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 $\mathcal W$ hile our membership enjoyed their summer travels, a few

major improvements took place at the Cathedral. Contractors built a new kitchen using the existing kitchen space and has been certified by the City and Health Department. The Ochoa Dining Room and the adjoining space which had been rented to Fox Theatre for storage, was converted into 4,600 sq. ft. of additional event space now called the Arizona Ballroom. Contractors also converted some extra storage space downstairs into a men's restroom, ladies lounge and ladies restroom. This renovation has greatly enhanced our Special Event bookings. Throughout the construction process, several potential clients toured the facility and booked events for 2015 and 2016.

A special Chanke You to the Phoenix Scottish Rite Bodies and our Special Events for their financial contributions which made these improvements possible. We would also like to thank the following contractors who worked long and hard during the months of July and August: AIS Industries, Inc.; Caldwell Construction, Inc.; RG Plumbing; COX Electric; IFS Flooring; Ed Moffat Painting; John Hyatt; Big Bear Electric; Spectra Kitchen & Bath; Paul Martinez; VVC Design and WSM Architects.

Those are not all the improvements made over the summer. Thanks to the Phoenix Scottish Rite Bodies and Illustrious Brother Larry Behers, 33°, for the awesome, state-of-the-art sound system in the Arizona Ballroom. Brother Dale Hess, 32°, from the Valley of San Diego, hired contractors to install and stain wainscoting in the lobby area outside the Harry A. Drachman Room (the Blue Room) and had new curtains made and installed on the landing leading to the Drachman Room.

There's more— an Anonymous donor presented us with an extremely generous donation to be used to upgrade the existing ladies restroom by the main entrance to the Cathedral and the Tucson York Rite bodies are working on some improvements in the Campbell Room (the Purple Room). Thanks to Brothers Ronald D. Wayne, 32°, K. C. C. H. and Marcos Castro, a member of Epes Randolph Lodge #32 and Downtown Lodge #86, for relocating the "old" ice machine into the "small" kitchen.

Thank You to everyone who has stepped up to the plate to enhance our beautiful, historic Cathedral.

Please join us for a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** followed by Dinner and our Stated Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2014 6:00pm Діппех Мепи **Passed Light Appetizers;** Sun Dried Tomato Torte, Cheese and Crackers with Arizona Funch; Summer Stacked Tomato Salad with Buffalo Mozzarella and Basil Vinaigrette;

Italian Bread with Garlic Butter;

Chicken Marcela served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables;

Dessert Bar consisting of Mini Cupcakes, Cheesecake Bars, Lemon Bars and Fudge.

\$15.00 per person **Reservations** Only 520-622-8364 patchley@tucsonscottishrite.org

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2014 Calendar of Events

September 25, 2014—Stated Meeting (Past Venerable Masters' Night)

October 23, 2014—Stated Meeting (Feast of Tishri)

> November 7-8, 2014 (Tucson Fall Reunion)

November 13, 2014—Stated Meeting (Salute to the Veterans and Election of Officers)

> December 11, 2014 (Holiday Celebration)

The Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral is turning 100!

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The Tucson Scottish Rite Centennial Committee is busy planning a full year of celebration in honor of the **100th Anniversary** of our Cathedral.

Volunteer! Get Involved!

We would love to hear from you! Perhaps you have a story to share, or old photos to share. Spend a few hours volunteering, or join a committee.

For more information, please send an email to: patchley@tucsonscottishrite.org or call the office at 520-622-8364.



October 23, 2014

Dinner Menu

Garden Salad Barbecue Beef Brisket or Chicken Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Herb and Cheese Biscuits Berry Crumble Cobbler with Ice Cream \$15.00 per person

Reservations Only! 520-622-8364 Dinner will be served at 6:30pm We are past the mid-point of the year and there are 191 Brothers who have not paid their 2014 dues totaling over \$18,000.00. Dues amounts to 26¢ per day or \$1.83 per week. I think we can all afford that. If you are one of these Brothers, PLEASE either mail us your check or call our office and make your payment by using a credit or debit card.

Our biggest problem is money was never put aside for tomorrow—we just hoped our Cathedral would take care of itself. It takes funds to keep our Cathedral alive which is why we started hosting special events. The money generated by these special events has all gone back into the building. You can see all the improvements room after room. But in the midst of all that, something will break and sets us back. Remember that old adage, two steps forward—four steps back?

Let us not forget to talk about Scottish Rite to the Brothers in our Blue Lodges. Inform them about continuing their education in Masonry. Better yet, speak with a friend, a relative or business associate about the difference Freemasonry made in your life.

Our November 7th and 8th, Fall Reunion will be dedicated to a very active Mason—not just in his Blue Lodge but also York Rite and Scottish Rite—a Past Master of his Blue Lodge, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander and, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason; **Bennett Thomas Dingwall, III**. Let's strive to have a large class in his honor.

One to replace yourself

and

One to grow on!

Ill.: Bro.: J. Michael Atchley, 33° , G.:C.: Personal Representative ~ Valley of Tucson

Someone is waiting for you



a Scottish Rite Mason . . . Don't disappoint him.



Adopt A Star Starring S. Scott Avenue

The Tucson Scottish Rite has joined with other businesses on South Scott Avenue to create a stunning *"Avenue of Lights"*. Thirty Three light poles along South Scott Avenue will be decorated with star themed LED light pole decorations beginning the week of November 17th and will be on display nightly through February 28th.

Others participants include:

Tucson Electric Power Michael Kasser Thomas Warne and Donald Semro Peach Properties Royal Elizabeth Bread & Breakfast Inn Law Offices of Stephen G. Ralls, PC Fletcher McCusker Sentinel Carriage Co. and Richard Studwell





Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere.



Did you have a Knight at your table at the last Stated Meeting? Remember to adopt a Knight for the evening meal.

The Knights were everywhere during the Spring Reunion. Not only did we perform during the Opening Session, but we were in the makeup room, wardrobe, stage crew and sound. One Knight learned to fly high, literally, as he got to climb up to change the different backdrops. Several Knights participated in some of the Degrees. Members of KSA exemplified the 28th Degree which had not been performed for several years. Our Director, SK Roderic L. Wagoner, Jr., 32° did a great job of leading us through the Degree. We will be exemplifying the 28th Degree during the Spring Reunions and the 29th Degree during the Fall Reunions. After participating in the Closing Ceremony, our work was not done! Several Knights helped Peggy and Illustrious Brother J. Michael remove all the chairs from the Red Room and roll in nine round tables for a special event being held the next day.

Remember, if you are a 32° Mason, you can join the Knights of St. Andrew.



Sir Knight Jon B. Ruse, 32°, Venerable Master, KSA

Ladies High Tea

21st September 19th October 14th December

Scottish Rite Cathedral rsvp to Peggy Atchley 520-622-8364 1:00pm ~ \$20.00



 \mathcal{D} will begin with what may well be a disturbing thought. We are all headed for certain death. We all will one day die, but that is unimportant. What is of great importance is that until that day of death comes, we will all live. The question we must answer is "How will we live?" By what tenets, by what principles will we live?

Freemasonry in general and Scottish Rite in particular teach us principles which not only will make our life better for as long as we have it, but will make the lives of all we touch in this world better.

Our lives will be richer and more enjoyable and so will the lives of those we come in contact with. Thus, the world will be a better place because of our involvement with and participation in the lessons we learn thru the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Those of us who are already members of the Rite know this to be so. We have a mission to spread the word to those who are not members of Scottish Rite and to those not yet Masons. Tell a relative, tell a friend, tell a neighbor. Spread the news of what we enjoy so much and value. Tell them why we devote so much time and energy to Masonry and to the Rite. Speak to them of the history of the Fraternity. Invite them to learn, to join and to participate so they too might find the joy and happiness we find in this Masonic life. They may love the idea...and when they do, we will be waiting to welcome them in Blue Lodge and at the Tucson Scottish Rite.

> Bro. . Gilbert A. Schlierer, 32° Membership Director

Well Done, Good and Faithful Brothers

Lawrence William Bartee, Jr. 1924 ~ 2014 **Darrel Eugene Gilles** $1943 \sim 2014$ Clinton Eugene Hamilton 1925 ~ 2014 Edward Lawrence Knight 1937 ~ 2014 James Gordon Smith $1920 \sim 2014$ Gordon Alfred Swann $1931 \sim 2014$ Robert Irwin Sweat 1927 ~ 2014 Dale Waldron 1936 ~ 2014 David Phillip Willard $1952 \sim 2014$



 \mathcal{W}_{e} find ourselves near the end of the dog days of summer.

When I decided to begin my article with this sentence, I began wondering what the phrase actually meant and what its origins are. After a bit of research, I found some great information. The phrase has roots dating back centuries, and actually does refer to specific days or a period of time during the year. The actual dates of the "dog days" vary between centuries and cultures. However, all of the time frames span between 30 and 40 days and are always during the months of July and August.

The Romans associated the Dog Days (and the hot weather experienced during those days) with the star Sirius. They also referred to Sirius as the "Dog Star," because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (or Large Dog). During that period in history, the Dog Days were the days when Sirius rose just before the sun.

Reading this description of the ancient heavens and how intrinsic Astronomy was to the ancient cultures, reminded me instantly of one section in the 32° Ceremony which discusses how the "trestle board of the heavens" has shaped both cultures and religions over the centuries. As my mind processed the information and began to imagine one of our Brothers who might have lived during that time and was immersed in a life and culture shaped by the heavens and constellations, I began to experience an overwhelming sense of I think it was a connection. connection to humanity (both past and present) which was invoked by the awe I have of our Fraternity. It has withstood the test of time and affected the lives of millions. At times, it is truly humbling to me that I am allowed to be part of and serve this wonderful Fraternity.

There are times when we become so immersed in the Fraternity that it can influence our every thought and action...maybe when we are studying intensely to learn a new role in an upcoming ceremony, or researching a particular aspect of our teachings. I believe this is when we are truly becoming better men. All around us, we begin to see the symbols of our Fraternity in both nature and architecture. What a wonderful way for us to combat the pressures of our hectic daily lives and exposure to the general negativity of society which can drain us of all our energy and talents. It is during these focused Fraternal times when we should build a truly positive and uplifting mindset which we should readily share with everyone around us. This is when our friends who are not Masons (yet) get to see the true goodness of what the Fraternity can do, and this is also when people need to hear from us about the Fraternity we love and devote our lives to.

Don't forget to make your reservations to attend our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony followed by dinner and our Stated Meeting on Thursday, September 25th beginning at 6:00pm. There were many exciting construction projects which took place at the Cathedral during the summer. Come and see the fantastic results for yourself.

Bro. . Randal S. Jager, 32°, K. . C. . C. . H. . Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection





I don't need time. What *I* need is a deadline.

Duke Ellington,

jazz pianist, composer, and conductor (1899-1974)

D hope everyone had a great summer. As we enter the fall season there are some pretty spectacular transformations to our Scottish Rite Cathedral which you will certainly be impressed with. I will not elaborate, but I invite you to check it out on your next visit.

The Fall Reunion will be upon us before we know it. I am sure the casts are all set and they are planning their rehearsals. It is so exhilarating to see so many of the Brethren coming together to bring such warmth and brotherhood to the Temple. It must seem overwhelming to the Candidates at times. If that is the case, shouldn't we continue that momentum by mentoring those new Scottish Rite Masons so they may enjoy the camaraderie for years to come? Encourage them to join a degree team, assist in one of the departments or come to the Reunion and sit on the side lines to show their support for the Teams and Candidates.

The future looks very good for the Valley of Tucson. There are so many events planned for this season. In addition to our monthly meetings, several people are working hard to make our upcoming 100 year celebration of our Temple, scheduled for December 12, 2015, an event to remember. If you haven't purchased your brick for the sidewalk, contact the office soon.

Please join us for our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Dinner and Meeting on September 25th. See you there.

Bro.:. James E. Wolfe, 32°, K.:.C.:.H.:. Degree Director

Is Your Trowel A Little Rusty?

I have had the opportunity to be present at and participate in several Third Degree conferrals recently. At each I was reintroduced to the Trowel as an important symbol of our Gentle Craft. Every Master Mason should be familiar with the Ritual explanation of this instrument that teaches us what the Trowel is for and how we should be using it.

We are taught, from the earliest stages of our Masonic Journey, the importance of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. It is that wholesome and necessary affection for one another that is the true binding tie of our fellowship. Success in all that we do in the present, or hope to accomplish in the future, is dependent on our ability to express toward and communicate with our Brothers within the due bounds of this Brotherly Love.

It is a sad thing to witness Brothers living and working together in a spirit of enmity. The divisions that can arise between members of the Fraternity should not be a surprise to us for we are but men and sometimes as men we make mistakes. It is in the handling of those mistakes that the true strength of our relationships is revealed. A Mason should live in such a way as not to offend his Brothers, yet it sometimes happens. A Mason should, however, also live in such a way as to not be so easily offended as well. The grudges we sometimes see develop between Brothers are a product of errors on the part of both of the involved parties. One Brother, in action or speech, offends another and then the offended Brother responds with equally erroneous indignation. If not immediately resolved these types of conflicts can lead to long -term dysfunction both in personal relationships and in the functioning of our Lodges. Who is more wrong; the offending Brother or the angry Brother? More Brotherly Love from both would seem a reasonable solution.

What I am trying to say is most eloquently taught in the Oration of the 6th Degree of the Scottish Rite. I share this excerpt for our mutual edification:

"Masons must be kind and affectionate, one to another...they should feel that respect and that kindness for each other which their common relation and common approach to one God should inspire. There needs to be much more of the spirit of the ancient fellowship among us; more tenderness for each other's faults, more forgiveness. The generous man cannot but regret to see dissensions and disputes among his Brethren, only the base and ungenerous delight in discord. The duty of the Mason is to endeavor to make man think better of his neighbor; to quiet, instead of aggravating difficulties, to bring together those who are severed or estranged; to keep friends from becoming foes and to persuade foes to become friends. To do this he needs to control his own passions, and be not rash or hasty, nor swift to take offense, nor easy to be angered. Wherever there is strife and hatred among the Brethren, there is no Masonry; for Masonry is peace and brotherly love and concord."

This can only be accomplished when our Trowels are used, and used well!

Have you examined the condition of your symbolic Trowel? Let our Trowels never become rusty from disuse!

> Bro. · . Jeffrey D. Heimensen, 32° Orient of Iowa





NOTE TO CANDIDATE SPONSORS

It is very important for you to accompany your Candidates to the Reunions. If you cannot be present, ask someone to be there with him to make him feel welcome. If someone else will represent you, make sure the Candidate meets the Brother in advance, to encourage and support him throughout the Ceremony.



The sponsors should mentor their Candidates and find them a job within the Valley. Showing interest in your Candidate's progress and participation will help build a lifelong commitment to the Fraternity.

With the help of Arizona Commercial Lighting, Big Bear Electric, and Tucson Electric Power (TEP), we are working to reduce our energy usage in the Cathedral. TEP's *Easy Save Plus Program*, offers cash rebates to offset the initial costs of installing energy-efficient measures including lighting equipment and controls.

There were several hallways in the Cathedral where lights were on 24/7. Those have been replaced with motion sensor light switches. There are a total of 56, 40-watt light bulbs which light up the stage in the Red Room and by the time you read this, they will have been replaced with 8-watt LED light bulbs; all the fluorescent light bulbs in the building are being replaced with LED bulbs. In addition, all existing EXIT signs are being upgraded to LED signs.

By participating in TEP's *Easy Save Plus Program*, we will be reducing our monthly electric bill by a significant amount.

TEP offers similar programs for your homes. Checkout their website at: **www.tep.com**, for further details.





The 2014 Festival of Trees benefiting Make-A-Wish® Arizona, Ronald McDonald House Charities®, and GAP Ministries have partnered together to expand the Festival of Trees event which started two years ago in Oro Valley. This magical holiday event raises funds for the needs of children who are in serious situations. Whether a child is in foster care, has a life-threatening medical condition and getting a wish granted, or providing support to families during critical medical times, these organizations provide for the needs of children.

Regina Byrne serves as Chairperson for the **Festival of Trees** event while Greg Byrne serves as Honorary Chair. Please join them along with the rest of the Festival Committee at the *Scottish Rite Gathedral* for this magical holiday event.

Festival Sneak Peak Wednesday, November 19th - 5:00-8:00 pm

Be the first to see the Festival of 2014! Tastings and hot chocolate bar offered by various Tucson Originals Restaurants

> *Tickets required Trees available for pre-purchase*

Festival Mingle & Auction Thursday, November 20th - 5:30—9:00 pm

Eat, drink and be merry!

During this event, you'll be able to bid at a silent auction on all the trees, wreaths and gingerbread creations. Festival Mingle & Auction is a festive, holiday attire event...dust off your favorite ugly sweater if you want!

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, drink tickets and dessert. A cash bar is available. - 21 + over event

Festival Friday

Friday, November 21st - 10:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday is a fun day filled with special entertainment and holiday displays!

General admission:

18 and over—\$5.00 3-18—\$2.00 2 and under—free (\$15 max. per family)

Saturday with Santa Saturday, November 22nd - 10:00 am—12 noon

Open to the Public Noon—6:00pm

A fun Frozen morning for children with Santa and other surprise guests!

Tickets are \$15 per person and include breakfast, crafts, a visit from Santa and an opportunity to get their picture with Santa

Trees auctioned will be wrapped and delivered within the Tucson/Oro Valley area. Ticket information: <u>www.festivaloftreestucson.com</u>

Candidate must h	have current	Blue Lodge	card in p	ossession at	t time of registrati	on.

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Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America Valley of Tucson ~ Orient of Arizona ~

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I, the undersigned,	am a Master Mason				
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I have resided in the State of Arizona since	om the 4° to 32° inclusive, promising always to bear true faith be of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. Degrees, he will strike out the word "never" and in				
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Jucson Scottish Rite Cathedral Centennial Celebration

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Each 8" brick is limited to 3 lines and 18 characters per line, plus a logo. The 12" x 12" brick has fewer limitations. Personal logos as well as most Masonic logos are available, such as:

Square and Compass - Double Headed Eagle - York Rite - Past Master - Shrine -

Eastern Star - Amaranth - Daughters of the Nile - JOS - Religious Symbols

This fundraiser is open to all Masons and non-Masons.

То о 	rder your personalized brick, complete the form below and mail to: Scottish Rite Cathedral—P.O. Box 391—Tucson, AZ 85701. Be sure to include your payment.
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Save the Date!

Scottish Rite Cathedral Centennial Celebration

December 12, 2015

10:00am

Rededication Ceremony, Open House, Guided Tours, Commemorative Souvenirs, Entertainment and Refreshments

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