

TRESTLEBOARD



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Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and Happy New Year

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

December is now upon us and it represents a season of change. During this month, the elliptical orbit of the Earth around the sun approaches perihelion, its closest point to the sun. Because of the tilt of the Earth, the days stop getting shorter and each day brings more and more light. It is also a season of change in our Masonic Lodge – a new Master takes his place in the Oriental East and each member of the officer line takes on new responsibilities, preparing him for his time in the East.



My goal, as all Masters before me, is to leave the Lodge in better shape than when I arrived. I hope I have lived up to that goal, especially in the eyes of all its members. I know I have personally grown to become a better man, while fulfilling all the responsibilities required of the Master of our Lodge. I am sure I have left things undone that will need to be attended to by my successors. To them I say, enjoy the ride.

I would like to leave you with a final thought. We are all aware that no atheist can become a Mason because no obligation would be considered binding upon them. If a person does not believe in a Supreme Being, then he must believe everything is the result of a series of accidents. Atoms smashing into atoms to form molecules and molecules combining into elements, releasing energy in the process. If everything is an accident - then your actions, good or bad have no meaning and good men can not become better men, except by accident. So why bother. I choose on the other hand to believe actions matter and I enjoy spending time with like minded brothers who want to improve themselves.

It has been my pleasure to have served the Lodge as its Master for the past 2 years and I am confident its future is in good hands.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
 Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Brothers,
 It is December. This is the month that the officers of our Lodge are installed in the next higher chair, the Senior Warden steps up, and the Worshipful Master steps out. It is December, and it is the season of change.



It will particularly be a time of change for me, as I will now take the helm of Scottsdale 43, willingly and knowingly accepting the responsibility for its course, grateful for the past year under the mentor-ship of Worshipful Master Bob Beffel and equally grateful that I have such capable and dedicated officers in my line.

Worshipful Master Bob Beffel is leaving me a Lodge in fine working order. My objective is to uphold his high standards in the operation of the Lodge and to continue to improve our ritual as all Masons should strive to do.

I am excited to see what the upcoming year will bring, and dedicating to keeping our Lodge a good Lodge, and providing a rewarding masonic experience for all of our Brothers and every member of our Masonic family.

In Brotherly Love,
Bro. Curt Hills
 Senior Warden



*From the Brothers of
 Scottsdale Masonic Lodge*

**Merry
 Christmas**

and a



Happy Hanukkah

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

**Special Holiday Masonic
version of the
Night Before Christmas**



Lodge Number One, the North Pole

‘Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the Lodge
Not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge
Of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West
You could savor the silence, most gladly divest
All metal and mineral, it mattered not,
Since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot.
In the hearth of your homeplace, all Masons abed,
As visions of trestleboards danced in their head;
When up on the roof there arose such a clatter
Our Tiler jumped up to see what was the matter!
He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door,
Three knocks shook the panels — he wondered “What for?”

He answered the knocking with raps of his own,
And once the door opened he saw, with a moan
Of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red
Except for one notable feature instead!
Upon his large finger he wore what we knew
Was compasses and square on a background of blue!
“Why Santa!” he shouted and lowered his blade,
“I see you’re a Mason!” the Tiler relayed.
He looked tow’rd the Master’s most dignified chair
And said, voice near trembling, “Most Worshipful Sir
There’s a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!
The Master replied, “Let’s allow him — but wait!
You tell me a Gentleman, but I don’t see
His Apron beneath that red suit, can it be
Our visitor hasn’t been properly raised?
Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased?”
“I do beg your pardon,” ol’ Santa said quick
As he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick
But a cane with engraving, two balls did appear
And oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear!
Adorned like the Master’s, complete with a sign
Of “Lodge Number One, the North Pole” on one line!
“Now let this man enter,” the Master declared,
And once in the Lodge room, the Brethren all stared,
For Santa was wearing a jewel not seen
For many a century — there in between
The fur of his coat and the splendid red collar
Gleamed two golden reindeer that shone line a dollar!
“It’s Donner and Blitzen, who I must confess
Are actually images brought from the West
By my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!”
And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled

An ear of fine corn, and some oil from the East,
“My friends I have plenty, tonight we will feast
On all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir!”
A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir,
As presents and promises flew from his sack!
This Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack
For making this Christmas the best you could glean,
And soon even Deacons were laughing, they’d seen
On this very night only happiness reigned!
This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained
That only a Mason could be so inclined
To make all kids happy, make all people find
A Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right!
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

Courtesy of brother David Hunter

**Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine,
Junior Warden**

2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

**College Scholarships are available through
the Grand Lodge of Arizona for those that
qualify. Please contact our Secretary for
information and a copy of the application.**

From Our Past Tyler

IT’S ABOUT TIME

Time is unending. It encircles oneself as would an unbroken chain. It keeps us captive by it's dawns and dusks, it's noons and midnights. We may think we are enclosed by the unending circle, but it is the effect of time that liberates us, giving us the time to accept both the opportunities and difficulties that come our way. In some fashion, time is a great leveler. It is equal in size, frequency, and in most cases, quantity. Time is unseen, but the amounts of it are measured in sunrises and sunsets, work and resting, eating and sleeping, as well as church bells, alarms, Big Ben, and watches. It has provided the means to invent the wheel and the nuclear explosion.

We revere the time that is given to us, and the willingness to make it useful or wasted. Time is a storehouse for memories when we go back in time to spend brief visits to the past. We borrow time from the future by procrastination. Because our world is round, there are equal amounts of time for every place on earth. Time itself can be equated with space, to be filled to the top, or not be availed to the fullest. It is not seen, but easily felt. It is the Great Regulator.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM**

REMINDER

TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY

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 VIA EMAIL TO THE SECRETARY AT:

secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com

Lodge Phone (480) 946-1072

Thank you in advance for helping.

Have you looked at this website?

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>

Fraternally,

Stephen Clarke
Secretary

From Eastern Star:

We are wishing our entire Masonic family a Happy Holiday season, Joyful Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. This is the season that we are able to enjoy all the festivities with our family and friends. I believe that all this holiday love energizes us for the work of the New Year. Happy New Year to all!

Fraternally,
Janet Mielke

Past Matron
Scottsdale #43, OES
Order of the Eastern Star



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Scottsdale Lodge had our annual family and friends picnic on November 19th.

Here are some of the photos.



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

December Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Wayne Eugene Allen	12/1/1959	Justin Lee Garrett	12/10/2015	David Allen Smith	12/5/1987
Edward John Bandyk	12/10/2015	Bruce William Genthner	12/14/1961	Matthew James Smith	12/11/2008
Ronald W Buksbaum	12/28/1992	Wilhelm Hartmann	12/19/1991	Robert Gale Stepp	12/18/2008
Charles DeForest Busskohl	12/28/1958	Patrick Robert Kaminsky	12/18/2008	Justin Keith Taylor	12/11/2008
John Dean Covington	12/15/2012	Bruce Ira LaBell	12/10/2009	Bryan Nicholas Thomas	12/15/2012
Erik Allen Easton	12/13/2007	Sidney Lee Magness	12/7/1963	David Watson	12/8/2011
Bruce E Fischer	12/7/1954	Mark Andrew Marsillo	12/15/2012	Sean Daniel Weiland	12/17/2005
Robbie Lynn Frank	12/15/2012	Gary Allen Nichols	12/9/2010	Ryan Johnathon Wilson	12/8/2016
Michael Addison Fuller	12/4/2010	John Michael Pierce	12/15/2012		

HELP IS STILL NEEDED FROM YOU !!

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 secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com! 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: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

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!

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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!

Brothers, the 2018 Dues Billing has been mailed out. If you did not receive yours,

CONTACT THE SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY
 480 946 1072 OR
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Please send your \$100 Annual ad fee to the Secretary

**** December Calendar of Events ****

Nov 30	First Degree
Dec 6	Trustee Meeting
Dec 7	Stated Meeting & Steak Dinner
Dec 10	Installation of Officers
Dec 14	Second Degree
Dec 21	Holiday Party - Family & Friends

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

<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>

December Special Events

December 10 Installation of Officers. Doors open at 2 pm, Installation starts at 3 pm, with food and refreshments afterward.

**December 21 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
 Family, friends and neighbors are welcome.
 Starts at 6pm, Dinner at 7 pm.**

This is a POTLUCK so bring a favorite dish to share. White Elephant Gift Exchange (not over \$20) if you want to participate.

FUN FOR ALL.

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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