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JANUARY

*All events will begin at 6PM unless otherwise stated.

 $January \ 2^{nd} - Fellow craft \ Degree$

January 3rd – January Officers Meeting

January 9th – January Stated Meeting

January 15th – Official Visit: Ascension Lodge No.89 (6:30PM)

January $16^{th} - 3^{rd}$ Degree Practice

January 23rd – 3rd Degree

January 27th – Ben Avery Shooting Gathering

January 30th – Officers Practive

 $\label{eq:conference} January~31^{st}-Sunset~Canyon~Parent-Teacher~Conference~BBQ$

<u>FEBRUARY</u>

February 6th – Trustee Meeting (630)

February 13th – February Stated Meeting

February 20th – Officers Practice

February 27th – Officers Practice

A Message from the Worshipful master

Worshipful Master Bryon Howe



Brethren,

I once again have the honor of sitting in the east. I hope to bring us all together in one job at a Masonic lodge, and that is to make Masons.

The lack of interest in some Lodges may be due to the fact that the Worshipful Master has not "set the Craft at work." It has been said that no man is truly happy unless he is doing constructive work, and Freemasonry must afford opportunities for such work, or it will suffer. Men, as a rule, do not like to be simply spectators. Give them something to do; make them responsible for it and you will revive their interest in the Lodge.

This does not mean that you should assign tasks indiscriminately. Study your members, find out what each one

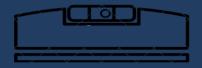
likes to do best and try to give appropriate assignments to as many members as possible. With this being said, I ask each member, active or not, to stand up and take charge of their own masonic work. If you see a committee you would like to serve on, go straight to that committee chair. If you have an interest and we have no committee yet, come right to me. Several new initiatives are being set forth. Let each one of us find his own light in Masonry.

The theme for 2024 – Set the Craft to Work

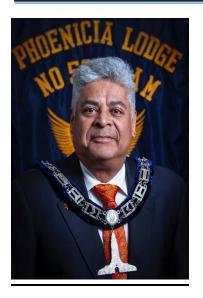
Respectfully and fraternally,

WB Bryon Howe, PM Worshipful Master

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WB TONY HERNANDEZ — SR. WARDEN



Holiday seasons greetings Brethren,

Once again, it's the time of year to be grateful for the manifest blessings the Great Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon us as we endeavor to finish out the year strong.

With a couple more fundraising opportunities forthcoming, as well as the annual Phoenicia 58 white elephant party, things are popping at the 58. We continue to man BP136 at the Cardinals stadium which brings in the majority of our fundraising.

We have upcoming event positions that need to be filled. If you're trained, check your schedule and sign up if you can. If you're not trained, check with WB Reed Houge for the training schedule.

Participation means more income to help service the community around us better.

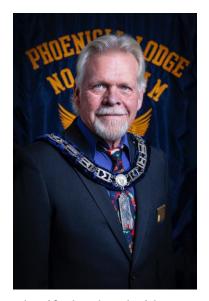
A special thanks to Worshipful Brother Steve Hooper on a successful year in the East. We thank you for you service to the lodge and the Craft. In closing, I wish a very merry Christmas to all and, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

WB Tony Hernandez PM Senior Warden

A MIESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

WB STEVE DILDA- JR WARDEN



Greetings from the South,

As the sun, in the South at meridian height, is the beauty and glory of the day, so stand I. Not sure if this is another trip around the chairs or I'm just a glutton for punishment. I'll do anything for Phoenicia #58 to grow and prosper.

In the usual Phoenicia fashion, we have a lot of work in front of us. Our dance card is pretty full of candidates knocking at our doors, and we are here to answer those knocks. That's what we do: making good men better.

I'm currently studying the 2nd degree lecture and read

that if a brother decides to trespass on any of our rules that we should judge with candor. OMG, good luck with that. A simple internet search brought a plethora of articles and even some term papers and a doctoral thesis about that subject. That's a tough one, but I satisfy myself by just saying judge as you would want to be judges yourself. Admonish with friendship; I hope that is done in private. Reprehend with justice; that would be a reprimand. I believe that means making everything right in both of your worlds. Reprehend could also be a good thing meaning that one of your brother believe you are worthy of the time and attention to bring that to your attention, and the thought to make the consequences align with the severity of the offense.

Happy 2024 to all of my brothers and families, be safe, enjoy your family and friends,

WB Steve Dilda, PM Junior Warden

2023 PHOENICIA HOLIDAY

PARTY AT CASA DE BRIGANDI









JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Brother Jeffery L Stevens	1/15/2008	16
Brother Edward Garcia	2/18/2003	21
Brother Frank Tanner	2/1/2006	18
Worshipful Brother Steve Dilda P.M.	2/19/2009	15

The Grand Master's Polo Shirt and Coin Are Available To Order!





DRESS CODE

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.

IN MEMORIAM

BROTHER KENNETH P. BRAUN 1936 - 2022

Past Phoenicia Lodge Secretary, Brother Kenneth Braun, passed away on February, 8th 2022. He was 87 years old. Brother Braun was Raised on October 1, 1971, serving the craft for more than 52 consecutive years.

The evergreen is an emblem of our enduring faith an immortality of our soul. By it we are reminded of our destiny beyond this world of mortal life and that we have within us an imperishble part which can never, never die, but our bodies are born to die and while the embers of mortality are faintly glimmering in the socket of their existence, the Holy Bible, that Great Light in Masonry, removes the dark shroud of doubt, draws aside the sable curtain of the tomb and bids hope and joy rise up to cheer and sustain the departed spirit. It points beyond the grave, to the resurrection morn and bids us turn our eyes with hope and confidence on the opening scenes of eternity.





Soft-and-safe to thee, Brother Joe, by thy earthly bed, bright and glorious be thy rising from it. Fragrant be the acacia sprig that here shall flourish. May their earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties over thy resting place and here may the sweetness of the last summer's rose linger longest. Though the cold winds of autumn lay them in the dust and for a time destroy the loveliness of their existence, yet the destruction is not final and in the springtime they shall surely bloom again. So, on the bright morning of the world's resurrection, though thy mortal frame by now lay in the dust by the chilling winds of death, thy spirit shall spring into newness of life and expand in immemorial beauty in realms beyond the skies until then, dear Brother.

Until then – Farewell!

NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

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!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? IT'S WB GREGORY WEISMAN, PM!

Last month, Worshipful Brother Gregory Weisman dropped into the Lodge to say hello and give us an update on his health and family. Worshipful Brother Weisman was Past Master of Phoenicia Lodge #58 in both 2006 and 2008. He was raised on April 13, 1991, and has been a member in great standing with Phoenicia for soon-to-be 33 years. Looking good, WB!



EDUCATION ARTICLES

Masonic Behavior Ray Soltis Regional Provost Newsletter, Region 10 September 1, 2023 Originally presented by Rt. Wor. Paul Miller, Norfolk Lodge No. 1

What pattern of conduct should we, as Masons, pursue in order to be positive examples of our Fraternity in the minds of the general public, as well as a standard of behavior for our fellow Brethren within the Craft? How do we know when our actions and reactions to situations and events truly reflect Masonic ideals?

Our conduct as Masons begins to be quickly formed from the point of the very first instruction in Freemasonry. Instruction in the Masonic catechism and experience in the ritual quickly begins shaping our Masonic behavior with virtually all of the guidance that we need. If we live according to the Tenets of Freemasonry, practice the Cardinal Virtues of the Craft, and properly employ the Symbolic Furniture of the Lodge, then we can be sure that we have started to make a good man better and that the Rough Ashlar has lost some of its imperfections. Then each successive step we take and instructive lesson that we receive in Freemasonry serves to refine and perfect the living stone that we are preparing by living the lessons of Freemasonry.

Through our Tenets, there is no better example of what Freemasonry provides to the world than when we promote Brotherly Love, support the Relief of others, and encourage Truth. Through the Cardinal Virtues; when we are constantly seeking to live Justly, with a Temperate demeanor, a Prudent attitude, and the Fortitude to withstand the light of self-examination and self-improvement, then we are living testaments to the value of Freemasonry. By following the teachings of our Volume of Sacred Law, applying the Square of Virtue to our behavior, and checking our actions against the limits defined by the Compasses, we will have clearly defined a pattern of behavior that can be considered a shining example of Freemasonry's teachings.

It has been said that the essence of practicing ethical behavior is often choosing to do the difficult right over the easy wrong. Similarly, the pattern of behavior expected of us as Master Masons is choosing to measure ourselves and our actions against the speculative Plumb, Level and Square, instead of by the flexible scale of behaviors accepted by current trends and fashions.

This is no mere academic exercise or lofty ideal to hold ourselves up to these Working Tools. It is a constant challenge that we must apply in our daily lives; examining and improving our interaction with mankind, being watchful for instances when we step outside the bounds

circumscribed by the compasses, being aware of times when we do not find ourselves Masonically perpendicular, horizontal, and parallel.

For the measure of Masonic behavior is not only exemplified by maintaining our conduct within our due bounds – it is also being aware of those instances when we have failed to live up to our obligations and duties, and when we must seek to heal a wrong and correct our behavior in the future. Taking action to quickly correct an offense done to either a Brother or to a nonMason is also an example of Masonic behavior, since by this action we can show that our consideration for another person is a greater goal than preserving our pride or ego.

Masonic behavior is living by all of the implements of Freemasonry, and especially the Trowel. Can our behavior be found wanting if we live a balanced life according to the 24-inch Gauge, improve our hearts and consciences with the common Gavel, stand uprightly with Square actions, be on the Level with our fellow man, and spread the cement of brotherly love and affection?

We define our behavior, especially our Masonic behavior, by how we act when no one is watching, when no credit or glory may come our way, when we have to answer to no one but ourselves and the Grand Architect of the Universe. That may well be the time when we are tested to choose the difficult right over the easy wrong.

It will also be a time that will determine if Freemasonry has truly been a positive influence on our character and our behavior.

The goal of making a good man better is a Winding Stairway that has no "middle chamber." We do not reach the top and end our journey, for there will always be another step of improvement waiting for us. There will always be an adjustment needed to keep ourselves within our due bounds, to improve and correct our actions when necessary, and thereby seek harmony with our Brethren and society in general.

In this way, our Masonic behavior will be an example to society of what Freemasonry represents by meeting our duties to our God, our neighbors and ourselves.

Grand Lodge of Arizona: Grand Master's Talk

December 2023

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. For many of us it was a time of gathering with family and friends and being thankful for our blessings. December brings celebrations for many different religions and cultures across the globe, Christian, Judaism, Hinduism, to name the largest. Together we honor each other's belief in a Supreme Being, using basic principles that are common to all religions. On December 27, the Winter Solstice, Freemasons celebrate St. John the Evangelist, usually with a feast. His example of loyalty and the focus he placed on the importance of brotherly love and truth are values we treasure. You can read more about St. John the Evangelist in the next issue of Arizona Masonry Magazine. I recommend lodges to have a feast, which was common in early Masonic lodges, honoring this saint and our connection with him.

December is also the month when most Arizona lodges install their newly elected officers. Open installations are a great way to share our experiences with friends and family. I encourage lodges to have an open house in December, while the weather is cool, and invite your neighbors to come and see the lodge room and talk about Masonry. Invite the community surrounding the lodge building with flyers or post signs. The more we know about our neighbors the more comfortable we feel about each other.

Until next month, Happy Holiday greetings to you and yours! Here's to a cheerful present, a well-remembered past, and a prosperous year ahead.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

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Grand Master

Grand Lodge of F&AM of Arizona

George R. Rusk

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Worshipful Brother Raymond,

DUES NOTICE

On behalf of the Worshipful Master I hope that this letter finds you and your family in good health and prosperity. A new year is rapidly approaching. With the new year comes the time to pay annual dues for membership in the Lodge. For 2024, the Lodge dues are \$113 and the Grand Lodge Per Capita is \$39 for a total of \$152.

Your remittance is due by January 1st. We will send you your dues card along with a list of elected and appointed officers for the new Masonic year upon receipt.

You can pay your dues by check, credit card or by PayPal on the Lodge website. If you send a check, the Payee should be the Lodge Name as noted in the header above. It can be mailed to the Lodge secretary or the Lodge mailing address.

If you have any questions about the amount owed for this or the previous year, do not hesitate to contact the Lodge secretary as soon as possible so that any issue can be resolved before January 1st.

If you are enduring hardship that is affecting your ability to pay your dues by January 1st, there are tools available to the Lodge that can be used to help. However, the Lodge cannot help you if you don't let us know right away.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and to having a prosperous new Masonic year!

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2024 dues:

Fraternally and Cordially,

Secretary: Worshipful Brother Raymond Brigandi P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



AUDIT AND TRUSTEES REPORT;

December / End of Year audit review and preparation for Annual Return to AZGL.

1yr Trustee is WB Reed Houge

2yr Trustee is WB Chris West

3yr Trustee is WB Randy Smith

AWARDS;

Working toward our 2023-2024 Master Architect Awards

BENEFICENT FUND;

Creation of an Almoners Fund: The Treasurer is tasked with maintaining a ledger for the fund (separate from the general bank account) to assist a distressed worthy brother and his family.

CALLING COMMITTEE;

Calls were made to several brothers: Josh Anderson, Scott Hewitt, Seth Ross, Miguel Vargas, Alan Penner.

DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY;

A Fellowcraft Degree for Gustavo Rosa was had on 1/2/2024. Congratulations Brother Rosa!

FRATERNAL RELATIONS;

Stars of Paradise, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month. Valley of the Sun DeMolay, 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month

FUNDRAISING;

Currently seeking volunteers for ROJO (Cards Stadium) games, concerts, and other live events!

MASONIC EDUCATION;

Included in this TB.

MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION;

Current Membership is at 57 Master Masons in good standing. 24 inquiries on Grandview, 5 EA's, 3 petitioners, 1 FC.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

The new GL program has been roled out (Teacher and Student Grants). More information can be found on Grandview. Winning nominations at the Lodge level are to be submitted to the GL Public Schools Committee no later than January 12, 2024.

January 31st Sunset Canyon PTC BBQ. 4 PM Volunteers needed.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS;

Past Phoenicia Lodge Secretary, Brother Kenneth Braun, passed away on February 8th 2022. He was 87 years old. Brother Braun was Raised on October 1, 1971, serving the craft for more than 52 consecutive years.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had 37 people at the Christmas party on December 16th. Fun was had by all. Phoenicia Lodge - Ben Avery Shooting Day January 27th with Rodger Marx \$20. Online Reservations Required. Bring your own gear.

March 15 & 16 Blue Horseshoe to be held. WB Dilda to Chair.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Committee	Members	Who
Audit and	1yr; WB Robert Haynes, 2yr; WB Christopher West, 3yr;	
Trustees	Reed Houge (Contact West at 804.986.6011)	Active members
	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / WB Ray Brigandi	
Awards	Focus: Master Architect 2024 (Contact Info on Page 2)	WM / Sec
Beneficent Fund:	Chair: WM Steve Hooper / WB Reed Houge (Contact Info on Page 2)	WM / SW/ JW
Calling	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / WB Ray Brigandi / WB Robert	***************************************
Committee:	Haynes, WB Randy Smith (Contact Info on Page 2)	Sec / PM / PM
Candidate	Chair: Rodger Marx / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on	
Progression:	Page 2)	SW / Sec
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Proficiency:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on Page 2)	Ritualistic
Fraternal	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Relations:	Chair: WM Bryon Howe (Contact Info on Page 2)	Youth Groups
	Chair: WB Reed Houge, Bro. Rodger Marx (Contact Info on	1
Fundraising:	Page 2)	WM / SW / JW
	WB Reed Houge / WB Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi	
Funeral Team:	(Contact Info on Page 2)	Volunteer
	Chair: WB Steve Dilda, SS Alex Cabrera, JS Angel Gregorio	
Hospitality:	(Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
Masonic	Co-Chairs: WM Bryon Howe / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact	
Education:	Info on Page 2)	Volunteer
Membership and Retention:	Chair: Bro. Rodger Marx, WB Robert Haynes (Contact Info on Page 2)	PM / SW / Active member
Public Schools	Chair: WB Tony Hernandez (Contact Info on Page 2)	Appointed by WM
Reports of		
sickness or		
distress:	Chair: WB Robert Haynes (Contact Info on Page 2)	WM Appoints
	Chair: WB Tony Hernandez, JD Hunter Odell, SS Seth Ross	
Social:	(Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
	Chair: WB Chris West / WB Bryon Howe (Contact WB West	Appointed by
Trestle Board:	@ 804.986.6011)	WM

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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



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

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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 [⊚] Carl D. Lang – 1961 [⊕] H. Curtis DeShong – 1962 ⊚ Augustine G. DiPaola – 1963 ⊚ Perry Wheat, Jr. – 1964 ⊚ Robert A. Anglin – 1965 @ Marvin R. Strickland – 1966 [⊚] Albert A. Hinchcliff – 1967 ⊚ Garrett L. Hendershot – 1968 ⊚ Raymond O. Marshall – 1969 [⊚] Cecil P. Overstreet – 1970, 1986 ⊚ Norman H. Pfieiffer – 1971, 1982 [⊚] Benjamin H. Fisk – 1972 ♥ Donese B. Tackett – 1973 [⊚] Gordon L. Meintell – 1974 [⊕] Maurice E. Pebbles – 1975 ⊕ Charles Q. Hartley – 1976 Robert L. Allision – 1977 ⊚ Neil D. Shepard – 1978 ⊚ Theodore E. Pearson – 1979 ⊚ Chester R. Hinson – 1980, 1981 ⊚ George E. Hinson – 1983, 1984 ⊚ William E. Dillon - 1985 ♥ Howard E. Ward – 1987 Robert P. Taber – '88, '89, '96, '99, '01 ⊚ Philip T. Zeilinger – 1990, 1991 Joel R. Adams – 1992, 1993 ⊕ Anthony Humpage – 1994 Ernie L. Waller Sr. – 1995 ⊚ David Newman - 1997 James W. Brown - 1998 **Robert Haynes - 2000 Keith A. Simpson – 2002, 2003** Don S. Methven – 2004, 2007 ⊚ Randall G. Smith – 2005 **Gregory S. Weisman – 2006, 2008** Eric Stethem – 2009

Glen H. Van Steeter – 2014 Jason Easterday – 2015 Tony Hernandez – 2016, 2017 Jason Schneider – 2013 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 ⊕
William Franklin ⊕
Lucius L. Green ⊕
Reed Houge

⊕ - Deceased

Ray Brigandi – 2010, 2012 Jeffrey Hinson – 2011 [©]