

San Pedro Lodge No. 55, F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings, 7:00 P.M.



Second Tuesday Night Each Month

Benson, Arizona
85602

March 24, 1992

George Gustafson - Chairman
Mason Of The Year Committee
5201 E. Second Street
Tucson, Arizona

Dear George:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Worshipful Brother Dale Lopshire for the better part of my life. I found myself looking up to him as a youth and again in my adult life.

Dale carries an air of sophistication about himself which renders just about any activity in which he involves himself, into a first class act. Dale backs this up with thorough and hard work, concerning himself with not only the overall activity he is involved in, but with the most minute details as well.

I think one of the most impressive Masonic activities I have ever been involved in, was when Brother Dale was the Worshipful Master when I had my first degree conferred upon me. As always, Dale did a first class job which has had a lasting impression on me since that day.

Dale began training seminars for our Lodge while I was moving up the line. These seminars and Dale's continued efforts sparked an interest among the brethren. This enthusiasm pulled our Lodge into a cohesive, working body which began to want to accomplish more than just to conduct stated meetings.

Some of the highlights of these efforts include the formation of our now annual "Table Lodge" of which I am sure you have witnessed how well it has been run under Dale's leadership. We received our first Master Builder award at this time as well. Our Lodge has been able to generate enough other activities that our meetings have been well attended and we have been able to move financially into the black.

As Master of San Pedro Lodge for 1991, I utilized Brother Dale on several occasions, all of which he most willingly rose to the occasion to which he had been called. Also during this time, I was experiencing personal problems, and Brother Dale not only helped me with the activities of the lodge, but was a helpful friend in my personal crisis as well. I know that he has also helped other distressed Brothers as well.

Worshipful Brother Dale has been one of the key supporters behind both his brother Richard Lopshire's achievement of M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Arizona and of his wife Joan's achievement of Worthy Grand Matron of The Grand Chapter of Arizona OES.

Brother Dale was selected as Mason Of The Year for San Pedro Lodge #55 in 1991 and as Past Master 1991, I think it is time that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona recognize the man behind the scenes of so many Masonic successes over the years as our Mason Of The Year for Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Richards PM