

**Nelson C. Bledsoe
Lodge # 74**

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Master's Voice

As we head into May, we congratulate the successes of our Rodeo Parking and Yard Sale fundraisers. While both were successful, the Rodeo parking is no longer our top earning event and we must consider other avenues for revenue. Let's all think outside the box and come up with extra ideas to bring in new Brothers and new income. Even something that did not work 20 or 30 years ago could prove fruitful. We also should be reaching out to our fellow Masons that are members but may not be coming around as often. Attendance is a little lower than we would like, so giving them a call or even a quick text to remind them that the food and fellowship is plentiful could re-establish those old connections. Every missed meeting is a missed opportunity and this gracious lodge has much to offer.

Fraternally,

Andrew Klos, W.M.

Senior Warden

Our Senior Warden is still exploring the Land of the Rising Sun, we hope that he will come back to us with new stories of brotherhood and fellowship. In his absence, his column will be used to provide some useful information. Our Senior Warden is planning a Father's Day picnic for this upcoming June. We hope to see all of you there to show support not only for our lodge, but its celebrated members.

The lodge is looking bright with 3 candidates working on their various degrees and several tentative candidates anxiously awaiting their petitions. Let's continue to welcome every face we see and show them what it means to be a member of the illuminating Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge.

Reminders:

May 22, 2018

Open lodge. Please join us for a Potluck dinner and fine fellowship.

May 29, 2018

Lodge is closed in honor of Memorial Day.

May 31-June 2, 2018

136th Grand Lodge of F. & A. M of Arizona Annual Communication

Junior Warden

Another month has gone by. I'm on a "Widow's Sons" motorcycle trip to Oklahoma City so my trusty sidekick is writing this for me. Our first monthly N.C.B. Breakfast had a fairly, good turnout. I think the brothers and their families that attended enjoyed a good breakfast and fellowship. Hopefully we'll have a bigger turnout next month, Saturday, May 19th. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We also had a great attendance and meal at our last Stated Meeting. Remember, wives, better halves, and friends are always welcome to join us for the dinners, not just on Stated Meeting nights.

Here's the menus for May:

- 5/01 Beef tips over noodles, vegetable medley, dessert
- 5/08 STATED MTG. - Pork Roast, squash w/bacon & onions, buttered cabbage, dessert
- 5/15 BBQ chicken, Mac & Cheese, salad, "red hot" cinnamon applesauce...dessert
- 5/22 Potluck dinner **OPEN LODGE-ALL ARE WELCOME**

Hope to see everyone at the meetings!

Emeterio (Terry) Godoy

Secretary's Desk

Our favorite Secretary is currently out galivanting on his motorcycle. When he is no longer kicking up dust on the open road, he will return to kick up dust from his corner in the lodge. Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge #74 would like to thank all its members for paying their dues. This lodge could not operate without you and your support. Please remember that there is a standing fine for any outside disturbances that occur during the time the lodge door closes to commence meetings. Turn off your cell phones or silence them to avoid this fee and avoid the wrath of the Secretary.

Did you know?

General George Washington, a celebrated Freemason, trusted so deeply in keeping secrecy during the American Revolution, that he looked to the best keepers of secrets that he knew, his fellow Masons!

Benjamin Franklin published the first Masonic book in America in 1734.

Fellowcraft Club

The Fellowcraft Club is renewing all memberships and the application forms are ready to be filled out. Please see W.B. Richard Morales if you are interested.

Brothers:

We had a beautiful 3rd Saturday of the month meeting. Our Brethren came with family for breakfast, courtesy of Terry G. There were many choices, ham and eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, chorizo, potatoes, and beans (thank you Carmen Morales!). It was truly wonderful to hear our dining room filled with happiness and laughter as everyone came together.

The following Tuesday, we had a wonderful turnout as our Brothers and their wives joined us in saying goodbye to Brother Alex and his wife, Leah. Brother Alex gave us a rousing going away speech to inform us that he has been visiting our lodge for 7 years and will be back. As a side story, a few years ago I asked Brother Alex if he knew about a "Lewis Mason"? He told me he did not, but said he would research it. The following year, when he came back from Colorado, he returned with 22 pages of research that pertained to this "Lewis Mason". Do you have any ideas about who this Mason is? At the very least, we will be anxiously awaiting Brother Alex and Leah Pettigrew's return.

We have a beautiful Fellowcraft Club, going back to founding members to the late Jimmy Johnson, and Brother Bill Grimes. Joining the ranks with these gentlemen is an honor and we hope to see your applications coming in.

Richard Morales, P.M.

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Trustee's Report

As we all know, in a building, curb appeal is very important. A proposal to improve the pavement and the porch cover, is: to put pavers, brick size, from south 6th Avenue to the main entrance.

A generous person has arranged to donate 2000 bricks to this effort. Another party suggested we sell personal engravings on some of them. We have set a fee of \$40 dollars on each brick. This will be enough to cover the materials and so forth. We need to sell about 30 engraved bricks for this effort. Call Brother Bill Grimes (520) 883-8264, if you are interested and sign up.

A Look Ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General practice	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo
6	7	8 <i>Stated Meeting</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 General practice	16	17	18	19 Lodge Breakfast
20	21	22 General practice- Pot luck	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 LODGE CLOSED	30	31		