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## Master's Voice

Brethren,

A reminder as we enter the hottest part of the year, the lodge will be semi-dark over the summer. In short, we will be convened for Stated Meetings, as required by our bylaws and the AZ F&AM Constitution. The rest of the month will be dark unless there is a need to practice degree work. We will need to be ready for a 3rd degree and a 1st degree soon, so keep an ear open for a summons from the Senior Warden.

The Independence Day holiday is almost upon us as well. Please enjoy the various celebrations around the City and across the country but also remember to be safe. Fireworks have become synonymous with this day so be careful if you are planning on shooting any off.

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

Fraternally,

Andrew Klos WM

## Senior Warden

Brethren,

As always, it's wonderful to write to you for this Month of July. We got some exciting times coming ahead we got a third degree we need to prepare for as well as a first degree so knock that dust off your ritual books and get to studying if you want a specific part let me know. Besides the two degrees coming up I do not have much to put out so let's get straight to the masonic lesson of the month in honor of the upcoming first degree let us

## discuss the following lesson. THE LESSON OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER

There are many lessons contained in the Entered Apprentice Degree, but few more dramatic and as important as those communicated to the Mason when placed in the Northeast corner. Standing between the darkness of the North and the absolute light of the East, the new Mason is instructed as to his importance to the Craft, his future moral and Masonic conduct, and his responsibilities to his Brothers. While frequently a brief part of the degree, this moment is of critical importance and significance. From the Northeast corner, the new EA stands upright as a plumb line and faces the Worshipful Master in the East. Here he is made to understand his responsibilities for his future conduct and his Masonic life. He is told his Masonic life now begins and the choices between darkness and Light are his. At that moment in time, he is a true Mason, and spotless cornerstone of his Lodge. It is here that the EA is taught the importance of charity, especially with respect to his Brothers. The symbolism of a metallic substance refers to the unrefined metal and is to remind him of his earthly nature. As the Lodge represents the world and the Heavens, it is by giving up the earthly pursuits that the new EA is to erect his spiritual temple. Likewise, it is through the charity of his Brothers to him and his charity to his Brothers, he can become a true Mason. The frequent use of a coin carries the same message, for its refinement indicates man's attempts to mold nature, but still present are the lessons of the base nature of man and his earthly pursuits. The lesson of charity between Brothers is most evident and easily understood. Thus, we see the placement between North and East is to teach us we will face many choices in the building our Temple. Our direction should be toward the Light, and as our Brothers may help us, we are to help them. Our goal is to be "like a stone" and preparing for that Spiritual home, "that house not made with hands." Such are the lessons found in the Northeast corner.

-Robert Fields

## Did You Know?

“The British are coming!” -Paul Revere

A decorated Freemason rode through the night to warn Americans throughout Colonial Massachusetts that the British troops were coming. As we celebrate Independence Day, remember to say a prayer for all the Founding Fathers and every serving member in the military. Make sure you fly Old Glory in honor of our country.

## Junior Warden

From the Junior Warden:

Brethren, my wife and I are ALIVE and I'm here to continue my fellowship with the Lodge and my Brothers. I'm looking forward to getting more involved as I believe that I'm officially retired now from truck driving. The attendance at the regular meetings has been very sparse this last month. Because of this, the dinners have been very light and easy. Here's what we have planned for July:

7/03 Sloppy Joe's, french fries and dessert.

7/10 STATED MTG. - Pork chops, fried potatoes, salad and dessert

7/17 Salad Bar - make your own with asst fixins, meats, etc. and dessert

7/24 Hot Ham & Swiss sliders, zuchinni fries, applesauce and dessert

7/31 Polish Sausage, saurkraut, potato salad and dessert

As always, your meal suggestions are always needed and welcomed.

Hope to see more of you at the regular meetings.

WAIT!!! Last month's breakfast wasn't attended as well as we had hoped. Please bring your friends, family, etc and join us on the third Saturday of the month, the 21st, and enjoy a great breakfast. We need to keep this going if only for the fellowship.

Emeterio Godoy  
Junior Warden

## Secretary's Desk

Brethren: As announced in our stated meeting for the month of June, I invited any brother to take over the Boiler Plate format of the existing Nelson C. Bledsoe #74 Trestle Board. So far, I haven't heard from anyone. I am sad to say it is now a good time for me to rid myself of most of my Earthly belongings and Obligations. I shall continue to attend the Lodge as far as I'm able. Thank all of you for sharing with me your Fellowship, which I call Fellowlove!

William G." BILL" Grimes. P.M.

## Fellowcraft Club

Please remember that applications have been given out but none have returned. Worshipful Brother Richard Morales is anxiously awaiting your returns to proceed in the application process. The Fellowcraft Club is a vital part of our lodge and relies on members joining. Get your applications in as soon as possible. A nice membership card is awaiting YOU!

## Trustee's Report

In keeping with the improvements, the Fellowcraft Club has adopted a new surfacing project of the entrance from S. 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.  
1<sup>st</sup> step of a Mason

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## A Look Ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Stated Meeting</i>	11	12	13	14
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