

# PHOENICIA LODGE No. 58 F&AM

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## THE TRESTLEBOARD

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### DRESS CODE

For the winter months, our dress code for stated meetings will be suit and tie for officers. Other members should use business casual. During degree meetings, tuxedos or dark suit, white shirt and tie for degree team members and officers and business attire for sideliners.



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### Mar

1st at Visit Flagstaff #7

6th at 6 pm: 3rd Degree Dinner

7 pm gavel

13th at 7 pm: Table Lodge

20th at 6:30 pm: candidate proficiency

23rd – 25th 2018 Lodge Leadership

Conference

27th at 6:30 pm: candidate proficiency

### Apr

3rd at 6:30 pm: Apr officer's Meeting

10th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner  
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.

14th at 5:00 pm: Texas Hold'em  
Tournament

17th at 6:30 pm: candidate proficiency

24th at 6:30 pm: candidate proficiency

### May

1st at 9:15 am: Campo Bello – Bikes for  
Books

1st at 6:30 pm: May officer's Meeting

8th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner  
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.

15th at 6:30 pm: candidate proficiency

22nd at 6:30 pm: candidate proficiency

29th at 6:30 pm: Friend to Friend

## FROM THE EAST



### Worshipful Bryon P. Howe PM

Brethren,  
Fraternal Greetings Brethren. Well 3 months are now in the books. ROJO is again one of our biggest fundraisers, but also our biggest struggle. The Blue Horseshoe provided a night of Masonic Family. Trustee meeting will let us know how we are doing, and provide guidance for the next fiscal year, but I want to challenge them to a 5-year plan. We have a visit to #7 coming up, hope the warm weather holds out, Grand Lodge Leadership Conference in Casa Grande and our famous Poker Tournament in April.

I know some Brethren are carrying more than their fair share, and some are what the military calls 'shammers'. I can only offer this without hurting more feelings:

We represent a philosophic empire that spreads across the globe. Each of us are obliged to one another and to the craft that we represent to communicate with respect, the highest degree of integrity, and the deepest concern for the feelings and welfare of others.

All of us know the importance of civility in our interactions and conversations with our brothers. We have been famously counseled in regard to the discussion of politics and religion among brothers at masonic activities in order to prevent ill will or hurt feelings.

Certainly, each brother is welcome to his own personal opinions and sharing those publicly and clearly is the right of every free man but the manner in which the opinion is expressed is where civility needs to be checked. We must ask, are we being reasonable, kind, intelligent and beneficial? Are we allowing comedy, sensationalism, or cleverness to supplant our concerns not to be divisive, cruel, or mean spirited? Are we more concerned about respect for our personal views than we are about the views of others?

Masonry is an ancient a beautiful craft whose higher standards have the opportunity through each of our mindful efforts to be the guiding example in our social media world that is in great need of our philosophic teachings and inclusiveness, especially today when even our leaders have not been the examples of civility we would like. It makes it ever more important to be the higher example to others that masonry calls us to be and is something we can do every day to create the world we all know we all want and need and as masons, have been charged to create. Let's all pause and examine how we express our opinions in the maelstrom of social media and ensure our rhetoric is something we are all proud of for our craft and others to imitate.

Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it of taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort.

Don't waste your time looking back, you're not going that way.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bryon Howe, PM  
Worshipful Master Phoenicia 58 F&AM  
PV DeMolay Chapter Dad  
Sergeant at Arms: Riders of the 3rd Degree'

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**2 Year Trustee** Brother Joshua Anderson

**3 Year Trustee** WB Tony Hernandez

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## FROM THE WEST



### *Brother Christopher B. West - Sr. Warden*

On February 19th, we will observe Presidents Day, a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first President of the United States, who was born on February 22, 1732

Washington is by far the most heralded of the American Freemasons, and rightfully so. His life was one of incredible achievements and accomplishments that shaped and molded our country when it was in its infancy.

Freemasonry played an important role in George Washington's life, starting at the early age of 20 when November 4th, 1752 he first became an Entered Apprentice in the Fredericksburg Lodge until the day he died December 14, 1799, when a brother in his Alexandria lodge was one of three doctors at his bedside.

On March 3 rd., 1753, about ten days after his 21st birthday, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree, also in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. Celebrating your 21st Birthday in 1753 didn't have quite the same meaning that it has in today's society. Figure, the average life expectancy for a male during that time was a meager 36 years old. Washington would go on to live 67 years before passing from acute laryngitis.

Presidents Day was established in 1885.

"The position of eminence, the great respect and the profound reverence in which the name of Washington is enshrined in the hearts of the American people, and particularly so, with the members of this Fraternity, and of all true lovers of liberty and freedom wheresoever dispersed, is the reason, if any be needed, why everything relating to this great man and worthy brother should be preserved for the future generations, to be used by them as a guide, in the cultivation of those cardinal virtues of Honor and Integrity, that should ever characterize the conduct of a good man and a good Mason." - J. Henry Williams, R.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, February 22nd, 1915.

While you're contemplating the life works of Worship Brother Washington, please consider purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket for a chance to win GW's own, original recipe, bourbon. This bourbon is made on location using the same distillery as Washington himself used, at Mt. Vernon. Thank you for your support.

Christopher West  
SW, Phoenicia #58

## 2018 COMMITTEES

Awards: WM Bryon Howe ★ / WB Ray Brigandi

Beneficent Fund: WM Bryon Howe ★ / Bro Chris West / WB Jeff Hinson

Calling Committee: WM Bryon Howe ★ / WB WB Ray Brigandi

Candidate Progression: Bro Steven Dilda ★ / Vacant

Degree and Ritual Proficiency: Bro Chris West ★ / WB Bill Phelps

Fraternal Relations: Bro Mat Brassard ★ / WB Greg Weisman ★

Fundraising: WM Bryon Howe ★ / Bro Chris West / Vacant

Funeral Team: WM: WB Ray Brigandi / SW: WB Tony Hernandez / JW: Bro Chris West / Chaplain: Bro Joe Pappas / Extra: WB Bill Phelps

Hospitality: Bro Mat Brassard ★ / Bro Johnny Weisman / Bro Steven Hooper

Masonic Education: Bro Joe Pappas ★ / Bro Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi

Membership and Retention: WB Bill Phelps ★ / Bro Mat Brassard / Bro Steven Dilda

Public Schools Chair: Bro Chris West ★ / WB Ray Brigandi / WB Tony Hernandez

Reports of sickness or distress: WM Bryon Howe ★ / WB Ray Brigandi

ROJO Coordinator: Chris West ★ / Vacant

Social: Bro Mat Brassard ★ / Vacant

Trestleboard: WM Bryon Howe ★ / WB Ray Brigandi / Bro Steven Dilda



## FROM THE SOUTH

*Brother Mathew A. Brassard - Jr. Warden*



Greetings my Brothers,

For my very first Trestle Board article ever, I would like to start with a sincere thank you.

Thank you for electing me to the position of Junior Warden. I look forward to serving this lodge throughout this year. Thank you for the thoughts and prayers as I attempted to navigate one of the hardest year ends I have ever had to face. I lost a family member, I had to put up with other family members, I became increasingly home sick, and my best friend move to Salt Lake City. Thank you to worshipful brother Glen VanSteeter for his relentless work as secretary for this lodge. As I said when I was made a Mason: Glen VanSteeter is the definition of what a modern-day Mason should be. Period. Thank you, Tony, Chris, and Bryon, for your service to the lodge over the last couple of years.

As I settle into my duties in the south, I am reminded of the concept of rest and reflection. As I look back at 2017 I realize that it would have been so much harder without the support of my brothers in lodge. However, the lodge is see in 2018 is very different. New leaders, new opportunities, and hopefully even more new faces. I think this is a great time to be a Phoenician. The lodge is what we make of it brothers. We have had an excellent start. You know I am talking about that time we cooked a pit full of meat and had a great time devouring it with our district. But that brings the first challenge of the year. Can we top that? See you at the stated meetings brothers.

Fraternally

Mat Brassard

Junior Warden

Phoenicia 58

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE



*W. Bro. Thomas Burke PM*

Tips for Talking to Lodge Visitors

Author: Thomas A. Burke

When is the last time you walked up to someone you didn't know and just started talking to them?

It's not as easy as it sounds. When I was first brought into Marketing for my career, I had a manager who was very much like me: we were both far more comfortable with numbers and charts, and not as comfortable talking to others. With great foresight, my manager signed me up for some speech classes where I learned how to write and present speeches in front of other others who were also

learning. We were given books to read, and then had to write summaries and present to the class. I finally learned how to speak in front of a group, with comfort and ease.

But what about one-on-one talking? How could I learn to talk to people I didn't know? I had to talk to these people so I could do my new job, which had a large focus on market research. I was tasked with visiting several trade shows to investigate our competitors, and speak to people about their products and applications so that I could bring valuable market information back to our product development team.

I went to my first trade show and found myself at a total loss. I could hardly bring myself to talk to anyone, but I was able to get some good product information from brochures at various exhibition booths. I felt like a failure on the plane ride home, and was determined to find some way I could break out of my habits.

I researched the topic, and I found a great book with some easy tips that I used to learn how to talk to people. Several of the tips seem self-evident, but until you actually think about it, it's not easy to see yourself in these situations.

Here are the tips I learned that I use the most:

1. Don't talk. Ask questions instead. Most people love to talk about themselves, so give them a few questions to start, and follow up with more questions. This shows your interest in them, and they usually respond favorably. Remember, they also might have challenges **talking to people they don't know, so you've given them a few easy ways to break the silence.**

2. During your conversation, try to say the person's name at least three times. In their brain, when they hear their name, endorphins are released making them happy. They'll have a good memory of talking with you, just because you remembered their name and you used it several times. Three is the best number—think of the jingles you might hear on a radio station, and note how many times they repeat a phone number. Research shows that hearing something three times helps reinforce memory. So, not only will the person appreciate hearing their name, but you will be reinforcing their name in your own memory.

3. Focus on the person. Face them directly while you're talking with them. Show recognition of some kind, if they mention something you know. They are looking for a positive, shared experience. If you confirm that you have a similar thought, interest, or **history, it helps them feel as if they're in like-minded company.** Human nature is to be drawn to those who look, act, and think like **we do. It's a measure of approval within social circles when others share similar goals, ideas, activities, and histories.** If you focus on them and your facial expression is positive and friendly, they are given assurance they are in a good place.

4. Finish with a good close. A call to action, so to speak. If they're visiting your lodge for the first time, ask them to provide their contact information so they can be kept up to date on lodge activities and events. Just like in field of Marketing, it takes on average from 6 to 12 contacts of various types to convert a prospect, if they are going to convert. They may just be interested in information, and that is okay. Leave them with a **good impression, and they will remember it. Verify they are added to your lodge's contact list so they'll receive information.** Some lodges share their Trestleboards with visitors who want to keep up to date with the lodge. Sending an electronic version through email is easy to set up with no additional cost to the lodge, and this will leave the visitor with another good impression.

So, the next time a new person visits lodge or contacts you by email, just remember to ask questions, repeat their name three times, focus on them, and bring them to an action. They'll remember you in a good light, and you'll remember them as well!

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## ***AWARDS***

Master Architect Awards Section A-D We are intending to visit Flagstaff Lodge #7 March 1st, 2018. Matt Brassard to Open, Obligate and Close in the 3rd degree. Steve Dilda did Open, Obligate and Close in the 1st degree. Should complete sections A and D criteria.

## ***CALLING COMMITTEE***

Brothers, we are behind the ball in getting our list done. A new process will be discussed at the next officers meeting.

## ***CANDIDATE PROGRESSION***

Bro. Gary Pyle – Turned in 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Proficiency / Bro. Larry Wright – No word / Bro. Alan Houseman – No word

## ***DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY***

Bro. Mat Brassard: Open, close, obligate in 3rd Degree

## ***FRATERNAL RELATIONS***

PV DeMolay - Name change and re-charter coming soon

Mar:

4th: PV DeMolay – Stated Meeting  
10th: AZ State DeMolay – Clash of the Crusaders  
18th: PV DeMolay – Rounds Table  
23rd: Advisory committee Meeting  
24-26th & 31st: PV DeMolay – AAE cup setup

Apr:

1<sup>st</sup> & 6-8th: PV DeMolay – AAE Setup and tournament  
14th: AZ DeMolay – Congress  
15th: PV DeMolay – Rounds Table  
27th: PV DeMolay – Advisory committee Meeting  
29th: PV DeMolay – LCC

Star – No Report

Bethel 19 – no Report

## ***FUNDRAISING***

Active fundraisers: ROJO, George Washington Whiskey, Skateboard, parking spots.

ROJO: \$3983.89 to date.

## ***FUNERAL TEAM***

Practice coming soon

## ***HOSPITALITY***

Mar – Bro Joe Table Lodge

Apr – Bro Steven Dilda

May – Bro Joe Konen

## ***MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION***

Membership Stats: 63 members in good standing, 2 MMs, 17 PLMs, 2 Reg 19s, and 2 SLMs for a total of: 65 members. We also have 3 E.A.s and 1 F.C.

## ***PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAIR***

May 1 – Flagpole, Bikes for Books

May 21,22 or 23 Chromebook

Oct 23 – Teacher BBQ

## ***REPORTS OF SICKNESS OR DISTRESS***

Brother Emmett Middaugh - flu

## ***SOCIAL***

Possibly - Ben Avery Skeet / Trap shoot

Mar:

1st: Visit Flagstaff #7  
23rd – 25<sup>th</sup> – GL Leadership Conference

Apr:

14th – Texas Hold'em tournament





## FUNDRAISER RAFFLE 2018

Phoenicia Lodge No. 58 F&AM

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## OTHER MASONIC BODIES MEETING IN OUR LODGE HALL

	Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29 Stated Meeting: 7:30 pm on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday. Special meetings are hold nearly every Wed. Contact secretary Jack Bender (jackeb8@msn.com)
	Stars of Paradise #56 Order of the Eastern Star 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday (dark in the summer)
	Bethel #19, Job's Daughters Meet on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7 pm. The Bethel is in reorganization, contact the PVST #29 Lodge Secretary for latest contact information.

Happy Masonic Birthday to these brothers.

Masonic Anniversaries		
Brother's Name	Date Raised	Years
Eric Stethem	3/7/2006	12
Frank Vona	3/11/1980	38
Randall Smith	3/24/2001	17
Anthony Humpage	3/13/1990	28
Ron Foncannon	3/17/1967	61

### PHOENICIA PAST MASTERS

William H. Peotter - 1960 ☞  
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 H. Curtis DeShong - 1962 ☞  
 Augustine G. DiPaola - 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. Pfeiffer - 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  
 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

### AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

Sidney Breger ☞  
 Chadwick Burks  
 William Franklin ☞  
 Lucius L. Green ☞  
 William E. Phelps  
 ☞ - 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.