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## THE TRESTLEBOARD

JULY-AUG 2020



How did you get the  
Black eye?  
The wife was giving  
me a lecture and I  
corrected her three  
times.



### EVENTS

#### July

7th at 6:00 pm:  
14th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner  
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.  
18th at 8:00 am:  
21st at 6:00 pm: Zoom officers  
28th at 6:00 pm: No meeting

#### Aug

4th at 6:00 PM: 2nd degree practice  
11th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner  
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.  
18th at 6:00 pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
25th at 6:00 PM: officer meeting

### 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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3 Yr WB Bryon Howe

### TRUSTEES

**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*

Brethren –

I hope this trestle board finds you all safe, healthy, and in the A/C!

Despite Covid, the Lodge has pressed on this summer continuing to not only meet and conduct Lodge business, but also confer degrees. This past month we had the honor of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on Mr. (now “Brother”) John Fowler. Brother Fowler is going to be a fantastic addition to our Lodge.

My Brothers, Covid-19 is going to take a very big toll on a number of organizations, non-profits, Lodges, and the like here in 2020. It is going to be a struggle for many Lodges to get through this pandemic. With the meeting restrictions for large groups, mask requirements, and overall fear of contracting this virus, Lodges find themselves “out of sight and out of mind”. Despite efforts to use zoom as a medium to still meet up, participation overall is well below our norm. Opportunities, through fundraisers, to raise needed funds for our Community Service endeavors, are limited – if not eliminated. Opportunities to get out and about in our community, to be seen and do good, and further promote not only Phoenicia #58 but Masonry in general, simply do not exist in the current environment. We must ALL make an even greater effort to assist in getting YOUR Lodge through this uncertain time. I need your support. I need your participation. We will get through this, no doubt, but we will be stronger as a Lodge or weaker when we come out the other side of this mess? That is the question. The answer must be “stronger”.

Regarding Lodge business, the Lodge made a significant contribution this past month to our investment account, raising our fund total by approximately 8%. This was able to be done through the long and sometime laborious process of fundraising. We fundraise a lot in this Lodge, making it just a tad harder year after year, raffle item after raffle item, to bring in those much-needed dollars. Thank you to ALL the Brothers who sold raffle tickets for both our George Washington Whiskey and Masonic Guitar fundraisers. Brothers Rodger Marx and Shane Charles especially for your efforts!

Overall, this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> bottle of GW Whiskey we have raffled, totaling more than \$5,000 in collected funds for the Lodge. The Masonic Guitar also brought in more than \$1,000 in additional funds – funds that will be put to excellent use. With those over, well, it’s time to get another fundraiser rolling.

Finally, Brethren – I want to leave you with the words I recite at the end of each Stated Meeting, the Lodge Charge. I ask you to read it aloud to yourself and to reflect on your life and actions towards your Brethren in Freemasonry as well to your family, friends, and especially total strangers.

***Brethren: We are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world.***

***Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties which you have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended in this Lodge.***

***Remember that around this sacred alter you have solemnly bound yourselves to befriend and relieve every Brother who may need your assistance.***

***You have promised, in the most friendly manner, to remind him of his error and aid his reformation.***

***These generous principles are to extend further, my Brothers, for every human being – not just Freemasons, have a claim upon your kind offices; do good unto all; recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful.***

***Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of peace and love delight to dwell within and bless each and every one of you.***

WM - CW

## **FROM THE WEST**



*Brother Mathew Brassard - Sr. Warden*

Greetings from the West

For any well governed lodge to be successful it needs three sets of elected officials. First, it needs elected leaders to set committees and run the meetings. The Master and two Wardens. Second, it needs a group of Trustees to maintain the long-term financial interest of the lodge. Finally, it needs two Brothers who are charged with the current financial and administration of the lodge.

It is the final set of elected officials that we need to change how we do business as a lodge.

These are critical positions to the lodge that require time and dedication. However, they have a history of burning brothers out, or causing a brother to be thrown into the position with no opportunity to learn the job before the job needs to be done. This is due to the longevity of the tenure in position with no plan to transition or learn the role. Our lodge simply cannot continue this practice. There is simply too much weight on key positions for too long. "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." ~ Henry Ford

Our current Secretary and Treasure are doing a great job. Now is the perfect time to train more of our lodge on the What and How the lodge is truly run. So here is my call to action: Review the duties of the positions below and determine when you can start to learn these vital skills and processes to help keep this lodge a success. Reach out to me with any questions or concerns. If we continue to wait for "someone else" we will be waiting until we are in crisis again.

### Secretary Duties:

- Observe the Worshipful Master's will and pleasure
- Record the proceedings of the Lodge and to transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge, if required
- Keep the records of the Lodge regularly, fairly and faithfully
- Receive all monies due to the Lodge and pay the same to Treasurer
- Make a written Financial Report to the Lodge at the Quarterly Stated Meetings
- Make a report to the Grand Lodge at the close of the Masonic Year
- Keep the seal of the Lodge and affix it to all official documents emanating from the Lodge or his office
- Notify the Brothers of delinquencies in their dues
- Send all notices and summons when ordered by the Worshipful Master or other competent authority
- To notify the Grand Secretary of any expulsions or suspensions
- To keep a visitor's book
- To attend upon trials and meetings for taking evidence
- To furnish copies of all evidence taken on trials where an appeal to Grand Lodge is demanded
- To furnish diplomas, demits and certificates, duly signed and sealed, by order of the Lodge

### Treasurer Duties:

- Receive all monies from the Secretary and give him a receipt for the same
- Keep an accurate account of all money

- Pay out money duly signed by the Worshipful Master and countersigned by the Secretary with the consent of the Lodge
- Keep all property (stocks, bonds and land) owned by the Lodge in his possession
- Submit a report of financial transactions at the Stated meetings
- When requested, present a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, and the amount of funds on hand
- Preserve all accounting books and vouchers and transfer the same to his successor

Fraternally,  
Mat Brassard  
Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



*Brother Steve Dilda - Jr. Warden*

Virtual Greeting, my Brothers, from the South Gate,

Nobody saw this bombshell coming, I'm sure. And, man, all of a sudden EVERYTHING changed. Let's keep our heads above water and eyes to the Heavens. "I will bring the blind by a way they have not known I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do onto them. Prov. 3 Verses [5] Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Then shall thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. For the Lord shall be thy

confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken." Reading this actually calmed me from all the information being thrown at me. He's GOT this. That, I trust.

A friend asked me, what are morals? From Vocabulary.com: moral/morale A moral is the lesson of a story. ... Moral come the Latin word mores, for habits. The moral of a story is supposed to teach you how to be a better person. If more is used as an adjective, it means good, or ethical. If you have a strong moral character, you are a good member of society. We should all strive for that high moral character. Respect for family, friends, brothers and sisters is vital. Respecting religion, justice, honesty and never hurting anyone, and keeping a tongue of good report. That's morals!!!

"Ever feel like you are from a different era? Feel like there is so much hatred between everybody? Yep, me, too. So glad Masonry has given me an inner peace to fall back on and the powers of prayer. I have faults, I fall short, but am thankful for God's amazing grace and ask for forgiveness and move on with my head held high.

This should be the time we all band together and not be torn apart. Satan is working hard, but will not win me or so many of you.

Sadly, he will win some, if they are not careful and keep their faith.

Stay firm, stay strong, stay in the word."

Steve Dilda, JW

Phoenicia #58

Phoenix, AZ

## 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](mailto: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 Fraternaly,

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 / WB 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: WM 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 / WB Tony Hernandez	Member/ WM / PM
Reports of sickness or distress:	Chair: WB Phil Zeilinger / WM Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi	PM / WM / Sec
Social:	Chair: Steve Dilda, Steve Hooper, Shane Charles	JW / SD / JD
Trestleboard:	Chair: WB Bryon Howe/ Bro Mat Brassard	Sec / SW / Active Bro

Audit and Trustees Report; Next Trustees Meeting will be held on 9/15.

Awards: We were awarded the 2020 Master Architect Award! 1 of only 11 Lodges in Arizona to receive! WB Bryon Howe received the AZGL's Distinguished Service Medal! Congrats WB

Candidate Progression; Bro. Dave Pisani – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree; Need to schedule. Bro. Miguel Vargas – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; Need to schedule.

Fraternal Relations: Most are dark this summer due to Covid.

Fundraising: GW Whiskey raffle was won by our newest EA John Fowler! The Masonic Guitar raffle was won by Bro. Paul Waterman of Hunters Paradise. Combined Brothers, we raised more than \$3,000!

Hospitality; August; Bro. Josh Anderson

Membership/Retention (Brassard/Brigandi); We are currently at 60 Members. 1 EA. 1 FC. 5 Prospects.

Public Schools: Due to Covid and fall classes being done all virtually we do not foresee a Parent Teacher BBQ or Bikes for Books Presentation for the Fall.

Social; We are limiting social functions due to Covid-19.

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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
	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. Contact the PVST #29 Lodge Secretary for latest contact information.

Happy Masonic Birthday to these brothers.

MASONIC BIRTHDAY		
Brother Name	Date Raised	Years
Chadwick Barrett Burks P.M.	7/15/2002	18
Donald Head	7/18/2002	18
Charles Quinton Hartley P.M.	7/30/1968	52
Philip Zeilinger P.M.	7/28/1964	56
Joshua Alan Anderson	8/1/2015	5
Mathew Aaron Brassard	8/9/2014	6
Scott Hewitt	8/30/2011	9
Jonathan Weisman	8/3/2010	10
Clifford Wimberly	8/21/2001	19

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## PHOENICIA PAST MASTERS

William H. Peotter - 1960 ☞  
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 Augustine G. DiPaola - 1963 ☞  
 Perry Wheat, Jr. - 1964 ☞  
 Robert A. Anglin - 1965 ☞  
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 Garrett L. Hendershot - 1968 ☞  
 Raymond O. Marshall - 1969 ☞  
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 Benjamin H. Fisk - 1972 ☞  
 Donese B. Tackett - 1973 ☞  
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 Charles Q. Hartley - 1976  
 Robert L. Allision - 1977 ☞  
 Neil D. Shepard - 1978 ☞  
 Theodore E. Pearson - 1979 ☞  
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 George E. Hinson - 1983, 1984 ☞  
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 Robert P. Taber - '88, '89, '96, '99, '01 ☞  
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 Joel R. Adams - 1992, 1993 ☞  
 Anthony Humpage - 1994  
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 David Newman - 1997  
 James W. Brown - 1998  
 Robert Haynes - 2000  
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 Jason Easterday - 2015  
 Tony Hernandez - 2016, 2017  
 Bryon P. Howe - 2018  
 Christopher B West - 2019, 2020

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 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.

## VALLEY OF THE SUN DEMOLAY CHAPTER ACTIVITY UPDATE

With the cancellation of physical meetings due to the gathering restrictions, Chapter members have been active with using the electronic media to stay in touch and have activities. Zoom, Google Hangouts, and internet connectivity have been used to keep everyone involved with the Chapter and State DeMolay activities. This use of virtual activity is part of everyday life for many of the members.

Chapter members are selling Yearbook Ads to help with their expenses to attend the July 2020 State DeMolay Convention. Contact one of the Chapter members or Dad Dave Zaucha for more information.

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).

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, local Master Masons serving on the Valley of the Sun Chapter Advisory Council include Bryon Howe; Steve Liguori; Matt Link; and David Zaucha. For further information about becoming a member of DeMolay or how to become a member of the Advisory Council, contact David Zaucha at 623.236.6307 or [VOTS.Chair@azdemolay.org](mailto:VOTS.Chair@azdemolay.org).

