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MARCH – APRIL 2024

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EVENTS



MARCH

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

March 5, 2024	Officers Meeting
March 12, 2024	Stated Meeting
March 15, 2024	Blue Horseshoe Set-up 9AM
March 16, 2024	Blue Horseshoe 2PM.
March 19, 2024	Ritual and Degree Practice
March 22-24, 2024	Grand Lodge Leadership Conference
March 26, 2024	Ritual and Degree Practice

APRIL

April 2, 2024	Officers Meeting
April 4, 2024	Visit to Flagstaff Lodge #7
April 9, 2024	Stated Meeting
April 16, 2024	2 nd Degree Practice
April 23, 2024	2 nd Degree Practice
April 30, 2024	Possible 2 nd Degree

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



WORSHIPFUL MASTER BRYON HOWE

Brothers,

We have had a rough start this year. With the failure of Brothers to stand up and help with degrees, I had to reach out to other lodges to “Set the Craft to Work”. But we came together and did 3, yes THREE, First degrees this month. Even though other parts were covered by visiting brethren, the candidates were amazed by the ritual. I had the pleasure to sit outside and visit with them after the first section. I felt proud of our brothers doing the work and was more than happy to let you do it.

Our lodge is growing, the West gate needs to be slightly open, but more closely guarded to not lose what brought us to 58 in the first place. We are not a degree mill. We will maintain the 58 culture while I sit in the East, and if you do not agree, you are more than welcome to work through the chairs and do what you want for those 12 months. I do not expect every Brother to go through the line, but I do expect that you work on ritual and its teachings.



“The office belongs to Freemasonry. I am only too well aware that it is not my personal possession. I shall not presume to undertake to revise or reform it to suit my private personality; whatever idiosyncrasies of manner or peculiarities of character I may have, you will expect me to set aside. The man is not the jewel for which the office is a setting. I shall not seek to make the office conform to me; I shall try to conform myself to it.”

The theme for 2024 – Set the Craft to Work

Respectfully and fraternally,

WB Bryon Howe
Worshipful Master
Phoenixia Lodge No. 58

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



WB TONY HERNANDEZ – SR. WARDEN

Brethren,

The New Year is in full force and the 58 is hopping.

Three upcoming EA degrees follow MM and FC degrees just completed by the lodge. We welcome our new Brethren to the Craft and wish them well in their Masonic journey. Phoenicia lodge is growing at a rapid pace so, if you haven't been active in a while, this might be a great opportunity to join in on the fun.

Additionally, recent past events like the Sunset Canyon Teachers BBQ are keeping the lodge as busy as a beehive. Thanks to all of the Brethren who made the BBQ event a success. I know the principal, teachers and staff are truly appreciative of our efforts. They look forward to our annual visit.



Finally, the 58 will be doing an Official Visit to Ascension Lodge No. 89 on February 19th at the Masonic Temple at 345 W. Monroe, Phoenix, AZ. This annual visit is always a great opportunity for our new Brethren to see how other lodges operate. The Brethren of the 89 do a great job with their ritual so, this visit should be a hoot. Ascension will be opening on the FC degree. Dark suits or Tuxes and bring your own apron.

Fraternally,

WB Tony Hernandez
SW Phoenicia Lodge No. 58

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

WB STEVE DILDA— JR WARDEN

From the South Gate;

Being a member of several appendant bodies of Freemasonry has its advantages. This article comes from Bro. (COL) R. Thomas Davies III, the National Chaplain of National Sojourners, Inc. (military officers in Freemasonry) This hit close to home, so I'm sharing.

Eggs in the Basket

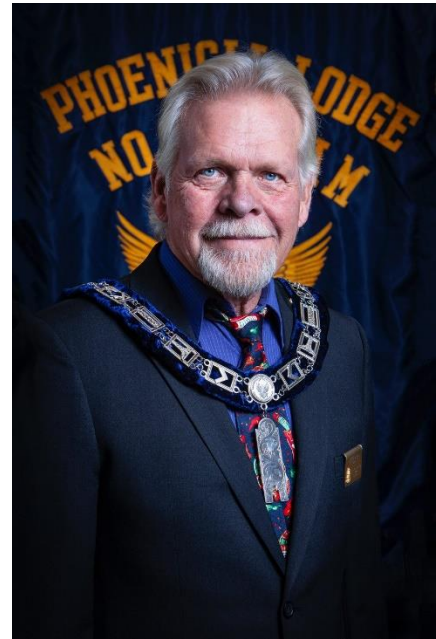
Many times we have a tendency to put all or most of our eggs in a basket. We put all our ambitions, hopes and dreams into our education, marriage, career, or vocation. All too often our dreams are dashed at some juncture and we may be heartbroken and disillusioned. Then we have to regroup and move on.

John the Baptist had baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus then went into the wilderness to be tempted and tried. According to Luke's Gospel, after the temptation, Jesus went into the synagogue. He was handed the scroll of Isaiah and he read, *"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recover of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable Year of the Lord."*

John had been arrested for standing up to Herod about his adultery with his brother Philip's wife. John will lose his head at the hands of his stepdaughter. But, while in prison, John sent his disciples to talk to Jesus as to whether or not he is the one who is to come, or should they look for another. Jesus replies that they should tell John what they have heard and seen. He has lived up to his agenda from Luke.

John has put all his eggs the basket of Jesus being the Messiah and being in prison makes him wonder if he has made a huge mistake if Jesus can even release him from prison.

John is a true prophet in the vein of Elijah, a disciple of the Essenes, and will stand up in the face of royal opposition. John is strictly preaching a message of repentance or eternity in



hell, where Jesus is preaching a message of repentance and hope in a future eternal life in the very presence of God.

What is your basket full of? A dreary past or a bright future in the presence of your Heavenly Father?

Peace and Shalom, my brothers,

WB Steve Dildea

JW Phoenicia Lodge No. 58

MARCH AND APRIL **MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

Brother Ronald W Foncannon	3/17/1967	57
Brother Frank Vona	3/11/1980	44
Worshipful Brother Anthony Humpage P.M.	3/13/1990	34
Worshipful Brother Robert Haynes P.M.	3/31/1993	31
Worshipful Brother Randall Smith P.M.	3/24/2001	23
Worshipful Brother Eric Stethem P.M.	3/7/2006	18
Mr Dave Raymond Pisani	3/23/2021	3
Brother Alan Chris Penner	4/15/1966	58
Worshipful Brother Howard Ward P.M.	4/11/1970	54
Brother Verne Bill Myers	4/22/1974	50
Brother Rodger Leslie Marx	4/20/1976	48
Worshipful Brother Gregory Weisman P.M.	4/13/1991	33
Brother James Thomason	4/30/1994	30
Worshipful Brother Keith Simpson P.M.	4/15/1999	25
Brother Emmett Middaugh	4/6/2010	14

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.

EDUCATION ARTICLES



Grand Lodge of Arizona: Grand Master's Talk February 2024

During my Official Visits over the years, when I am given the opportunity to give a short education talk, I sometimes speak about Br. George Washington. It is well known that he was a great soldier, statesman, politician, and Freemason. His Masonic career is documented and recorded and can be found in many books and papers about him. We are proud to call him Brother. What is less know about him is his love of dogs.

Dogs were valued for their ability to work and aid their human companions. George Washington likely developed his love of dogs from his love of fox hunting. A variety of dogs were kept at Mount Vernon for specific purposes. He had a different appreciation for his dogs than others as he is known to visit the kennel daily. I'm sure there was some affection there, especially when we find the names of his dogs recorded, Venus, Trulove, Taster, Tippler, Drunkard and Madame Moose.



Washington loved his English Foxhounds but wanted a faster hound. The Marquis de Lafayette heard about this and sent him a group of French hounds. They were more aggressive than Washington's usual hounds and were eventually bred with them to create a new breed. The American Kennel Club recognizes Washington as the father of the American Fox Hound. His favorite fox hound was named Sweet Lips, because the sound of her voice during the hunt was pleasant to the ears. And now you know the rest of the story...

Let us honor our beloved brother this month recognizing him through educational short talks and celebrations.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GRRusk'.

Grand Master
Grand Lodge of F&AM of Arizona
George R. Rusk

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.

DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY;

A Fellowcraft Degree and Master Mason Degree are both upcoming. Check with WM for details.

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;

Sunset Canyon had their Parent – Teacher Conferences on 1/30. Thanks to all the Brothers that came to help these great teachers!

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS;

WB Howard Ward is resting at home. He is having kidney issues.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

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



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!

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Committee	Members	Who
Audit and Trustees	1yr; WB Robert Haynes, 2yr; WB Christopher West, 3yr; Reed Houge (Contact West at 804.986.6011)	Active members
Awards	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / WB Ray Brigandi 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 Committee:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi / WB Randy Smith / Rodger Marx / Shane Gilbert (Contact Info on Page 2)	Sec / PM / PM
Candidate Progression:	Chair: Rodger Marx / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on Page 2)	SW / Sec
Degree and Ritual Proficiency:	Chair: WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on Page 2)	Ritualistic
Fraternal Relations:	Chair: WM Bryon Howe (Contact Info on Page 2)	Youth Groups
Fundraising:	Chair: WB Reed Houge, Bro. Rodger Marx (Contact Info on Page 2)	WM / SW / JW
Funeral Team:	WB Reed Houge / WB Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on Page 2)	Volunteer
Hospitality:	Chair: WB Steve Dilda, SS Alex Cabrera, JS Angel Gregorio (Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
Masonic Education:	Co-Chairs: WM Bryon Howe / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact 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
Social:	Chair: WB Tony Hernandez, JD Hunter Odell, SS Seth Ross (Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
Trestle Board:	Chair: WB Chris West / WB Bryon Howe (Contact WB West @ 804.986.6011)	Appointed by WM

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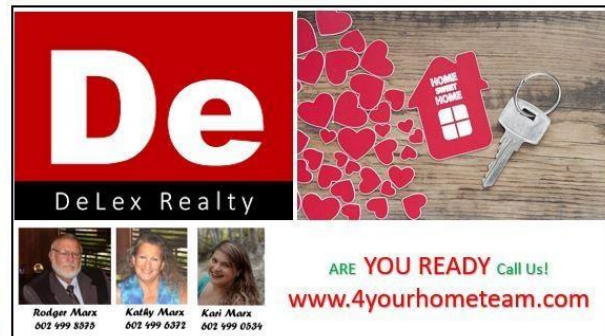
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Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29
Stated Meeting: 7:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday.
Special meetings are hold nearly every Wed.
Contact secretary



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. Pfeiffer - 1971, 1982 ☹
Benjamin H. Fisk - 1972 ☹
Donese B. Tackett - 1973 ☹
Gordon L. Meintell - 1974 ☹
Maurice E. Pebbles - 1975 ☹
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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
Ray Brigandi - 2010, 2012
Jeffrey Hinson - 2011 ☹

Jason Schneider - 2013
Glen H. Van Steeter - 2014
Jason Easterday - 2015
Tony Hernandez - 2016, 2017
Bryon P. Howe - 2018, 2024
Christopher B. West - 2019, 2020
Mathew A. Brassard - 2021
Steve Dilda - 2022
Steven Hooper - 2023

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Sidney Breger ☹
William Franklin ☹
Lucius L. Green ☹
Reed Houge

☹ - Deceased