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EVENTS

Jan

7th at 6:00 pm: degree practice
14th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.
18th at 8:00 am: 2nd Degree
21st at 6:00 pm: Officer / Trustee /

Audit

28th at 6:00 pm: 1st degree practice

Feb

4th at 6:00 PM: 1st degree
11th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.
18th at 6:00 pm: Officer Meeting
25th at 6:00 PM: 1st degree

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, tuxedoes or dark suit, white shirt and tie for degree team members and officers and business attire for sideliners

2020 OFFICERS Worshipful Master Christopher B. West 804.986.6011 Worshipfulmaster @phoenicia58.org Senior Warden Mathew A. Brassard 480.495.8038 rwmooremat@gmail.com Junior Warden Steve Dilda 901.830.8833 sdilda@mac.com Lodge Treasurer Rodger Marx 602 499 8575 rodger.marx.sr@gmail.com **Lodge Secretary** Raymond Brigandi, PM 602.430.7121 secretary@phoenicia58.org **Senior Deacon** Steven Hooper 703.408.4470 ebijawa@yahoo.com **Junior Deacon Shane Charles** 406.531.2100 SNTContstruction@hotmail.com Chaplain Joseph Papas, Jr. 623.215.2272 joepapasjr@yahoo.com Marshal Miguel Vargas Senior Steward **Keith Brooks** Junior Steward Antonio Rossi Tyler Joe Konen 602.628.8642 jfkonen@msn.com 1 Yr WB Tony Hernandez 2 Yr WB Robert Haines **TRUSTEES** 3 Yr WB Bryon Howe 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!

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FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Christopher B. West, PM Masonic greetings Brethren!

I want to thank ALL of the Brethren from Phoenicia for entrusting me with the care of YOUR Lodge this past 2019 Masonic Year. It has been a great honor and even greater privilege to serve each of you as your WM. The experience of sitting in the East has been one of much joy and much more accomplishment. We did a lot this year! Thank you to my 2019 Lodge Officers for your assistance and support throughout this year.

Together, we collectively achieved many goals we set to do, including;

- Turning the Annual Blue Horseshoe Fundraiser into a profitable event;
- Sell more than 400 raffle tickets, raising more than \$4,500
- Having more than 100 guests and attendees at one of our Lodge Education Events
- Helping our Masonic Brethren in need;
- Donating our 4 new bikes and 4 new Chrome Books to Campo Bello
- Hosting our Annual Parent-Teacher BBQ at Campo Bello
- Giving a \$1,000 Lodge Scholarship to a worthy Brothers Child heading off to College
- Staffing all 18 ROJO Events (raising more than \$7,000!)
- Purchasing New Lodge Aprons
- Holding at least one 1 st, one 2 nd, and one 3 rd Degree
- Raising 2 New Brothers to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason
- Hosting a School of Instruction at our Lodge
- Visiting 3 Different Masonic Lodges; Flagstaff, Gila Valley, and King Solomon (Prince Hall)
- Receiving 2018-2019 Master Architect Award

All in all, from the fundraising efforts (ROJO, whiskey X 2, gun, guitar, BH 2019, etc.) that we as a Lodge began here in 2019, we'll combined net a little more than \$17,500. Not bad for a little Lodge of just 60 Brothers!

It was a very successful year for Phoenicia #58. One that I hope further cemented the peace, good fellowship, and Brotherly Love of our Lodge. Thank you ALL for your service, time, and financial commitment(s) to YOUR Lodge! I would especially like to thank the Brethren for my beautiful Past Master's Jewel! I will surely wear it with immense pride!

Looking forward to 2020, let me first thank you for entrusting me with the honor and privilege to once again sit in the East. Let me also congratulate our 2020 Lodge Officer Line! I look forward to working with each of you to make this coming year our best yet! I would like to especially welcome our new Lodge Treasurer, Brother Rodger Marx, our new Stewards Brothers Keith Brooks (SS) and Antonio Rossi (JS), and our newest Member to Phoenicia sitting in the Marshals Chair, Brother Miguel Vargas.

I wish all of you the best this holiday season and a fun, safe, and relaxing start to the 2020 Masonic and Calendar year! I hope to see you all soon, if not at one of our upcoming Stated Meetings (still the 2 nd Tuesday of every month) then definitely at our 3rd Annual Blue Horseshoe Pit BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday January 25th, 2020!

Christopher West

Officer Line for 2020

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| WM | Christopher West, PM |
| SW | Mat Brassard |
| JW | Steve Dilda |
| TREAS | Rodger Marx |
| SEC | Raymond Brigandi, PM |
| SD | Steven Hooper |
| JD | Shane Charles |
| Chap | Joe Papas |
| Marshal | Miguel Vargas |
| SS | Keith Brooks |
| JS | Antonio Rossi |
| Tyler | Joe Konen |

FROM THE WEST



Brother Mathew Brassard - Sr. Warden Greetings from the West,

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to have served you as Senior Warden this past year. Thank you for your ongoing support and your tireless efforts in offering your time and talent for our lodge and for reelecting me to serve another year in the West.

We have had some great events recently; a rowdy yes thoroughly enjoyable Christmas party, Taco Tuesday, multiple events at Campo Bello, and planning for the Blue Horseshoe event. I would like to thank the members and potential members that helped to plan and pull off this litany of logistics. The master of the lodge has planned for a few weeks off to enjoy this time

with your family during the holidays.

You will agree the 2019 year has been a great year for Phoenicia #58. Not to mention the amount of fund raising the lodge has enjoyed. Our success could be largely attributed to our beloved Master Christopher West. He showered us with brotherly love and selfless dedication. On behalf of all the brethren, I say thank you and bravo Worshipful West!

Here is to another successful year for Phoenicia 58.

Fraternally, Mat Brassard Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Brother Steve Dilda - Jr. Warden

Greetings from the South Gate,

Happy New Year, Brethren, and welcome to 2020, in the Year of Our Lord,

I hope each and every one of you had a great holiday, no matter which one you observe. In today's diverse society it is important to recognize that although we hold our beliefs as dear, we much recognize that there are brothers among us as Master Masons believe in a Supreme Being but may not see the Being quite the same way we do, and we respect that.

We've all recently concluded our Christmas and Hanukkah holiday festivities. In both religions, and in most other cultures, there is some celebration focused on "light." Our Jewish brethren celebrated their Festival of Lights, the eight days during which the very limited oil for the Temple light miraculously lasted the eight days it took to purify new oil. For Christians, we celebrated the coming of our "Light of the World." Fiat Lux, Latin for "Let there be Light," where in the Book of Genesis, God said to create the sun and stars. Light is also a metaphor for wisdom, and that we spread the light of who we are and what we do.

I, personally, don't believe that the phrase represents the light of God, Sun or the Stars, but the light of man, as we are just the one who wields the Fait Lux here on earth as the creator and shepherd to our fellow brothers. We do this by our fellowship; sharing our stories and experiences, sorrows and loves.

In the secular world, "light" has many meanings. Shedding light on something means we are making it clearer. Seeing the light means understanding that something or beginning to understand and/or appreciate it.

We have always loved and appreciated lights, from the stars above, to lighthouses that guide ships away from danger, to the bulbs that light our homes. As we look to the light; look for the light.

Be The Light in all that you do,

Steve Dilda, JW Phoenicia Masonic Lodge #58 Phoenix, AZ

FROM THE TREASURER

Assimilation and Engagement

Masonic lodges throughout many countries are faced with similar problems. Member retention and dwindling active membership. Ask yourself how many of the lodge brothers do you actually know, and how many of these brothers would you actually recognize outside of lodge. I have visited many lodges where only approximately 15% of the total membership regularly attend stated meetings. Does this sound like your lodge? Do you personally know the other 85% of the brothers? If not, consider this as a stated objective for the upcoming year.

Take a look at the current active membership of your lodge. Typically, you will find; young newer members with a zest for becoming included in the line, A core group of brothers who are active on a regular basis and have held many stations over their years as masons, and an elderly contingent of brothers who have been the foundation for the lodge. Regardless of the demographics, the problems can be addressed as assimilation or engagement. These issues are easily resolvable within the core values of our brotherhood. Let's address the needs of these demographics.

The Candidate

Assimilation is the key to a fulfilling masonic journey. When the candidate first petitions a lodge for membership, understand that he basically knows only a few brothers. The first 6 months the candidate is expected to come to events and get to know the brothers. What really happens. The few brothers who know the candidate introduce him to the other members. Is he expected to remember everyone he meets, or to recognize them outside of the lodge? The expectation may be there, but the results are too often poor. From another perspective, do the lodge brothers remember the candidate and would they recognize them outside of the lodge event? Again, the results are questionable. Granted the more often a candidate attends, the more often the brothers will start to remember who they are.

First, we need to recognize that often the candidates are younger, and they are in a very demanding stage of their lives. With demands coming from work schedules, family activities, church activities they are often torn between priorities, and too often the lodge activities come in conflict with life demands.

There are several things that will improve the assimilation process for candidates with current lodge brothers. I would encourage all lodges to create a proactive plan of activities for our candidates. The focus should not only be on the candidate but on their families where appropriate.

Recognizing that these activities should not be planned concurrently with tiled lodge meeting. For example, conduct a candidate table lodge with their family and friends. Not in the budget? Make it a potluck, that way the candidate and his family are actively contributing to the masonic experience. When there are children involved, plan some fun activities for the kids during the event. When everyone in the candidate's family participates and is having fun, the smoother the assimilation is to the masonic life. Also consider that if the candidates have children, they may be future DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, or Rainbow girls. Ask these organizations to participate in the events as well. Activities like these should be a bimonthly occurrence.

Break the barrier! Publish a candidate and member directory to all brothers and to the candidates. This will address the sight recognition problem that we all have. Next time you are at a lodge meeting and you see someone you don't know; can you tell if they are a brother or a candidate? Probably not. A current directory will bring us all closer. This is what our brotherhood is all about!

Sample Directory Page



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Lodge affiliations:

Phoenicia 58, Phoenix AZ Tin City 112, Hill City, SD

Previous Masonic Affiliations Tabala Shrine, Illinois DeMolay, Riverside, CA

Family info:

Wife Kathy

Children Mike, Rodger, Dan, Scott, Kari

Employment / current

Realtor with DeLex Realty Construction / handyman services

Previous Employment: Retired from:

Caterpillar Tractor Co – Staff Engineer United Defense – Manufacturing Mgr. Rio Tinto / Cloud Peak Energy –

Environmental Engineer Black Hill Enterprises – Research Engineer

Hobbies / interests

Motorcycles

Construction home remodeling / repairs

Non-Active Members

Members who no longer attend lodge generally have had some circumstances in their life that have changed their priority. This could be geographically related, age related, health related or just time related. These members need to be re-engaged. Take a proactive approach, for the brothers who maintain their dues but are no longer in the geographic area, maintain the communication and let them know that you care and are missed. For the brothers that are in the area, if we don't know, then we obviously did not care. That is not what we are about. A calling committee may help in some instances but what about the brother who thinks:

I haven't been to lodge in so long that I don't know anyone anymore.

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I can't even remember the ritual; I don't want to embarrass myself.

I again contend that a lodge directory will facilitate communication. I also believe that as a lodge, we should proactively engage these members to return.

How the heck do we do that?

How about a member engagement challenge? If each brother could identify a non-active member living close to them, take the time to go over and meet with them, present them with the lodge directory and offer to pick them up and bring them to the next lodge meeting or activity, not only do we make or renew a friendship, but we are living the precepts of brotherly love.

Rodger Marx Phoenicia Lodge 58, Phoenix, AZ Tin City Lodge 112, Hill City, SD

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,
Grand Editor for the Grand Lodge of Arizona F&AM 2019 – 2020
PM Worshipful Master Phoenicia 58 F&AM - 2018
Valley of the Sun DeMolay - Advisor
Riders of the 3rd Degree' - Sergeant at Arms

EDUCATION ARTICLES

No Articles submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT AND TRUSTEES REPORT:

Next Trustees Meeting will be held on 1/21. (End of year audit)

AWARDS;

We are more than 60% through qualifying for the 2020 Master Architect Award.

BENEFICENT FUND;

No Report.

CALLING COMMITTEE;

No Report.

CANDIDATE PROGRESSION:

Rossi – MM Degree 12/17. Vargas FC 1/28. Pisani EA 2/4 (Saturday 9AM). Possible; Fowler EA 2/25.

DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY;

No Report.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS:

York Rite Christmas Observance, 12/21 3PM Downtown 345 W. Monroe St. Scottish Rite; A Spring Festival is in the planning stage.

FUNDRAISING;

GW Whiskey Round 2 Tickets (\$10) and Masonic Guitar Raffle Tickets (\$20).

FUNERAL TEAM;

No Report

HOSPITALITY;

January - West.

MASONIC EDUCATION:

No Report.

MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION;

We are currently at 58 Members. 2 FCs. 5 Prospects.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

We delivered two new bicycles for a Bikes for Books Program. One winner was a 1st Grade Girl and our second winner was a 6th Grade Boy.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS;

No Report

SOCIAL:

We held the Lodge Christmas Party on 12/14 at WB Ray Brigandi's Home. Great food and good times were had by ALL!

TRESTLE BOARD:

All articles were NOT in on time. You have no idea how hard it can be. Herding cats

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

For 2020, we are shuffling up our Committee Assignments. See below for our new Committee Chairs and assignments.

| Committees | Members | Who |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Audit and Trustees | 1yr WB Tony Hernandez, WB 2yr Robert Haynes, 3yr WB Bryon Howe | Active PMs |
| Awards | Chair: WM Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi Focus: Master Architect 2020 | WM / Sec |
| Beneficent Fund: | Chair: WM Chris West / Mat Brassard / Rodger Marx | WM / SW/ Tres |
| Calling Committee: | Chair: WB Phil Zeilinger / WM Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi | PM / WM / Sec |
| Candidate Progression: | Chair: Mat Brassard / WB Ray Brigandi | Bro / Sec |
| Degree and Ritual Proficiency: | Chair: Mat Brassard / WB Ray Brigandi | Ritualistic |
| Fraternal Relations: | Chair: Mat Brassard / PM Bryon Howe | Youth Groups |
| Fundraising: | Chair: WM Chris West / Bro Matt Brassard / WB Tony Hernandez | WM/SW/PM |
| Funeral Team: | WM: WB Ray Brigandi / SW: WB Tony Hernandez / JW: Bro Chris West / Chaplain: Bro Joe Pappas | |
| Hospitality: | Chair: Steve Dilda / Keith Brooks / Antonio Rossi | JW / SS / JS |
| Masonic Education: | Chairs: Bro Joe Pappas / Steve Dilda | Chaplain, JW |
| Membership and Retention: | Chair: WB Robert Haynes / WB Bryon Howe / Keith Brooks | PM / PM / Active member |
| Public Schools | Chair: Antonio Rossi / WM Chris West i / WB Tony Hernandez | Member/ WM / PM |
| Reports of sickness or distress: | Chair: WB Phil Zeilinger / WM Chris West / Ray Brigandi | PM / WM / Sec |
| Social: | Chair: Steve Dilda, Steve Hooper, Shane Charles | JW / SD / JD |
| Trestleboard: | Chair: WM Bryon Howe/ Bro Mat Brassard / Rodger Marx | Sec / SW / Active Bro |

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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 1st Wednesday.
Special meetings are hold nearly every Wed.
Contact secretary



Stars of Paradise #56 Order of the Eastern Star 2nd and 4th Thursday (dark in the summer)



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

Happy Masonic Birthday to these brothers.

| MASONIC BIRTHDAY | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|--|
| Brother Name | Date Raised | Years | |
| Jeffery L Stevens | 1/15/2008 | 11 | |
| Stanley Paul Johnson | 2/21/2015 | 4 | |
| Steve Dilda | 2/19/2009 | 10 | |
| Frank Tanner | 2/1/2006 | 13 | |

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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. Pfieiffer – 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 \$
William Franklin \$
Lucius L. Green \$
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.