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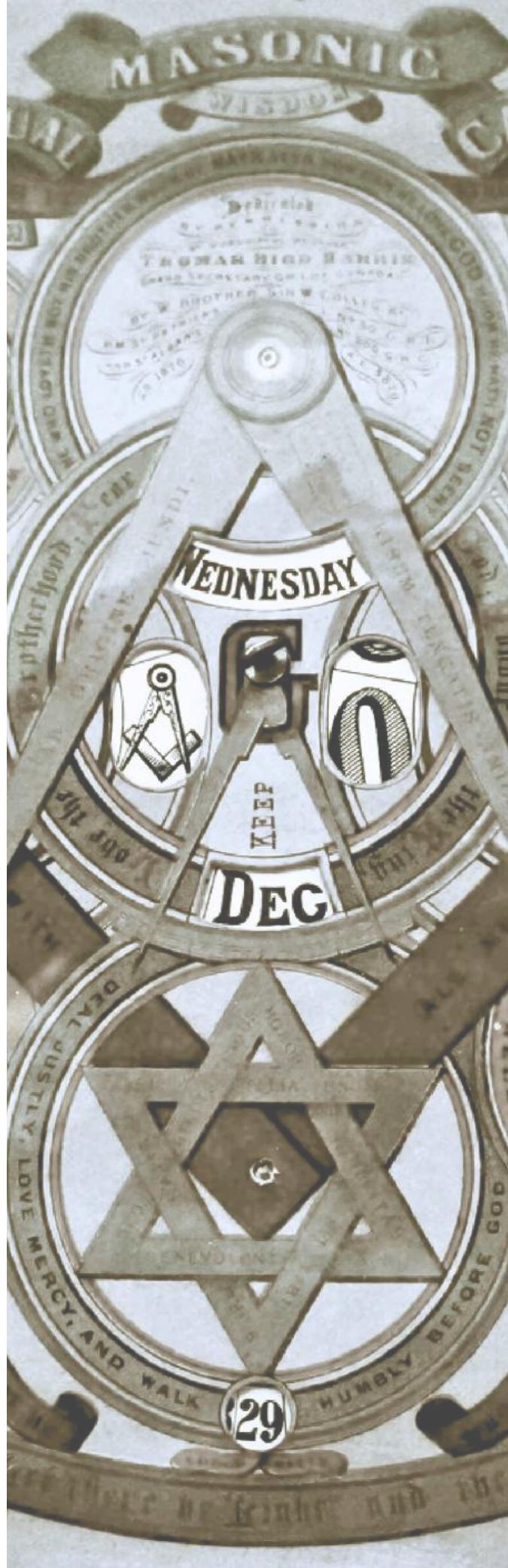
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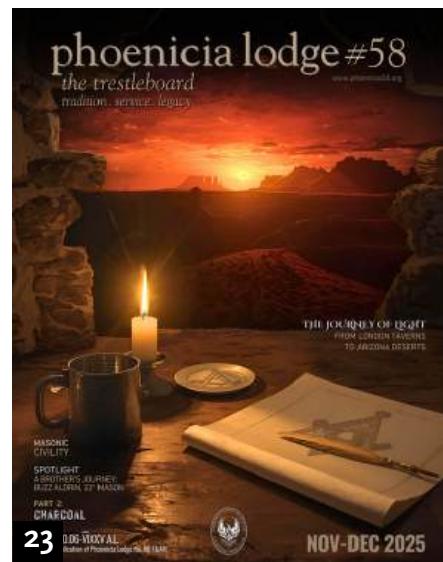
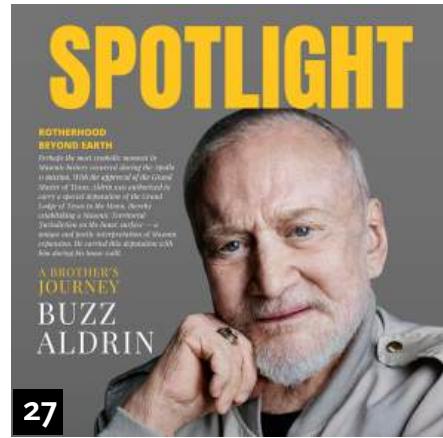
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FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

By Co- Editor, Andy Maroglio

As the year draws to a close and the sun sets on 6025 A L, we pause not in resignation, but in reflection. The Great Work never truly rests. It simply shifts from outer labor to inner measure. And this moment, between seasons and years, invites us to take stock not only of what we have accomplished, but of what has shaped us along the way.

This issue begins where it should with the voices of our officers, each offering a perspective shaped by service. From the East, Worshipful Master Bryon Howe reminds us that leadership is not about repetition, but about embodiment. To instruct the Craft not only in ritual, but in the philosophy veiled within it, and to live those lessons beyond the Lodge. From the West, Brother Ed Perez offers both gratitude and a poetic charge to those who labor without falter, who honor the sacred rhythm of the seasons while keeping their working tools sharp. And from the South, Brother Shane Gilbert reflects on the joy that filled our halls this year, not only through ritual, but through shared meals, laughter, and the presence of family. These messages, taken together, form a true compass.

In our Spotlight feature, we turn to Brother Buzz Aldrin. A journey not only from New Jersey to the Moon, but from initiation to immortality. As a 33° Mason, a combat veteran, and the second human to walk on the lunar surface, Brother Aldrin carried our working tools beyond Earth itself. His life stands as a testament to curiosity, courage, and fraternity. A trajectory defined not just by science, but by meaning.

We also explore transformation in its rawest form in "Drawing from Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay." This piece, originally published by the Scottish Rite Journal and submitted by Worshipful Brother Steve Dilda, reminds us that the path of refinement is never clean at the start. It begins in dust, in friction, in fire. Charcoal marks the moment when matter surrenders to Light, and the Mason learns not just to shape the stone, but to endure its shaping.

In "Masonic Civility," Brother Rodger Marx revisits one of the foundational virtues of the Craft. Restraint not as silence, but as discipline. Not as compliance, but as moral clarity. He reminds us that civility is not a passive state, but an active and necessary expression of Brotherly Love in a fractured world. It is not merely how we act. It is how we build.

Finally, we delve into The Journey of Light, a reflection on how the ideals of Freemasonry took root in the Enlightenment, moved across continents, and found new expression in the American frontier. From the taverns of London to the salons of Paris, from the rituals of Mozart to the revolutions of Franklin and Washington, the piece traces the shared architecture of Freemasonry and reason. It reminds us that the Lodge was not created by the Enlightenment, nor the Enlightenment by the Lodge, but that both recognized each other and together sought to replace ignorance with understanding, tyranny with order, and blind obedience with moral law freely chosen. That work continues.

As we enter the quiet of the season, let us remember. The Light never fades. It withdraws within, awaiting the next hand, the next tool, the next willing heart. May this season bring warmth to your homes, peace to your minds, and renewed clarity to your purpose.

Fraternally,
Brother Andy Maroglio



a message from the east

**Worshipful Master, Phoenicia #58
2015, 2024, 2025**



WORSHIPFUL MASTER BRYON HOWE

Brothers of Phoenicia 58,

I am going to share with you something I read to myself all the time. It reminds me that sitting in the East is an honor and a privilege. I have done the best I could and hope that I have trained the upcoming line to do their best, left it a little better than I found it, and didn't screw it up too much.

"To become the model Master of a Lodge should be the ambition of every brother, and to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties of that office should be his most anxious desire.

These duties are not confined to the mere repetition of a few phrases learned by rote. Still, he should be able to instruct the Craft, not only as to the meaning and origin of our ceremonies, but also to explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories and illustrated by its symbols.

He should be able, also, to convince his brethren, that all sciences and all art, legitimately directed, are but lines that radiate toward the great "I AM"; that the sciences are the media by which we are led to contemplate the goodness, greatness, wisdom and power of the Great Architect of the Universe; and that the arts are the modes we have developed of expressing our sense and admiration of the wondrous glories of an Almighty Father which are scattered around us.

a message from the east



Worshipful Master Bryon Howe

The Master of the Lodge should also, in his life and in his conversation, be a model for his brethren to admire and imitate, and should himself practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral doctrines and virtues he inculcated within its walls. He should be punctual and methodical in all things and, both his character and conduct, command the respect, the esteem and god-will of all men; for as the Master is the supreme in his Lodge and distinguished by his position in the Craft, so should he also be distinguished as the professor of an irreproachable character, a dignified demeanor, an expanded intellect and a liberal education.

The Worshipful Master who presides over his Lodge with ability, firmness and decision (for without force of character, there can be no force of expression); whose manner is courteous yet dignified; whose decisions are consonant with reason and Masonic law; and who dispenses light and information among the Craft, will ever be regarded by his brethren as one who is entitled to their highest respect and most fraternal regard."

Fraternally,

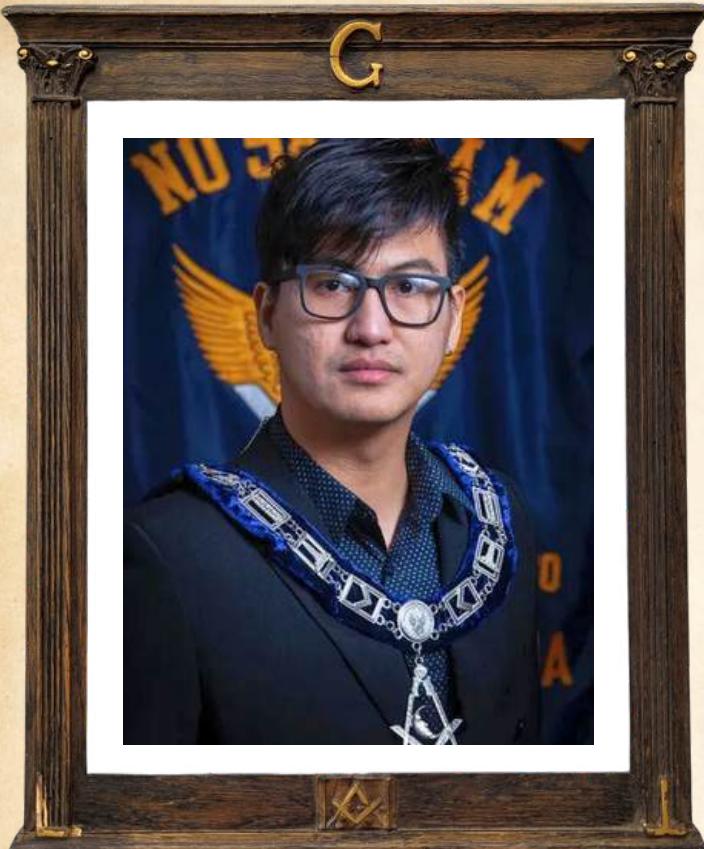
Bryon P Howe, PM 2018, 2024 - 2025

Make Phoenicia Great Again

May your journey in Freemasonry continue to be guided by light, wisdom, and brotherhood.

a message from the west

**Senior Warden, Phoenicia #58
2025**



BROTHER ED L. PEREZ, SW

Fraternal greetings, brethren!

As this Masonic year is coming to a full circle, please indulge me, as your Senior Warden, to pay the craft their wages, express my utmost gratitude and sincere thanks, and give credit where credit is due.

First, to the Great Architect of the Universe, who was our rock, fortress, wisdom whisperer, and provider. Without His grace to our purpose, these victories and undertakings meant next to nothing—like dust in the valley. The sole reason we were able to draw magnificent designs upon our Trestleboard.

Second, to my co-pillars, Worshipful Master Bryon Howe and Junior Warden Shane Gilbert, for being exemplary leaders and visionaries for the lodge. Their bright minds and compassionate hearts propel Phoenicia 58 to the next level of craftsmanship and speculative Masonry. Gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity to serve the lodge along with both of you.

Last but not least, to my dear brothers in Phoenicia, who took time away from their families, passions, and careers to be in the service of the lodge and fulfill their obligations and Masonic labors. My deepest gratitude to all of you who led and followed, spoke and listened, walked in and out through the hallways of brotherly love, relief, and truth. I am truly proud to belong within the ranks of the great Phoenician Masons.

a message from the west



Brother Ed L. Perez, SW

And for my closing, allow me to dedicate this poem that I wrote for all the brothers of Solomon, the widow's sons, the guardians of the West Gate, the seekers of the light, and for all the masons who never wither and falter on the changing of the seasons...

As the great luminary of creation settles and fulfills the quest of the present tide, inevitable indeed, as a working mason dwells in that fleeting moment of triumphant pride.

With the cathedral of his character exemplified beneath the altar of his mortal existence, beauty and strength, ornamenteally fortified, willfully sutures the slit of moral dehiscence.

His working tools, sharpened through the lens of the Great Artificer, meticulously instilled whence and whither, to a journey that never ends. Communication to his Maker is faithfully sealed.

He thrives in the harmony of his beloved guild. Pay respect and wages, rendezvous at the level; the masonic secret to an indestructible build, since time immemorial, kept in a holy vessel.

Fraternally,

Ed L Perez
Senior Warden
Phoenicia Lodge No. 58
Anno Lucis 6025



a message from the south

**Junior Warden, Phoenicia #58
2025**



BROTHER SHANE GILBERT, JW

Brethren,

As we near the close of another remarkable year, I can't help but reflect on how much joy, fellowship, and family connection we've shared together. Our lodge truly lived up to the spirit of brotherhood—not just within our walls, but in how we opened our doors and hearts to our families and friends.

This year, we kicked things off in March with our Phoenicia Family Feast, a wonderful afternoon that brought everyone together around the table. The laughter, stories, and shared meals reminded us that Masonic fellowship extends far beyond the tiled lodge—it's the bonds we build with our loved ones that make our fraternity stronger.

In May, we turned up the fun with Cinco de Mason, a festive celebration filled with color, great food, and even better company. Special thanks to WB Chris West and his family for opening their home to host this wonderful event. It was a day where the spirit of brotherhood met the joy of family, and the result was unforgettable.

Throughout the year, we kept the good times rolling with bowling nights and poker games—simple pleasures that gave us all a chance to relax, connect, and strengthen the ties that unite us. And though our Harvest

a message from the south



Brother Shane Gilbert, JW

Fest was rained out, we brought it indoors and enjoyed it at the lodge instead. The shared meals, with so many families contributing to the great food, and the smiles of both brothers and families made it one of the highlights of the year.

Each of these events reminded me that the best part of Masonry isn't found in ritual alone, but in the genuine connections we make—with each other and with those we hold dear. As Junior Warden, it's been my privilege to help plan and share these moments with you all.

Here's to more fellowship, more family, and more memories in the year ahead.

Fraternally,

Shane Gilbert
Junior Warden
Phoenicia Lodge No. 58



events

ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 6PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

november 2025

TUESDAY	04	officers meeting and final audit
TUESDAY	11	november stated meeting: dinner provided by chris west
THURSDAY	18	candidate bingo and installation practice
TUESDAY	25	installation of 2026 officers

december 2025

TUESDAY	02	officers meeting
SUNDAY	09	december stated meeting: dinner provided by brian frishkosy
TUESDAY	16	3 rd degree practice
TUESDAY	20	lodge christmas / holiday party
TUESDAY	30	3 rd degree practice

FUNDRAISING

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2025 Schedule



WEEK 3 | @ San Francisco
SEP 21 1:25pm



WEEK 4 | vs. Seattle
SEP 25 5:15pm TNF



WEEK 5 | vs. Tennessee
OCT 5 1:05pm



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OCT 11



WEEK 6 | @ Indianapolis
OCT 12 10:00am



WEEK 7 | vs. Green Bay
OCT 19 1:25pm



OCT 25



WEEK 9 | @ Dallas
NOV 3 6:15pm MNF



WEEK 10 | @ Seattle
NOV 9 2:05pm



WEEK 11 | vs. San Francisco
NOV 16 2:05pm



WEEK 12 | vs. Jacksonville
NOV 23 2:05pm



WEEK 13 | @ Tampa Bay
NOV 30 11:00am



WEEK 14 | vs. Los Angeles
DEC 7 2:25pm



WEEK 15 | @ Houston
DEC 14 11:00am



WEEK 16 | vs. Atlanta
DEC 21 2:05pm



WEEK 17 | @ Cincinnati
TBD TBD



WEEK 18 | @ Los Angeles
TBD TBD



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Home Games

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



masonic birthdays

november 2025

Brother Herman Rios	11/19/1981	(44)
Brother Robert Close	11/30/1984	(41)
Brother Daniel Wagner	11/10/2001	(24)
Worshipful Brother Tony Hernandez	11/23/2010	(15)
Brother Seth Ross	11/02/2021	(04)

december 2025

Brother Edward Greene	12/15/1998	(27)
Worshipful Brother Glen Van Steeter	12/20/1999	(26)
Brother Shane Charles	12/04/2018	(27)
Brother Antonio Rossi	12/17/2019	(06)
Brother Ralph Neibel III	12/06/2022	(03)

DRAWING FROM CHALK, CHARCOAL, AND CLAY

PART 2: Charcoal



ADAM LEE BUFFINGTON, 32°
Valley of Frederick, Maryland

Introduction

At the close of the Entered Apprentice Degree, newly-made Masons are introduced to the symbols of Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay. Continuing with the second article of a three-part series, the author examines Charcoal. Masons, of course, recall that there is nothing more fervent than Charcoal to melt; when well lit, even the most obdurate metals will yield to its power. Appealing to the heritage of classical antiquity and its primary elements, the author puts forth the idea that burning Charcoal is an apt symbol for spiritual transformation of the self.

—Mark Dreisonstok, 33°,

Managing Editor,
Scottish Rite Journal

A one-page article published in the January 1954 issue of this magazine entitled "How Fervent Is Your Charcoal?" by Ernest V. Powel spoke of Charcoal in the Masonic tradition. Br. Powel wrote:

In the process of making Charcoal, the quality of the finished product depends upon the patience and skill of the workman who supervises the burning of the raw materials.

The same thing is true in the making of a Master Mason; much depends upon the patience and skill of his instructors and brothers in the Blue Lodge. Charcoal produced too rapidly and with too much heat will be inferior to that made more slowly and at a lower temperature. (p. 38)

Br. Powel then proceeds to explain further his analogy of comparing the Mason's development to Charcoal, noting: "The principles for which a Master Mason stands can act as a smelting agent in the formation of character, both inside and outside the Lodge." Further: "If the Master is of fervent temperament, the Lodge will be a bright and smokeless light in the community."

Looking back to medieval and colonial days, when blacksmiths or metalworkers needed to make a specific piece, they would throw

coal into their furnaces to provide the needed heat to help render metals more malleable in order to shape them into the desired object. Thus, the heat made from Charcoal is indicative of transformation. Even though fervency means to display a passionate intensity, it also alludes to us being able to change in order to pursue that passion.

For example, if we have fervent passion to become a great Masonic scholar or lecturer, we will read and examine many Masonic and non-Masonic books that will test our current knowledge or beliefs to the limits and bring us to different and further points of knowledge. If we can push beyond even these points, then we are allowing ourselves to change for the better, to mold and transform ourselves into something new, something better, something purer.

The strongest fire can come from the smallest spark. Sometimes, for us to change, or to begin the process of change, we only need one tiny moment in time to attain the realization that "I need to be better than I am now." That tiny spark of transformational energy onto our Charcoal of potential can create a huge fire, a huge fervent desire to become better than what we are. Yet while that spark can start the flame, we need to keep adding our Charcoal to it, to help melt and yield



those most obdurate metals of ourselves—vices, selfish desires, ignorance, arrogance, criticisms, and self-imposed limitations.

Returning to our spiritual alchemy of the classical world introduced in the previous article of the series, we recall that there were four primary elements: Fire, Water, Earth, and Air. Charcoal itself is but an Earth element, but when we add into the mix the element of Fire, we are able to produce heat, the essence that is needed for change or transformation. Thus, we combine Earth (Man's material body) with Fire (Man's transformative power) to be able to transform ourselves and "strengthen" ourselves

to a more perfected state. As Charcoal is heated in the fire, it will slowly be reduced to a smaller state, and the fire will build and generate more heat

All this is indicative of how the material aspect of man (his attachment to material items, wealth, and ego) can slowly be removed from him by giving himself over to his transformative power and increasing his power of change, *his heat*. Thus, may he be transformed from a crude, base metal of lead into a brilliant, lustrous golden state and transform his spirit from his mortal body into his immortal soul, sometimes termed the Philosopher's Stone. It is through transformation,

whether small or large, physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual, that we can perfect ourselves into the final form that we desire for ourselves, what we as individuals desire—as we read in *Morals and Dogma*, ever "striving to reach and ascend to the impossible ideal [...]" (Thirty-first Degree Lecture, "Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander" •

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Submitted by WB Steve Dilda

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Masonic values are the principles and ideals that guide Freemasonry, a fraternal organization that emphasizes personal growth, community service, and brotherly love.

These values include:

1. **Brotherly Love:** Masons recognize the inherent value of every individual, promoting tolerance, empathy, and understanding.
2. **Relief:** Masons provide support and assistance to those in need, fostering a sense of community and social responsibility.
3. **Truth:** Masons strive for honesty, integrity, and authenticity in their words and actions, promoting a culture of trust and respect.

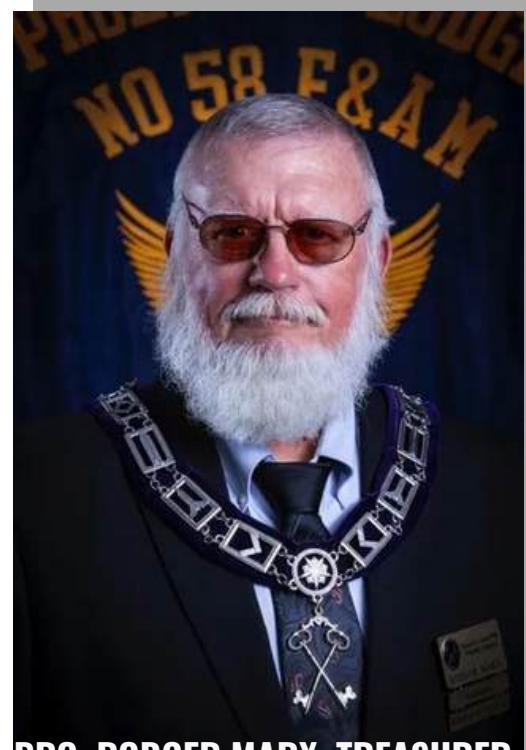
Some key aspects of Masonic values and their impact on American history include:

Democracy and Equality: Masonic principles of equality and justice have influenced the development of democratic institutions and the fight for human rights.

Community Service: Masonic lodges have long served as community hubs, providing support for local charities, education, and social welfare initiatives.

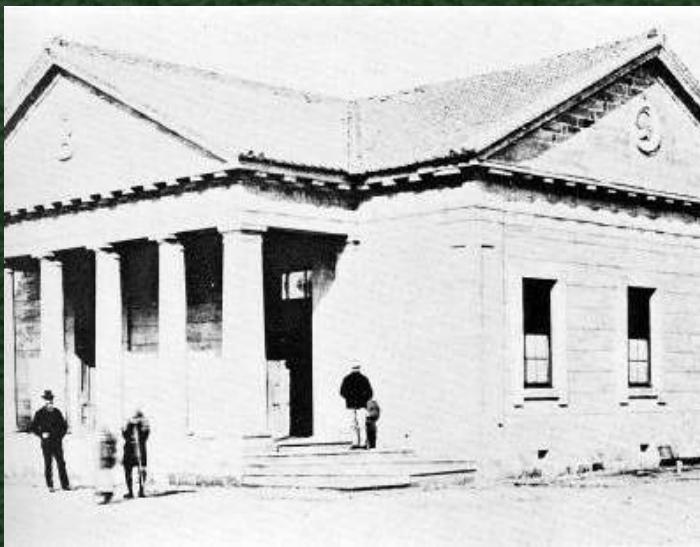
Personal Growth: Masonic teachings emphasize the importance of self-improvement, moral development, and spiritual growth, encouraging individuals to become better citizens and community members.

These values have been instrumental in shaping American history, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, and continue to inspire Masons and non-Masons alike to work towards a more just, compassionate, and enlightened society.



BRO. RODGER MARX. TREASURER

Brother Rodger Marx, Treasurer
and Master Mason of the Year.



The first Masonic Lodge established in Japan was at Yokohama in 1865 by the Grand Lodge of England.

This Lodge was called Yokohama Lodge No. 1092 and was very active for many years.

In the Canal Zone, all land is owned by the US Government, except for one plot, which is a Masonic Temple and stands by the permission of Congress.



Contrary to popular belief, the Great Seal of The United States has no Masonic significance.

Together, the two sides of the Great Seal are a unique combination of images from nature and culture. But no organization has an exclusive association with any of these symbols.



moments to share and remember

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Our Annual BBQ event for the awesome teachers of Campo Bello Elementary School was a huge success. Great turnout for the brethren, especially for our prospects who stepped up big time in serving food and smiles to the hardworking educators of our local community. Impactful Service through Unity and Brotherly Love. This is Phoenicia Freemasonry.



non-active members dress code

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, WB Ray Brigandi, at secretary@phoenicia58.org so we can update our database!

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.



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the journey of light

from london taverns to arizona deserts



by Brother
Andy Maroglio



At the Dawn of Reason

There are moments in history when humanity seems to awaken all at once, when reason replaces fear, curiosity dethrones superstition, and men begin to see the universe not as a prison of dogma but as a vast design waiting to be understood. The eighteenth century was such a moment. Historians call it the Enlightenment. Freemasons call it the Age of Light.

The Age of Light

In the early 1700s, London's narrow streets echoed with the hum of a new idea: that knowledge and faith could coexist, that the measure of a man was not his birth but his virtue. From the coffeehouses of Covent Garden to the taverns near St. Paul's, thinkers, scientists, and artisans gathered in small private societies where equality of thought was sacred. Out of that soil, half philosophical and half practical, speculative Freemasonry took root.

The transformation of the ancient stonemason's guild into a moral fraternity reflected the same intellectual current that animated Newton's Principia, Locke's Essay on Human Understanding, and Descartes' Discourse on Method. The square and compasses were no longer tools of trade but instruments of reason and conscience. When Reverend James Anderson compiled the Constitutions of the Free-Masons in 1723, he distilled an age's aspirations into one enduring creed: to build a temple not of stone but of truth.

The Lodge became a microcosm of Enlightenment society, an experiment in ordered liberty where kings and merchants, scholars and laborers could meet upon the level and part upon the square. Behind closed doors they practiced in ritual what the philosophers proclaimed in treatise: that men are made equal by the divine spark within and enlightened by the pursuit of knowledge.

the journey of light

from london taverns to arizona deserts

Lodges of the Enlightenment

By mid-century, the flame of Freemasonry spread across Europe, carried by travelers, scientists, and soldiers who recognized in its teachings the architecture of a freer world. In Scotland, Edinburgh's Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning hosted poets and scholars who saw geometry as the language of both art and nature. In France, lodges under the Grand Orient became salons of reform, and Montesquieu, Voltaire, Diderot, and even the future Duke of Orléans passed through their columns.

Voltaire, at eighty-four, received his initiation in 1778 within sight of the Palais Royal, embraced by the philosopher Benjamin Franklin, who had come from America as France's envoy of liberty. The ceremony symbolized something far greater than personal fraternity; it was the meeting of two continents in the common cause of enlightenment.

Meanwhile in Vienna, Mozart set Masonic ideals to music. His Magic Flute, a tale of trial, virtue, and illumination, is not merely an opera but a Masonic allegory. Its hero, Tamino, undergoes purification through fire and water to attain wisdom and union with light. The Queen of the Night represents superstition, while Sarastro, the wise Master, represents reason. Every note is an echo of the lodge: harmony, discipline, and transcendence through knowledge.

Even monarchs, for all their crowns, bent to the square. Frederick the Great of Prussia, a philosopher king and Mason, transformed his court at Potsdam into a beacon of intellectual freedom. Under his patronage, Masonic principles of tolerance and inquiry shaped the very policies of statecraft. In an age when questioning authority could still cost one's life, the Lodge offered sanctuary for ideas too bold to be spoken in the open.

The lodges of Paris and Berlin became crucibles of modern thought. Within their tiled chambers, noblemen debated natural rights with craftsmen, while military officers shared wine and discourse with playwrights and astronomers. To be a Mason was to belong to a republic of conscience that spanned nations and creeds, a silent fraternity that built bridges where politics built walls.

the journey of light

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The New World of Light

Across the Atlantic, that same light kindled a revolution. The early American lodges, chartered under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, became incubators for civic virtue and leadership. Among their members stood Franklin, Washington, Revere, Hancock, and Lafayette, names that would carve a republic from raw wilderness.

Benjamin Franklin, both printer and philosopher, carried with him from Europe the conviction that knowledge must serve liberty. He printed Masonic constitutions in Philadelphia and corresponded with brethren across the ocean, weaving an invisible network of reason and fraternity that preceded the visible bonds of the new nation.

George Washington, ever the symbol of measured virtue, embodied the Enlightenment's moral geometry. When he laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in 1793 wearing his Masonic apron, it was no mere ceremony of stone but a consecration of ideals. The Capitol became a temple of civic light, the republic its living Lodge.

The language of the Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," is in spirit Masonic. Its architecture of liberty, its appeal to the dignity of reason, and its reverence for moral order without sectarian dogma all echo the lessons taught under the square.

Even Thomas Jefferson, though not formally recorded as a Mason, moved within their intellectual orbit. His library at Monticello, filled with classical and scientific works, mirrored the Masonic temple: orderly, balanced, open to the world's knowledge yet devoted to private study. The American experiment, in essence, was an Enlightenment lodge writ large, a social contract among equals bound by the compasses of reason and virtue.

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Epilogue: The Desert Light

When, a century later, the frontier towns of the American Southwest raised their first Masonic temples under open skies, they did so by the same light that once illuminated the lodges of London and Paris. The founding of the Grand Lodge of Arizona in 1882 was not an echo but an affirmation, proof that the spirit of reason and fraternity had crossed oceans and deserts alike.

In the shadow of mesas and mountains, the Age of Light found new stone to polish. The symbols remained the same: the plumb, the level, the compasses, instruments of builders and philosophers alike. Yet the landscape had changed. Here, under vast skies, the Enlightenment's fire burned not in marble halls but in humble meeting rooms where men of every origin gathered to build something larger than themselves.

Freemasonry did not create the Enlightenment, nor did the Enlightenment create Freemasonry; they recognized one another. Both sought to replace ignorance with understanding, tyranny with order, and blind obedience with moral law freely chosen. Together they taught that light is not given, it is kindled.

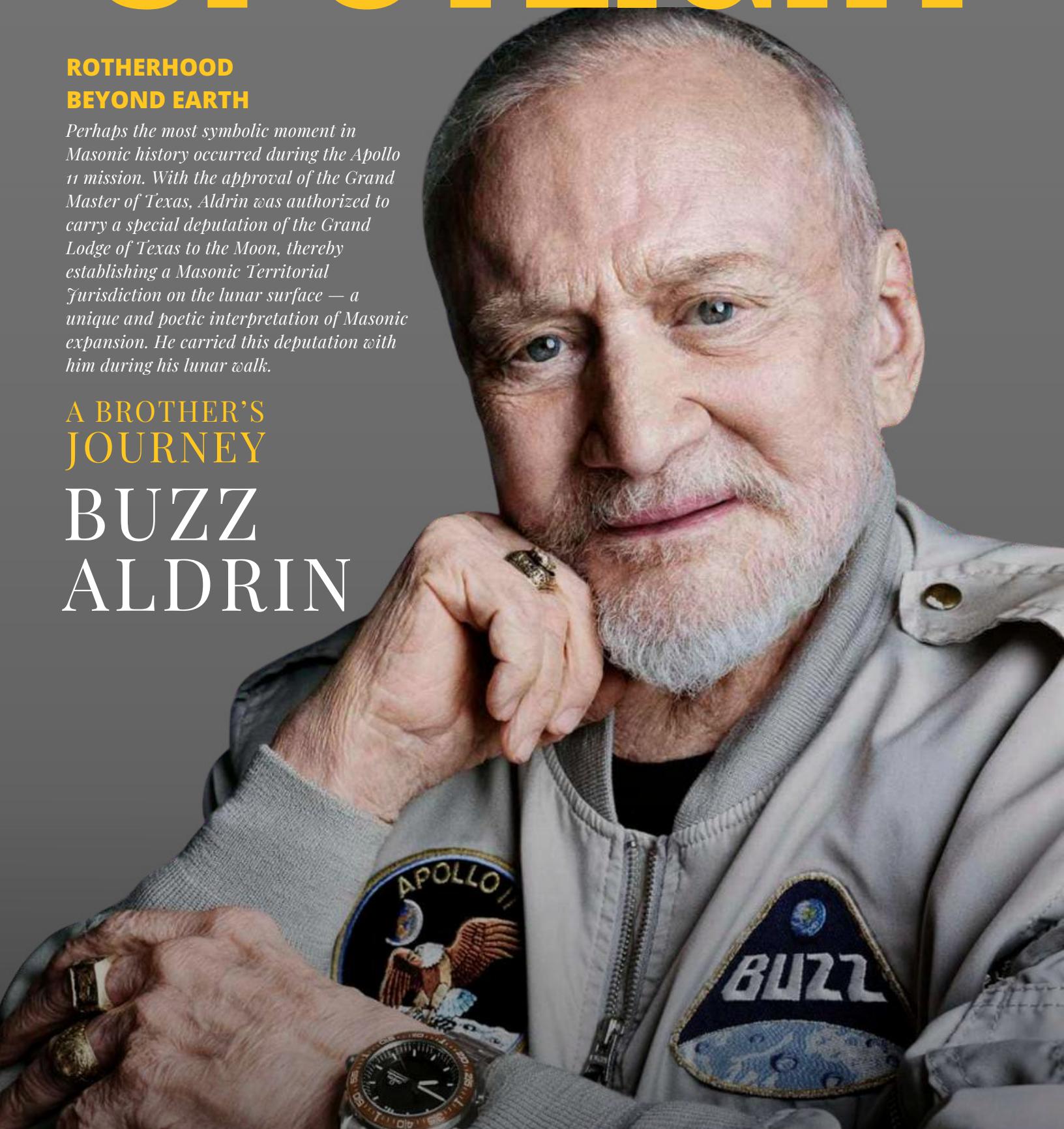
And though centuries have passed, the lesson endures: to be a Mason is to continue the work of the Enlightenment, to labor ceaselessly in the temple of humanity with reason as our compass and brotherly love as our guiding star.

SPOTLIGHT

ROTHERHOOD BEYOND EARTH

Perhaps the most symbolic moment in Masonic history occurred during the Apollo 11 mission. With the approval of the Grand Master of Texas, Aldrin was authorized to carry a special deputation of the Grand Lodge of Texas to the Moon, thereby establishing a Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction on the lunar surface — a unique and poetic interpretation of Masonic expansion. He carried this deputation with him during his lunar walk.

A BROTHER'S JOURNEY BUZZ ALDRIN



A JOURNEY FROM NEW JERSEY TO THE MOON

1. Early Life and Foundations

Brother Edwin Eugene “Buzz” Aldrin Jr. was born on January 20, 1930, in Montclair, New Jersey. From a young age he showed a strong aptitude for academics and athletics, graduating from Montclair High School before receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

At West Point, he excelled, graduating third in his class in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the United States Air Force, where he became a jet fighter pilot. During the Korean War, he flew 66 combat missions and was credited with shooting down two MiG-15 enemy aircraft — achievements that earned him distinction early in his military career.

After returning from service, Aldrin continued his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), earning a Doctor of Science in Astronautics in 1963. His dissertation on orbital rendezvous techniques earned him the nickname “Dr. Rendezvous.”

2. NASA and the Space Program

In 1963, Aldrin was selected by NASA for Astronaut Group 3, becoming the first astronaut with a doctoral degree — a testament to his academic and technical excellence.

Gemini XII (1966)

His first spaceflight was aboard Gemini XII in 1966, where he performed successful extravehicular activities (EVAs), spending over five hours outside the spacecraft. This mission solved many of the problems that had challenged earlier spacewalks and cemented his reputation as a highly skilled astronaut.

Apollo 11 and the Moon (1969)

Aldrin’s most famous achievement came with Apollo 11. On July 20, 1969, he and Commander Neil Armstrong landed the Lunar Module Eagle in the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon. Aldrin became the second human being to walk on the lunar surface, following Armstrong by about 19 minutes.





During their historic moonwalk, Aldrin and Armstrong collected lunar samples, deployed scientific experiments, and spent more than 21 hours on the Moon before returning safely to Earth. The mission not only represented one of humanity's greatest technological achievements but also a symbol of human curiosity and perseverance.

3. The Masonic Journey

Brother Aldrin's life was not only defined by military and scientific service — he was also an active and storied member of the Masonic fraternity.

Initiation and Lodge Membership

Brother Aldrin was initiated into Freemasonry at Oak Park Lodge No. 864 in

Alabama. He was later raised to the degree of Master Mason at Lawrence N. Greenleaf Lodge No. 169 in Denver, Colorado.

He also became a member of:

- Montclair Lodge No. 144 in New Jersey, and
- Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, A.F. & A.M. in Seabrook, Texas.

In addition to Blue Lodge Freemasonry, Aldrin was active in Masonic appendant bodies, including:

- York Rite,
- Arabia Shrine Temple of Houston, and
- Scottish Rite, where he attained the 33° degree — an honorary degree recognizing outstanding service.

Masonry and the Moon

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Brother Aldrin also carried a handmade silk Masonic flag, embroidered with the words "Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA," which now resides in the archives of the House of the Temple in

Washington, D.C. This flag stands as a Masonic artifact tied to one of mankind's greatest achievements.

For Freemasons around the world, this event symbolized the fraternity's ideals of exploration, enlightenment, and the expansion of human horizons.

4. Post-NASA Life and Legacy

After retiring from NASA in 1971, Aldrin served as Commandant of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base before leaving the Air Force in 1972.

Struggles and Triumphs

His post-Apollo life was marked by public service and personal challenges. In his autobiographical works — *Return to Earth* (1973) and *Magnificent Desolation* (2009) — Aldrin candidly discussed his struggles with depression and alcoholism in the years following his worldwide fame and the emotional adjustment that came with leaving NASA.

Over time, he became an advocate for mental health awareness, and his openness has helped destigmatize challenges many veterans and high-achievers face.

Advocacy and Vision

In later years, Aldrin remained a leading voice for space exploration. He founded the ShareSpace Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) education and commercial space travel.

He also championed the idea of human missions to Mars, developing conceptual

trajectories (such as the "Aldrin Cycler") that aimed to make interplanetary travel more efficient.

5. Legacy and Recognition

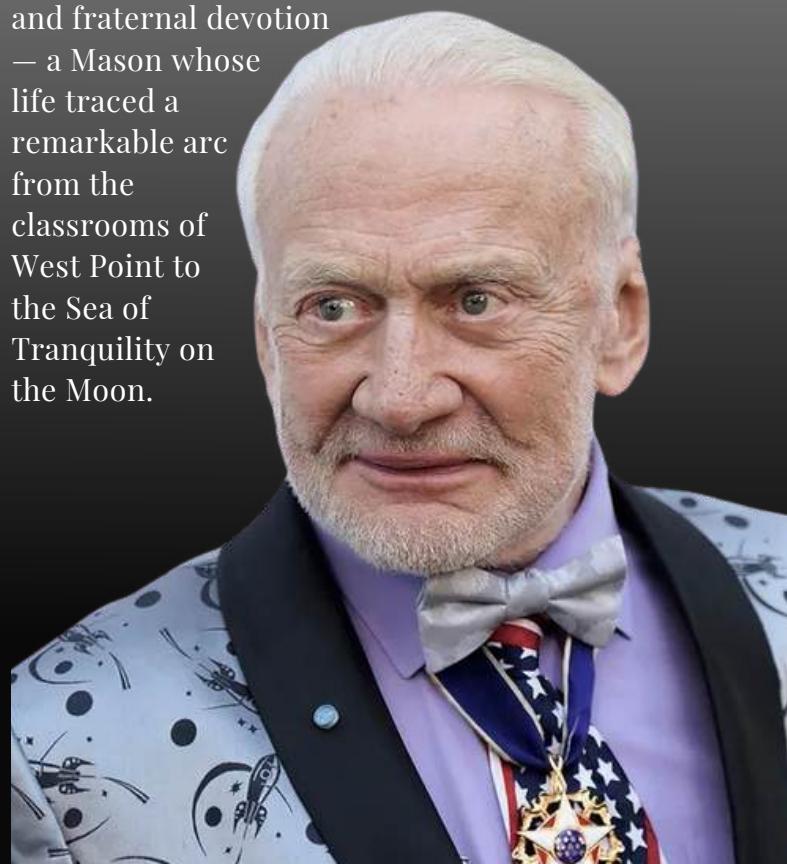
Brother Buzz Aldrin's life reflects an extraordinary synthesis of service, intellect, courage, and fraternity:

- Second human to walk on the Moon — a defining moment in 20th-century history.
- First Freemason to set foot on the lunar surface, carrying Freemasonry's symbols beyond Earth.
- Accomplished fighter pilot, engineer, astronaut, and author who pushed humanity toward new frontiers.
- Mentor and advocate for space exploration and STEM education through his later work.

To this day, he stands as a figure who bridged the realms of scientific achievement and fraternal devotion

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life traced a remarkable arc from the classrooms of West Point to the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon.



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Paul Revere

Born: Dec. 21, 1734

Died: May 10, 1818, Boston, MA

Paul Revere is one of the most iconic figures of the American Revolution. He was a skilled silversmith, engraver, and patriot. Born in 1735 in Boston, he was raised in a time of mounting colonial unrest. His craftsmanship and activism placed him at the heart of revolutionary fervor, and his ties to Freemasonry, particularly through St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, connected him with many of the leading figures of the independence movement.

Revere's talents extended beyond silver. He was also an accomplished engraver, creating political cartoons and propaganda that fueled colonial resistance. Through his work and Masonic connections, he forged alliances with men like Joseph Warren and James Otis, fellow Masons and patriots.

His most famous moment came on April 18, 1775, during his legendary midnight ride to warn of British troop

movements — a mission made possible by a trusted network of fellow revolutionaries, many of them Freemasons.

As a Mason, Revere served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, presiding over one of the most influential Masonic jurisdictions in early America. His leadership reflected the Masonic ideals of liberty, fraternity, and civic duty, which were deeply interwoven with the American cause.

Beyond his revolutionary fame, Revere made lasting contributions as an industrialist and artist. He established one of America's first copper rolling mills, and his engravings remain powerful visual documents of pre-revolutionary sentiment. His life stands as a testament to how craft, conviction, and brotherhood can shape the course of a nation.

Revere's journey from artisan to patriot hero was shared in fellowship with other Masonic leaders of the time — not only shaping the Revolution, but also embedding Masonic ideals in the cultural and political DNA of the United States.



Tea urn for Hannah Rowe, 1791,
Metropolitan Museum of Art.

grand lodge masonic upcoming activities



**NOV
11
2025**

East Valley Veteran's Day Parade

 Grand Lodge

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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 Mesa, Arizona

**NOV
15
2025**

Yuma Territorial Lodge 17 Annual Outdoor Degree

 Grand Lodge

 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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 Yuma, Arizona

**DEC
11
2025**

Tucson Scottish Rite Holiday Party!

 Grand Lodge

 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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 Tucson, Arizona

**DEC
27
2025**

Feast of St John the Evangelist

 Grand Lodge

 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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 Chandler, Arizona



EAST VALLEY VETERANS PARADE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2025, 11:00 AM TO 1 PM

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GRAND LECTURER AWARDS

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



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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
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GOAL:

To incentivize ritual and open door to more award pins



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audit and trustees

1yr Trustee is WB Chris West
2yr Trustee is WB Randy Smith
3yr Trustee is Shane Gilbert

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

public schools

Chair: Chris West, PM

retention and calling

Chair: Shane Gilbert / Ray Brigandi, PM

reports of sickness or distress

Chair: WM Bryon Howe / Ray Brigandi, PM

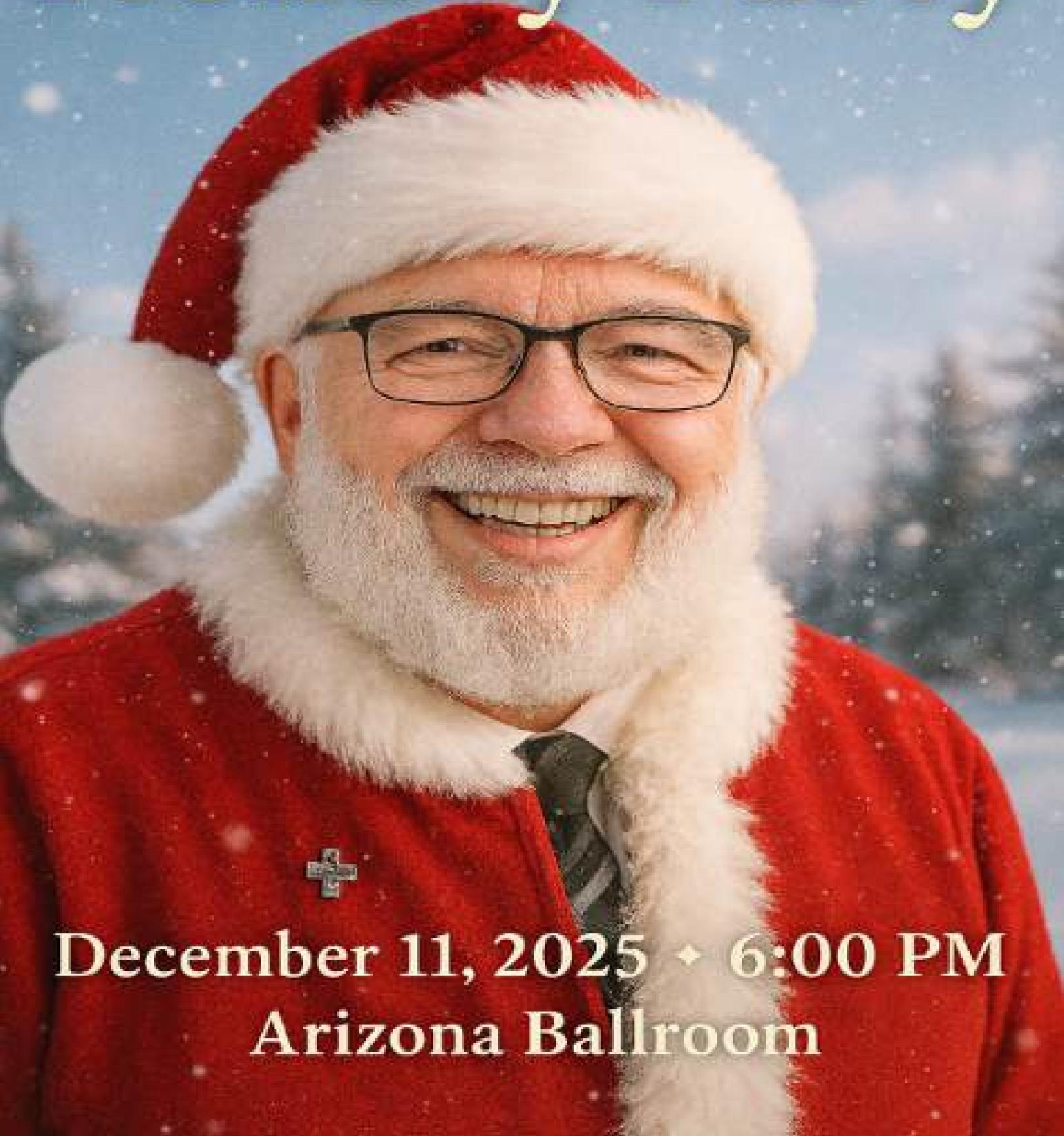
social

Chair: Shane Gilbert

trestleboard

Chair: Chris West, PM / Andy Maroglio

Tucson Scottish Rite
Holiday Party



December 11, 2025 • 6:00 PM
Arizona Ballroom



committee reports

committees

reports

audit and trustees

Audit and Trustees: No Report.
Last Quarter Audit Feb 3rd. Annual Return Prep.

awards

WM, SW and JW are on track, keeping account of the Master Architect award requirements and timeline

benevolent fund

Brothers. Asking for a \$75 reimbursement check to help someone out of work with a water bill. Thank you.

degree and ritual proficiency

The Practice for the 3rd degree was postponed.
Absences were aplenty.

fraternal relations

The committee respectfully reports that there were no formal fraternal communications or visitations this period.



committee reports

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fundraising

Sun City Lodge fundraising opportunity - serving at Surprise Stadium Spring Training. Most recent NPO Orientation had 8 new volunteers. 7 confirmed concerts and a strongman event coming up.

funeral team

No Report.

hospitality

November - Chris West - Confirmed. Good food! Thank You WB West. December - Brian Frishcosy. January 2026 -John Weisman

masonic education

Tabled

membership

Dues for the annual membership as of January 1, 2026. The amount is \$159.
13 prospects- Kudos to our prospect chairman Brother Rodger Marx!
2 Pending Candidate
6 EA's
4 FC's
55 MM's - Angel Gregorio has asked for a demit from Phoenicia lodge before the end of this year.



committee reports

committees

public schools

Tuesday, October 28th, the teachers will be having their parent-teacher conferences. They will be available to eat between 5-6PM. We crushed that event! \$400 expenses, 50 teachers and 13 lodge members and prospects. Thank you all. The next Bikes for Books on 12/19 between 9:10AM – 10:10AM and noting the new contact as the prior Principal at the School is now gone to another school. We have confirmed our presence at both events. PM Chris West will acquire the bikes, We already have the two chrome books.

reports of sickness and distress

No Reports

retention and calling

Calls were made

social

The Phoenix Masonry School is trying to push for a presentation trying to present 3 levels on November 10th Sign up Sheet for Christmas Party - Cave Creek and Pinnacle Peak - December 20th Shane and John Weisman will collaborate

trestleboard

November December issues is out Articles are due for the next publication. Volunteer writers / ghostwriters are welcome.



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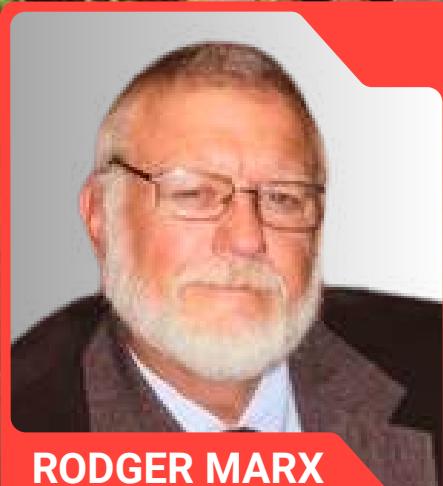
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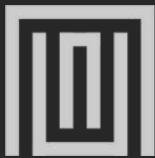
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December 27th 2025 6pm

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Cost: \$30

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Appetizers:

Salad & rolls

Entrée:

Beef Pot Roast with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes & Mixed Veggies

Dessert:

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masters and past masters

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 (D)
Carl D. Lang – 1961 (D)
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Augustine G. DiPaola – 1963 (D)
Perry Wheat, Jr. – 1964 (D)
Robert A. Anglin – 1965 (D)
Marvin R. Strickland – 1966 (D)
Albert A. Hinchcliff – 1967 (D)
Garrett L. Hendershot – 1968 (D)
Raymond O. Marshall – 1969 (D)
Cecil P. Overstreet – 1970, 1986 (D)
Norman H. Pfieiffer – 1971, 1982 (D)
Benjamin H. Fisk – 1972 (D)
Donese B. Tackett – 1973 (D)
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Maurice E. Pebbles – 1975 (D)
Charles Q. Hartley – 1976 (D)
Robert L. Allision – 1977 (D)
Neil D. Shepard – 1978 (D)
Theodore E. Pearson – 1979 (D)
Chester R. Hinson – 1980, 1981 (D)
George E. Hinson – 1983, 1984 (D)
William E. Dillon - 1985 (D)
Howard E. Ward – 1987 (D)
Robert P. Taber – '88, '89, '96, '99, '01 (D)
Philip T. Zeilinger – 1990, 1991 (D)
Joel R. Adams – 1992, 1993 (D)

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James W. Brown – 1998
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Randall G. Smith – 2005
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Eric Stethem – 2009
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Jeffrey Hinson – 2011 (D)
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Jason Easterday – 2015
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Bryon P. Howe – 2018, 2024
Christopher B. West – 2019, 2020
Mathew A. Brassard – 2021
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Steven Hooper – 2023

Affiliated Past Masters
Sidney Breger (D)
William Franklin (D)
Lucius L. Green (D)

(D) - Deceased

appendant bodies meeting at the lodge



paradise valley silver trowel lodge no. 29

Stated Meeting: 7:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday.

Special meetings are held nearly every Wed.

Contact secretary



stars of paradise #56 order of the eastern star

2nd and 4th Thursday (dark in the summer)

Contact secretary

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We are not made Masons by minutes, nor by minutes read aloud. We become what we build, and that begins with what we remove. Straighten what is crooked. Brighten what is dim. Watch what grows when no one is watching. And sculpt patiently, honestly, until what remains is simple, strong, and true.

Some carry the tools. Others become them.

May the Light guide your path this season and always.