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## THE TRESTLEBOARD

Nov-Dec 2020



Phoenicia Lodge  
No. 58  
F&AM



Grand Lodge  
of Free and Accepted  
Masons of Arizona

### Present

An evening of Masonic education presented by the  
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona.

Topics will include:

Degrees and their Biblical Meanings  
The Mentor Program  
The Secret Section  
Learning Ritual  
Conducting Ritual  
Hidden Messages

Open to ALL Masons and Prospects Only

Date: December 1, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29  
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### EVENTS

#### Nov

1st at 6:00 pm:

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

15th at 8:00 am:

22nd at 6:00 pm: Zoom officers

29th at 6:00 pm: No meeting

#### Dec

6th at 6:00 PM: 2nd degree practice

13th at 7 pm: Stated meeting. Dinner  
prior to the meeting at 6 pm.

20th at 6:00 pm: 2nd degree

27th 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

EPhoenicia Past Masterspm:

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

15th at 8:00 am:

22nd at 6:00 pm: Zoom officers

29th at 6:00 pm: No meeting

#### Dec



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1 Yr WB Tony Hernandez  
2 Yr WB Robert Haines  
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*

Brethren –

Thank You. Thank you for the honor and privilege of being Worshipful Master of Phoenicia #58 these past two years. This will be my last trestle board article to you as your Worshipful Master.

When I joined this Lodge 6 ½ years ago, I had no idea how much the Masonic experience and the incredible Brothers of this great Lodge would both go on to influence and play such an important role in my life. Months before I had gone through one of the saddest and most challenging times of my life, a divorce. I was looking to better myself, I was seeking purpose, looking for opportunities to become more involved in my local community, and had hopes of making new friends. Phoenicia fulfilled everything I had sought.

I have not just gained Brothers, but I have made great friends. Brothers who have my ultimate trust, deep respect, and utmost appreciation for all they have done for me in shepherding me along my masonic journey. Phoenicia #58 has been one of my life's best gifts. I have had countless GREAT times both in Lodge and outside of it with the Brethren.

Not only will I miss being Worshipful Master, but I have the unfortunate circumstance to have also moved out of state as well, to Texas. Words cannot express how much I already miss meeting with the Brethren each and every Tuesday evening at the Lodge. I already regret that I will not have the opportunity to continue to serve my Lodge as an active PM, by the example of great PM's like Worshipful Brother's Howe, Hernandez, Brigandi, Haynes, Zeilinger, and Ward.

We have achieved a lot over the past two years, with thousands of dollars in fundraising, dozens of bikes and computers donated, thousands in financial donations to Campo Bello and our Masonic Youth, teacher BBQ's cooked up, and of course Initiating, Passing, and Raising several good men who want to improve themselves in Masonry.

While I sincerely thank you ALL, I especially want to thank WB Howe, WB Hernandez, WB Brigandi and your new incoming WM Mat Brassard. Thank you for patience with me, your advice, your time, your incredible effort(s), your gentle admonishments, and the unparalleled sacrifices that you each make almost daily to better our amazing Lodge.

Brethren, I look extremely forward to visiting you as often as I can in the future and one day, God willing, I very much hope to return to the Phoenix area and Phoenicia #58 to pick up right where I left off.

With the highest regard and appreciation –

Chris

Worshipful Master, Phoenicia #58 2019, 2020

## FROM THE WEST



*Brother Mathew Brassard - Sr. Warden*

My Brothers,

Greetings from the West. As the sun begins to set on another year for Phoenicia 58 I want to take this opportunity to thank our Worshipful Master for a fantastic 2020 year for this lodge. I can't help but feeling like saying "2020" and the "fantastic" in the same sentence feels wrong. However, it is because of how tough of a year that we have had that Brother Chris West deserves our thanks and my admiration. We entered a crisis!

Brothers' health and very lives are at stake! The lodge had to find a way to function. Grand Lodge Communication still needed to be completed. There was work to be done. And in the midst of it all I feel as though my entire life changed. Transitioning to working from home and bringing a new child into a quarantined world were huge obstacles. Two things helped keep me sane: First, I have the support of my Brothers in Masonry - I feel like our fraternity was designed for times like these; Second, the lodge will continue to flourish under the steady, helpful and sure hand of seasoned Worshipful Master and his trusty bighearted secretary. Normally when a year ends and a Master steps down the Sr. Warden gets to make analogies about how the sunset in the west is but a metaphor and they look forward to seeing the now has-been Past Master on the sidelines. This time as he rides off on horseback (this time shaped like a plane seat) into that real Texas sunset, I realize how much I will miss the zeal that you have infused into everything this lodge has done since you became a member. Just remember you can move away, but that won't stop the lodge from putting you to work in some way. Right Marmalade?

Next meeting is arguably the most important meeting of the year. We will be working on the sign up sheet for the Lodge Christmas Party!... I mean Elections. Elections truly give the members of the body the control to select its leadership and in turn empower those leaders with the proper authority to lead the body. I look forward to another opportunity to leave my house and rejoice in the presence of my brethren.

Fraternally,

Mat Brassard

Sr. Warden





## FROM THE SOUTH

*Brother Steve Dilda - Jr. Warden*

A good story

A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: 'I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note. The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

'Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented. The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, 'No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, 'Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.'

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason



## 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 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

## 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 / 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 / Roger Marx	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!

Candidate Progression; Bro. John Fowler working on 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Proficiency. Bro. Dave Pisani working on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Proficiency. Bro. Miguel Vargas – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternal Relations; ??

Fundraising: The first 2 games of the ROJO Season will not have fans. This coupled with the loss of a pre-season as well as no additional events (10 in past years) our fundraising is taking a severe hit.

Hospitality; September – Dilda, October – Hewitt, November – Smith, PM, December – Hernandez, PM

Membership/Retention (Brassard/Brigandi); We are currently at 60 Members. 1 EA. 2 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; Bowling Night #2 scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>! Come one! Come all! The entire family, friends, co-workers are invited!



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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.

Brother Name	Date Raised	Years
Christopher Bryan West P.M.	9/23/2014	6
Jason Schneider	9/27/2007	13
Steven Jefferson Hooper	10/24/2017	3
Bryon Patrick Howe P.M.	10/22/2013	7
Kenneth Braun	10/1/1971	49

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## PHOENICIA PAST MASTERS

William H. Peotter - 1960 ☞  
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 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 ☞  
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 Charles Q. Hartley - 1976  
 Robert L. Allision - 1977 ☞  
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 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 ☞  
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 Ernie L. Waller Sr. - 1995 ☞  
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 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, 2020

### AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

Sidney Breger ☞  
 William Franklin ☞  
 Lucius L. Green ☞  
 ☞ - 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.