

# Temple Talk

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## From The West:

My brethren,

The great December holidays are already underway with its usual mixture of great feelings and good wishes for our loved ones. We look into these sparkling decoration lights that remind us the unforgettable moments of the past, the present moment and the great future dreams that inspires us to make plans and projects that our hearts desire and wish for. The great Christmas trees stand upright with its vast array of shiny and sparkling figures hanging from every point that can be conceived. Our hearts become full with renewed and good desires pushing ourselves to desire to be better next year and improve ourselves and our loved ones. December is a month that we look forward to be with our loved ones and express the great love we have toward them. We get together around the lighted Christmas tree, a dinner table, a nice fire pit and many other places to feel the Christmas season spirit that can't be described but felt by that feeling of love and peace to those of us who are nostalgic to these days of celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to express my brotherly love and best wishes to each one of you and your loved ones. The inevitable feeling of our Masonic search has and will always be love. Love drives us to be better persons and do what a good brother does best which is the rightness. May the best wishes prevail this Christmas and every day our lives. May these wishes become realities by our actions and resolutions to make them come true. May these realities fulfill your hearts and as thus, the purpose of who we are and what we do as freemasons be the outcome of our desires. May we renew our strength in our craft to once again create the world and societies that we envision. May these holidays feel your hearts with love, peace and harmony.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

**Gus Rodriguez, SW**

### **Retraction #1**

In the September – October Trestle Board the article which appeared in "From the East" was not contributed by WM Jeff Grayson, but by our DDGM Eric Carter. I apologize for any confusion.

#### **From the Secretary:**

Our elections night in November was pretty much a non-election. Bro. Jay David was elected as the new Treasurer and Bro. Michael Gattorna was elected as the new Trustee. With no new officers qualified to move into the three pedestal chairs, WM Jeff Grayson and SW Gustavo Rodriguez will continue to serve through 2011. With the sudden departure of Jon Logan to Pennsylvania to care for his father again, the Junior Warden position is vacant. You all should have received by now a ballot on the consolidation of Thunderbird #15 and Chandler #34. I had planned to retire this year from being an elected officer but have agreed to continue as Secretary through June, 2011, because if this consolidation does take place the lodge needs an experienced person in this position. If the consolidation does not take place, I will be resigning in June and the lodge will have to elect a new Secretary. Brothers, I have served long enough and have plenty of business to take care of, some of which I have been putting off for years and I need to have the time to take care of this other business. I also apologize for not publishing a November – December Trestle Board, but with all that is going on, I just was not able to do it.

**James Drake PM, Secretary**

### **Retraction #2**

In the September – October Trestle Board there was some confusion about the per capita rates stated in the Secretary's letter. When 2009 dues invoices were mailed out, the Per Capita was \$16.00. When 2010 dues notices were mailed out, the Per Capita was \$20.26. The per Capita for the 2011 dues is \$28.00.

### **Thunderbird – Chandler Consolidation**

Consolidation ballots have been sent out and news of the consolidation has been in the wind for some time now. I have had some inquiries about how the ballot is going – yeah or nay. Brothers, no one will know the outcome of the ballot until the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

Once the ballots are sent out, the brethren have 90 days to return their ballots from the date the ballots are post marked. As the ballots are received and collected by the Secretary they are to remain sealed until the first stated meeting after the 90 day time period. At this meeting, the Secretary will unseal the ballots and the Master will read them in front of the members present at the meeting. At least 2/3 of the ballots returned must be in favor of the lodges consolidating in order to proceed any further. If the balloting in the two lodges is favorable to consolidation, there are still further procedures to follow before the consolidation can be finalized at a Grand Communication.

Thunderbird will open and count their ballots on March 3, and Chandler #34 will open and count their ballots on March 8.

## **THUNDERBIRD LODGE #15**

is offering Masonic Veterans Pins to our  
Brothers at a price that is just slightly  
above our cost.

Any profits that may be made from the  
sale of these pins will be donated  
to our three Masonic Youth Groups.



The actual size of the pin is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch.

If you would like one, or more, pins just send \$2.00  
for each pin to:

**Thunderbird Lodge #15  
c/o George Stablein  
P.O. BOX 6794  
Chandler, AZ 85246**

**Please make your checks payable to  
Thunderbird Lodge #15**

### **Masonic Veterans Pins for Sale**

Thunderbird Lodge #15 has Masonic Veterans lapel pins for sale. Proceeds from the sale of these pins will go to our three Masonic Youth Groups. These beautiful pins have a red field with the square and compasses and a blue border with "Armed Forces Veteran" printed in gold. Pin sales are going quite well and we have recovered our costs and all funds from the rest of the first two lots of pins we sell will be available for our youth groups. Good job!

### **Other Masonic items for sale**

We also have some other items for sale from the lodge – Thunderbird Lodge #15 bumper stickers and t-shirts, key chains, coasters and several types of lapel pins. These can be purchased by contacting the Secretary or at lodge.

### **Christmas Bell Ringing**

Members of Thunderbird Lodge participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army with the Scottish Rite on December 11 and 18. The Scottish Rite in the East Valley helped raise \$6,000.00 in donations for the Salvation Army from bell ringing on these two Dates.

### **2011 Grand Lodge Scholarship Applications**

The Secretary has received applications for the 2011 Grand Lodge Scholarship Program. If you are the father or grandfather of a young person attending college or university, they may be eligible for a scholarship. They must also be attending school in Arizona full time. Do not pass up an opportunity to take advantage of this program. Contact the Secretary for applications and a complete set of rules and instructions. And don't wait too long – applications are due back to the lodge Secretary by March 15, 2011.

#### **Masonic Birthdays for: November and December:**

Gary Denny PM	11/21/1985	James Drake PM	11/10/2001
Dan Droeg	11/6/1990	Ali Farrokh	12/28/2002
Harold Freeman PM	11/18/1942	Franklin Gilbert	11/21/1957
Everett Hall PM	11/30/1960	Franklin Hall	11/30/1960
Beverly Hodges	11/28/1969	Roy Hoyt, Jr. PM	11/29/1962
Tommy Johnston	11/20/1970	Daniel Keifer	11/25/1980
Bryan Mack	12/12/2006	John McMahan	11/22/1997
Jay McReynolds	11/29/1984	James Miller	11/15/1956
James Riffle PM	11/28/1973	John Ruff	11/9/1978
Daniel Shank	12/15/1988	Jay David	12/11/2008
Georfe Stablein PM	11/20/1985	Shawn Sturtivant	11/20/2004
Warren Walker	12/21/1972	Donald Wilcox	12/13/2001

#### **Masonic Birthdays for: January and February:**

Milford Dorsett	2/22/1956	Richard Edwards	2/14/1957
Kent Fults PM	1/31/1985 - 25 Years!	Robert Hill Sr.	1/21/1999
Belton Hodges	2/10/1954	John Leverette	2/19/1964
Nicky Lowery	1/26/1978	Charles Lufkin PM	2/25/1988
Kenneth Lufkin PM	2/11/1988	Edwin Mitchell	2/20/1957
Clinton Molodow	1/18/1999	Bob Meyers	2/7/1977
Ron Randleman PM	2/20/1957	Michael Reed	2/24/1972
Bill Robertson PM	1/17/1969	Irvine Schmidt	1/17/1969
Howard Swinton	2/24/1999	Amos Terrell Sr.	2/28/1955
Kenneth Webster	1/19/1989	William Wynd	2/25/1965

### **Golden Scroll**

We were saddened to recently learn recently of the passing of Brother Charles Barklet on August 2. He was born on November 11, 1924 and raised on May 22, 1975. Please observe a moment of silence in his memory as we did in lodge.

Brothers, we had been out of contact with Brother Barkley for some time. Please, let your families know how to contact the lodge so we may know of your whereabouts and your well-being. We have a number of brothers of advanced age whom we have lost contact with and we do not know if they have simply moved without a forwarding address, are in a care facility, in distress or have passed.



## Calendar:

January 22: Grand Lodge Leadership Conference, Sun City Lodge.

February 3: Stated Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dinner in the Red Fez at 6:00. **The lodge will no longer be purchasing stated meeting dinners, so come prepared with check or cash to cover your food because the Red Fez does not accept credit or debit cards.**

February 4 – 5: Gathering on the River, Laughlin.

February 10: Ritual practice and fellowship, Audit Committee meeting.

February 17: Dinner and a movie. Movie TBD, watch the web site for info.

February 24: Ritual practice and fellowship.

March 3: Stated Meeting, Consolidation ballot count.

March 10: Ritual practice and fellowship.

For more information on any of these events, please feel free to contact the Secretary.

Information and flyers are also available in the lodge room. Or check out the web site.

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<b>W.M. *</b>	<b>Jeff Grayson PM</b>	<b>Trustee 2011</b>	<b>VW George Stablein PM</b>
<b>S.W. *</b>	<b>Gustavo Rodriguez</b>	<b>Trustee 2012</b>	<b>Don Wilcox</b>
<b>J.W. *</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Trustee 2013</b>	<b>Jay David</b>
<b>Treasurer \$</b>	<b>J. David</b>	<b>Trustee 2014</b>	<b>Michael Gattorna</b>
<b>Secretary #</b>	<b>Jim Drake PM</b>		
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>* Also Trustees Ex-Officio</b>	
<b>Marshal</b>	<b>vacant</b>	<b>\$ Also Treasurer of Trustees</b>	
<b>S.D.</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b># Also Secretary of Trustees</b>	
<b>J.D.</b>	<b>Michael Gattorna</b>		
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Request to the family of the lodge member whose name appears below-  
Please notify the Secretary at the above address if our member is in the  
Hospital or care facility or is incapacitated in any way. Thank-you.