

Nelson C. Bledsoe
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Master's Voice

Brethren,

As we enter the hottest part of the year, remember that we will be semi-dark over the summer. That means lodge will be convened for Stated Meetings, as required by our bylaws and the AZ F&AM Constitution. We will be dark the rest of the month unless we need to do degree work. I have been reminded by our Senior Warden that we will need to put on a 3rd Degree sometime this summer, so be alert for practices that will need to be scheduled.

Beyond that, enjoy the summer and keep spreading the cement of Brotherly Love.

Faternally,

Andrew Klos, W.M.

Senior Warden

Brothers

My brothers it is great to be writing in the trestle board again I hope all of you are in good spirits and having a great time. Summer is quickly approaching so first I want to remind everyone to spend time with their families as well as if you are traveling keep an eye out for motorcycles like mine we mean no harm. But more importantly as the summer starts and things get hot remember our duties to our fellow man. Me personally I keep a case of water in my trunk and if I am on the bike two extra bottles of water that way if I find someone destitute and in danger I can give them some water to protect them from this desert environment. And now as has become custom for me here is your monthly masonic lesson from the west:

Reminders

June 1, 2018-August
31,2018

Lodge will be dark except
for stated meetings and
degrees.

June 16, 2018

Our monthly 3rd Saturday
breakfast. Join us for
good food and great
company before it gets
too hot!

This lesson comes from a brother by the name of L. DeWayne Nichols, Senior Warden, Kensington MD Bethesda Lodge no 198

How Could I Not Be?

If you have been a Freemason for more than a day you've heard the negative. I'm not talking the internal issues we have, no I mean from a non-Mason. They say, "How can you be a member of that?!?" To them I say, "How could I not be?!?"

While we Freemasons have a secret or two, what isn't a secret is the disruption in our world. Nation fights nation, religions claim the others are lying, political parties win and lose, and on and on. Where do we turn? What can help?

Freemasonry!

Our fraternity has been around for centuries. We have though those years taught: unity, brotherhood, compassion, charity, character building, acceptance, time management, and peace. Not yesterday, not last year, not way back in the 1980's.

We have united men of different walks of life, creeds, and languages for centuries. We believe making one person better will make one community better, will make one nation better and finally one world better. While outside people kill over beliefs, we inside the lodge accept on those very same beliefs.

So, the next time someone ask you how can you be a Freemason. Say with pride: How could I not be?

This lesson we can take a lot of knowledge out of because none of us are perfect we need to constantly be proud and happy of the joyful fraternity we are a part of if we are not proud and happy of what the lodge or the fraternity is doing and you are just sitting idle complaining then you are no longer living the teaching of masonry we are here to become better men and look towards the future. It is time my brothers of Nelson C. Bledsoe. It is time for us to step up stop bickering and stand strong to what we know is true and do what is right for the fraternity. Let us become more involved with the community help ones in need. Start spending more focus on outside of the lodge then the inside the only way to show people what masonry is about is by doing this.

Robert Fields

Did You Know?

8 of the signers on the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons.

Junior Warden

Hello, Brethren. As most of you are aware, my wife and I have been out of commission due to an accident. We want to thank all of you very much for your prayers, well wishes and offers of help in many ways. It's a beautiful thing to have friends like all of you. We especially would like to thank Lu & Brendan Barnhart for taking over the cooking duties for the breakfast and dinners. Big thanks also to Norma Sebastian and any others that helped with the breakfasts the last 2 months.

I understand it was another successful get together. We are hoping to be back in the swing of things for the June 12th meeting. A little slower pace, but back.

Here is your June menu:

6/05 NO MEAL- LODGE IS DARK

6/12 STATED MTG. - Barbacoa (not spicy meat, kinda like pot roast)
Tortillas, rice, beans, dessert

6/19 NO MEAL-LODGE IS DARK

6/26 (Tentative) Stir fry over rice, egg rolls, egg drop soup, dessert

Emeterio Godoy

Secretary's Desk

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.

The Spirit of Masonry

Come and clear the way, then, clear the way:

Blind creeds and kings have had their day.

Break the dead branches from the path:

Our hope is in the aftermath—

Our hope is in heroic men,

Star led to build the world again.

To this event the ages ran:

Make way for Brotherhood- Make way for Man.

-Edwin Markham

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 wonderful gathering on May 22, 2018 for the open lodge, which was a tribute to the "ladies of the lodge." A delicious meal was provided for by Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Barnhardt and lodge cleanup was assisted by Mrs. Norma Sebastian. Brother Robert Ribbick graciously provided beautiful corsages for all women in attendance and we invited them into the lodge hall for a brief lecture on what it means to be a Mason and why their spouses look forward to Tuesday evenings. The one great loss for the evening was not seeing our beloved Junior Warden and his better half. The Godoy's were in an accident earlier in the month of May but they are on their way to recovery and we are all looking forward to seeing their faces around the lodge again.

Holding special events like our monthly breakfasts and open lodge nights are key in doing what we do best, providing fellowship to those around us. We have more events like this coming up, so please take a moment to call someone who hasn't been around lately or perhaps does not know we are having open lodge, invite extended family members, and invite your friends. These are the people we want to hold onto dearly.

Until next month,

William Grimes, 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.

We have had 5 inquiries so far. Let's spread the word and lay bricks.

A Look Ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Lodge Closed	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <i>Stated Meeting</i>	13	14	15	16 Lodge breakfast 7-11
17	18	19 Lodge Closed	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Degree Practice Tentative	27	28	29	30