

Celebrate Valentines Day with a Special Someone

<u>GREETINGS</u> FROM THE EAST

Dare to Step Up

The forecast from the East today is hopeful and bright, with a warm front of Brotherly love expected, and a rising atmospheric pressure of new candidates. It is mostly sunny, with a fifty percent chance of participation. But not to worry, I feel a change in the weather approaching, and

the chance of participation rapidly increasing.

Greetings my Brothers! The officer line of 2018 and I have completed our first full month on the job and I have taken a rough inventory of our needs as a Lodge and as a band of Brothers working to perpetuate the Craft and to promote the tenets of Masonry. One of the needs I've discovered was the need for ritualists.

I have always been of the mind that the way to truly take the words of Masonry to heart was to commit them to memory. Only then are the teachings of Masonry truly with you when the need arises. I would like to encourage all of you to memorize and perform some piece of ritual. Be it big or small, it will help us ensure that there is always someone available for that portion of our work. It will benefit you by having that particular lesson etched in your memory, and it will greatly reduce the burden on other Brothers whom we have been calling-on week after week to perform these parts. You will join the ranks of our ritualists and have this experience and memory for the rest of your life. Not to mention that it makes our rituals so much more interesting for the candidates and side-liners to have more Brothers participating.

Another area I would like to address is our current fund-raising event. WB Scott Tracy and Bro. Stan Sparrow have come up with an fun way for you to win a previously owned Land Rover. This fund-raiser will benefit our building fund and if successful, will result in some much needed improvements to our Lodge. Tickets are \$20 each, or six for \$100. I am asking all Brothers of Scottsdale #43, if financially able to do so, to buy at least one ticket for this raffle. You can purchase a ticket at our regular Lodge meetings, by calling our Secretary at (480)946-1072 and paying by credit card, in person at the Lodge office Tuesday thru Thursday between 10am and 2pm, or by mail (you will find an order form printed in this

<u>GREETINGS</u> <u>FROM THE WEST</u>

Step up and be a good Mason

I was talking with a certain Mason of distinction recently and he became critical of our Uber Fund (among many other issues). He believed that we are missing an opportunity for brothers to be brotherly.

I remember when I was a newer Mason feeling privileged when one of the lodge officers asked me if I would pick up an older brother who had not been to lodge in a long time. The brother did not like to drive at night time and for that reason had not come to lodge for many years. That brother did not ask for a ride, but the line officer was aware of his reluctance to drive at night. I was delighted to pick this brother up. He was happy to accept my offer to drive him. We had an opportunity to talk in the car along the way. This was at a time when the ritual was a one letter code. I was eager to learn as much as I could and he was pleased and proud to share some of his experiences. It was a Win Win situation. T felt brotherly to a big brother and he felt valued that he had experience to pass on.

The Richest Man in Babylon is a book that I re-read on occasion. One of the arguments presented through metaphor in the book is the value of work for works sake. By working you are creating something of value no matter what the work is. When I work and accomplish something I gain a sense of value in the creation. Even if it is just cleaning out the garage. In Masonry we use the metaphor of working in the quarry for our ritual performance. I have never been a spectator when I could be a participant. I find a value in the work (study) that I put into preparation for degree work. I feel a sense of accomplishment when I master a part of the degree and present it in a meaningful manner. I feel a sense of belonging to something bigger and greater than just myself when the performance comes together with my brothers. And I respect my brothers who Step Up and do the same.

This fraternity offers so many opportunities for brothers to Step Up. It does not have to be in the form of ritual work. We all have the Ts to give; Time, Talent and Treasure. Our building is always in need of some service. We are in need of fundraising. We could benefit from outreach projects into the community. The lodge is the meeting place for the nucleus of what we can be. I ask all of you to Step Up and give of yourself.

Fraternally,

Bro. Brandon Valentine PM Senior Warden

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I am so impressed by the efforts these two Brothers are putting into this fund-raiser and hope you will answer my call and help us make this raffle a huge success. The experience and lessons learned from this fund-raising event will help us continue with these types of events in the coming years and assure we have a healthy, well maintained, financially sound Lodge for generations to come. I thank you for your increased participation, and for stepping up to support this great Lodge.

Fraternally, and in Brotherly Love, Curt Hills Worshipful Master, 2018 Scottsdale Lodge #43



From the Senior Deacon

Brethren,

As we optimistically enter 2018, plotting the goals for the New Year, we may need to reflect upon the year past in order to gain perspective. Were we there for our friends, Family or Brothers when they reached out for our assistance or guidance over the past year? Did we *step up* and help?

There will be times when our friends, our family, our Lodge will need us to take the initiative. In a world that is terrified of taking responsibility, Masons, throughout history, have carried the burdens and responsibility of stepping up and doing what needs to be done. This fact has proven to be, time and time again, for the greater good. It takes courage, initiative, vision and guts to say "I'll do it." Mason's seem to have an innate ability to go head first into uncharted territory and get the job done. When everyone else is in full retreat, we *step up*.

As we proceed forward into 2018, we will invariably be faced with opportunities to step up to the challenges that will face us. We must remember that The Grand Architect is in control and nothing happens in his Universe by mistake. When everyone one is in full retreat, what will we choose to do? When no one wants to take responsibility, what will we choose to do? When that Brother or Family member calls us at 2 am for assistance, what will we choose to do? We'll *step up*.

Fraternally, Brother William F. Wilkins Senior Deacon, 2018

Jobs Daughters

Greetings from Bethel 21. Many of you may know that Scottsdale Lodge #43 is home for Bethel 21 of Jobs Daughters International. Jobs Daughters is an Organization for girls that teaches life skills such as leadership, public speaking, charitable service and more. Bethel 21 meets at Scottsdale Lodge #43 on the first and third Mondays of every month, however for the month of January we meet on Monday January 15th and on Monday January 29th. We always love to welcome new members and we invite you to bring your daughter or granddaughter to go roller skating with us on February 10th. If you have any questions feel free to contact our Bethel Guardian, Miss Bizzy Herbolsheimer at <u>bizzyh@gmail.com</u>, our Associate Bethel Guardian Mr. Brandon Valentine at <u>brandonjvalentine@gmail.com</u>.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Baker Honored Queen



<u>GREETINGS FROM THE</u> <u>SOUTH</u>

There are some questions we are told not to ask. For example, never ask a woman her age or her weight. In Masonry, there is no question that should not be asked. I strongly encourage my brothers to ask about ritual, the lodge, grand lodge, whatever comes to mind.

Since my election as Junior Warden, I have noticed many more questions



coming from brothers covering all types of topics. Some questions generate terrific discussion and debate others may require feedback from the Worshipful Master.

My question to you, my brothers, why are you a mason?

My masonic career began when my former girlfriend indicated that her grandfather was a Mason. I had been intrigued for many years as my Maternal Grandfather (65 year Mason) and Great Grand Father were masons. Both were raised in the Great State of Michigan. The tradition skipped a generation as my grandfather had 4 daughters. His eldest Daughter had 2 daughters and then I was born. When I asked my girlfriend's grandfather about being a mason, he brought me to Scottsdale #43.

I will never forget the first time I walked into lodge and saw an unlikely scene. There were two brothers chatting, one of which was about 25 years old and covered in tattoos and the other was closer to my grandfather's age. Seeing these brothers enjoying fellowship had a tremendous impact on me and continues to do so today.

I am proud to call you my brothers, no matter what shape, size, age, color or anything else.

Fraternally, Bradley Manhoff, Junior Warden

From the Tyler

FAILURE

Success is not final, failure is not fatal. Courage to continue is what counts. How do you achieve success? It results from preparation, hard work, and lessons learned from failure. You will not succumb to failure if you have the determination to succeed. So your success may come from some failures, but also from a well nourished enthusiasm.

One can try to find the great secret of how to be a success, but some failures are the detours down that road. There is no secret to persistence. Talent, whatever it might be, is no guarantee. Try counting all the talented people way short of success. Genius and education also offer no guarantees in a world with substantial numbers of the well educated lost on the way.

How would you measure success without comparison? There could be no upward unless there was downward.

Failure is not a pit, it is a foundation to build upon. The past is a memory not to dwell upon, but to build upon. Remember the errors and learn. Renew your energy, and face into the winds of opportunity.

Fraternally, Dave Woodland PM Tyler





REMINDER

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Have you checked out 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, Tom LaFountain Secretary

From Eastern Star:

Eastern Star had a grand opening of our new state office on January $7^{\rm th}$. Grand Lodge, under Junior Past Grand Master Bob Bradfield and grand officers set the 'corner stone' for our building last April at a formal dedication. Now there is adequate room for the business activities of Eastern Star.

We are still collecting and will for several months, small child safe toys for our neighborhood 'first responders'. Russell Sayre, our current Worthy Patron is in charge of this project <u>state wide</u>.

Scottsdale #43 has a spring fund raising project just in time for Valentines Day ...See's Candy! Linda Sayre, 480-998-7018, is in charge of this project. Call her or order some for your sweet tooth!

We are wishing all a most successful 2018 !

Fraternally Janet Mielke Past Matron, Scottsdale #43 OES



BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE CALL IF YOU NEED A RIDE 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. <u>If vou would like to attend Lodge</u>, 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, AZ 85252. On the check write "Transportation Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.





Junior Deacon

Step Up! - I contemplated this topic from a number of perspectives; all of which provoked volumes of ideas, regarding the attitudes and charter a man ought to embody. I can scarcely count the number of times this adage has been directed at me, throughout my life - "step up!" This bromide or some variation thereof has been, at times, an urging for speed; at other times, efficiency; still others, forcefully imposing caution upon my mind; however, in all cases, it has been an explicit invitation to work for my own growth.

It is often a difficult thing, to receive critique, especially for those of us who care deeply and thusly strive for excellence! This past week a number of brethren in attendance for a regularly scheduled degree meeting were privy to an invitation to "step up" in our ritual work and the preparation required to insure excellence in its performance. The difficulty in receiving such an invitation comes as the peril of knowing, or recognizing rather, that the standard we currently own is one which has need of critique and adjustment.

This, for some of us, may require that we evaluate communication that we may or may not have offered the brother whom is now in ownership of the chair *and* the responsibilities, which we regularly practiced and performed for the past year. For others this may result in secluded and labored reversal of verbiage. For our brothers on the sidelines, this may mean that we temper the use of electronic devices in an open lodge, or perhaps even our tongue - that we convey and exemplify (for newer brethren) the level of respect that ought to belong to any current master; which is certainly to say - identical to the level you would expect, if/or when you have reached that distinction.

As I contemplated some of the correction I was given regarding the ritual, I realize that I want to understand more about the lessons available for acquisition from the role I currently hold. For instance, as our newly installed Jr. Deacon, I received some very acute direction about the responsibility I hold in this position, that of verifying that a brother is properly clothed, vouched for and is in receipt of permission for entrance into an *open* Lodge. Furthermore, should it become necessary, that I be not reticent to defend that portal, even with the implement of this office, if only for the sake of decorum and respect for the august *and* proven procedures of our sacred fraternity.

In connection with this new capacity with which I have been charged for this new year, I couldn't help but to ask myself how I might apply the lessons of this chair, to my life. As I was working with a new Entered Apprentice brother, this week - we were practicing and came

to the line "or within the *body* of a just and legally..." and presently, the importance of the role I now play in Lodge seemed starkly reflected. I thought of my own life and the things that I allow or disallow into my *life*, my *home*, my *words*, my *thoughts* and my own *body*. Now, I just so happen to be predominately possessed of the notion that "I" am in charge of this life of mine. I would scarcely expect that we (any two of us) would share all of the same concerns over these things. However, whereas each and every single one of us knocked upon the door, thrice, with specific intent, I know that we can all see the value of similar introspection and evaluation.

I remember when I was a Boy Scout, being impressed by the breadth of knowledge that several of my Scout Masters held and frequently eschewed on my behalf. I asked one of them at one point something to the effect of - "what on earth ever made you go and learn that?"

He returned with a fairly lengthy response but the gist was this: if we take the time to properly file accurate and valuable information in our minds, then it will be there for withdrawal when circumstances demand it. If we do not take that time or we take the time only for unimportant,

degenerate or malignant information or practices, when circumstances requiring character are presented, we can only be found wanting.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that this year will bring growth and refinement to OUR Lodge through each and every one of us, as we Step Up and work to enhance the things that we all know, love and defend as Brothers of Scottsdale 43!

Fraternally, Brother Michael Trumbull Scottsdale 43 480.800.7297 mnt.lodge@gmail.com

2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

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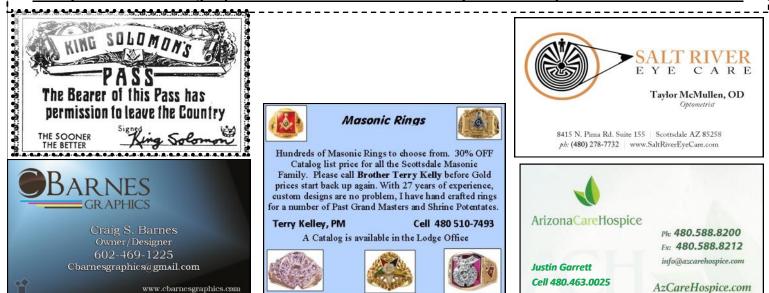
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We have been working to update both the database software and the information contained. We currently have probably 50 brothers who lack phone numbers, some lack addresses, and email addresses. Please just email the Secretary with the info at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com! 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.

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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!

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please make sure your critical information is correct with us!



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43



February Masoníc Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Robert Dale Tarr	2/18/1956	Richard Gaylen Honneywell	2/26/1976	Edward Vincent Garcia	2/18/2003
James Clarence Hedberg	2/28/1963	James Harris Meredith	2/24/1977	Christopher Martie McDaniel III	2/20/2003
Ronald Milton Robinson	2/27/1964	Roger A. Luedeman	2/3/1983	Erik Richard Mindermann	2/20/2003
Gary Fremont Underhill	2/20/1967	Robert Abel Elsner, PM	2/27/1986	Kyle Andrew Larkin	2/17/2005
Thomas Lee Asbury	2/26/1970	Dennis Leslie Reynolds	2/25/1988	Peter Mathern	2/22/2007
Gerald HarrisLankin	2/26/1970	Henry William Johnson	2/23/1989	James Farrell McCleland II	2/28/2007
Roy Eugene Sansom	2/25/1971	Jeffrey Otis Amstutz	2/9/1995	Adam Daniel Arena	2/28/2008
Henry Arthur Wilson Jr PGM	2/18/1972	David Richard Schafnit	2/19/1998	Steven Paul LaBell	2/28/2008
John Scott Brower	2/29/1972	Francis Arthur Shanley	2/19/1998	Scott Herbert Tracy	2/28/2008
Gregory Clayton Hein	2/22/1973	Ross Gerard Suozzi	2/18/1999	John Alexander Robinson	2/12/2009
George Craig Hutchinson	2/22/1973	Dirk Alan Johnson	2/17/2000	Terrence David Mundy	2/11/2010
Kenneth Joseph Jones	2/20/1974	Michael Wayne Bozarth	2/21/2002		
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so your address and phone can be updated. We have 40-50 brothers we cannot contact at all!

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**** February Calendar of Events ****

- Feb. 1 Stated Meeting
- Feb. 8 3rd Degree
- Feb. 15 2nd Degree
- Feb. 22 3rd Degree

** March Tentative Activities **

- Mar. 1 Stated Meeting
- Mar. 8 3rd Degree
- Mar. 15 Degree or Fellowship Activity
- Mar. 22 Degree or Fellowship Activity
- Mar. 29 Degree or Fellowship Activity

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

http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com

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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