

## *Greetings Sisters and Brothers*



Happy Birthday, Brother George! You're only 286 years old on your birthday, February 22nd.

The Gila Valley Masonic family is going to celebrate George's birthday on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Lodge - 5 PM. A potluck feast will commence soon thereafter. The main course (brisket) will be provided by the Lodge. Chef, Brother Allen Carter, will do the honors. You are invited to share a side dish (salad or vegetable, and pies - lots of pies!). Families are invited.

The meal will be followed by festivities from the colonial times -- Brother Benjamin Franklin will speak to all, but especially to our newest Master Masons and their families. Brother John Hancock will be there to keep the 2nd Continental Congress in order. And perhaps Brother Paul Revere will ride through -- one if by land, two if by sea... Come in your colonial duds, I hope to see Debra Samson, Betsy Ross, Anna Smith Strong and Captain Molly there too.

Bring your wallet or purse -- a pie auction will increase the excitement -- how about a fine Cherry pie? Or a Key Lime pie? I have my eye on that Cherry Cheesecake...

Hoping to see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hancock". The signature is written in black ink and features a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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