



From the East *by*

W.M. Lon Thomas



I must say, it's staggering to think that I'm going to spend twelve issues on the front of the Trestleboard. Sadly, a page one spot will have no affect on the quality of the work.

I'm hoping that 2012 will prove to be full of pleasant surprises, the continuance of the plan that was created in 2011, some concerted efforts toward a Mark Twain Award and hopefully certifying a of Master Ritualist or two.

Don't expect to see a lot of committees. I will pick some men to take the lead on our major yearly functions such as the Barbeque, Clothe-A-Child and CHIP in addition to anything else that comes up. These leaders can then recruit assistance as required. My experience (albeit short) is that it's always more successful asking a Mason for help and getting it, then to look for him to volunteer to be on a committee.

In 2011 we made great progress in adding beauty within the Lodge, 2012 should be a year to see what we can be done to improve the outside. This would include drainage issues, adding some inexpensive, Mason friendly plants and staying on top of the weeds. Maybe we could get that well working and make the place into an oasis!

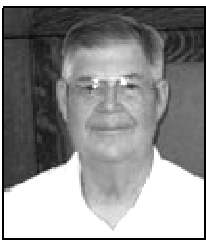
There's lots to do, and the Mayans are predicting a short year! Let's get 'er done.

Lon



From the West *by*

John Elliott



Here we are at the beginning of a new year. Last year was filled with a lot of accomplishments for the Lodge, several awards at Grand Lodge, new members, new blood in the line, many improvements to the Lodge building it self and the furnishings. Thanks to the many brethren that pitched in to make this happen. There are still a lot of things on the "Improvement List" that I would like to see completed before the end of this year, but as Worshipful Brother Herzig said when we started on the improvements , "all of these improvements will take time, effort and money, so do not expect them all completed in one or two years".

One of the biggest successes for the Lodge last year was the Air Fare Raffle. Thanks to all who supported this endeavor as it proved to be the largest money maker for the Lodge. I sincerely hope that the Lodge will endeavor to pursue another one this year.

Looking forward this year, hopefully we can continue the work sessions at least once per month and the rest of the non-business meetings as practice. I would like to see everyone be able to handle at least two stations above their respective office and have as letter perfect as possible.



From the South *by*

Jason Phillipmore



While it is customarily the duty of the *Senior* Warden to pay the craft their wages (if any be due), I would very much like to thank WB Rick Skoglund, for convincing me to return to the lodge, for encouraging me to pursue the work, and for becoming a true friend and brother.

Furthermore, I would like to thank WB Bill Herzig for all of his help and support in allowing me the opportunity to make Masons this year. I especially thank him for his kind mentorship and for allowing me the honor of being lodge Marshal for 2011. I hope I lived up to his expectations.

Furthermore, I would like to thank WB Tom Jones, WB Bob Rush, Bros. Roger Weber, Lon Thomas, John Elliot and the rest of the officers of 2011. I really enjoyed being a part of the team and I cannot express how much your encouragement means to me. Thank you for helping me with that double-second degree. It was an experience I will fondly remember for the rest of my life.

Furthermore, I would like to thank WB Jim Gier for keeping me honest. Brother Jim was on my investigating committee. Jim was there when I was raised. Jim is the first Mason I ever met and I am as impressed and humbled by him now as I was then.

Furthermore, I would like to thank WB Howard Billingsley and all the Past Masters of Payson #70, especially WB Walter Harrison, WB George Conrad, WB John Dino, WB Forest Miller, WB Bob Townsend, and my favorite Paysonite, WB Ted Pettet for their support and encouragement over these fourteen or so years I have been fortunate enough to be a member of this worshipful Lodge.

Furthermore, I would like to thank all the members of Payson Lodge #70 indiscriminately, for entrusting me with the South this year. It is an honor and I am very grateful.

In keeping with the theme of beauty and glory, and in the interest of having the best possible officer installation pictures for the lodge this year, I am offering to freshen up/clean up haircuts for all the officers of the lodge for 2011 and 2012 during the week prior to installation, free of charge. Please come by during my regular hours and let me hook you up!

Jason



From the Secretary's Table *by*

Tom Jones

Our Brother Secretary was unavailable to meet this month's submission deadline. I would like to fill this empty space by saying thank you to the Brothers of the Lodge for electing an adroit group of men to work with me to lead the Lodge through the coming year. I'd especially like to thank the Brothers who volunteered to serve as my Officers for 2012!

Let's all try to leave the place like we found it; a roof on the building, the Charter on the wall and coffer full!

Remember, I'm pulling for ya. We're all in this together!
- Red Green



From The Eastern Star *by*

W.M. Martha Ahrens

First of all, we hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. Now that the days are getting longer, albeit not much, it is a time for renewal, and be appreciative for what we have and our commitment to serve in whatever capacity we may be able to.

The New Year will bring challenges, but with a commitment to do what we can, we will accomplish almost anything we set our hearts to do.

Our Christmas Party on Dec 19th was a lot of fun. After a very tasty and more than adequate Pot Luck dinner, we had a busy meeting. It was very nice to have Sideliners to help us on our way. Our gift exchanges were lively and did produce some nice surprises for everyone involved.

Our next meeting will be Jan 16th. We will be balloting on 2 petitions for membership, and also have a renewal of our Obligation.

We hope to see everyone at the installation of Payson Lodge #70 Officers on Jan 7th at 1:30 PM. They are looking forward to the new year and we can all help to make it a good year for the Lodge. Best wishes to all the Lodge members, and the corps of new Officers.

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours, they are FREE !

Happy New Year to ALL

Martha Ahrens, Worthy Matron
Randall Ahrens, Worthy Patron



From The Daughters of the Nile *by*

Sue Hinton

The Payson Nile Club had their Christmas luncheon on Dec 8th at Tiny's. We were small in number but had a great time and collected over \$200 in toys and gift cards for the Shrine Hospital for the children.

There will be no meeting in January (it is dark) so we will meet next on February 21, 2012 at 10:30 am held at the Masonic Lodge.

Everyone needs to be thinking about new officers for the next year. We will have nominations at the February meeting and elections will be at the March meeting. JoAnn Barnhart has agreed to be our secretary again next year and Ann Christy has agreed to be your treasurer. We will need some names for president and vice president.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year.

In Nile Love,
Sue Hinton, President (but not for much longer)



From the Shrine *by*

Roger Weber

There were 33 Nobles, Ladies and four guests at Zane Grey Shrine Club's Christmas Party at the Lamplighter RV Community Room that was well decorated for Christmas. Social hour started at 5 PM. At 6 PM the Caterer, Kathy Bickert, served a dinner of prime rib, ham, potatoes, salad, finished with a variety of deserts. The evening ended with drawing for poinsettias. Our Caterer, Kathy Bickert, has agreed to cater the 2012 Zane Grey Shrine Club Christmas Party.

Zane Grey Shrine Club members are looking forward to another great year in 2012.

Zane Grey Officers for 2012:

President: Stephen L Cantrill
 Vice President: William P Herzig
 Secretary & Treasurer: Roger L Weber
 Member at Large: Spencer L Roth

The agenda for 2012 include:

Onion Sales
 Golf Tournament (August)
 OV after "August Doin's" Rodeo Parade (August)
 Christmas Party (Dec 1st or 8th)

Zane Grey SC's next Tuesday planning breakfast will be at 8 AM on January 10th at Tiny's.

The next Zane Grey SC meeting will be January 18, 2011. The Zane Grey SC meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM at Tiny's Restaurant. All Nobles and their Lady are invited to join us if you are in the Payson area.

Zane Grey Shrine Club Dues for 2012 of \$10.00 are due. Please mail to P.O. Box 1754, Payson, AZ 85547-1754.



Worshipful Brother Forrest Miller with Santa and Mrs. Clause at the 2011 Clothe A Child Event. The picture was taken right after Bro. Forrest informed Santa how good he'd been all year. Apparently Santa bought it.

Arts Parts or Points

I See You've Traveled Some

Wherever you may chance to be--Wherever you may roam,
Far away in foreign lands; Or just at Home Sweet Home;
It always gives you pleasure, it makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer,
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting, And he takes you by the hand,
It thrills you with a feeling that you cannot understand,
You feel that bond of brotherhood that tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger, In strange lands all alone
If fate has left you stranded--Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you -- makes you numb, When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes, To take a last long trip,
Adorned with Lambskins Apron White and gems of fellowship --
The Tiler at the Golden Gate, With Square and Level and Plumb
Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",
"I see you've traveled some."

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JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 OES #64 7PM Stated Meeting	3 Payson #70 7PM Practice for Installation of Officers	4 10 AM Cards Social 5-7 PM Weight Watchers	5	6	7 Payson #70 1:30 PM Installation of Officers
8	9	10 Payson #70 7PM Stated Meeting	11 10 AM Cards Social 5-7 PM Weight Watchers	12	13	14
* Clarence Collette		* Richard Ceyler				
15	16 OES #64 7PM Stated Meeting	17 Payson #70 7PM Degree Practice and Fellowship	18 10 AM Cards Social 5-7 PM Weight Watchers	19	20	21
* Fred Jacobsen * Darrell Claiborne Sr		* Craig Chance		* Lon Thomas		
22	23	24 Payson #70 7PM Degree Practice and Fellowship	25 10 AM Cards Social 5-7 PM Weight Watchers	26	27	28
29	30	31 Payson #70 7PM Degree Practice and Fellowship	Notes: * = Masonic Birthdays			
* Bob Amburgey						

Happy
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2012

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Jean-Claude Malterre, Past Master

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