

THE TRESTLE BOARD

MARCH 2023

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Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona

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that, "show up when it is
most needed." Page 10*

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The Keys To Masonry



Times are a changin and so is the look of the **Trestle Board**. Oriental is taking a step further into the digital age. Adding a little more to our monthly communication and hopefully keeping you well informed of the happenings around the lodge.

Editor's Note



A very special acknowledgement needs to be made regarding The Trestle Board up to this point. **WB Roy Berggren**, dedicated an enormous amount of time and energy making sure the lodge had this great publication for many years. I want to thank him personally for his support and efforts. His service to the lodge has taken many forms over the years and in each of his roles he has built a strong and enduring foundation for those that followed him.

Marc Geyer
Interim Editor



***The Oriental #20
Trestle Board***



ORIENTAL 20

Ramblings from the east!!

Brethren,

You all know of my love for the great outdoors so of course I had to write about my personal connection between my two passions.

As a proud Freemason, I have always been fascinated by the rich history and tradition of our organization. The sense of brotherhood and community that we share is truly special and I have formed many lifelong friendships through my involvement in Freemasonry.

But there is another passion in my life that is important to me: hunting. Suprise, suprise. Like Freemasonry, hunting has a long and storied history in the United States and it has been a beloved pastime of mine for as long as I can remember.

For me, there is something truly magical about spending time in the great outdoors, tracking game and experiencing the thrill of the hunt. It is a way to connect with nature and to challenge myself both mentally and physically.

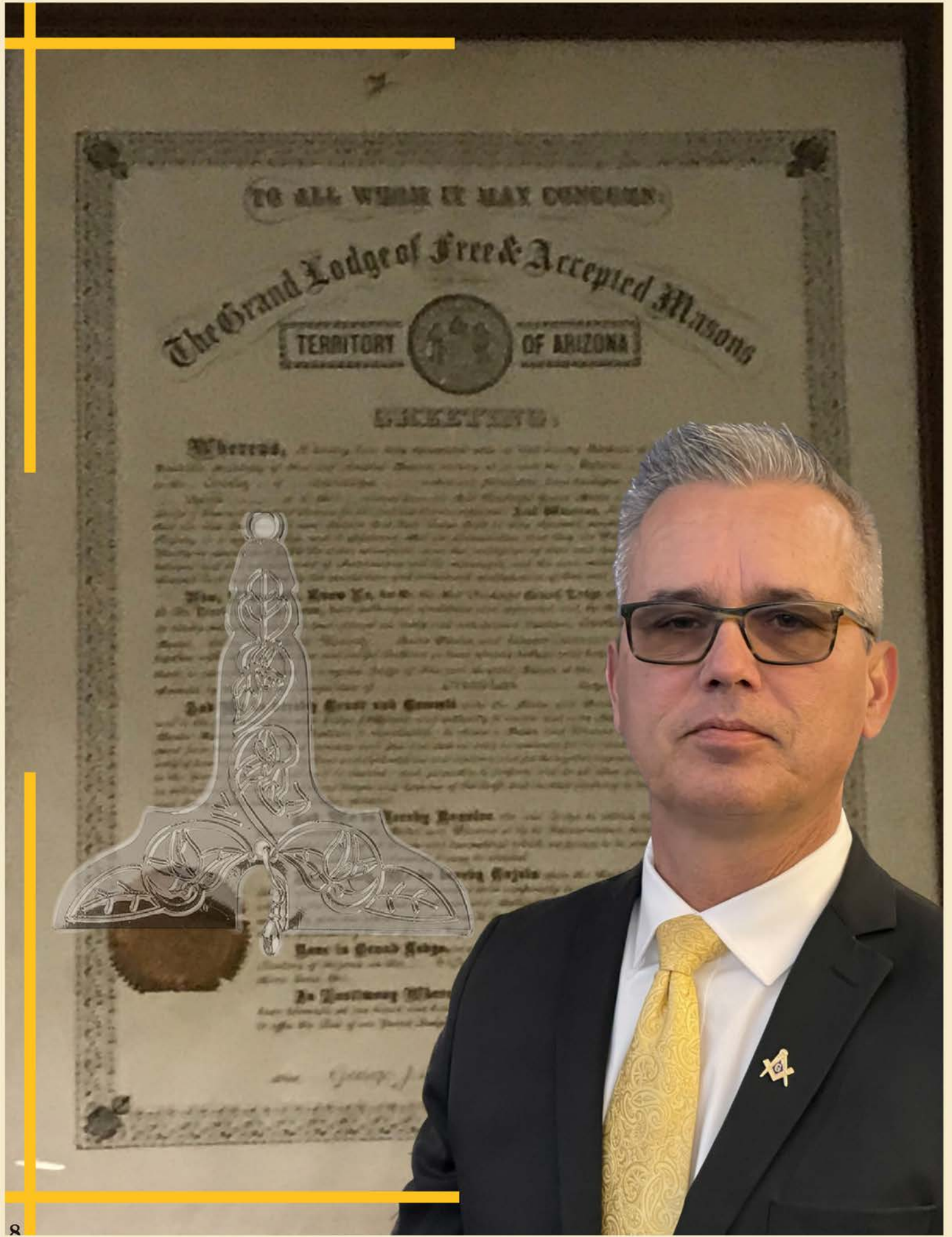
Of course, as a Freemason, I recognize that there is more to life than simply pursuing leisure activities. Our organization places a strong emphasis on personal growth and character development and I strive to live up to those ideals in all aspects of my life.

But, that doesn't mean that I can't enjoy the things that bring me joy and fulfillment. Whether I am participating in a Masonic ritual or heading out into the wilderness with my hunting buddies, I feel a deep sense of satisfaction and purpose.

For me, the key is finding balance in my life and ensuring that both my Masonic and hunting pursuits are approached with respect and reverence. Whether I am meditating in the quiet of a Masonic lodge or stalking game in the woods, I am grateful for the sense of connection and meaning that both activities bring to my life.

Fraternally,

Justin Stevens
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

The duties of the Senior Warden are many. The following is an excerpt from, "Freemasons for Dummies". Which is a very inciteful reference for any one in or thinking of becoming part of the craft.

"The Senior Warden sits in the west, symbolic of the setting sun, and assists the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the lodge. He is the second in command, like the vice president, and if the Master is unable to attend the meeting, he may open and conduct business. His ancient duties were to pay the Craft their wages and to handle disputes among the workers. These days, he's just a heartbeat away from the east, so his task is to support the Master and to prepare himself for that office for the following year."

"The Senior Warden and the Junior Warden often have small wooden columns on the pedestals in front of their positions. When the lodge is at work (during a meeting), the Senior Warden's column stands upright, and the Junior Warden's column is laid on its side, showing that the Senior Warden is now in charge of the Craftsmen. When the work is concluded and the lodge retires to refreshment, the Junior Warden's column is raised, and the Senior Warden's is laid down, showing that the Craftsmen are now under the supervision of the Junior Warden."

"The Senior Warden's jewel of office is the level, a stonemason's instrument used to check the level of horizontal surfaces. It symbolizes that all Masons meet on the level, without regard to social, political, or religious status."

As members it is important to understand the roles of the officers in the lodge. Feel free to ask any of the officers what their role is. It might not only be a learning experience for you, but for them as well.

Fraternally,

Michael Harris
Senior Warden



From the South

..Greetings from the South.

Last month I began writing my monthly article with a little background and history of our Past Master century ago. This month, and in subsequent months, I will move forward a decade at a time and provide insight on the great men who served our lodge as Worshipful Masters. As a side note, the men that served in between are no less deserving of our gratitude and remembrance.

I hope you will all take time to review and walk the rows of pictures adorning the North wall of our lodge. All these men are as much a foundation of the lodge as the cornerstone in the NE corner of our building.

Ninety years ago, marked one of the worst years during the great depression. One in four people were unemployed. A long drought in the Midwest, stripped the topsoil from farms creating dust bowls and greatly affected agriculture. 1933 was certainly going to be a challenging year for Masonry in general and the Lodge of Oriental 20.

Oriental's WM for that year was born in 1882, in Burnett, Dodge County, Wisconsin. He first worked as a clerk with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Sometime around 1908, after changing jobs a few times in the upper Midwest, he came to Arizona. Near Mammoth, he worked at the Copper Creek Mining Company, where he served four years as an accountant. In 1912, he moved his family to Mesa and took up farming (Part of his farm is now the site of Mesa High School). He farmed for about four years and then returned to accounting.

On October 7th, 1927, he was appointed Postmaster for Mesa by then President Coolidge. He served in this position for ten years.

A wise person once told me that, "Leadership is a quality that shows up when it is most needed." I would surmise this was the case in 1933. Years of accounting experience, a little over five years into his job as postmaster and having experienced three years of the great depression, **PM Henry Merrill Hall** had the skills and knowledge to lead Oriental 20 through this time.

PM Henry went on to serve Oriental 20 as Secretary for 30 years! He was also a past worthy patron of Eastern Star, past president of the Hiram Club, and member of the Shrine and Scottish Rite.

One constant in life is change and change is always a challenge. The challenges facing our lodge from it's beginning have been met by our fraternal brothers with the will and courage to carry forward. It is my hope that all members of Oriental 20 are inspired by the contributions made by **past and present brothers among us that, "show up when it is most needed. '**

Fraternally,
Marc Geyer - Junior Warden

March 2023						
◀ February						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m. York Rite Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting 7 pm	4 Camelback #75 Breakfast 9 am Meeting 10 am
5	6 Mesa Starlight 16 Mtg 7:30 pm	7 Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Stated Mtg 7 pm Facilities Committee Mtg 5:30 pm	8 Valley of the Stars 62 Mtg 1pm Rainbow #9 Conf room 7-8:30pm	9 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m. Stated	10 Baa Hanii Court #9 Mtg 7:30 pm	11 Mesa Starlight 10-4pm
12	13 Rainbow # 9 Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Meeting @ 7 pm Education Night Astronomy and Astrology in Masonry Friend to Friend	15	16 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	17 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting 7 pm	18
19	20 Mesa Starlight 16 Mtg 7:30 pm	21 Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Meeting @ 7 pm FC Degree Practice Night	22	23 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Rainbow # 9 Meeting 7:00 pm	28 Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Meeting @ 7 pm FC Degree Friend to Friend	29	30 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	31 Bethel 13 JDI 6pm-10pm	

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Lodge Phone: C- 480-206-6163

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2023 Master - Alexis A. Bautista

Stated Meetings

2nd Thursday of each month.

Dinner is served at 6:15 pm.

Stated Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 pm.



Camelback Daylight Lodge #75

Lodge Phone: C- 480-206-6163

Lodge Email: swietek.paul@gmail.com

2023 Master - Dwain A. Chase

Stated Meetings

1st Sat of each month @ 10:00 am

Every month; except Jul, Aug

Breakfast is served at 9:00 am

Widows Tea

Mad Hatter
February 12th



Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner



The Keys to Masonry.

**“Here’s what I can tell you about Masonry,
You get out of it what you put into it.”**

I think all of us heard a brother say this when we were first introduced to the lodge.



As a new mason yet to be raised or a seeker of knowledge regarding the mysteries of freemasonry, we are curious of what experiential events are hidden beyond the doors of the lodge room. We get glimpses and anecdotes of potential growth and enlightenment.

We see the masons who have come before us moving through the building. Some enjoying fellowship and good conversation. Some familiar faces and some new. Others scurrying about preparing for the evening.

This is a time when we had our eyes wide open, and our ears tuned. We may have felt a little awkward trying to navigate in this new social circle. Open to learning more, we step out of our comfort zones and do our best to interact. Away from lodge, we read books, watch shows and check out the internet for more information.

Most of us have heard of the book by Manly P. Hall called, “The Lost Keys Of Freemasonry”. As a Master Mason, we know what has been lost and in an esoteric way it may relate to the lost keys he’s alluding to. There are many parables, allegories, and metaphors regarding lost keys. I have one as well.

Here’s my take on lost keys, they are not lost, they just haven’t been found.

I have a couple questions for you. Since you’ve been a member and had a chance to experience Masonry, do you think what you put into it is what you’re getting out of it?

And, are you getting what you really want?

Take a moment and think about it. There is no right or wrong answer. Be honest with yourself and then proceed reading.

Do you think you have found, “All the Keys of Freemasonry”, a few of them, or maybe just one?

Now that you had a chance to think about and answer those questions, I’m going to turn your world upside down. Let’s look at it a different way. **You** get, **You** put, **You** want, **You** found, implies singularity and self-serving actions. Is the focus of your Masonic journey just **about you and what you get?**

The last paragraph might strike a nerve or a cord. It may be the opposite of how you approach the craft. It’s just something to ponder and also a way for me to bring up the point of this article.

The over arching argument that I am bringing forward is that **you** are the “**Lost Keys**” and many of you don’t even realize it. The keys are within you and are meant to be shared. It has nothing to do with what you get out of it. Once you find the keys, it’s about the doors that you open for others. It’s about contributing something more valuable than any other currency. **It’s Charity.**



Bring your keys and open some doors for our new Masons and those coming to the lodge in the Friend to Friend program. I will leave you with this quote:

The True Meaning Of Life
H.H. The 14th Dalai Lama

*We are visitors on this planet.
We are here for ninety or one hundred years at the very most.
During that period, we must try to do something good,
something useful, with our lives.
If you contribute to other people’s happiness, you will
find the true goal, the true meaning of life.*

Question: How can you make a difference? Answer: Eat some dinner at the lodge

– See the flyer following entitled, "Brethren You Hold The Keys", for details.

*Fraternally,
Marc Geyer, JW Oriental 20*




Brethren

You Hold The Keys

Each of us holds a set of keys in Masonry. These keys are unique and very valuable. We need your keys. You can open doors nobody else can open. The door you open may change someone's life.



How can I make a difference?

 **Bring your keys to dinner at the Lodge on Tuesday evening**




Beginning in March - The lodge will be hosting dinner every Tuesday. Bring a friend, your spouse or ? - We will be presenting a, "TED talk" type Masonic topic at every dinner. After dinner stay and enjoy our Friend to Friend program, lodge room activities or say goodnight.

 **Bring your keys to the Friend to Friend Program**

The Friend to Friend program meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The program was initiated to allow individuals who were interested in Masonry to ask questions and get acquainted with the brethren.



 **Bring your keys into the Lodge**



Simply put, your butt in a lodge chair can be the most important key. Think back to when you went through your degrees. If you were once an officer, think back to your journey in or through the chairs. The sidelines are where the coaches and ritual fans are. Your attendance is important to both the candidates and officers.

The added bonus of your keys is the support they provide across our fraternity. Just your presence supports our youth groups and Friend to Friend program. By simply coming by the lodge on at 6pm on Tuesday for dinner and fellowship your keys open doors.



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MASONIC EVENT, ARTICLE, OR
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THE 20TH OF THE MONTH IF YOU WANT IT
INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION.**

SEND TO: 20TBEDITOR@GMAIL.COM

AZ Masonic What's Happening?

At the Lodge

March 7th	Stated Meeting
March 14th	Education Night - Astronomy and Astrology in Masonry Speaker - Br. Bob Sylvester
March 21st	FC Degree Practice Night
March 28th	FC Degree for Brother Doylan
April 4th	Stated Meeting
April 11th	Possible Education or Charity Work
April 18th	Possible Education or Charity Work
April 25th	Table Lodge - In celebration of MWB Rex Hutchins Special Guest Speaker MWB Randy Jager



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MWB JIM BAKER
Grand Master of F. & A.M. of Arizona

WB DAVID FIERRO
Past Master Arizona Lodge No. 42 F. & A.M.

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Lost Dutchman
3rd Degree

March 4, 2023
9:00 am

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AZ Masonic What's Happening?



Brethren,

Please join us at our Table Lodge to remember the life and works of our brother,

MW B Rex Hutchens!!



All Masons are encouraged to attend (EUs and FCs please contact Oriental Secretary for details on attending).

The event will begin at 6:00 pm, April 25, 2023 at Oriental Lodge #20 and will be followed by readings, discussion, fond memories of Worshipful Brother Hutchens. With special guest speaker MW B Randy Jager.

Cost is \$75 per person for three course meal and souvenir cannon. Seating will be limited to 72, please reserve your seats early.

Scan the QR code here or go to:
<https://Oriental20tl.eventbrite.com>
For tickets to reserve your seat



*All net proceeds will be donated to a charity selected by MW B Hutchens family
Suit and tie requested.*

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AZ Masonic What's Happening?



SCOTTSDALE LODGE MILITARY DEGREE



Join us for a special evening as a Marine Corps Veteran is passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH

6:00PM DINNER | 7:00PM DEGREE

Arizona King Solomon Honorary
DeMolay Chapter announces an
opportunity for Master Masons to become
an honorary DeMolay member of Arizona
DeMolay



THE
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HERE

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM.
Where: Pinal Lodge No 30, 1140 E. Florence Blvd,
Casa Grande

Fees: \$100.00 for lifetime membership.
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DeMolay

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Masonic Family Fun Night

This event is to help build the camaraderie
between the Masonic Lodges and the Youth Groups

Sunday, April 30, 2023
5:00pm - 8:00pm

MAIN EVENT

Avondale

10315 W. McDowell Rd, Avondale, AZ 85392

Youth Leaders vs Masonic Leaders
6:00pm - Laser Tag
7:00pm - Bowling

Bring your family & friends to this public event and spend a fun evening playing
games, bowling, laser tag and more! Turn in your receipt and a donation will be made
back to DeMolay (Glendale & VOTS), Glendale Rainbow and
Bethel 19, Sun City Job's Daughters!



No alcohol will be permitted during this event!

Oriental Blue Lodge Anniversaries

March

Come to our Stated Meeting March 7th
@ 7 p.m. to celebrate!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Gordon Cronstrom	3/24/1964	59
Ken Lenhart	3/30/1971	52
Robert Brooks, PM	3/17/1976	47
Clay Faulkner, PM	3/23/1982	41
Allen Golat	3/15/1983	40
Neil Nisbet, PM	3/24/1983	40
David Mayne	3/26/1985	38
Roy Berggren, PM	3/25/1986	37
Ray Samson III, PM	3/29/1988	35
Don Stanton, PM	3/19/1996	27
James Zeller	3/12/2002	21
Donald Davis Jr, PM	3/15/2005	18
Roger Dawson	3/22/2007	16
Matthew McNeal	3/31/2009	14
Sean Munroe	3/27/2012	11
Justin Albrant	3/14/2017	6



March Birthdays

Come to our Stated Meeting March 7th
@ 7 p.m. to celebrate your birthday.

Name

Birth Date

Samuel Adams	3/6
James Chapman Jr	3/23
William Cook IV	3/16
David Donahue	3/3
John Durham	3/9
Luke Evans, PM	3/1
Craig Flanagan	3/6
Michael Gates	3/22
Ragav Gopalan, PM	3/16
Julius Horvath	3/18
Claire Jensen, PM	3/17
William Koch	3/31
Dylan Martin	3/21
Suresh Muthumani, PM	3/16
Michael Scelsi	3/3
Ralph Showers	3/21
Carl Stone	3/11
Gregory Willits	3/18

Appendant Bodies List

If you are a member of one of these appendant bodies and have not attended for awhile, make this year the year you come back. You will surely be welcomed. You can reunite with old acquaintances and meet some new ones. So, come on out at the time and dates noted. We would love to see you again.



MESA STARLIGHT NO. 16

Order of the Eastern Star

Meets 1st - 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Nicole Houlette	Worthy Matron
Howard Houlette	Worthy Patron
Renee Hurd	Secretary



BAA HANII COURT NO. 9

Order of Amaranth

Meets 2nd & 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m.

DeLores Nolan	Royal Matron
George Rusk	Royal Patron
Shirley Davis	Secretary



MESA ASSEMBLY NO. 9

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Anna Maria Delgado	Worthy Advisor
Rose Hanne	Mother Advisor
Augustine Delgado	Rainbow Dad
Don Wilson, PM	Board Chairman



BETHEL NO. 13

Job's Daughters International

Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Katie H.	Honored Queen
Alexandra Houseman	Bethel Guardian



VALLEY OF THE STARS NO. 62

Order of Eastern Star

Meets 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Mickie McKay	Worthy Matron
Bill Udell	Worthy Patron
	Secretary

TRAVELING MEN

**EDUCATION
MASONIC
FUNERAL**

WHEN
February 28, 2023
7 – 9 PM


WHERE
**Chandler
Thunderbird Lodge
No. 15**
68 W Erie St. Chandler, Arizona 85225

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PROGRAM ON MASONIC FUNERALS AND HOW MASONIC
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6PM FOR A SMALL
DONATION


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Oriental 20 brothers attended a very informative and well attended presentation by M W B Jim Rowan hosted by Chandler Thunderbird Lodge No. 15

