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SEPTEMBER

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

September 7 th , 2021	2 nd DEGREE
September 14 th , 2021	SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING
September 21 st , 2021	OFFICERS MEETING / LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
September 28 th , 2021	3 rd DEGREE PRACTICE (Second Section)

OCTOBER

October 5 th , 2021	OFFICERS MEETING / LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
October 12 th , 2021	OCTOBER STATED MEETING
October 19 th , 2021	3 rd DEGREE PRACTICE (Open, Close, Obligation)
October 26 th , 2021	3 rd DEGREE FOR BRO. HUNTER O'DELL

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



Greetings from the East Brethren,

As some of you may have heard, I am indeed moving back to Utah. We moved south to Phoenix initially because Heather wanted to be close to her family. And it appears it is time for us to make the move back for the same reason. This lodge was one of the main reasons that we stayed in the valley for as long as we have. Many of you also know that we have been experiencing a slew of fevers plaguing our one-year-old daughter. Utah offers her four grandparents and more aunts and uncles then we will know what to do with.

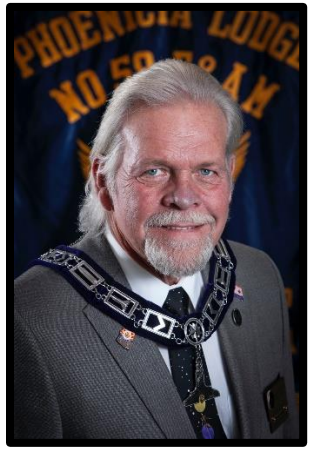
Although I am certain this is the right move at the right time for my family, I will miss my brothers at this lodge immensely. I have enjoyed my time with all of you.

Our October stated meeting will be a step up meeting. All officers will take the chair above them. I will be flying back to the valley for the November stated meeting to run elections and the installation of officers for the next term. If you have not been at a recent event to witness some of our newest brothers pass off obligations, it has been a pleasure watching these young guys show off. We are going to need to continue to focus on our degree work as I see the need for another second degree and a third degree in the near future.

Fraternally,
Mat Brassard
Worshipful Master



Brother Steve Dilda– Sr. Warden



No article provided for this edition.



Brother Steve Hooper – Jr. Warden



Brethren,

Greetings from the south. We're now in the waning of summer and the temperature is starting to finally drop. Fall is almost upon us and you all know what that means!

Our summer bowling tournament finished with a bang on August 31st with yours truly reluctantly bringing home the trophy. Honestly, I didn't want it. It took me forever to find it the last time I had it.

We have passed brother Hunter up to Fellowcraft and will do the same with Brother Seth on September 7th. Brother Ralph is not far behind.

We will then begin preparing for Brother Hunter to be raised as he made his proficiency just one week after being passed. **Yes, you heard it, one week!**

Now on to more pressing matters. Our stand at the stadium has gone empty and we need help. Brother John and his wife stepped up and worked an event, but with the NFL deciding Friday night games were a good idea, injuries to a couple of our brethren, and others moving away, we're strapped for staffing. Brothers this is important. We don't want to lose this opportunity. At this time there are only a few of us trained to do this who are physically capable at this time.

Gentlemen I implore you, get trained and work some of these. This is a serious fundraiser for the "not so" mighty 58. We all know Covid put a major damper on everything and Craft Culinary was no exception. They are hurting for volunteers and have waived a lot of their time criteria. We all need to step up for this one.

Fraternally,

Bro. Steve Hooper
Junior Warden



(This month's trestle board education comes from the 1989 Transactions of the Illinois Lodge of Research.)

In the ritual of the modern day Masonic Degrees, the building of King Solomon's Temple plays an important role. It has also fascinated the Biblical scholar and the archaeologist in their attempts to prove the existence of the Temple and the Bible story of King Solomon. All through history this subject has produced an air of mystery which seems to defy a positive solution.

The Masonic scholar, willing to spend the time and effort, can spend hours of research on almost any one of the many features of King Solomon's Temple and still end on a note of mystery admitting that the subject is incomplete, and more research is needed. An example to illustrate this point is the reference in the Second Degree which refers to the winding staircase, which we are led to believe existed in King Solomon's Temple. Although there is but one reference to the winding staircase in Masonic ritual, it has been made the central feature of the Second Degree which every Fellowcraft Mason must symbolically ascend in order to make his advancement in the degree. As all Masons will recall, the reference is made "to advance through a porch, by a flight of winding stairs to the middle chamber, there to receive his wages." The details very clearly give a winding staircase leading from the porch way entrance up through the Temple Sanctuary to the upper floors. This reference contains a number of specific and positive statements which we are apparently asked to accept as facts. They are (1) that there was a winding staircase in King Solomon's Temple; 2) that it was approached through an entrance from the porch way; and (3) that the workmen on the building ascended these stairs to receive their wages in the middle chamber. The serious researcher will find that writers of the Charges and ritual of the craft were apparently more interested in the dramatic effect on the candidate than they were on historical accuracy. Biblical scholars and archaeologists differ widely as to the interpretation placed both on historical and the archaeological evidence dealing with King Solomon's Temple and in particular, with the passages dealing with the staircase, but it's fairly safe to say that neither the Biblical scholar nor the archaeologists would support the specific statements made in the Masonic ritual of the Second Degree.

As of today, the only historical evidence relative to the building of Solomon's Temple is found in three different books of the Old Testament and in the writings of Josephus. Of these writings, it is generally accepted that the version in the First Book of Kings is both the oldest and most reliable description we have of the Temple. Our interest here is the mention of the winding staircase. The passages relevant to the winding staircase are found in Chapter 6 of the Authorized Version, which is probably the one used by the ritualists who composed the Lecture on the Second Degree. First Kings, Chapter 6, Verse 1: "And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign

over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month that he began to build the house of the Lord.”

Verse 5: “And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle; and he made chambers round about.” Verse 7: “And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.” but gives no supporting evidenced to the meaning.

The second difficulty from the Hebrew text comes from the original word “Tichonah” translated as “middle” in our phrase from Kings, Verse 8, “the door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house.” The meaning of the word “Tichonah” is uncertain, but most modern translators refer to it as the “lowest-” instead of “middle.” This seems to make more sense.

Dr. James Moffat in his translation of the Bible in 1924 entitled “A New Translation of the Bible” translated Verse 8 in Kings this way: “The entrance into the lower side rooms was on the south side of the Temple; you climbed to the middle row, and from the middle to the top row, through trap doors.”

In 1965, another translation came out in an English Edition of the “Jewish Bible” with Verse 8: “The entrance to the lower story was at the right-hand corner of the Temple and access to the middle story above was by trap doors and so from the middle story to the third.” There is no reference to winding stairs.

If the Temple had a winding staircase, as a few scholars still think, it was probably in the side walls and served the side chambers built into the thickness of the walls from the first and second levels. These side chambers were used while the Temple was being built for the purpose of paying the workmen their wages. Later, they were used as storehouses or treasury rooms of the Temple into which the treasures and gifts to the Temple were placed.

As mentioned at the beginning of this paper, the other source of information about King Solomon’s Temple is in the writings of Josephus, a Jewish historian. He mentions Solomon’s Temple in several of his works, but the main references are in his history of the Jewish people called “The Antiquities of the Jews.” One relevant passage quoted from Wriston’s translation, Book VIII, Chapter 3: “The King also had a fine contrivance for an ascent to the upper room over the Temple, and that was by steps in the thickness of its wall; for it had no large door on the east end, as the lower house had, but the entrances were by the sides, through very small doors.” Apart from Josephus and the Bible, we have no other literary source to turn to for information. Unfortunately, there is no evidence in Jerusalem to which we might gain a knowledge of this subject, for successive conquerors made a thorough job of the destruction of the Temple and not one part remains standing and nothing has been uncovered by archaeologists. Regardless of whether there was a winding staircase, a trap-door or just an opening to the different compartments of the Temple, the mystery still remains, and will continue to fascinate both the biblical scholar and the archaeologist and be of particular interest to the Freemason.

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!

From the Desk of the Secretary

Brethren,

We still have a number of Brothers with outstanding dues for the 2021 Masonic year. As a reminder; Article 9 – Dues, Section 1; The dues of each member, not exempt from payment therefore, are due and payable *without* notice on the 1st day of January of each year.

Section 2; No member who shall be in arrears for dues at the time of annual election, shall be permitted to vote or shall be eligible for any office.

Those Brothers with outstanding dues, please remit payment as soon as you can. If you are having financial hardship, please contact me at ray.brigandi@gmail.com. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Ray Brigandi, PM
Secretary, Phoenicia #58

Valley of the Sun DeMolay

No updates for this edition.

Masonic Birthdays

!Happy 50th Masonic Birthday Bro. Ken Braun!

Christopher Bryan West	9/23/2014	7
Jason Schneider	9/27/2007	14
Steven Jefferson Hooper	10/24/2017	4
Bryon Patrick Howe P.M.	10/22/2013	8
Kenneth Braun	10/1/1971	50

THE RIDERS OF THE THIRD DEGREE

The Riders of the Third Degree are a Masonic Riders Association founded by two Brothers at Phoenicia 58 almost a decade ago.

Their plan was to promote Freemasonry from the seat of a motorcycle and, to serve their community through philanthropic endeavors. Their annual Toy Runs and Fundraisers bring toys to kids at Phoenix Children's Hospital. With the support of Phoenicia 58, Chrome Book computers are donated to deserving students at Campo Bello Elementary school through their "Working Tools for Students" program.

Since their founding, The Riders of the Third Degree have added a Chapter in Tucson. They too have annual toy drives for the Square and Compass Hospital in Tucson and do their own "Working Tools for Students" presentations in Tucson.

For more information on the Riders of the 3rd Degree, or to donate to our "Working Tools for Students" program, please contact us at: info@riders3.org





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UPCOMING TRUSTEES MEETING OCTOBER 5TH.

Awards;

WORKING ON 2021-2022 MA AWARD

Beneficent Fund;

NO REPORT.

Calling Committee;

REPORTS WILL BE DUE; 8/30, AND 11/30

Candidate Progression;

MIGUEL VARGAS; AWAITING 3RD DEGREE PROFICIENCY. (WHERE'S MIGUEL!?)
DAVE PISANI PASSED HIS 3RD DEGREE PROFICIENCY. (HOPE'S TO BE READY IN AUGUST)
RALPH NIEBEL AWAITING 1ST DEGREE PROFICIENCY. (HOPE'S TO BE READY IN AUGUST)
SETH ROSS AWAITING 2ND DEGREE PROFICIENCY.
HUNTER C.L. O'DELL AWAITING 2ND DEGREE PROFICIENCY.

Degree and Ritual Proficiency;

3RD DEGREE LATE OCTOBER.

Fraternal Relations;

NO OFFICIAL VISITS SCHEDULED.

Fundraising;

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Masonic Education;

ARTICLE INCLUDED IN THE TRESTLE BOARD.

Membership/Retention;

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS AT 60.

Public Schools;

NO REPORT.

Reports of Sickness and Distress;

WB PHIL ZIELINGER IS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY
WB MAT BRASSARD'S DAUGHTER CONTINUES TO HAVE RECURRING FEVERS.

Committee Membership Roll

Committee	Members	Who
Audit and Trustees	1yr; WB Robert Haynes / 2yr; WB Bryon Howe, 3yr; Bro Scott Hewitt (Contact WB Haynes @ 480.205.9572)	Active members
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Beneficent Fund:	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / WB Rodger Marx / Bro. Steve Dilda (Contact Info on Page 2)	WM / SW/ Tres
Calling Committee:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi / WB Glen Van Steeter / WB Chris West (Contact Info on Page 2)	Sec / PM / PM
Candidate Progression:	Chair: Bro Steven Dilda / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on Page 2)	SW / Sec
Degree and Ritual Proficiency:	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / WB Ray Brigandi / OPEN (Contact Info on Page 2)	Ritualistic
Fraternal Relations:	Co-Chairs: WM Mat Brassard / PM Bryon Howe (Contact Info on Page 2)	Youth Groups
Fundraising:	Chair: WM Mat Brassard / Bro. Steve Dilda / Bro. Steve Hooper (Contact Info on Page 2)	WM / SW / JW
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Hospitality:	Chair: Bro Steve Hooper/ OPEN / Bro. Tony Rossi (Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
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Public Schools	Chair: WB Tony Hernandez, Bro. Tony Rossi, OPEN (Contact Info on Page 2)	Appointed by WM
Reports of sickness or distress:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi, WM Mat Brassard (Contact Info on Page 2)	Sec / WM
Social:	Chair: Bro. Steve Hooper, Bro. Miguel Vargas, Bro. David Pisani (Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
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 OF THE SPECULATIVE BUILDING THAT WE CALL "PHOENICIA
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 THE GREAT ARCHITECT WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERY GOOD
 AND GREAT THING AND WHOSE FORGIVENESS WE ALL RELY
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