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EVENTS

Jan

8th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner prior to the meeting at 6 pm.
15th at 6:00 pm: Officer's meeting
22th at 6:00 pm: candidate proficiency
26th at 1:00pm: Blue Horseshoe event
29th at 6:30 pm: A Masonic Education: Roberts Rules of Order

Feb

5th at 6:00 pm: Degree Night
12th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner prior to the meeting at 6 pm.
19th at 6:00 pm: Officer's meeting
26th at 6:00pm: Lodge of Instruction

Mar

5th at 6:00 pm: Degree Night
12th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner prior to the meeting at 6 pm.
19th at 6:00 pm: Officer's meeting
26th at 6:00 pm: Masonic Education: funeral services

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

FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Christopher B. West, PM

Happy New Year Brethren and Phoenicia Family!

I hope you all had a fun, safe, and relaxing Christmas break and ringing in of the New 2019 Year. (I wish you the best of luck writing checks for the next 8 weeks.) I am honored and humbled to be your Host and Worshipful Master over the ensuing Masonic year. It is my goal to continue on the excellence and devotion that we've become so accustomed to having

led our Lodge. Thank you (again) for entrusting me with the care and management of Phoenicia #58.

With the new year comes A LOT of exciting events from your Lodge! We have an action-packed three months ahead and hope that you'll find time to swing by and enlighten yourself with some informative Masonic education, binge on some good food for a worthy cause, and partake in the great fellowship and comradery with your Phoenicia Brothers. Please take a moment to check out the Calendar located below and plan to attend one, several, or all the upcoming events.

Several important fundraisers are also about to kick-off. In the immediate term, we'll be holding our 2nd Annual Blue Horseshoe Pit-Fired BBQ Fundraiser on January 26th starting at 1PM. WE HAVE THE MEATS! We'll be smoking brisket, pork shoulder, ham, and turkeys in our BBQ pit and selling plates, along with sides and drink, for \$15. In addition, we'll be taking Pre-Orders if you wish to bring some smoky goodness home with you! Pre-Orders can be placed at www.phoenicia58.org/events under the "Blue Horseshoe Social Club" section via PayPal. \$50 will get you 10lbs of smokey-oakey-mesquitey- deliciousnessnessnessness! What better way to end that stupid New Year's Eve diet resolution then overloading your gut with 24hr smoked meats? So, come on down to Phoenicia #58 and eat your heart out, baby. (Note; First 25 customers will get a personal foot massage using your choice of BBQ sauce from WB Tony Hernandez! You don't want to miss this!)

Next up we're bringing back our George Washington Whiskey fundraiser and in the coming months we'll be raffling off a custom designed, custom painted, custom built Stratocaster Guitar. Stay tuned for more information on timing and ticket sales for these IMPORTANT fundraising items.

We NEED your help and participation in these events. Whether it is helping promote these events and fundraisers, or simply coming by and getting a \$15/plate of brisket (did I mention the free foot massages?), every little bit you can do is a BIG benefit to our Lodge. Thank you for your future support! Fraternally –

Christopher West
Worshipful Master - 2019

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2 Yr WB Tony Hernandez
3 Yr WB Robert Haines

Note: 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1/8: January Stated Meeting; Dinner at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM.

1/26: 2nd Annual Blue Horseshoe Fundraiser BBQ, 1PM (Open to the Public)

1/29: Masonic Education; A Lesson on Roberts Rules of Order, 6:30PM (Open to the Public)

2/12: February Stated Meeting; Dinner at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM.

2/26: Lodge of Instruction, Presented by the Grand Lodge of Arizona hosted by #58, 6:30PM

3/12: March Stated Meeting; Dinner at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM.

3/26: Masonic Education; "Night of the Living Dead," A Masonic Funeral, 6:30PM (Open to the Public)

On 1/29 our SW Mat Brassard and WB Sec. Ray Brigandi will be giving a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order. This event is open to the public and an excellent opportunity for everyone who ever desires to learn how to properly run a business meeting to attend. Attendance is free.

On 2/26 Phoenicia will be hosting a Lodge of Instruction. Our Preceptor (another word for teacher) this evening will be Ron Allen, Grand Lecturer for the AZGL, who will guide and instruct the brethren at this LOI. The Lodge of Instruction is key to the guarantee of a good meeting of which the members can be proud and which hopefully gives pleasure to our visitors. The purpose of the Lodge of Instruction is to provide an opportunity for the ALL Brethren to become versed in the ritual and symbolism of Freemasonry. It is also to provide an opportunity to be able to practice the ritual in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This event is also free for all to attend.

On 3/26 Phoenicia will be hosting another Masonic Education event titled, "Night of the Living Dead" a Masonic Funeral. Want to see what your Masonic Funeral Service will look like while you're still alive? Then bring your corpse out to Phoenicia #58 to watch a full run-through of an official Masonic Funeral. This event is for educational purposes and is open to the public. This event is free to the public.

2018 PHOENICIA LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fun was had by all on December 15th as Friends and Family of Phoenicia #58 turned out for our Annual Lodge Christmas Party. Food and drink were abundant, as WB Ray Brigandi slow-cooked up an a-mazing Green Chili Pork and also made some very juicy brats with peppers and onions. About 20 Brothers chipped in by bringing finger foods, sides, dips, soups, and loads of desserts. The best part of the night was no doubt the “Blue Elephant” gift exchange! While a couple of us were lucky to walk away with a smooth bottle of whiskey, good bottle of wine, or customized bloody Mary kit, others left with a flimsy rubber chicken, toilet golf, or a wiener cleaner (don’t ask). A BIG thanks to Worshipful Brigandi for hosting this event two years in a row!



50 YEAR PIN PRESENTATION

On December 21st, Phoenicia Lodge #58 had the honor of presenting a 50 Year Pin on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California to Worshipful Brother Nelson David Knapp. WB Knapp was raised to the sublime degree of a MM in July 1969. WB Knapp was the former Master of Hollywood Lodge 355 and also, a member of West Valley Lodge #811 in California. He has resided in Arizona now for several decades, and for a large portion of that time owned and operated a successful art studio in Old Town Scottsdale.



FROM THE WEST



Brother Mathew Brassard - Sr. Warden

Greeting brothers! It seems that an ill wind has blown in with the new year. Many brothers have reported battling some form of sickness. Some recover in hospital rooms others at home. However, I see the response of brotherly love and relief from members of this lodge. My brothers, you continue to impress and teach me of the type of Mason I strive to be.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

by Joseph Servocky

Are you an active member
the kind that would be missed
or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along
are you satisfied to be
the kind that "JUST BELONG"?

Do you ever go and visit
a member that is sick
or leave the work to a few
and talk about the clique?

Think this over, member,
you know right from wrong
are you an active member
or do you "JUST BELONG"?

Mat Brassard
Senior Warden

2019 COMMITTEES

Awards: WM Chris West ★ 804.986.6011/ WB Ray Brigandi

Beneficent Fund: Chris West ★ 804.986.6011/ Bro Mat Brassard / WB Jeff Hinson

Calling Committee: WM Jason Schneider ★ (602) 7055793 / WB Glen Van Steeter / WB Ray Brigandi

Candidate Progression: Bro Steven Dilda ★ 901.830.8833 / WB Ray Brigandi

Degree and Ritual Proficiency: WB Chester Hinson / WM Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi

Fraternal Relations: Co-Chairs: Bro Mat Brassard ★ 480.495.8038/ PM Bryon Howe

Fundraising: WM Chris West ★ 804.986.6011/ Bro Matt Brassard / Steve Dilda

Funeral Team: WM: WB Ray Brigandi ★ 602.430.7121 / SW: WB Tony Hernandez / JW: Bro Chris West / Chaplain: Bro Joe Pappas / Extra: WB Bill Phelps

Hospitality: Bro Steve Dilda ★ 901.830.8833 / Bro Joe Konen / Bro Shane Charles

Masonic Education: Bro Joe Pappas ★ 623.215.2272 / Bro Chris West

Membership and Retention: Bro Mat Brassard ★ 480.495.8038 / Bro Steven Dilda

Public Schools Chair: WB Chris West ★ 804.986.6011 / WB Ray Brigandi / WB Tony Hernandez

Reports of sickness or distress: WM Jason Schneider ★ (602) 7055793 / WB Glen Van Steeter

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Social: WM Chris West ★ 804.986.6011 / Bro Mat Brassard / Bro Steve Hooper

Trestleboard: WM Bryon Howe ★ (602) 350-1260 / Bro Mat Brassard / Bro Steven Dilda



FROM THE SOUTH



Brother Steve Dilda - Jr. Warden

Brethren, what an honor it is for me to stand in the South as a pillar officer for the ensuing Masonic Year. And a higher honor that you have voted your faith and confidence in my leadership. Ever remembering that I stand here as a servant to my Lodge brethren and the fraternity.

As the WM Chris West has goals for his year, so do I.

My first goal is to educate my Lodge on other appendant bodies of our fraternity;

Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughter's, Sojourner's, et al. These bodies were all

founded under the Masonic umbrella and are a vital part of our Fraternity. Your involvement is encouraged and welcome.

Secondly, to provide the brethren with opportunities to better serve our community with activities outside the Temple. We start with Blue Horseshoe on 25 - 26 Jan 2019. Come one, come all for the best smoked briquet, pork shoulder, ham and turkeys in the country. Stay tuned for brochures.

And, finally and firmly, as my Installation Oath reminds me, to be temperate, and discrete in the indulgence of my own indignations (I gave that one a lot of thought). I hope you all give it some thought.

Fraternally, and Socially,
Steve Dilda, JW

FROM THE EDITOR



Brethren,

In an effort to save lodge funds, postal printouts will be black and white. And on that note, brothers who are receiving the snail mail. If you have an email address, we can move you to electronic copies, just email to secretary@phoenicia58.org and he will add you to the list. This will save enormous amounts of time, energy, and save the lodge expenses to put to more charity work.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bryon Howe, PM
Worshipful Master Phoenicia 58 F&AM - 2018
Valley of the Sun DeMolay - Advisor
Riders of the 3rd Degree' - Sergeant at Arms

EDUCATION ARTICLES



FROM A BROTHER

The Beehive as a Symbol of Freemasonry

By Thomas A. Burke, PM

Many of us know the symbol of the Beehive from the Master Mason degree, where it is presented as an emblem of industry and cooperation. We as freemasons are exhorted to the practice of industry as a virtue, since it represents regular labor, and an obedience within our masonic organization. Within this, it is noted that the Creator made man dependent upon one another for protection and security. In this we as freemasons are to work together, so as to enjoy better opportunities while our labors bring us closer together in brotherly love and friendship. An active freemason, working with his brothers, exemplifies the noblest part of the work of God.

Interestingly, scientific literature specifically notes that a hive is an artificial, man-made structure to house a colony of bees. A nest, by comparison, is a colony of bees that house themselves in natural or artificial cavities, or are hanging and exposed. When thinking of a lodge of freemasons, we usually meet within a man-made structure (the lodge building) on a regular basis to conduct our business. Our masonic hive is conducive to how we meet, having been arranged as such to provide the necessary working tools and structure.

Bees are found on every continent except Antarctica, in every world habitat that contains insect-pollinating flowering plants. Thus, bees are limited in where they can conduct their industry. Freemasons, however, are known to have visited Antarctica, including the great explorer Sir Henry Ernest Shackleton, and other Freemasons to actually have been stationed on the continent for work assignments. In fact, Freemasons have even ventured beyond the terrestrial **globe. Colonel Edwin Eugene “Buzz” Aldrin, on the Apollo 11 mission**, was the first Freemason to set foot upon the moon, the celestial globe that orbits our planet. This speaks to the strength of Freemasonry and how its work is not bound by anything emblematic, but is universal in nature as deemed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

When you think of a beehive as a symbol, remember it is emblematic of industry, but limited in its **ability to represent the full extent of the Creator’s intent. Freemasons are not limited by** geography, nor by space. We as Freemasons are fully endowed by our Creator to practice industry in our lives, our lodges, the world, and the universe.

References

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Freemasons in Antarctica, RW Brother Murray Yaxley, <http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/Freemasonry%20In%20Antarctica.pdf>

Masonic Astronauts, <http://freemasoninformation.com/masonic-education/famous/masonic-astronauts/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT AND TRUSTEES

Trustees Meeting February 19th, 6:30PM.

AWARDS CHAIR

No report.

BENEFICENT FUND

No Report.

CALLING COMMITTEE

75% have been called with 49% having been reached.

CANDIDATE PROGRESSION

Brother Shane Charles will be passing off his proficiency on 1/8 at the Stated Meeting.

DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY

No Degrees upcoming. Lodge of Instruction 2/26 at 6:30PM.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Valley of the Sun - DeMolay

January 2019

6 4pm – Stated Meeting

20 4 pm – Chapter Roundtable

21 2pm – Ice Stating Event

25 7pm- Advisor Council

February 2019

3 4pm – Stated Meeting | Elections

16 9am – Aviation Stem at Glendale Airport

17 4pm – Dad Howe Roast – PVST Masonic Center, 16027 N 25th Street, Phoenix

22 7pm- Advisor Council

Star -

no report

Bethel 19 - Job's Daughters

No report.

FUNDRAISING CHAIR

BLUE HORSESHOE!!!

FUNERAL TEAM CHAIR

Mar 26th, 2019 6:30pm Masonic Education; "Night of the Living Dead, A Masonic Funeral"

HOSPITALITY CHAIR

February – Shane Charles

MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION

59 Members

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

No upcoming events.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS OR DISTRESS

Worshipful Brother Chet Henson; Recovering from Surgery.

Worshipful Brother Howard Ward; Recovering from bumping his head.

SOCIAL

BLUE HORSESHOE!

2018-2019 ROJO SEASON

6/19, Thursday, CONCACAF Soccer; Mexico vs. Manchester United (West / Hooper)

8/11, Saturday, Cardinals vs. Chargers (Brigandi / Burke)

8/30, Thursday, Cardinals vs. Broncos (West / Howe)

9/9, Sunday, Cardinals vs. Redskins (OPEN / Burke)

9/19, Wednesday, Jay-Z and Beyoncé in Concert (Brigandi / Dilda)

9/23, Sunday, Cardinals vs. Bears (Burke / Dilda)

9/30, Sunday, Cardinals vs. Seahawks (West / Stetson)
 10/6, Saturday, Monster Jam (Konon / Howe)
 10/18, Thursday, Cardinals vs. Broncos (West / Hooper)
 10/28, Sunday, Cardinals vs. 49ers (Burke / Konon)
 11/18, Sunday, Cardinals vs. Raiders (Hernandez / Hooper)
 12/9, Sunday, Cardinals vs. Lions (Howe / Hernandez)
 12/23, Sunday, Cardinals vs. Rams (Hooper / Hernandez)
 1/1/2019, Tuesday, Fiesta Bowl. (Burke / Brigandi)
 1/12/2019, Saturday, Supercross (Charles, Konon)
 1/19/2019, Saturday, Monster Jam (Open, Burke)
 1/27/2019, Sunday, Soccer Game (West, Hooper)
 03/23/209, Saturday, Garth Brooks (West, Brigandi)
Total income thus far - \$3539.25

FUNDRAISER 2018

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BLUE HORSESHOE
— SOCIAL CLUB —

Presents

THEIR SECOND ANNUAL

PIG IN A PIT PARTY

Hosted by:

Phoenicia Lodge No. 58 F&AM

Saturday January 26, 2019

1:00 pm until 10:00 pm

Location: Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No 29
16027 N. 25th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032

The Blue Horseshoe Social Club will be serving **24 hour pit fired** pulled pork, brisket and turkey! Meats and sides, along with water and soft drinks included for a donation of **\$15 per person**. **RSVP's and Pre-pays with PayPal highly encouraged.**

NEW THIS YEAR AT THE BLUE HORSESHOE SOCIAL CLUB!

Pre-orders on pit fired meats available for take home will be offered this year!

Get your own Brisket, Pork Shoulder, Ham or Turkey for the family!

Only \$50.00 for 5 pounds (minimum order) of delicious slow cooked pit fired goodness!

(Pre-Order deadline: 1/20/2019)

Like last time, this is a BYOB event if you want something stronger than soda.

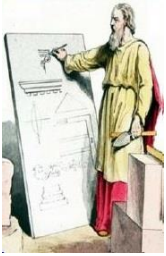
There will be horseshoes, Corn hole, Giant Jenga and a rip roaring fire to sit around when the sun sets. Please RSVP to: juniwarden@phoenicia58.org or worshipfulmaster@phoenicia58.org

so we can get a head count for food.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!!

We hope to see you there!

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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 st 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 nd and 4 th Thursday (dark in the summer)
	Bethel #19, Job's Daughters Meet on 2 nd and 4 th Mondays at 7 pm. Contact the PVST #29 Lodge Secretary for latest contact information.

Happy Masonic Birthday to these brothers.

MASONIC BIRTHDAY		
FullName	MM_Date	Years
Jeffery L Stevens	1/15/2008	10
Maurice E Pebbles P.M.	1/22/1971	47
Phillip Hollifield	1/28/1997	21
Frank Tanner	2/1/2006	12
Steve Dilda	2/19/2009	9
Stanley Paul Johnson	2/21/2015	3
Eric Stethem P.M.	3/7/2006	12
Frank Vona	3/11/1980	38
Anthony Humpage P.M.	3/13/1990	28
Ronald W Foncannon	3/17/1967	51
Randall Smith P.M.	3/24/2001	17
Robert Haynes P.M.	3/31/1993	25

PHOENICIA PAST MASTERS

William H. Peotter - 1960 ☞
 Carl D. Lang - 1961 ☞
 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
 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

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

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

MASONIC YOUTH SUPPORT

Valley of the Sun DeMolay Chapter Activity Update

The Chapter concluded the Food Drive for the West Valley Food Bank that began in October with a presentation of the collected items on Sunday, 16 December. Every donated item was important and the support from the Masonic family is appreciated.

Beginning in January, the Chapter will be collecting for OPERATION GRATITUDE. There is a copy of the flyer listing the various items that can be donated for this campaign on another page of this Trestleboard. This is an annual effort by Valley of the Sun Chapter to support those men and women who are serving in the US Armed Forces and provide small comfort items for them. The Chapter members will be packing the collected items in February.

During December, the Chapter held a successful Chapter meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month. The meeting included several recognitions for membership. Pictured below is the newest Chapter member, Caleb Keyworth, with Caleb Crabtree, the Master Councilor in the center and CJ Liquori, who sponsored the new member, on the right of the three members in the photo. CJ received special recognition from DeMolay International for his new member referral. During the Roundtable gathering on 16 December, the Chapter members, parents, and Advisors enjoyed a holiday party as well as presenting the collected food to Jesse Ramirez of the West Valley Food Bank.

DeMolay is a Masonic youth organization for young men. To be eligible to join DeMolay, three simple requirements need to be met by the applicant:

- + You are a young man between the ages of 12 and 21;
- + You are of good moral character; and,
- + And you believe in a supreme being (all religions welcome).

DeMolay Chapters confer two degrees for membership. The members engage in a variety of service and fun activities. Service events include working with adult Masonic groups and working in local community charity events. DeMolay members enjoy social activities with members of locally Masonic sponsored Rainbow Girl Assemblies and Job's Daughter Bethels, as well as recreational events involving sports and electronic game challenges. The Chapter events and meetings are planned and run by the youth Chapter officers with guidance from the Dad Advisor.

Valley of the Sun DeMolay Chapter regularly meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 4:00 PM at the Sun City Masonic Center. Currently, the following local Master Masons serve on the Valley of the Sun Chapter Advisory Council: Jim Almrud; Bryon Howe; Matt Link; Dave Lowry; Dave Miller; and, Craig Montgomery. For further information about becoming a member of DeMolay or how to become a member of the Advisory Council, contact Dave Miller at 602.317.6136 or vots.chair@azdemolay.org.

