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Master's Voice

Brethren,

As our Masonic year nears its end, please remember a few things.

First, the Junior Grand Warden will be making his official visit to our lodge at the October stated meeting. Please make h feel welcome at the Friendliest lodge in Arizona.

Second, with the cooler weather, Brother Bob Jenkins will be holding another yard sale. Please assist him as much as possible. Not only with donations for the sale but with help at the sale, especially set up and cleanup.

Finally, November will be time for Lodge elections. All those preparing for one of the pedestal positions need to have your proficiency cards by the November Stated meeting. See Brother Vince Santos, our DDGM, to make sure you've made the grade. Our annual Awrds night will also be coming up. Think about what you'll want for that dinner as it is traditionally been a pot luck for the side dishes.

Enjoy t the upcoming holidays,

Fraternally,

Andrew Klos, WM

Senior Warden

Brethren,

As Always it is wonderful to write to you. We have had some pretty busy times this past month with the Spaghetti dinner, as well as the official visit of our Grand Master, but now that September is done it is time for us to look forward to the month of October. A reminder that we will have another official visit this coming stated from the Deputy Grand Master and his wife. Let us put our best foot forward and show them what the friendliest lodge in Arizona is about.

Besides that to my knowledge covers the most important event

and so now I will go into this month's history. Last month a great ceremony was held in the United States Capitol which commemorated the Corner Stone Laying of the US Capitol. This Ceremony Performed by our brothers on the East Coast was an exact replica of the cornerstone laying ceremony performed by our great brother and 1st President of The United States George Washington and his brothers on September 1793. The history of the ceremony is very interesting. The foundation excavation started in July of 1793 and the building commissioner at the time a Mr. David Stuart wrote to other members of the capitol commission suggesting a cornerstone ceremony be held. At their September 2 meeting, the commission agreed with Stuart, setting a date for the ceremony a little more than two weeks later. At 10:00 a.m. on September 18, President of the United States George Washington and his entourage crossed the Potomac River to arrive in the city of Washington. There, they were joined by an escort consisting of the Alexandria Volunteer Artillery, and members of Masonic lodges from Virginia and Maryland, and proceeded to the construction grounds approximately 1.5 miles (2.4 km) away. At the site of the Capitol, Washington was received by Joseph Clark, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. A silver plaque, fashioned by Georgetown silversmith Caleb Bentley, was handed to Washington, who stepped into the foundation trench and placed the plaque, whereupon the cornerstone was lowered. The plaque was inscribed with a brief tribute to the "military valor and prudence" of Washington, and dedicated the building in the "first year, of the second term, of the presidency of George Washington ... and in the year of Masonry 5,793." Washington, accompanied by three Worshipful Masters carrying sacrifices of corn, wine, and oil, then struck the stone three times with a gavel, as prescribed by Masonic custom. Washington exited the trench to ritual chanting by the assembled Masons and a 15-gun salute (one gun for each U.S. state) from the Alexandria Volunteer Artillery. Clark then delivered a short invocation, after which a 500 pounds (230 kg) ox was slaughtered and roasted.

And that my brothers is it from the West.

Junior Warden

From the Junior Warden:

Brethren.

August and September has come and almost gone already! We have done a lot over the last two months, with lots more to do ahead of us

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At the time that I'm writing this article, I'm hoping that our fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on Sept 25th will be or was a success. We will be helping out our Grand Lodge Worshipful Master, Craig Gross with the proceeds from the dinner. Keeping up with my duties as Jr. Warden, I expect that the good meals, along with the good fellowship will continue and no doubt, we will have a great October.

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As always, your suggestions and/or feedbacks regarding the meals or the monthly breakfasts will be gladly accepted and acknowledged, good or bad. Suggestions especially would be great as we're (my assistant and I) are running out of ideas.

In closing, we wish everyone a Happy Autumn and enjoy the "cooler" temperatures.....lol

Emeterio Godoy
Jr. Warden
NCB Lodge #74

Editor's Desk

Brethren:

I have answered the call to edit the monthly Tressleboard. I am new to this so please be kind. All articles for the following month will be due on the 20th of the preceding month.

Brendon Barnhart
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Fellowcraft Club

Greetings, or should I say “Hail Bretheren”?

I have appointed myself as spokesman for the Fellowcraft Club, I hope you all approve? It is running well. I would like to see Oct. be a great month for our Improvement and Fund Raiser project.

Will each member download and print at least 2 copies of the request for the etched pavers? Then get them filled in for the month of Sept or pick up some copies at the Lodge.?

Our target date for start of construction is Nov., at the latest!

Richard Morales has informed me that not one person has returned the new application form for enrollment in the Fellowcraft Club. This document is intended for the aid of the Sr. Warden in setting up his ritual stations.

Next month I shall endeavor to start a bit of the history of our Club.

While the Knife and Fork group met two (2) weeks ago, we unanimously voted to choose RED BRICKS as the color for the engraved pavers. A few oversized bricks will have engraved “THE FIRST STEP OF A MASON”

Hand placed by MWGM CRAIG L. GROSS

Grand Master of Masons of the State of Arizona.

This may take several bricks.

So bretheren, let's get moving on this project!

Wm. Bill Grimes PM

For Richard Morales Dr. Of the Work

For Ron Allen PM Chairman

Trustee's Report

In keeping with the improvements, the Fellowcraft Club has adopted a new surfacing project of the entrance from S. 6th. Ave to the main entrance of the Lodge Hall. An anonymous donor has offered 2,000 concrete pavers to help accomplish this. The pavers would also include underneath the Canopy cover. A nominal fee of \$40.00 has been adopted for the etching and laying of the pavers. I have also planned to have simulated Columns painted around the Doorway with the inscription: "Entrant Bona Homines". The prime paver will be placed in the Northeast Corner of the walkway in keeping with Masonic tradition and will read the following inscription:

Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge # 74 F.& A.M.
1st step of a Mason

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A Look Ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Stated meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Breakfast
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			