

Dutch Mountain Outdoor Degree Highlights.

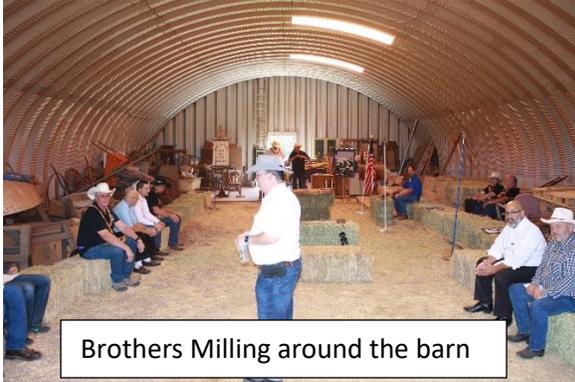
Beginning in January 2017 members of White Mountain Lodge Number 3 in Globe and White River Lodge Number 62 in Show Low begin discussing the possibility of holding an outdoor Degree at the ranch of Brother Jim Rasmussen near Concho in Apache County, Arizona. We discussed such mundane things as event insurance, developing a timeline to make decisions, and creating a trifold brochure at the beginning of our conversations. These conversations took time and a lot of electrons in email communications.

On March 15, brothers from White Mountain Lodge and White River Lodge met in Show Low to discuss paraphernalia at White River Lodge that is available for an outdoor degree. We then went out to the ranch to select a possible site. After selecting the outdoor site and deciding we could use the barn as a backup location for inclement weather, we returned to Show Low to have lunch at a restaurant with a lot of available space and privacy for discussion to make decisions about who was going to do what and when.

When we arrived at the site on the morning August 19, 2017, Worshipful Master Ed Fox decided that due to the intense sun shine to hold the degree in the barn. We found the barn to be a fantastic site to hold the degree. The candidate was Spenser Busler. He is the grandson of WB Paul Dore and the son of WB Brad Busler, both of whom were present. We want to thank Brother Jim Rasmussen for the use of his ranch and the many brothers who put so much time and effort into making this "Outdoor" Degree a possibility. We also want to thank brother Ed Fox's wife for the great chili and cornbread she prepared for our lunch.

Next year the Dutch Mountain Outdoor Degree (or should I say Barn Degree?) will be on June 23.





Brothers Milling around the barn



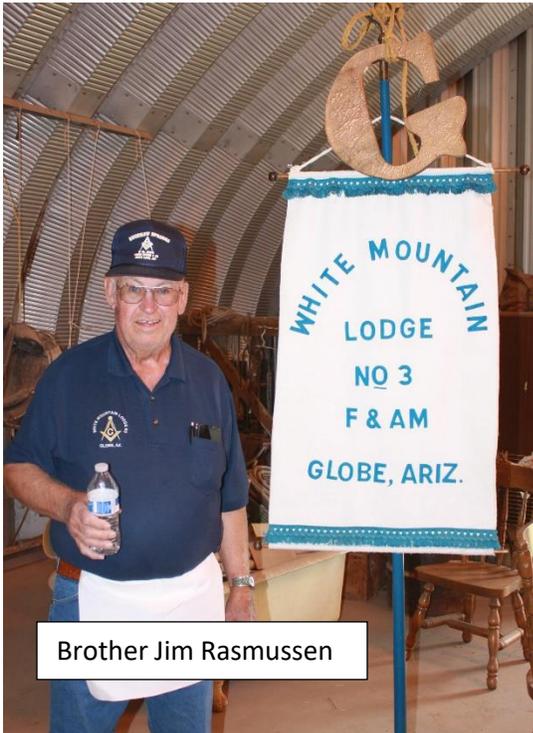
Brothers sitting on hay bales



W. Brothers Jim Baker and Mark Nielsen



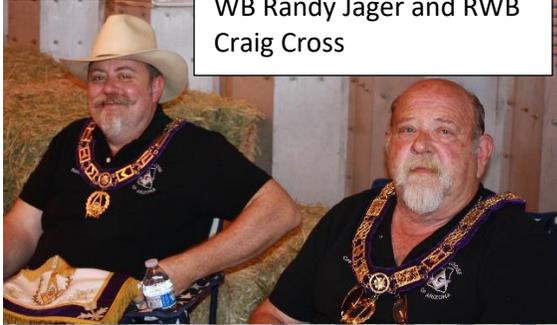
Brothers Mark Nielsen and Eddie Zazueta



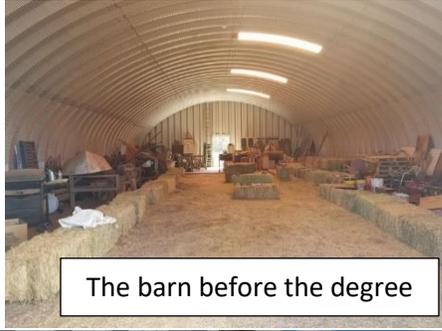
Brother Jim Rasmussen



Brothers Paul Diaz and Clay Howard



WB Randy Jager and RWB Craig Cross



The barn before the degree



Brothers after the degree



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I would like to thank WB Ed Fox, WB Paul Dore, and WB Bill Greenen for their assistance in the writing of this article.

Frank Edens

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