Knights Templar First Degree

On Tuesday, November 18th, Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 in Chandler, Arizona, experienced a rare Masonic treat. On that evening, the First Degree of Masonry was conferred by an all-star Knight Templar degree team. The Templars appeared in both Chapeau and Cap and Mantle uniforms with all in white aprons. Templars marched to their respective stations in military fashion. RE Grand Commander Sidney J. Leluan, III, received an arch of steel appropriate to his rank, and also served ably as Worshipful Master. Other officers for the degree, plus special lectures, were given by the following Sir Knights:

- Senior Warden: Harley Goodson, Apache #16
- Junior Warden: Russell Sayre, King of Kings #12
- Senior Deacon: George Pirkle, Crusade #11
- Junior Deacon: Arno Warnke, Apache #16
- Treasurer: Gary Carnicle, Prescott #2
- Secretary: Bob Bradshaw, Prescott #2
- Senior Steward: Phil Zilenger, King of Kings #12
- Junior Steward: Tim Arimborgo, Apache #16
- Chaplain: David Stankow, Crusade #11
- Tyler: Lee Stith, Crusade #11
- Marshal: Darius McClintock, Apache #16
- Lecture: Kerry Owen, Crusade #11
- Apron lecture: Darrell Mandrell, Crusade #11
- Working Tools: Joe Cortez, Phoenix #3
- Charge: John Nicholas, St. Andrew #17
- Mineral/metal: Scott Person, Crusade #11

Sir Knights, this is a wonderful example of support for our Blue Lodges. What a thrill to have received the degree of Entered Apprentice by a highly polished group of Knights Templar! Let’s hope that this tradition continues. This also poses the question, what is your Commandery or York Rite doing to remain visible in the Blue Lodge?

Information submitted by Sidney J. Leluan, III, RE Grand Commander

Update on Winslow Masonic Temple Arson Fire

At the time of this writing, the three men arrested in the October 10, 2014 arson fire of the Winslow Masonic Temple and two other historic Winslow buildings remain incarcerated in the Navajo County Jail in Holbrook and are awaiting trial. The Winslow Elks Lodge has graciously offered their Lodge room for use by Winslow Lodge #13 and the Winslow York Rite Bodies. Donations of aprons for the Chapter and Council have already been received by the Winslow Bodies from the Mohave York Rite Bodies. At this point, the Winslow Bodies need basic paraphernalia to conduct business meetings in all York Rite Bodies. Donations of money or materials may be made by contacting the Secretary/Recorder of the Winslow York Rite Bodies:

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The Winslow Sir Knights thank all Arizona York Rite Masons for their encouragement and prayers in this difficult situation.

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015

All Arizona Sir Knights should reserve this date for the 5th Annual Western States Easter Observance to be held at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel and Convention Center, 60 E. 5th Street, Tempe, AZ. Specific details will be forthcoming. Let’s have a good showing and make this an impressive event.