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From the  
Worshipful Master

**Douglas W. Jones**

Greetings Brothers,

Congratulations to our new Fellowcraft brother, J. W. Fitzgerald III. It is always a pleasure to assist a Brother in their Masonic journey. We look forward to raising Brother J.W. as a Master Mason in the near future.

The Blue Lodge, in conjunction with the Shrine Club, will be participating in the **Clothe a Child** program for our area and we will need your support to accomplish this very worthwhile task.

Brothers, we have lots of other activities in the planning stage. I hope you will find time to support your Lodge.

I'll see you there!

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Douglas W. Jones*

## A Freemason...

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all men, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.



Being neither a Christian nor a Jew, a Muslim or Hindu, being a Democrat nor a Republican, being Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, nor Indian, being rich nor poor, has anything to do with me amongst my Brethren behind this door.

Only my trust in God, the faith in my Brothers, and the charity given to mankind as a result of my actions matter in this place.

***I am a Freemason.***



## The Wages of a Mason

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love.

He who seeks to draw wages in gold or silver will be disappointed.

The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another.

Sympathy that begets sympathy  
Kindness begets kindness  
Helpfulness begets helpfulness.

- Brother  
*Benjamin  
Franklin*



### Stated Communication:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7:00 PM at the Lodge Hall

No host dinner at **El Charro**,  
601 W. Main Street, Safford  
5:30 PM. Ladies are invited.

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

- Bro. Winston Churchill



## News from the Order of the Eastern Star, Arcadia Chapter #9, Safford, AZ



On April 6<sup>th</sup> Brother Philip and Sister Cynthia Rhea led a program on Alzheimer's disease entitled - "Know the 10 Signs". It was a meeting full of information and discussion followed with light refreshments. If you were unable to attend, please attend a future meeting. They meet the second Thursday of each month: first at the Safford SEACUS office in the Wind Song Building (on Thatcher Blvd.) from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and again at the Safford Masonic Lodge from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Brother Philip and Sister Cynthia are also working to start a support group in Willcox. If you cannot attend the meetings in Safford, please attend the Willcox meetings. Alzheimer's disease, or other dementia disorders, unfortunately will touch everyone in one way or another during their

lifetime. Please come, learn the signs, and receive support from others who are going through what you are and listen to those who have been through it and are willing to provide support.

Much of our stated meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> was spent on finalizing the work and items needed for the Homecoming and Official Visit that was held in Globe on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

White Mountain #8 and Arcadia #9 co-hosted a Homecoming and Official Visit in Globe. If you were unable to attend, come to the May meeting and hear about the day's activities from members who were able to attend.

On **Sunday, April 30, 2017** the Southeastern Arizona Ancient Egyptian Nile Club will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and installation of officers. Friendship begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by a potluck salad luncheon at 2:00 p.m. and a ceremony for the installation of officers at 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the San Pedro Masonic Lodge, 623 S. Foothills Dr. in Benson, Arizona.

**May 9, 2017** is the Chapter's stated meeting and election of officers. **ARCADIA#9 needs YOU!**

Continuing with the history of the chapters that make up Arcadia Chapter, I will focus on Harmony Chapter #11 in Willcox. Worthy Grand Patron, Dr. Edward S. Miller granted a dispensation on March 5, 1903 to organize a chapter in Willcox with twenty-one members. Half of the stations were filled by Brothers who outnumbered the Sisters. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Miller visited the chapter on April 11, 1903 and was well pleased that Sister Bessie Grossetta, whom he had deputized earlier, had done so well in instructing the new officers in their work. For the next meeting the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mae E. Sweetnam, was a special guest and she complimented this very small Chapter on their enthusiasm, some members having traveled sixty miles from home to attend meetings. When Grand Chapter met November 30, 1903, in Tucson, Harmony Chapter U. D. was voted a Charter and given the number eleven. Harmony Chapter has been honored with Worthy Grand Matrons including Anna B. Morgan and Edith L. Cummings while Worthy Grand Patrons included Henty A Morgan and B. J. McKinney. Other Past Matrons and Patrons have served in other important capacities. This information was taken from a book entitled Four Score Years, History of the Order of the Eastern Star of Arizona by Blanche L. Whetstine, P.G.M. The book was dedicated in 1963.

**See you in Chapter on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**