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It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds: who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. —Theodore Roosevelt

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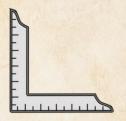




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A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Worshipful Master, Bryon Howe

Brethren,

This term, we will focus on "Making Phoenicia Great Again" MPGA.

What does that mean? It means something different to every man, just as becoming a Mason is different for everyone. I challenge each and every one of you to come up with YOUR meaning.

Mine, you may ask, and yes, you can ask. When I joined this lodge over 10 years ago, it was like an extended family; no one was out to make a 'name' for himself or get pins on his lapel. It was and to some extent still is a group of men who chose to spend time out of their lives learning from each other and getting the tools to make them a better man.

We had a few hiccups in outside lodge meetings, so I need everyone to make an effort to come together outside of the lodge and get to know each other on a social level.

We did great on coming together to give degrees to candidates, which I hope continues to challenge everyone to try something new. Learn a new lecture, charge, and Open, Confer, and Close. This will make us a stronger Lodge, and we will not have to rely on just a handful of 'old guys' doing every degree and position.



A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

continued

Worshipful Master, Bryon Howe

I am going to reach out personally to each member to challenge them. So get ready for some kind words of counsel.

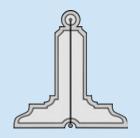
"Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother who is convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic."

Theodore Roosevelt

Bryon P. Howe
Phoenicia Lodge 58
Worshipful Master 2015, 2024, 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDON



Senior Wardon, Ed Perez

Fraternal greetings brethren!

Another fruitful year of masonry is about to set in the West and be written in the scrolls of time. Tremendous work has been done under the guidance of WM Bryon Howe and it is our hope to continue walking through the path of success and improvement as we journey along in the quest for mystic light.

From the rich history of the men who came before us, to the bright and radiant future ahead, our vision is for Phoenicia Lodge 58 to become the benchmark of Arizona Freemasonry, with the focus on masonic excellence through harmony and beneficence.

Harmony being the strength and support, the very essence of our beloved fraternity. The root which binds us all together and holds the core causing the flower of goodwill to flourish among men. Without harmony, there is no direction. When there's no direction, there is no growth. And when there's no growth, there will be no future.

So I invite the brethren to join me in promoting the practice of moral altruism in our everyday venture. Speak brotherly to your brother, meet them on the level, and walk by their side. Take pride in building together by building each other.

Great Architect of the Universe, we ask for abundant grace and mercy from heavens above. May the enlightenment from within be constantly nurtured through our pursuit of purpose. 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 58





A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN



Junior Warden, Shane Gilbert

Greetings from the South Gate:

Brethren, as this is my first entry from the South, I am compelled to take a minute to give thanks. Thank you to all who have trusted me in this vital station. I am honored to accept this charge and will do so with enthusiasm and a focus on the betterment and growth of the lodge.

As I enter this coveted station, I acknowledge the meaning of the jewel of my office, and I reference the charge read to me on the night of installation. The Plumb - admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations...'. The Charge - 'To you is committed the superintendence of the Craft during

the hours of refreshment...'.

In a nutshell, I am here to ensure that the brethren of this lodge are aware of our responsibilities while fostering an environment of brotherly love and fraternity amongst us.

I will therefore do my best to set an example of Masonic Masonic excellence and endeavor to focus on providing several opportunities for fellowship.

A few of my specific goals:

Ritual. We have much work to do. As you all know there are several prospective candidates who have contributed greatly to the lodge in the past months. These men and our future-worthy candidates deserve and warrant our attention. I challenge all of us to step up to the task of welcoming them into our lodge with respectful ritual.



A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN



continued

Junior Warden, Shane Gilbert

Philanthropy. As we continue spreading good-will to our affiliate school by providing honored students and teachers gifts of value and appreciation, we have begun another venture. This year, you have approved a scholarship to the Phoenix Masonry School. This scholarship serves as a connection to our roots and a reminder of our genesis as a fraternity. We will be providing the working tools of an Operative Mason to deserving graduates of this school so that they might start their careers with lesser financial burden.

Refreshment and Repose. In March we will be hosting our annual Phoenicia Pig in a Pit event.

This year we hope to get back to making it a larger event and inviting organizations from around the metroplex to join. Additionally, we are going to add a second event in the fall to make use of the valuable resources we have, specifically the BBQ pit. This event will be more of an October fest, so come with ideas.

I look forward to all the coming year has to offer. Walk ever uprightly, Brethren.

Fraternally,

Shane Gilbert Junior Warden Phoenicia Lodge 58









ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 6PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

JANUARY 2025

07 TUE	FIRST DEGREE
14 TUE	JANUARY STATED MEETING
21 TUE	FIRST DEGREE 6:30PM
28 TUE	THIRD DEGREE PRACTICE

FEBRUARY 2025

O4 TUE	FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING
11 TUE	FEBRUARY STATED MEETING 6:30PM
18 TUE	THIRD DEGREE PRACTICE #2 6:30PM
25 TUE	THIRD DEGREE



Worshipful Brother HowardWard receiving his 50-Year Pin and Apron.

IN MEMORIAN



WORSFHIPFUL BROTHER HOWARD WARD 1931-2024

Worshipful Brother Howard Ward, a revered member of Phoenicia Lodge #58, F. & A. M. of AZ, passed to the Celestial Lodge above on December 21, 2024, at the age of 93. Initiated on January 6, 1970, Passed on February 20, 1970, and Raised on April 11, 1970, Brother Ward dedicated more than 54 years to the service of the craft, living the principles of Freemasonry with honor and devotion.

His life's work was a reflection of the Masonic virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and he was celebrated for his steadfast commitment to the fraternity. In 2020, he was awarded his 50-Year Pin and Apron, a symbol of his enduring fidelity. In 2019, his exemplary dedication earned him the Robert P. Taber Lifetime Dedication Award, a fitting tribute to a Brother whose light shone brightly in our midst.

As we bid farewell to Worshipful Brother Ward, we are reminded of the great truths illuminated by the Holy Bible, that Great Light in Masonry. The evergreen, an emblem of our faith and the immortality of the soul, stands as a constant reminder that though the body returns to the dust whence it came, the spirit rises to realms eternal. It teaches us

IN MEMORIAN



WORSFHIPFUL BROTHER HOWARD WARD 1931-2024

that life's fleeting nature is but a passage to a grander existence, where the soul, like the sprig of acacia, blooms anew in immortal beauty.

Soft and safe to thee, Brother Howard, be thy resting place. Bright and glorious shall be thy rising. May the celestial lodge welcome thee with open arms, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, grant you eternal peace.

Though the veil of death separates us for a time, we are comforted by the promise of resurrection and the dawning of a brighter morning. On that glorious day, the grave shall yield its treasures, and the mortal frame, having lain in the dust by the chilling winds of death, shall be transformed. Thy spirit, renewed and resplendent, shall ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the labors of this life are exchanged for the eternal refreshment of heaven.

May the fragrant sprig of acacia flourish over thy grave, a symbol of hope, immortality, and the enduring bond of brotherhood. Until the celestial summons reunites us, we honor thy memory and cherish the lessons of thy life.

Until then, dear Brother—Farewell.



BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

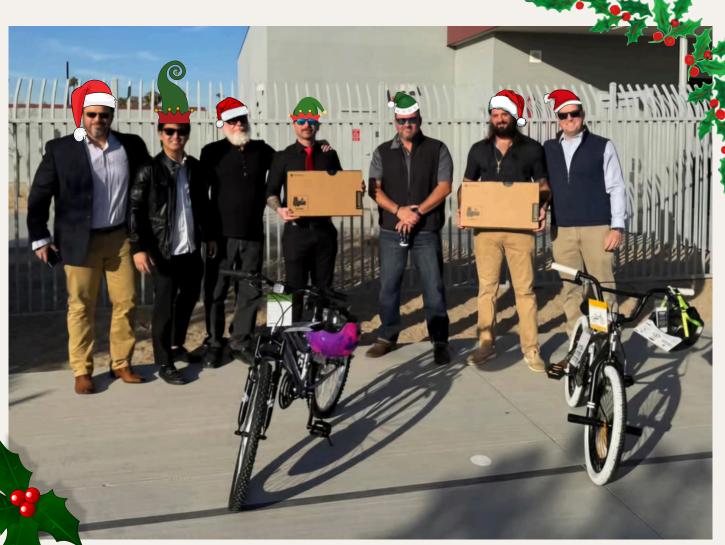




ON DECEMBER 20TH, EIGHT BROTHERS AND PROSPECTS FROM PHOENICIA LODGE #58
GATHERED AT CAMPO BELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BRING JOY AND OPPORTUNITY
TO STUDENTS DURING OUR ANNUAL BOOKS FOR BIKES EVENT.

THIS YEAR, THE EVENT PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH BIKES AND CHROMEBOOKS, CONTINUING OUR TRADITION OF SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND THE COMMUNITY.

The festive spirit of our Lodge's lovely Christmas Party at Brother Chris West's house the previous weekend still lingered, making the occasion even more special.



Brothers from Phoenicia Lodge No. 58: Andy Maroglio, Ed Perez, Rodger Marx, Scott Dunlap, Shane Gilbert, Michael Pereslucha and Crhis West ready to deliver the bikes and chromebooks to Campo Bello students.

BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH



THANK YOU

TO ALL THE BROTHERS













THAT ALLOWS OUR LODGE TO TURN THESE KIDS' DREAMS INTO NEW REALITIES.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 2025

BRO. JEFFREY STEVENS

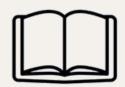
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BRO. EDWARD GARCIA	2/18/2003	(22)
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Auditing Lodge Financial Records

By WB Bryon Howe and Grand Lodge of Arizona

Many Brothers have been asking about what happens during an audit. The following insight, taken from the Masonic Lodge of Education website, provides an explanation while emphasizing the importance of both compliance with by-laws and accurate financial verification.:

The Lodge Audit Committee offsets the Treasurer's job of providing accurate and reliable accounting checks and balances to ensure that the Lodge's financial position is stated correctly.

This Lodge Accounting committee annually (or as deemed necessary at any time) examines the records, books, accounts, and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Timely reporting reduces any inadvertent oversights or omissions on the Treasurer's part and is no different than an audit performed on a company or a bank.

Lodge and Grand Lodge Bylaws: The audit committee should know the lodge and Grand Lodge by-laws—the by-bylaws are related to the Committee, the Secretary, and the committee. Ensuring the Secretary or Treasurer follows the rules outlined in the by-laws is just as crucial as verifying the Lodge's financial position.

WHY: The Lodge Audit Committee audits all accounts and makes a written report at the first regular communication of the Masonic year so that the new Master of the Lodge is assured that the books are correct.

Only after the audit can the Master request the Lodge Budget Committee to prepare his budget for the new year. (This is the same as counting down the till of a cash register before the new day begins or a new employee comes on duty.)

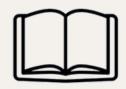
The annual audit will be included in the minutes after being presented and accepted by the Lodge. Each lodge member must regularly access this data to make informed choices before voting.

Without this audited information, no member should ever make a motion to "vote their conscience" without first ascertaining how much is in the lodge checkbook. Doing so shows that the member does not have the Lodge's best interests at heart.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Before any monetary decisions can be voted upon, the Lodge Treasurer or Secretary should be called upon to state the current balance of the lodge checkbook and whether any other demands will be placed upon those funds, which the new request for funds may jeopardize.

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(This is no different than a joint bank account in which you ask your spouse or partner whether they feel a new expenditure is affordable and can be incurred.)

The Sole Task

The sole task of this lodge financial committee is to ascertain whether the Lodge's beginning balance, plus income minus expenses, agrees with the Treasurer's balance-on-hand figure(s). You do not need an accounting degree or special audit software to perform a lodge audit. (However, accounting software, such as QuickBooks, dramatically speeds up the process once you learn how to use it.)



If you have never performed accounting before (or need a refresher), follow the steps below.

Financial Back-Up Paperwork Includes:

- The previous 12 months of bank statements (October 31st through September 30th) and their corresponding checkbooks correctly filled in for each financial instrument.
- I want you to know that all interests are brought forward correctly and organized.
- All interest statements from bank accounts, CDs, etc.
- All receipts for each expenditure over the previous year.

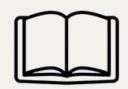
HOW:

All checkbooks shall be reconciled and updated before being presented to the Auditing Committee.

Checkbook entries must include the following:

- Payee Name (to whom the check was written)
- · Amount of each expenditure
- Description of the item paid for (Grand Lodge dues, Bylaws printing, etc.)
- Bylawsest brought forward (up-to-date) (if the account is interest-bearing)
- Running balance of the account (which is recorded after each transaction)

A running balance is what your checkbook says your account balance is after you reconcile it with each month's bank statement. A reconciled balance is more than just using the balance figure on the bank statement and adjusting your checkbook to reflect the bank's figures.



Make a List of Financial Instruments:

Cash on Hand Where is it located?

General Fund	Bank Name
Savings Accounts	Bank Name
Certificates of Deposit	Bank Name
Any Special Funds	Bank Name or Where Held

For each financial instrument that the Lodge owns, the Treasurer will make available to the Lodge Audit Committee the following information for the previous 12 months beginning with October 31st of the last year through September 30th of the current year

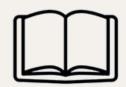
- · Beginning balance of each reconciled account
- · Income received into each account
- Expenses paid out of each account
- Interest Earned on each account
- · Balance on hand

In other words, the Treasurer provides the Lodge Audit Committee with a:

- 1. Beginning balance and the date of that beginning balance for each financial instrument. (Bank Account, Certificate of Deposit, Savings Account, Money Market Account, etc.)
- 2. Reconciled and up-to-date checkbook and bank statements for each account.
- 3. CDs: Interest earned statements.
- 4. Cash: (if applicable) If cash is on hand, the Committee should physically view and cocommittee it.

(This does not show any distrust of the Treasurer. It is necessary to provide an accurate audit.)

DEBIT CREDIT



Match Each Check with its Invoice: Once you have the above information, you will begin with the first bank entry after the beginning balance date and ascertain that for each check written, there is a receipt, statement, bill, invoice, etc., that matches it. If there is no receipt, write a list of checks that do not have a corresponding receipt.



Go through the previous year and match the check to the invoice/receipt.

If your Lodge has large expenditures, you can select random invoices and receipts and match them with the checks. A good selection contains 5-10% of the total number of invoices and receipts which were paid. I think it is a good practice to document that you only review a selection of invoices and receipts in your report.

A summary statement is the compilation of each of these financial instruments and summarizes the following:

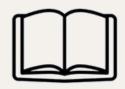
Total Cash in Bank Total Cash in CDs Total Funds

Does your beginning balance, plus income minus expenses, agree with the Treasurer's balance-on-hand figure(s)?

If Yes: You need to present your findings to the Lodge.

If No: Possible problem resolutions are:

- 1. Could you review your numbers to see if you have made an error?
- 2. Re-add and re-subtract, then double-check that you are adding machine tapes.
- 3. Could you double-check your beginning balance(s) to make sure you used the correct beginning balance(s)? (The (s) denotes the balances in more than one account. If you only have 1 General fund, you will have only one checkbook beginning balance.
- 4. Check each bank reconciliation, which the Treasurer reconciles monthly, to ensure all checks written have cleared the bank. You may have outstanding check(s) that were never cashed or a deposit that was made but needed to be entered in the checkbook.
- 5. Was a check written for an amount that differs from the amount on the bank statement? If so, go through the checkbook and match the amounts on the statement with the quantity and description of each item entered in the checkbook.



Lodge Audit Committee Presentation:

The Lodge Audit Committee shall present its findings to the Lodge during the first meeting in December.

At this time, the Committee Chairman's report should include:

Whether the Committee agrees with the Treasurer's eCommitteeance.

Could you read the list of checks that did not have a corresponding receipt?

Could you report on any discrepancies found?

Report whether the Secretary or Treasurer has followed any previous year's audit recommendations.

Dissatisfaction with the Lodge Auditing Committee's Findings

Should the Lodge Audit Committee not be delighted, receive any unsatisfactory responses, or receive non-documentation from the Treasurer, in the interests of all Lodge members, the Committee should be empowered by the LoCommitteeLaws to employ an outside, disinterested third party, such as a CPA firm, to perform an outside audit of the Lodge's accounting practices without the approval of the general membership.

Before employing a third-party auditing service, the Lodge Audit Committee should:

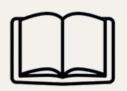
- 1. Advise the Lodge of their decision to entertain bids for the services of an outside auditing firm.
- 2. Receive a minimum of three (3) bids for services.
- 3. Establish a timeline for completion.

After the outside audit, the Lodge Audit Committee will promptly advise the Lodge of the results in a subsequent communication.

Here are a couple of other time-saving things you may want to consider:

Paper Trail: If your Lodge By-Laws do not state By-laws expenditures should be paid in check form, you may change your Lodge By-Laws to state By-laws' lodge expenditures should be made by check only and not cash.





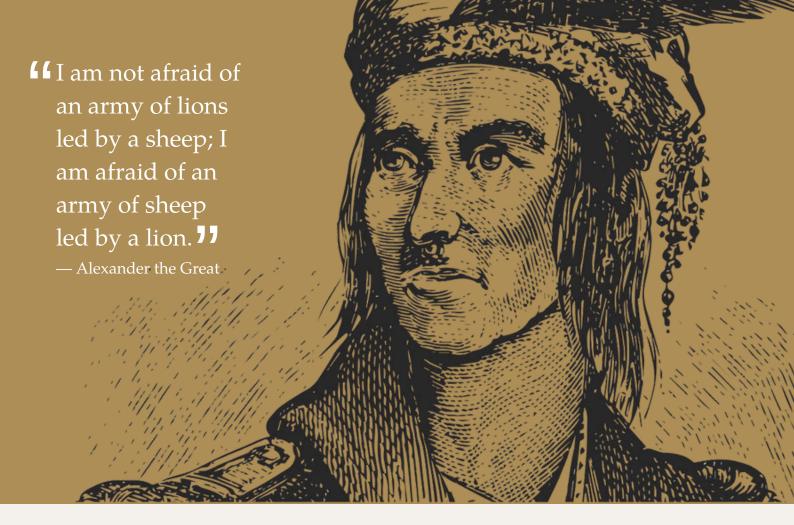
You can change this to inform us that all lodge expenditures over a specific amount must be made by check, credit card, or other trackable paper form.

This is because it is often difficult to remember to receive receipts for cash expenditures, thus making the Audit Committee's task much more challenging to match up a cash expenditure with no matching receipt.

Expenditures paid by check create an easy-to-follow paper trail, making Lodge Accounting much more straightforward and expedient.

If the Lodge Audit Committee finds cash outlays without receipts, it should include this fact, along with the number of these expenditures and the amounts in question, in its Audit report back to the Lodge.







An Unexpected Vision from an Unlikely Source

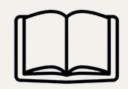
From the Grand Lodge of Texas monthly Trestle Board

A man of controversy during his lifetime,
Andrew Jackson remains controversial to the
present time. Nothing, excepting perhaps his
slave owning, is as contentious as his opinions
and policies about the Indian tribes within the
United States. It was an Indian uprising that
brought Jackson and his Tennessee militia
(also known as the Volunteers) into the War of
1812. This story with many surprising twists
and ghoulish turns forever changed the face of
the southern United States and opened the
door to settlement in Texas.

Tenskwatawa never came to Texas.

Tenskwatawa means "The Prophet" and he

lived much of his adult life in the Indiana Territory. He was Shawnee and he lived in the shadow of a much more prominent brother, Tecumseh. By 1805, Tenskwatawa's life lay in shambles. He suffered from alcoholism, diabetes, a wife so difficult that othe Shawnee men said Tenskwatawa was henpecked, and mediocrity as a medicine man. Most galling of all: he was one-eyed. Tenskwatawa did not lose his eye in battle or through a daring do, but because of his ineptness with bow and arrow. He shot his own eye out. His tribesmen did not call him Tenskwatawa— that name came after the revelation—initially they called him Lalawethika. Lalawethika means "loudmouth."



Tecumseh, physically, was everything that Tenskwatawa was not. Tecumseh's robust physical appearance enhanced a speaking ability few could match.

In April 1805, the loudmouth fell into a trance. The trance was so convincing his tribesmen thought he was dead, and they prepared the body for burial and began building a coffin. At that moment, Tenskwatawa woke up. He informed his startled tribesmen that he had a vision and met the Great Spirit (the Native American God). Other revelations followed that fleshed out a strategy of Indian renewal and rebirth. The visions called for the abandonment of European dress and drink. More ominously, the divine plan also called for the eradication and driving of the English-speaking peoples back into the Atlantic Ocean, thereby reversing two hundred plus years of European settlement. One of the most vociferous evangelists of this prophecy was Tenskwatawa's brother, Tecumseh.

Tecumseh, physically, was everything that Tenskwatawa was not. Tecumseh's robust physical appearance enhanced a speaking ability few could match. One might liken him to the Marvel comic hero Captain America. He drew men and women to him. He preached his brother's prophecy far and wide. To the astonishment of American settlers in Indiana and Kentucky, Tecumseh seemed to be everywhere at once. When he spoke, he

preached race war. It was in this time that Tecumseh spread the prophecy to a part of the Creek Indian Nation. In 1811, Tecumseh cried out to the Creeks: "Let the white race perish! They seize your land; they corrupt your women; they trample on the bones of your dead! Back whence they came, upon a trail of blood, they must be driven! Back—aye, back to the great water whose accursed waves brought them to our shores! Burn their dwellings destroy their stock—slay their wives and children, that the very breed may perish." As the Bible says and is true, "all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Tecumseh died at the Battle of the Thames in Canada in October of 1813. He was killed—at least purportedly—by a Freemason and future vice president, Richard M. Johnson. During Johnson's vice-presidential campaign in 1836 his supporters chanted the following slogan: "Rumpsey Dumpsey, Rumpsey Dumpsey, Colonel Johnson killed Tecumseh."

Tenskwatawa met a different fate. As his prophecy spread, he, too, preached reform and retribution, but in November of 1811, he would run into a mixed force of Indiana militia and regular army led by Indiana territorial governor William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe in northwest Indiana territory. Informed by advanced scouts that Americans—called Long Knives by some of Tenskwatawa's warriors—approached the fortifications at Tippecanoe, The Prophet's warriors demanded a plan to deal with this imminent threat. The young braves wanted battle. Though cloaked with the aura of a divine seer due to his one eye and the visions promi-

sing a reckoning, Tenskwatawa was not a natural warrior like his brother Tecumseh. Reluctantly, The Prophet retired to his tent to commune with the Great Spirit and conjure up a strategy. He emerged with another prophecy: the Great Spirit would render the Long Knives lethargic and their bullets ineffective on an exceedingly dark night if—and this was the linchpin of the new revelation—these warriors killed Governor Harrison. The night was dark and cold, but the rest of Tenskwatawa's vision erred. Harrison's men did not slumber, and their bullets hit their marks. The Indian attack failed, and the Battle of Tippecanoe was lost. When the defeated warriors asked why the Great Spirit withheld his blessing,

Tenskwatawa blamed his wife for being "ritually impure," which negated his prophetic word. He would die in obscurity and disrepute in 1836, far from Indiana. Meanwhile, Governor Harrison used his military success to further his political career by assuming the mantle of "Old Tippecanoe." A losing Whig candidate for president in 1836, Harrison ran as an antimason. He won the presidency in 1840 as the "Log Cabin and Hard Cider" candidate with a slogan of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too!". His presidency was short lived due to a bout of pneumonia, which felled Harrison thirty days into his presidential term.

The prophecy lived on in the Creek Nation with the believing heart of William Weatherford. As you might wonder, how does a leader of an American Indian tribe have the name William Weatherford? Therein lies the next twist of the tale: many of the men and women in the Creek Nation had mixed ancestry; many who claimed to be White had mixed ancestry as well; and Weatherford was of mixed lineage too. In 1813, as the Red Stick faction of the Creek Nation went on the warpath, it was not William Weatherford who led them; he now identified as Chief Red Eagle. Red Eagle led the attack on Ft. Mims in the swamps and brackish draws near the Alabama River in today's Alabama.

Ft. Mims was nothing to brag about; it was just a wooden stockade, yet it offered a modicum of protection against marauding Indians and other bandits. Commanded by a complacent officer, Maj. Daniel Beasley, the residents of Ft. Mims followed his lackadaisical lead, despite warnings that the Red Sticks had their war paint on. The attack came around the noon hour on August 30, 1813. Caught by surprise, the settlers resisted but were overrun, and the Red Sticks carried out the assault with a ghoulish ferocity that shocked the western states. This event drove Tennesseans and other western Americans to summon Andrew Jackson and crush the Red Stick Creek Indians. Jackson's moment of glory had arrived. Alas, Jackson hovered near death with a bullet in his left shoulder.

To be continued....





Abbey and Basilica of Montserrat in Catalunya, Spain during Bro. Andy Maroglio's visit in 2022.



THREADS OF LIGHT:

A Skeptic's Journey Through the Veil of Tradition

By Brother Andy Maroglio

One could argue that once a skeptic, always a skeptic... Those were the words that echoed in my mind as I entered the unique Abbey and Basilica of Montserrat in Catalunya, Spain. After climbing the sacred mountain summits surrounding it to visit the hermitages—structures built and used as retreats for prayer and contemplation by monks, even centuries before the magnificent monastery and church were constructed—I found myself questioning my own history books. I saw far more resemblances than expected to Celtic cults in many of the hermitages and surrounding areas, which were clearly inhabited, or at least used, for pagan celebrations long before. So, yes, being a skeptic made me feel comfortable in my own skin as I took those first steps into that aweinspiring building bathed in mysticism. But, as is often the case in life, comfort was just an idea, vanishing the moment I saw his image—Loyola—and suddenly, everything shifted. Maybe not to something more comfortable, but certainly to something more rewarding and fascinating.

Ignacio de Loyola (1491-1556), the founder of the Society of Jesus, stood as a symbol of deep spiritual transformation, a figure whose life had a profound influence on religious and philosophical thought. And there, in Montserrat, where the ancient and the new collided in powerful ways, I began to see parallels that connected Loyola not only to the history of Catholicism but also to the ideals of humanism and Freemasonry.



Humanism, with its roots in the revival of classical learning and an emphasis on individual potential, shares much with the foundations of Freemasonry. Both champion the use of reason, the pursuit of knowledge, and the cultivation of moral and ethical excellence. Freemasonry, though steeped in esoteric traditions, has always focused on personal enlightenment and self-improvement—key humanist ideals. As I stood there, beneath the towering figure of Loyola, I couldn't help but notice how his legacy intersected with these same principles.

Loyola's famous Spiritual Exercises, a set of Christian meditations, prayers, and mental exercises designed to deepen one's relationship with God, also reflected a kind of rigorous internal discipline not unlike the self-reflection encouraged within Masonic lodges. The Exercises, originally intended for retreat and reflection, demand an intense examination of the self—one's thoughts, desires, and actions. Freemasonry similarly calls for reflection on personal conduct and moral rectitude, encouraging its members to look inward and build their own 'inner temples.'

The Exercises, however, are grounded in faith, asking the participant to surrender to divine will, to place oneself entirely in God's hands. Freemasonry, on the other hand, emphasizes human will and intellect as tools for moral development. This might seem at odds with each other, but in reality, they are complementary. Loyola's method asks the individual to confront the deepest parts of their soul with honesty and clarity—this is not so far removed from the Masonic practice of introspection and the quest for truth. Both paths require self-awareness, discipline, and a desire for something greater than oneself.

Loyola's life was also a journey of transformation, not unlike the transformative journeys that humanists and Freemasons embark on in their quests for knowledge and moral improvement. From soldier to spiritual leader, his story embodies the ideal of self-improvement, of using one's experiences—both good and bad—to craft a better, more meaningful life. The idea that one could rise above one's station through personal development and contribution to society resonates strongly with humanist ideals.





As I reflected on all of this, standing in the mystic quiet of Montserrat, the connection became clearer. Loyola, with his rigorous spiritual exercises, had, in his way, created a system of thought and action that was deeply introspective yet focused on the broader improvement of the self. Freemasonry, with its traditions of ritual, self-reflection, and ethical improvement, is grounded in the belief that individuals can shape their own destinies through wisdom, moral behavior, and learning—an idea that is just as central to humanism.

There, in the shadows of Montserrat, beneath the gaze of Loyola, I realized that while skepticism had brought me this far, it was the openness to explore new connections— between ancient pagan traditions, modern humanism, Freemasonry, and even Loyola's teachings—that would lead me further. Though different in their approaches, all of these traditions are deeply intertwined in their belief in the potential for human growth, transformation, and the importance of reflection on the journey to enlightenment.

The image of Loyola suddenly seemed less a figure of stern religious orthodoxy and more a guide to the inner world of contemplation and self-betterment—an ideal that resonates with the humanism and Masonry I've long studied. Here, at Montserrat, the convergence of these powerful traditions became more than just history. They were part of a living, breathing narrative of what it means to be human, to seek meaning, and to strive for greatness.

October 13, 6024 A.L.



2025 INSTALLATION

ON NOVEMBER 19TH, THE BROTHERS AND GUESTS OF PHOENICIA LODGE #58
GATHERED FOR OUR ANNUAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY TO INSTALL
THE NEW LODGE OFFICERS. THE EVENING WAS ONE OF REFLECTION
ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND ANTICIPATION FOR THE FUTURE.



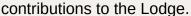
Worshipful Brother Bryon Howe was elected to serve a second consecutive year as Worshipful Master—his third year overall—while Brother Ed Perez was elected Senior Warden, and Brother Shane Gilbert was elected Junior Warden. Rodger Marx was elected to serve again as Treasurer and Ray Brigandi was elected for life to serve as Lodge Secretary for another year. Additionally, five trial commissioners and a new three-year trustee were elected.





2025 INSTALLATION & MASON(S) OF THE YEAR

The evening was filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie, but it also carried the solemnity and respect of a cherished tradition. A highlight of the night was the presentation of not one but three Master Mason of the Year awards, recognizing extraordinary dedication and





BROTHER ED PEREZ WAS HONORED FOR HIS HARD WORK, CONSISTENT PARTICIPATION IN LODGE EVENTS. AND DEDICATION TO MASTERING DEGREE WORK.

BROTHER ROGER MARX WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL WORK WITH PROSPECTS AND CANDIDATES, PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE LODGE'S GROWTH BY BRINGING IN OUTSTANDING NEW BROTHERS.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BRYON HOWE WAS CELEBRATED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, STEPPING UP TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN 2024, FILLING A CRUCIAL NEED IN THE OFFICER LINE, AND DEMONSTRATING UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE LODGE'S SUCCESS.

TWO NEW GRAND LODGE PINS WILL BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR!

GRAND LECTURER AWARDS

The Howard Spain Award for delivering statement found on Page S-22 in your manual by memory.



HOWARD E. SPAIN AWARD

Past Master of Arizona #2 (1960) Grand Lecturer from 1972-1978



"...recommend that every Worshipful Master make an announcement at the beginning of every second section of the Third Degree that this candidate has not completed his Third Degree or the lessons that we are charged to teach him. There, this second section is for his benefit and there will be no levity which might tend to close his mind to these lessons, if you laugh, please laugh to yourself, not the candidate"

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

The Marshal's Award given for reciting the usual interrogations upon the EA candidate by memory.



THE MARSHAL'S AWARD

The only place in our ritual that lays out the expectations for the candidate

- 1. Traditionally done with scroll or book
- 2. Impressive when done without book
- 3. Sets the tone for the candidate
- 4. Provides ritual use for Marshal
- 5. Usually only heard once by Masons

GOAL:

To incentivize ritual and open door to more award pins

GRAND LODGE MASONIC UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



JAN

25 2025 75th Anniversary Cornerstone Rededication

Grand Lodge

REGISTER

12:00 PM

Glendale, Arizona

JAN

25 2025 **Robert Burns Dinner 2025**

Grand Lodge

5:30 PM

REGISTER

Tucson, Arizona

FEB

08 2025 **Centennial Cornerstone Dedication-Phoenix Masonic Temple**

Grand Lodge

10:00 AM

REGISTER

Phoenix, Arizona

FEB

22 2025 Valley of the Sun York Rite Festival

Grand Lodge

REGISTER

7:30 AM

Phoenix, Arizona

MAR

01 2025 **Lost Dutchman Outdoor degree**

Grand Lodge

REGISTER

9:00 AM

Gold Canyon, Arizona

SEP

20 2025 Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Grand Lodge

10:00 AM

Dragoon, Arizona

REGISTER

GLENDALE LODGE #23

75th Anniversary Cornerstone Rededication

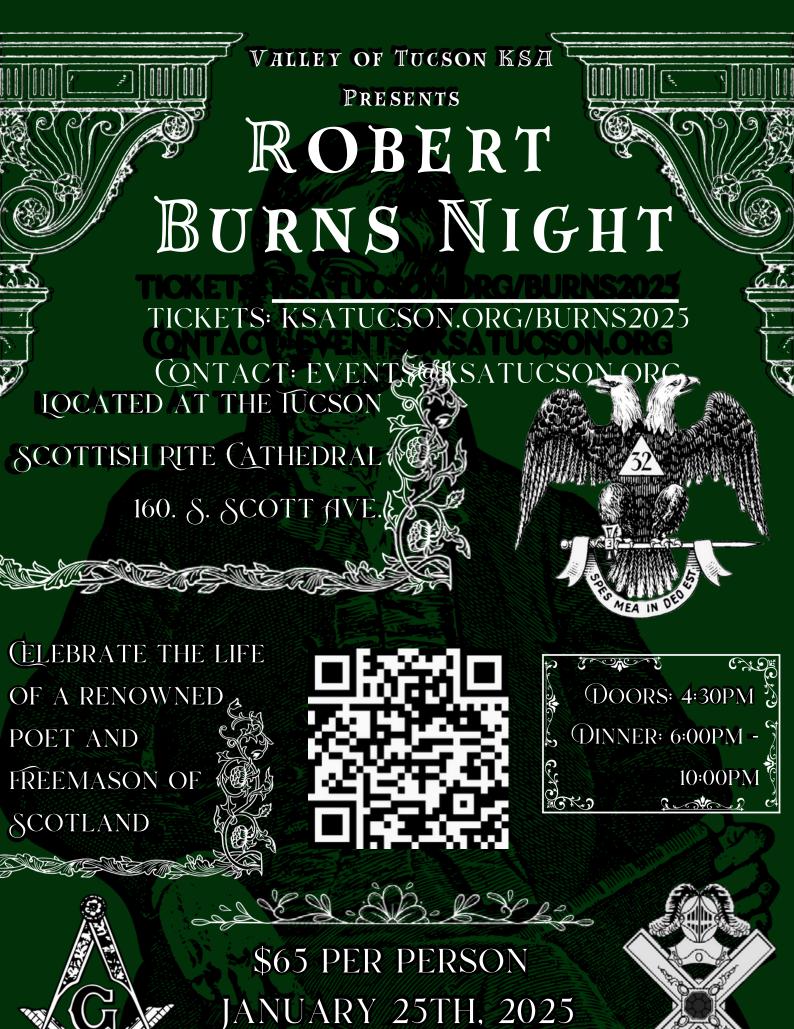


January

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2025

12:00 Light Luncheon 1:00 Rededication Ceremony 6831 N 58th Avenue Glendale, AZ





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PHOENIX MASONIC TEMPLE CORNERSTONE RE-DEDICATION

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Feb, 8th 2025

10:00AM

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10:45AM

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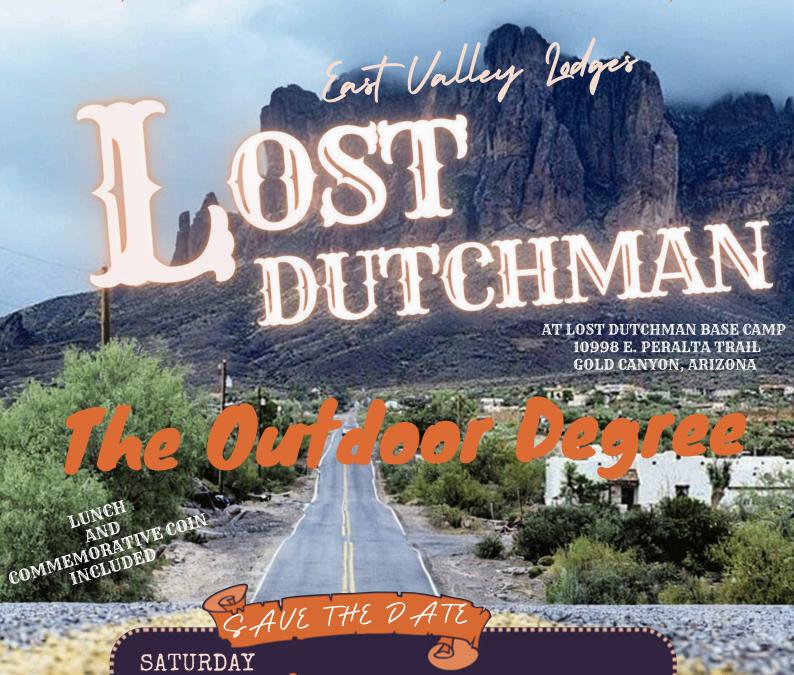
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February 2025

345 W Monroe St Phoenix AZ 85003 Start Time 0730 WHITE MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 3 GLOBE, ARIZONA

RE APACHE LODGE
NO. 69
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA

GILA VALLEY LODGE NO. 9 FLORENCE, ARIZONA



MARCH 3025

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00AM

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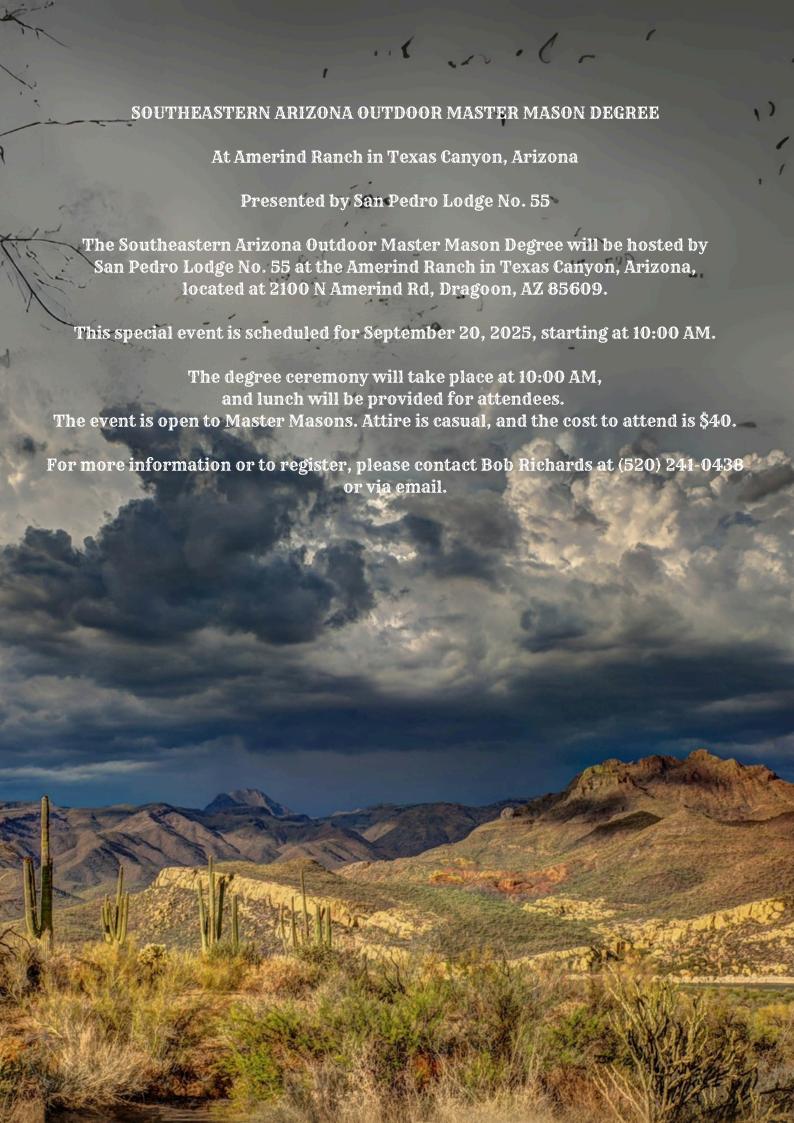
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A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Dedicated Volunteers of Phoenicia Lodge #58, Wayfarers Lodge #50, and Quilts of Honor: your time, effort, and dedication have been nothing short of extraordinary. Your willingness to step forward and support the 2024 Craft Culinary Concepts Fundraiser at State Farm Stadium for the Arizona Cardinals—our largest and most important fundraiser—, has made this year another remarkable success.

Your commitment to dedicating seven to eight hours of some weekends to this demanding and labor-intensive work is deeply appreciated. While not everyone answered the call, those who did have made an undeniable impact. Like the players on the field, being a true Mason requires action and dedication. It is through your efforts, shown not in words at the lodge but in meaningful deeds on the field, that we've achieved another record-breaking year, bringing real and lasting change to the lives of young people with genuine needs.





On behalf of our lodge, I extend my sincerest gratitude to every volunteer who contributed to this year's success. Let us carry this momentum into 2025 as we continue to expand our efforts, uplift our brothers in need, and serve all sectors of the community with unwavering dedication. Together, we are making a difference. —*Brother Andy Maroglio*

AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT IN 2024, TOGETHER, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!



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Thank you, and see you there! 🐼 🦖

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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.

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 REPORTS



AUDIT AND TRUSTEES REPORT;

Q1 Audit will take place in early March.

AWARDS;

On pace to complete 2025 Master Architect Award and in the race for the Trestle Board Award too!

BENEFICENT FUND;

Flowers were given to the sister and daughter of WB Howard Ward.

CALLING COMMITTEE;

Calls were made to several Brothers.

DEGREE AND RITUAL PROFICIENCY;

An EA and MM Degree are all upcoming. Check with WM for details.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS;

Stars of Paradise, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month at PVST.

Valley of the Sun DeMolay, 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month at Sun City Lodge.

FUNDRAISING;

We completed a VERY successful CCC season for the Cardinals. Thank you to all the volunteers.

MASONIC EDUCATION;

Included in this TB.

MEMBERSHIP / RETENTION;

Current Membership is at 57 Master Masons in good standing.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

Parent Teacher Conference BBQ was a HUGE success. 17 Brothers and Prospects attended!

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS;

Please keep WB Howard Ward in your thoughts and prayers.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

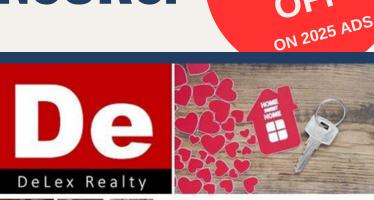


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Audit and Trustees	
Awards	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Ray Brigandi PM Focus: Master Architect Award 2024/5
Benevolent Fund:	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Rodger Marx / Ed Perez
Degree and Ritual Proficiency:	Chair: Chris West, PM / Ed Perez
Fraternal Relations:	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Greg Weisman, PM
Fundraising:	Chair: Andy Maroglio / Chris West, PM
Funeral Team:	WM: Ray Brigandi, PM / SW: / JW: / Chaplain: / Extra:
Hospitality:	Chair: Shane Gilbert / Ralph Neibel
Masonic Education:	Chair: Ray Brigandi, PM / Steve Dilda, PM
Membership	Chair: Rodger Marx / New Obligated Brother / Shane Gilbert
Retention and Calling:	Chair: Shane Gilbert / Ray Brigandi, PM
Public Schools	Chair: Chris West, PM
Reports of sickness or distress:	Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Ray Brigandi, PM
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STARS OF PARADISE #56 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY (DARK IN THE SUMMER) CONTACT SECRETARY

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