Chris West / Chaplain: Bro Joe Pappas	
Hospitality:	Chair: Bro Steve Hooper/ Bro. Keith Brooks / Bro. Tony Rossi	JW / SS / JS
Masonic Education:	Co-Chairs: Bro Joe Pappas / WM Chris West	
Membership and Retention:	Chair: WB Robert Haynes / Bro Steven Dilda	PM / SW / Active member
Public Schools	Chair: WB Tony Hernandez, Bro. Tony Rossi, Bro. Joe Papas	
Reports of sickness or distress:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi, WM Mat Brassard	Sec / WM
Social:	Chair: Bro. Steve Hooper, Bro. Miguel Vargas, Bro. David Pisani	JW / SS / JS
Trestle Board:	Chair: WB Chris West / WB Bryon Howe	



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**STATED MEETING: 7:30 PM ON THE 1ST**  
**WEDNESDAY.**  
**SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HOLD NEARLY EVERY WED.**  
**CONTACT SECRETARY**



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**CONTACT SECRETARY**



**BETHEL #19, JOB'S DAUGHTERS**  
**MEET ON 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS AT 7 PM.**  
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**CONTACT SECRETARY**

## Masonic Birthdays

Jeffery L Stevens	1/15/2008	13
Steve Dilda	2/19/2009	12
Frank Tanner	2/1/2006	15

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WILLIAM H. PEOTTER - 1960 ☞  
 CARL D. LANG - 1961 ☞  
 H. CURTIS DESHONG - 1962 ☞  
 AUGUSTINE G. DIPAOLO - 1963 ☞  
 PERRY WHEAT, JR. - 1964 ☞  
 ROBERT A. ANGLIN - 1965 ☞  
 MARVIN R. STRICKLAND - 1966 ☞  
 ALBERT A. HINCHCLIFF - 1967 ☞  
 GARRETT L. HENDERSHOT - 1968 ☞  
 RAYMOND O. MARSHALL - 1969 ☞  
 CECIL P. OVERSTREET - 1970, 1986 ☞  
 NORMAN H. PFIEFFER - 1971, 1982 ☞  
 BENJAMIN H. FISK - 1972 ☞  
 DONESE B. TACKETT - 1973 ☞  
 GORDON L. MEINTELL - 1974 ☞  
 MAURICE E. PEBBLES - 1975 ☞  
 CHARLES Q. HARTLEY - 1976 ☞  
 ROBERT L. ALLISION - 1977 ☞  
 NEIL D. SHEPARD - 1978 ☞  
 THEODORE E. PEARSON - 1979 ☞  
 CHESTER R. HINSON - 1980, 1981 ☞  
 GEORGE E. HINSON - 1983, 1984 ☞  
 WILLIAM E. DILLON - 1985 ☞  
 HOWARD E. WARD - 1987 ☞  
 ROBERT P. TABER - '88, '89, '96, '99, '01 ☞  
 PHILIP T. ZEILINGER - 1990, 1991 ☞  
 JOEL R. ADAMS - 1992, 1993 ☞  
 ANTHONY HUMPAGE - 1994 ☞  
 ERNIE L. WALLER SR. - 1995 ☞  
 DAVID NEWMAN - 1997 ☞  
 JAMES W. BROWN - 1998 ☞  
 ROBERT HAYNES - 2000 ☞  
 KEITH A. SIMPSON - 2002, 2003 ☞  
 DON S. METHVEN - 2004, 2007 ☞  
 RANDALL G. SMITH - 2005 ☞  
 GREGORY S. WEISMAN - 2006, 2008 ☞  
 ERIC STETHEM - 2009 ☞  
 RAY BRIGANDI - 2010, 2012 ☞  
 JEFFREY HINSON - 2011 ☞  
 JASON SCHNEIDER - 2013 ☞  
 GLEN H. VAN STEETER - 2014 ☞  
 JASON EASTERDAY - 2015 ☞  
 TONY HERNANDEZ - 2016, 2017 ☞  
 BRYON P. HOWE - 2018 ☞  
 CHRISTOPHER B. WEST - 2019, 2020 ☞

## Affiliated Past Masters

SIDNEY BREGER ☞  
 WILLIAM FRANKLIN ☞  
 LUCIUS L. GREEN ☞  
 ☞ - DECEASED

THE OFFICERS OF PHOENICIA LODGE NO. 58 EXPRESS  
 THEIR GRATITUDE TO ALL THE BRETHREN WHO HAVE  
 SERVED THE LODGE AS MASTERS AND WHO CONTINUE TO  
 SERVE AS PAST MASTERS. THEY WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE  
 US HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION AND THE LOWER STORIES  
 OF THE SPECULATIVE BUILDING THAT WE CALL "PHOENICIA  
 LODGE" FOR WHICH WE ARE INDEBTED. WE ESPECIALLY  
 THANK THOSE PAST MASTERS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE  
 THE LODGE THAT WE MAY EVER CONTINUE TO BUILD A  
 MAGNIFICENT EDIFICE, IN SERVICE TO MANKIND AND TO  
 THE GREAT ARCHITECT WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERY GOOD  
 AND GREAT THING AND WHOSE FORGIVENESS WE ALL RELY  
 UPON.