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From the
Worshipful Master
Douglas W. Jones

Greetings Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating our newest Entered Apprentice Brother, Joseph Robert Donaldson! Welcome to Safford Lodge #16. We are mighty glad to have you as a member.

A Fellowcraft Degree is in the near future. Let's all work towards another excellent degree.

Spring has sprung – it is time for that “spring cleaning.” The Masonic Family is planning a “Yard Sale” to be held at the Lodge on Saturday, April 21. Come on down and join in the fellowship and good times. Bring your “stuff.”

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 SQUARE will teach us to square all our actions by this gospel rule and line, and to make our whole conduct harmonize with this most salutary scheme. Our behavior will be regular and uniform, not aspiring at things above our reach, nor pretending to things above our finite capacities, nor to affect things above what our circumstances can possibly bear. In our expenses, therefore, we shall neither ape those that are placed in a more exalted sphere, nor attend so much to the glitter of gold as to sink beneath our proper station; but we shall observe the golden mean, the middle ground between two extremes.

The COMPASSES will inform us that we should in every station learn to live within proper bounds, that we may, therefore, be enabled to contribute freely and cheerfully to the relief of the

necessities and indigencies of our fellow-creatures. Hence we shall rise to notice, live with honor, and make our exit in humble hopes of compassing what ought to be the main pursuit of the most aspiring genius, a crown of glory.

The LEVEL should advise us that, since we are all descended from the same common stock, partake of the like nature, have the same faith and the same hope through the redemption, which render us naturally upon a level with one another, that we ought not to divest ourselves of the feelings of humanity; and though distinctions necessarily make a subordination among mankind, yet eminence of station should not make us forget that we are men, nor cause us to treat our brethren, because placed on the lowest spoke of the wheel of fortune, with contempt; because a time will come, and the wisest of men know not how soon, when all distinctions, except in goodness, will cease, and when death - that grand leveler of all human greatness - will bring us to a level at the last.

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Stated Communication:

**Tuesday, April 3 2018
7:00 PM at Safford Lodge,
1421 S. 2nd Ave., Safford**

**Dinner @ the Lodge
6:00 PM. Ladies are invited.**



**The true Mason always
carries his working
tools everywhere.**

**Bro. William Howard Taft
27th President of the USA**

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



Recent Events: Star Point Martha was honored at our March meeting. A question and answer session, related to the story of Martha, was led by Sister Wilma Gibson-Jones. Gifts, including an Eastern Star emblem of her office will be delivered to Rose Ann Yates, who was unable to attend.

Our Chapter Secretary, Clara Page, was also honored. She was given an Eastern Star emblem and gifts by WM Kerry Kelley.

Sister Clara Page presented Advanced Proficiency Awards to WM Kerry Kelley and Margaret Ratje.

Our Chapter members were pleasantly surprised when Brother John Ratje presented a check in the amount of \$202.50 from the Masons of Safford Lodge #16 to Arcadia #9. This was half of the amount brought in at the recent pie auction. A big “thank you” goes out to the Brothers as well as everyone who made the pie auction such a success.

Upcoming Events: Our stated meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be honoring the office of Chaplain. Wear your Easter bonnet and we will have an Easter parade! Please come – YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS **YOU!**

The 4th Thursday of each month has been set aside for a time of practice for Chapter members. The first session will be on April 26th. If you would like to practice your part or would be willing to help someone else practice their part, please come. All members are welcome.

Are you up for spring house cleaning? Start emptying out those drawers and closets of good, useable items that are no longer wanted or needed and bring them to the combined Masonic Families’ Yard Sale to be held at the Lodge on Saturday, April 21st beginning at 7:00 a.m. Set up will be on Friday evening. For questions or to help, please contact Sister Clara Page.

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.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members who have been dealing with medical issues. Send a card or make a phone call. They would be very much appreciated.

Just a Thought: Great things have a way of happening when you believe they can!