January 2023

Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Arizona

White Mountain Lodge No. 3

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2023 Master Ernie Miranda

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FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE JANUARY 28, 2023 10:00 AM



Stated Meeting

Jan 14, 2022

8:30 am Breakfast

10:00 am Stated Meeting

11:30 am Rameses Grotto

1:30 pm Globe Chapter No. 7 R.A.M.

WB Dewey Jefferson 2022 Master

Tis the Season

As my first letter to you as Worshipful Master of White Mountain #3, I wish to convey my sincerest thank you to all who came to our 2023 Officer Installation on December 17th. Your attendance and that of your families and their participation in the ceremony made the event so much more memorable. You were missed but were in our thoughts for those who could not attend.

We had the Past Grand Master, MW Randy Jager, Grand Lodge of Arizona, as the Installing In continuing thanks, I want to thank and con-Officer and WM Don Lowery as the Installing Marshall. Both traveled from Tucson to perform their duties, and thank you for taking time



your busy schedules to travel and be with us. My plan for the coming year is to re-engage our Lodge in the community. I want to see us as participants in more community events, increasing our presence and letting the community know that the Lodge is still active here. This, of course, requires our members who live in the local area to step up and take on more prominent roles in our community engagement. We should not depend on our members who reside in areas outside of Globe-Miami to travel here for these activities when they occur outside of stated meeting dates. The benefit to this en-

gagement goal is that by increasing our presence, we will get more inquiries from the men residing here and grow our membership to help us in our community engagements as we go forward.

To our members who travel each month to be with us, please know that this effort on your part is not unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by the Lodge. Your passion, knowledge, and leadership are blessings to our Lodge. gratulate WM Jim Rasmussen for another successful Clothe-A-Child event conducted at Bealls on December 10th. A total of 24 chilout dren received clothing, with the Lodge paying \$2838. Jim indicated at the stated meeting on the same day that this was the 11th Clothe-A-Child event conducted by the Lodge. In closing, January will be a great month to start the 2023 term. At our upcoming January 14th stated meeting, we will have visitors from the Grand Lodge of Arizona, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and a visit from the Mounted Masonic Riders. Please come out to welcome our visitors at breakfast and the stated meeting. Let's outnumber our guests by having a strong attendance of our members. Lastly, I am happy to announce that on January 28th at 10 am, we will be conducting the Fellowcraft Degree for Nick Jordan. Please plan on attending to support and celebrate this event as Nick advances to the Fellowcraft Degree.

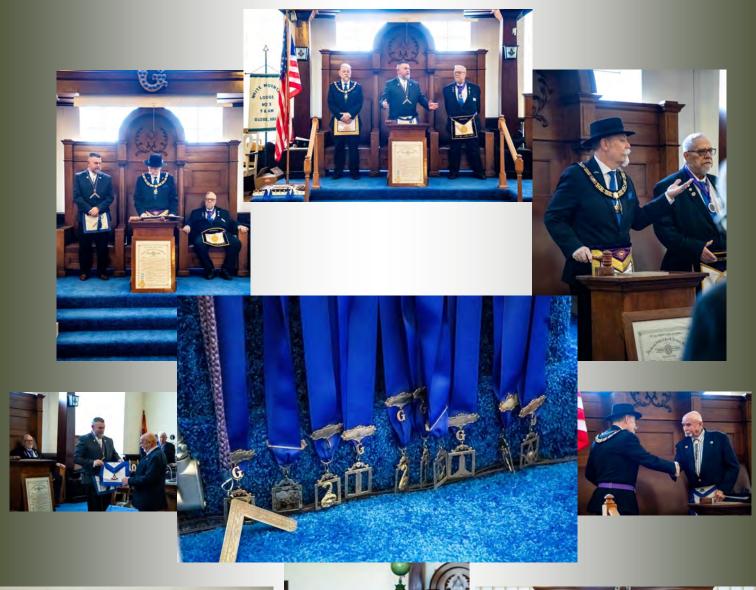
Many blessings to you and yours this holiday season.

At your service,

Ernie Miranda

2022 Senior Warden Master-Elect White Mountain Lodge No. 2

2023 Installation Pictures









Thoughts from the West

Greetings from the West. Happy New Year! A new beginning, a new year. Time to reflect on the old and a time to look forward to the future. May we continue to reflect on the Christmas feeling and continue it through this entire year. A time to renew ourselves to the true Masonic values of Brotherhood, helping others, and truth, that divine attribute that sets us apart from others. Renew your vows we took at the altar and try to make an extra meeting this year. Remind yourself of the feeling of brotherhood we get when we gather around each other. We have a extra special meeting this month where we get to renew old friendships and make new ones.

May the GAOTU be with you and bless you in 2023 and beyond.

Food for thought.

Masonry's Only Fight By Dewey H. Wollstein, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Georgia The

NEW YEARS GROW BETTER WITH AGE

A New Year always gets a welcome
Which is probably its due,
But we must revere the Old One
As it passes in review,
Nothing can replace the friendships
Now recorded on each page,
Which like many of life's treasures,
Grow more valuable with age,
We wish you all the happiness
The New year can bestow,
But most of all we hope for this;
That our friendship grow and grow.

work and hope of Masonry is to bring the spiritual nature of man and the spiritual nature of the universe into a harmonious balance. There is forever in Masonry the sound of marching men and the beat of drums. There are the determined faces of men who are fighting in a great cause. But the enemy of Masonry is not sought for in rival camps. Masonry does not point out an enemy lurking in every dark corner. Nor does Masonry take up arms against this or that organization or institution which may differ in their interpretation of the meanings of life and of the universe. Rather does Masonry lay emphasis on the reasons that bring all men into the realm of Brotherhood. Masonry's one and only fight is for the supremacy of the nobler man over the baser. The victory of the good that is vouchsafed all who strive for such a victory is all the "spoils of war" that Masonry seeks. The triumph of Brotherhood is all the "rich territory" that Masonry hopes to gain. Masonry has but one weapon. That weapon is the true and tried Mason who in the struggle to make himself more God-like becomes more man- like. As he progresses toward God he becomes more tolerant, more forgiving, more loving toward all mankind. Words to live by: The best index to a person's character is; (a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and; (b) how he treats people who can't fight back.

From a "Dear Abby" Column, by Abigail Van Buren

Fraternally,

Bill Greenen 2023 Senior Warden White Mountain Lodge No. 3 The Grand Master's coin is available online!!

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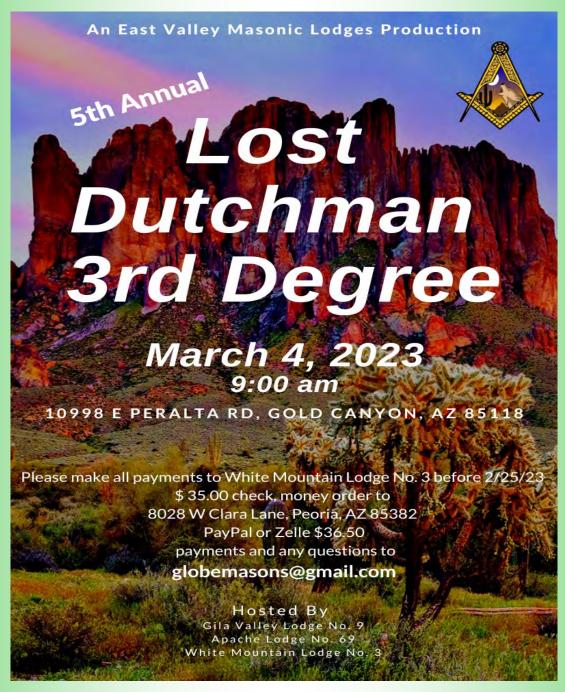
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White Mountain History

Joe Henry WM Ross Brown SW Tom Dempster JW Slim Lee Treasurer Frank Stapleton Secty

New Master Masons: Tim Conrad

Deceased:

LavelleBoyd James Reeves Leslie Braden, Robert Craig Elisie Scates Albert C Davenport, Dalton Davis George Shaw Vernon Johnson, Max Hawkins Orville E. Scott Jr., Letch Quinn Nick Wusick

The lodge voted to donate \$50. To a student at Globe High School who is in need of assistance. The lodge voted to join the Globe Development Organization, annual dues \$60.00. A \$25.00 donation was given to the Jobs Daughters for an ad in their annual conference book.

Grand Lodge: Oscar T Lyon Jr appointed Senior Grand Deacon.

Anniversary pins presented: 25 years: Dug Shepard, Dave Johnson

CELEBRATE! WHITE MOUNTAIN WHITE MOUNTAIN **BIRTHDAYS MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES** 1.5.1985 Jeff Gioretti Jan 2nd Floyd Harrington 1.23.2007 Steve Balke Ian 4th Paul Dore Ir. 1.24.2009 Fred Marguardt Jan 8th Tim Humphrey 1.30.2010 Tim Humphrey Jan 11th John Thayer 1.10.2013 **Andy Sanders** Ian 14th **Daniel Napier** 1.3.2015 Tim Schrowang Ian 16th Michael Butler Jan 16th Richard Ross Jan 30th Chris McGroarty

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Making a Difference

I was born October 25, 1954 in Denver Colorado to Donnie and Loretta England, first grandchild of Wanita May and Luther Leroy Snodgrass. It was a bumpy road for me from the start with severe allergies and horrible asthma. Doctors told my parents I would not reach the age of 5. The discovery of cortisone and a stubborn effort to get my next breath probably saved my life. My health problems meant I had a special diet and could not play with other kids most of the

time. I was a bit of a misfit from the beginning and bad or wrong. Instead, he saw the 'good' in his as an adult I grew into that role and learned to appreciate being different.

As I reached the age of 15 and got away from most of my medications, my asthma and allergies began to subside and I experienced a growth spurt of 8 inches in one summer which doctors later told me was too far, too fast. My spine settled into the permanent curvature of scoliosis and severe spinal arthritis. I was diagnosed with the 'spine of a me to Hayden AZ as the Postmaster where I be-75 year old man while in my 20's. I developed severe sciatica but underwent an unusual disc injection surgery that kept me mobile. I was no longer struggling for breath and could go where I wanted to. I began to explore and play in the world and never looked back. I've been living the stolen childhood ever since and still refuse to grow 'up'. I learned to be responsible along the way (I became a Postmaster), but still prefer playing like a kid every day.

As a boy, I watched my grandfather (a part time Baptist preacher), evangelize and save souls in his everyday life. He believed that all other religions were wrong and condemned their faiths. A good man he worked with invited him into Freemasonry and it changed his outlook forever. No longer were men of other faiths condemned as judged as



fellow man in a way he never had before. Over time, my grandfather brought my father into Freemasonry and invited me to join when I was an adult but I declined at the time. I've never been a good joiner and was not about to do anything on someone coattails. I did see how Freemasonry changed his life and how important it was to him.

My career with the Post Office eventually brought came good friends with then local grocer Jeff Giorsetti. It turned out that Jeff was a Mason and Master of his lodge that year. Sharing lunch every day, over the next year I learned a lot and entered the fraternity in late 1996 at Ray-Winkelman Lodge #24 in Kearny AZ. The day I gave my 3rd Degree proficiency, I was appointed as Junior Deacon. Five years later, I was elected Master of my lodge. Turns out it was full of misfits like me. This was the beginning of my Masonic journey.

I could not have begun this journey without the support I had along the way that made all the difference for me.

- The Grandmother who made me believe that I could accomplish anything if I tried hard enough in spite if my

Desert Nomad

physical problems. (Teddy Roosevelt was her favorite example).

- The Grandfather who showed me what it was to be a good man and demonstrated how Freemasonry could make a good man better.
- The single mother who worked nights and long hours to pay my doctor bills. The mother who watched over me when O had to be tied in bed to prevent myself from scratching until I was bleeding profusely. Patience and persistence in spite of her own struggles.

These people gave me a life. THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE for me.

I never felt sorry for myself for being sick or different and I learned that no matter how bad things seem to be, life is a wonderful gift.

I have tried to adopt 'MAKING A DIFFER-ENCE' my goal. Whether it's a chance encounter with a stranger, a co-worker, or a family member in need of help or guidance, I try to make a difference for them. It might be in a small way, but that doesn't matter.

As Masons, we should always be willing to step up and

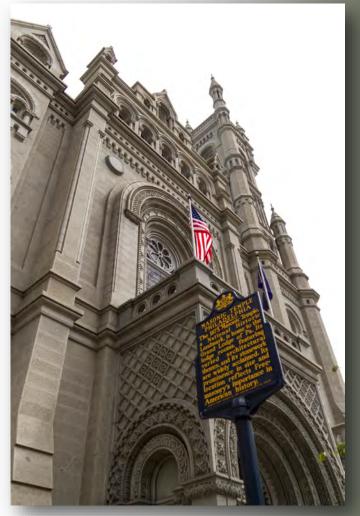
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Fraternally,

Stephen Englund PM 2023 Junior Warden White Mountain Lodge No. 3

2023 is the 150th anniversary of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Celebrate with us throughout this anniversary year by taking a tour and attending various anniversary events happening.

https://
pamasonictemple.org/



Clothe a Child Campaign

White Mountain Lodge No. 3 continues to be a leader in the Globe/Miami community by raising money for the annual Clothe a Child campaign for needy youth.

Year after Year White Mountain Lodge works with local businesses to raise money to supply chooses children with very needed clothes and school supplies.

This amazing endeavor should be a year around effort to be successful! The Globe, Miami and Claypool area has many worthwhile children that could take advantage of our program!

Please consider making a donation or offering to volunteer for this year's event!

Masonic Charities of Arizona

Throughout its history, grants from Masonic Charities of Arizona have been provided to needy organizations in the various communities within the State of Arizona.

The purpose of the charity is to primarily assist those organizations throughout the State, engaged in relieving human suffering of any kind, which are dependent upon contributions from the public to accomplish their mission.

Masonic Charities of Arizona is a non-profit organization whose objective is to channel contributions from Masons.

For more information and grant application go to www.MasonicCharities.com

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White Mountain Lodge No. 3 joins FACEBOOK

To better reach out to the local community and share information with the members, White Mountain Lodge No. 3 has joined the online community of Facebook. We will use the page as a public forum to share the activities of the Lodge with the community of Globe/Claypool/Miami and the surrounding area. We hope that this will not only raise the profile of the

Lodge within the community but also help the Lodge be a bigger part of our community as a whole!

We hope that this sharing will not only help our philanthropic efforts but also elevate our standing in the community. We also hope that this will help our Clothe a Child program and other efforts while also letting the locals that we are here to join!

> Bringing "Light" to Gila County! Give us a 'Like' to follow along





Globe Chapter No. 7

Did you know that Globe is home to a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons?

The "Capitular" or Chapter Degrees of Freemason-ry refers the four degrees of the York Rite system that follow the "blue lodge" or "Craft" degrees. The Holy Royal Arch is the final degree and the culmination of the Chapter experience for a candidate. The Chapter is the second body of the York Rite of Freemasonry (following the Symbolic or 'Blue' Lodge), though in some Jurisdictions it is considered the completion of the initial three degrees and is part of the regular Craft experience.

All Master Masons are eligible for membership.

Contact

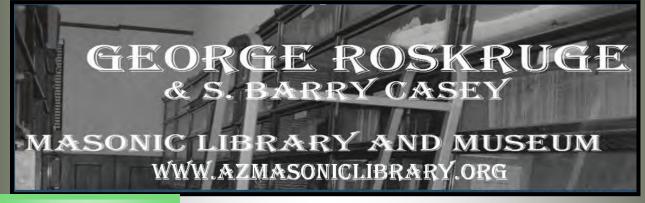
pauldoresr@cox.net for more information











George Washington Masonic National Memorial Landmark Century Campaign

For the past decade, a top-to-bottom renovation has been under way- the first such renovation since the Memorial was completed nearly a decade ago. Beginning at the Memorial's pyramid level, we have begun a multi-year project to perform all needed structural repairs. Stone by stone, we are repointing the mortar and protecting the building from water penetration.

Our goal is to complete the restoration of the Memorial by the centennial anniversary of the cornerstone ceremony in 2023

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For informaition on this giving program and others:
www.gwmemorial.org/products/swl

MEMORIAL PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to remember a Masonic family member, Masonic friend or notable Mason? Recent changes in the Arizona Masonic Code now allow you to purchase a Memorial Life Membership for any deceased Mason that you wish to memorialize in White Mountain Lodge No. 3. The fee for these memberships is only 10 times dues. The Deceased Mason's name will remain on the Lodge's register for Perpetual Membership in perpetuity and the Lodge will receive an annuity every year form this help cover Lodge expenses.

Contact Paul Dore Sr. Lodge Secretary for Memorial Perpetual Membership Application

WHAT IS THE ACACIA TREE?

THE ACACIA TREE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MASONIC LORE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IN ANY CONVERSATION ABOUT THE "SPRIG OF ACACIA", IS THAT THE TERM "ACACIA TREE" IS ACTUALLY A GENERIC TERM. ACACIA TREE ACTUALLY REFERS TO A GENUS OF TREES. THERE ARE A WIDE VARIETY OF ACACIA TREES IN THE WORLD. MOST GROW IN TROPICAL AND SUB-TROPICAL REGIONS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 800 SPECIES AND SUB-SPECIES OF ACACIA TREE AROUND THE WORLD.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE ACACIA TREE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FREEMASONRY WE ARE MOST LIKELY TALKING ABOUT THE ACACIA RADDIANA WHICH IS A SUB-SPECIES OF ACACIA TORTILIS. THE ACACIA RADDIANA GROWS IN ISRAEL AND IS BELIEVED TO BE THE WOOD THAT WAS USED TO BUILD A VARIETY OF SACRED ITEMS FOR THE TABERNACLE. AT LEAST ONE OF THE ITEMS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

THE ACACIA RADDIANA, BECAUSE OF THE ARID ENVIRONMENT IT GROWS IN, GROWS VERY SLOWLY AND TENDS TO BE A VERY DENSE WOOD. THE TREE ALSO PRODUCES SMALL WHITE FLOWERS THAT ARE VERY AROMATIC. THE "TREE" CAN ALSO GROW AS A SMALL SHRUB PARTICULARLY IN ROCKY TERRAINS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ACACIA TREE FIRST BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH IMMORTALITY DUE TO AN EGYPTIAN MYTH ABOUT OSIRIS. IN THE LEGEND OSIRIS IS TRICKED INTO A BOX THAT IS THROWN INTO THE NILE. IT EVENTUALLY WASHED ASHORE NEAR AN ACACIA TREE WHICH RAPIDLY GREW AROUND THE BOX. THE TREE WAS TURNED INTO A COLUMN BY A LOCAL KING, WHICH ISIS WAS EVENTUALLY GIVEN.

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