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EVENTS



MAY

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

May 7 th , 2024	Trustees Meeting and Officers Meeting
May 14 th , 2024	May Stated Meeting
May 21 st , 2024	Ritual Practice or Degree
May 28 th , 2024	Degree or Bowling

JUNE

June 4 th , 2024	Officers Meeting and Ritual Practice
June 6 th – 8 th 2024	142 nd Annual Grand Communication
June 11 th , 2024	June Stated Meeting
June 14 th , 2024	Cinco De Mason (Shane Gilberts Home)
June 18 th – 22 nd , 2024	DeMolay International Communication
June 19 th , 2024	Ritual Practice or Degree
June 25 th , 2024	Ritual Practice or Degree

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



WORSHIPFUL MASTER BRYON HOWE

Brothers,

As we look forward to another Arizona hot summer, filled with fundraising, charity, and spending time with our Brothers and family, let us not forget those who came before us. Reach out to one or two brothers who have not been to the lodge in some time and re-invite them personally to come out and see how we have grown. We have bowling, billiards, and Cinco de Mason coming up. A perfect time for a no-pressure get-together. Reminding each one of us why we are here.

I want to thank all the brothers who came out to support the Valley of the Sun DeMolay and donate money for them to go to Conclave. It has been a trying year for the youth, but they have brought in 2 new members this term, as well as visiting other Chapters. They still need help and guidance for fundraising, so anyone with a free Sunday or two, come out and give ideas



“No man sits in the East in his capacity as a private person. He is no longer himself; he is the Worshipful Master of his Lodge. The private man with his predilections and prejudices must disappear in order that only the officer may remain. He is not to play a part; he is to be a part. To a superficial view this may mean nothing more than the glamour which goes with the place of power; to the incumbent himself it is one of the most humbling and exacting of all the duties his position places upon him. It means that if his most intimate friend deserves to be rebuked he must rebuke him; it means that if he must give instructions to those who are far wiser than himself he must instruct them; it means that whatever limitations, whatever sense of failing and shortcoming he may be conscious of, he must sacrifice to the demands of his position.”

The theme for 2024 – Set the Craft to Work

Respectfully and fraternally,
WB Bryon Howe, Worshipful Master

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



WB TONY HERNANDEZ – SR. WARDEN

Brethren,

It's been a busy year for the lodge so far!

With so much going on, I will focus on our recent trip to the Valley of the Sun DeMolay chapter which Phoenicia 58 cosponsors, for an official visit as well as to drop off some much needed funds to support our Masonic youth. WB Bryon Howe, WB Steve Dilda, MM Alex Cabrera and I traveled to the chapter for their stated meeting. It's always great to see the younger generation applying Masonic principles so early in life. They worked through their ritual and conducted a good meeting. The Brethren representing Phoenicia lodge then presented the Chapter a donation of \$400.00 which was greatly appreciated.

WB Howe and I then put in our Riders of the 3rd Degree cuts and presented the Chapter with a donation of \$1000.00 from the Riders; much to the surprise of the boys. The Riders like to keep their donations local and the Valley of the Sun chapter is as local as it gets. All in all, a good time was had by all and, support was given to our future Masonic Brethren who will lead the next generation of Freemasons. We wish the chapter much success.

It's moments like this that make Masonry a worthy and honorable endeavor.

Fraternally,

WB Tony Hernandez
SW Phoenicia Lodge No. 58



A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

WB STEVE DILDA— JR WARDEN

From the South Gate;

Early in the E.A. degree, the candidate is guided around the lodge in what is called the circumambulation, so that the brothers can see that he is duly and truly prepared, during which the Chaplain offers a prayer:

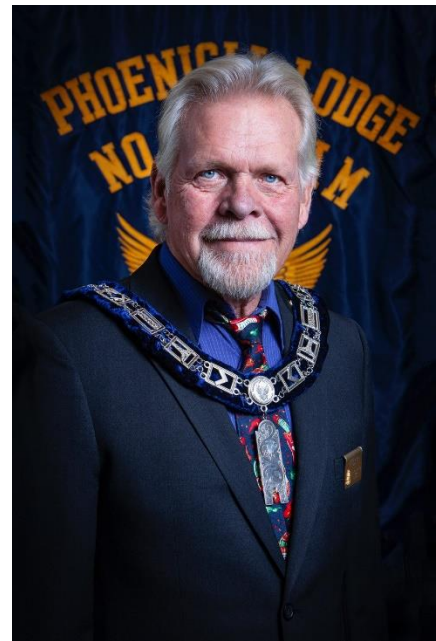
Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments... .. and so forth.

To dwell together in unity.....the happiness of brotherly love, promoting each other's welfare with mutual respect and for their services.

So, who is **Aaron**? Biblically, Aaron was Moses' older brother (and keeper by God's commandments). He was the first high priest of the Israelites, remembered for the miraculous blossoming of his staff or rod. Even the Quran contains numerous references to Aaron, as a prophet of God, saying that both Moses and Aaron were entrusted to establish places of dwelling for the Israelites in Egypt, and to convert those houses into places of worship (Quran 10:87). The Quran repeatedly calls Aaron a "believing servant," as well as one who is "guided" and one of the "victors." In Hebrew, the meaning of the name Aaron is: Lofty; exalted; high mountain.

Because Moses complained that he could not speak well, God appointed Moses *and* Aaron as "prophets" (Exodus 4:10-17; 7:1) where Aaron served as his younger brother's spokesperson. Part of the Law (Torah) that Moses received from God at Sinai granted Aaron the priesthood for himself and his male descendants, and he became the High Priest of the Israelites. The Gospel of Luke records that John The Baptist is a descendent of Aaron.

The Jewish rabbis particularly praise the brotherly sentiment between Aaron and Moses. When Moses was appointed Ruler and Aaron was appointed High Priest, neither betrayed any



jealousy; instead they rejoiced in each other's greatness. When Moses, at first, declined to go to Pharaoh, saying: "O my Lord, send, I pray, by the hand of him whom you will send" (Exodus 4:13), he was unwilling to deprive Aaron of the high position that Moses had held for so many years; but the Lord reassured him, saying: "Behold, when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart" Indeed, Aaron was to find his reward, for that heart which had leaped with joy over his younger brother's rise to glory. Moses and Aaron met in gladness of heart, kissing each other as true brothers, and of them it is written: "Behold how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). Of them it is said: "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed [each other]," for Moses stood for righteousness (Deuteronomy 33:21) and Aaron stood for peace (Malachi 2:6). And we, as brethren, should dwell together in unity, brotherly love, righteousness and peace.

What ointment? And, why was ointment poured on his head?

When Moses poured the *oil of anointment* (scented with myrrh, cinnamon, cane and cassia, [a recipe from God]) upon the head of Aaron, (as a celebration of his high office) Aaron modestly shrank back and said: "Who knows whether I have not cast some blemish upon this sacred oil so as to forfeit this high office." Then, the Shekhinah spoke the words: "Behold the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard of Aaron, that even went down to the skirts of his garment (representing God's overflowing, plentiful blessings), is as pure as the dew of Hermon" (Psalm 133:2-3). Mt. Hermon is the highest peak (9000 ft) in Israel and receives more moisture than Mt. Zion (2,510 ft), making it more lush and pure. Without that dew, Mt. Hermon and Mt. Zion would be as dry and dusty as the desert below them. The dew symbolizes what is refreshing and invigorating...a fitting symbol of the Lord's blessings.

Dwell and labor together in peace and unity,

Fraternally,

WB Steve Dildea

JW Phoenicia Lodge No. 58

BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH



APRIL MASONIC EDUCATION EVENT HOSTED AT PHOENICIA #58



PHOENICIA LODGE #58

ADAM, EVE & THE APRON

In this presentation, we examine the creation story of the Garden of Eden with attention to some original Hebrew language. We focus on Adam, Eve, the Snake, the state of innocence and the creation of the apron after they eat the fruit. We note some common Biblical euphemisms in Hebrew and compare them to the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. Presentation is open to the public.

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NATHAN SCHICK
APRIL 30TH @ 7PM



PHOENICIA #58 OFFICIAL VISIT TO FLAGSTAFF LODGE #7



CONGRATS BROTHER MICHAEL MORENO ON BEING INITIATED APRIL 24th!



MAY AND JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Brother Mathis Becker	5/16/1968	56
Brother Randy Pelton	5/14/1998	26
Brother Kurt Eldridge	5/20/1999	25
Brother Ernesto Zamorano	5/6/2000	24
Mr Robert Shane Gilbert	5/31/2022	2
Brother James Leland Butler	6/23/1978	46
Brother John Corcetti	6/16/1982	42
Worshipful Brother Raymond Brigandi P.M.	6/5/2007	17

Do you see that above! The average time a Brother Mason of Phoenicia has in the fraternity, whom was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the months of either May or June,, is **29.75 years!**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





Brethren

It's BBQ and Brotherhood time at the 58!
This years annual summer kick-off party will be held at Casa de Gilbert

June 14, 2024

Join the fun as we celebrate the 58's Friendship and Brotherhood.
Swimming, corn hole, games or, just sit around eating and drinking.

Main course food will be provided.

Please sign up to bring a **pot luck** item or, Paper Plates, Plastic Utensils,
Napkins, Desserts, Bags of chips, Salsa, Side Dishes (Salads, Veggie Trays,
Mac n Cheese, etc.)

Contact Bro. Shane Gilbet at: fly4five@me.com
to let him know what you're bringing.

Start time is at 5:00 PM !!

Casa de Gilbert

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Thank you for choosing to have your Event with us!

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for Grand Lodge Courtyard Room Block June 2024](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

Grand Lodge Courtyard Room Block June 2024

Start Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024

End Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

Courtyard Mesa at Wrigleyville West for 99 USD per night

[Book your group rate for Grand Lodge Courtyard Room Block June 2024](#)



**Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West
860 NORTH RIVERVIEW, MESA, ARIZONA, USA, 85201**

Link: [Book your group rate for Grand Lodge Courtyard Room Block June 2024](#)

or call the hotel directly at 480-664-1221 for rooms. Reference Grand Lodge of Arizona Annual Conference. Room Rate is \$99.00 plus tax.

CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION IS May 14, 2024

CUT OFF DATE FOR MEALS AND LADIES LUNCHEON IS May 11, 2024



EDUCATION ARTICLES



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

May 2024 - Recognize Our Local Police and Fallen Officers

Brethren,

Police have a multifunctional role in our society. They maintain public order and safety, enforce the law, and prevent, detect, and investigate criminal activities. The police investigate crimes, apprehend suspects, and uphold legal standards. This involves proactive efforts to prevent crime and address existing criminal behavior as well as responding to emergencies, preventing violence, and ensuring peaceful coexistence.

The members of this honorable and respected profession save lives every day and assist those in need during the worst times of their lives. We should not forget that theirs is not just a job or a profession, it is to many a calling to serve for the greater good of society. Their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families is immense. Sometimes they make the ultimate sacrifice.

This month let us recognize our public servants, the Police, and remember those who have fallen in the line of duty. Treat a police officer to lunch, invite them to dinner, recognize them with an award or simply say thank you and let them know they are appreciated.

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 Award

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 59 Master Masons in good standing. 14 inquiries on Grandview, 8 EA's, 1 FC.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

No upcoming events.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS;

Brother Terry Kelly passed away and Sandy Stegan passed in April. WB Bill Robertson also passed away in April.

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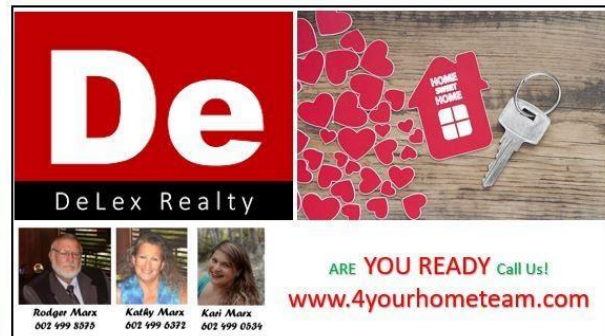
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Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29
Stated Meeting: 7:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday.
Special meetings are hold nearly every Wed.
Contact secretary



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 ☞
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Perry Wheat, Jr. – 1964 ☞
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David Newman – 1997
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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
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Jason Easterday – 2015
Tony Hernandez – 2016, 2017
Bryon P. Howe – 2018, 2024
Christopher B. West – 2019, 2020
Mathew A. Brassard – 2021
Steve Dilda – 2022
Steven Hooper – 2023

Affiliated Past Masters

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

☞ - Deceased