



Making good men better

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A Good Story



*From the
Worshipful Master
Douglas W. Jones*

Greetings Brothers,

Arcadia Chapter #9, OES and the Safford Lodge held a garage sale on Saturday, April 21. The sale, while a lot of work, went very well and a good amount of money was raised. The proceeds from the sale will help purchase new tables for the fellowship hall. Slowly but surely the Lodge and grounds are being maintained. Excellent work Brothers!

A Fellowcraft Degree is in the near future. We continue to work towards another excellent degree.

We are missing a few Brothers in Lodge – we do hope to see you at our stated meeting - May 1.

Masons do make a difference!
Yours in Brotherhood,

Douglas W. Jones

A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moments thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young mans astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young mans face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things Id heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

Stated Communication:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

7:00 PM at Safford Lodge,

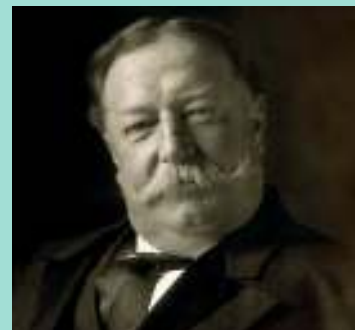
1421 S. 2nd Ave., Safford

Dinner @ the Lodge

6:00 PM. Ladies are invited.

**The true Mason takes full
responsibility for the condition of
his character and ever strives
for its perfection.**

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



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



Recent Events: At our April meeting, PGM Ellen O'Malia was presented and given Grand Honors. Our Grand Representatives were introduced. They are Wilma Gibson-Jones – Ontario in Arizona, Margaret Ratje – Georgia in Arizona, and Loretta May – Kansas in New Mexico. Harvey and Loretta May were visiting from New Mexico and were welcomed.

Sister Margaret Ratje was honored as Chapter Chaplain. The honor included a game to describe either a chaplain or Sister Margaret for each of the letters in the word CHAPLAIN. She was given an Eastern Star emblem of her office and a small gift.

On behalf of WGM Tori Loll, PGM Sister Ellen O'Malia presented Margaret Ratje with her 50-year membership pin.

A petition was read for a new member. WM Kerry appointed WP Phil, Sister Cynthia, and Sister Wilma to serve on the Investigating Committee.

WP Phil and seven ladies put on their Easter hats and had a parade around the dining room, as the song "In Your Easter Bonnet" was played and sung.

On Saturday, April 21st the Masonic families held a yard sale at the Lodge. The sale went very well and some of the proceeds will be used to purchase much needed new dining tables. Thank you to all who donated items and a huge thank you to those who worked the sale.

Upcoming Events: Our stated meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our May meeting will be election of officers. Please come and get involved with your chapter. WM Kerry has asked that all wear "prom attire reminiscent of the last century".

The 4th Thursday of each month has been set aside for Ritual practice or other Star issues. The May's session will be on May 24th beginning at 6:00 p.m. All members are welcome.

This has been a difficult spring for several of our members who are dealing with medical issues. Our thoughts and prayers go out especially for those members. Please take a few minutes to send a card or make a phone call. They would be very much appreciated.

Just a Thought: from Sophocles

One word

Frees us of all the weight and pain of life:

That word is love.