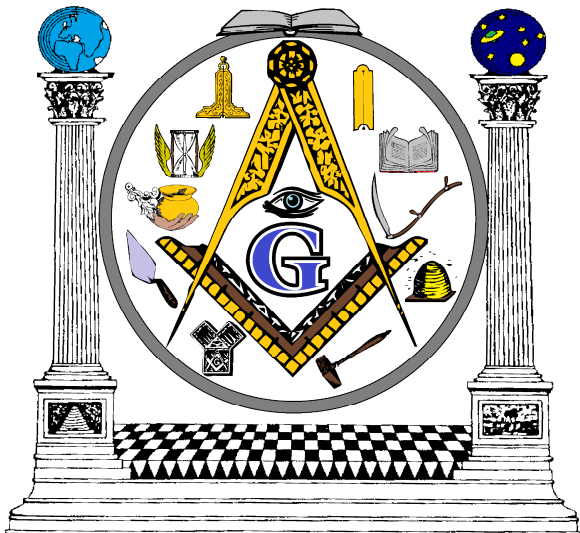


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## From the East

. WB Randy Jager

Our busy year at Oasis Lodge continues! March finished up with a visit to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Green Valley Lodge #71. This was a nice event with a fairly large turn-out. It was an enjoyable presentation by the Grand Lodge Officers, and obviously a proud day for our Green Valley Brothers. Congratulations go out to them and hearty thanks for the hospitality shown.

We kicked April off with a Warden's Night and a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for our newest Master Mason ... congratulations Brother Robert Wangerin! While the participation of other Lodges was a bit limited for this event, the Lodges that did participate turned out in force. We had multiple Brothers from both Builders Lodge #60 and from Marion McDaniel Lodge #56. Brother Wangerin was treated to a very well-presented degree, and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thanks go out to WB Dean Millard and Brother Mike Bravin for pulling this event together.

The very next night, Oasis Brethren visited Aaron Lodge # 49. We had only six Oasis Brethren in attendance, but our attendance was graciously welcomed by the Aaron Brethren. It is always a treat to visit the Tucson Scottish Rite Temple, and being part of any ceremony or meeting in the Drachman Room (commonly referred to as the Blue Room) is always special. If you have not been by the Tucson Scottish Rite Temple in the last couple of years, do yourself a favor and schedule a visit soon. The building's beauty combined with the historical significance for Masonry in Arizona is simply awe inspiring. Even Oasis Lodge first started meeting in a room of the Tucson Scottish Rite Temple...way back in 1957!

Oasis had the distinct pleasure in presenting two 50-year service awards in the month of April. And if that wasn't enough...both of these Brothers have been Oasis 52 members for the entire 50 years! Our sincere congratulations go out to Brothers John Wesley Miller and Brother James Kelly. Several Brothers had a wonderful conversation with Brother Miller during his slightly informal presentation. He was unable to attend the Oasis Stated Meeting in April, so several Oasis Brothers met with Brother Miller at a local restaurant to deliver the award. I think I can speak for all those in attendance when I say we had a wonderful time talking about the early years of Oasis Lodge. Brother Kelly and his Lady were able to attend the April Stated Meeting, and it was my honor to present his service award with the help of all Oasis Brethren in attendance that evening.

On April 14, Oasis hosted the annual Pig Roast in conjunction with Horizon Chapter #69, OES. This year's pig roast was a resounding success, even though we battled with the vicissitudes and inclemency of the weather. The guest of honor (an 82# porker) was toasted and roasted in on-and-off rain starting at 6:00am. It is only my opinion, but I believe that this year's pork was the juiciest and tastiest ever! Many of the guests remarked on this year's event, and all in attendance seemed to have a very good time. This

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June 1, 2012

The Vision Statement Of Oasis Masonic Lodge # 52 Is That The Lodge:

- Is A Recognized Active Participant In The Masonic Community Fostering Fraternal Fellowship And Masonic Teachings.
- Supports The Local Community Through Involvement With Public Schools And Programs Addressing Community Concerns.

The Mission Statement Of Oasis Masonic Lodge # 52 Is To:

- Preserve And Promote The Teachings Of Freemasonry.
- Promote Masonic Values Through Service To Mankind And Truth In Life.
- Inspire Good Men To Seek Membership Within Our Organization.
- Encourage The Membership To Continually Seek The Truth.
- Promote Active Fellowship With Masonic Friends And Family.

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event appears to be something we can still improve on in future years, but continues to provide a wonderful opportunity for Oasis to work closely with our Masonic Brothers and Sisters of the OES. Many thanks go out to the Horizon Chapter members for their wonderful support and participation at the 2012 pig roast. I would also like to personally thank the Oasis Brothers that helped during this event. There are way too many to mention by name, but you know who you are, and the Lodge appreciates your continued help at this event.

Just a few days later in April, Oasis Brothers visited San Pedro Lodge # 55, in beautiful downtown Benson. What a fun night! The years of experience and knowledge possessed by the Brothers in the Officers chairs that evening were only surpassed by the open-heartedness and Brotherly love extended to the Oasis Brethren by the Lodge. Another fantastic night of fellowship...if you missed it, don't miss it next time!

The month of May kicked off with...you guessed it, another visitation. This time we visited Tucson Lodge #4, and the ribs served by these Brethren were reminiscent of the Brontosaurus ribs served to Fred Flintstone! It was a huge dinner that had me hoping that I could make it through the entire meeting without nodding off, but once inside this beautiful Lodge room there was obviously no falling asleep! The Tucson 4 Brethren unveiled their newly completed star-decked heaven ceiling. What a night of Masonic "enlightenment."

Just a few short weeks later, Oasis Brethren attended and assisted with a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Anahuac



Lodge #81 and we were back at the Tucson Scottish Rite Temple. While we were all looking forward to attending Lodge in the very small room that the Anahuac Brothers typically meet in, we ended up being part of an even more special evening. We had a total of 9 Oasis Brothers in attendance for this awesome event, and I have never been more proud to be a member of Oasis 52! Oasis Lodge members showed up in force and jumped into roles for the degree right up until the beginning of the ceremony. Many other Lodges were in attendance, and the Brother being bestowed with our honor that evening recognized the high level of participation. I have no doubt that he will remember being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason for the rest of his life!

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**Birthdays**

*Natural*

June

- Crenshaw, Robert
- Edel, William
- Franklin, George
- Glassbrook, Lloyd
- Harty, Donald
- Neulreich, Robert
- Petty, Jason
- Ruiz, Roy
- Simmons, Donald

July

- Chuk, Stevan
- Hoehn, William

- Promenschenkel, David
- Seginski, William
- Stein, Mark
- Stigers, William
- Weathers, Paul
- Wilson, James

*Masonic*

June

- Beach, Gilbert
- Cheatle, Scott
- Donohue, Raymond
- Edel, William
- Glenn, Jacky
- Millard, Dean
- O'Donoghue, Robert
- Powlesland, Stephen
- Shrager, Robert
- Simmons, Donald
- Stalker, Robert

July

- Cohen, Alan
- Yaiser, Timothy



**Upcoming Meetings**

**June 2012**

- 04 Jun—Official Visit: King Solomon #5
- 05 Jun—Past Master’s Night 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- 12 Jun—Stated Meeting
- 19 Jun—Long Term Planning- Poker Run/Fall MFFN
- 26 Jun—2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

**July 2012**

- 03 Jul—Official Visit: Oriental #20
- 11 Jul—Widows Luncheon
- 10 Jul—Stated Meeting
- 17 Jul—Degree Practice
- 24 Jul—Long Term Planning
- 31 Jul—Educational Event /2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

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JW Mike Bravin

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WM Randy Jager

SW Dean Millard

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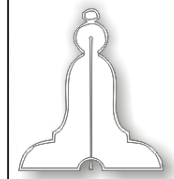
If you or your loved ones are stricken with an illness or distress or any other major concern, don't keep it inside, let us know about it. We may be limited in many cases to remembering you in our prayers. But I believe that the majority of us believe in the power of prayer so please let us be informed of your troubled times.

Call WB Paul Weathers at (520) 290-6260 or Brother Ray Donohue at (520) 290-9802.



## From The West

W.B. N Dean Millard — Senior Warden



**J**ust last week we held the first of the "Long Range Planning" sessions that we will hold prior to the end of this year. As I sat at the table in the dining room contemplating the small handful of Brothers sitting there with me, I had to wonder just how many others were sitting at home thinking "I hope the officers do a good job for the Lodge!" Let me dispel with this little piece of misinformation -- This is NOT a meeting just for the officers of the Lodge! ALL MEMBERS of the Lodge from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the oldest of the Master Masons are invited and NEEDED to attend these planning sessions! This is the time when we decide as a Lodge how the Lodge will operate the next year.

You will note that I did not say that it was when I tell you what we will be doing the next year, I said that it is when the LODGE decides what we will be doing the next year. You will also note that it makes no difference who is sitting in the East next year. Whoever it is will be bound by the decisions made during these meetings. It is somewhat loosely related to how this great country of ours was intended to operate -- Government BY the people and FOR the people. You note that it does NOT say anything about Government by the Government or for the Government, it is all about the people. The Lodge should also be (and I think has been for several years now) all about the membership.

This only works, my Brothers, if you get out of your chairs and down to the Lodge to tell us what you think, both what we have been doing right OR wrong and what you would like us to do in the future. There are no guarantees that every suggestion that is made will be acted upon by the Officers of the Lodge, but it IS a guarantee that they will do nothing of what you want, other than by accident, unless you come out and express your opinion. Nothing has been cast in stone yet but it becomes more solid at every one of these meetings, so it becomes more and more important to be present at EVERY ONE of these meetings (they are detailed in WB Randy's schedule and also listed on the web site as they come up). PLEASE come out to the Long Range Planning meetings and help us plan the activities for next year! By the way, these plans by necessity will also affect how this Lodge operates for years into the future -- hence the Long Range aspect of the planning process.

My Brothers, as I'm sure will be discussed further by our Worshipful Master, we recently were honored by an invitation from the Worshipful Master of Anahuac Lodge No 81 to come and take a part in their 3rd Degree. Nine members of Oasis Lodge attended the degree with eight of us taking active parts in the degree work. It has been a very long time since I have had that much fun visiting a brother lodge! The Brothers of Anahuac were welcoming and gracious and the degree work was performed in both Spanish and English, whichever the Brother was most familiar with (fortunately, the candidate was familiar with both!) and the degree was conferred with the skill and excellence we have all come to expect. If you EVER have the opportunity to attend, and even better, to help in conferring the degree work of another Lodge, TAKE IT! You will never be sorry.

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During all of 2012, the members of the Oasis Membership Committee have been providing some very vital functions. They have been regularly contacting each and every member of the Lodge. This is extremely important work that was actually started up again in 2011. These Brothers are reaching out to Oasis members who may not have heard from the Lodge in a while. Sure, they may read about our activities in the Trestleboard, but receiving a call from an Oasis Brother means so much more! However, the Membership Committee is in need of more assistance. If you are able to assist with this important work, please let the Lodge know and we will direct you to the right Brothers to get you started immediately.

So, Brothers I ask you now, do any of the activities I have discussed with you this month sound like fun? I can assure you that they are an immense amount of fun. Oasis Brothers continue to be very, very active this year. There is only one thing missing... YOU! I would love to see even more of our Oasis Brothers in attendance for all of these events. The Oasis 52 website is continually updated with upcoming activities, so check it out and get involved. Your Oasis 52 Brethren are looking forward to greeting you with open arms!



## From The South

Bro Mike Bravin— Junior Warden



Memorial Day is a Federal holiday which is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May. For most Americans this holiday symbolizes the first day of summer or a three day weekend. The intent of Memorial Day was not for the sales at the mall, but to honor all men and women who died while serving the United States armed forces. I would like to take this time to say thank you to all are military personal past and present for their service.

On Memorial Day the flag is raised briskly to the top of the staff then solemnly lowered to half-staff, where it will remain until noon. Then it will be raised to full staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave the lives for their country. At noon the memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifices be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

A side note to Memorial Day is the running of the Indianapolis 500. The race is held on the Sunday before Memorial Day and has been since 1911.

Here is my rant in the South: how about all government employees who get this day off, work instead, and donate the one day of pay to all wounded warriors or to the widows and children of fallen soldiers. That would be a nice way to say thanks...just a thought.

As for lodge business, I just want to remind all Brothers about the upcoming motorcycle run and Halloween party. It is never too early to ask for door prizes or to begin selling tickets. With roughly a 110 members of Oasis, can you imagine what we could do if we each sold two tickets or registered 1 motorcycle? When I joined Oasis, I said from the beginning that I was not the best writer or the most elegant speech giver, so if you have something you want to talk about or have any ideas for an article, please let me know. Also, to our Brothers who spend the summer away from Tucson, I hope your travels are safe and exciting. God bless.

## Acting Up: Freemasons and Hollywood

WB Frank Rice

If you're like me, you love a good movie; especially the older ones. There's nothing like losing yourself in a good black and white classic with family and friends. What may surprise you is the number of actors and other Hollywood types that were Freemasons. The following as a list of some of those fellows. As an aside, what you may notice in this list is the absence of Masons among the current group of actors. I'll leave it up to you to speculate on the reasons for this. See how many of these famous people you can recognize. Enjoy!

William Alexander "Bud" Abbott (October 2, 1895 – April 24, 1974) was an American actor, producer and comedian. He is best remembered as the straight man of the comedy team of Abbott and Costello, with Lou Costello.

Richard Edward Arnold (May 15, 1918 – May 8, 2008), known professionally as Eddy Arnold, was an American country music singer and actor who performed for six decades.

Melvin Jerome "Mel" Blanc (May 30, 1908 – July 10, 1989) was an American voice actor and comedian. Blanc is best remembered for his work with Warner Bros as the voice of such well-known characters as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, and hundreds of others.

Ernest Borgnine (born Ernest Effron Borgnino; January 24, 1917) is an American actor of television and film. On television, he played Quinton McHale in the 1962-66 series McHale's Navy.

Eddie Cantor (January 31, 1892 – October 10, 1964) was an American "illustrated song" performer, comedian, dancer, singer, actor and songwriter.

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Nurse, Hemostat... Scalpel... Fork... I think he's gonna make it (to the dinner table)

**The Annual Oasis #52 Spring MFFM. (Pic-Nic) Held on April 14th at Sabbar Shrine Temple**

Brothers working together



It's a tough job but somebody's got to do it.



White meat or... um....white meat?



A good time was had by all who attended. Plenty of food, ... fun, and ... fellowship.



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George Michael Cohan (July 3, 1878 – November 5, 1942), known professionally as George M. Cohan, was a major American entertainer, playwright, composer, lyricist, actor, singer, dancer, and producer.

Nathaniel Adams Coles (March 17, 1919 – February 15, 1965), known professionally as Nat King Cole, was an American musician and actor who first came to prominence as a leading jazz pianist.

Cecil Blount DeMille (August 12, 1881 – January 21, 1959) was an American film director and Academy Award-winning film producer in both silent and sound films.

Richard Dreyfuss, (born October 29, 1947) is an American actor best known for starring in a number of film, television, and theater roles since the late 1960s, including the films *American Graffiti*, *Jaws*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Poseidon*, and *Mr. Holland's Opus*. He was made a Mason at Sight by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. (May 23, 1883 – December 12, 1939) was an American actor, screenwriter, director and producer. He was best known for his swashbuckling roles in silent films such as *The Thief of Bagdad*, *Robin Hood*, and *The Mark of Zorro*.

William Claude Dukenfield (January 29, 1880 – December 25, 1946), better known as W. C. Fields, was an American comedian, actor, juggler and writer.

William Clark Gable (February 1, 1901 – November 16, 1960), known as Clark Gable, was an American film actor most famous for his role as Rhett Butler in the 1939 Civil War epic film *Gone with the Wind*.

David Llewelyn Wark Griffith (January 22, 1875 – July 23, 1948) was a premier pioneering American film director. He is best known as the director of the controversial and groundbreaking 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation* and the subsequent film *Intolerance* (1916).

Burl Icle Ivanhoe Ives (June 14, 1909 – April 14, 1995) was an American actor, writer and folk music singer. As an actor, Ives's work included comedies, dramas, and voice work in theater, television, and motion pictures.

Al Jolson (May 26, 1886 – October 23, 1950) was an American singer, comedian and actor. He is best known for starring in "The Jazz Singer."

Bert Lahr (born Irving Lahrheim; August 13, 1895 – December 4, 1967) was an American actor and comedian. Lahr is remembered today for his roles as the Cowardly Lion and Kansas farmworker Zeke in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Harold Clayton Lloyd, Sr. (April 20, 1893 – March 8, 1971) was an American film actor and producer, most famous for his silent comedies. Lloyd ranks alongside Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton as one of the most popular and influential film comedians of the silent film era.

Louis Burt Mayer (July 12, 1884 – October 29, 1957) born Lazar Meir was an American film producer. He is generally cited as the creator of the "star system" within Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) in its golden years.

Audie Leon Murphy (June 20, 1924 – May 28, 1971) was a highly decorated and actor. He became one the most famous soldiers of World War II and widely regarded as the most decorated American soldier of the war.

Fess Elisha Parker, Jr. (August 16, 1924 – March 18, 2010) was an American film and television actor best known for his portrayals of Davy Crockett in the Walt Disney 1955-56 TV mini-series and as TV's Daniel Boone from 1964-70.

Michael Anthony Richards (born July 24, 1949) is an American actor, comedian, writer and television producer, best known for his portrayal of the eccentric Cosmo Kramer on the television sitcom *Seinfeld*.

William "Will" Penn Adair Rogers (November 4, 1879 – August 15, 1935) was an American cowboy, comedian, humorist, social commentator, vaudeville performer, actor, and one of the best-known celebrities in the 1920s and 1930s.

Roy Rogers, born Leonard Franklin Slye (November 5, 1911 – July 6, 1998), was an American singer and cowboy actor, one of the most heavily marketed and merchandised stars of his era.

Richard Henry Sellers, CBE (8 September 1925 – 24 July 1980), known as Peter Sellers, was a British comedian and actor. Perhaps best known as Chief Inspector Clouseau in *The Pink Panther* film series.

Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton (July 18, 1913 – September 17, 1997) was an American comedian who is best known as a top radio and television star from 1937 to 1971.

Marion Mitchell Morrison (born Marion Robert Morrison; May 26, 1907 – June 11, 1979), better known by his stage name John Wayne, was an American film actor, director and producer.

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