

TRESTLEBOARD

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

June has arrived and along with it, officially summertime! Growing up in the Midwest, June usually meant no more heavy coats, going over to a friend's swimming pool or out to the lake for swimming, fishing or boating, barbecues, parades, packing up in the family station wagon for a vacation and being off school for a while.

Now that I live in Arizona, I don't think I even own a heavy coat. Sweaters are needed indoors when the restaurants and movie theaters turn the AC too cold and going outside is more about traveling in a car from point A to point B. Tennis is only played at night when it gets down to 90 degrees. But summertime is still a time for relaxing, recharging and re-evaluating. Because many people still take summertime trips, the Lodge goes dark and we tend to the needs of the building.

June is also when Grand Lodge Communications opens on the first Friday of the month, delineating the end of the previous year and the beginning of the new Masonic year. A new Grand Line is installed, committees are formed and others conclude. We also have the opportunity to change the laws, rules and regulations of Masonry by due process. If there is something that needs to be changed, here is where it gets done. But only by the input and wishes of the Craft, through the Past Masters and Pedestal Officers who represent you.

This year, we will also be putting on a Table Lodge on the night of St. John the Baptist (Friday, June 24th) together with a Festival of the Roses as brought to us from Italy. The friendship and fellowship at a Table Lodge is great. There will be Masonic Education on who St John the Baptist was and why he is one of the Patrons of Freemasonry. Table Lodges are open on the 3rd Degree so only Master Masons may attend. Make sure you get your reservations in, as many other Lodges have visited our Table Lodge in the past and there will be limited seating.

Finally, the Officers will be using the summer to practice new parts in the ritual as they will be proving proficiency in the fall by moving up to the next chair or moving to a different chair. This is also a good time for sideliners to practice ritual so when we start the new year, you can be considered for a position in the Officer Line. These practices include learning the floor work, focusing on specific portions of the ritual as one part interacts with another. It is also a time to ask the coaches, what certain parts of the ritual mean and why we do them. If you plan to participate, see the secretary to purchase a ritual book as most everything is written there and we take pride in trying to follow it as close as possible.

**Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master**



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Freemasonry is nothing without the man-to-man relationships.

We place much on friendship, we push it even further and refer to each other as Brothers.

But the rituals practiced in Lodge seek to give us something more.

Ritual is a basis of Freemasonry, it is in fact, an essential part of all human experience.

When we see friends, we wave as an indication of friendship, we shake hands an indication of trust; these human rituals are expressing an action what can't be expressed in words.

In our ritual a simple act becomes charged with much deeper meaning.

Ritual that is separated from the reason for its practice however, loses significance, and soon the act itself becomes the object rather than the quest for its underlying meaning.

Will improving the performance of our ritual make us better men?

Perhaps, if we seek to realize the significance of what we're doing.

Let us never forget that when we meet in Lodge, it is according to, "... rituals practiced for hundreds of years; due and ancient forms which have been long imbued with a great significance that seeks to make us aware of something more. ..."

When what we say and do becomes meaningful, our ritual becomes worthwhile, and we're apt to apply ourselves all the more; being enriched by the experience.

If men can look at our actions and say, "... now there's a Mason ..." - then we have succeeded in the Craft, in truly living a life in which the performance of common everyday acts, ... illustrates the fingerprints of the Grand Architect in whose image we are created. ..."

So my Brothers, this is my challenge to you, come out to our degrees, engage our candidates, tell them what the craft means to you, show them that being initiated, passed, and raised is merely the first step of their Masonic journey.

Please take a moment to renew friendships within the lodge. If you know of a Brother who has not been to lodge in a while, please take a moment to extend a friendly hand and call them on behalf of the lodge to see how they are doing and invite them back on to our fold.

They may just be busy, or they may be having problems, but if you do not call, we in the lodge will never know.

Thank you and see you soon in the Lodge Room.

"I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand." -Confucius

**Fraternally and sincerely,
James Callahan
Senior Warden**



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

The Truth About Summer

Summer in the Valley: the days with heat so hot you can hear it ringing in your ears, the time when the Snowbirds retreat back to their beloved humidity making the local economy slow down and our daily commutes speed up, and the months we carry-on our daily routines but take care not to touch the outside of our cars or the steering wheel for the first few blocks of our drive. And the sun. Ah yes, the sun. What is a life-giving force anywhere else on earth, is here an agent of destruction. You can feel it killing you the moment you step outside. Yes, summer in the valley, the time of year we dread, but yet, embrace.

So what is it that makes us love the Valley so much? What is it about living here, even in the summer, that gives us such a sense of pride in knowing that we and we alone know the truth of its beauty? Well, for me it is that I have lived in other parts of the country and appreciate Arizona not only for what it is, but also for what it is not. And so it goes with Masonry.

Masonry is the finest organization that has ever existed and we appreciate it mostly for what it is, but also because we remember that at one time in our lives it was not a part of us. For us, before our initiation, it did not yet exist. We had not the knowledge of its mysteries that we now have. I would not call it a dark time. I personally had a loving family and much happiness, but I did not have Masonry. I did not know Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and I did not understand about the Square, the Level, and the Plumb. Even now when the official obligations of my office can seem almost too "hot" to endure, I always have with me (as all Brothers do) the pride of knowing the truth of the beauty of Masonry.

So I, knowing what mid-Michigan humidity feels like, much prefer to stay right where I am this summer thank you. And I, knowing what being without Brothers in this world feels like, will happily remain a Mason.

**Fraternally,
Curt Hills
Junior Warden**



From the Senior Stewards Chair

Greetings Brethren,

This month the topic that I'm writing about is one that Arizonans have a love/hate relationship with...summer. During the summer here people leave for more mild climates, students take time off from their studies, and indoor events become much more prevalent. Over all summer is viewed as the time of the year where we generally take a break.

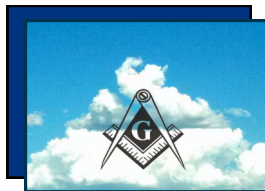
This, to an extent is true in masonry. Here in Arizona, during the summer months, several Lodges (including ourselves) and appendant bodies go dark. The meetings and ceremonial work come to a brief halt, thus allowing our members to recharge their proverbial batteries. To put this in Mason-speak this is our period refreshment before resuming our labors. How this for the most part only really applies to our ceremonial degree work, and it is important to take a good break from this lest we become burned out on it.

So take this time my brothers, enjoy the time with your families and then when our labors resume be ready to work with a renewed fervor

**Fraternally,
Brother Matthew Hartzell
Senior Steward**

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From the Secretary's Desk

SUMMER - IT'S TOO DARN HOT!

Well, it's inevitable! Every year we experience some beautiful weather in Fall and "Winter" only to be blasted with the never-ending summer heat. I was born in Phoenix and lived here most of the past 58+ years. Most of the time I adapt by covering my steering wheel and using shade screens on my windshield, and staying in air conditioned areas. That's how we are as humans and as Masons survive...we evolve and adapt.

While adapting is necessary for all species to survive, as humans we need to ensure that the integrity of our past rules, processes and practices are not lost as we evolve. We need to "check in" with our sources of "institutional memory" to make sure "that which was lost" is not lost forever. There isn't a week that goes by that I don't ask one of our long-term Lodge members a question about things like when the roof was last replaced, or what the reason is for one thing or another. As the Lodge ages our seasoned brothers can tell us when, how and why the physical Lodge has evolved so we don't stand as much of a chance of not doing things appropriately.

We have a lot to do this summer! Our Brother's Outreach Team will continue to reach out to help other brothers and we will need brothers to help with the summer projects. There are close to 20 projects on the list and it continues to grow. I think we completed about 24+ projects last summer. Working together every Thursday while we are "dark" is a lot of fun and all our efforts make our Lodge a nice place to meet and generate pride in what we have done to sustain our past and fortify our future.

If anyone knows a brother in the sign business our Lodge sign in the parking lot will need new acrylic with logo on both sides of the sign in a year or two. I want to get some bids on what that will cost for the budget. Fortunately, Brother Truett Craft has donated a sizable amount to help with that project.

So despite the summer heat, lets stand together in July and August to get the Lodge back in good repair. Even if you are not able to do the physical part, moral support is worth a lot so stop by and cheer the brothers on in their toils for us all!

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke, Secretary**

From the Marshal

Summertime is once more upon us and with this season comes barbeque, baseball and vacation. Many families take this time to take a mid year break and recharge batteries and/or reevaluate goals and annual objectives.

I am a relatively new father and have yet to establish new summertime events and traditions. I look back on my childhood and remember spending a lot of time playing tennis and swimming. It seemed like the summer lasted forever and my cares rarely extended past what time I was going to fall out of bed that day. There were a number of carefree days that I remember fondly and I look forward to providing my daughter with similar memories. I believe that summertime is a time when children should have many wonderful and memorable experiences, spending lazy days by the pool and having an opportunity to live life carefree.

When our Lodge goes dark in the summer, it provides us with the opportunity to catch up on projects we've been planning for throughout the year or complete from the year previous. Additionally, it may provide us, as a body, to review the previous months since installation and assess our direction, our accomplishments and what we may have left to accomplish. It is a privilege for me to serve our Lodge in my capacity. During the time our Lodge is dark, I will lament on what I can do better. My goal is to continue to contribute as much as I can in order to make our Lodge a better and more welcoming place.

**Fraternally,
William F. Wilkins, Marshal**

From the Chaplain

Greetings Brethren,

My favorite thing about summer is spending quality time with friends and family. I feel that a gentle reminder of Psalm 133:1 will help you understand why, it states "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Spending time with people who matter in our lives is among the best that life has to offer and summer breaks from school or work afford us more opportunities to do just that. I fondly look back at my first summer as a Mason and I instantly recall all of the wonderful nights spent practicing ritual with the sideline degree team and the then Worshipful Master Scott Tracy. I cherish those nights spent developing a closer bond with those brothers and I was incredibly proud of the team when we all came together in unison to perform the first degree ritual later that year. Opportunities like that do not always present themselves. I hope that our newer Masons who have expressed an interest in putting together a sideline degree team this year have the drive and fortitude to see it through. It has been stated many times that "You will get out of Masonry that which you put into it" and I feel this is a perfect example of that phrase in action.

**Fraternally,
Jonathan Beffel
Chaplain**



Brother's Outreach Committee

Our Mission for this effort has been defined as – "Brothers helping Brothers - Ministering to the needs of our Brethren and their families."

It was quickly discovered that our first and foremost obstacle will be discovering existing needs. It is difficult finding the brothers who have not attended Lodge for a long time. Many Brothers may receive the Trestle Board as their primary and perhaps only form of communication with the Lodge. The Lodge is in the process of updating its database and getting more accurate information. It is not uncommon to find a brother has changed their address and phone number and not notified the Lodge secretary.

Therefore, I would like to extend the invitation to any and all who may be reading this now, please do not hesitate to talk with us regarding ANY Brother who stands in need of some assistance. This assistance may be as simple as a periodic visit and conversation. However, it may on the other hand, arise in the form of a ride to Lodge, or perhaps some yard work or honey-do's on behalf of a brother who is unable to perform these tasks. This committee can't do it all but with your help, we can bring Scottsdale Lodge 43's service to its brothers closer to what Freemasonry used to be.

In short, if there is a need that you are aware of, please contact the Secretary's office, or myself, that we may facilitate a better communion with these Brothers and/or their families.

Thank you all for your support in this endeavor!

**Fraternally,
Michael Trumbull 480-800-7297
Brother's Outreach Committee**

SUMMER HELP NEEDED

Brothers, we are building a list of brothers, and their skills, that are willing to help maintain the lodge building on an occasional, as needed basis.

Please email Bro. Secretary with your name, skill(s) e.g. electrical, plumbing, lifting, carpentry, computer or whatever. Include your phone number and email.

Thank you.

Bikes for Books Program

I want to thank Brother Rob. Stepp for his bike donation. He went out of his way and bought three new bikes and delivered them to Jack Hobbs for assembly. I like to thank Jack Hobbs for the assembly and his work is better than ours could ever be. We will be delivering them to the Yavapai School this week.

Napoleon & I will be talking to two classes about the importance of reading and the benefit it will have for them.

Fraternally,
Bill Gesswein PM



Past Masters Night Degree Team



Feed My Starving Children Event

*"The GENEROUS will themselves be blessed,
for they SHARE their food with the poor."
- Proverbs 22:9*

From the Tyler

HUMOR

Find it anywhere. It's success may be something silly, outrageous, spontaneous, even sad, and not only professional. It even counts as a form of communication, and expressing what has been called gallows humor, using a dark situation to find unintentional humor. In a more formal setting, the practical joke, using a setup and a planned scenario for laughs, often at another's expense. Then for some others, blue humor and course language is the only thing found funny. A separate kind of humorist is the story teller, the historian if you will. The humorist could be reciting old jokes and stories, or could be the stuff of folklore and legend, preserving tales of may generations. So bear with the joy of laughter or the humiliation of "What's funny about that?". Keep looking over your shoulder, humor is around you somewhere.

Dave Woodland PM

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Carlos Rausch PM Receiving his Lifetime Membership

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Enjoy your Summer

Photos from the Scottsdale Lodge Annual Shoot Outing at the Ben Avery Range



No animals or humans were hurt during the target practice - A few targets were hit



*Bill Gesswein PM and Dave Woodland PM
Receiving their Longevity Aprons*



Our own Cinco de Mayo Mariachi Band



Bro. Stephen Clarke Receiving his Lifetime Membership

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

June Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

MICHAEL ANTON LUZAICH	6/16/2011	TIMOTHY JAMES COFFEY	6/14/2012	GARY KAINS	6/26/1981
MIGUEL MARRERO PM	6/29/2006	THOMAS PATRICK COFFEY	6/14/2012	GREGORY D KRAWCHUK	6/19/1997
O. MELVIN PHILLIPS M D	6/30/1956	CHRISTOPHER E. BERGERON	6/30/2005	MANUEL JAMES BIRCH	6/18/1985
MATTHEW J. MESSERSMITH	6/18/2009	THOMAS W SCHWARTZ	6/22/1967	DONALD C MCNABB	6/28/1969
Christopher D. JOHNSON	6/28/2007	GERALD A. GARAFOLA III	6/20/1977	JAMES GORDON GRANT	6/28/2001
PERRY G. CONTOS	6/30/2005	DONALD LEO JR.	6/24/2010	CLARENCE M HUTTO	6/25/1992
PHILIP J. CONSTANTIN	6/30/2005	JAMES BRUCE CARROLL	6/16/2011	ROBERT F GARNER	6/23/1988
THOMAS A LaFOUNTAIN	6/18/2011	STEVE YABLONKAI	6/1/1955	PAUL R MESSINGER	6/25/1956
JAMES R. HARTSOCK	6/17/2004	JAMES WROWAN PGM	6/9/1977	RICHARD K. DULYEA PM	6/25/1998
GARY VAUGHN LeBLANC	6/18/2009	JACOB LAZAR APM	6/18/1986	Geoffrey Adams	6/27/2002
NORMAN E OUTCALT	6/26/1958	STEPHEN F RIGGINS	6/27/1991	ANDRE G. CUENOUD	6/24/1971
J. BRANDON BARKSDALE	6/18/2009	JOHN A POTH	6/22/1989	ROGER E POUNDSTONE	6/28/1984
JOHN WWELDY	6/28/1957	RAY DEAN DOLLAR	6/29/2006	JOSUECUEVAS PM	6/28/2001
BRADLEY A. MANHHOFF	6/16/2013	H RITCHIE YORSTON PM	6/11/1992	CHARLES H HESS JR.	6/22/1972
DONALD H. HOGAN	6/28/1984	BRYAN PISARSKI	6/27/1996	Christopher D. REECE	6/28/2007
DONALD C SMITH	6/24/1971	RILEY EDWARD BIVINS, JR	6/28/2001	BOYCE W DAVIS	6/28/1962
R KENDALL SMITH	6/28/1969	LARRIE R BROWN	6/27/1974	ALYN DCARTER	6/27/1974
PAUL H SMITH	6/11/1987	JAMES G MILLER JR	6/29/2000	H CARL HAUEISEN	6/27/1985
EMIL J. KASHOUH APM	6/20/2000	WAYNE PAUL MARSH	6/29/1995	JOHN W. LONGENDYKE, JR	6/27/2002
MARK J SPITZER	6/23/1983	CRAWFORD CLIFF KILLIAN	6/23/1966	ROGER K. MOREHEAD PM	6/20/1970
EUGENESAVIN MD	6/14/1985	WILLIAM E BRINES	6/3/1955	GALE OTIS TOTTEN	6/19/2008

Senior Deacon

What do you do in "The Good Old Summertime?"

While in Arizona, I spend a lot of time in my pool. And I have a project; my outdoor bar and grill that I started last May. I want to get that done before it gets too hot. Most years we make a pilgrimage back to Michigan for a few weeks. This year we are taking almost the entire month of July in Michigan with stops in Denver, St. Louis and Indianapolis to visit family. I look forward to friends, family, projects with my father in law and salmon fishing on Lake Michigan in comfortable weather.

Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine, PM
Senior Deacon



Library Research Study

The library committee for 2016 is already doing research to understand why such a great decrease in the American Masonic membership.

For example in 1924 America had 3.1 million members and 114 million people. As in 2014 has 1.2 million members and population increased to 323 million. These facts were gathered from USA Census and the Masonic National office.

This research will require full cooperation and assistance at Scottsdale Lodge 43 and the State Grand Lodge. The first written draft will be reviewed by Lodge Secretary, existing Worshipful Master, a member of Lodge 43 Board of Trustees and a member of Grand Lodge.

The primary research focus is why the decrease in membership happened? Was this a quality of leadership and/or Board administration? What factors did the increasing of dues have on membership decrease?

The American Masonry can be helped using facts to lead the future.

Bruce Fischer,
Library Committee Chairman

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TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY CHANGE

The Trustees have made a decision to change how the Trestleboard is delivered to our Brothers. Over the past several years our membership has declined and yet the cost of printing and mailing the Trestleboard to all members has increased. Although we use Bulk Mail the cost per copy and total production cost has continued to increase to the point where it will impact the budget for other programs planned for the Lodge. Since the vast majority of Brothers now have Email access and use the internet on a daily basis. We are going to be sending out the Trestleboard to you via Email. You can also read it on your smartphone or a tablet and also print it out if you so desire. For those Brothers without Email or Internet access the Secretary, if requested, will print and mail a copy to you.

The Trestleboard will continue to be placed on the Lodge website. ***This change is planned to take place after the Summer break.***

DON'T MISS OUT, SEND YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE SECRETARY AT:

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**** June Calendar Events ****

- Grand Lodge Communications 6/2 – 6/4
- Trustee Meeting on 6/8
- Stated Meeting is on 6/9, because of Grand Lodge
- Normal degrees on 6/16 and 6/23
- Table Lodge on 6/24
- Fun Night on 6/30
- Summer Work Projects begin on 7/6 and continue each week until done.
- Ritual nights as needed.
- Travel to other Lodges as called out in email blasts.

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Stated Meeting: The first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, except July and August.

Dinner at 6:00pm.

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