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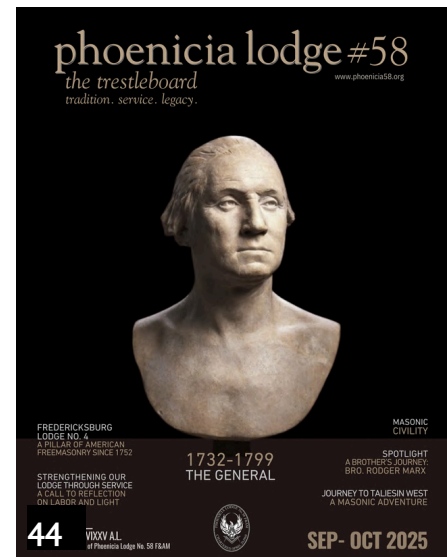
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## FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

By Co- Editor, Andy Maroglio

This edition of the Trestleboard is anchored by our main feature, The General — a reflection on George Washington, not as a flawless icon, but as a man of principle, contradiction, and character. Through a Masonic lens, WB West's piece invites us to consider the ways in which personal virtue and public leadership are forged in the same fire — imperfectly, but with purpose. His legacy reminds us that what endures is not perfection, but the will to build something greater than oneself.

That same spirit of leadership continues to shine within our own Lodge. At the recent Arizona Leadership Conference, WB Chris West was honored with the title of DDGM of the Year, and both he and Bro. Rodger Marx delivered powerful presentations on Lodge engagement and prospect management. Their contributions reflect the commitment and caliber of leadership that define Phoenicia 58.

We are also proud to share several standout contributions in this issue:

- A meaningful farewell from Worshipful Master Bryon Howe, who concludes his third enriching term of leadership. His steady vision has brought renewal, strength, and clarity to our Lodge. His final Message from the East, featured in this issue, speaks not only to what has been accomplished, but to what lies ahead.
- The launch of several new recurring sections, designed to enrich the intellectual, symbolic, and spiritual life of the Lodge:
  - History
  - Spotlight, opening with the inspiring journey of Bro. Rodger Marx
  - Scientific Corner
  - Symbolism & Philosophy
  - Spiritual Reflections

This issue includes a beautifully crafted submission by Bro. Josh Gray, who takes us on a symbolic journey to Taliesin West, uncovering the esoteric dimensions of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural vision and its resonance with the Masonic worldview.

As Wright once wrote: "There is no architecture without a philosophy."

So too with Brotherhood. May we continue to build — with intention, with humility, and with the shared understanding that every stone we place together carries forward the light.

Fraternally,  
Co-Editor, Andy Maroglio



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## a message from the east

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



## WORSHIPFUL MASTER BRYON HOWE

### Final article for Worshipful Master Bryon P. Howe

Phoenicia Lodge No. 58

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona

As the sun sets on another term of Worshipful Master Bryon P. Howe, we gather in reflection and gratitude for my steadfast leadership and enduring contributions to Phoenix Lodge No. 58. Serving from 2023 to 2025, I hope that I have exemplified the highest ideals of Freemasonry—wisdom, integrity, and brotherly love.

My tenure was marked by innovation, outreach, and a deep commitment to Masonic growth. Among our many accomplishments were the launch of a Candidate Education Program and a Prospect Program, both designed to strengthen the foundation of our Lodge and ensure the future of the Craft. We championed Mason Builder Grants, empowering skilled masons to advance the craft for future generations.

We also extended the Lodge's influence into the community through heartfelt service. Events like the Teacher BBQ, Bike for Books, and the donation of Chromebooks for kids reflected our belief that Freemasonry must be a force for good beyond the Lodge walls.

# a message from the east



The theme for 2025, “Make Phoenicia Great Again,” was more than a slogan—it was a call to action, reminding us of our heritage and inspiring us to build a future worthy of our past.

**"Freemasonry is a science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."**

— *Albert Pike*

As I transition from the East to the honored ranks of Past Masters, I salute the craft for allowing me to have vision, service, and unwavering dedication to the Craft. I am confident that my legacy will continue to shape Phoenix Lodge No. 58 for years to come.

Thank you,

Worshipful Master Howe

May your journey in Freemasonry continue to be guided by light, wisdom, and brotherhood.





# a message from the west

**Senior Warden, Phoenicia #58  
2025**



## BROTHER ED L. PEREZ, SW

Fraternal greetings brethren!

Time has swiftly flown as this masonic year is nearing its completion. A lot of work has been done for the craft, and a lot more is waiting in the horizon. Piece by piece and brick by brick, Masons are slowly building their spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, fundamentally created and nourished by the 3 pillars of human purpose: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty.

As in the noble science of Geometry, a point is the beginning of all geometrical matter, Wisdom is the breath which gives life to any tangible or intangible essence in the Magna Carta of life and death. The essential gift of Wisdom bestowed upon men from the Great Divine, to contrive, to construct and orchestrate a vision or idea into a meaningful work of art. Just like the marvelous moment when the sun rises in the East and let every kind of being thrive in the harshness of the dark, true Wisdom only comes from above, and when utilized properly, will elevate us to a higher level of cognitive and spiritual awakening.

The next pillar is Strength which support what has been created, and hold the framework of our temple steady and deeply-rooted in the ground, adamant to external forces of time. This inner strength within us enhances our moral fortitude to withstand and conquer any inundation or conflagration. Strength and

# a message from the west



## **Brother Ed L. Perez, SW**

willpower to overcome the storms and wildfire during the seasons of our harvest, destined to break our faith and keep us from fulfilling our destined duty assigned by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Last but not the least is the pillar of Beauty. Beauty to adorn and appreciate the magnificent works that were written in the blank pages of our life. Taking our precious time to be grateful to the Great Divine for making us witnesses of His power and glory in this fleeting glimpse of our human existence. The ultimate balancing element between Wisdom and Strength, completing our spiritual temple with the final touches of kindness and compassion, the enlightenment in the hallways of our minds and gallows of our soul. The temple that lies in the heart of every Mason, harboring the tenets of Love, Relief, and Truth.

Great Architect of the Universe, we offer our prayer and petition to only You as we surrender to Your will and desire. May the gifts of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty be ever nurtured and glorified in the altar of our masonic temple. And lastly, may the teachings of the craft strengthen our virtues and square the days of our lives.

Ed L Perez  
Senior Warden  
Phoenicia Lodge No. 58





# a message from the south

**Junior Warden, Phoenicia #58  
2025**



## BROTHER SHANE GILBERT, JW

From the South Gate:

My Brothers,

As Junior Warden, this has been the most rewarding year in my short time in Masonry. While I have enjoyed all the positions I have held in line to the East, being in the South has shed a new light on Masonry. I am grateful for the continued mentorship of our seasoned PMs and for the strong and relentless leadership from our Senior Warden and, particularly, our endearing Worshipful Master. Equally, this year has brought a new and refreshing light in the form of high-quality men entering our ranks. Each has offered a new perspective.

We are learning oft-forgotten, yet essential, lessons of our fraternity. It has been an amazing year. I began the year with a determination to create a social bond and enhance brotherhood in our Lodge. That, after all, is one of the charges of the Junior Warden. We've had great social events, including our annual BBQ, Cinco-de-Mason, poker night, and — coming soon — the 1st Phoenicia 58 Harvest Fest, to name a few.

While brotherhood through social events creates solidarity and is certainly rewarding, there is more the South should offer to truly nurture brotherhood. Over the year, several brothers have faced challenges.



# a message from the south



**Brother Shane Gilbert, JW**

Many have struggled in health or finance. Some have had conflict in their lives and even in our ranks. We have lost Brothers and family. We are not immune to the reality of life. But, because we are in this particular brotherhood, we have a unique method of overcoming such things. We have a guide.

Difficult to maintain, subjective in its purest form, and symbolized by the jewel worn by the Junior Warden, this defining attribute of brotherhood is critical to our collective growth as a Lodge. With it, we can find common ground as a whole. But, as importantly, we are reminded that when no one is around, we are held to the highest moral standard. This is the guide by which we must walk, and by which we should endeavor to resolve our personal strife.

“The Plumb admonishes us to walk ever uprightly through our several stations before man and God.” Today I think about this often — at work, at home, at the Lodge, and especially when in conflict. In today’s world of conflict and opposing views, it is increasingly difficult to manage one’s emotions. Difficult, but not impossible. And while generational gaps, political views, and regional practices often create divide, it is upon us, Brothers, to set the moral example and to uphold the oath we have all taken.

When there are two roads to take, choose the highest — it’s closer to God. As I move through the several stations of my own Masonic journey, I will strive to set this example.

To another year of personal growth and strength of Phoenicia 58.

With humility and respect,

Shane Gilbert  
Junior Warden  
Phoenicia Lodge No. 58



# events

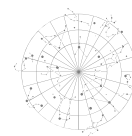
ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 6PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

## september 2025

TUESDAY	02	officers meeting / candidate proficiency
TUESDAY	9	september stated meeting: dinner provided by Bro. Shane Gilbert
THURSDAY	11	1st degree in colonial costume - scottsdale masonic Lodge
TUESDAY	16	
TUESDAY	30	social event at dave n busters starts at 7 pm

## october 2025

TUESDAY	07	officers meeting / audit trustees meeting
SUNDAY	12	2025 phoenicia lodge no. 58 - Harvest Fest from 12-3 pm
TUESDAY	14	october stated meeting; budget presentation
TUESDAY	21	degree practice or exemplification



# masonic birthdays

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## september 2025

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WBro. Jason Schneider	9/27/2007	(18)
WBro. Christopher West	9/23/2014	(11)

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## october 2025

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Bro. Kenneth Braun	10/01/1971	(54)
WBro. Bryon Howe	10/22/2013	(12)
WBro. Steven Hooper	10/24/2017	(8)
Bro. Miguel Vargas	10/27/2020	(5)
Bro. Hunter O'Dell	10/26/2021	(4)

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## **JOURNEY TO TALIESIN WEST** **A MASONIC ADVENTURE**

*Submitted by Bro. Josh Gray*

### Editor's Note

Brother Josh Gray's beautifully crafted submission offers more than a glimpse into Frank Lloyd Wright's fascinating journey, highlighting numerous features we often encounter in Masonry. While Wright himself was not a Mason, his architectural vision — especially at Taliesin West — reflects ideas and symbols that resonate with our Craft. What follows is a "Masonic adventure," interpreting his work through the lens of Masonic principles and the legacy of the ancient builders.

**"The mission of an architect is to help people understand how to make life more beautiful, the world a better one for living in, and to give reason, rhyme, and meaning to life." — Frank Lloyd Wright, 1957**



# JOURNEY TO TALIESIN WEST *A MASONIC ADVENTURE*

Key notes on Frank Lloyd Wright arguably the most renowned Architect in American History.

## **1. Early Life and Education:**

Born in 1867, Wright briefly studied engineering at the University of Wisconsin before leaving to pursue architecture in Chicago.

## **2. Influenced by Louis Sullivan:**

He worked for architect Louis Sullivan, a leading figure in the Chicago School, who significantly influenced his early work.

## **3. Prairie School Style:**

Wright developed the Prairie School architectural style, characterized by open floor plans, horizontal lines, and integration with the surrounding landscape.

## **4. Iconic Structures:**

Some of his most famous works include Fallingwater, the Guggenheim Museum in New York, and Taliesin West.

## **5. Organic Architecture:**

Wright's philosophy of organic architecture emphasized harmony between human habitation and the natural world.

## **6. Taliesin Fellowships:**

He established the Taliesin Fellowship, an apprenticeship program that trained aspiring architects at his Taliesin estates.

## **7. Personal Life:**

His personal life was often marked by controversy, including a relationship with Mamah Borthwick Cheney and a tragic event at his Taliesin estate.

## **8. Visionary Concepts:**

He proposed ambitious projects like the Mile High Illinois skyscraper and Broadacre City, a utopian vision for urban planning.

# JOURNEY TO TALIESIN WEST *A MASONIC ADVENTURE*

## **9. Car Culture:**

Wright was an early adopter of automobiles and even coined the term "carport".

## **10. Lasting Legacy:**

Wright's influence on architecture continues to be felt globally, with his designs inspiring countless architects and designers according to the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. -cited Google

\*Frank Lloyd Wright was a deeply Esoteric and spiritual man. Probably the most non-masonic, Masonic architect in history as can be seen by every inch of his buildings. It's really the duty of all Masons to learn as much as you can about all the religions and spiritual beliefs around the world. No matter what your personal preference is. He believed in Unitarianism and was a huge student of Eastern philosophy and Druidism. He went and lived in Japan and then later years had a huge relationship with Gurdjieff and the 4th way through his wife

\*Note on Gurdjieff

Gurdjieff taught that people are not conscious of themselves and thus live their lives in a state of hypnotic "waking sleep", but that it is possible to awaken to a higher state of consciousness and serve our purpose as human beings. His student P. D. Ouspensky referred to Gurdjieff's teachings as the "Fourth Way".  
-cited Wikipedia

Taliesin West meaning "The shining Brow" in Welsh.

Known as the great Bard of the Britons, Taliesin was a poet, historian, and strategist of the British Isles. Famed for his beauty, as well as his powers of poetry and prophecy, Taliesin served in the courts of several Briton kings, including the legendary King Arthur.



# JOURNEY TO TALIESIN WEST *A MASONIC ADVENTURE*

## THINK SHEET

**"There is no architecture without a philosophy. There is no art of any kind without its own philosophy" — Frank Lloyd Wright, 1959**



You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him to find it within himself. Galileo

Einstein was famous for saying he does not think in words only in pictures as language is a secondary translation Symbolism has been through history as mankind's universal language. While there is a shared knowledge of what symbols represent and is on each man to find what each symbol personally means to him.

"To investigate the recondite meaning of these legends and symbols, and to elicit from them the moral and philosophical lessons which they were intended to teach, is to withdraw the veil with which ignorance and indifference seek to conceal the true philosophy of Freemasonry." -Albert Mackey

1# On your journey today pay attention to all the symbols within the architecture blatant or hidden and take note to look them up find their actual meaning and what their meaning is to you.

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"Let no one enter here who is ignorant of Geometry."

The famous words above Plato's academy in ancient Greece.

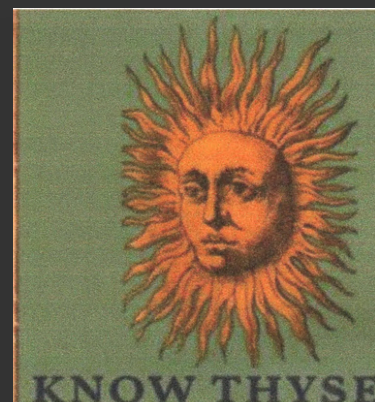
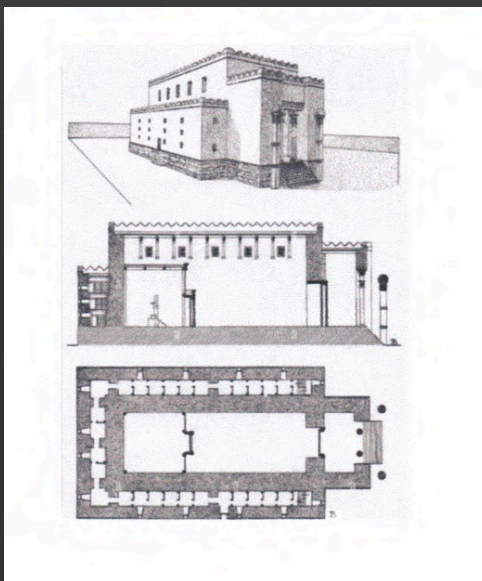
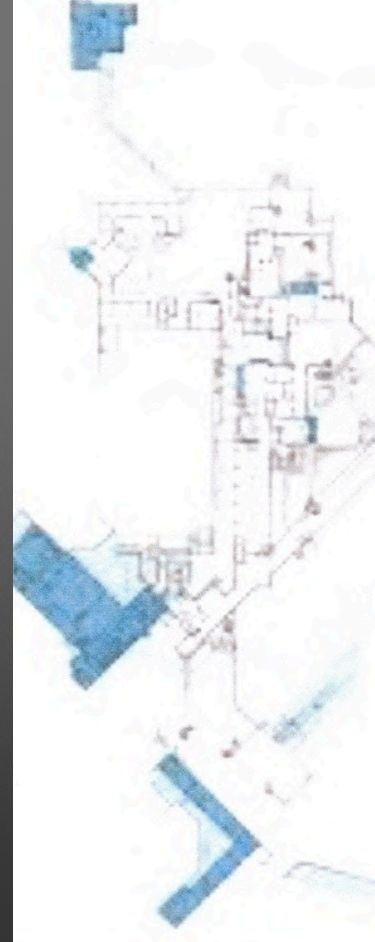
2# Take note of all the geometric patterns throughout the journey today and look up the significance and meditate on its meaning to you.

"The ideal of an organic architecture... is a sentient, rational building that would owe its 'style' to the integrity with which it was individually fashioned to serve its particular purpose — a 'thinking' as well as 'feeling' process." — Frank Lloyd Wright



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## BLUEPRINTS



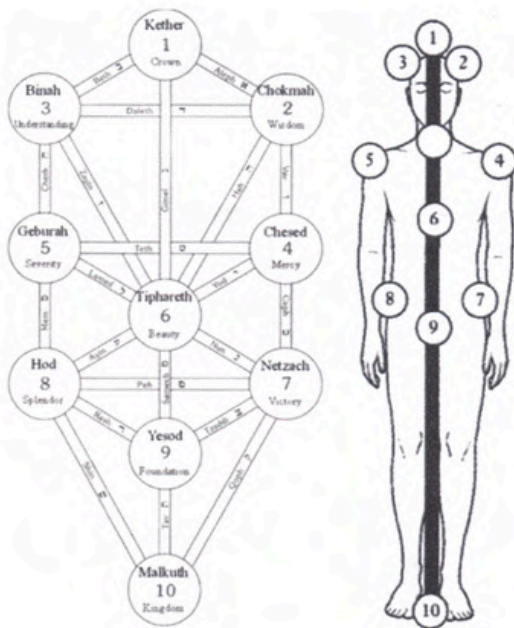


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"He should be taught to enter into himself, and consult the Idea of Infinity, which we can never banish from our Minds, and that seems, congenial to our spiritual Nature. By this he will soon see, that the first Being is the Life, Light, and Love of all intelligent Natures; that they, receive from him, at every Moment, their Being, their Reason, and their Felicity; that he could create them for no other End, but to make them eternally happy in the Contemplation and Love of his infinite Perfections,"

— Chevalier Ramsay (d. 1743)

The Spheres of the Tree of Life Superimposed on the Body



CORN,

WINE,

OIL.

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*Grand Lodge of Arizona  
Grand Lecturer*

# **Lodge of Instruction**

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on selected topics**

**from the  
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of the Arizona  
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"To set the Craft to work ...  
and give them the necessary  
instructions whereby they may  
pursue their labors."

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September, 2025

Visiting Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is an experience every Brother should try to make when in the Washington, D.C. area. The Lodge meets formally on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM, where you can expect a very traditional atmosphere — suits and ties are the norm, with the occasional tuxedo, and the opening and stated meeting are conducted with a high level of formality.

For those seeking a lighter option, Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No. 1752 also meets in the same Temple on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, in a much more relaxed setting where casual attire is welcome.

The Temple itself is impressive and steeped in history, making it a worthwhile stop for any traveling Mason. Fredericksburg is located about 45 minutes south of Washington, D.C., though traffic can easily stretch that drive to three hours. The best advice is to head south in the morning and return north in the afternoon, opposite the commuter traffic flow.

— WB, Christopher West



## Who Are We?

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M. is one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in the Americas and is considered one of the most historic in the world. Our Lodge is recorded in many books, publications and media documentaries because of its place in both Masonic and American history as well as its members of historic significance.



## Earliest Meetings

The earliest meeting of the Lodge for which records still exist was held on September 1, 1752. These records are in the form of the Lodge's first Minute Book, which has been preserved and covers the years 1752 to 1771. The Lodge was then known as the "Lodge at Fredericksburgh," as the system of numbering Lodges was not in existence prior to action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1787.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is considered one of a few 'time immemorial Lodges,' meaning the Lodge cannot trace its operating authority to a charter from any Grand Lodge. Competing theories are that the Lodge may have been self-congregated by Masons who lived nearby, that it may have been formed by traveling military Lodges attached to the British Army. The exact authority for and date of its organization remain a mystery.

What we do know is that on November 14, 1757, Lt. Col. John Young, the very first Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (for its first sixteen years of existence), was appointed by the Grand Master of Scotland, Sholto Lord Aberdour, to be Provincial Grand Master over all Scottish Lodges in America and the West Indies and was directed to assume authority over four Scottish Lodges in his jurisdiction:

(1) **Royal Arch King Solomon Lodge** – The earliest evidence of this New York Lodge is a certificate dated May 20, 1759, but it may have existed a year or two earlier.

(2) **Blandford Lodge** – Chartered originally in Blandford, Virginia in 1756, today it is Blandford Lodge No. 3 which now meets in Petersburg, Virginia.

(3) **The Lodge at Fredericksburg** – This Lodge is recorded working in Virginia since 1752 and was later warranted by Scotland on July 21, 1758. This is us today.

(4) **St. Andrew's Lodge** – This Boston Lodge was warranted on November 30, 1756, but the warrant would arrive in Boston on September 4, 1760. This is the Lodge that would meet at the Green Dragon Tavern and would eventually compose of such members as Paul Revere, Joseph Warren, Samuel Adams and John Hancock.

The name of the presiding Worshipful Master at the earliest known meeting on September 1, 1752, has, for reasons unknown, been blotted out, giving rise to speculation. The location of the Lodge's earliest meetings is not stated but records suggests that the first meeting place was at John Jones' tavern. Lodge's accounts show that Fredericksburg Masons reimbursed the proprietor for broken glassware around 1753. Jones' tavern is believed to be where Washington became a Mason.

Fredericksburg Historian, Paula Felder, reports that John Jones died in 1752 and his widow, Barbara Jones, took over management of the tavern and the Masons met there until she died in 1756. Doctor and Brother Hugh Mercer agreed to lease the tavern from John and Barbara's orphans and he turned it into his Apothecary. The Mercer Apothecary shop today on Caroline Street is a replica of the original that no longer exists, but records show that the original was not far from where it is today.

The earliest certain meeting site was at Charles Julian's tavern, which stood across the street from Jones' tavern, in 1756. It is unknown whether the Lodge had any fixed meeting site prior to this. Starting on St. John the Evangelist's Day (December 27th) in 1763, the Masons occupied the old Town Hall/Market House until it was torn down in 1814. The new Market House was completed in 1816 and now houses the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center.

From 1814 to 1816, the Lodge met at the Rising Sun Tavern on Caroline Street. In 1815, the Lodge entered into an agreement to support the construction of the Fredericksburg Male Charity School at the corner of Princess Anne and Hanover Streets in return for use of part of the building. The Charity School was housed on the second floor, with a Court Clerk's office downstairs and the Lodge meeting on the third floor.

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## 2025 Schedule



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



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



PRESEASON 3 | vs. Las Vegas  
WEEK 5 | vs. Tennessee

**OCT 5** 1:05pm

WEEK 1 | @ New Orleans



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**OCT 11**



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



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

**MONSTER  
JAM**

**OCT 25**



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



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The building was constructed by George and Robert Ellis, builders of many structures around Fredericksburg, most notably the Market House. The building at 803 Princess Anne Street was completed in 1816, and the Masons dedicated the new Lodge building on the feast day of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1816. They have occupied it ever since, making the Fredericksburg Masonic Temple the oldest continually occupied Masonic structure in Virginia.

Two months after the first known meeting, George Washington was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry on November 4, 1752, having paid the fee of £2, 3s. Bro. Washington was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 3, 1753, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 4, 1753. Meetings were then held on the Entered Apprentice Degree and many Masons never advanced to the Master Mason's Degree.

Shortly thereafter, Bro. Washington departed for the frontier on a surveying expedition. He remained a member of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 until his death on December 14, 1799, as indicated in the Grand Lodge proceedings for that year. Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 also has the distinction of having the earliest recorded conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in the world, on December 22, 1753. At the time, the Degree was conferred under the auspices of Symbolic Lodges, rather than a separate Royal Arch Chapter.

### Scottish Charter

Wor. Daniel Campbell, listed as secretary and treasurer at the first recorded meeting, initiated Bro. George Washington in November 1752 and received the Royal Arch Degree in December 1753. He later moved to Scotland and helped acquire the Lodge's 1758 charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Scottish Charter, signed by George Frayser, DGM of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was noteworthy in authorizing the "Lodge at Fredericksburgh" to issue warrants for the formation of other Lodges.

The Lodge exercised this unusual power and chartered two daughter Lodges, Falmouth Lodge across the Rappahannock in 1768 and Botetourt Lodge at Gloucester Court House in 1770. The town would also see the formation of another Lodge, Fredericksburg – American Lodge No. 63, chartered in 1801. It met at the outskirts of town near the corner of William and Winchester Streets, but later moved to the Masonic Temple at 803 Princess Anne Street.



### Virginia Charter

In May 1777, a convention of five Virginia Lodges met at Williamsburg to discuss choosing a Grand Master for the Commonwealth of Virginia. At the time, there were twelve Virginia Lodges known to have been chartered under the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The "Lodge at Fredericksburgh" did not attend that first meeting, but sent an order by letter to the convention, as did its daughter Lodge, Botetourt Lodge in Gloucester.

At a second meeting in June 1777, Fredericksburgh was represented by its Master, R. W. James Mercer, who was elected President of the Convention. The "Lodge at Fredericksburgh" was one of 9 Virginia Lodges that participated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The Grand Lodge of Virginia was constituted on October 30, 1778, with John Blair Jr., future Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, installed as its first Grand Master. James Mercer would become the second Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

On January 30, 1787, the "Lodge at Fredericksburgh" received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and was formally designated "Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4."

### The American Revolution

In addition to General and Brother George Washington, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 contributed at least ninety-four soldiers, including several men of field grade rank or higher, to the fight for American Independence. Among them were Hugh Mercer, Thomas Posey, Gustavus B. Wallace, George Weedon, William Woodford, and Fielding Lewis. George Washington was Commander-in-Chief and became first President of the United States. Dr. Hugh Mercer, a physician and soldier renown and loved as the "Hero of Kittanning", was wounded and died at the Battle of Princeton.

Gustavus Wallace, who commanded the 3rd Regiment, and William Woodford, who commanded the first battle on Virginia soil (Great Bridge), were surrendered at the fall of Charleston against Cornwallis. Woodford died as a prisoner of the British and Wallace was released due to health. George Weedon survived and was commander at Gloucester Point who blocked off Cornwallis' last escape route during the Siege of Yorktown. Fielding Lewis, who married George Washington's sister Betty, was given responsibility with Charles Dick for running the local ammunition factory, sacrificing their fortunes to keep the Continental Army supplied during the war effort.



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In 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette returned to the United States and toured several states up and down the Eastern Seaboard. After stopping at Mount Vernon to visit Washington's tomb, Gen. Lafayette was honored by the City of Fredericksburg and made an honorary member of the Lodge in the Old Lodge Room on November 20, 1824. One hundred years later in 1924, the French Embassy presented a French flag to the Lodge to commemorate the occasion.

### **The Masonic Cemetery**

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 owns and maintains the oldest Masonic Cemetery in the Western Hemisphere. Founded in 1784, it is situated at the corner of Charles and George Streets in Old Town Fredericksburg, adjacent to the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. The ground on which the Cemetery is situated was acquired from James Somerville by the Lodge for the sum of £40.

Some of the people interred at this cemetery is Basil Gordon, the first millionaire in the Americas, George Weedon & Gustavus Wallace, Generals of the American Revolution, Christiana Campbell, who was owner of the Tavern in Williamsburg where the Masons would have their meetings, Benjamin Day, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and many other heroes and notables of American history.

Since the 1850s, the Lodge was instrumental in planning and raising funds for a George Washington Masonic Memorial, which was to have been situated at the site of the Masonic Cemetery. The necessity of relocating the bodies buried there sparked a fierce legal battle, which prompted the Lodge to abandon the plan. That Memorial is now situated on Shuter's Hill in Alexandria, originally planned as the site for the U.S. Capitol.

### **The Civil War**

During the Battle of Fredericksburg on December 1862, the city experienced a brutal and bloody Civil War first hand. Union forces bombarded the city with artillery, crossed the Rappahannock on pontoon bridges under heavy fire, and fought street-by-street through the town, only to be met by Confederate forces from Marye's Heights. The Lodge was sacked on December 11 – 12, 1862, and most of its records and artifacts were lost, among them the minutes covering 1771 to 1862. However, Wor. William Ware had the foresight to retrieve the George Washington Masonic Obligation Bible, Minute Book covering 1752 – 1771, and the Scottish and Virginia charters from the Farmer's Bank and removed them to Danville till after the war.



Many buildings around town were pressed into use as field hospitals during and after the battle. Reportedly, the old Lodge Room on the third floor was among them, and its original wooden flooring is said to be stained by the blood of the wounded who were treated there. Various articles are said to have been stolen at that time, and most, including the minutes from 1771 to 1862, were never recovered. A jewel and the charter of Fredericksburg – American Lodge No. 63 were reportedly saved during the looting by a member of Aurora Lodge No. 22 in Vermont and these artifacts were eventually returned to Fredericksburg after the war.

It is believed that Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and Fredericksburg – American Lodge No. 63 ceased to meet as a result of the Civil War. We do know that no meetings of Lodge No. 4 are recorded between April 1862 and June 1866 and speculation shows that the reason for this is because the Master remained in Danville during the war. But Lodge No. 4 survived and now flourishes, but sadly Lodge No. 63 did not survive and became extinct by 1867.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is known to have contributed at least 37 members to the Confederate cause, and Lodge No. 63, another 13. Notable among these are Maj. Gen. Daniel Ruggles and Brig. Gen. Seth Barton. Gen. Ruggles briefly assumed command of troops around Fredericksburg and later distinguished himself at the Battles of Shiloh and Vicksburg. Gen. Barton served in the Shenandoah Valley under Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson and also served at Vicksburg where he was surrendered and later exchanged. Both men survived the War.

### Subsequent History

Following the Civil War, Fredericksburg Lodge resumed labor. By this time, the Lodge’s historical importance was being recognized. The first major history of the Lodge was written in 1890 by M. W. Silvanus Quinn, who would later become Grand Master in 1907 and pen a history of the City of Fredericksburg in 1908. An addition including a false façade with an ornate turret was added some time prior to 1875 and demolished during renovation of the Lodge in 1952.

On March 3, 1951, the anniversary of George Washington’s passing to the Degree of Fellowcraft, the cornerstone was laid for a major new addition to the Lodge. This addition was completed in 1952 and occupied the lot from the rear of the Temple to Jail Alley, and contained a spacious new Lodge Room and reception hall. During this same time, the Lodge’s façade was removed to restore the building to its original appearance and a new porch constructed. The Lodge’s new Lodge Room was first used on November 4, 1952, the Bicentennial of George Washington’s initiation into Masonry. Both the old and

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new Lodge Rooms remain in use to this day, and the Lodge continues to thrive. In 2016, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 celebrated the Bicentennial of its occupancy of the Masonic Temple at 803 Princess Anne Street.

Besides Fredericksburg No. 4, the Fredericksburg Masonic Temple also houses Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No. 1752 as well as several appendant bodies and youth organizations.

### **Distinguished Members of the Lodge**

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 has produced many distinguished members who have served in all of the nation's wars over more than 250 years of history. Foremost among them, of course, are our Illustrious Brother George Washington and the General Marquis de Lafayette. In addition, this Lodge has provided mayors of Fredericksburg, members of the Fredericksburg City Council, Virginia General Assembly, United States Congress, and of course, one President of the United States. Lodge No. 4 has also contributed nine Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia—

M.W. James Mercer, 1784 – 1786

M.W. Robert Brooke, 1796 – 1797

M.W. Benjamin Day, 1798 – 1800

M.W. Oscar M. Crutchfield, 1841 – 1842

M.W. Beverley R. Wellford Jr., 1878 – 1879

M.W. Silvanus J. Quinn, 1907

M.W. Philip K. Bauman, 1914

M.W. Edward H. Cann, 1962

M.W. Oscar W. Tate, 1986

Of note, M.W. Benjamin Day was initiated into Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 and went on to serve as Worshipful Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 for a total of sixteen years between 1787 and 1818. This period included construction of the current Masonic Temple. Fredericksburg – American Lodge No. 63 contributed M.W. John S. Caldwell, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1857 – 1858.

### Antiquities of the Lodge

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 is in possession of several artifacts of historical value, including the Bible that Bro. George Washington took his Masonic obligations on, an original Gilbert Stuart painting of George Washington, three hand-crafted colonial Warden's chairs, a lock of Washington's hair, a punchbowl used during the visit of General and Brother Marquis de Lafayette to the Lodge in 1824, and a hand-written eulogy of Washington delivered to the lodge upon his death in 1799.

The Gilbert Stuart portrait of Washington was known to the oldest members of the Lodge when noted by M.W. Silvanus Quinn in his Lodge history. The George Washington Masonic Obligation Bible was printed in Cambridge, England by John Field, printer to the University, and dates from 1666 and 1668. It is gilt-edged, leather-bound, and contains fold-out plates and hand-written notes. This Bible was saved for posterity by the prudent actions of Wor. William Ware prior to the Battle of Fredericksburg, and is currently undergoing restoration efforts that will ensure its survival for generations to come.

Fraternally submitted by WB Christopher West

(This information is taken from Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4 – George Washington's Mother Lodge)





## The Masonic Egregore by Devin Roberts

*Submitted by Brother Josh Gray*

Throughout our masonic journeys, I expect that every mason has felt the power and emotion of his lodge. It is the feeling of being united and elevated by his brotherhood. Through these emotions and moments of clarity exists an intangible thread, a force that binds us in our work. I have heard many of my brothers express their views and imaginings of what form that force might take. The perspective that I would like to present tonight, is that of the Masonic Egregore.

An Egregore is defined as, “A thoughtform or collective group mind, an autonomous entity made up of and influencing, the thoughts of a group of people”. The term derives from the Greek word Grigori and means to ‘be awake’ or ‘to watch’, the term being strongly linked with the experience of enlightenment, and awakening. These obscure entities are brought about by either a group’s conscious effort, or are the unconscious result of a group’s energies blending over time. The masonic Egregore falls into the latter category. It’s properties and functions are relative to the group which produced it, resulting in an agent for that group’s ambitions.

Masonic lodges are uniquely capable of creating and sustaining an Egregore. While the creation of an Egregore is an occult practice and that the average Lodge may not be esoterically minded, the thought form could come into existence through the unconscious thoughts and energies generated by a Lodge of Masons. Masonry by its nature draws in men with strong wills and a desire to grow. Much like the rough ashlar, the rough energies of a lodge are shaped and refined by those strong wills, resulting in a perfected Egregore. The Egregore’s purpose is a reflection of the will of its Lodge and stands as a trestle-board for their designs.

*The functions of the masonic Egregore are numerous. Awakening when lodge is opened, the Egregore is felt as an ambiance, relating to all Masons in attendance that our work has begun. It aids in the rituals we perform, a tool unconsciously directed by our words and actions. The Egregore exists between the realms of the material and the spiritual, this is where the thought form serves its greatest purpose. We as Masons also do our work between those realms, as represented by the square and compass. Each Mason seeks to be raised from a lower level to a worthy and upright state, and the Egregore’s true purpose is to assist in that ascent.*



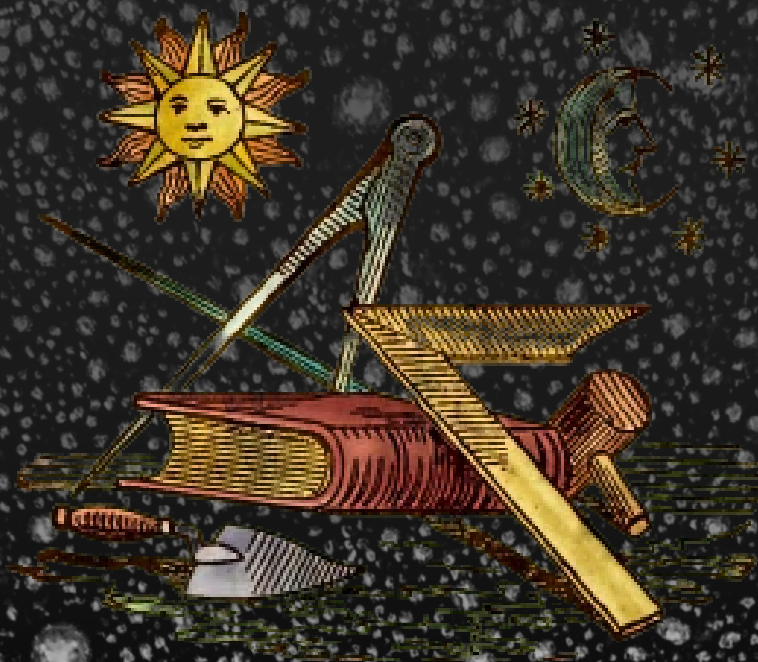


The range of the Masonic Egregore may carry beyond the walls of its mother lodge, a passenger in the breast of each Mason. Alive in that mason's thoughts and speculations, further binding him to his brotherhood. While that Mason is away from his lodge he is reminded that the path he is on is well tread. He follows in the footsteps of countless brothers, who like him, have felt this immaterial connection.

While every lodge will produce an Egregore as unique as its members, the thought form should always reflect the Masonic lessons and symbols that are immovable. This facilitates a union, that through the energies of our lodge we hold a connection to all past, present and future Masons.

At its most basic The Masonic Egregore is our collective emotions, and is the atmosphere that each of us encounters when we enter lodge. It is that feeling of entering into a place of great work, a thread sewing unity between brothers, and masonry as a whole. At its macro this Egregore is the cement of a Speculative Mason. It is the material with which we build our inner temples, and find ourselves worthy of the habitation of God.

By Devin Roberts 32° Portland Valley and Esoterika Lodge 227 in Portland Oregon.



## Joseph Fort Newton — The Builders

*Submitted by Brother Andy Maroglio*

“When we inquire into origins and seek the initial force which carried art forward, we find two fundamental factors — physical necessity and spiritual mystery. Of course, the first great impulse of all architecture was need, honest response to the demand for shelter; but this demand included a Home for the Soul, not less than a roof over the head.

Even in this response to primary need there was something spiritual which carried it beyond provision for the body; as the men of Egypt, for instance, wanted an indestructible resting-place, and so built the pyramids. ...

The spiritual instinct, in seeking to recreate types and to set up more sympathetic relations with the universe, led to imitation, to ideas of proportion, to the passion for beauty, and to the effort after perfection.

## Man has been always a builder,

and nowhere has he shown himself more significantly than in the buildings he has erected. When we stand before them — whether it be a mud hut, the house of a cliff-dweller stuck like the nest of a swallow on the side of a canyon, a Pyramid, a Parthenon, or a Pantheon — we seem to read into his soul. The builder may have gone, perhaps ages before, but here he has left something of himself, his hopes, his fears, his ideas, his dreams.”

*This is an extract from Joseph Fort Newton's book The Builders: A Story and Study of Freemasonry (first published in 1914).*



July 21, 1880 - January 24, 1950

Baptist minister and masonic author, Joseph Fort Newton is remembered for several masonic books, *The Builders* in 1914 and *The Men's House* in 1923 being two of the most widely reprinted.

His autobiography, “*River of Years*” (1944), contains many masonic references.

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## **Restoring Civility: Lessons from History and the Path to Unity in a Polarized World**

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

George Washington warned against political division, stressing the importance of unity and respect.

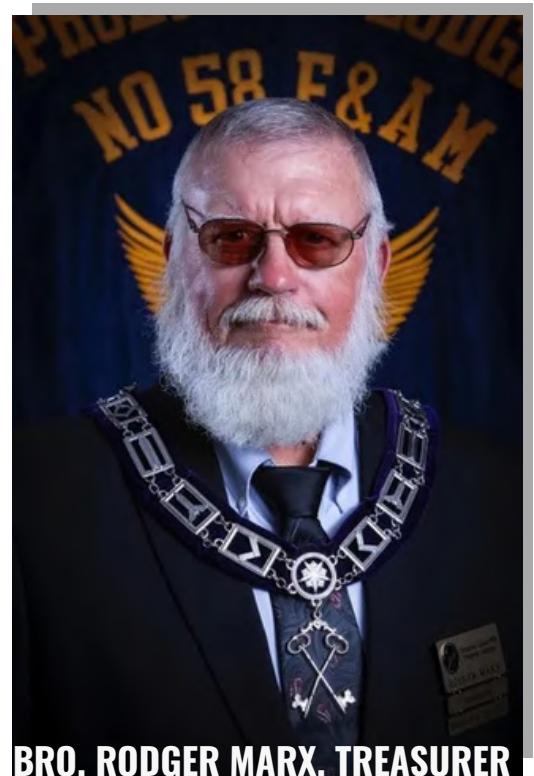
The dangers of incivility were evident in the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, where political discourse deteriorated into chaos.

Political polarization, social media, and sensationalist media have contributed to a decline in civility. Inflammatory rhetoric and personal attacks dominate public discourse, making consensus and productive dialogue difficult. This incivility weakens democratic governance, alienates marginalized communities, and increases social fragmentation.

To rebuild civil discourse, education should emphasize critical thinking and respectful debate.

Political leaders must model bipartisanship and constructive engagement, while media organizations should promote balanced reporting.

*On a personal level, individuals can contribute by practicing empathy, active listening, and respectful communication. Civility has shaped history and remains vital for contemporary society. In an increasingly polarized world, restoring civility in public and personal interactions can foster a more just, inclusive, and peaceful society.*



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

## facts about freemasonry almostnobodyknows



Edinburgh Lodge No. 1, also known as Mary's Chapel, is said to be the Lodge with the oldest records.

Some of these records date back to the 31st of July, 1599.

In the United States, if there are 3 or more Lodges in any State or territory with no current Grand Lodge, they may be free to organize one.



For reasons unknown, Thomas Mortimer from Nebraska was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason degree 34 years and 10 months after his Entered Apprentice degree making it the longest wait between degrees currently known.



# SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE

**Saturday – September 20, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

King Solomon TL #5, Willcox TL #10, Perfect Ashlar TL #12, Safford TL #16,  
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Google Maps: Amerind Museum

The pre-registration fee is \$45.00 which includes a brisket lunch after the degree.  
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## Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree

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Lodge Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP - Cutoff date for pre-register is Friday September 12, 2025**

## fundraising strengthening our lodge through service

Dear Brethren,

As we look to the future of our Lodge and our community, we find ourselves called upon to continue supporting a cause that has been the lifeblood of our mission, sustaining our programs, supporting our brothers, and enriching our community for almost two decades. Our partnership with Craft Culinary Concepts (CCC) translates into the privilege of partnering with the NFL — arguably the largest sports and entertainment organization in the United States, and second only to FIFA in global reach. Through this partnership, we are entrusted with the opportunity to staff and operate at our designated stand during every local game and major event that comes to town. This is much more than just a fundraiser. Ensuring we keep a healthy and ongoing relationship with CCC is a testament to the strength of our bond and our collective commitment to service.

We have always prided ourselves on being a Lodge that rises to the occasion. The work we do together is more than just a collection of tasks; but a reflection of our values, of the commitment we have made to one another and to the wider community. Our Masonic values are constantly tested, and today they face their greatest challenge. This is the moment to prove the strength of our bond and our unwavering commitment to serve—not as individuals, but together as one united, collective force.

This year, we have collected shy of \$6,000 so far, thanks to the participation of some of our Brothers. While we're grateful for every contribution, this amount is slightly less than in previous years, as a few major concerts featured specific stadium layouts that prevented our stand—along with many others on the main level—from opening. That's why we are actively working with CCC to secure a second stand in a different location, ensuring that we can always volunteer and never miss the opportunity to generate revenue for the Lodge, regardless of the event setup.

If you consider that last year we averaged about \$1,000 per game or event, it becomes clear how important it is for us to always have at least one stand open. This should not be an issue, as CCC holds us in high regard due to the exemplary work our brothers have done over the years. However, we now face a challenge: today, it is almost always the same brothers volunteering game after game. We can barely get enough brothers to staff one stand—how will we manage to fill two once we secure the second stand?

I understand that we all have many demands on our time, and life can often feel overwhelming. But now is the time to remember the power of what we can accomplish when we come together as brothers. Every hour you dedicate to this cause, every task you take on, is an investment not only in our Lodge's future but in the values we uphold—values that have sustained us for nearly two decades.



## fundraising strengthening our lodge through service

But I must also be candid with you: the money we raise pays for more than good intentions — it pays for real, tangible outcomes. It funds everything: our outreach programs, our Lodge expenses, support for brothers in need, and the gifts we give to the community — like the bikes and Chromebooks that bring hope and opportunity to deserving students.

I know how overwhelmingly rewarding — and moving — it can be to see the smiles on those young faces, with renovated hope in their eyes, when they receive those gifts. But I challenge you to pause and reflect: wouldn't it feel even more meaningful and fulfilling if you had been part of making that possible — rather than showing up only for the photograph on the day of the giveaway event?

This initiative is not just about raising funds; it is about fulfilling our duty to one another and to the community. It is about stepping forward with purpose and ensuring the continued success of a program that has made a lasting impact over the years—strengthening both our Lodge and the lives of those we serve.

Let us stand shoulder to shoulder, joining those who have come before us, and show the world that the strength of our brotherhood is unbreakable. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of the CCC/NFL fundraising initiative continues to make a difference for many years to come.

Finally, I ask each of you to consider what this Lodge means to you—and how your participation can help shape its future. The time to act is now.

With gratitude and respect,

Bro. Andy Maroglio  
Chair, CCC/NFL Fundraising

*True fulfillment lies not in being present for the results,  
but in being part of the journey—  
the effort, the sacrifice, the labor behind the scenes  
that makes those results possible.*

*I encourage every Brother to consider this:  
your hands, your time, your sacrifice—  
those are the gifts that matter most.*





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

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



Phoenicia Masons at the 2025 Arizona Leadership Conference. We are proud to have had our very own WB Chris West and Bro. Rodger Marx chosen as key presenters, addressing important topics on Lodge Engagement and Prospect Management. Strong work, Brothers! In the photos: Left: WB Reed Hogue, Johnny Weissman, WB West, Ed Perez, and Rodger Marx. Right: WB West giving his lecture.



WB Christopher West of Phoenicia Lodge #58, F. & A. M. of AZ is announced as the 2024-2025 DDGM of the Year for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona at the 2025 Leadership Conference at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West. Congratulations WB West!



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, WB Ray Brigandi, at secretary@phoenicia58.org 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.



# 1732-1799, the general: george washington

## *mason, soldier, and the architecture of american virtue*

by WB Christopher West



By any measure, George Washington is not only history's hero—he is an enduring idea. His name crowns the nation's capital, his face adorns our currency, and his likeness commands memorials from Virginia to Mount Rushmore. Yet beneath the marble was a man—shaped by loss, mentorship, Freemasonry, war, and the very human struggle to live with virtue.

For Masons, Washington's story is not just American history—it is Masonic history. His life mirrors many of the same lessons taught in our Lodges: perseverance in trial, discipline in action, and truth in character.

### Family, Loss, and the Search for Structure

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, to Augustine Washington and Mary Ball Washington. His father, Augustine, was twice married. From his first marriage to Jane Butler came four children, of whom only two—Lawrence and Augustine Jr.—lived into adulthood. After Jane's death, Augustine remarried, and with Mary Ball he fathered six more children, George being the eldest.

Tragedy was a constant in young George's early years. His father died suddenly of illness in 1743, when George was just 11 years old. That loss deprived him not only of paternal guidance but also of the educational opportunities Augustine had hoped to provide. Lawrence Washington, George's much older half-brother and heir to the Mount Vernon estate, became his mentor. Lawrence had served with the British Navy in the Caribbean, married into the powerful Fairfax family, and embodied the kind of social stature young George admired and emulated.

But that relationship was also short-lived. In July 1752, Lawrence died of tuberculosis at just 34. Barely



20 years old, George suddenly lost both his father and brother—the two men he looked to most for direction. Only three months later, on November 4, 1752, George Washington knocked on the door of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. Many historians believe he was drawn not just by curiosity, but by a yearning for fraternity, mentorship, and moral compass at a time when he was stepping into adulthood without family elders to guide him.

### Closer Than You Think: Washington's Masonic Initiation

A popular myth imagines Washington riding 50 miles from Mount Vernon to Fredericksburg in sleet and snow to become a Mason. In fact, at the time of his initiation he was living with his widowed mother at Ferry Farm in Stafford County—just across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg. The Lodge, located on Princess Anne Street, was only a short ride away.



*Replica of Ferry Farm's house.*

Washington was **initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on March 3, 1753, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 4, 1753.** That pattern—spread over three separate visits across nine months—was typical for the time.

Though he left no written record of his impressions, his lifelong respect for the Craft is clear. Decades later, in 1793, he would write to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

“The liberal principles on which [Masonry] is founded must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic Institution...”

Washington remained a dues-paying member at Fredericksburg for several years and maintained close connections to Masons throughout his life. His Masonic career came full circle in 1793, when he laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in a full Masonic ceremony, wearing his apron and regalia.



## Surveying Life and Building Leadership in Winchester



*Young George Washington in Winchester, VA, as Surveyor*

Even before his Masonic initiation, Washington had begun forging his professional reputation as a surveyor. At age 17 he received a commission as the official surveyor of Culpeper County. He quickly gained assignments in the Shenandoah Valley, charting frontier lands for speculative development.

By 1749, Washington was spending significant time in Winchester, Virginia, where he kept an office. The city still preserves the physical evidence of his work. In the basement of the **Frederick County Judicial Center**, survey books bearing Washington's distinctive signature rest on a shelf, accessible to the public—no vault, no glass barrier, simply preserved as they were over two and a half centuries ago.

Washington's surveying taught him discipline, precision, and a practical familiarity with Virginia's western lands. In Winchester he also gained his first military experience, serving as a young officer during the French and Indian War. This dual apprenticeship—measuring land and managing men—would form the backbone of his leadership style in the Revolution: meticulous, patient, but decisive when it counted.

## A Commander Tested: Triumphs Outweighed by Trials

When Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of the Continental Army in June 1775, he faced almost impossible odds. Britain's military was the finest in the world; the colonies had little more than militia companies and enthusiasm.

What is often overlooked is that Washington lost far more battles than he won. He was routed in New



York in 1776, driven from Philadelphia in 1777, and endured brutal winters at Valley Forge and Morristown. Yet he never allowed defeat to break his army. His genius lay not in brilliant battlefield maneuvers but in preserving the cause—holding the army together long enough to fight another day.

When opportunities arose, he seized them. His surprise attack at Trenton on December 26, 1776, reinvigorated the Revolution. His encirclement at Yorktown in 1781, with French support, ended the war. Reflecting on leadership, Washington wrote:

*“Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages.”*

Indeed, it was perseverance, not an unbroken string of victories, that won American independence.

### **Mount Vernon: Home, Reflective Refuge, and Symbol of Continuity**

While Lawrence had originally inherited Mount Vernon, his early death left George in possession of the estate. Washington poured his energy into making it not just a plantation but a symbol of refinement. He expanded the mansion, introduced innovative agricultural practices, and made it a hub of hospitality.

It was at Mount Vernon that Washington entertained foreign dignitaries, balanced accounts, wrote letters that shaped policy, and returned for rest after both the Revolution and his presidency. For him, Mount Vernon represented stability amid the turbulence of war and politics. For posterity, it became a symbol of leadership grounded in humility and home.

### **Separating Myth from Reality: The Cherry Tree and Human Complexity**

Few American legends are more famous than the cherry tree: young George, confessing to chopping it down because he “could not tell a lie.” The story was invented by Mason Locke Weems in his 1800 biography of Washington. Weems’s aim was not historical accuracy, but to provide the new nation with a model of virtue.

The real Washington was both more complex and, arguably, more admirable. He was disciplined, ambitious, careful of his reputation, yet deeply conscious of moral responsibility. In a letter to his nephew, he counseled:

*“A good moral character is the first essential in a man... It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous.”*



And late in life, he confessed his own ambition for reputation, writing:

*“I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain... the character of an honest man.”*

Washington’s humanity—his flaws, doubts, and struggles—make his achievements all the more significant.

### The Capitol Cornerstone Ceremony: Masonry on a National Stage

On **September 18, 1793**, in the city that now bears his name, Washington presided over the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. The ceremony was conducted with full Masonic honors, organized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Washington wore the same apron he had received from the Marquis de Lafayette, along with a ceremonial sash and tools.

Marching at the head of an elaborate Masonic procession, Washington carried the cornerstone in a silver urn. Before a gathered crowd, he placed it in position with the square, level, and plumb—tools familiar to every Mason—before sprinkling corn, wine, and oil as symbols of nourishment, joy, and peace.



This public act was not just ceremonial pageantry. It demonstrated how Masonic ritual could be applied to civic life, offering a language of symbolism and virtue to consecrate the physical foundation of a republic built on ideals. It was, in many ways, the high-water mark of Freemasonry’s visible role in America’s founding.

*George Washington  
at the laying of the Cornerstone  
for Capitol Building in Washington*



## Faith, Farewell, and Final Reflections

Washington's Farewell Address and final writings are imbued with themes of humility, civic virtue, and faith. In 1783, as he resigned his military commission, he prayed for his fellow citizens:

—...that they will do justice, love mercy, and demean themselves with that Charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion.”

Though outwardly reserved in matters of religion, Washington's words reflect a man who saw virtue as the bedrock of both personal and national life.

## A Masonic Farewell: Washington's Funeral Rites

When George Washington died on **December 14, 1799**, at Mount Vernon, the nation plunged into mourning. Four days later, his funeral was conducted with full Masonic honors. Members of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, joined by brethren from other lodges, marched in solemn procession. Washington's Masonic apron, gloves, and sprig of acacia accompanied him to his grave.

The Masonic elements of the service were unmistakable: the use of the acacia as a symbol of immortality, the solemn recitation of prayers, and the presence of his brethren in regalia. As the coffin was lowered, they performed the traditional rites of burial, uniting fraternal symbolism with national reverence.

In this way, Washington's Masonic journey ended as it began—among brothers, with solemn ritual, and with the promise that his labors would not be forgotten.

## The Masonic Memorial and Washington's Living Legacy

The **George Washington Masonic National Memorial** in Alexandria stands today not as a static monument, but as a living testament to Washington's dual legacy as patriot and Mason. Its cornerstone was laid with full Masonic ceremony in 1923, and it was dedicated in 1932 on the bicentennial of his birth.

The Memorial continues to be supported by lodges and Masons nationwide. Arizona is especially notable, with more lodges contributing to its upkeep than any other state—a reflection of both pride in our Craft and devotion to Washington's example.



## Virtue in Motion: Washington's Real Gift to Freemasonry and the Nation

Washington's life was not marked by ease. He lost his father, his brother, and more battles than he won. Yet he persisted—finding guidance in Masonry, stability at Mount Vernon, and purpose in leadership.

In the end, Washington himself said it best:

*“Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the event is in the hand of God.”*

For Masons today, his legacy is not found in myth but in the lived reality of perseverance, honesty, and fraternity.

*So, the next time we find ourselves groaning about traffic on the way to Lodge, perhaps we should recall Washington—not as a flawless hero, but as a real man who bore life's burdens, sought fellowship, and helped lay the cornerstone of a nation.*

– WB Christopher West



*George Washington, the General*



# SPOTLIGHT



## MASTER MASON SINCE 1976

*I joined a DeMolay chapter in California in my mid-teens and with great enthusiasm earned the Representative DeMolay award.*

## PHOENICIA'S TREASURER SINCE 2019

*I was wearing my Widow's son's vest from South Dakota and noticed a brother mason wearing his. I introduced myself and was invited to come to lodge with him. The rest is history.*

A BROTHER'S  
JOURNEY

# RODGER MARX



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## MY ROCKY ROAD LESS TRAVELED

In response to an interview request for our Lodge's Trestleboard, I felt that simply answering the questions would not be understood unless I shared my masonic journey with a little background information. So please bear with me:

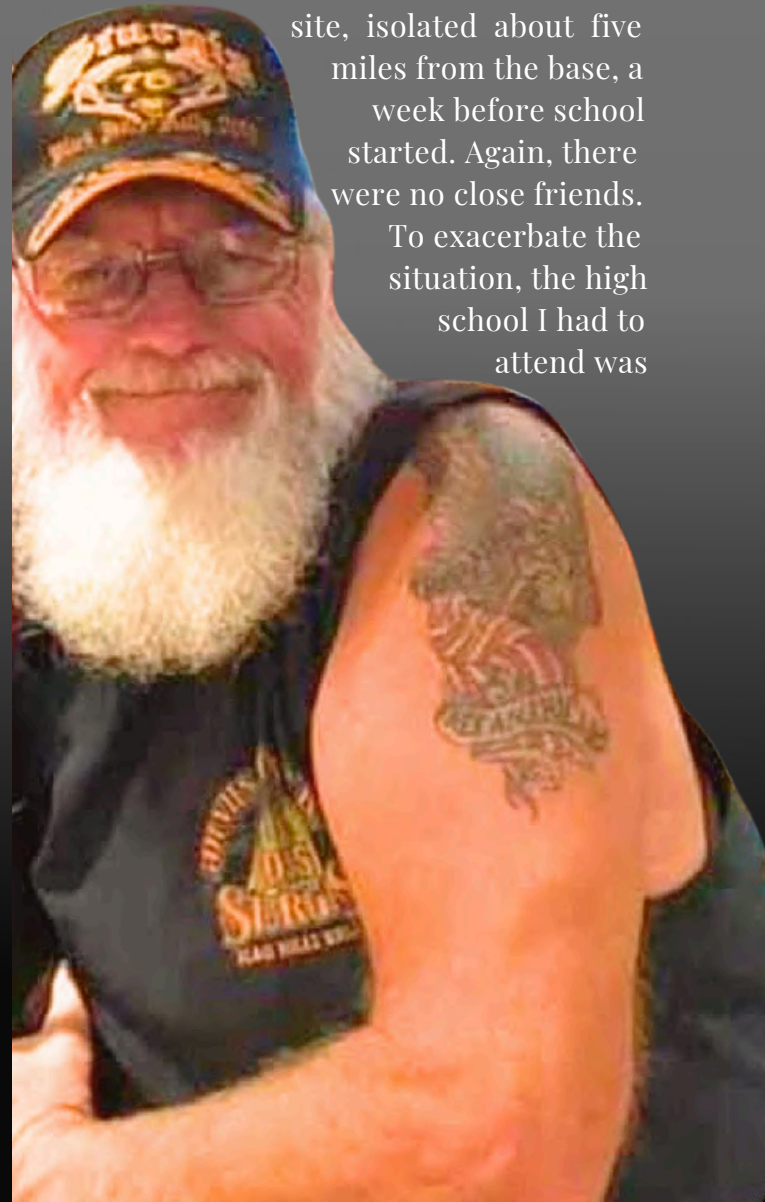
Masonry has been a part of my life since the day I was born. My father, grandfather and several uncles were masons. My mother was involved in eastern star and the rainbow girl's organization. Ours was not that of the typical American family. Dad was an Air Force navigator who joined at the start of WWII. He joined Masonry on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1945, he received his EA and his FC degrees concurrently. He was raised as a MM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1945. Then departed for another combat mission.

I was born in 1946. For the next 20 years my childhood memories cherished the fact that wherever dad was stationed, he always had friends visiting and supporting him, I later realized that these friends were masonic brothers and their families, and we were surrounded with brotherly love wherever we traveled. This was my subliminal inspiration to join Freemasonry and the answer as to what is the true meaning of Masonic Brotherhood.

In retrospect, my masonic journey has been a "rocky road less traveled" and plagued with necessary "that's life" deflections. I joined a DeMolay chapter in California in my mid-teens and with great enthusiasm earned the Representative DeMolay award.

As life happened, my dad was transferred to Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota. Eager to make new friends, life tossed another curve ball. We arrived at Ellsworth at the start of summer only to find out that there was no base housing available. literally being homeless; my mother, my two sisters and I lived in a tent at Sylvan lake in the Black Hills for three months while dad stayed at the Officers' Quarters on base. There was no opportunity to bond with anyone except a few tourists. Luckily, at the end of summer, we were able to move onto a Niki Missile

site, isolated about five miles from the base, a week before school started. Again, there were no close friends. To exacerbate the situation, the high school I had to attend was



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twenty-five miles from the base in Rapid City. Social incivility prevailed; we (Air Force kids) were known as “Flap Crap” by the local kids. There was not a local DeMolay chapter on the base to join, yet dad still had brothers coming over to socialize.

Graduation came in 1963; I was given a five-dollar grant from Dad with the wise words “take this and go to college”. Naturally, I hopped into my 46 willies’ jeep, bought some beer and spent a week partying in the hills. Working the summer as a fry-cook at a Truckstop and a lifeguard at a country club, I was able to get into college in Spearfish, South Dakota without borrowing money. Interestingly, checking my mailbox at the dorm one day, I received a change of address notice from my parents. They had moved to Offit AFB in Bellevue Nebraska. Alone again!

Fast forward 12 years later, my life appeared to settle down a little. Now as a single father with two sons, living in a new home, with a great job at Caterpillar Tractor company’s factory in Oswego Illinois, I joined a Masonic lodge, received my EA degree on 2/11/1975. Receiving my lambskin apron, which was one of the proudest moments at the start of my journey. I received my FC degree on 2/17/1976 and was raised to MM degree on 4/20/1976. Fifty years ago, new members did not receive a clear text ritual. We only had a first letter cypher booklet. I relied on many brothers as mentors to learn my degree proficiency. I also joined the York Right, and the Tabala Shrine.

My father had retired in Hill City, South Dakota where he and several of his brothers built a small lodge. Naturally and probably because I wanted his lodge to flourish, I affiliated with Tin City Lodge 112 of which I am still a current member.

On my “rocky road less traveled” journey, another “that’s life” deflection was thrown at me. As a foreman at Caterpillar, I was assigned to the second shift and subsequently the third shift was added to my responsibilities for the next 14 years. I no longer had an opportunity to actively contribute to Masonry, apart from paying my dues. To me this was the “death Valley” phase of my journey!

After retiring from Caterpillar, I was offered a job as Manufacturing Manager for United Defense building missile launch systems for our military. This career path required some hard decisions. The location was 400 miles



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from the lodge and the ranch that we bought in the Black Hills. Due to environmental issues causing problems with my wife's health, she had to move to the ranch, and I stayed.

Years later I was able to retire from United Defense and move to our ranch in Hill City. I finally was able to attend Lodge again; however, the journey was still presenting hurdles. My parents needed family support as they grew older, we insisted that they move back to the ranch to live out their remaining lives. This required a considerable amount of home modification including the installation of a home elevator system, bathrooms and handicapped equipment. I again accepted another job as an environmental engineer for an international mining company in Wyoming. Since it was only a two-hour drive, I was initially able to remain relatively active with the lodge. My position expanded within a year to require global presence including Canada, Australia, Germany, and Japan. My ability to attend lodge became intermittent. I would attend when I was in town.

After my parents passed, we needed to reevaluate our family position. A raging forest fire had come within a couple miles of our ranch, and we were required to evacuate on short notice. Severe snow storms had occasionally made access to and from town impossible. Two severe accidents have limited my walking ability; therefore, my ability to maintain the ranch was lacking. We made the decision to pack up and move to Arizona.

On a beautiful sunny day in Arizona my wife and I rode our Harleys to an event at Scottsdale Harley Davidson. I was wearing my Widow's son's vest from South Dakota and noticed a brother mason wearing his. I introduced myself and was invited to come to lodge with him. The rest is history.

I petitioned to join Phoenix 58 on 2/12/2019, was elected treasurer on 12/31/2019 and currently still sitting in that chair. I was appointed prospect manager on 11/12/2022. Since then, it has been my honor and privilege to help many good men navigate the start of their masonic journey. I have learned that these men were searching for the same things I personally value,



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inclusion, civility, brotherly love and the ability to contribute. Symbolically the true grip of a mason resonates in my mind as the true essence of our fraternity.

Our lodge may not be perfect, but it is perfect for me. We need to focus on our long-term goals and aspirations, continue to encourage new brothers to actively engage with the visions of our leadership and the means to accomplish them, focus on the public perception of Masonry in general, and our civil discourse within our brotherhood.

**My personal achievements** have included scuba diving on shipwrecks and beautify reefs, archery, bear hunting, skydiving, motorcycle touring, back woods adventures in Australia; however, my life satisfaction comes from God, family, country, and being a Mason and contributing where and when I can to improve Masonry! I may be the oldest active member in lodge brothers, but you don't need to have a funeral practice for me anytime soon.

Fraternally,

**Rodger Marx**





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# Duke Ellington

Born: Wednesday, 29 March 1899

Died: Friday, 24 May 1974

Duke Ellington is one of the greats of American Jazz. Born in 1899, Duke was born amidst the worst of Jim Crow. Nonetheless he would go on to shine brightly as one of the most prominent American musicians in history. Helping him along the way was his association with Prince Hall Freemasonry, where he was a member of Social Lodge #1 in Washington D.C.

Duke got his start composing by ear, before he even learned to read sheet music.

His genius for music was readily apparent, and before long, he had his own jazz band. By the 1930's he was a sensation throughout the country, and after World War II he was touring Europe, and performing for the president. He was widely acclaimed as a Jazz musician, but personally rejected labels, preferring to be referred to as an American Musician.

Duke would go on to have a resounding legacy of creativity, the first major movie soundtrack that wasn't tied to an orchestra playing on screen, a redefiner and influences of Jazz music, and African American music generally, and a cultural icon for the emerging American pop culture. His great achievements were achieved in fraternity with other Black Masons active in the music scene, shaping and forging a new era in music.

## GENIUS OF JAZZ





# grand lodge masonic upcoming activities



SEP

13  
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## Lodge of Instruction - Arizona Masonic Ritual - Supplemental Section



Grand Lodge



12:00 PM - 2:00 PM



Yuma, Arizona

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## FEZ Around Town - Top Golf



Grand Lodge



7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Scottsdale, Arizona

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## SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE



Grand Lodge



10:00 AM



Dragoon, Arizona

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SEP

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2025

## Sun City No.72 Past Masters Degree



Grand Lodge



7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



Sun City, Arizona

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SEP

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## Bill Fain Memorial Outdoor Degree



Grand Lodge



8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Dewey, Arizona

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# grand lodge masonic upcoming activities

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OCT

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## The Arizona Masonic Symposium and Festive Board



Grand Lodge



1:30 PM - 7:00 PM



Chandler, Arizona

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

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<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>public schools</b>	Chair: Chris West, PM
<b>retention and calling</b>	Chair: Shane Gilbert / Ray Brigandi, 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



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# committee reports



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### audit and trustees

Audit and Trustees:  
Scheduled for the November 4th Officers meeting.

### awards

WB Chris West was nominated DDGM  
On Track for the Master Architect Award  
Phoenicia Lodge No 58's Trestleboard and Website  
have both placed second at the Grand Lodge of Arizona  
yearly awards.

### benevolent fund

There were no requests this period.

### degree and ritual proficiency

Congratulations to our newest Fellowcraft Mason -  
Brother Scott Christopher Dunlap.  
- 2nd degree for Bro. Scott Dunlap was a success.  
Deep gratitude to all the brothers who stepped up and  
made the night a memorable one. This was the first  
time DDGL, Matt Baker, and PGM James May  
witnessed how our lodge perform rituals.  
G. Lecture by Bro Johnny Weisman

### fraternal relations

The committee respectfully reports that there were no  
formal fraternal communications or visitations this  
period.





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### fundraising

Bro. Andy Maroglio-Chair, CCC Fundraiser Volunteer Coordination – Phoenicia Lodge No. 58  
CCC - 2025 NFL SEASON REGISTRATION (MANDATORY) for ALL Phoenicia Lodge No. 58  
NEW and PAST volunteers. All new volunteers who attended the last orientation training in August will soon receive an email from CardsCred@cardinals.nfl.net containing your personal registration link. If you haven't received it by the time of publishing let Bro. Andy Maroglio know asap.  
Also Please register for the next available orientation if you have not been to one, and upcoming football games.

### funeral team

Practice to be called upon as-needed.

### hospitality

Lodge Dinner Provided By:  
January - Lodge Leadership  
February -  
March - Josh Gray  
April - Perez  
May - Brigandi  
June - Smith  
July - Howe  
August - Josh Colon donated Italian food. Fantastic!  
September - Gilbert - Shrimp boil  
October - Harvest fest on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 PM.  
November - West  
December - Andy Maroglio



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### masonic education

A Masonic Eulogy -WB Brigandi  
Reading Masons and Masons who do not read -A  
.Mackey : Ed Perez

### membership

17 prospects- Kudos to our prospect chairman Brother  
Rodger Marx!  
1 Pending Candidate  
7 EA's  
4 FC's  
56 MM's

### public schools

Campo Bello -  
Bikes for Books presentation will be in December.

### reports of sickness and distress

Drape the Altar for WB Phil Zeilinger and Emmett Earl  
Middaugh.  
Mat Brassards Father Passed Away - His Comments "I had  
shared with the lodge that one of the major reasons for my  
relocation to SLC was to allow me to reconnect and be a  
caregiver for my father. And it is with both deep sadness and  
relief that I inform my brothers that my father passed away  
peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and all of his  
children this past Monday. Please inform the brethren and let  
them know that my time  
with them helped to shape my understanding of faith, love and  
charity to allow me to find solace in this difficult time. I miss you  
all. Please find the Eulogy attached. My father was not a Mason  
but he did support my Masonic career throughout my life".  
Ralph Niebel has severe sciatica issues. Keep him in your  
thoughts and prayers.





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### retention and calling

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

### social

Texas Hold' em at Cheers tavern was a good time and a good venue. They have events weekly and monthly. In attendance were WB Howe, WB Brigandi, Brother Marx, Gray, Perez showed up, and three prospects.

### trestleboard

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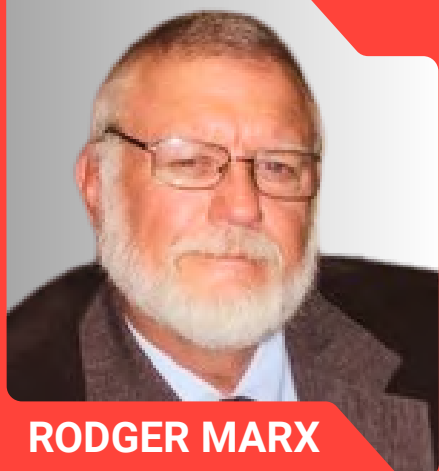
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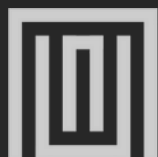
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Robert P. Taber – ‘88, ‘89, ‘96, ‘99, ‘01 (D)  
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**Tony Hernandez – 2016, 2017**  
**Bryon P. Howe – 2018, 2024**  
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## ***Affiliated Past Masters***

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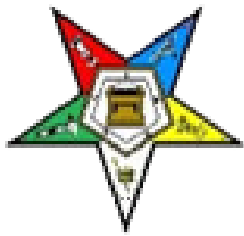


## **paradise valley silver trowel lodge no. 29**

Stated Meeting: 7:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday.

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Contact secretary



## **stars of paradise #56 order of the eastern star**

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— Plotinus, On Sculpting the Self, Enneads I 6, 9