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Most Worshipful Brother J. Michael Atchley 1942 - 2017



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5 simple Google S.E.O. tips for your Blue Lodge

from the AZ GL Tech Committee



CLAIM YOUR (BUSINESS) LODGE

Google your lodge and look at the box on the right side, at the bottom, it will say "claim this business", claim it. We suggest choosing a M.M. who is consistent, well qualified and properly vouched for.



GOOGLE DESCRIPTION

In your Google Description once you've claimed your lodge, end your lodge name with, "Masonic Lodge". Here's an example, Past Masters No. 357 F&AM Masonic Lodge.



ART & PHOTOS

If your lodge does not have a photo, take one of the building and maybe your lodge logo. It may not be a good idea to take photos of valuables in your lodge for safety purposes.



ADD YOUR LODGE WEBSITE INFO

Google will allow you to input relevant information. Be sure to list your lodge website, hours of operation and any other info that may be important to your lodge.



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Lodge Leadership Conference Ahead!

The Annual Grand Lodge of Arizona Lodge Leadership Conference will be held March 31-April 2, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande Arizona.

This Motivational Conference for ALL Master Masons interested in Masonic LEADERSHIP will be the best of the series with many of the topics you care about to be covered. We will focus on subjects that are not only relevant to those in leadership positions but to all Arizona Masons!

This is a great event not only for education but also socializing with your Brothers from all over the State!

Registration can be found on
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ARIZONA MASONRY



George Washington Degree
held on February 11, 2017
at the Tucson Scottish Rite.



Downtown Lodge No. 86
Fish Fry Night
at Sabbar Shrine



Chase Gordon Master Mason
Degree held on February 17, 2017
at Glendale Lodge No. 23.



Hawaiian Shirt Stated Meeting
held on February 7, 2017
at the Paradise Valley Lodge No. 58.



Sabbar Shriner
Official Visit
at Tucson Lodge No. 4



David Master Mason
Degree held on February 3, 2017
at Hiram Daylight No. 73.



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ARIZONA MASONRY



Brother Gary Smith Master Mason
Degree held on February 10, 2017
at Glendale Lodge No. 23.



El Zaribah Patrol and Yuma
Shrine Club's Clown Unit
"Jimbo" in Silver Spur Parade



Most Worshipful Rex Hutchens
adding some final touches to the
Tucson Scottish Rite



Entered Apprentice Degree
held on February 7, 2017
at the Gila Valley Lodge No. 9.



Masonic Education
Night
at Prometheus Lodge No. 78



Lodge of Instruction
Held at
at Gila Valley Lodge No. 9.



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ARIZONA MASONRY



Ken Lain Master Mason Degree
held on February 1, 2017
at Aztlán Lodge No. 1.



Official Visit
King Solomon
Lodge No. 5



Daniel Paona Master Mason Degree
held on February 15, 2017
at Sahuaro Lodge No. 45



Master Mason Degree
held on February 13, 2017
at the Oriental Lodge No. 20.



17th Annual
BBQ Fundraiser
at Yuma Lodge No. 17



Lodge of Instruction
Held at
at Gila Valley Lodge No. 9.



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Valentines Dinner
for Adobe Lodge XLI.



Annual Sabbar Shrine
Rodeo Dance
on February 18, 2017



First Fellowcraft Degree of the Year
At Chandler-Thunderbird
Lodge No. 15



Entered Apprentice Degree
held on January 26, 2017
at El Quixote Lodge No. 83.



A wonderfully performed
Degree held on February 10,
2017 at the Epes Randolph
Lodge No. 32



Installation at
Pioneer Lodge No. 82
at Pioneer Lodge No. 9.



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RANDOLPH TRAVELING CLUB

The Randolph Rangers: Masonic Travels Made Fun

By: Bro. Kenny Lewis III

Arizona has a lot to offer Masonically, and the 60 Lodges that we have in the state each have their own intricate history and wealth of knowledge- you simply have to go there to see them! I myself have now visited 30 of the Lodges in our great state, as well as one in New Mexico and one in Tennessee, and I would have never done so had it not been from the actions and ideas of the Brothers around me. Many of you know me and the rest of the Rangers because we've been to so many Lodges now. During our travels, we have very cool and interesting things, but we've never seen a visitation committee like ours. Some people ask us why we travel, others are simply impressed, and I know at least one Lodge was inspired to start up their own committee from our visit. Traveling is a great way for Brothers to learn more about the craft, have a fun time doing it, meet more Brothers, and, if they travel together, form stronger bonds.

This all started almost two years ago, when a friend of mine became a Master Mason. We were having dinner with a mutual friend and Brother of ours in Phoenix, who suggested that, after my friend get his 3rd degree, we begin to travel all over Arizona, visiting the Lodges in numerical order. That following month we were in Prescott, visiting Aztlan #1 for their stated. The next month we were off to Arizona #2 and White Mountain #3, and it was off. A few Brothers from my Blue Lodge decided to join in, and after some discussion from them we decided to call ourselves the Rangers, and with the blessing of our Worshipful Master, our travel committee was born. We decided to try and visit all the Lodges numerically as best we could, but sometimes we fit in things as we saw fit- such as special degrees and events.

Now, we have four people who go all around the state, visiting different Lodges, and many others who join us for those near our home in Tucson. We've had as many as 7 join us for a Rangers event, and when we put our muscle into Lodge-sponsored official visits we've gotten as many as 20 of our Brothers into a local Lodge. We always tell the Brothers in our Lodge that we're happy to join them on any journey they make, and it's always a fun and interesting experience.



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(cont.) Each Lodge has something unique to offer- for example, Yuma Lodge has a series of trestleboards in their dining hall. They're beautiful, and very symbolic, and worth talking about for a good few hours. We didn't know what they were, but with the Lodge's permission, I took pictures of them, and a few months later, my Worshipful Master was discussing them! We had pictures of them and wound up having a very interesting and educational experience.

These travels have put me through a good hundred or more hours of driving on the road, and each time I've had a good pool of Brothers by my side. We have our fair share of stories- like almost hitting a full-grown elk outside of Winslow, which would have probably killed at least me- but a lot of good bonding time. We talk a lot, about Masonry, our hobbies, and life. We get used to new tastes in music, and we decided to adopt "Hotel California" by the Eagles as our theme song of sorts. These experiences have really shown me how wonderful it is to be involved in my Lodge in a way I wanted to be, and how great it is to have brethren dwell in unity.

If anyone wants to start their own group, it's as simple as talking to your Brothers, finding out where you want to go, and plotting a course! Calling the Lodge a day or two ahead of time is both useful and polite, of course, and your secretary will have the contact information for any Lodge in the state. Useful things to know include dress code, what degree they'll be meeting on (if it's a Stated meeting), if there's a dinner and how much it is, and confirming when and where the Lodge meets. Let them know how many people they can expect, and then head on over!

Overall, the experience is enriching for all who go to these events. There's always something new to learn, someone interesting to meet, and good times to be had with your Brothers. I highly encourage every Lodge to have Brothers travel, and experience what Masonry is like outside of their home Lodge. You might even find new ideas on how to improve what you have!



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ARIZONA MASONS SOCIALLY OUT IN THE STATE





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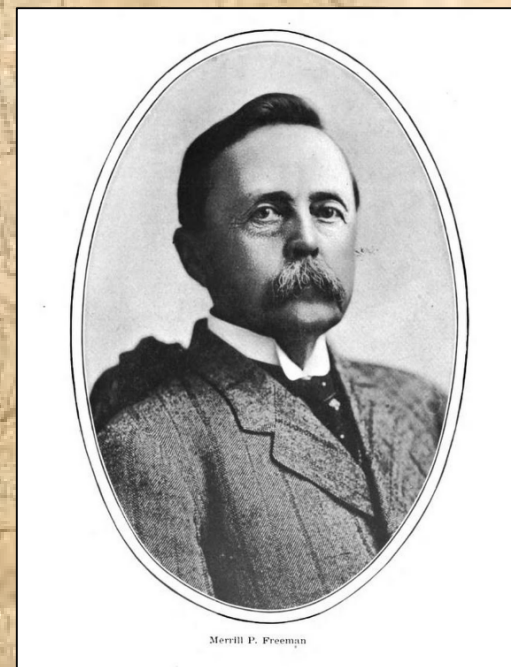
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HISTORY OF THE GRAND LODGE

SPOTLIGHT ON MERRILL P. FREEMAN THIRD GRAND MASTER OF ARIZONA

MERRILL P. FREEMAN, LL. D., (1844-1919) pioneer, financier, business man of Tucson, attained a prominence in the financial, educational, political and fraternal life of the state that was rarely equaled in the span of one man's life. Dr. Freeman was born in Ohio, in February, 1844, but was removed to Iowa with the family when but three years of age, and crossed the plains to California by ox team when he was but eight years old. The latter trip, now to be made by rail in three days, then required five months, during which he rode horseback, driving loose cattle until his pony was stolen by the Indians. His playmates for the first few years of residence in California were only little Indian boys. In 1857 Dr. Freeman went by steamer from San Francisco via the Isthmus to the east, where he took a four years' academic course, and returned to California, as before, by ox team, this trip requiring the same length of time as the previous one, and although but seventeen years old, he did regular guard duty against the Indians. In 1862 he removed to Nevada, where, during the larger part of a residence of eighteen years, he was engaged in mining and banking. He also served as agent for the Wells Fargo Express Company at a number of points, and had charge of the western end of their overland stage line at the time of the completion of the Central Pacific Railroad. in 1869. At various times during his residence in Nevada he held offices of political trust and honor, among which were Regent of the University, Receiver of the U. S. Land office, Postmaster, county treasurer and chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. In the winter of 1880-1881 he came to Arizona on mining business, and located at Tucson.





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In 1884 he was appointed postmaster of that city, but resigned this position in 1887 to accept the position of cashier of the Bank of D. Henderson. As cashier of the Bank of D. Henderson, he began what has proven to be one of the most notable and influential financial records in Arizona's history. This bank was afterwards consolidated with the Bank of Tucson and subsequently became the Consolidated National Bank, and during most of the intervening years it has had the benefit of Dr. Freeman's wisdom and foresight and has been guided to its eminent success largely because of adherence to his sound banking policy. In 1888 he severed his connection with The Consolidated National Bank, retiring for a time from active financial duties, and later established the Santa Cruz Valley Bank, now the Arizona National Bank, another of the state's soundest institutions. In 1895 he returned to his former field of effort, The Consolidated National Bank, as its president, and until compelled by a nervous breakdown in 1911 to retire, continued in the president's chair. Many years of close application to business in various lines had so impaired the health of Dr. Freeman that it seemed the part of wisdom to dispense with some of his arduous duties, and since then, although generally recognized as "retired," he is a keenly alive man of affairs, whose influence is still felt and whose advice is still sought on matters of importance. During the fifteen years Dr. Freeman was president of the Consolidated National Bank the deposits increased from something more than \$100,000 to one and one half millions, which, in addition to being an important factor in the history of the bank, is a high tribute to its management.

In 1889 Dr. Freeman became closely associated with the University of Arizona as a member of the Board of Regents, which position he has since filled at intervals for a total of sixteen years, ten of which he served as chancellor. At one period, at the earnest solicitation of the governor, resigning as chancellor of the University to fill a term on the Territorial Board of Equalization, he was subsequently returned to his old position as chancellor. In 1911, on nomination by the governor of the state, he was invested with the degree of LL.D.,



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"for constant and conspicuous service to the state and university, for devotion to every detail of his high office as regent and chancellor."

In 1870 Dr. Freeman was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and during his lifetime achieved almost every distinction and honor in Masonry to and including being conferred the Thirty Third Degree in Scottish Rite. He was most impressively Grand Master of two separate jurisdictions, Nevada and Arizona, a very unusual distinction, and President of the Association of Past Grand Masters of Arizona.

During his years of residence in Arizona, Dr. Freeman took an especial interest in its very early history - dating back to Coronado's expedition of 1540 - a fondness for which developed into what may well be termed a hobby, and acquired an extensive and valuable library on this subject, consisting of more than 400 volumes, some of which are very rare and from one to two hundred years old, many of them out of print and very difficult to get.

In his final will and testament provided for two medals to be awarded annually to students selected by the University of Arizona administration in his name. Qualifications include outstanding moral force of character. Additional factors which are considered are popularity, receipt of athletic awards, membership in organizations, service on committees and as officers



University of Arizona 1889



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ARIZONA LODGES ACTIVITY

2017 PV 29 George Washington Oratorical Contest

50 years ago Paradise Valley Lodge No. 58 started the George Washington Oratorical Contest for local school kids to promote communication skills, public speaking with a nod to history. Worshipful Brother Robert Rimer started the George Washington Oratorical Contest at the Lodge for the local schools. Worshipful Brother Raymond Paul Najjar continued the tradition of this worthy endeavor and few years ago the Worshipful Brother Matt Jones stepped in with his wife to continue the special event into the present day. The hundreds of children that have participated in its 50 year history will always hold the event special.

2017 Judges

Right Worshipful Greg Vasquez,
Junior Grand Warden

Worshipful Brother Jim Baker
Junior Grand Steward

Suzanne Cash - Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution She was a teacher at Cortez HS in the Science Department. Her father was a Mason and a Shriner. She was a member of both Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters

Adrian Fontes
Maricopa County Recorder





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It happens several times each year. Someone calls the Masonic Service association with what they consider an insurmountable challenge. It usually goes something like this:

Help! I don't know why, but the Master has appointed me to chair the Lodge History Committee. How the heck do I go about writing a lodge history?

Then it is twenty-question time. How old is the lodge? When was the last time a history of the lodge was published? What do you know about the charter members? Why was the lodge formed? What were the principal occupations of the founding members? What were the economic conditions in the Community when the lodge was organized? What impact was made on the community by the formation of the lodge? Who were the prime movers? Where did they first meet? When, where and why did they move? What were the high points and low points of lodge finances? What were the charitable projects the lodge was engaged in?

The questions could go on and on, but usually the call is on his nickel, so we feel as though we have given him a basis to start his research. Next, he will have to organize the material into logical segments.

Selecting those segments, of course, will depend upon the age of the lodge. Older lodges can usually be divided into fifty or twenty five year segments. Younger lodges will probably wish to use ten year segments or possibly yearly. This naturally will be dictated by the interests of the author(s). One notable exception that comes to mind is a history of an old lodge in Pennsylvania. The author used varying lengths of time for each segment, but identified the major inventions which were patented in those years. It was fascinating and an interesting point of reference. A lodge in South Carolina prepared a history which was tied to the growth of the county, emphasizing the contributions made by the lodge members in the development of the county government and economic growth. Other lodge histories have been tied to the expansions of the railroads, the oil fields, industry and other social factors affecting the lodge.



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A number of years ago, Brothers B. F. Mandelbaum and L. E. Vanatta presented a paper at the Oklahoma Lodge of Research entitled, Preparation of a Lodge History. Following is a summary of that paper:

Masonic Research divides itself into numerous lines: history, philosophy, symbolism and other aspects of the Craft, as well as the practical application of the teachings of our Fraternity.

Of these, history is one of the most important aspects; to give knowledge of what has gone on before, to account for the spread of the Craft, and to know the contributions we have made to our cities, states and country. We are concerned with the aspect of history and primarily the history of Masonry, mainly Craft Lodge History.

We propose to outline what should be looked for in preparing a Lodge history. Perhaps with this outline, more Lodges could find a member who would be interested in compiling a history or information for a history.

The most fundamental, and first start on compilation of a history is to go through the minutes of the Lodge, write a brief or long page for each year and in this manner cover the month to month business and activities of the Lodge. But even in this sort of compilation, we need to know and plan what to look for.





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Let us, therefore, itemize, with some discussion the several aspects that make up the Lodge history.

1. **PICTURES:** Strangely enough, it is possible to find old ones if time is taken to look. They may be in old newspaper files in photographers studios. If possible, pictures of the first temple building (even if rented) and subsequent temples would be of interest; as will a few of the more prominent members especially Grand Lodge Officers. Although not a picture, if an imprint of the Lodge Seal is available it should be included especially when the Lodge was chartered under another jurisdiction.
2. **DATES:** When the Lodge was issued a dispensation, how was it obtained and when was it chartered? The dates of its first meeting Under Dispensation and after Charter and other firsts. When the Lodge moved to other temples, or built their own should be of importance, as well as when the first degrees were conferred.
3. **PEOPLE:** At the start, Masons who were the charter members: Who were they? Where did they come from? Who among them were most active? Some of the more prominent members should be noted for their civic or business activity as well as Masonic offices. While we are writing a history of a Lodge it is made up of people and therefore we will find names all through the history. Probably a list of Worshipful Masters and Secretaries should be included and any long time officers such as a Tyler, who served many years.
4. **FINANCIAL:** What were the first dues? What changes were made over the years? How was the temple financed and if on borrowed money, when and how was it paid off? Were there any gifts or bequests to the Lodge and for what were they used?



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5. **CHARITY:** We are a fraternal organization and any assistance to our members should not be openly published, except as perhaps an amount used for such purpose each year. Many Lodges, however, contribute much to our Grand Lodge Homes, to civic uses, hospitals, and other charities.

6. **SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Some Lodges have annual picnics, social functions, special events, 50 year presentations and other activities.

7. **OTHER MASONIC BODIES:** We are seeking further Masonic education and affiliate with other bodies, the York and Scottish Rite and others. We also sponsor and assist DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters. Such activity, where it affects the Lodge or Lodge members is a part of our history.

8. **OLDTIMERS:** The best source of events and happenings in the

Lodge is the older members who might remember items of interest, or may be able to elaborate on the items in the Lodge minutes that are briefed by the Secretary. Because these are memory items, they should be checked in some manner with other members or other sources for exactness. The use of a tape recorder to interview old timers is useful, just getting them to reminisce about events in the Lodge while the recorder is on, and some questions are asked.

These are merely eight items, and there are others not listed, which might help a member in preparing a history of his Lodge. While some would not consider writing a history, perhaps they could, using an outline, prepare sufficient information from the Lodge records for another Brother to compile the information into a history.



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Such are the challenges which we face in preparing a lodge history. Just as the proof of the pudding is in the eating, when writing we must never lose sight of the reader. The proof of the writing is in the reading. Lodge histories, to be effective must bring the events into focus so that those who read it will be interested, inspired and informed.

A lodge history should give a logical, factual and interesting story of the formation, events and individuals which resulted in the lodge being what it is. There is usually a good story as to how and why the name of the lodge was selected, and every member deserves to know. It costs money to publish a lodge history. The funds available will usually determine how extensive a volume will be published, and how many copies will be available. We think a quality lodge deserves a quality history. Just as in every other worthwhile endeavor, we need to place our designs on the trestleboard. We need to plan. It is a good idea to set aside a set amount each year for several years in an interest bearing History Fund. In this way you can insure sufficient funds for a quality history. Many lodges supplement that fund by having annual fund raising dinners, picnics and family outings.

A lodge history is a challenge. More important, to meet that challenge, a great many members will become involved in its research, planning, preparation, proofreading, printing and publication. The more involvement in the project the more interest and support will be given to it.

The same is true when it comes time to update a lodge history. Its a constant challenge to record the good years and the bad and to evaluate the accomplishments of the lodge.

Does your lodge have a printed history?



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MASONIC TRIVIA

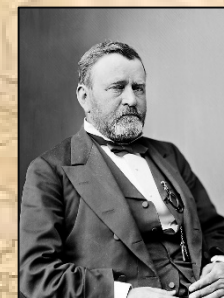
In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there was a brass square found under a bridge near a small chapel dated 1517 with the following inscription: "I will serve to live with love & care, upon the level, by the square." That was 200 years before the founding of Grand Lodge of England!! It is considered one of the older Masonic artifacts

The Gila Valley No. 9 F & AM Masonic Lodge Fund Raiser this year is a **solid silver** replica made from a mold of the original square! Tickets are only \$5 a piece. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RAFFLE TICKET, VISIT THIS PAYPAL LINK:

<http://tinyurl.com/gqyvr7f>



General Ulysses S. Grant's father and two brothers were members of the Masonic Lodge at Galena, Illinois. The father often told friends that Ulysses intended to petition for the degrees but in the press of duties in the army and the presidency, it was delayed. In 1871, Grant told a group of Knights Templar that when he returned home he would petition Miner's Lodge No. 273. The Grand Master arranged to make him a Mason "at sight" but Grant died before this could be accomplished.



Future President Warren Harding was blackballed on the first petition for membership in 1901 on objection and rumor over his heritage. That impediment was overcome and he was made an Entered apprentice on June of that year, but delaying his further progress for nearly 20 years. He received no other degree until after becoming U.S. President, FC & MM in Marion Lodge No. 70 in 1920 (MM Aug. 27, 1920) Tough crowd





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The examination of a candidate for proficiency in the previous degree was first introduced in 1850 in Louisiana



In 1952, eighty-nine percent of the U.S. Supreme Court Justices were Freemasons.



In 1948 the Prisoner of War camp north of Florence was dismantled and the buildings were sold off to make room for would later be the Florence Gardens area. Area schools had first priority on the surplus buildings, however the Masonic Lodge in Florence Arizona was able to secure one to replace their Lodge Building which had been destroyed by fire. The buildings were obtained at a 95% discount. Many of the buildings are still being used throughout the East Valley area of Phoenix including the present day Lodge Building of [Gila Valley No. 9 F & AM](#)



Col. Harland Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants. He began selling fried chicken from his roadside restaurant in Corbin, Kentucky, during the Great Depression. Sanders identified the potential of the restaurant franchising concept, and the first Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) franchise opened in Utah in 1952. The company's rapid expansion across the United States and overseas saw it overwhelm the ageing Sanders, and in 1964 he sold the company to a group of investors. He was initiated in Henryville (Indiana) Lodge No. 651 in 1917, and affiliated with Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938 in Corbin, Ky, in 1953. He was also a 33rd Mason and a noble of Oleika Shrine, Lexington, Ky

Prison Buildings Sale Completed

Sale of 115 surplus buildings at the Florence prisoner-of-war camp to war veterans and to schools has been completed, Robert O. Kelly, state surplus purchasing officer, reported yesterday to Governor Osborn.

Schools exercised their priority for 69 buildings, which they obtained at a 95 per cent public benefit discount.

Kelly's office exercised the state's priority to purchase 86 buildings which have been resold to veterans. The total purchase price paid for these buildings was \$50,672.

Another sale of the POW camp buildings will be held in about 45 days.



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In 1863 and at the age of 50 years old, A. C. Benedict came to Arizona and served as an express rider from Fort Wingate, NM to Prescott, AZ. He later opened a hotel in Tucson and later moved to Huababi Ranch where he farmed the land while fighting off the Apache Indians. On March 28, 1880 the Arizona Daily Star sent a call out to all Masons to meet at the house of Mr. J.S. Resking to assist in Masonic Burial Services. Masons were still just meeting as a Masonic Club and would not form a Lodge until the following year!

NOTICES.

PROSPECTOR.

IN MEMORIAM.

Yesterday morning this community was startled by the announcement of the death of A. C. Benedict, an old pioneer of Arizona, which occurred at the residence of Mr. Peter Kitchen. The deceased had been suffering with a shattered constitution for many years, and of late was taken with typhoid pneumonia, which was more than his wasted system could endure, and he yielded his spirit to him who gave it. A. C. Benedict was about fifty years of age, was a native of Michigan and came to Arizona in 1863, and for some time was engaged as express rider from Fort Wingate, New Mexico, to Prescott, and then took to prospecting in Yavapai County. In 1866 he came to Tucson and opened a hotel, in which business he continued until 1870, when he settled on the Huababi Ranch, up the Santa Cruz valley, which he held for years against the Apaches with his rifle.

It was in the Spring of 1871 that Mr. Benedict came to be most generally known for his courage and grit. While plowing he was attacked by a large band of Indians. He made a stand and a gallant fight, killing three of the Apaches, but the Indians being to many he was forced to retreat, and while mounting his horse received a ball through his right ankle, which made him a cripple for the remainder of his life.

The people, to show their sympathy in Mr. Benedict's misfortunes, elected him to the office of County Treasurer, and in the year 1875 he was made Territorial Auditor, both of which offices he filled with general satisfaction. In the later part of 1878 he again moved to the Huababi ranch, where he once lived, and acquired a handsome competence in stock and improved farm. The deceased leaves a wife and four children to mourn his departure.

This morning, at 9:30, all Masonic brethren are requested to meet at the house of Mr. J. S. Resking, to assist in the burial services of Brother A. C. Benedict.

During WWII the Prisoner of War Camp in Town of Florence (Government) provided labor to the city. In addition to help in the fields they also helped sew bags that were used to harvest cotton. The prisoners saved any remaining cotton they found within the bags and in 1946 A.L. Bartlett, President of Pinal County Farm Bureau coordinated selling the bale they gathered and split the proceeds to the Boy Scouts in Florence, Coolidge, and Casa Grande. Archer Lyle Bartlett was a Mason for many years and Master of Gila Valley No. 9 F & AM Masonic Lodge in 1933.

Farm Labor announces.

Cotton Saved By Prisoners Brings \$100

Scouts Get Proceeds From Sale Of Bale Salvaged By Germans

Boy Scout Chapters in Casa Grande, Coolidge and Florence are to share in the proceeds from the sale of a bale of cotton amounting to approximately \$100, according to Mr. A. L. Bartlett, president of the Pinal County Farm Bureau.

The cotton was taken from sacks which were sent to the Florence prisoner-of-war camp for repairs after being torn in the fields.

During the past season, over 20,000 sacks were repaired and the small amount of cotton taken from the bottom of each sack accumulated a total of 1190 pounds.

Captain Everman, in charge of repairs at the Florence camp, this week turned the cotton over to the Farm Bureau, contracting agency for all prisoners-of-war in the county.

J. B. Strickland trucked the cotton from the Florence camp to the gin in Coolidge.

Earl Nabors, manager of the J. B. Boswell Company in Coolidge, where the cotton is being ginned, agreed to add about 200 additional pounds of seed cotton in order to make a complete bale.

As soon as the cotton is ginned and sold the proceeds will be divided and checks will be forwarded to the Scout Chapter in Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Florence, according to Mr. Bartlett.



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MASONIC TRIVIA

King Frederick the Great once said "The Greatest and Noblest pleasure which men can have in this world is discover new truths, and the next is to shake off old prejudices. Like many leading figures in the Age of Enlightenment, Frederick was a Freemason and his membership in 1738 legitimized the group and protected it against charges of subversion in early Prussia



On July 22, 1796, Moses Cleveland arrived at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River and decided that the land just to the east of it would be the capital of a new territory. His surveyors laid out a town, including a 10-acre Public Square, on the high bluffs overlooking Lake Erie and the winding Cuyahoga. Cleaveland and most of his men returned to Connecticut in October, having laid out towns and plots all across the territory east of the Cuyahoga River. As a Freemason he was initiated in a military lodge and then he became W. Master of Moriah Lodge No. 15, Connecticut.



Eagle Lodge, chartered in 1791, is one of the first Masonic lodges chartered under the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. In 1793 members helped lay the cornerstone of Old East building at the University of North Carolina in a ceremony marking the birth of public higher education in the U.S





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Pearl Hart - Lady Bandit of Arizona -The Gila Valley Lodge No. 9 connection

Born as Pearl Taylor of French descent in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, the petite and attractive young girl would grow up to become one of the only female stagecoach robbers in the American West. One of several children, Pearl was brought up in a respectable middle-class family and received a good education. Though she couldn't have known it, her life would take a turn for the worse when, at the age of seventeen, she fell for swaggering and seductive gambler named Frederick Hart.

Pearl soon eloped with Hart, who sometimes worked as a bartender, but more often, lost whatever money he had at the gaming tables. In addition to being a poor provider, he was also said to have been a heavy drinker and often abusive to his young wife. Whatever dreams Pearl might have had with Fred, she was soon

disappointed, as her life with him proved to be one hardship after another. In 1893, the couple traveled to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois where Fred worked as a sideshow barker and Pearl found a number of odd jobs. While she was there, she became enthralled with the Wild West shows and was especially enamored by Annie Oakley, who she saw performing. She also attended the World's Fair Women's number of women's speeches, including Julia Ward Howe, a prominent women's activist.

Inspired by seeing strong women and enamored by the heroes and legends of the Wild West, Pearl gained the courage to leave her shiftless husband and boarded a train to Trinidad, Colorado. The popular saloon singer. However, she soon found that she was pregnant with Frederick's son. After giving birth to a son, she left him with her mother and traveled west again to Phoenix, Arizona. Pearl was disappointed in the "West" not finding the glamour and excitement she had hoped for, instead working as a cook in a café and taking in laundry to supplement her income.

However, she stayed and in 1895, her estranged husband Frederick caught up with her. After begging Pearl to come back to him and promising to get a regular job, the couple reunited.





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True to his word, Fred got a job working as a manager and bartender at a local hotel. While their life seemed to be happier during this time, the pair also began to live a little wildly, frequenting the saloons and gambling parlors on Washington Street, where Pearl learned to smoke and drink, and allegedly use other harsher drugs, including marijuana and morphine.

Inevitably, the couple's marital problems started up again and after Pearl gave birth to a second child, a girl, Fred said he was bored with domestic life and tired of supporting a family. After a violent argument between the two in 1898, Fred knocked Pearl unconscious and left her to ride off with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba. Pearl once again returned to her parents but had gotten a taste of life in the west and didn't stay long, leaving her second child there as well. She was soon back in Arizona, working at odd jobs in many of the mining camps. But a woman alone during these times found it difficult to survive and she became very depressed. She tried to kill herself several times but was saved by acquaintances. By 1899; however, she had hooked up with a miner named Joe Boot. When she received a letter from her brother that her mother was ill and needed money for medical bills, she turned to Boot for advice. Joe, who had long been planning to rob a train, had several ideas for Pearl to make some quick cash. Their first scam was for Pearl to lure men into their room, allowing them to think that there was an opportunity for romance. Instead, Joe knocked them out and they took the unsuspecting men's money. However, this was not lucrative enough, so the pair soon conceived of the idea of robbing a stagecoach. After careful planning, the couple decided to rob the stagecoach that ran between Florence and Globe, Arizona.





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To get ready for the heist, Pearl cut off her hair and dressed in Joe's clothing. On May 30, 1899, they carried out their plan, jumping in front of the stage with their guns drawn and ordering the driver to stop. As Joe kept his gun pointed at the driver, Pearl ushered the passengers out of the coach and emptied their pockets and wallets. After taking about \$450 and a revolver, the pair ordered the passengers back in the coach and Joe fired his gun in the air and told the driver to take off.

But, for all their planning, the couple hadn't prepared for the fact that they were not all that familiar with the surrounding desert hills. Riding off on their horses, they soon got lost. After a couple of days, the couple made camp in a grove of trees and after building a campfire, they fell asleep. Some time later, when they awoke, they were surrounded by the Sheriff William Truman (Gila Valley Lodge No. 9 Charter Member and Past Master in 1897) and his posse.

Taken to the Globe jail, Hart played up her part as a lady bandit, giving autographs and entertaining those who just wanted to get a glimpse of the "Bandit Queen." A few weeks after her capture, Pearl escaped from the jail on October 12, 1899, with another prisoner by the name of Ed Hogan. As the posse quickly pursued the pair, Pearl's legend began to grow throughout the west. But her freedom would be short as the law soon found her and returned her to the jail.

Hart's trial took place in Florence in November, 1899 where she insisted that the court had no right to place her on trial, saying: "I shall not consent to be tried under a law in which my sex had no voice in making." Though she admitted her guilt, she was still acquitted by the jury, most likely because of her story of robbing the stage only to send her mother money. Her lawyer had also plead with the jury that it was her first offense and that she had always obeyed the law in the past.

The trail magistrate, Judge Fletcher Doan (Gila Valley Lodge No. 9 Past Master in 1899, 1900, 1902, 1903, and 1905), was furious at the verdict, claiming that Pearl "...flirted with the jury, bending them to her will." He soon replaced the jury and had Pearl re-tried for unlawfully carrying a gun. This time, the jury was not swayed by her charms and she was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Yuma Territorial Prison.



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Tried in a separate trial, her partner in crime, Joe Boot, was not so lucky, as he received 30 years for his part in the stage robbery. Boot, who was also sent to the Yuma prison, was able to escape in 1901 and was never recaptured or heard of again. He was thought to have fled to Mexico and stayed there.

In the meantime, Pearl became even more of a celebrity while she was in prison and the warden, who liked the attention, accommodated her with a larger than usual cell as well as a few other perks. While there her legend grew as she "entertained" visitors and reporters, often posing for pictures. After just 18 months in prison, she was paroled on December 19, 1902 and moved to Kansas City. There, she planned to profit from her fame as the "Lady Bandit" in a production that her sister wrote about her western adventures. However, her fame faded quickly and she disappeared from public view for a couple of years until she was arrested in Kansas City under the name of Mrs. L.P. Keele for buying stolen canned goods. Afterwards, she disappeared again until in 1924, when she visited the old courthouse in Florence where she was tried. While there she said to an attendant with a smile, "nothing has changed." When he asked who she was, she turned in the doorway and dramatically exclaimed: "Pearl Hart, the lady bandit.

As to what happened to Pearl Hart in the end, it remains unknown. Some reports say that she died in Kansas City where she operated a cigar store in 1925. Others say that she was living in San Francisco, California when she died in 1952. Most often, however; she is credited with having married a rancher in Dripping Springs, Arizona, where she lived out the last days of her life going by the name of Pearl Bywater and died in 1956. Though she is often credited with being the last person to ever rob a stagecoach, this is untrue as the last actual stage robbery took place on December 5, 1916 near Jarbridge, Nevada . During the hold-up, the bandit, Ben Kuhl, killed the driver and made off with more than \$3,000 in gold coins. Hart is also frequently credited as being the only woman to ever hold up a stagecoach. This is also untrue, as Jane Kirkham was killed when robbing a stagecoach along the road between Leadville and Buena Vista, Colorado on March 7, 1879



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COPPER CORRIDOR MASONRY

Stated Meetings

March 2, 2017 Pinal Lodge No. 30

www.facebook.com/pinallodge30

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 6, 2017 Gila Valley Lodge No. 9

www.facebook.com/gilavalley9

[@gilavalleylodge](https://www.instagram.com/gilavalleylodge)

7:00 pm State Meeting

March 9, 2017 Safford No. 16

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 9, 2017 Yuma No. 17

www.facebook.com/groups/165341547176775

7:00 pm Meeting

March 11, 2017 White Mountain No. 3

9:00 am Stated Meeting

March 11, 2017 Eloy Lodge No. 46

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Ray-Winkleman No. 24

7:30 pm Meeting





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NORTHERN ARIZONA MASONRY

Stated Meetings

March 1, 2017 Mohave Valley No. 68

Official Visit from SGW Craig Gross

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 2, 2017 Flagstaff No. 7

www.facebook.com/groups/

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 8, 2017 Williams Grand Canyon No. 38

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 8, 2017 Central Arizona No. 14

www.facebook.com/CentralAZLodge14

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 9, 2017 Chalcedony No. 6

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 13, 2017 Winslow No. 13

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 13, 2017 Kingman No. 22

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Aztlan No. 1

[@aztlanlodge1](http://www.facebook.com/Aztlan-Lodge-1)

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Havasu No. 64

www.facebook.com/HavasusMasonicLodgeNo64FAM

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 White River No. 62

www.facebook.com/WhiteRiver62

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Sy Harrison No. 70

www.facebook.com/Sy-Harrison-Masonic-Lodge-70

7:00 pm Stated Meeting



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PHOENIX MASONRY

Stated Meetings

March 1, 2017 Paradise Silver Trowel No. 29
www.facebook.com/Paradise-Valley-Silver-Trowel-Lodge-No29-F-AM
7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 2, 2017 Montezuma No. 35
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 2, 2017 Scottsdale No. 43
www.facebook.com/scottsdalemasoniclodge
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 4, 2017 Hiram Daylight No. 73
www.facebook.com/HiramDaylightLodgeNo73
12:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 7, 2017 Arizona Lodge No. 2
www.facebook.com/ArizonaLodge2
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 8, 2017 El Quixote No. 83
www.facebook.com/groups/elquixote83
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 8, 2017 Sahuaro No. 45
www.facebook.com/groups/Sahuaro45
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Phoenicia No. 58
www.facebook.com/Phoenicia58
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Wayfarer No. 50
Official Visit from SGD Boyd Robertson
www.facebook.com/wayfarers50
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 20, 2017 Arizona Sunrise No. 88
10:00 am Stated Meeting

March 20, 2017 Pioneer No. 82
www.facebook.com/pioneermasons
7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 27, 2017 Hunters Paradise No. 85
www.facebook.com/Hunters-Paradise-Lodge-85-F-AM
6:30 pm Stated Meeting



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SOUTHERN ARIZONA MASONRY

Stated Meetings

March 1, 2017 Huachuca No. 53

Official Visit from DGM Scott Thomas

www.facebook.com/Huachuca53

[@HuachucaLodge53](#)

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 2, 2017 Perfect Ashlar No. 12

www.facebook.com/groups

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 6, 2017 King Solomon No. 5

www.facebook.com/groups/

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 8, 2017 Nogales No. 11

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 9, 2017 Wilcox No. 10

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 11, 2017 Camp Stone No. 77

www.facebook.com/groups

9:30 am Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Mount Moriah No. 19

Official Visit from JGW Greg Vasquez

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 16, 2017 Ajo Mac Maclure No. 36

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 21, 2017 Green Valley No. 71

www.facebook.com/greenvalleylodge71

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 27, 2017 San Pedro No. 55

www.facebook.com/groups/sanpedro55

7:00 pm Stated Meeting



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TUCSON MASONRY

Stated Meetings

March 1, 2017 Aaron No. 49

www.facebook.com/groups/

7:30 pm Meeting

March 1, 2017 Tucson No. 4

www.facebook.com/groups/

7:00 pm Meeting

March 4, 2017 Jerusalem Daylight No. 66

12:00 pm Meeting

March 6, 2017 Marion McDaniel No. 56

www.facebook.com/groups/MarionMcDaniel56

7:30 pm Meeting

March 7, 2017 Adobe No. 41

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/413707212136698/>

6:30 pm Meeting

March 8, 2017 Builders No. 60

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 8, 2017 Epes Randolph No. 32

www.facebook.com/groups/1033656566693307

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Nelson C Bledsoe No. 74

www.facebook.com/profile

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 14, 2017 Oasis No. 52

www.facebook.com/Oasis-Lodge-52

[@oasis52tucson](https://www.facebook.com/oasis52tucson)

7:30 pm Stated Meeting

March 20, 2017 Anahuac No. 81

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

March 27, 2017 Downtown No. 86

www.facebook.com/Downtown-Lodge-86-FAM

7:30 pm Stated Meeting



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VALLEY PHOENIX MASONRY

East Valley Stated Meetings

March 1, 2017 Prometheus Lodge No. 87

<http://tinyurl.com/j9xgqne>

[@PrometheusAZ](#)

7:00 pm Meeting

March 7, 2017 Camelback Daylight No. 75

www.facebook.com/camelback.daylight

10:00 am Meeting

March 7, 2017 Oriental Lodge No. 20

www.facebook.com/Oriental20

7:00 pm Meeting

March 14, 2017 Chandler-Thunderbird No. 15

www.facebook.com/ChandlerThunderbird

[@Thunderbird15AZ](#)

7:00 pm Meeting

March 16, 2017 Apache Lodge No. 69

7:00 pm Meeting

West Valley Stated Meetings

March 2, 2017 Glendale No. 23

www.facebook.com/glendaleaz2

[@glendaleaz23](#)

7:00 pm Meeting

March 7, 2017 Acacia No. 42

www.facebook.com/AcaciaXLII

7:30 pm Meeting

March 7, 2017 Peoria No. 31

www.facebook.com/FreemasonsPeoriaLodge31

7:30 pm Meeting

March 9, 2017 Sun City No. 72

7:00 pm Meeting



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LODGES ON TWITTER



Grand Lodge of AZ @azmasons · Apr 9

At the Vietnam memorial Cornerstone laying ceremony with offerings of corn, wine & oil to dedicate this cornerstone.



Wayfarers 50 F&AM AZ @wayfarers50 · Sep 26
Brothers and Friends,

Tomorrow night is our monthly education night. We have a special session with... fb.me/1yzGkRFOs



Chandler York Rite @yrChandler · Nov 4
Here we are. Stated meetings 4th Wednesday at Baal's Square AZ 85044



Pinal Lodge #30 F&AM @PinalLodge30 · Oct 5

We at Pinal Lodge #30 are doing another blood drive for our community and decided to use United Blood Services. fb.me/4SXG



Glendale Lodge #23 @GlendaleLodge23 · Sep 17
Friend... is at 6p... Freem... food as...



Grand Lodge of AZ @azmasons · Sep 17

Support the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona-- Follow Us! Azmasons.org



Chandler Thunderbird @Thunderbird15AZ · Sep 28
Friend, Last Chance for some Instant Gratification newsletters.getresponse.com/#/ITCL5/E/B9bh...



Chandler Thunderbird @Thunderbird15AZ · 7h
Double First Degree at Chandler Thunderbird Lodge with official visits from Oriental 20 and Prometheus 87



Chandler Thunderbird @Thunderbird15AZ · Jan 15
January Trestleboard bit.ly/2iurLbb fb.me/5B0imAKG1

Aztlan Lodge
In five d...



El Zaribah Shrine @elzaribah · Jan 16
Check out our pinned post! The 2017 Parade date released! Can't wait to see you there!



Grand Lodge of AZ @azmasons · Jan 1

Check out the new edition of the Copper Post! bit.ly/2hDmWBW



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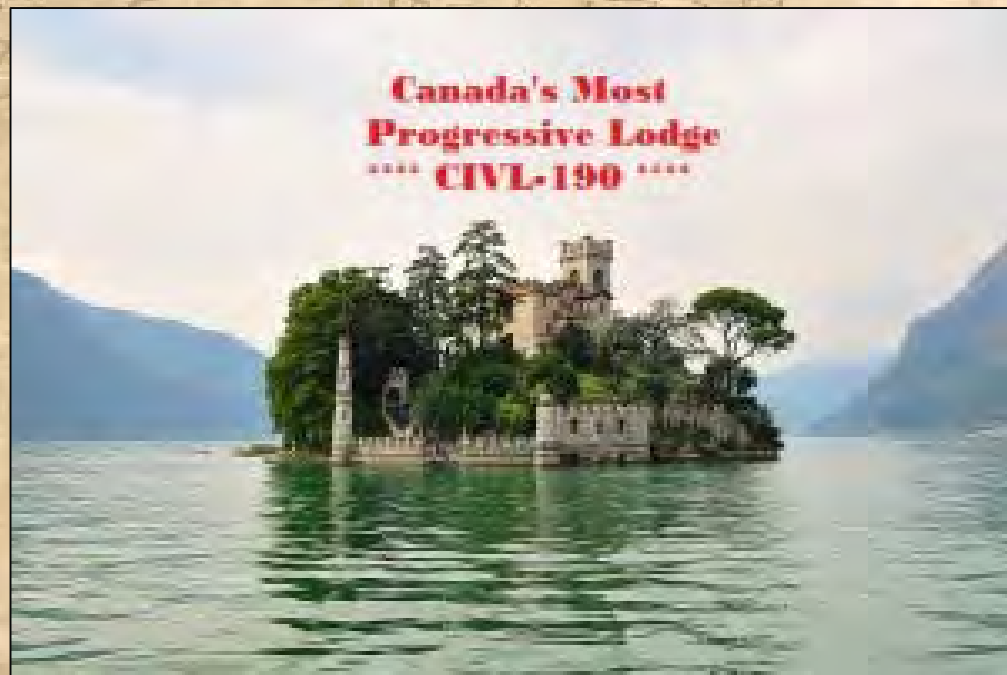
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SPECIAL LODGES

Castle Island Virtual Lodge No. 190 – CIVL – was started in Manitoba, Canada in 2010 to help meet the needs of Masons who because of constraints on time and distance might not otherwise be able to regularly attend a lodge. After a few years of trying out several web-based formats, they now meet regularly on the fifth Wednesday of the month (obviously in those months that have 5 weeks) officers and members follow all the rules and regulations set by its Grand Lodge of Manitoba in opening and closing. The mission of the virtual Lodge is to give Freemasons of Manitoba and elsewhere, who are not able to attend a Lodge, another method of experiencing Freemasonry using today's technology. CIVL members welcome visitors from all over the world to join in meetings. The Lodge is committed to Masonic education at each meeting and welcomes discussions. CIVL Lodge “virtually” visited Gila Valley Lodge No. 9 in 2015 in what was most likely the first ever International Virtual visitation in Freemasonry.

To visit, send a request to Membership Chairman, Brother Nicholas Laine at LEO.CIVL.190@gmail.com, or the Secretary, MW Brother C. Rae Haldane-Wilsone, PGM, at crachw@gmail.com





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SPECIAL EVENTS



Grand Lodge of Arizona F. & A.M. Leadership Conference

March 31st - April 2, 2017 **Holiday Inn Casa Grande** 777 N Pinal Ave, Casa Grande, Arizona

A Motivational Conference for ALL Master Masons interested in Masonic LEADERSHIP

Friday 3 PM - 6 PM: Registration Check-In and No Host Cocktail Reception with heavy Hors d'oeuvres on Patio

Saturday 8 AM - 5 PM: Presentations on subjects of current interest with a 12 PM Lunch.

12 PM: Ladies Luncheon and Speaker

7 PM-10 PM: Evening Dinner and an Entertainment.

Sunday 8 AM - 12 PM: A Facilitated Discussion to address the issues of the craft.

REGISTRATION DETAILS: Includes Saturday Lunch Buffet for the men on the Patio and a Plated Lunch for the Ladies. A Plated Dinner in the Banquet Room on Saturday night. Those attending must register and pay conference fee prior to March 1st, 2017. The Citrus Room will be open to the Ladies on Saturday and Sunday to visit and catch up with friends.

March 1st, 2017 DEADLINE for Hotel Room Reservations at Conference Site at \$99 per a night **INCLUSIVE** of Taxes / Buffet Breakfast for each night (Single or Double Occupancy). You are responsible for making room reservations/payment independent of conference registration.

Call Holiday Inn - Casa Grande at 520-426-3500 (Ref: Masonic Leadership Conf. Room Rate)

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print and Note the Counts)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: MEN: \$80.00 IF POST MARKED BY FEBRUARY 1ST 2017.

Name _____ Title _____ Lodge _____

Lady's Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Men \$90 - Conference _____ Ladies \$80 - Saturday Ladies Program _____

Dinners: Sautéed Chicken Breast _____ Marinated London Broil _____ TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED _____

Enclose Form and make CHECK PAYABLE to Grand Lodge of Arizona and send to: Leadership Conference C/O Grand Lodge of Arizona P.O. Box 35692, Phoenix, AZ 85069-5692

Questions, E-mail Craig Gross at cgross12@cox.net or Phone 520-795-3932



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**SATURDAY
MARCH 04, 2017
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The Cost to attend: \$25.00 (Free for Candidates)
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WANTED: MASTER MASONS TO BECOME HONORARY DEMOLAY

The Arizona Preceptory of the DeMolay Legion of Honor is offering Master Masons in good standing who are not Senior DeMolays to take advantage of an opportunity not normally available to men over the age of 21: To receive the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees and become Honorary Members of DeMolay in the Arizona King Solomon Chapter. You will receive the same degrees that over four million young men have received since 1919. You also have an opportunity to become an official member of the DeMolay International Alumni Association!

When: March 11th, 2017 at 1:00 pm

Where: El Zaribah Shrine at 552 North 40th Street, Phoenix Arizona

Cost: \$100

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Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ I have included a check for \$100 payable to the Arizona Preceptory and a copy of my 2017 Lodge dues card.

☐ Yes! I also want to become a member of the DeMolay Alumni Association.

☐ I have included an additional check for \$100 payable to DeMolay International.



To complete your registration, fill out this form and send it along with check(s) and a copy of your 2017 dues card to: Arizona Preceptory, Legion of Honor
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4358 East Robert E. Lee Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032-1425

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teach leadership qualities, love of family, good citizenship, brotherhood, service to God and fidelity to young men from 12 to 21 years of age since 1919. You can learn more about us at AZDEMOLAY.ORG or DEMOLAY.ORG.



The 2017 Templar Ball and Gala Event

organized by the Knights Templar of Arizona

A formal affair of goity, dining, entertainment, and dance.

This, one and only, 8th annual event welcomes **all** masons, their ladies and guests.

Solve the date: On **March 18, 2017** at the El Zaribah Shrine Dining room, **552 N 40th Street**, Phoenix, AZ 85008

No host cocktails at 6pm and dinner will serve at 7pm. Treats and favors will surprise you.

Live band dance music for you celebration of favorites and familiars can take your requests.

Reserve each evening guest for **\$50.00** to include appetizers and dessert payable to: **Phoenix York Rite**. Tickets are will call at the door. Reservations and payments may be made online at the calendar link on www.phoenixyorkrite.org by March 11, 2016 please or by postal service to Phoenix York Rite, 345 W. Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, 85004 before March 1, 2016.

A silent auction will be held, tax deductible proceeds going to **Cryptic masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF)** - more on CMMRF at www.cmmrf.org

The Phoenix York Rite **raffle** will be held for a **60" LED smart tv**, tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Rooms are close at the Phoenix Airport Hilton, just call for our hosted driver will be provided to and from the hotel by calling 480-544-2174.

Friends, please consider a ride service to and from the event. You might try: www.uber.com or www.lyft.com

Dinner selections by guest are requested as:

Beef Tornadoes _____ Chicken in white sauce _____ Vegetarian _____

Attendees: _____

Confirmation return address: _____ or email: _____

Number of raffle tickets requested with this reservation: _____



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SPECIAL EVENTS



The Grand Lodge of Arizona Annual Communication

The Sheraton Crescent Hotel
2630 West Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, Phone (602)943-8200
June 1st through June 3, 2017
(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____ Phone _____
Circle Appropriate Title: GM PGM WM SW JW PM MM Other _____
Grand Jurisdiction _____ Primary Lodge & No. _____
My Lady will accompany me: Yes _____ No _____ Her Name is _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Thursday Evening – June 1, 2017

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET – (Formal) Gentlemen/Tuxedo/Dark Suit, Ladies/Formal/Cocktail Dress

Grilled Rib Eye with Peppercorn Sauce \$55.00 No. _____ \$ _____
Seared BBQ Salmon \$55.00 No. _____ \$ _____

FRIDAY MEN'S LUNCH \$30.00 No. _____ \$ _____

FELLOWSHIP DINNER – Prior to the installation of 2017-2018 Officers – Business attire

Maple Brine Pork Chop with Apple Chutney \$50.00 No. _____ \$ _____

SATURDAY LUNCH - All members and visiting Dignitaries from other Masonic Bodies.

Chicken Caesar Salad \$30.00 No. _____ \$ _____

LADIES LUNCHEON: Open to all the Ladies attending: Enjoy and afternoon of fun and music – Casual Dress

Organ Stop Pizza (Meal and Transportation) \$35.00 No. _____ \$ _____

DIETARY CONCERS, please let us know: _____

Conference Fee: \$45.00 No. _____ \$ _____
Proceedings Book: \$35.00 No. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE

Make Checks Payable: 135th Grand Lodge Communication

Mail to: Grand Lodge of Arizona, P. O. 35692, Phoenix, Arizona 85069-5692

Hotel Reservation: Visit the Grand Lodge of Arizona web site at www.azmasons.org, there is a link to reserve rooms at The Sheraton Crescent Hotel. The link is www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/grandlodgearizona2017 or call the hotel directly at 602-943-8200 for rooms. Room Rate is \$89.00 plus 12.75% tax.

CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION IS May 15, 2017

CUT OFF DATE FOR MEALS AND LADIES LUNCHEON IS May 19, 2017

GUN SHOW

Sabbar Shrine CENTER

450 South Tucson Blvd
Tucson, AZ

One day shows

Jan. 28th, March 25th, May 27th

July 22nd, Sept. 23rd, Dec. 9th

Sat. 9 am-5 pm

Setup Friday 10am until 7pm

Air conditioned
facility



Ammo-Guns
Coins-Knives
Indian Jewelry
& much more

Exhibitor Table Reservation Form

Contact Sam at 520-624-2509 or 520-207-0779

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Sign here _____ Date _____

To reserve your table (s) Please mail this form with your full
Payment via check or money order to Sabbar Shrine Center

450 South Tucson Blvd Tucson, Az. 85716

All current local, State and Federal firearms regulations will be observed as well as the Gun Show rules that had been established by the Arizona Poisonmaster Gun Shows. We reserve the right to refuse tables to any individual(s). No loaded guns, magazines or loose ammo permitted. Unloaded tables revert to the show director after 9AM Saturday. The exhibitor holds themselves the Gun Shows, and/or its directors from all liability and damages.

How many tables? _____

Wall/Aisle preference?
(circle one)

Aisle \$50.00 Wall \$55.00

*\$10.00 more per table if
paid at the door



Masonic Charities of Arizona

- 2723 W. Northern Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85051-6624 -

ARIZONA MASONIC CHARITIES BEING HELPED BY OUR PURCHASES AT AMAZON.COM

Brethren, Friends, and Family,

This year the Masonic Charities of Arizona approved 18 grants totaling \$30,000 to organizations throughout Arizona. These 501c3 charitable organizations provide much needed services to their communities. Those services include assistance to our Veterans at the three VA Hospitals in Arizona, Domestic abuse shelters, child learning disabilities, training and assistance for people with special needs, support for soldiers abroad, Adult literacy programs and Personal hygiene kits for the working poor and homeless.

We are able to award these Grants from the income of our investment fund, Lodge and Personal donations and support from Grand Lodge. In order to keep up with the desire to expand our Grant distribution to more organizations and communities around the State we ask for your help.

We have registered with the Amazon Smile Foundation. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization selected by their customers. For Amazon customers to select the Masonic Charities of Arizona to receive these donations go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2746389> to automatically select us. Or you can go to www.smile.amazon.com and you will be prompted to select a charity. Now you are ready to shop and support the Masonic Charities of Arizona.

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Charities of Arizona extends our appreciation to all of you for your support.

Fraternally,

Jim Baker

Secretary, Masonic Charities of Arizona

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Grand Master; Robert Bradfield (68)
Deputy Grand Master: Scott Thomas (15, 23, 43)
Senior Grand Warden: Craig Gross (4)
Junior Grand Warden: Greg Vasquez (15)
Senior Grand Deacon: Boyd Robertson (1)
Junior Grand Deacon: Arthur Montgomery (5)
Senior Grand Steward: Randy Jager (52)
Junior Grand Steward: James Baker (9)
Very Worshipful Grand Secretary: James Rowan (43)
Very Worshipful Grand Treasurer: Michael McGee (50)
Grand Lecturer: Carl Melton
Grand Chaplin: Dave R. Brubaker
Grand Orator: Lon C. Thomas
Grand Marshall: Craig C. Carlson
Grand Editor: Phillip R. Shulsky
Grand Bible Bearer: Leigh Creighton (4)
Grand Sword Bearer: Robert Goble
Grand Pursuivant: Jerry Benham
Grand Standard Bearer: Ryan Kann (9)
Grand Organist: Carlos Rausch (43)
Grand Tyler: Cosmo Magliozzi (20,87)

2017 Arizona DDGM's

District 1: Keith McCormack	District 13: Jeff Horton
District 2: George E. Weil	District 14: Kirk Lockett, Sr.
District 3: Damon Krieg	District 15: Marlin Easthouse
District 4: Clayton J. Howard	District 16: Mike DiGiacomo
District 5: James E. Grier	District 17: Robert L. Hill
District 6: Mikel White	District 18: Gerry Massey
District 7: Gustavo A. Portillo	District 19: Mikel White
District 8: James W. Wild	District 20: Mark H. Neilsen
District 9: James Xie	District 21: Dean Millard
District 10: Darrell Mandrell	District 22: Matt Morrales
District 11: L. Grand Hayes	District 23: James E. Watson
District 12: George Rusk	District 24: Ward C. Desplinter



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