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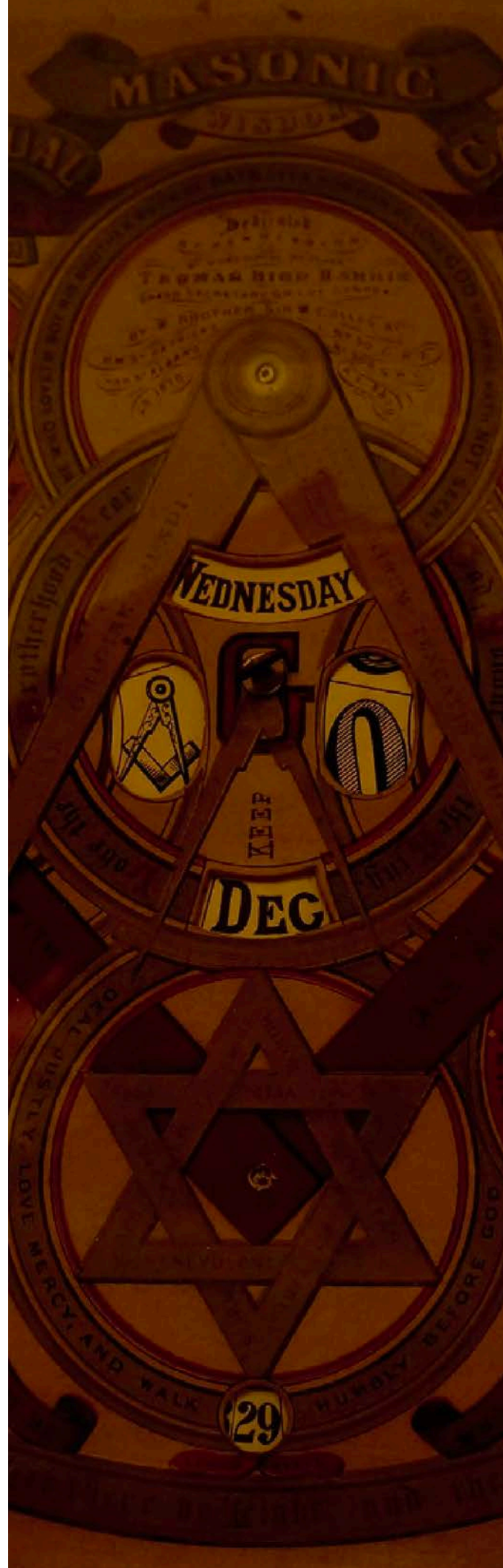
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## a message from the east

**Worshipful Master, Phoenicia #58  
2015, 2024, 2025**



## WORSHIPFUL MASTER BRYON HOWE

58 Brothers,

*This year is half over, and we are still growing. We have already made three master masons this year, with more to come. Our candidate program enables brothers to share their enthusiasm with seekers. We had a good showing at Grand Communication. The Master Architect Award, which we got AGAIN, is a good guide for having a successful lodge. Our auditors are learning how to streamline our quarterly reports. Officers' meetings will include the presentation of committee reports, with a synopsis provided during the meeting.*

*Freemasonry is about building you, and as your Worshipful master, here is how I accomplish that. The Worshipful Master is the highest-ranking officer in a Masonic Lodge and has several essential responsibilities. Here are some key duties:*

- *Leadership and Governance: The Worshipful Master presides over all lodge meetings, ensuring that they are conducted according to Masonic laws and traditions. They are responsible for maintaining order and decorum during meetings.*
- *Rituals and Ceremonies: The Worshipful Master oversees the performance of Masonic rituals and ceremonies. This includes initiating new members, passing members to higher degrees, and conducting other significant lodge ceremonies.*
- *Representation: The Worshipful Master represents the lodge in interactions with other lodges and the Grand Lodge. They may attend regional and national Masonic events and conventions.*



# a message from the east



- Administration: The Worshipful Master manages the administrative functions of the lodge, including overseeing the lodge's finances, property, and records. They work closely with other lodge officers to ensure the lodge's smooth operation.
- Mentorship and Guidance: The Worshipful Master provides mentorship and guidance to lodge members, particularly new initiates. They help members understand Masonic principles and encourage their active participation in lodge activities.
- Community Engagement: The Worshipful Master often leads the lodge's community service and charitable activities, fostering a positive relationship between the lodge and the local community.

*This term is coming to a close, and the next 6 months will go faster than we think. I want to thank the Craft for allowing me to serve again and again. I entrust that those I have the absolute confidence in will follow these six key duties.*

*Train those under you, leave it better than you found it, and when you feel unstable, seek guidance from your higher power.*

The theme for 2025 – Make Phoenicia Great Again

Respectfully and fraternally,

**WB Bryon Howe**  
**Worshipful Master 2015, 2024, 2025**  
**Phoenicia Lodge 58**



## a message from the west

**Senior Warden, Phoenicia #58  
2025**



### **BROTHER ED L. PEREZ, SW**

Fraternal greetings brethren!

Imagine when the first ray of light from the great big star strikes through those thin satin sheets and abruptly awakens the senses of your human mind from a deep sleep. More often than not, those thoughts of curiosity slowly take over and engulf the rich corners of wonder before you even open your lucid eyes. As if two dimensions collide in a beautiful chaos to link our common sense with the unthinkable truths. It is the beginning as you know it — crossing that tight channel of tangible reality to the supernatural phenomena.

The channel or conduit as the few may term it, governs that steady flow of energy binding both intellect and intuition to further discover the pains and gains of human growth. We try to learn, adapt, and thrive as we go along to accomplish the pristine goal of our mortal existence. However, are we really capable of achieving perfection in this world through divine reliance? Perhaps the better question is, are we ever going to be ready and worthy in receiving the grace of the Great Divinity?

I guess we have to see the end of our days, the light at the end of the tunnel, before we even fathom to answer that question. What I do know is that our mind and soul is entangled with the works manifested in the universe we belong in. And the conduit is always two-way, from the mortal to the Divine God and vice-versa. A never-ending cycle that elevates a man to the pedestal of his being, if and only if, the gift of divine wisdom is nurtured and utilized properly. It all starts from the playful thoughts of the conscious and



# a message from the west



**Brother Ed L. Perez, SW**

subconscious, then to the raw intentions of the heart, the graceful slips of the tongue and the acts of selfless undertaking, slowly building our inner temple.

The knowledge we gain in our everyday venture fills the gap in our universal consciousness, eradicating ignorance and constantly improving the quality of our conduit through our child-like faith and life experiences. Opening our mind to the perception of a larger conceptual realm where the Great Architect of the Universe presides and hoping we will be able to leave a meaningful legacy and served our purpose before we perished, until such time we return from ashes to clay once again.

**Bro. Ed L. Perez**  
**Senior Warden**  
**Phoenicia Lodge 58**



# a message from the south

**Junior Warden, Phoenicia #58  
2025**



## BROTHER SHANE GILBERT, JW

Greetings from the South Gate:

My intention for this quarter's article was to be a highlight of this year's main events.

However, as we neared the 249th birthday of our Nation, I did a bit of a dive into the document that has driven this nation to greatness. On July 4, 1776, fifty-six men representing the 13 colonies collaborated to proclaim us free from tyranny. In the midst of a great war that started over a year earlier, and under the penalty of certain death, these men stood side by side to stand up for what was just and right and prudent. It was entitled "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America". Known now as the Declaration of Independence".

As many of us know, the list of signees included revered brothers from our own fraternity. From North Carolina to Massachusetts, Freemasons stood side by side with other great men who would not be ruled from an Island nation across the Atlantic. Moreover, they did this at a time in the war when victory was less certain than defeat. Washington had not yet crossed the Delaware, the French had not yet declared their allegiance (that would take some time), and the continental army had not yet survived Valley Forge. Yet, the morality and divine values of the brave signers did not falter.



# a message from the south



## **Brother Shane Gilbert, JW**

When reading the Declaration, one can see clearly the influence of our fraternity. The assertion from our forefathers that “All men are created equal” and “that they are endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights” is synonymous with the Worshipful Master asking the Senior Warden one powerful question “Where do Masons meet”. It is a core value that allows, despite the structure of the lodge, all of us to have an equal say and enjoy the same privileges.

And what of Brotherhood? As I’ve written, these men stood side by side in the face of death and tyranny for the purpose of reaching a common goal. They extended to each other their right hands, they took an oath, and they signed side by side as a token of their friendship and brotherly love. The Declaration says it best in the last sentence, while invoking divine providence to protect this endeavor. “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor”.

Honor and Trust in God. Sound familiar?

As is the case with any collective endeavor, there was dissention and conflict within the representation. Not all of the signers were initially onboard. Differences in opinion regarding trade and economics, war versus diplomacy and slavery kept four of the states from voting in favor. In the end, of course, they worked through their differences and 249 years later, here we are. Great men did these things. I am in a fraternity of great men. Lets all take note of what we can accomplish together. Stand together, honor our brothers, live by our code of conduct and remember our oaths. May Brotherly Love Prevail. A list of Masonic Signers and their Lodges:

- Benjamin Franklin: Was a past Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania.
- John Hancock: Made a Mason in Merchants Lodge No. 277 in Quebec and affiliated with St. Andrews Lodge in Boston.
- Joseph Hewes: Member of Unanimity Lodge No. 7 and received Masonic funeral honors.
- William Hooper: Member of Hanover Lodge in Masonborough, NC.
- Richard Stockton: Associated with St. John's Lodge in Princeton, NJ, and was a Charter Master.
- William Ellery: A member of the First Lodge of Boston.

With respect and Brotherly Love,  
Shane Gilbert  
Junior Warden  
Phoenicia Lodge No. 58



## Introducing the 2025-2026 Grand Master of Masons in Arizona Most Worshipful Leigh Creighton

We are proud to introduce MWB Leigh Creighton as the newly installed Grand Master of Masons in Arizona. A dedicated servant of the Craft, MWB Creighton brings a spirit of humility, leadership, and vision to his term.

His theme for the year is both timeless and inspiring:  
"Masonry: A Way of Life."

Grounded in our three principal tenets—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—this theme challenges each of us to live Masonry not just in Lodge, but in our daily lives. Whether through acts of kindness, offering support to those in need, or living with honesty and integrity, MWB Creighton reminds us that Masonry is not merely a membership—it is a calling to live better, serve more, and walk uprightly.

We invite you to join in supporting our Grand Master and to carry this theme forward in your Lodge, community, and personal journey.



## Grand Lodge Legislation Update

### 2024 Carryover Legislation

**Resolution 2024-03** RItual Change - "WM or Designee" - Withdrawn.

**Resolution 2024-16** Candidate Proficiency - Removal of the word "Lecture" of this degree - Withdrawn.

**Resolution 2024-17** Fellowcraft Circumambulation - Scripture change from Amos to 1 Corinthians - Failed.

**Resolution 2024-18** Ritual Change "The candidate when returning to the lodge Shall Salute the WM " -Failed.

**Grand Masters Recommendation 2025-01** - Use of electronic signature and of electronic member dues cards permitted, beginning 6/7/2025 - Passed.

### 2025 Legislation

**Resolution 2025-01**- Printing updated return address in clear text ritual book - Withdrawn.

**Resolution 2025-02**- Electronic Perpetual Member Certificate issued from Grandview - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-03**- Lodge Secretary and Treasurer Bonding - Failed.

**Resolution 2025-04**- Proposal for the GL of AZ to discontinue the purchasing of Directors and Officers insurance covering the constituent lodges -Failed.



**2025 Legislation continued**

**Resolution 2025-05-** Requires anyone aspiring to serve as the Grand Secretary and/or Grand Treasurer to submit resumes 90 days prior to the Grand Communication. - Passed

**Resolution 2025-06-** Proposed Ritual Change to the EA degree - "The lecture of this degree etc" - Carries Over.

**Resolution 2025-07-** Approves the use of a Letter of Certification by the Grand Secretary pertaining to Withdrawals, Suspensions or Restorations - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-08-** Proficiency Cards valid for seven years - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-09-** Guidelines for Trial Records Inspection - " Shall be private, not for everyone to view, not to be recorded, copied or photographed". -Passed.

**Resolution 2025-10-** Option for Electronic Voting Methods for use during Grand Communication - Passed

**Resolution 2025-11-** Creation of Grand Historians Office and his duties defined - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-12-** DDGL permitted to issue Certificates of Proficiency, applies to lodges petitioning for dispensation. Passed

**Resolution 2025-13-** Defines duties of the DDGL's for inclusion or Restoration back into the AMC. - Passed

**Resolution 2025-14-** Further defines duties of the DDGL's for inclusion or Restoration back into the AMC. - Passed

**Resolution 2025-15-** Constitution Updates - Housekeeping , Grammar and numerical changes - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-16-** To establish at the Grand Lodge Level, a Widows Relief Fund requiring a \$2 per capita increase on every mason- Tabled

**Resolution 2025-17-** Chapter 7 Statutes Updates -Passed.

**Resolution 2025-18-** Miscellaneous Statute Amendments - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-19-** Lodge of Research can be opened on any degree not MM only - Passed.

**Resolution 2025-20-** This amendment to the Constitution section 3-1.4.3, Seeks to employ the use of outside help for the duties of the Grand Treasurer - Failed but it is carried over.

The Grand Masters decision to expel a mason was upheld.

Bo Buchanan was awarded the Grand Lodge Mason of the Year

Grand Lodge of Arizona 3-Year Trustee - Randy Jager

Grand Lodge of Airzona 1-Year Trustee - George Rusk

## Monthly Masonic Theme Recommendations from the Grand Lodge of Arizona

### 2025-2026 Monthly Masonic Themes

**AUGUST – Masonic Focus on Nonprofits**

This month is dedicated to recognizing and supporting local nonprofit organizations that align with Masonic values

**SEPTEMBER – Youth Groups Month**

Highlight and support the Masonic youth organizations

**OCTOBER – Make a Difference Day (October 25)**

Join the national movement on 'Make a Difference Day'

**NOVEMBER – Thank the Veterans**

Honor those who have served in the Armed Forces

**DECEMBER – Past Masters Night**

Pay tribute to those who have led the Lodge and contributed to its legacy.

**JANUARY – Bring a Brother Back: Reach Out Month**

Begin the year by rekindling Masonic connections

**FEBRUARY – Wives & Partners Recognition**

Celebrate the support of Masonic spouses and partners .

**MARCH – Open House / Prospect Night**

Introduce potential members and their families to Freemasonry

**APRIL – Thank a Brother**

Practice internal reflection and gratitude

**MAY – Masonic Trivia Night**

Celebrate Masonic knowledge



# CONGRATULATIONS!



**BROTHER BO BUCHANAN**  
**2025**  
**GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA**  
**MASON OF THE YEAR!**

Spend the weekend with powerful sessions that explore the timeless principles of Masonic leadership. These interactive workshops will delve into the roles and responsibilities of officers, the importance of leading with integrity, and how to inspire others through example.

Whether you're a seasoned Master or a newly installed officer, these sessions will set the tone for personal growth and Lodge excellence.

**Friday, August 15****3:00 PM - 5:00 PM — Registration****6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — Meet and Greet with the Grand Line (Dinner)****Saturday, August 16 | Leadership in Action****Morning Presentations****8:00 AM — How to Run Your Lodge Like a Business - MW Scott Thomas****8:30 AM — The Masonic Code Explained - WB Wayne Thatcher****9:30 AM — Break****9:45 AM — Strategies for Effective Prospect Management - Bro. Roger Marx****10:15 AM — Amplifying Lodge Engagement - WB Chris West****11:00 AM — Harmony in Action: Resolving Conflicts - WB Marcus Hensley****Midday Activities****12:00 PM - 1:00 PM — Men's Luncheon****12:00 PM - 2:00 PM — Women's Luncheon & Luau Party****Island-themed lunch****Interactive games & prize giveaways****A celebration of sisterhood and fellowship****Dress Code: Casual Beach Attire****Afternoon Presentations****1:00 PM — From Foundation to Future - WB Joey Boyer****2:00 PM — The Smart Lodge - WB Rand Szajna****2:30 PM — Break****2:45 PM - 4:00 PM — The Essence of Leadership - WB Pat Zech****Evening Fellowship****5:00 PM - 6:00 PM — No-Host Cocktails****6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — Masons and Wives Dinner****8:00 PM - 9:00 PM — Bourbon & Bowties****Learn to tie the perfect bowtie****Bowties provided Bourbon is no-host****Sunday, August 17 | Closing & Reflection****8:00 AM — Guided by Light: Planning Your Year in the East - WB Michael Fluty****9:00 AM — Balancing Work, Family, and the Craft - WB Bill Carnell****10:00 AM — Unveiling the Grand Lodge LMS - WB Joe Felix****11:00 AM - 12:00 PM — Q&A with Presenters and Grand Lodge Leadership****12:00 PM — Summit Adjourns****Friday August 15th, 2025 and Saturday August 16th, 2025**





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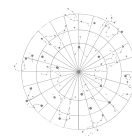
ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 6PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

## july 2025

TUESDAY	01	officers meeting / candidate proficiency
TUESDAY	8	july stated meeting: hawaiian shirt night
TUESDAY	15	poker social event at cheers tavern
TUESDAY	22	2 <sup>nd</sup> degree practice
TUESDAY	29	2 <sup>nd</sup> degree for bro. scott dunlap

## august 2025

TUESDAY	05	officers meeting / candidate proficiency
TUESDAY	12	august stated meeting
TUESDAY	19	degree practice / social
TUESDAY	26	degree practice / social



# masonic birthdays

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## july 2025

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WBro. Phil Zeilinger	7/28/1964	(61)
WBro. Quinton Hartley	7/30/1968	(57)
WBro. Chad Burks	7/15/2002	(23)
Bro. Donald Head	7/18/2002	(23)
WBro Reed Houge	7/13/2013	(12)

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## august 2025

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WBro. Matt Brassard	8/9/2014	(11)
Bro. Clifford Wimberly	8/21/2001	(24)
Bro. Jonathan Weisman	8/3/2010	(15)
Bro. Scott Hewitt	8/30/211	(14)
Bro. Joshua Anderson	8/01/2015	(10)

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## 2025 Schedule

PRESENTED BY **SEATGEEK**



PRESEASON 1 | vs. Kansas City  
**AUG 9** 5:00pm



PRESEASON 2 | @ Denver  
**AUG 16** 6:30pm



PRESEASON 3 | vs. Las Vegas  
**AUG 23** 7:00pm



WEEK 1 | @ New Orleans  
**SEP 7** 10:00am



WEEK 2 | vs. Carolina  
**SEP 14** 1:05pm



WEEK 3 | @ San Francisco  
**SEP 21** 1:25pm



WEEK 4 | vs. Seattle  
**SEP 25** 5:15pm TNF



WEEK 5 | vs. Tennessee  
**OCT 5** 1:05pm



WEEK 6 | @ Indianapolis  
**OCT 12** 10:00am



WEEK 7 | vs. Green Bay  
**OCT 19** 1:25pm



WEEK 9 | @ Dallas  
**NOV 3** 6:15pm MNF



WEEK 10 | @ Seattle  
**NOV 9** 2:05pm



WEEK 11 | vs. San Francisco  
**NOV 16** 2:05pm



WEEK 12 | vs. Jacksonville  
**NOV 23** 2:05pm



WEEK 13 | @ Tampa Bay  
**NOV 30** 11:00am



WEEK 14 | vs. Los Angeles  
**DEC 7** 2:25pm



WEEK 15 | @ Houston  
**DEC 14** 11:00am



WEEK 16 | vs. Atlanta  
**DEC 21** 2:05pm



WEEK 17 | @ Cincinnati  
**TBD** TBD



WEEK 18 | @ Los Angeles  
**TBD** TBD

WEEK 8: BYE

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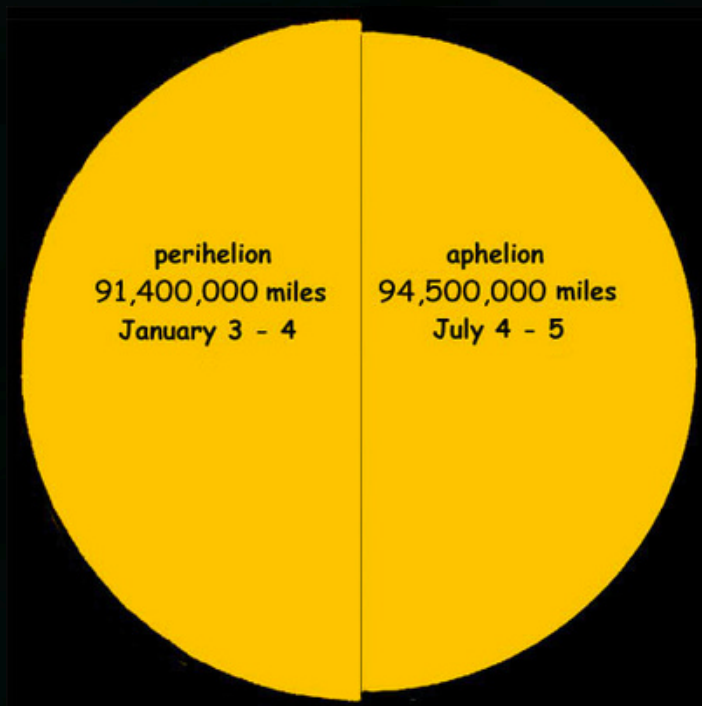
## happy aphelion!

July 4<sup>th</sup>, a most masonic holiday

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Early July, usually around the fourth, is the day of the year when the earth is farthest from the sun, or, the Solar Aphelion. This is the exact opposite of the Perihelion (when the sun is closest). If you haven't noticed by this time, Freemasonry is rooted in astrotheology and its foundations are rooted in the ancient mystery schools which themselves were born from solar-based theology.

The following are excerpts from Robert Wilkinson's website and affiliated social media sites collectively known as "Lifting the Veil." Robert has laid this out better than anyone I've come across yet.





# education articles

**happy aphelion!** July 4<sup>th</sup>, a most masonic holiday  
*cont.*

“Every year our sun conjoins the star Sirius, at 13.5 degrees Cancer, during the first week in July; that is, as seen from the earth, the sun lies in front of Sirius which lies at the same celestial longitude as the astrological sign of Cancer in the sky. Astrologically, a conjunction is the strongest aspect celestial bodies can have.

Interestingly, the major axis of the earth’s orbit is such that we are farthest from the sun on July 4th and closest to it on January 3rd each year, so that at the beginning of our current calendar year, the earth lies between the Sun and Sirius, and Sirius “culminates” or “climaxes” (is at it’s high point in its nightly path and directly on the north-south meridian line) at midnight; and thus the midnight new year’s firework climactic explosions serve as a celebration of the meridian passing of Sirius as we pass between it and the sun, while the fourth of July celebrations express the explosive conjunction or divine union of our Sun with Sirius. “

- 2018 – July 6th, 9:46 am
- 2019 – July 4th, 3:10 pm
- 2020 – July 4th, 4:34 am
- 2021 – July 5th, 3:27 pm
- 2022 – July 4th, 12:10 am



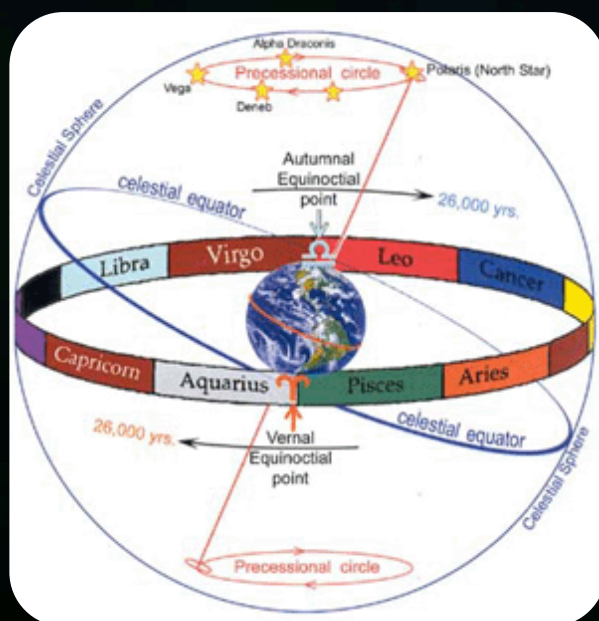


# education articles

## happy aphelion! July 4<sup>th</sup>, a most masonic holiday *cont.*

So we see this date bouncing around a little bit. This is one of the reasons I believe the handing, acceptance, and presentation of this document (*The Declaration of Independence*) was stretched out over several days. It was executed in “ritual” and designed to resonate for a specific period of time. The founding fathers had to have known that this alignment would eventually fall out of sync and resonance would ultimately come to a halt.

This year the aphelion occurs on July 6, But in the past, it occurred earlier. This is due to precession, or the precession of the equinox. Precession is “the advancement of the wobble of the earth due to its tilt off its axis” and this happens 1° every 72 years.



This accounts for the occulted significance of the number 72 as well as its regular manifestation in both ancient and modern-day religion. What's also quite intriguing is how the number 72 permeates the human condition. The average human lifespan of 72 years, room temperature 72°, we are 72% water, 72% of the Earth's surface is water, the human heartbeats 72 times per minute on average. And it goes on and on.





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It is worth pointing out that the celebration of this event has moved three days, or degrees, in the past 210 years. One of two reasons accounts for this.

Either we can presume that the Founding Fathers were off in their celestial calculations, or they chose this date knowing it was going to move.

If it were the latter, one can reason that the founding fathers understood that the energies which helped to form and bless the United States would eventually begin to wane. Forecasting or prophesying, if you will, a time when celestial energies would no longer be conducive to building a perfectly balanced nation. An expiration date, if you will.

*First paragraph of the Declaration of Independence:*

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

## **The History of the Grand Lodge of Arizona**

*Submitted by Worshipful Brother Ray Brigandi, Secretary of Phoenicia Lodge No. 58*

In the latter half of the nineteenth century the American frontier was comprised of the western territories from Oklahoma to the Pacific Northwest. The news media of the time focused attention on the western territories and undoubtedly played a significant role in the inexorable wave of intrepid pioneers, settlers, opportunists and prospectors that flooded into the territories. That period of time is often referred to as 'The Old West' or 'The Wild West'.

Arizona is the backdrop of many movies and novels about the Old West. Western novelist Zane Grey regularly spent time on the Mogollon Rim near Payson, Arizona. Early motion pictures depict Arizona cowboys and lawmen portrayed by actors such as Tom Mix and John Wayne. In those movies the heroes and villains were sharply defined and a clean-cut cowboy always, "saved the day."

However, novels and movies seldom depict an even greater legacy that a few pioneers and settlers brought with them as they populated the territories. They brought morals, values and a strong sense of brotherly love, relief and truth with them. They brought Freemasonry to the territories.

*In 1863 political concerns and the pressures of the Civil War were largely responsible for the separation of the Arizona territory from the New Mexico Territory. That year President Abraham Lincoln appointed John A. Gurley as Governor of the newly created Arizona Territory. He was to establish a government thus ensuring that Arizona Territory and its resources would be and remain under Union control. Governor Gurley died before he could arrive in the territory. John Noble Goodwin was appointed by President Lincoln in his place.*

John Goodwin, a Freemason, and his party arrived in the Arizona territory in December 1863. He established the territorial capital of Prescott, approximately twenty miles from Fort Whipple. In 1864 nine Master Masons held a meeting in Prescott at John N. Goodwin's house. Brother Goodwin presided at the meeting. After satisfying themselves that all present were Master Masons, those nine Masons decided to apply to the Grand Lodge of California for a dispensation to open a Lodge at Prescott. The name selected for the new lodge was Aztlan. Brother John T. Alsap, who later became the first mayor of Phoenix, was chosen as its first Master. Brother Goodwin was chosen to present the petition to the Grand Master of California. Brother Goodwin presented the petition on April 23rd, 1865, and the dispensation it requested was granted.

In January 1867, after the California charter had been granted, Aztlan Lodge No. 177 was duly constituted and the officers installed by Past Master John Martin.

Freemasonry had officially arrived in Arizona.

– Thereafter, four more lodges were formed in succession. These four are Arizona Lodge in Phoenix (1879), Tucson Lodge in Tucson (1881), Solomon Lodge in Tombstone (1881), and White Mountain Lodge in Globe. All but White Mountain Lodge were chartered by the Grand Lodge of California. White Mountain Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in 1881.

On the 23rd day of March, 1882, representatives from these four lodges convened in Tucson for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Territory of Arizona.

A committee was formed to examine the credentials of the attending delegates, and after its satisfactory report, it was resolved that by virtue of the powers vested in the members assembled it was right and proper that a Grand Lodge for the territory should be formed. A constitution was adopted and it was formally resolved, "That a lodge of Master Masons be opened for the purpose of organizing and opening, in Masonic form, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Territory of Arizona."

Officers were appointed to fill the stations and places and a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ancient Masonic form. The various officers were elected as follows: Ansel Mellen Bragg, Grand Master; John Tabor Alsap, Deputy Grand Master; Alonzo Bailey, Senior Grand Warden; William Arthur Harwood, Junior Grand Warden; Abraham Marx, Grand Treasurer; and George James Roskrige, Grand Secretary.

On the 25th day of March, 1882, the grand officers were installed and the Master Masons Lodge was closed in the ancient Masonic form, the convention having accomplished the business for which it was called, adjourned sine die.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in proper form, with music by a choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, after which it examined and endorsed the charters held by the various lodges represented. Then it was decided that, "The Grand Lodge claimed as the boundaries of its jurisdiction the whole of the Territory of Arizona," and further, that the Grand Master be authorized to endorse the charter of Aztlan Lodge when called upon to do so.



Aztlan lodge later became a chartered member, and together the five lodges forming the Grand Lodge had a total membership of 274 Masons.

Those five original lodges are still in existence today and are designated 'Territorial Lodges'.

Fraternally submitted by

WB Ray Brigandi

Fiat Lux



## Masonic Values

*Submitted by Brother Rodger Marx, Treasurer of Phoenicia Lodge No. 58*

Masonic values are the principles and ideals that guide Freemasonry, a fraternal organization that emphasizes personal growth, community service, and brotherly love.

These values include:

1. **Brotherly Love:** Masons recognize the inherent value of every individual, promoting tolerance, empathy, and understanding.
2. **Relief:** Masons provide support and assistance to those in need, fostering a sense of community and social responsibility.
3. **Truth:** Masons strive for honesty, integrity, and authenticity in their words and actions, promoting a culture of trust and respect.

Some key aspects of Masonic values and their impact on American history include:

- **Democracy and Equality:** Masonic principles of equality and justice have influenced the development of democratic institutions and the fight for human rights.
- **Community Service:** Masonic lodges have long served as community hubs, providing support for local charities, education, and social welfare initiatives.
- **Personal Growth:** Masonic teachings emphasize the importance of self-improvement, moral development, and spiritual growth, encouraging individuals to become better citizens and community members.

These values have been instrumental in shaping American history, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, and continue to inspire Masons and non-Masons alike to work towards a more just, compassionate, and enlightened society.

## Beyond the Lodge Door

*A reflection by Brother Rodger Marx, Treasurer of Phoenicia Lodge No. 58*

Standing in a Lodge doesn't make you a Mason. It begins the moment you step beyond its walls— when the working tools aren't just lessons, but choices. When the Square isn't hanging from your sash, but sitting heavy on your conscience.

The real Work? It's in how you speak when no one's listening. In how you act when no Brother is watching. In how you hold your temper, and your tongue. In how you show mercy, when justice would be easier.

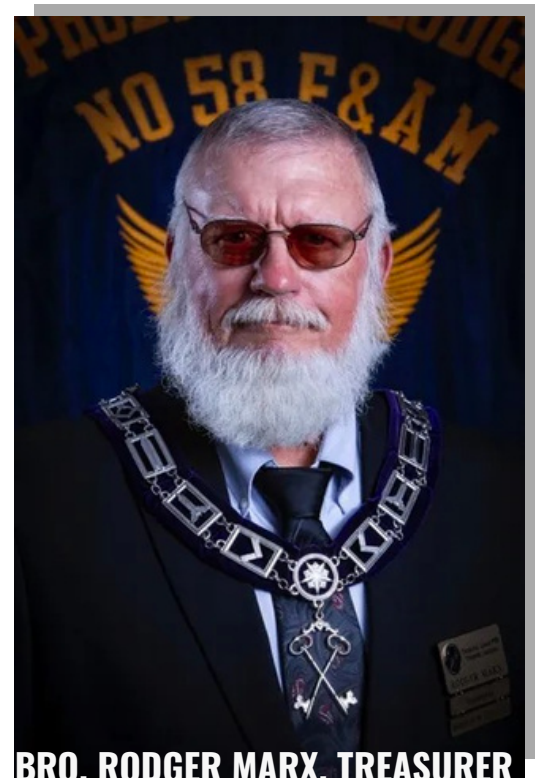
Freemasonry gives you the symbols— but the meaning? That's earned. In the middle of arguments. In the face of setbacks. In the quiet battles nobody applauds.

To be a Mason is to build. To refine. To transform the rough stone of your life with patience, grace, and grit.

Not just with oaths or ritual— but with forgiveness. With discipline. With love that asks nothing back.

It's not found in perfect attendance. It's found in imperfect days made better by effort. In moments you choose to rise, because a principle was more important than your pride.

The Lodge is where we remember who we are. The world outside is where we prove it.



**BRO. RODGER MARX, TREASURER**

Brother Rodger Marx, Treasurer and  
Master Mason of the Year.

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The last authentic portrait of Mozart by Dora Stark, before his death in 1791.

## Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

was a composer and Freemason whose affiliation with the Craft deeply influenced some of his most profound musical works. Initiated into the Viennese lodge Zur Wohltätigkeit in 1784, Mozart went on to compose several pieces specifically for Masonic ceremonies, including the *Maurerische Trauermusik* (Masonic Funeral Music) and the opera *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute), which is widely regarded for its rich allegorical references to Masonic ideals. Closely associated with fellow Masons such as composer Franz Joseph Haydn and librettist Emanuel Schikaneder, Mozart's contributions have been praised by Masonic scholars for their spiritual depth and symbolic complexity, reflecting Enlightenment values and the moral philosophy embraced by Freemasonry.



Mozart, a virtuoso in miniature.

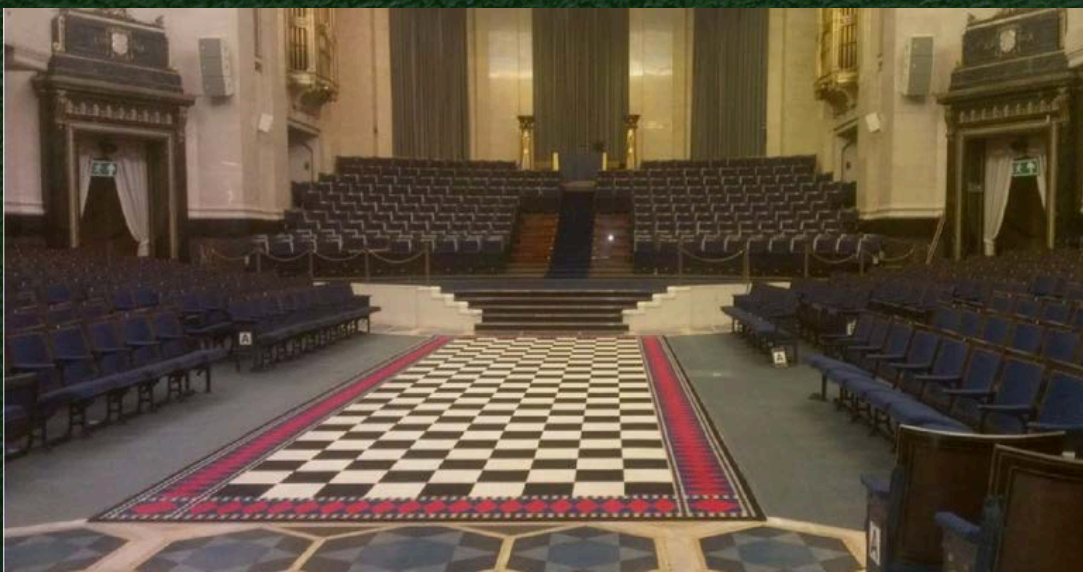


## facts about freemasonry almostnobodyknows



The oldest known Masonic Lodge room in the United States is "Prentiss House" in Marblehead, Massachusetts (1760 )

The highest Lodge in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 42 at Kokomo, Colorado. On Oct. 13, 1881, a fire destroyed the biggest part of Kokomo including the Lodge Room. On Jan. 11, 1882, with a special dispensation from Ionic Lodge No. 35, the lodge was convened. A regular meeting was held on Jan. 21, 1882, and business resume.



*Inside the  
Grand Lodge  
of England*



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The Howard Spain Award for delivering statement found on Page S-22 in your manual by memory.



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Howard Spain, GL's Report 1975  
(Recommendation codified at GLC in 1978 and written by Spain)

The Marshal's Award given for reciting the usual interrogations upon the EA candidate by memory.



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## passing brother scott dunlap

Brethren, we are cordially inviting you to join us in passing Bro. Scott Dunlap to the second degree of masonry and share a night of ritual and fellowship as one sacred band of brothers.



## Second Degree Conferral: Bro. Scott Dunlap





# moments to share and remember\_\_\_\_\_

Please email all submissions to: Ref: PHOENICIA58/Moments to Share and Remember, editor\_trestleboard@phoenicia58.org



Family and Friends preparing to Feast



In these images, many hands are making light work at Phoenicia Masonic Lodge No. 58 — true brotherhood in action.

Chaired by Junior Warden Shane Gilbert and Senior Deacon Johnny Weisman, the brothers smoked an estimated 500 pounds of meat. A cook that took 24 hours and resulted in a mouth-watering variety of protein including turkey, pork loin, ribs and of course, brisket.



Brothers Chris West and Shane Gilbert of Phoenicia Lodge #58, joined by Michael Pereslucha announce and stand proudly alongside the honored students and faculty of Campo Bello Elementary School.

Moments to share and remember are precious, fleeting experiences that shape our Masonic journey and bring joy, connection, and lasting meaning. These can include life events like weddings or travels, or the everyday beauty of brotherhood, family, and service. Capturing and sharing these moments helps us celebrate one another, preserve our legacy, and strengthen the bond we share as Masons. We welcome your photos and stories for future issues.

## non-active members dress code\_\_\_\_\_

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!

The dress code for Phoenicia Lodge #58 will be professional casual for Stated Meetings. This means slacks, button-down collared shirt, dress shoes. No jeans, shorts, sandals or running shoes. Tie and jacket are not required but are your choice. During the summer months, we will step back to Lodge pullovers instead of collared shirts.



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# committee membership roll\_\_\_\_\_

## committees

## members

<b>audit and trustees</b>	1yr Trustee is WB Chris West 2yr Trustee is WB Randy Smith 3yr Trustee is Shane Gilbert
<b>awards</b>	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Ray Brigandi PM Focus: Master Architect Award 2024/5
<b>benevolent fund</b>	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Rodger Marx / Ed Perez
<b>degree and ritual proficiency</b>	Chair: Chris West, PM / Ed Perez
<b>fraternal relations</b>	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Greg Weisman, PM
<b>fundraising</b>	Chair: Andy Maroglio / Chris West, PM
<b>funeral team</b>	WM: Ray Brigandi, PM / SW: / JW: / Chaplain: / Extra
<b>hospitality</b>	Chair: Shane Gilbert / Ralph Neibel
<b>masonic education</b>	Chair: Ray Brigandi, PM / Steve Dilda, PM
<b>membership</b>	Chair: Rodger Marx / New Obligated Brother / Shane Gilbert
<b>retention and calling</b>	Chair: Shane Gilbert / Ray Brigandi, PM
<b>public schools</b>	Chair: Chris West, PM
<b>reports of sickness or distress</b>	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Ray Brigandi, PM
<b>social</b>	Chair: Steve Dilda, PM / Shane Gilbert
<b>trestleboard</b>	Chair: Chris West, PM / Andy Maroglio



# committee reports

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### audit and trustees

Audit and Trustees:  
Our second quarter 2025 audit was completed in June.

### awards

Master Architect Award: The submission has been completed before the deadline by WB Howe.  
Remaining Criteria to be completed  
GL Awards  
Need a motion from the floor to award funds raised to be donated to youth groups

### benevolent fund

Solvent

### degree and ritual proficiency

2nd degree practice and degree upcoming in July.

### fraternal relations

Scottish Rite: -  
The Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite St. Mary's Food Bank Volunteers  
2025 Volunteer Dates: April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th.  
Allied Masonic Degrees:  
York Rite:  
Shrine:  
Youth Groups: DeMolay - we are meeting again and looking forward to increasing our ranks and adults





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### **fundraising**

Updates and or Summary -2025 season contract signing is coming up. Ray Brigandi and Andy Maroglio will be representing Phoenicia Lodge. WB's Chris West and Steve Hooper worked a Gold Cup Double-hitter the last weekend of June. Thank you, WB's!

### **funeral team**

We have two teams and we could schedule a training session to keep proficient.  
Our last funeral was on January the 4th for WB Howard Ward, there were 16 Phoenicians in attendance.

### **hospitality**

Hospitality  
Lodge Dinner Provided By:  
January - Lodge Leadership  
February -  
March - Josh Gray  
April - Perez  
May - Brigandi  
June - Smith  
July - Howe  
August -  
September -  
October - Gilbert  
November - West  
December -Maroglio

### **masonic education**

MWGM Scott Thomas is joining us at our July Stated Meeting to give us a presentation on the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



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### membership

10 Prospects  
2 Pending Candidates- Petitioners - Michael Pereslucha & Antonio Olivera.  
9EA's  
4 FC's  
56 MM's  
Current Year Longevity Recognition: Ernesto Zamorano and WB Glen Van Streeter, Each with 25 years of service

### retention and calling

Calls were made to several brothers from R. Marx, E.Perez, & R.Brigandi.

### public schools

Off for the summer. A parent-teacher BBQ will likely be mid-October. Expect a Bikes for Books presentation sometime in late November or early December.

### trestleboard

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Sept - Oct Trestleboard. Submit to Bro. Andy or WB West.

### reports of sickness and distress

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### social

Poker coming up in July at Cheers Tavern.



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# grand lodge masonic upcoming activities



JUL

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## Arizona DeMolay Installation Announcement and Invitation



Grand Lodge



12:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Tucson, Arizona

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## Lodge of Instruction - Ritual Supplement



Grand Lodge



11:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Lake Havasu, Arizona

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## Grand Lodge Leadership Conference



Grand Lodge



8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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## Corn Fez-tival



Grand Lodge



10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Phoenix, Arizona

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## SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE



Grand Lodge

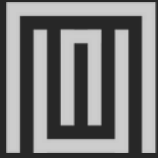


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**This special event is scheduled for September 20, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM.**

**The degree ceremony will take place at 10:00 AM, and lunch will be provided for attendees. The event is open to Master Masons. Attire is casual, and the cost to attend is \$40.**

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at (520) 241-0438 or  
via email [rc-richards@msn.com](mailto:rc-richards@msn.com)

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# masters and past masters

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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.

William H. Peotter – 1960 (D)  
Carl D. Lang – 1961 (D)  
H. Curtis DeShong – 1962 (D)  
Augustine G. DiPaola – 1963 (D)  
Perry Wheat, Jr. – 1964 (D)  
Robert A. Anglin – 1965 (D)  
Marvin R. Strickland – 1966 (D)  
Albert A. Hinchcliff – 1967 (D)  
Garrett L. Hendershot – 1968 (D)  
Raymond O. Marshall – 1969 (D)  
Cecil P. Overstreet – 1970, 1986 (D)  
Norman H. Pfeiffer – 1971, 1982 (D)  
Benjamin H. Fisk – 1972 (D)  
Donese B. Tackett – 1973 (D)  
Gordon L. Meintell – 1974 (D)  
Maurice E. Pebbles – 1975 (D)  
Charles Q. Hartley – 1976 (D)  
Robert L. Allision – 1977 (D)  
Neil D. Shepard – 1978 (D)  
Theodore E. Pearson – 1979 (D)  
Chester R. Hinson – 1980, 1981 (D)  
George E. Hinson – 1983, 1984 (D)  
William E. Dillon - 1985 (D)  
**Howard E. Ward – 1987**  
Robert P. Taber – ‘88, ‘89, ‘96, ‘99, ‘01 (D)  
**Philip T. Zeilinger – 1990, 1991**  
Joel R. Adams – 1992, 1993 (D)

**Anthony Humpage – 1994**  
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**David Newman – 1997**  
**James W. Brown – 1998**  
**Robert Haynes - 2000**  
**Keith A. Simpson – 2002, 2003**  
Don S. Methven – 2004, 2007 (D)  
**Randall G. Smith – 2005**  
**Gregory S. Weisman – 2006, 2008**  
**Eric Stethem – 2009**  
**Ray Brigandi – 2010, 2012**  
Jeffrey Hinson – 2011 (D)  
**Jason Schneider – 2013**  
**Glen H. Van Steeter – 2014**  
**Jason Easterday – 2015**  
**Tony Hernandez – 2016, 2017**  
**Bryon P. Howe – 2018, 2024**  
**Christopher B. West – 2019, 2020**  
**Mathew A. Brassard – 2021**  
**Steve Dilda – 2022**  
**Steven Hooper – 2023**

## ***Affiliated Past Masters***

Sidney Breger (D)  
William Franklin (D)  
Lucius L. Green (D)  
**Reed Houge**

(D) - Deceased



# appendant bodies meeting at the lodge

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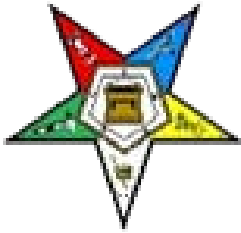


## **paradise valley silver trowel lodge no. 29**

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)

Contact secretary

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— Brother Albert Pike

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