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Summer work projects are done. Lodge is ready for all the Fall events.

<u>GREETINGS</u> FROM THE EAST

Welcome back Brothers - I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Although we were dark for ritual and business meetings, we were busy at the Lodge. Summertime is a good time to re-charge your batteries, taking a break from the normal routine and doing something different. I was able to attend other Lodges within the state that normally meet at the same date and time as us in addition to visiting other Lodges out of state. If you were able to



do the same, I'd like to hear from you about your experience and if you picked up anything new from the way other Lodges do their work, perhaps something they have in their Lodge rooms that we don't or maybe the way they interpret the ritual. Maybe they add something to each meeting that brings the Brothers closer together.

Summertime is also a time that we plan our clean-up and major projects. Later on in this issue you will see some pictures of friends and brothers working together, showing pride in our Lodge by making sure it is in good working shape. There are many behind the scenes fixes and changes which you might not even notice unless you look hard or compare before and after pictures. For instance, in the symbol at the top of the roof by the doorway, we changed the color of the letter inside the symbol from blue to gold It's a small change but now every time I drive into the lot, it captures my attention a little more than just the blue symbol did.

As we get ready for the second half of the year, you will see some changes that Grand Lodge has made as well. For instance, they have brought back the School Essay contest as a program to reach out into the community. The Candidate Education Program has been overhauled and all degrees going forward will be using the updated material. This means the mentors need new copies of the material so they know what the candidates are reading as well as the questions have updated expected answers. Also, don't forget about the Grand Lodge fund-raiser for our youth programs – the 300th anniversary of Masonry coins which you can purchase for \$10 (see the Secretary).

Finally, I would like to invite all Master Masons to attend our "Rusty Nail" being held on Sept 14th. This is an education to refresh you on the modes of recognition and some of the key points when attending Lodge. If it has been a while since you have attended Lodge and one of the reasons is because you are having trouble remembering, this is a great opportunity for you to recharge those memory cells and come back to Lodge with your Brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bob Beffel

Worshipful Master



<u>GREETINGS</u> FROM THE WEST

Dear Brother,

At last the dark months of summer have ended and we my now bathe ourselves in the light of Masonry once again. I hope you had a nice summer, and I hope you were able to rest, relax, regroup, and most importantly, *recharge* your mind, body, and spirit, with a new vigor for the rest of the year.



For myself, I can't say that I did much relaxing over the summer, but none the less, I can say that I do feel recharged, and for this I must give credit where credit is due to all the Brothers that helped with the summer work projects. These Brothers chose to spend their Thursday evenings toiling in the quarry to tackle over fifty work projects, thereby recharging our beloved Lodge building and making it ready for another year of service to the craft. Just watching these Brothers work, and observing their joy and dedication has recharged me in my commitment to the Lodge and these fine Brothers through this year and the next.

I hope you will join us in Lodge this fall to see all the improvements that were made to the Lodge and catch-up with the Brothers you may not have seen in a while. Who knows, after a night of good food, good fellowship, and good ritual, you may even feel recharged yourself.

In Brotherly Love, Bro. Curt Hills Senior Warden



LODGE SECRETARY NEEDED!

I am unable to run again for the position of Lodge Secretary due to health issues. My back is getting worse each day and on January 8, 2018 I am having surgery to fuse four vertebrae. I will not be able to continue the duties as Secretary fully for perhaps a year.

The Lodge needs a brother who can commit to running for the position in November and who can dedicate a couple days a week to handle administrative work. I will serve as Secretary Emeritus to provide training and help out as I am able.

Keep in mind the position is like a "real job" so having regular hours and days would be necessary. A \$500/mo. stipend is given to offset travel expenses for Lodge business. Please talk with Stephen Clarke, Secretary, for questions or details. We need to get started on training the new person.

Fraternally, Stephen Clarke, Secretary

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43



REPORT: Summer 2017 Work Projects at the Lodge

To all those who participated in the 2017 Summer Work Projects, thank you!

Each week we had between 15 and 25 people with enough work to keep everyone busy.

We met each Thursday in July and Aug, finishing the final pieces on Aug 17^{tr}

Once we knew how many people showed up, we got the pizza, chicken or sandwiches for a light meal.

There was plenty of supervision available so we know the work got done correctly.

As usual, the Jobbies volunteered to give the kitchen a thorough cleaning and we appreciate their efforts.

The work effort was coordinated by Brothers John Favara and Stephen Clarke.

The list contained some of the following items: general clean-up (dusting, washing surfaces, removing stains), painting (exterior south wall, women's restroom, graffiti removal, touch up on "G"), sanding/refinishing the WM Pedestal, electrical work (replacing burnt out bulbs, cleaning fixtures, dimmer switch, repairing OES light), reconciling Grand Lodge records with our files and writing operations procedures.

In addition to these efforts, the Trustees recommended and the Lodge voted to replace the dining room carpet with tile for maintainability and durability.

The tile chosen was a wood look porcelain and was professionally installed.

All the brothers had to do was - remove the base boards, remove the cabinets, re-stain and re-install the baseboards, replace the cabinets and seal the grout.

The installers did a beautiful job as did the brothers who assisted in the work.

There was a concern that tile would make the room very noisy, but it did not!

The installers explained that industrial carpet with a tight loop is almost as loud as a hard surface.

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Over the summer I spent the month of July in Michigan. One beautiful afternoon I enjoyed some great discussions with two past master while sitting on the beach along Michigan in Frankfort, Michigan. Lake

When I left Michigan I gave my one letter code ritual to my father in law. When I came through there was not a ritual like there is today. We had to learn mouth to ear. We got a one letter code ritual to assist in this learning. Unbeknownst to me my father in law



gave the one letter code ritual to a young Mason. Eight years later this young Mason is now a junior Past Master. His name is Bill. His father is a Past Master too. His name is Ron.

The three of us were summing with our families at the beach. I was studying Arizona Ritual. My two Michigan brothers were very intrigued by the differences in the ritual. Very confusing to them as it was for me, and in some parts it still is confusing, but I am a work in progress as demonstrated by my studious work even at the beach.

It was there at the beach that Bill told me that Paul, my father in law, gave him my old one letter code ritual. He thanked me for the great use he got from it and that he shared it with his brothers often. I had to caution Bill that there were some Masonic violations contained in the book and we laughed as he and most of you reading this can presume what I refer to...not print, paint, cut, carve mark, nor engrave the same... I had to cheat a little in the early days when learning.

I truly enjoyed the respite over the summer. I am reinvigorated to resume the Arizona Ritual and look forward to presiding over the second degree when we reconvene in September.

Fraternally, **Brandon Valentine**, **Junior Warden**

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REMINDER TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY **CHANGE**

The Trustees made a decision to change how the Trestleboard is delivered. Over the past several years our membership has declined, yet the cost of printing and mailing Trestleboard the has increased. Although we do use Bulk Mail the cost per copy and total production cost has continued to increase to the point where it may impact the budget for other programs planned for the Lodge. Since the vast majority of Brothers now have Email access and use the internet, you can help the Lodge reduce the cost by electing to get your Trestleboard via Email only.

YOUR MAILED TRESTLEBOARD WILL CONTINUE, UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE MAILINGS.

Additionally, the Trestleboard is placed on the Lodge website. By selecting the electronic option, you get to read the Trestle Board two weeks before those who have to wait for printing, processing, labeling, and the US Mail (assuming we have your latest address).

TO MAKE THE CHANGE, SEND YOUR REQUEST EMAIL THE VIA TO SECRETARY AT:

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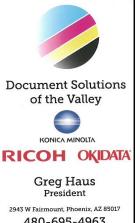
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From the Secretary's Desk

NOTE TO ALL FROM THE GRAND LODGE!

In an ongoing effort to keep in touch with the Masons of Arizona, the Social Media Committee of the Grand Lodge of Arizona has launched an online Social Media monthly newsletter to recap some of the items each month that are trending around the State.

We hope that it will encourage communication and share knowledge around the State while also giving another outlet to the activities of our many Lodge in Arizona. As is the case with Social Media, we intend for it to be enjoyable and informative and hope that it will grow and adapt to the needs and wants of our Craft as it progresses.

http://www.azmasons.org/docs/ Copper Post November 2016 pdf

Fraternally,

Stephen Clarke Secretary

See Something Needed Say Something

Our Secretary, Stephen Clarke, discovered that our lodge was electrically ungrounded. Someone decided they wanted the copper that grounded the outside power cabinet with the water and gas lines for the Lodge. In exploring alternatives for repair, Brother Stephen received a bid from an electrical contractor for \$800. He then found Brother Bill Latham from Arizona #2 who is a licensed electrician. Brother Bill replaced the missing ground line at cost (\$125) to help his brothers out. Bill's generosity is a prime example of what we, as brothers, do for each other!

We ALL need to keep our eyes open for things in need of repair around the Lodge. Brother Stephen's construction knowledge spanning over 25 years and the completion of an apprenticeship (3 years) finds items in need of repair frequently but your help is always needed. We had 50+ summer projects this summer most of which were completed with the extraordinary help of many of our herebare. For these of year who had a grant degrated are the summer for the summer most of the sum brothers. For those of you who helped, our deepest gratitude...for those who didn't help out and were able, STEP UP!

From Eastern Star:

Our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron is Tori Loll from Bullhead City and our newly installed Worthy Grand Patron is Perry Casazza from Phoenix. They are going to be busy traveling to all corners of our state this year. Also, they are planning to focus on supporting all 3 youth groups. It should be a great year for our beautiful order of Eastern Star.

Fraternally,

Janet Mielke, Past Matron

Scottsdale #43

Order of the Eastern Star







From Our Past Tyler

QUESTIONING

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning. These words from Albert Einstein may not compete with his earth shattering theories, but have enough strength to doubt the status quo, and embrace the need for further knowledge to prove and expand what we take for truth. There is so much evidence that lazy thinkers settle for what has been accepted as proof without question. Status quo is really a wall barring doubt and questioning. It has been said that stability and logic will get you from A to B; imagination will take you everywhere. The sign of intelligence is not only in knowledge, but in imagination as well. If your life so far has been free of mistakes, it indicates that nothing new has been attempted.

Einstein also considered that education is what remains after one has forgotten what was learned in school.

Fraternally, **Dave Woodland PM**

The Aged Mason

He sits on the sidelines His hair has turned gray. We pass him by, as if to say, Sorry, Old Brother, you've had your day.

If we would stop and shake his hand And tell him we are glad he came, It would mean so much to a tired old man Just to feel the warmth of a friendly hand.

He lays no claim to renown or fame. Only a few remember his name. We may not know from whence he came, But he's our brother just the same.

He sowed the seeds for us to reap. He paved the way so we could meet. Ever humble yet somewhat proud, Ever alert to keep his vows.

His stored up wisdom of many years He leaves to us if we could only hear. We are Brothers; Let's act as such, For the years of the aged have seen much.



BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE

The Brother's Outreach Team has decided to raise funds for our brothers who don't drive after dark or don't drive at all so they can come to Lodge to enjoy the fellowship. If you would like to attend Lodge, contact Michael Trumbull @ 480-800-7297 to arrange for a ride to and from at no cost to you (Valley area only). If you would like to support this worthy cause, please send a check to Scottsdale Lodge 43 POB 486 Scottsdale, On the check write "Transportation AΖ 85252. Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.



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Summer work projects and Brotherhood

This is a somewhat abbreviated account of some Navy experiences of PM David Woodland.

It was the end of May 1943, high school graduation in about a month, WWII in full mode, and every male student who had reached eighteen was drafted, but deferred until graduation. I was still seventeen, enlisted in the Navy, and off to boot camp the beginning of June. After a short boot camp, I was notified that my aptitude scores were good enough to be sent to Chicago U. to learn radar, a brand new science. For some reason I soon regretted, I turned it down, and attended torpedo school. Afterward, sent to San Diego for advanced training. From there, it was to Houston to commission a new destroyer escort ship, and I was rated Torpedoman 3rd. class. Destroyer escorts were a scaled version of a destroyer, originally meant for slow freighter defense against enemy submarines. By now, they were scaled up and armed to become smaller destroyers. Following shakedown exercises in Bermuda, it was through the Panama Canal to the Pacific, and the war. First the battle of the Philippine Sea, and partner to the smaller aircraft carrier Anzio. Our mission was anti submarine. The first sinking was the sub that had sunk the American cruiser on which the five Sullivan brothers perished. Our duty was continual anti sub patrol, but also contained the invasions of Luzon, Formosa, Mindoro, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. It was off the Philippines, when "Halsey's Typhoon", a storm with 244 mph winds, struck, sinking three destroyers within minutes. It was then I was ordered to go on deck and fasten one of my depth charges. As I was heading out, I was stopped by an older chief petty officer, who tied a rope on me. Two steps on deck, and I was blown overboard. I have no memory of being in the water, or being rescued. My memory returned about four hours later. I did not learn my rescuer's name for sixty years, and then by accident. My family and I met and spent time with him, an inexpressible experience. It became July of 1945, and we were still there, the a bombs had been dropped, and we joined the invasion force waiting to invade Japan. Then

Instead of returning to the U.S., the next day we were in South Korea. The country had been completely looted by North Korea under the Russians. Two weeks later while escorting an admiral who was inspecting conditions on the China Coast, we entered Manchuria by sea. The Manchurian army, which had been armed and trained by the Russians, machine gunned us. Those were the first shots of the Cold War. Surprise! Five year's later, the Korean War.

It now was December 1945, almost two years of non stop operations, no port, no leave, no liberty. The war was over for five months, and we were still there. By now, I was torpedoman second class, and ship's helmsman. I helped steer the ship to San Francisco, under the Golden Gate Bridge in fog so heavy, I went through by radar, never seeing the bridge. Dry-dock for repairs, no leave again, six weeks later a troop train to New York, and the separation center for discharge. Twenty-three hundred names were called, but not mine. Who are you, they asked. "We don't know who you are, they said. You are going to the brig they yelled". Eight days later, still in the brig, I saw an AfroAmerican sailor with bright red hair. I called out "Red Lucas", from my high school class, and it was him. It happened he was the brig clerk, a call to Washington, and I was out the next day.

Four years to a degree under the GI Bill, sixty years in business, and here I am.

Indeed, one of our Brothers and part of the Greatest Generation

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43



September Masoníc Anníversaríes								
Celebrating Another Year in the Light								
Joseph David Barksdale	9/28/1983	Edward Thomas Hartnett	9/28/1967	Fred William Moore Jr	9/26/1974			
Craig Steven Barnes	9/10/2015	Robert Curtis Hills	9/11/2008	Jeffrey Vilas Morris	9/28/2000			
Peter Rockefeller Carpenter	9/5/1960	Oliver James Horton Jr	9/25/1975	Kevin GerardO'Grady	9/30/2004			
CharlesAlberto Castaneda	9/10/2009	John Wayne Jacoby	9/8/2011	Charles WilliamParker	9/15/2016			
Nanik Chandiramani	9/15/1975	Blaine Franklin Keith	9/25/1964	Richard Irving Peterson	9/24/1965			
Eric Arthur Christianson	9/22/2005	Dashmesh Singh Khalsa	9/10/2015	Anthony Peter Seminora Jr	9/26/1968			
Truett GeorgeCraft	9/28/1972	James Eli Lewis	9/17/1998	Carlos Manuel Silva	9/13/2012			
Victor Romulo Cuzma	9/27/2007	Benjamin Otis Marney	9/24/1964	Jeffrey Charles Takoushian	9/21/1999			
David Allen Deere	9/11/2003	Taylor Michael McMullen	9/11/2014	Dennis Joseph Tucker	9/19/1999			
Barlas Demirciler	9/8/2011	Mark Tracy Messerly	9/25/1975	Kenneth Richard Von Hopf	9/11/2014			
Carl Frederick Eschenbrenner	9/21/1972	James Garbett Miller	9/27/1973	Louis Young	9/25/1975			

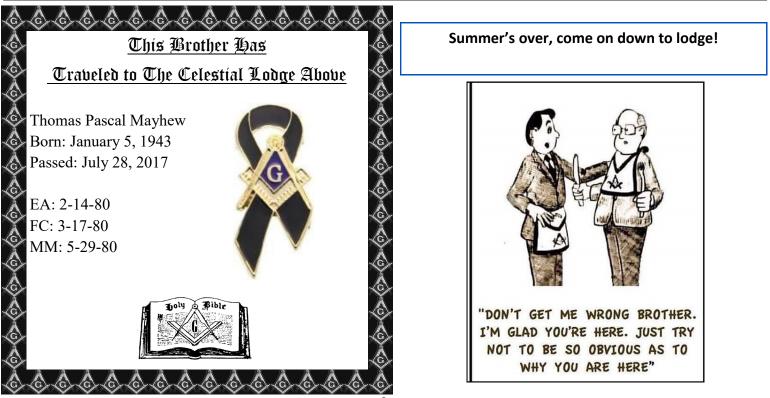
HELP IS NEEDED FROM ALL BROTHERS!!

We have been working to update both the database software and the information contained. We currently have probably 50 brothers who lack phone numbers, some lack addresses, and email addresses. Please just email the Secretary with the info at <u>secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com</u>! No email? Just call 480-946-1072 or mail it to Scottsdale Lodge #43 POB 486 Scottsdale, AZ 85252 to correct it with us as soon as possible.

Name:	
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Brothers, this is a **VERY** important request! It is essential that we be able to contact you. It is difficult and time consuming to try to locate a brother. We try the internet, Facebook, LinkedIn, other Masonic organizations to try to locate a brother we can't contact. A little help from you can make a BIG difference!

Please make sure your critical information is correct with us!





Brothers! If you haven't received any Lodge mail lately, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY (480)-946-1072 or secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com

so your address and phone can be updated. We have 40-50 brothers we cannot contact at all!

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** September Calendar of Events **

Sept. 6 **Trustee Meeting**

Sept. 7 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner

Sept. 14 "Rusty Nail" session and FC Degree

Sept. 21 Mark Master Degree for MM only*

* Free of Charge, Contact Secretary for forms. Sept. 28 Entered Apprentice Degree

*CHECK THE LODGE WEB SITE FOR THE **MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE and DETAILS**

http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com

Upcoming Events, Save the Dates

Oct. 6th... Wine and Cheese night at the Scottsdale Lodge, 6pm-8pm. Bring a bottle of wine, your favorite guest and a donation. Cheese and snacks provided.

Oct. 15... 9th Annual Lodge Shoot Out at the

Cowtown Shooting Range 9am-2pm www.cowtownrange.com.

Nov. 19... Annual Lodge Picnic at

McCormick Railroad Park

Dec. 10... Installation of 2018 Officers

MEETING PLACE

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge, 2531 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ.

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

Dinner at 6:00pm. For further information call (480) 946-1072 or visit www.scottsdalelodge43.com.

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