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From the
Worshipful Master
Douglas W. Jones

Greetings Brothers,

We are in the thick of it... Wonderful to have work to perform. One FC Brother is about to be raised as a Master Mason and we have one Candidate for the EA Degree, possibly as early as our stated meeting!

Much work has been done at the Lodge – cleanup, library set-up, audio system improvements, and several practice sessions. Our Masonic work is important Brothers. We need you to help us put our shoulders to the wheel.

I'll see you in Lodge, Brother!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Douglas W. Jones

The Rough Ashler...

From last month... "If the Rough Ashler is a reminder of my rude and imperfect state by nature, and the Rough Ashler contains the Perfect Ashler all the time, then my rude and imperfect state must also contain the perfect man and Mason."

"I conceived of man's progress towards perfection as a process of getting, of gaining, of acquiring more knowledge, more wisdom, more vision, with the idea that these are ends in themselves. But if this interpretation of the Ashlers is followed to the logical end, then all of the getting and gaining is of but tools, with which to chip away at the rough and imperfect nature, slowly getting rid of it, until the Perfect Ashler shows through.

It may never come through all the way. A statue but half carved may seem veiled, vague, mysterious – it is there, but perhaps the sculptor has no time to finish it! The Master calls and he must lay down his tools. But whether I finish or not is not the important thing. That is in Other Hands than mine. The

important thing is that I keep working, that I collect all the tools of wisdom and experience and toleration and brotherly love I can, so that I chip away from the inner Perfect Ashler with skill and artistry. If I do that, I need not worry as to when to finish, or if I finish. Doubtless what I cannot do in this life, an All-Wise Observer of the Work will give me time to do another one.

I come to the inescapable conclusion that the Perfect Ashler is made from the Rough Ashler entirely by a process of taking away that which is unnecessary, that which is dross, that which is material. My Perfect Ashler is within me. I am not far from a Perfect Ashler. All I need is tools and time and will – surly a comforting thought, and one the more beloved that it is taught by the three things on which we most depend – our faith, our mother wit, and our Freemasonry."

...timeless excerpts from *The Master Mason*, Volume IV, June 1927, by Brother Carl H. Claudy

***Chip away Brothers,
now is the time!***

Stated Communication:

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017
7:00 PM at the Lodge Hall**

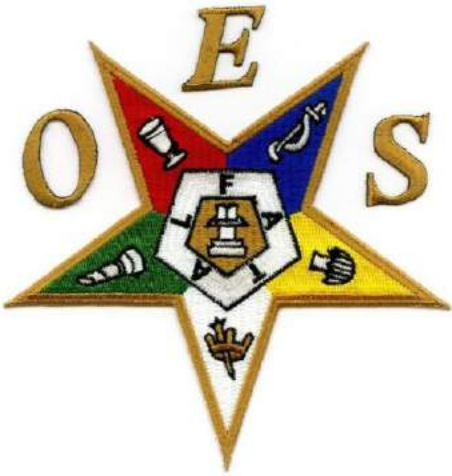
No host dinner at **El Charro**,
601 W. Main Street, Safford
5:30 PM. Ladies are invited.

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."

– Bro. Douglas MacArthur



Order of the Eastern Star
Arcadia Chapter #9, Safford, AZ
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Recent Events: At our September meeting, Worthy Matron Kerry honored our founder, Robert Morris. She gave us some information about him and then we were given a hand-out with additional information.

The office of Treasurer was also honored. We appreciate all that Sister Lyn does for the Chapter in this position. Reports of Grand Chapter were also given.

Upcoming Events: Worthy Matron Kerry has designated our October 10th meeting as a time to honor the station of Ruth as well as our Grand Representatives.

During our meeting on November 14th we will recognize our Chapter's founding and the members who were successful in getting a charter for our Chapter. That was 115 years ago – before Arizona became a state! WM Kerry invites any members who would like to come in that period of dress. That meeting is also scheduled as our Friendship Night. It would be GREAT if we could have all the chairs filled and as well as visitors from other Chapters.

Stars Make A Difference: I mentioned in the last issue about what differences our Stars would make this year. I didn't have to look very far. I have told you in previous issues about Brother Phil and Sister Cynthia being the facilitators of an Alzheimer's support group here in the valley.

On Wednesday, September 10th several of our Stars were involved in recognizing Constitution Week with a presentation about some of our Nation's Founding Mothers. The program was hosted by the Gila Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R) and the Friends of the Safford Library. Anna Strong, involved with the Culper spy ring in NYC, portrayed by WM Kerry; John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and President of the second Continental Congress, portrayed by Brother John (our newest Chapter member) took part in the presentation. Conductress, Sister Wilma and Ruth, Sister Mollie are members of D.A.R. and are very patriotic supporters.

A big "thank you" goes out to these members who are definitely shining stars who are making a difference in their community.

We look forward to seeing you in Chapter on
Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m.