



THE CAMP STONE EXPRESS

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Stated Meetings: 2nd Saturday at 9:30 A.M.

FROM THE EAST...

by Worshipful Master Mario Jones



First off, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. As many of you are aware, most lodges now have newly installed officers for the ensuing year. Our lodge is no different and I want to thank all the brothers who have stepped up to take officer positions within the lodge this year. I also want to thank the Installation Team, the families and friends for their support. Many of you also know that we do not currently have a Junior Warden for this year. Hopefully that will not last long. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Bro. Bill Driggers. He has spent countless hours studying and practicing and has received his certification to sit in the South. His dedication to the lodge is inspiring. I hope to see you all at the next stated meeting where we will be voting to fill the JW's seat, as long as our dispensation is approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Junior Stewards seat is also vacant right now and if/when Bro. Bill is elected/installed as JW, the Senior Stewards seat will also be vacant. If any Brother would like to fill either of the Stewards seats, please let me know.

Next, I would like to briefly touch on my vision for the year. I believe that this year we will have our hands full with activities. Many of the activities will remain the same as the last few years, but it is my hope to continue to improve upon them. Two main events that I am considerably focusing on are the annual family picnic and the Child and Family Services Christmas party. The idea of moving the picnic to the Veteran's Memorial Park and changing the event date to an earlier and cooler month are being considered. As for the CFS Christmas party, we have learned a lot over the last two years and now we have the opportunity to improve upon our foundation. The attendance by the families also increased between the two years, which means the word is getting out. I hope that we continue to receive

the amazing support from you all that have made this endeavor a huge success. I also hope you continue to support the Dream Catcher Fund by accepting WB. Stanley's on-going challenge of donating a \$100. Your donations can be given to our Secretary or you can donate to the Lodge online store (The Traveling Man Store). You can access the store from our website home page.

Another activity I would like to see re-established, is conducting Masonic education sessions. I have talked to our SW about having 10 to 15-minute education sessions discussed during stated meetings on various Masonic topics. I have also talked with our Marshal, who is a published author and used to teach Texas Masonic history, about conducted more in-depth Masonic education and Arizona Masonic history sessions outside of our stated meetings. We should all be seekers of further Light.

Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing all of us back in OUR Lodge very soon and we have a lot of improvement plans in the works once we get there. Be safe, Be happy, God Bless You All...

FROM THE WEST...

by Bro. Kasey Vall, SW

Greetings Brethren. Now that we are all fat and happy from the holidays, it is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work this New Year. I share the thoughts and feelings of our Worshipful Master that this year is going to be a great year. Along with the events WM Mario has spoken of, I would also like to

see our Lodge become involved once again in the local school essay contests. This is a program that the GL has highly promoted and encourage over the last year. If anyone is interested in taking the reins on this project or at least interested in helping out, please let me know.

I would also like to see our Lodge become more socially interactive with each other

outside of the Stated Meetings this year. This includes possibly having a PM's dinner, a St. John's dinner, and/or just meeting at a local eatery for lunch or dinner once a quarter or more. I will be discussing this further with our JW, once he is elected/installed (hopefully).

Over the last year, many Brethren have been meeting at the Native after the Stated Meetings. This type of social

intercourse is where a very important aspect of Masonry is conducted and it is also good for the health of the Lodge. I hope to see more Brethren out at the Native this year.

I also would like to report that sales of Camp Stone apparel over this last year has been very good. If you visit the Lodge Store, you will see that there is a large selection of apparel. It is a great way to represent the Lodge at Masonic events. Currently, we have polo's and long sleeve button down shirts available with a multitude of options available in color and logo. We also have coins, mugs, note pads, pens, etc. available. If there are any other items you would like to see, please let me know.

Last year, in a few of the different newsletter issues, I talked about getting a survey out to you about what you would like to see the Lodge do or participate

in. I am still working on it, but I will have it out soon. I also am going to send out a spreadsheet with all the parts needed to conduct each of the degrees. I would like to know who is able and willing to conduct the various parts of each degree. I would also like to know who is interested in learning parts they don't know. Many of the previous degree work has been carried out by the same Brethren and I would like to get more of the Lodge involved. We have a vast supply of knowledge and skill at our disposal, so please don't feel hesitant to step out of your comfort zone and take on a new part. We are all Brothers on the level here and judgment will not be passed. This also feeds into my vision of having a Egyptian First Degree Team.

Many of you have heard me talk about this before. As of now, I have not had many Brothers approach me about this.

I am not sure if the Lodge does not like the idea or if everyone is just not interested in it. I firmly believe that holding an annual Egyptian First Degree in the Tucson Scottish Rite Egyptian room would be an amazing site and an unforgettable night for all. I could see this as an event that Brethren from all over the State would come to see. I also see our Lodge receiving request to perform this Degree for other Lodge initiates, much like the Military Degree Team or the Past Masters Degree. If you are at all interested in this endeavor, please let me know.

I am going to end it here. I have many other ideas running through my head, but I think this is enough for you to consider now. This year can be an amazing year if we want it to. It all depends on the level of work we want to put in. I wish you all nothing but the best this New Year and I hope to see you at the first Stated Meeting of the year.

Cochise Scottish Right Club

Please come join us at the next CSRC meeting this coming Sat, Jan. 6th, at 8 am in the Sierra Vista Masonic Center. Breakfast will be provided by the Cochise High Twelve Club. If you are interested in further Light, you will want to come check us out. The CSRC meetings are open to everyone, including family and friends. If anything, you will get a great breakfast out of it. All kidding aside, the Scottish Rite is a great Masonic organization to continue your journey through the Degrees, up to the 32 Degree. You can also gain further insight into the Symbolic Degrees. One great program the Scottish Rite provides is the Master Craftsmen Program. It is a self-paced correspondence course and comes in three sections. The first section covers the three Symbolic Degrees. It is also a great place to meet other Brethren from the surrounding Lodges. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Bro. Kasey Vall, 32
Club President

MASONIC FUNERAL ASSIST TEAM

By Andy Anderson, PM

Hi All,

First and foremost, I want to say THANK YOU to all the Brothers who were a part of the Masonic Funeral Assist Team during 2017, and

before. The Team concept and the primary goal is to ensure that ALL deceased Brothers have a funeral worthy and in recognition of their longevity and hard work maintaining the masonic principals. For 2017, we know of four Brothers and one Masonic Widow who passed away. There were others, but there was either no obituary or no funeral. So, they are not counted for the year.

To local Lodges and the Worshipful Masters for 2018, the Masonic Funeral Assist Team is available to assist the Lodge Officers in performing a Masonic Funeral or assisting with information and organizational procedures when requested. I can't stress enough how important it is to have an organized Masonic funeral in front of Family and Friends and to show all attending the funeral how we, as Masons, respect our deceased Brother.

Worshipful Masters, in the early part of 2018, the Funeral Assist Team can provide training to all Lodge Officers and Brothers in a variety of subjects related to Masonic Funerals and can provide hand-outs to those attending. We especially invite all Ladies of the Masonic Family. This training can be one or three hours, depending on interest and participation. A few

of the subjects are; the Masonic Funeral, what to expect from the Lodge, the Masonic sacred scroll, the Masonic Widows program, Memorial services, Masonic funeral kit and Q&A.

Now is a good time to inventory the lodges funeral kit to ensure that all the equipment needed is available, clean and ready to go. It should also include everything need for an AZ Grand Lodge Funeral Service. Please contact Andy Anderson (520) 234-3225 or by e-mail for any requests or information. Everyone, stay healthy in 2018.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Member of the Masonic Funeral Assist Team contact Andy Anderson, this includes Brethren from any Lodge.

Hello Brother Mason,

I see by the jewelry you are wearing that you have traveled...

As such, you are invited to attend the no-host monthly meeting of the Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703.

WHAT IS 'HIGH TWELVE'?



The High Twelve Club is an International Organization of Masons, with their Ladies and Friends, with the purpose of bringing together ideas in an hour of fellowship, free from selfishness or private gain. Additional purposes include:

- To encourage Sojourners of Masonry to return to the field of activity without ritual.
- To support our government, our schools, our freedom of choice, and our DeMolay boys, Job's Daughters, and Rainbows for Girls.
- To reflect upon truth, talk less, hear more and be "IN SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY."

The Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703 provides support locally, in addition to our support of Freemasonry and youth groups. This local support comes in the form of assistance to Military families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, hosting two events each year for our Masonic widows. One of the events held for our Masonic widows will be the 24th Annual Widows Luncheon held in February. Plus, we support Masonic widows with general help and monetary assistance. We also recognize all Masons of the Year from local Lodges at one of our Club meetings, we support the scholarship program from George Washington University, we support local Lodges with a great breakfast at their Stated Meetings and we have a program of interest at each of our monthly meetings. Finally, we have an initiation, a grip and password. It is unique to say the least, but is all in fun.

Contact the Club Secretary, Andy Anderson (520) 234-3225, to find out when and where the next Club meeting is being held and join us.

Travel Safely,

Andrew M. Anderson Jr., PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 LODGE OFFICERS CAMP STONE LODGE NO. 77



Bob Frankenfield
Treasurer



Mario Jones
Worshipful Master



Harry Brown, PM
Chaplain



Al Hammond, PM
Secretary



Abram Morales
Senior Deacon



Stanley McGowen, PM
Marshal

**Vacant
Junior Warden**

**Vacant
Junior Steward**

**Vacant
Tyler**



Bill Driggers
Senior Steward



Kasey Vall
Senior Warden



Kyle Kulp
Junior Deacon

LODGE COMMITTEES

CHARITY

WM Mario Jones
Bro Kasey Vall
JW (when filled)

AUDITING

Bro Kasey Vall
JW (when filled)
Bro. Abram Morales

MASON OF THE YEAR

WM Mario Jones
Bro Kasey Vall
JW (when filled)

REFRESHMENT

JW (when filled)
Stewards (when filled)

PICNIC

Bro Dan Rodgers
Bro Kasey Vall
Bro Mitch Huskey
WB Al Hammond

FUND RAISER

Bro Kasey Vall
Bro Bob Frankenfield
WB Al Hammond
WB Stanley McGowen

CHARITY

WM Mario Jones
Bro Kasey Vall
JW (when filled)

PUBLICATION

Bro Kasey Vall
JW (when filled)

LODGE MAINT.

JW (when filled)
Bro Abram Morales
Bro Kyle Kulp

EDUCATION & RITUAL

WM Mario Jones
WB Harry Brown
WB Stanley McGowen

BIRTHDAYS

Leonard Christian

Timothy Timmons



MASONIC ANNIVERSARY

Dutch Bowen – 2 yrs

Al Hammond – 28 yrs

Don Rodgers – 29 yrs

EJ Zavatsky – 11 yrs

REBUILDING THE SIERRA VISTA MASONIC CENTER



Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 is Raffling off a 12 Gauge Remington 1100 Shotgun, graciously donated by WB. Andrew Anderson

All Proceeds will go to fixing the roof of the Sierra Vista Masonic Center that has caused one of the Lodge rooms to be closed

\$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets (not tax deductible)

Tickets can be purchased with cash from Brethren of the Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 or online at https://squareup.com/store/Camp_Stone_77



Winner will be announced after the Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 stated meeting on Mar 10th (need not be present to win). Winner must be 18 years or older and complete the FFL transfer through Trail Boss Outfitters on Fry Blvd in Sierra Vista at no cost.

An out of town winner can have the rifle shipped to the FFL of their choice (No cost for shipping, but you will have to pay your FFL's transfer fee).

For further information or purchase information, contact Bro. Kasey Vall at kaseyvall@yahoo.com

You can also find more information on the Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 website:

<http://www.benson-arizona.com/campstone77/>