

Temple Talk

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From The East:

Dear Brothers,

This may be the last Trestleboard that we put out as Thunderbird 15 F. & A.M. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master for the last 2 ¼ years. I have many Thank-yous to give out. First, to the members of Thunderbird #15, who voted 92 yes, 11 no and 2 spoiled ballots for the consolidation of #15 and #34. Second, to the Brothers of #34 who voted 93 yes and 6 no for the consolidation. Next Thank-you goes to WB Jim Drake, our Secretary, who handled the mailings of the notice, ballots and the receiving of the ballots. To VW George Stablein who chaired the consolidation committee, a big Thank You goes to him.

We now need to wait for Grand Lodge give its approval at its session this June. The tentative Installation of officers of Chandler-Thunderbird Lodge #15 is set for June 14th at 7 pm. I believe there may be a dinner at 6 pm at the Lodge in Chandler. I am requesting that all of the #15 Brothers attend to show our support of the new Lodge and maybe sign a Charter Member list that would hang near our new Charter.

The Lodge will be dark for July and August, but will open in September for degree work, Masonic education and Stated meetings. Starting in September, our Stated meeting night will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September 13th. Please try to attend the meeting.

We will be having a First Degree on March 24th for a gentleman who lives in Maricopa. We will be trying to do our best to have him as our newest Master Mason by the time we consolidate. Many of our new Chandler Brothers will be helping in his initiations.

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Now for a few final words. Thunderbird Lodge had trouble in getting support of our members to fill the chairs and to support the Lodge. I hope that this attitude will change in the next few months. We are joining a Lodge that has about 20 prospective members in the wings waiting to join our Masonic fraternity. You do not need to be at every activity, but you do need to support your Lodge. You can go to a Stated meeting, a degree meeting, an education meeting, a breakfast, the movie or the steak fry, just to name a few. If you need help in driving, call the Lodge and ask for help. And if Masonry is not your thing, and what I am about to write is difficult, maybe you should drop your membership in our fraternity. Just paying your dues does not cut it, as evidenced by our need to consolidate. And if you live out of driving distance to Chandler, are you active in a Lodge near where you live. Masonry needs members who will **Support It**, Are you willing to support our fraternity? Please think about it and act accordingly.

Jeff Grayson PM, Master

From the Secretary:

With the consolidation of Thunderbird Lodge #15 and Chandler #34, some of you may be reconsidering your membership in Chandler-Thunderbird Lodge #15. There is never anything easy about a consolidation or change. The Chandler lodge building is probably going to be either closer or further for you to travel to than the El Zaribah Shrine. This would have been the case no matter which lodge we had consolidated with. If you are hesitant about traveling to Chandler, try visiting at least once, with the freeway system it may not be as far as you think. If you have another lodge in your area which is closer, visit it and get to know the members. In fact, if it means you would remain active or increase your activity in masonry, I would encourage you to become a member of a lodge closer to your home.

All members in good standing at Thunderbird and Chandler at the time of consolidation will receive new dues cards for Chandler-Thunderbird Lodge #15 after approval of the consolidation at the Grand Communication. If you should wish to demit from the lodge, the best way to do this is to ask the Secretary at the lodge you wish to affiliate with for an Application for Affiliation with a Demit after Election. This will ensure a smooth transition of your membership from your former lodge to your new lodge without any interruption in your membership which will affect someday receiving a 50-yr. pin and so forth because the demit will not be issued until after you are elected. The Secretary at your new lodge will handle all the paperwork and forms you will need to fill out.

If you wish to demit without being elected to membership in another lodge, or if you have dual membership and wish to withdraw from this lodge, I or the Chandler-Thunderbird #15 Secretary will have to have a written request from you to withdraw or demit. Carl Lawson PM is the Secretary at Chandler #34 and will be the Secretary at Chandler-Thunderbird #15, but I have agreed to assistant him with secretarial responsibilities for the remainder of the year.

We also have a few members who have not paid 2011 dues. A third and final dues notice will be going out soon. It would good if any unpaid dues are taken care of by June 1. If any Brother has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

James Drake PM, Secretary

Thunderbird – Chandler Consolidation

As you have read in the Master's letter, Thunderbird lodge #15 and Chandler lodge #34 both balloted nearly unanimously in favor of consolidation. All materials appertaining to the ballot have been turned over to the Grand Secretary. The by-laws of Chandler-Thunderbird lodge #15 have been drawn up by the consolidation committee and have been forwarded to the Grand Master for approval. Once approved, the final step is to have the consolidation balloted on at the Grand Communication which will be held in Flagstaff on June 2 -4. The officers of Chandler-Thunderbird #15 will be the present officers of Chandler Lodge #34. The Trustees will be the Trustees of both Thunderbird Lodge #15 and Chandler #34. Installation of officers of Chandler-Thunderbird #15 will take place at the first Stated Meeting of the new lodge which will be on the second Tuesday of June, or June 14.

In the meantime, decisions will have to be made in committee about the disposal of surplus properties and to have a smooth transition of all Thunderbird #15 properties which will be retained to the Chandler lodge building. Thunderbird lodge #15 and Chandler lodge #34 will continue to have Stated Meetings as usual on their regular nights in April and May as well as other lodge activities during these months.

Masonic Birthdays for: March and April:

John Arganbright	4/20/1994	James Hyde	4/13/2002
Robert Baxter	4/20/2000	Roy Judd PM	3/19/1954
Chuck Bent PM	4/8/1999	Thomas Kinloch, Jr.	3/23/1960
Charles Bentley	4/13/2002	Raymond Marks	4/8/1982
Thomas Bouck	4/22/1981	Alfred Mathena	3/28/1984
Raymond Brown	4/27/1961	Freddie McDaniel	3/15/1973
Bobby Bryant	3/20/1953	Lewis Neeb	4/6/1956
Harrison Copley	4/26/1972	John Neeley	4/14/1979
William Cunningham	4/24/1963	Gail Owens	4/10/1975
John Dalton	4/26/1962	Zenas Prust	3/28/1950
Keith Farnham	4/8/1998	Jack Redman	3/22/1973
John Fry PM	3/22/1968	Leroy Smith, Jr.	4/18/1968
Theodore Gardiner, Jr.	4/18/1998	WB Scott Thomas	4/14/2005
Theodore Gardiner, Sr. PM	3/29/1969	Marquis Toliver	4/21/1954
Arturo Gonzalez	4/13/2002	Clarence Tomasek	4/18/1998
Steven Gragg	4/13/2002	Louis Tomlinson	3/29/1962
Cory Hazlett	4/18/1998	Carol Williams, Jr.	4/29/1971
Philip Hazlett	4/18/1998	John Williams, Jr.	3/23/1961
Charles Hosey	3/21/1960	Gary Woodfill	3/21/1974

Golden Scroll

Brothers, please have a moment of silence for a fallen Brother, as we did at the March Stated Meeting. We were informed of the passing on January 29 of brother Wallace Sweat.

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, and we recently donated over \$100.00 to each of the three 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! We have ordered our third lot of pins and sales are still going great. This program will continue at Chandler-Thunderbird #15.

Other Masonic items for sale

Clearance – since we have not sold much of our lodge periphenalia and it will probably soon be obsolete and we do not want to toss it in the dumpster or move it, items with "Thunderbird Lodge #15" printed on them, like bumper stickers and t-shirts (but excluding Veteran's Pins), will be free to those attending the next two stated meetings. Who knows, they may be collector's items some day.

Notice

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:

March 24: EA degree, 7:00 pm.
April 7: Stated Meeting, 7:00 pm
April 21: Dinner and a movie, 6:00 pm
April tbd: FC degree
May 5: Stated meeting, 7:00 pm
May 19: Dinner and a movie, 6:00 pm
May TBD: MM degree.

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.

Chandler #34 meets for their Stated Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. They also have degrees on the other Tuesdays of the month. Chandler is an active lodge with over a dozen candidates in the pipeline. Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls and Order of Demolay all meet at Chandler lodge. On weekends the Blue Lodge or one of these groups is usually having some kind of dinner, breakfast or other activity. On meeting nights there is usually a dinner served in the dining room at 6:00 by the candidates or one of the youth groups.

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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.