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EVENTS



MARCH

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

March 7 th , 2023 -	Officers Meeting
March 14 th , 2023 -	Stated Meeting
March 17 th , 2023	Blue Horseshoe Setup (9AM-2PM)
March 18 th , 2023 -	Blue Horseshoe (2PM Start Time)
March 21 st , 2023 -	Courtesy Second Degree
March 28 th , 2023 -	Open

APRIL

April 4 th , 2023 -	Officers Meeting
April 6 th , 2023 -	Officers Retreat to Flagstaff (inquire w/ WB Sec.)
April; 11 th , 2023 -	Stated Meeting
April 18 th , 2023 -	Open
April 25 th , 2023 -	Open

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



WORSHIPFUL MASTER STEVE HOOPER



Brethren,

Greetings from the East.

Due to our continuing freaky weather, Blue Horseshoe has been postponed until March 17/18. There are lots of exciting things taking place over the next few months. In very short order we will be having two first degrees and a second degree. Our fundraising has been quite effective, with the Superbowl netting over \$2,000.00; and we have a couple more concerts coming up this summer. A big shout out to everyone staffing these events, it's a lot of work but well worth it.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



WB REED HOUGE – SR. WARDEN



Brethren,

I have never been known as a masonic author but that doesn't mean I'm not capable of finding good articles. One of my main sources of masonic Education comes from WB Christopher W. Douglas of "Spreading the Light of Masonic Research No. 196" and would recommend others contact him with the intent of get on his mailing list, chris@researchlodge.org.

A list of all their articles can be found at <http://www.researchlodge.org/Lists/Spreading>.

This Short Talk Bulletin has been adapted from a paper of the same title prepared by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota.

It has been said that the purpose of Freemasonry is the pursuit of excellence. All of the teachings of Masonry are directed to excellence in performing our duties to God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves. The continuing effort to improve oneself is the true mark of a Mason.

"We must constantly remember that in every moment of our life - in public - at work - at pleasure - with our families - even when you are alone - You are a Mason!

The non-Masons who know us will judge each of us, and Masonry itself, by the way in which we conduct ourselves. We have in trust the reputation of Masonry. Let us not betray that trust! Masonry will flourish if we follow these precepts.

Before we can expect to attract good men to the fraternity by our conduct and reputation in public, we must learn to conduct ourselves with propriety in the Lodge. One of our first duties shall be loyalty to the fraternity and obedience to its laws. This is a fundamental requirement.

Propriety is not the result of law, but rather of tradition, custom and usage. Like good manners, it has behind it only the force of opinion. While there (maybe) no penalties for breaches, there are tangible rewards for observance of the rules and ceremonies of good manners! **Continued on Page 6 -**

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

WB TONY HERNANDEZ – JR WARDEN



Brethren,

January has come and gone and all I can say is ; “Busy, Busy , Busy!” With official visits to Arizona Lodge No. 2 and, Ascension Lodge No. 89, the newest Master Masons of our lodge were treated to Masonry as practiced by our Brethren here in the Valley of the Sun. In the continued effort to impact our community, Phoenicia also took on another public school which led to a second Parent Teacher Conference bbq dinner for the staff at Sunset Canyon Elementary as well as the annual dinner at Campo Bello Elementary School. The teachers and staffs were so appreciative and thankful for the efforts put forth by the Brethren of the 58. All in all, a great and productive month for Phoenicia. And now, on to February!

Sincerely and fraternally, WB Tony Hernandez

From the West – continued;

In this paper we will discuss the principles, traditions and ideals that should guide our conduct as Masons. This paper does not present a list of Masonic do's and don'ts. Such an attempt would fail for at least two reasons: first, no one would read it, and second, as Masons, each of us is expected to apply the tools and principles of our Craft to our own lives.

One of the most interesting experiences in Masonry is to visit a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction. Whether it is in a foreign country or just in another state, there will be interesting and surprising differences.

Concerning appropriate dress, a dark business suit is often acceptable for a Lodge meeting. But, in some Grand Jurisdictions, formal dress is required even for side-liners. Outside of North America you will usually be expected to have your own apron, so carry it with you. Regarding Masonic pins, rings, etc., these are often worn only within the Lodge. Some Grand Lodges even have rules that prohibit wearing these in public. And then there are countries which have outlawed Freemasonry. It is not prudent to even carry a pin into those countries.

Business Advertisements and Contacts - The general rule in these matters is that you should not seek financial benefit from your Masonic membership. To do otherwise is considered to be in poor taste at the best and unmasonic or even criminal at the worst. Lodge membership lists cannot be used for business mailings. Masonic membership cannot be used in a commercial or political advertisement or sign. The square and compasses cannot be used for any commercial purpose, as a symbol or a design. This point has been tested in the courts and Masonry has the exclusive use of this emblem.

Respect - Every person has a basic need for both self-respect and the respect of others. When our friends show, by word or deed, that they hold us in low regard, we may react as strongly as if we were threatened. On the other side, we would do almost anything for a person who holds us in high esteem. Thus, respect is both the least honor that we require and the highest honor that we can hope for in our dealings with our fellow men.

The term "respect" includes courtesy, tolerance, kindness, sympathy, prudence, temperance, and a host of other concepts that refer to our relationships with people. It encompasses our words, our actions, our appearance and even our thoughts. Inside the Lodge and outside of it, we should strive to demonstrate in every way our respect for a Brother's honor, feelings, efforts, hopes and any other part of his life that we may contact.

While conduct within the Lodge is the concern of all Masons, it is especially important for the officers of the Lodge. We can't expect our Brothers to know these principles if we don't teach them and practice them. This is Masonic education in its finest sense. It is not from the lack of desire to learn that the Craft suffers, but rather from the lack of instruction.

Masonry does not exist for the mechanics of ritual alone. Just as important is the learning, interpretation, and exemplification of that ritual and of the basic principles of our Order. Equally important, too, for the candidate and for every member is the need to fully understand these principles, as well as our responsibilities as Masons.

What is required of every single one of us is the dedicated and devoted application of the high moral principles of Masonry. By these simple methods, we develop the character that guarantees our own self-improvement and discharges the duties of God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves."

There are probably no other topics of discussion that have caused as much ill will, alienation and contention as have politics and religion. In the interest of harmony among Brothers, it is considered un-Masonic to introduce any religious, political, or other divisive topic into a Masonic discussion.

Am I temperate in my relations with others, or have I been excessive in my actions toward someone? Have I displayed fortitude in pursuing the excellence I can achieve, or have I chosen to do as everyone else does? Do I direct myself wisely and prudently, or do I sometimes go beyond the bounds of courtesy and good taste? Have I given to each Brother, candidate, friend, and associate the consideration, help, and respect which they justly deserve, or have I let my own pride, comfort, and desires blind me to their needs?

These are the standards of Masonry. It is not easy to apply them to ourselves. But then, being a master of any craft is never easy, and being the Master of oneself is perhaps the most difficult of all.

Fraternally,

Reed Houge
Senir Warden

MARCH – APRIL

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Eric Stethem P.M.	3/7/2006	17
Randall Smith P.M.	3/24/2001	22
Robert Haynes P.M.	3/31/1993	30
Anthony Humpage P.M.	3/13/1990	33
Frank Vona	3/11/1980	43
Ronald W Foncannon	3/17/1967	56
Emmett Middaugh	4/6/2010	13
Keith Simpson P.M.	4/15/1999	24
Gregory Weisman P.M.	4/13/1991	32
Francis William Rasen D.D.S.	4/25/1980	43
Verne Bill Myers	4/22/1974	49
Howard Ward P.M.	4/11/1970	53



APPENDIX BODY SPOTLIGHT



Stars of Paradise Chapter meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7pm at Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge

From Worthy Matron Martie & Worthy Patron Jim ...



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, we've been off to a really fast start - where did January and February go???

We had a wonderful Friendship Night Jan. 26th, lots of fun had by all. We won at the Galloping Gavel (for most members in attendance at a Phoenix Valley Friendship Night) at Sunnyslope but lost it to Peoria Chapter at our meeting. We have now won it back but Glendale's FN is March 1st, hope we'll have enough members to retain it!

We also had a wonderful initiation on Feb. 23rd, two new members. Due to illnesses, we had several *pro-tems* filling stations but absolutely everyone did terrific work - a special call-out to our WP Jim who made an outstanding presentation of both the WP and AP work **all from memory!!** A huge welcome to our new members Holly White and Mussa Able - please come to chapter and greet them. Check below for their names, addresses, etc!

On March 9th we will visit Israel and practice for our Official Visit on March 10th, which will be a Scottish Ceilidh (kaylee) to welcome and honor WGM Mitzi Loughridge accompanied by WGP Jim Wadley. Dinner at 5:30p will be bangers & mash, shepherd's pie, salad, trifle and shortbread for a \$10 donation. Reservations are needed by March 5th - see attached flyer. Please wear your kilts or plaids (*Officers chapter attire please*). Come enjoy the fun - we hope to have a full house!

Dine-outs have temporarily been cancelled as the calendar has just been too busy and members don't have the time right now - let's hope we can resume them in the future!

On March 23rd we will visit Spain and honor star points, then April 13th we'll visit Africa and honor our Assistant Director (District Instructor) Karen Kirkland. We'll round out the month with a visit to Argentina on April 27th, which will be our Advance Night with Sister Ann Lau presiding.

Sister Sandy Stegen is again chairing our annual WOOFSTOCK 'fun'draiser - a fun day for the entire family and friends and their furry dog friends to enjoy lunch and games, with fun awards and prizes. This will be held at PVST lodge on Sun. March 26th starting at 11am. Sandy has arranged to have vendors (\$20.00 for a table) and food too. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Sandy (623-670-3372 or sandystegen@hotmail.com). Calendars will be made with pictures of our best friends.

We're also planning a Fish Fry on April 7th - this will be a joint effort with PVST lodge. Our own Bro. Luke will be cooking his outstanding fish and chips (fries), and we will have coleslaw and dessert provided by the Chapter. This will be our last fund-raising event of the year, so please come support our hardworking members - everyone (friends, neighbors) are invited!! Sister Dorthy is spearheading a silent bottle auction so bring your wrapped bottle donations. This should really be a fun and delicious event! Look for more information coming shortly.

Again, this is a busy time with more Friendship Nights and Official Visits coming up - check the calendar to see what's happening. Apparently Spring has sprung and allergies abound!! Many of our members are also suffering with colds and Covid has visited a few, see Dorthy's report.

We hope to see you at our meetings and events. Best wishes for a wonderful Spring and Easter!

Star Love & Hugs,
Martie & Jim
martieoes@yahoo.com



Happy
Easter



GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL

The 100-Year Rededication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's Cornerstone

On Presidents Day, February 20th, Brothers from around the world met in Alexandria, Virginia to re-dedicate the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Memorial is a National Historic Landmark that stands as American Freemasonry's vital tribute to George Washington and the values of freedom. Each year, thousands of museum guests visit the Memorial to learn about Washington and Freemasonry, and to become inspired by the great heritage left to us by the Father of our Country... and our nation's foremost Freemason.

The original celebration of the cornerstone was a national Masonic event. Over 10,000 Freemasons attended the Memorial's cornerstone laying in 1923. President Calvin Coolidge watched as the very trowel that George Washington once used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol was pressed into labor again.

This year, four Brothers from Phoenicia Lodge #58 attended the celebration, WB Ray Brigandi, WB Chad Burks, WB Reed Houge, and WB Christopher West, along with approximately twenty-five other Masons from Arizona including most of the Officer Line from the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Below are some pictures from this event.

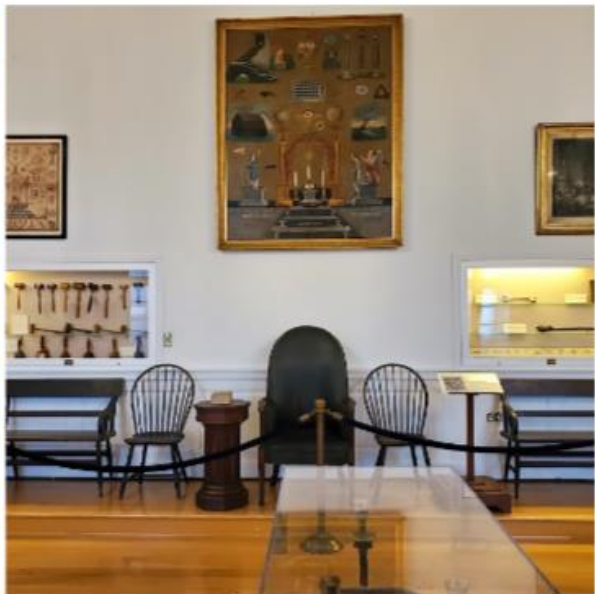


(From L to R: WB Chris West, WB Reed Houge, WB Chad Burks, WB Ray Brigandi)



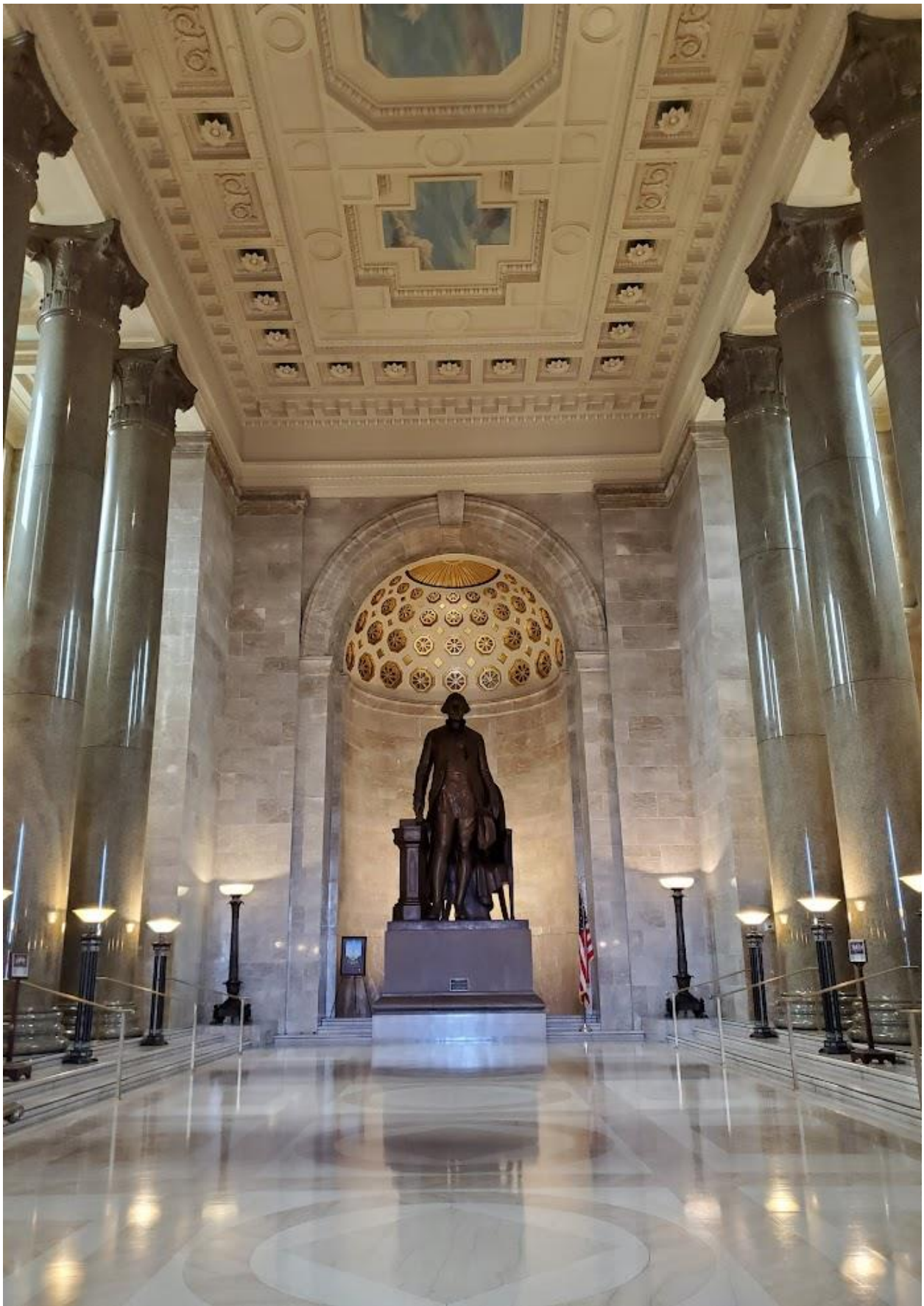
(Above: A picture of the former AZGLA building at 345 W. Monroe Street, cover of the program and head bust of Bro. George. Below: View from Memorial looking out to Alexandria.)





(Above: Replica of the Fredericksburg Lodge #4. Below: Theatre within GW Masonic Memorial)





(Above: Grand Hall within the GW Masonic Memorial)



(Above, WB's from Phoenicia #58 posing the original cornerstone and on the stairs of the GW Memorial. Below: The Arizona Masonic delegation walking in the Presidents Day Parade.)





(Above: Mural depiction of Cornerstone laying at National Capital. Below: Arizona Brothers and their families joined together in Alexandria for dinner. About 60 total were in attendance.)





(View of the GW Masonic Memorial from the hotel where the Arizona masonic delegation stayed. Alexandria Station (Metro and Amtrak) is in the foreground.)



(Bro. George Washington depicted in a single copper casting standing over 30ft in height.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS



AUDIT AND TRUSTEES REPORT;

Next audit is scheduled for Mayth at 6PM.

AWARDS;

WM Houge reports we are close to completion for qualifying for the 2023-2024 Master Architect

BENEFACTIC FUND;

No requests.

CALLING COMMITTEE;

No report. Calls into our elderly members will take place before next stated.

DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY;

WM will keep the Lodge posted on forthcoming degree dates.

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;

The 2022-2023 Cardinals Season was the best (by far) we've had on record, more than tripling our average of years past.

MASONIC EDUCATION;

Included in this TB.

MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION;

Current Membership is at 56. We have 17 new inquiries!

PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

No events planned until 1st Quarter 2023.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS;

Bro. Emmett Middaugh has Covid-19.

Gus Rosa is asking for our prayers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Committee	Members	Who
Audit and Trustees	1yr; WB Bryon Howe, 2yr; WB Robert Haynes, 3yr WB Christopher West (Contact West at 804.986.6011)	Active members
Awards	Chair: WM Steve Hooper / WB Ray Brigandi Focus: Master Architect 2021 (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: WM Steve Dilda / WB Ray Brigandi / WB Robert Haynes, WB Randy Smith (Contact Info on Page 2)	Sec / PM / PM
Candidate Progression:	Chair: WM Steven Dilda / 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:	Co-Chairs: WB 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:	WM: WB Steve Dilda / WB Reed Houge / WB Chris West / WB Ray Brigandi (Contact Info on Page 2)	Volunteer
Hospitality:	Chair: WB Reed Houge, JD Hunter Odell, SS Seth Ross (Contact Info on Page 2)	JW / SS / JS
Masonic Education:	Co-Chairs: WM Steve Hooper / 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
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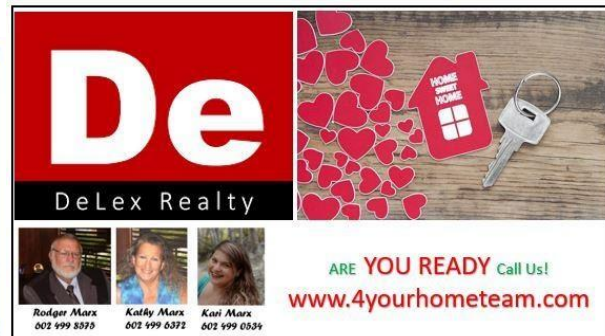
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CONTACT SECRETARY



STARS OF PARADISE #56 ORDER OF THE EASTERN
STAR
2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY (DARK IN THE SUMMER)
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CONTACT THE PVST #29 LODGE SECRETARY FOR
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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.