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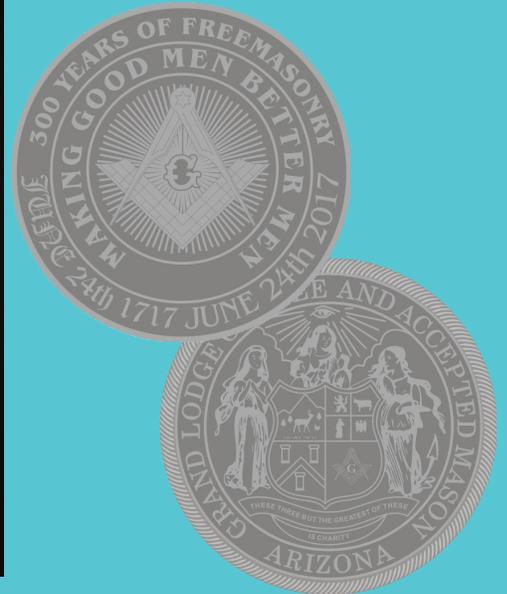
From the Grand Master

Greetings my Brethren,

I am writing to you on June 24th, the day celebrated as the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry. This milestone is worthy of reflection and contemplation as it is as much about the future as it is about the past. Freemasons have held over our history the same beliefs that we hold today as exemplified in our ritual. They were good men who wanted to be better men, just like us today. When they banded together to support each other on this quest they did so also with the desire to make this world a better place. I believe in holding a similar but shared perspective regarding our fraternity and its future. What has been given to us to hold and care for, is for us to pass on to those that come after us with one caveat, that it be better. This requires something tangible from us to accomplish this goal. Whether it's our time, energy, or the resources that we can provide, the onus is on us to make our mark. We all want improvement, but initiating and maintaining it requires actual effort and until we are actually doing the work, we are not truly fulfilling that desire to improve something. And so, I would like to thank the Brethren for the confidence you have placed in me to lead this jurisdiction for the 2017-2018 Masonic year. It's an honor and a privilege to be given the opportunity to move our fraternity forward with your help and support. We have much to be grateful for, but also much to do, and I look forward to all of us working together to improve our Grand Lodge of Arizona for the benefit of the Craft. Thank you again,

Fraternally,

Scott A. Thomas
Grand Master of F & A Masons in Arizona
2017-2018



300th Anniversary of Masonry Coin Fundraiser

Greetings Brethren,

We have a Grand Lodge of Arizona 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry Coin as Masonic Youth Group Fundraiser. The purchase price is \$10, (five of which is going to be for the youth groups. Please contact your Lodge Secretary or any DDGM or DDGL to purchase the Coins both either individually or in quantity. They will make great gifts for Masons and Non-Masons alike and the benefit going to the Masonic youth is a worthy cause. The details of purchasing are described below and I am asking for your help to make this successful fundraiser and hope you will support it. Thank you.

Fraternally,
Scott A. Thomas, Grand Master

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other six? Have you even contemplated them?

Your work and actions have now given you this honor. Have you considered what that work and those actions really are? Are they a shining example teaching others how to perform their duties? How are you contributing to Masonry and your Lodge on this journey? You have now been tasked with being that example to your brethren. How do you accomplish this in relation to our ceremonies, usages and customs? Do you participate in

these events or sit on the sideline and respectfully observe and learn from the work of your brethren? If not, then you are missing a part of these requirements which you are tasked to complete.

Just as a side bar has anyone else noticed that the 2nd degree has the most education, but the shortest charge?

Boyd Robertson
Jr. Grand Warden



Darkness to Light

By Bro. Francis R. Fritz (Glendale #23)



Not long ago, I witnessed another man being raised to the third degree of masonry. This event like so many others I have witnessed had all of the usual appearance of a “typical” degree. I sat and watched the brothers of the lodge perform the work with their unique flare and experiences which provides a lasting and meaningful experience for the candidate. While watching the usual lecture and charge though I was struck with the immutable fact that this was NOT a typical brother about to enter the fraternity!

After the ritual was completed and the usual handshakes and congratulations were given, our newly raised brother was given the opportunity to speak. With tears in his eyes, he told everyone in attendance that this had been his dream to become a Master Mason. He thanked everyone for attending, and having been given the usual gifts presented and being given this highest of honors in our fraternity, we closed the lodge, and went our different ways, knowing that we had performed a ritual that our newest master mason would remember for a long time.

I am sure that many brothers have seen and heard these words spoken many times by other newly made master masons. Perhaps, for many we have come to expect this to be common place within the fraternity. We go our own way home, patting ourselves on the back for another job well done. But, I beg to differ. What I had the rare opportunity to witness IS the epitome of what Freemasonry is meant to be. Truly being a mason is dif-

ferent than joining any other organization, and, hopefully will help to reinforce and energize the brothers active in the Craft.

This young man was not born in the United States, English is not his first language, and I had often watched him struggle with the words as he performed his proficiencies and his educational work. He worked diligently to reach his goal. Yet, this is not what makes him or what occurred, unique. There have been others initiated into our fraternity who speak different languages, and struggled in a similar fashion. Hopefully, you will see, what makes this so profoundly different is the fact that if the young man had been in the country of his birth, he would have been killed for just being in the room with us! This young man, born in Iraq, is of the Muslim faith!

I wonder if becoming a mason means something different to him as it may mean to those of us who take for granted our “right” to be one? The three hundred year history of masonry has many of the same stories, but they took place a long time ago right? We forget that less than seventy years ago, other masons were being rounded up and killed for just being “masons”. Yet many others have taken those same risks, but why? Look around our country today, have we forgotten the tenants of being a mason? Perhaps, if we took being a member of the fraternity as seriously as this brother, we could change the world. For me, I know it has changed how I think of being a mason forever!

Some Fishin' Trip!

Masonic Fiction by Peter Johnson

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Saturday, April 24, 1937 was a sunny spring day in Fallbrook, Arizona. It was a pleasant 68 degrees by mid-afternoon and the wind, which was frequently an irritation this time of the year, was mercifully still. At Petrified Wood Lodge #6, the Master's gavel rapped at 3:37 pm and the Master Masons Degree of Andrew Fillmore was over. All the Brothers adjourned across the street to the Magic Lantern Café for fellowship and an obligatory serving of Dutch apple pie and ice cream.

Although Worshipful Master Abraham Lewinsky was relieved that the Deputy Grand Lecturer was absent from the conferral, all agreed that the degree work was especially well done. Highlights of the afternoon's work included Brother Jack Gunderson's perhaps overdone portrayal of the third ruffian and Brother Harold Hopsworth's impeccable recitation of the third degree lecture. Brother Hopsworth, it should be noted, was attired in his signature powder blue three piece suit and spoke the text of the lecture in his usual stentorian tones.

Also in attendance were newly-made Brother Andrew Fillmore's adopted "Uncles" from Winfield Lodge #13, Otto Braumeister and Olaf Svenson. Both were veteran railroad men on the Santa Fe: Otto was a conductor and Olaf was a brakeman. Both men were also single. Otto was a lifelong bachelor and Olaf had been tragically widowed at a very young age. Brother Andrew was also a railroad man, serving as an apprentice fireman on the White Mountain Railway, a short line that connected to the Santa Fe mainline in Fallbrook. Otto and Olaf felt an immediate kinship with the 21-year-old lad that had lost his own father at an early age due to a careless gun accident. In many ways, he was the son that neither Otto nor Olaf had failed to have in their own lives. Young Andrew's enthusiasm for railroading also delighted his adopted "Uncles" to no end.

As the gathering showed signs of breaking up the newly raised Brother chatted with his "Uncles".

"Thank you both for coming to my degree," said Andrew with heartfelt sincerity.

"We wouldn't have missed it for anything!" said Otto.

"Yah and dat goes double for me!" replied Olaf.

Brother Andrew continued, "What have you two been up to?"

"Railroadin' and the usual stuff," replied Otto.

"But vee have some time off next veeek and are plannin' a spring fishin' trip," interjected Olaf.

"I think you deserve some time off," replied Andrew. "Where are you going for your little trip?"

"To da Vite Mountains dat remind me of my home country!" said Olaf with unusual conviction.

Andrew continued, "I have a proposition for you Uncle Otto and Uncle Olaf. You can hitch a ride in the caboose on the mixed train to Outlaw Gap on Monday morning. We can drop you off for a few days and you can fish in the Black River by the trestle. There's an old abandoned section house there where you can bunk down in at night. We could pick you up again on Friday at the bridge. What do you say?"

"By golly, Andrew dats a vonderful idea! I can't wait til Monday!" said the boyishly-acting Swede.

"For once I agree with Olaf," said Otto. "I'll get our gear together and see you early Monday morning. Thanks again for thinking of your old uncles!"

At this point, it would be appropriate to say a few words concerning the White Mountain Railway. An engineering feat of some accomplishment, the line was a bona fide short line railroad chartered in 1917. Running some 159 miles from Fallbrook in a westerly direction to the remote logging camp of Outlaw Gap, the remote railway traversed some of God's most beautiful country. Starting at the 5,000 foot level in the high desert, the line continued into the vast ponderosa pine forest of the White Mountains. The final leg of the line passed through an Alpine forest of heavily wooded glens of fir and spruce trees at the 9,000 ft. elevation. Although primarily a logging railroad carrying raw timber to the

various saw mills along the line, the White Mountain Railway also carried feed to the pig farms outside of Fallbrook. In addition to this, there was also a half hearted attempt by the line to be a “common carrier” by providing limited passenger service in the caboose for travelers who wished to venture into the remote areas serviced by the line. By 1937, the line had felt the sting of the Great Depression and was forced to get by on a fleet of aging rolling stock and a half dozen well-used steam locomotives constructed at the end of the last century. The line was on the verge of going into receivership and could be said to have engaged in a practice of “deferred maintenance.”

Monday morning, 6:30 a.m., found Otto and Olaf waiting at the crossing in Fallbrook to catch the mixed train that terminates at Outlaw Gap. True to form, it was late.

Otto quizzed his old friend, “Olaf, what did you pack for the trip?”

“Vell, I vill tell you. My fly rod, my heavy duty red undervare for da cold night, some cans of beef stew, some of dat good Kessler’s Bourbon, some of doze 3-for-five cent cigars dat you like, and my Eveready flashlight,” replied Olaf matter-of-factly.

Otto replied with consternation, “Olaf, that’s not enough food for four days!”

“You forgot about all da fishes dat vee vill catch!” replied an exasperated Olaf.

In their heated discussion the two old friends hardly noticed that their train had just backed into the crossing area and that they would soon be on their way to the sylvan delights of fishing in the White Mountains. By noon the train had made it to the small saw mill town of McNulty. It was here that a helper engine was coupled to the rear of the train to assist in the climb as the grade increased significantly on the way to Outlaw Gap. About 28 miles down the track, Otto and Olaf would leave the train at the trestle when the engines made their water stop at the Black River tower before the final leg of the trip. It had been a very wet winter and the snowmelt had made the rivers and streams of the White Mountains run much higher than normal. The heavy flow of the Black River against the timbers of the trestle was cause for concern, but it seemed to be holding up fine under the constant stress of the rushing water. Weather in the high elevations was always a concern. A low pressure system with heavy rain was

now buffeting California, but it was expected to move to the south and east in a couple days, completely missing Arizona.

The aging iron horses worked hard as they chuffed and puffed up the continuous grade. By 2:48 the thirsty beasts were more than ready for a water stop at the water tower by the Black River trestle. Otto and Olaf gathered up their gear and left the caboose. They exchanged departing pleasantries with Andrew, who was in the locomotive cab firing on his first solo trip. He looked happy, but was covered in sweat and coal dust from an already hard day’s work.

“You have the makings of a great fireman!” said Otto.

“Thanks, Uncle Otto, but I didn’t realize how tough it would be,” replied Andrew.

“But remember,” said Olaf, “the trip back is nearly all downhill! It will be a piece of cake.”

“Thanks, Uncle Olaf. I hadn’t thought of that,” replied Andrew with a smile.

“See you about 8:30 Friday morning,” said Otto, as the engineer made preparations to take off again.

“Yah and vee von’t let the big one get away!” interjected Olaf as a parting comment.

As the two men gathered their gear and began to walk away, the previously silent engineer blurted something from the cab, “You old buzzards be careful, and stay the hell off that rickety foot bridge that crosses the river. It’s unsafe and won’t hold girth such as both of yours.”

“Thank you kindly for the advice,” replied Otto.

The two “uncles” soon settled in at the old section house located a bit east of the water tower. On Tuesday, they hiked several miles north along the Black River and found a shaded pool that proved to be the “mother lode” of trout fishing. The first couple days of the outing were simply beautiful: cool bright days and crisp cold nights, typical weather for Arizona’s highest country. Olaf was proved correct; the trout fishing was terrific with pan-size fish at almost every meal. Late on Thursday afternoon the two weary fishermen hiked back to their base at the section house. Great dark clouds were now moving in, and there was a definite chill in the air. The weather predictions of earlier in the week were proving to be incorrect -- the storm over

California had moved into Arizona. Otto gathered some dry firewood for the old cast iron stove in the section house in anticipation of a wet and possibly noisy evening.

The old stove was soon heating up nicely and a meal of freshly cooked trout, Dutch oven biscuits, and boiled cowboy coffee was planned. As darkness fell, a great high elevation thunderstorm moved in. Olaf lit a small kerosene lamp and Otto pulled the Dutch oven containing the biscuits off of the coals. While the two made their final dinner preparations, lightning could be seen through the dirty encrusted windows as the reverberation of thunder shook the deteriorating rafters of the old building.

Otto and Olaf seemed relieved to be “snug as a bug in a rug” as they enjoyed the warmth of their cozy shelter.

“By golly, Otto, you burned the biscuits on the bottom!” said Olaf.

“That’s alright, old pal,” replied Otto, “have a little whiskey in your coffee and everything will taste just fine.”

Both men agreed on this course of action.

After dinner the men began to chat about their adopted nephew Andrew and the sorry state of affairs on the White Mountain Railway.

“Doze sons-of-guns don’t fix da bridges or da engines or nuttin,” said Olaf with contempt.

“I know Olaf,” continued Otto, “Andrew told me they fixed the brakes on his locomotive with a homemade gasket. That just isn’t right!”

By this time the storm had quieted down quite a bit and it seemed like a good time to blow out the lamp and go to sleep. Olaf removed his dirty linen work shirt and blue jeans, revealing his red union suit underwear complete with the “trap door” in the back.

“Olaf, you look like a damn idiot in that red underwear!” blasted Otto.

“Yah, but I’m a varm damn idiot!” replied the determined Swede.

With that parting shot, the two were soon asleep like babies in their mother’s arms.

Otto and Olaf were up at daybreak the next morning in anticipation of the time needed to break camp before catching a lift back to Fallbrook on the Friday mixed train originating from Outlaw Gap. This train would be loaded with freshly cut logs for the sawmill in McNulty. Since it was on the downgrade of the return trip, a helper engine would not be needed. A quick pot of boiled coffee to accompany leftovers from the previous evening was soon prepared by the men. Their gear was packed up and they were ready leave the old section house.

“Otto, I think it’s time to go home. Vee are out of viskey and toilet paper!” remarked Olaf with a twinkle in his eye.

As the two men approached the railroad track they heard the unmistakable roar of water coming from the Black River. Otto ran about 30 yards down the track to the trestle.

“My God, Olaf, part of the bridge has washed away!” blared a much-shaken Otto.

“It vas dat crazy storm last night,” returned an also shaken Olaf. The two men looked at each other in disbelief as the faint whistle of the morning train could be heard in the distance.

“Vee got to flag her down before it’s too late!” yelled a frantic Olaf.

“That’s Andrew’s train. Take off that damn red underwear right now! You can use it in place of a red signal flag. Follow me across the footbridge. We don’t have a minute to lose!” blurted an extremely excited Otto.

Fortunately, Olaf did not have on lace-up boots and his “red flannels” were quickly removed and the crazy duo were soon running across the old footbridge. Several rotten wooden slats could be heard splashing into the torrent below as a now almost naked Olaf screamed for dear life.

A few minutes later, the engineer of the approaching train looked out his window as the young fireman threw coal into the hungry firebox.

“What the bloody hell is that? Some old naked guy waving his red underwear,” shouted the thick-headed engineer.

At this point, fireman Andrew looked out his window just in time to see his Uncle Otto give the Grand Hailing Sign of a Master Mason. Andrew immediately sized up the situation and grabbed the lever for the air brakes on the engineer's side of the cab for all he was worth.

"What the hell do you think you're doing?" screamed the still clueless engineer.

The train was slowing down as sparks shot out of the locomotive's wheels, but was still perilously close to the approaching washed out bridge. Olaf, now completely naked except for a red bandana on his neck, remembered the bad brakes on the locomotive. He intuitively hopped onto the passing caboose and climbed up to the brake wheel on the roof of the car. He began turning it for all he was worth.

The handbrake on the caboose seemed to have made the critical difference as the squealing locomotive came to a halt within about a yard of from a sheer drop-off into the raging Black River. The little train was safe and would back up to Outlaw Gap until the timbers of the trestle could be repaired.

The three Brother Masons had saved the day. Brother Hopsworth had certainly done a good job at explaining the words and signs of the degree which prompted young Brother Andrew to know what to do while under great pressure. Otto never did make anymore snide remarks about Olaf's selection of underwear. And Olaf, poor Olaf! He was pretty embarrassed by his naked performance and rarely ever spoke about the incident to anyone, except maybe after several shots of Kessler's Bourbon. "Yah, dat vas some fishin' trip!" he would always say.

Summary of issues from the Grand Trustees Meeting July 29, 2017

- 1 Fees for legal services related to property taxes and demolition of the existing building at 2801 W. Northern Ave. taken from General Fund. General Fund to be reimbursed from Solomon/Truitt Fund, registered owners of the property – Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote
- 2 Ratify actions of Grand Counsel for collection of taxes on property at 2801 W. Northern Ave. Ayes, 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous vote
- 3 Ratify Clifton, Larson, Allen, Engagement Contract, for the 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation (GLOAF) Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote
- 4 Ratify Engagement agreements for legal counsel in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation (GLOAF) Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote
- 5 Ratify Clifton, Larson, Allen, Engagement Contract for Long Term Financial Reviews, Tax Preparation, and procedures of the Grand Lodge Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote
- 6 Authorize the Grand Master to sign the CLA Engagement Contract, and the Grand Treasurer, in the Grand Masters absence, and the Grand Secretary in the absence of both. Fees to be paid from the respective funds related to Tax Preparation Ayes 7, Nays 0 Unanimous Vote
- 7 Ratify action to renew Grand Lodge Insurance and Directors and Officers (D & O) insurance Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote
- 8 Ratify issue regarding ownership of Grand Lodge property with the Maricopa County Assessor's Office by Grand Counsel, Outside Legal Counsel and the Grand Master. Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote
- 9 Ratify engagement contract from Grand Counsel for Pro Bono services as described in the contract, and authorize the Grand Master to sign the contract – Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

Grand Representatives Program

My brothers,

As Chairman of the Grand Lodge of Arizona's Fraternal Correspondence Committee which oversees the Grand Representatives Program, I would like to thank all the brothers around our great jurisdiction who took interest in this program and has applied to become a Grand Representative. We have had many applicants and so far, it has been a success!

For those who have not heard about this program, here is a little summary;

Grand Representatives are those brethren who should assist in maintaining fraternal relations between Grand Lodges. They are appointed to help maintain these ties with Masons in other Jurisdictions. Grand Lodges in most of the States of the United States and in countries around the world, will attempt to appoint representatives to each of the other jurisdictions they recognize. These "Grand Representatives" are the main links between Masonic bodies.

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Freemasonry is a worldwide fraternity, and one of the beauties of the Craft is maintaining ties with brother Masons around the world.

For those who are interested in participating in this program, we do have many grand jurisdictions available. Please contact me, james@modernculinaryconcepts.com for a copy of the vacancy list, application form, and an information packet. These vacant jurisdictions are going fast and we have a few more names in the process that are not included in the list above so contact me immediately!

Sincerely & Fraternally,
James Xie, P.M., DDGM
Fraternal Correspondence Committee Chairman
Grand Representatives Program

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed the following brothers to these Grand Jurisdictions:

James Xie, P.M. (43)	New York
Matthew Hartzell (43,73,87)	Netherlands
William Greenan, P.M. (3,29,69)	Indiana
Eric Charles Marble (43)	Philippines
Darrell Mandrell, P.M., JGS (75)	Oklahoma
Bill Robertson, P.M. (20)	Colorado
Roger Carl Biede III, P.M. (9)	Alabama
George Mather, P.M. (85)	Ohio
Scott Forrest Holdorf (2)	District of Columbia
Ben Chambers, P.M. (20)	Romania
Paul Howell, P.M. (75)	Michigan
Gregory Hall (42)	Tennessee
Lloyd E. Smith, P.M. (7)	Hawaii
Gregory L. King, P.M. (5)	Ontario, Canada
John A. Nichols, P.M. (42)	Iceland
Christopher West (52)	Virginia
Lawrence Grant Hayes, P.M. (53)	Austria
James C. Reid III (9)	South Dakota
Tony Hernandez, P.M. (58)	Victoria
Leight Creighton, P.M. (4)	New Hampshire
Russell Sayre, P.M. (43, 75)	New Jersey
Lucien G.Masson (10)	Haiti
Thomas Murray (73, 87)	Greece
Ethan Watkins (9)	California
Jack Weaver (73)	Southern Australia
Eric Dupree Sr., WM (86)	Nevada
Raymond John Brigandi, P.M. (58)	Costa Rica
Jerry Thomas Estruth (32)	Colombia
Tim Arimborgo (69)	Peru
Mark Joseph Gilliliand (4)	Panama
Stephen England, P.M. (24)	Idaho
George Rusk, P.M., SGS (20)	Florida
Cosmo Magliozzi, P.M. (20, 87)	Italy
Suresh Muthnamani, P.M. (20,87)	India

Public Schools Committee



WM and Brethren,
I hope all of you have had a good summer and are eager to start promoting the Grand Lodge Public Schools Essay contest and Classroom Grant Programs. Many of our local Schools have already started the new School Year for

2017-2018 and some will be starting soon. If your Lodge has not made contact with your Local Schools, we encourage you to do so now to allow time for the Essays and Grant requests to be returned to you by early November.

MWGM Scott Thomas has issued Edict No. 2017-01 announcing American Education Week and our support of Public Schools in Arizona, November 13 – 17, 2017. One way of showing our support for Arizona Public Schools is participating in the Public School Essay Contest and Classroom Grant programs by recognizing your local School essay contest winners during this week. Another show of support is partnering with your Public Schools in special projects or by identifying Students and Teachers that are deserving of special recognition. Whatever and however you choose to observe the Spirit of American Education Week, please make the effort and take the time to show your appreciation for our Public Schools.

Participation in the Grand Lodge School Essay contest and Classroom Grant program are excellent opportunities to become involved with your local Schools and show you support and commitment to furthering education. Your involvement in these programs will be rewarding and give you an insight into the thoughts, ideas and needs of the Students, Teachers and Schools. Reading the Essays is fun, entertaining and inspiring and is time well spent.

Please refer to the 2017-18 GL Public Schools Program document for a description of the program and Lodge instructions. All GL Public Schools letters, forms and documents are available on the Grand Lodge of Arizona website at www.azmasons.org or by email from Jim Baker at jhb4557@gmail.com. For questions about the Public Schools program or help with developing a Public Schools program for your Lodge please contact any member of the committee and we will be happy to assist you.

Fraternally,

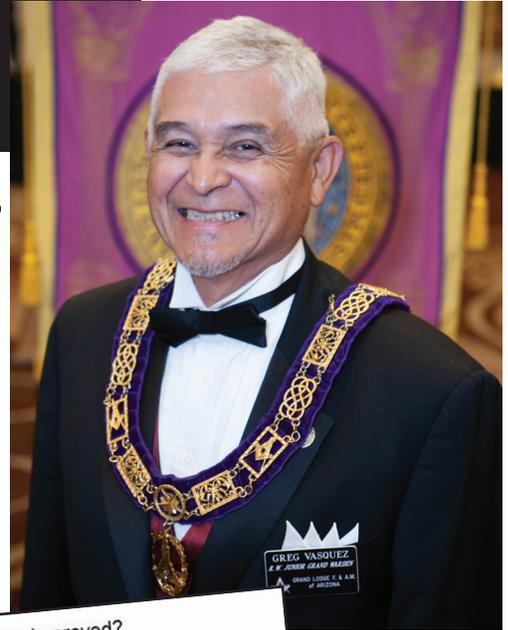
Jim Baker JGD, Chairman
Grand Lodge Public Schools Committee

Masonic Families
you are Cordially Invited
to join us for our
2017 Holiday Party
Hosted by the Grand Lodge of Arizona
Sunday, December 17, 2017
2723 W. Northern Ave, Phoenix AZ 85021
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks & hors
d'oeuvres will be served
You will also have an
opportunity to take family
photos with Santa
Please bring a can food item or two
to donate to the local food bank

Lodge Leadership Conference

By RWB Greg Vasquez,
Sr. Grand Warden

The Lodge Leadership Conference (LLC) for 2017 was held this past April in Casa Grande, AZ. This Grand Lodge event is geared to educating Master Masons interested in learning about running a lodge as well as current lodge officers who are on track to fill appointed and elected chairs for their respective lodges. The agenda for this event presented topics such as Goals and Objectives, Masonic Protocol, a discussion on the proposed Grand Lodge budget and Grand Lodge Trust changes and WB Ron Allen had an open discussion regarding our Masonic Ritual. The LLC was attended by 120 Master Masons, including 24 of their ladies.



At the end of the 2017 conference a survey was conducted.

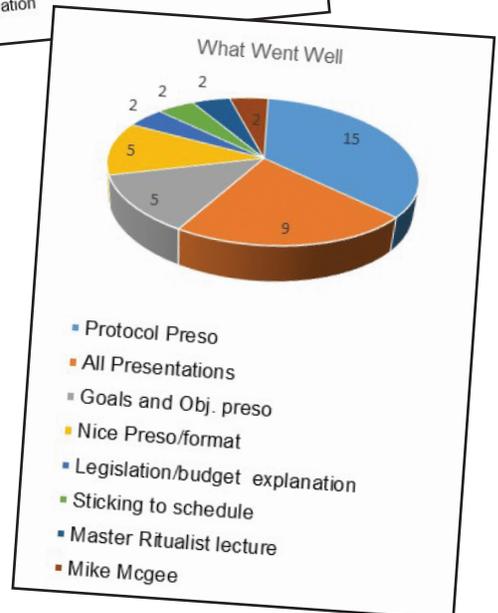
Based on the input of those surveyed the following topics are being developed as the agenda for the 2018 LLC:

- What does it mean to be the Master of a lodge?
- How to start a scholarship program.
- How to run an effective meeting.
- Investigations
- The new and improved candidate program.
- AMC Workshop.

These topics are tentative and will be adjusted and confirmed over the next few months and will be published accordingly.

When asked if we should continue holding this conference in Casa Grande 83% voted yes. Consequently based on this feedback the 2018 Lodge Leadership Conference will be held in Casa Grande, AZ once again.

Finally, as stated earlier, the Lodge Leadership Conference is meant to provide any Master Mason, as well as Master Masons currently serving as officers of their lodges, information on how lodges from around the state work and get ideas to bring back to their respective lodges for improvement. Please start planning on attending next year's conference slated to be held on March 23-25, 2018 in Casa Grande, AZ, full details and finalized agenda to be published in the near future.



2017-2018 Arizona Grand Lodge Officers

Scott A. Thomas (15, 23, 43, 87) (Roberta)M.:W.:Grand Master
 Craig L. Gross (4, 74) (Lynda).....R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master
 Gregory A. Vasquez (15) (Debra).....R.:W.:Senior Grand Warden
 Boyd W. Robertson (1) (Judy)R.:W.:Junior Grand Warden
 Michael N. McGee (13, 50) (Sharon)V.:W.:Grand Treasurer
 David R. Schafnit (43) (Anabel).....Deputy Grand Treasurer
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 James H. May, PGM (20)Deputy Grand Secretary
 George H. Stablein Sr. (15) (Carol).....V.:W.:Grand Secretary Emeritus
 Wilbur E. Robertson (20) (Judy)V.:W.:Grand Secretary Emeritus
 Ronald N. Allen (4, 55, 74, 81) (Carmen)W.:Grand Lecturer
 Jason B. Stryker (56, 86) (Emma)V.:Reverend Grand Chaplain
 Ahmet S. Erdemir (32, 41) (Ili).....W.:Grand Orator
 Lance R. Brown (7) (Jennifer)W.:Grand Marshal
 Michael A. Dale (17) (BJ)W.:Grand Standard Bearer
 Michael A. Bernhardt (45) (Clarice)W.:Grand Sword Bearer
 Jesse B. Lee (43) (Ann).....W.:Grand Bible Bearer
 Randal S. Jager (52) (Lynn)W.:Senior Grand Deacon
 Jim H. Baker (9) (Shirley)W.:Junior Grand Deacon
 George R. Rusk (20) (Michele).....W.:Senior Grand Steward
 Darrell D. Mandrell (15, 75) (Julie).....W.:Junior Grand Steward
 Mark L. Brown (43, 85) (Brenda)W.:Grand Pursuivant
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 Roger C. Biede III (9) (Kristine)W.:Grand Editor
 Matthew J. Reidmiller (53, 77) (Daniella)W.:Grand Tyler

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Robert W. Bradfield, PGM (68)Term Expires 2020
 Jeffery S. Carlton, PGM (22, 64, 68)Term Expires 2019
 Larry C. Schafer, PGM (2)Term expires 2018
 Earl L. Wunder, PGM (7, 13, 14)Term Expires 2018
 Robert F. Hannon, PGM (32)Grand Trustee Emeritus

2017 – 2018 Deputy Grand Lecturers

DISTRICT 1: N. ARIZONA

Jason D. Morrett (7) Tabatha

DISTRICT 2: NE ARIZONA

Cal D. Magness (7) (38)

DISTRICT 3: NW ARIZONA

Bob S. Goble (68) (Jeanie)

DISTRICT 4: PHX METRO A

John H. Reynolds (43) (Marianne)

DISTRICT 5: PHX METRO B

Jason L. Michlowitz (50) (Michelle)

DISTRICT 6: PIMA/PINAL

Leigh J. Creighton (4) (Nancy Bautzmann)

DISTRICT 7:PIMA/SANTA

CRUZ/YUMA

Gus A. Portillo (32) (86) (Christina)

DISTRICT 8: COCHISE

Richard A. Hendrickson (11) (71)

2017 – 2018 District Deputy Grand Masters

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Keith J. McCormack (64) Patricia

DISTRICT 2

David A. Sahady (1) Lisa

DISTRICT 3

Damon K. Krieg (7)

DISTRICT 4

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DISTRICT 5

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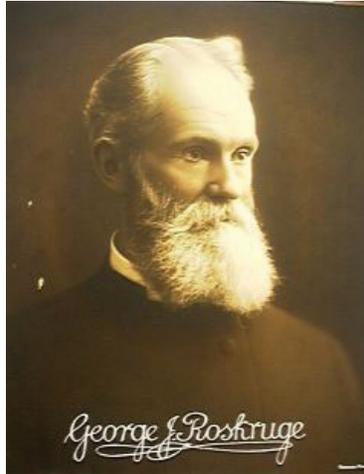
Tales of Masons in Arizona

Professor Corbett Done Up In Style by Pima's Heavyweight



Tucson is seldom treated to a pugilistic feast, such as the encounter which took place at the depot on Saturday last, which proved to be extremely interesting. The event was entirely extempore, and thus it was that only a privileged few had the fortune to witness it.

Our well-known country Surveyor, Mr. Geo. J. Roskrige has long enjoyed the undisputed title of the "Heavy Weight Champion" of these parts. He has always borne his honors with marked modesty, and although he has frequently sought a disputant to his title in the ring, it has been more to keep himself in exercise than to satisfy any sanguinary inclinations which he might possess, and never with a view of procuring for himself any pecuniary advantages. Needless to say, no one here dared oppose him. A good wind, however, blew Professor Corbett, the heavy weight pugilist, over the Southern Pacific to Tucson, and he landed here last Saturday on his way east. Here was a golden opportunity, and Mr. Roskrige in union with one of our most noted lovers of athletics, Mr. Ben Heney, greedily availed themselves of it. They hastened to the depot to pay their respects to the interview a friendly set-to was suggested and promptly agreed to. The site selected for the battle was one of the spacious card rooms in the San Xavier hotel. Time was limited, the poker paraphernalia which was in the room was hurriedly ousted, and a temporary ring was quickly put up. The preliminary preparations of the contestants was soon over with, the first to appear being the traveling celebrity. Stripped to the waist, he was veritable gladiator in size and shape. His well formed limbs, his massive chest, graceful movement, rosy complexion and clear quick eye, all indicated careful and methodical training, and made the reporter shiver perceptibly at the probably fate of George, for his hopes and sympathies were naturally for the success of the latter. His fears, however, were soon dispelled, when the lithesome step, and a pair of light fitting sky-blue trunks, red and white striped stockings, and regulation shoes the imposing form of the home hear heaved to. The good effects of constant training were



not so apparent in him his bulky but active biceps, his trim, but well muscled thighs and calves, and his short and thick set neck, were however such as to put out of blush the parts of his opponent which, as we have already said, were themselves really enviable.

Mr. Butler, clerk of the San Xavier hotel was at once chosen referee. Ben Heney stood behind the ropes as Roskrige's backer, a traveling companion performed the same office in behalf of Prof. Corbett, and the Citizen man was allotted the wielding of the sponge. Four ounce gloves were

selected' these arrangements completed, the contestants stepped to the center of the ring, shook hands as an evidence of the friendly character of the battle and retired to their respective corners. At 2:40 pm time was called and the fight began to fly.

The following is a description of the fight by Rounds

Round One:

Corbett, at first almost overconfident of success, now for the first time showed signs of respect to his opponent. Roskrige, too, realized the power of the man before him. Some very clever sparring. The Prof. finally tapped rather heavily on the top of Roskrige's proboscis, making his face leak somewhat profusely. This enraged the latter, who landed a powerful right hander square on the Professor's left eye, and followed this up with two or three quick blows on the abdomen securing for George the first knock down. The latter part of the round was a free exchange of face and body blows, but they resulted in nothing decisive.

Round Two:

A very Sharp and fierce struggle. A clever upper cut on the Professor staggered Roskrige, who soon recovered and responded with a hammer blow on the already wounded eye of his opponent. In the latter half some heavy slogging took place, and at the end others faces of both the antagonists showed signs of ill-use, that of the Prof. was especially mangled.

Round Three:

Heavy fighting. The sledge body blows of Roskruge began to tell on the Professor's wind. Roskruge too was somewhat winded. After sparring cautiously for a short while, he plunged furiously on the Professor and succeeded in four times landing him to the floor. The Professor's eye was completely closed. After the fourth fall the Prof. rose, game to the last, and succeeded in giving George some heavy punishment. Finally the latter got in one of his effective right handers on the Pro's remaining eye, which extinguished that luminary and felled him to the ground. At this juncture the shrill whistle of the locomotive summoned the Professor to the train and he was lead off by his

companion "more dead than alive," carrying with him a few pounds of raw porter-house around his eyes. He goes to New Orleans to meet another antagonist, who, for the Professor's sake, we hope may not be as formidable as the last.

By this time quite a crowd had gathered around the scene of battle. Without given time to arrange his toilet, Roskruge was hustled into a herdic, the horses were unhitched, several of the prominent lovers of sport taking their places and the victorious George as dragged down Pennington Street, with flying colors and to the swelling notes of "Lo, the conquering hero comes"

Did You Know?

Masonic Trivia ●●●●●●●●●●



In a split squad practice match of the Tucson Base Ball Club on May 22, 1893, at the new polo grounds in Tucson, the first known "hidden ball trick" in Arizona baseball history occurred. Harry A. Drachman, playing third base coaxed Walter Zabriskie off the bag by imitating a throw to First Base while hiding the ball under his arm. The tag was made and the rest is history. Harry A. Drachman was a longtime Mason and Grand Master of Arizona in 1912



Chalcedony Lodge No. 6 in Holbrook, Arizona held it's first meeting under charter on Feb. 1, 1887. It was the first Lodge to receive it's charter from and only from the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona. All previous Lodges in Arizona had been Chartered or were Under Dispensation from either the Grand Lodge of California (1,2,4,5) or the Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF & AM (No. 3). Early meetings were held in the basement of the Stivers and Burbage General Store



Did you know that when the Punk Rock Band Social Distortion takes the stage, there is usually a Shriner Fez on stage among the decor? Turns out Mike Ness, the lead singer, is not a Mason, but just finds the secrecy around Freemasonry and Shriners interesting! Take a look at the picture, as the Fez that he has is from our very own Arizona Shrine, Sabbar Shrine in Tucson! Figures that it is from the Clown Unit!

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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 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.

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