

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2011 (See <http://benson-arizona.com/MarionMcDaniel56/> for updates)

SEP 12 Stated Meeting; Dinner 6:30 (Spaghetti & Meatballs); Business Meeting 7:30

SEP 19 1st or 2nd Degree Practice; 7:30 pm (Possibly 2 EA Degrees; 1 or 2 FC Degrees in Oct)

SEP 26 1st or 2nd Degree; 7:30pm

Coming Events: (Watch the Website and your email for further updates.)

Oct 15 Yard Sale at the Lodge; Early a.m. to mid-afternoon.

From the WEST: Acting Worshipful Master, WB Henry Spomer PM

Let's start the fall season off with some observations about nature. A **Bumblebee**, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself. A **Buzzard** placed in a pen that is 6ft by 8 ft, open at the top, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top. The ordinary **Bat**, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If placed on a floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation for which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash. In many ways, there are lots of people like the bumblebee, buzzard, and bat. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not ever realizing that all they have to do is look up. My Brothers, we perceive what or where we want to be but often repeat the same unproductive things. We see the light of life and masonry and often must look around to see other avenues by which to bring more of that light to our lives. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons...

Education Questions: #1) What does the Pot of Incense symbol represent? #2) What does the Beehive symbolize?

Hope you all had a good summer and are ready to return to the quarries. We have several EA's out and need to bring them up to speed for their proficiency and passing to FC. If you want to do a part please give me a call or email so I can keep track of who is doing or can do what. **Look for things to bring to the Yard Sale coming up on October 15th.** Answers: #1) *Purity of Heart*, #2) *Industry*

From the SOUTH: WB Don Milligan, Acting JW

Brothers, I am not sure how you feel, but I am about ready to say goodbye to the summer vacation. It has been nice to divert our attention toward other things for a spell.

The Lodge has had some very good events during the Dark season, with some very interesting sessions for those that found time to attend and just spend a little time in training and visiting among ourselves. There was a very nice Ice Cream Social that was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Now Brothers, I would like to appeal to each of you, the need for your presence at Lodge meetings: from the Stated Meetings, to degree practices, and especially during degree work. We miss each and every one of you who does not attend regularly. Please make an effort to return to Lodge, join in with the ritual work or just watch from the side lines. If you will just think back to a time when you were going through the work and realize how great it was to have lots of members on the sidelines and the happy times, you'll see why your presence is necessary. Well, that is what we would love to have during each meeting whether it is a degree conferral, Stated Meeting, or degree practice. Your presence means a lot to the Candidate, the Degree team, and everyone. So, if you would like to attend but need a ride or some other type help please feel free to call any of the officers. We will make sure you have a way to attend and enjoy the work again.

>Secretary's Angle WB Steve Harrington PM (brsteveharrington@yahoo.com) 520-271-8224

We regret learning of the passing of the following Brothers: Charter Member Harry Bee 5/27/11, Richard E. Hughes 6/22/11, and Lance G. Miller 7/26/11. Please be sure to include them in your prayers. Please **contact me** if you are aware of Sickness or Distress among the brethren, or their families – or need financial help.

Birthdays! Over the Summer: HAPPY BRITHDAY!!!

JUL- WB Frank Barnes SR, Wayne Bast, Don Bunch, Walter Fahey, Walter Graham, Everett Heath, WB Sid LeLuan, WB Jim Miller, William Putney, WB William Richardson, L.M. Tipping

AUG- Charles "Mac" Atkinson, WB Charles Barnes, Timothy Cosand, Jack Franklin, WB Dale Hicks, Daniel Johnson, Frederick Jones, Nicholas Mamula, Patrick Meehan, Corral Mueller, Stanley Paterson, Bruce Wickham

SEP- Dave Brown, Russ Erman, WB Bil Hole, WB Jeff Horton, WB Jim Jameson, Harvey Jurkowitz, Thomas Kelly, Mac McColley, Patrick McColley, John Mealka, Douglas Pepiot, WB Bobby Ratledge, Gregory Walker, Bruce Whitney, Walter Williams, Charles Wooke, Robert Zipay

Also, check out and send in your Photo-Op Photos for the website special section on members doing things!

FYI, Dues will be \$88.00 for 2012. Notices will go out in November, payable in the month of December (by the 31st), and deposited to the Lodge account in the first week of January. **Contact the Secretary** if you need assistance, a hardship one year waiver, or lifetime waiver due to extreme situations.

YOU Are The Lodge – Bring It Back!