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From the
Worshipful Master

Douglas W. Jones

Greetings Brothers,

March is in gear - with late snows on Mt. Graham. The coffee is hot and the fellowship is warm. Support your Lodge - join us Brothers!

We have a petition to ballot and at least one petition out. We should be scheduling an Entered Apprentice Degree in the near future. It is time to polish up the ritual work on the first degree. Let's do it!

The Lodge-sponsored "Bikes for Books" program is underway at this time. Youngsters around the community will be pedaling their new bikes soon!

Masons do make a difference!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Douglas W. Jones

The Tools of Masonry

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical of the conduct of the life in which we persevere.

The **RULE** directs us to observe punctually every gospel duty; to press forward in the right path, neither inclining to the right nor left hand, for the sake of any transient amusement or gratification whatsoever; it forbids us to give into the least inclination or propensity into the curve of life, and reminds us to beware of the least tendency to a circle, either in religion or morals! - not to mind (because they have seldom any other than selfish views) neither outs, or ins in politics; and to have in all our conduct eternity in view.

The **LINE** should make us pay the strictest attention to that line of duty which has been given us, or

rather which was marked out to us, by our great Benefactor and Redeemer. It teaches us to avoid all kinds of double-dealing, both in conversation and actions; it points out the direct but narrow path that leads to a glorious immortality; and that sincerity in our profession will be our only passport thither. This line, like Jacob's ladder, connects heaven and earth together; and, by laying hold of it, we climb up to that place where we shall change this short line of time for the never-ending circle of eternity.

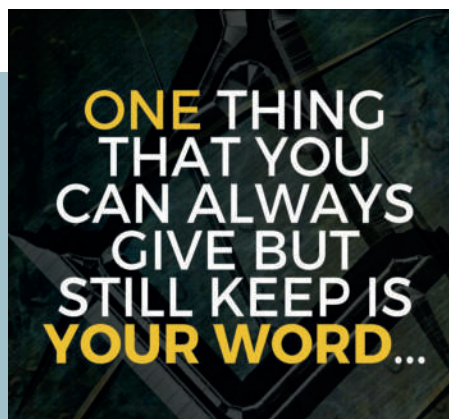
The **PLUMB-LINE** admonishes us to walk erect and upright in our Christian vocation; not to lean to a side, but to hold the scale of justice in equal poise; to observe the just medium between temperance and voluptuousness; to fathom the depth of our limited capacities, and to make our several passions and prejudices of education fall plumb in, or coincide with, our line of duty.

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Stated Communication:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
7:00 PM at Safford Lodge,
1421 S. 2nd Ave., Safford

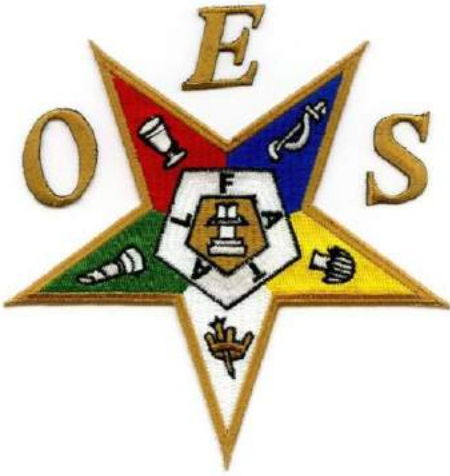
Spaghetti Dinner @ Lodge
5:30 PM. Ladies are invited.



If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Order of the Eastern Star
Arcadia Chapter #9, Safford, AZ
March 2018



Recent Events: Sister Pat, who is the Chapter organist, was honored after members answered questions about the piano and music. Sister Pat was escorted to the East where she received the emblem of her office and a card signed by all the members present. Sister Pat, in turn, thanked Sister Lyn for her support in providing music for the Chapter in Pat's absence.

Sister Mollie reported that long-time educator, Ruth Powell passed recently. Although Mrs. Powell was not a member of Arcadia #9, many Chapter members knew her and have been touched by her dedication to our community.

Sister Cynthia was honored as Chapter Sweetheart and received a card, a pot of red tulips, and gifts from the members. Sister Cynthia has previously served as our star point, Electa.

WM Kerry asked Chapter members who were able to support the community library, on Valentine's Day, by eating at a local restaurant which then donated 25% of each check to the Friends of the Library fundraiser. Thank you to each of you who helped in this fund-raising project.

WM Kerry also asked members to support the local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter in their fundraising efforts, by purchasing chocolate-covered strawberries.

O.E.S. Chapter members joined the Safford Lodge Masons for their annual celebration of George Washington's birthday on February 17th. We were honored by the visits of Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock (Masons), Debra Samson, Anna Strong, and Captain Molly (Founding Mothers from the Daughters of the American Revolution). Thank you to those who attended. A special thank you to those who helped make the potluck and the famous pie auction successful.

O.E.S. members do make a difference.

The Chapter members joined the Worth Patron for our Obligation Night.

The combined Official Visit was held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. This was hosted by White Mountain #8 (Globe) and Arcadia #9 (Safford). We appreciated having O.E.S. members who came from far away as well as close to home.

Upcoming Events: Our stated meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be honoring the Star Point Martha and will also have an Irish pot of gold scavenger hunt. So study her story and wear green! Please come – YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS **YOU!**

At our April meeting we will honor the station of the Chaplain and will have an Easter hat parade.

Our May meeting will be election of officers. Please come and get involved with your chapter. WM Kerry wants us all to wear "prom" attire reminiscent of the last century.



WM Kerry honoring Sister Pat



Chapter Sweetheart Sister Cynthia
with WP Philip



George Washington's
Birthday Party 2018

from left to right:

portraying colonial characters --

- Debra Samson (DAR)
- Anna Strong (WM & DAR)
- John Hancock (Bro. John)
- Captain Molly (DAR)