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### *Springtime is Here .. Come-on Down to Lodge This Month*

#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

##### What Is Your "Work?"

One of my favorite definitions of Masonry is something like the following: "Men of every background, race, and religion, coming together to do the work of the Lodge." That is from memory of course and not exact, but you get the idea. The phrase "doing the work of the Lodge" has always stuck in my mind. To me, the "work of the Lodge" is all encompassing. It could mean initiating a candidate, and it could mean replacing a light bulb. It could mean giving the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Lecture, and it could mean checking on a brother who has not been to Lodge in a while. The "work of the Lodge" is multi-faceted as the Lodge itself, and requires the complete range of talents and skills possessed by our diverse set of brothers. My question to you my Brother, is: what is *your* "work?"



Our brothers enjoy Masonry in many different ways, and who am I to say what those ways should be, but I often wonder if they are getting as much out of Masonry as they could be. Likewise, I wonder if our Lodge is getting as much out of them as it could be. I firmly believe that our personal growth in Masonry comes from our *participation* in Masonry, and since participation by definition requires joining with other people, your participation leads not only to *your* personal growth, but to the personal growth of all other participants. Changing a light bulb is easy, but changing a light bulb with other men? Not so much. With all the different techniques and strong opinions that you will encounter, it will be a miracle if you ever get it done. But with a little listening, a little reason, a little compromise, and most importantly, a purpose for working together, you will get that light bulb changed and become a better person in the process.

We all have particular strengths and skills that we can contribute to our Lodge. This could mean something that we are good at, or it may mean something that we are willing to

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

##### Work:

The value of work is often overlooked. From work we derive a product. We create something of value. Even if it is merely an idea that we work on in our mind. It has a value.

As Masons, we regularly talk about the work that we do. Metaphorically training ourselves to become better men.

Often not mentioned is our obligation as Masons to daily contemplate the opportunities in our lives to improve upon ourselves to become better men and contribute to improving the quality of life for all. Constantly, the "builders of the temple". The Unfinished Temple. That "Unfinished Temple" is the duty of all Masons to make more Masons, and break off the rough corners of our brothers through the lessons and allegories of our ritual. Refining who we are contributes to gains in personal development and growth of new skills. We become more valuable to the world and ourselves. It leads to improved wealth, better relationships and a greater peace of mind. Working on ourselves requires a commitment and discipline to be selfish. Yes selfish. Selfish to give that time to yourself. I recommend that each of you give yourself fifteen minutes somewhere in your day to "work" on becoming a better man.

**Fraternally,**  
**Bandon Valentine PM**  
**Senior Warden**



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try and to do our best at. What contribution to our Lodge will you make? What will be the thing that makes you grow? What will be your work? I hope you will find it. I hope that you will make the difference for this Lodge that makes the difference for you. For somewhere my Brother, there is a lecture that needs to be given, a brother that needs to be called, and a light bulb that needs to be changed.

**In Brotherly Love,  
Curt Hills,  
Worshipful Master**



**From the Senior Deacon**

**Work:** to perform or fulfill duties regularly for wages or salary - to perform or carry through a task requiring sustained effort or continuous repeated operations

When a Mason enters his quarry, it is to perform work, whatever the form. Maybe the work is internal by nature. The work may be character building, maybe it's to chip away the superfluous edges of our ashlar or perhaps it's to face and address a character flaw that we have grown tired of in our lives. Masons work. We were created by the Grand Architect to work. We endeavor to build and create and we are endowed by our creator to create great works, whether they are internal or external. Many times a Mason will endeavor for a lifetime to accomplish his tasks however we as Masons understand that our Great work extends past the grip of time. Our endeavor is to perfect our alignment with God. This Great work will take many lifetimes, many experiences, many mistakes but, we will learn from our work thereby fitting our minds as living stones for that spiritual building, that House not made with hands, eternal in Heaven.

**Fraternally,  
William F. Wilkins  
Senior Deacon, 2018**

**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 Lodges 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**

**GREETINGS**

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Whenever a person joins an organization in particular our fraternity, one is often told, "you get out what you put in". Personally, I believe that is an unfair and misleading statement. A better answer might be, invest with your heart and mind and enjoy the journey. This suggests that one not look for a reward, but more of an experience. If we can set the expectations to a more reasonable and grounded level, it may prove to inspire new masons to get more involved. Maintaining focus on the experience, our more senior brothers may be able to offer our newest brothers insight and guidance regarding their future involvement. Our Worshipful master has said on more than one occasion, that he encourages any brother to learn a part in the ritual and participate. Whether it is a small part or a complete degree lecture, your participation is what makes our fraternity so great. We are part of a society that bands together in support of each others endeavors. New brothers or old, pick a part and learn it, own it and participate.



**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff,  
Junior Warden**

**From the Tyler**

**SCIENCE**

The science of today is the technology of tomorrow. Consider it a way of thinking more than a collection of knowledge. Science is a system of organized knowledge, while wisdom is organized life, but why would science get a higher position? Sometimes science gives itself all the reasons life exists; i.e. Life exists because science says so. Wisdom says it doesn't need reasons, and often religion agrees.

Scientific questioning is really ignorance of certain knowledge necessary to obtain answers to oblique questions. This mystery gives us reason to delve into what we call science. If something seems to coincide with something already known, we call it a discovery.

We also tend to define cognitive actions and thought as science when it is really logical reasoning, the right preparation, patience, and lots of luck. Writing this essay for example, is not science. Help comes from recognizable sources, preparation, practice, and some luck.

Perhaps we see science described as being somewhere between faith and curiosity, expertise and creativity, experience and imagination, arrogance and conviction.

And so we leave it like that, unrequited definition. Science; smart or lucky, important or unnecessary, constructive or ridiculous, real or theoretical. Who knows?

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland PM  
Tyler**



# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

## DeMolay



We are currently considering the possibility of restarting our Scottsdale chapter of DeMolay. All we need are adult advisers and boys between the ages of 12 and 18. If you have an interest in assisting in the formation of this chapter, please email our Secretary at [secretary@scottsdale43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdale43.com).

## BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE

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numerr We have 40-50 brothers we  
cannot contact at all!**

## From Eastern Star:

Eastern Star is a great organization for both couples and singles to join. The work that we do can be geared for scholarships, community service and/or charities. You might find something you'd like, but also be aware that we have social events at all chapters.

In order to be an Eastern Star member, one needs to be a Master Mason or have an affiliation of a Master Masons in good standing such as: wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, mothers-in-law, aunts, grandmothers, great granddaughters, nieces, great nieces, and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins; plus either active 3 years or majority member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or of Job's Daughters International, each of who, having attained the age of 18 years.

All petitioners to Eastern Star must also have been a resident of this Grand Jurisdiction for 6 consecutive months before the date of their petition.

We are so fortunate to get members from this Masonic background, because the petitioners already have proven to be or from families of good character and trustworthiness. Do you know anyone that fits? Perhaps we'd make a perfect match.

## Fraternally

**Janet Mielke, Past Matron,  
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**Junior Deacon**

As some of you may know, my youngest son recently relocated from TX, to join our little family, permanently. This has been an interesting adjustment; as we all strive to acclimate, it has become apparent that many lessons that are actively taught in our home have not been as clearly evinced in the life of Colin (my younger son) as they have been for Jack (my elder). At the forefront of these lessons, is one in particular - Work!

It becomes frequently evident, as Colin is tasked with chores, that his view of work is distorted in contrast to our perspectives. He will shamelessly and verbally laude the desire to avoid the thing! He screws his face all up, to reflect a state of torment and discomfort, at the very idea. When he realizes that he simply cannot escape the toil, he moves sluggishly, actively finding distraction and/or obstruction of the task. Truth be told, his brother behaved very similarly at 12 years old. In short, he just hasn't learned how to enjoy the work yet.

Certainly, every single one of us, having passed through those years of youth can identify with these feelings toward work. Take the word itself... Webster defines it thusly - Work: to exert oneself physically or mentally especially in sustained effort for a purpose or under compulsion or necessity. This doesn't sound like the most inviting of endeavors, now; does it? I was recently talking to a brother about the Spanish form of the word - trabajo. Its Latin root "tra" is also the root for our English terms - travail & trail; it even exists in the word attract (to be drawn toward something, seemingly by means of energy or force, seen or unseen).

As should be evident in this little excursion into language and morphology, all work, tasks, projects, endeavors, responsibilities, etc. indicate a difficulty or a struggle - the placement of ones finite faculties against a desire, need, or an obstruction.

I have had many excellent examples in my life, but on the lessons of labor and work, none have been so profound as those exemplified by my own father. There is an allegory he often used, to illustrate the value of acutely placed efforts. After taking several adventures into our lovely internet of things, to discover the story's origins, I was unable to identify an author or an original version. So, please forgive me if it is familiar and I don't share it quite perfectly, but it went something like this -

There was a man, whom God visited in a dream as he slept one night in his cabin. He was told that God had a very special "work" for him. He was then taken to a certain place and God showed him a massive boulder and explained that he was to push against the rock with all his might. In the many days that followed, the man faithfully did as he was charged. For weeks he labored without fail, from sunup to sundown. Every single day he set his shoulders squarely against the cold massive surface of the rock, pushing with every ounce of strength his frame could muster. And every single night the man returned to his cabin in weariness and fatigue, with nothing to show for his many hours of exertion. Soon the man began to feel distraught finding that his whole day had again, been spent in vain.

As the man began to thus show signs of discouragement, the Adversary of man arose in his thoughts with logic, such as - "Why

kill yourself over this?, You're never going to move it!" and "Boy, you've been at it a long time and you haven't even budged an increment!" and so on... giving the man the impression that this task, given him by God, was impossible and the man was ultimately an unworthy servant because he hadn't moved the massive stone.


Of course, such thoughts invariably drug the man down into despair and he began to weaken in his resolve. "Why kill myself?" he thought. "I'll just put in the necessary time; I can just do just the bare minimum required and that will be good enough." This he did or at least planned to do. As he was, on this day, giving credible thought to shirking his assignment, he decided to petition God about his perceived failure.

"Great Architect," he said, "Long days and with ceaseless effort have I labored in Your service. I have pitted all of my strength against this thing You have asked of me. Yet, after all this time and after all of my exhaustive efforts, I have not been able to cause even the slightest movement of this stone. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

That night the man was again visited by the Creator, whose response was thus - "My friend, when long ago I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you to push against the rock with all your strength and that you have done. But never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. At least not by yourself. Your task was to push. And now you return to Me, your strength spent, thinking that you have failed, ready to quit. But is this really so? Look at yourself. Your body is lean and hard, your arms are strong and muscled; your back sinewed and brown. Your hands are calloused from constant pressure and your legs have become as massive trunks. Through opposition you have grown much and your ability now far surpasses that which you once were. Yet still, you have not been successful in moving the rock; so, here you are, in humility before Me, with a heavy heart and your strength spent. I, my friend, will move the rock. Your calling was to push, and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom, and this you have done."

My brothers, as Masons we are reminded often that we are Workers, not Obstructionists. We are given an allegory through which to view our efforts, an allegory of stone and labor. While stone is an arduous material with which to work, it is not more so than the soul of man, neither do these concepts yield easily, once they have been worked and fashioned according to plan. The work, labor, and the challenges in life with which we are faced are often difficult, even unto seeming insurmountable. Our rewards may not be as evident and forthcoming as we might hope; however, if we have exercised our faith and trust in Divine wisdom, we will find (as in the allegory my father relayed) our due rewards of acting in faith and trust. It is my sincere belief, again, 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!

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**From the Chaplain**

In Masonry we use allegory in many instances during some of our ritual. An example of this is the way we refer to the usage of the square, compasses and level in operative masonry versus speculative masonry.

We also find allegory in some passages in the Holy Bible that may require some study to perceive their true meaning. One such passage that I found particularly interesting is found in Ecclesiastes 12 verses 1-7. Upon first reading of this passage I thought I understood it. A friend whom I truly respect and whose knowledge I admire pointed out another interpretation which I had not considered. I found that I had no Idea what this passage really meant.

As an interesting exercise, before you read further, if you have five minutes or so to do this, please get your Bible, look up Ecclesiastes 12 and read verses 1-7. Do you understand the meaning of this passage?

Now, please read on...

**Ecclesiastes xii 1-7**

**Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them;**

*The bible tells us to include God in our daily lives at an early age while there is still pleasure in our young lives.*

**While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened nor the clouds return after the rain:**

*While we are still in our youth and our vision is clear.*

**In the day, when the keepers of the house shall tremble,**

*The house is our body, and the keepers of it are our hands.*

**And the strong men shall bow themselves,**

*The strong men are our legs.*

**And the grinders cease because they are few,**

*The grinders are our teeth*

**And those that look out of the windows be darkened.**

*Our eyes are starting to fail us.*

**And the doors shall be shut in the streets**

*Referring to our lips and mouth as the doors and the throat/esophagus as the streets.*

**When the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird,**

*As he ages it is too painful to lie in bed – glad to get up.*

**And all the daughters of music shall be brought low:**

*Man's voice is no longer able to sing.*

**Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high and fears shall be in the way,**

*Man's balance starts to fail him and he fears heights because of it.*

**and the almond tree shall flourish,**

*The almond tree's leaves all turn white, as do man's hair.*

**and the grasshopper shall be a burden,**

*Man's skin is now so thin a grasshopper landing on it will break the skin.*

**and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:**

*Man's long home is his casket.*

**Or ever the silver cord be loosed,**

*The silver cord is man's spinal cord – it has a silver color and loosens or snaps at death.*

**Or the golden Bowl be broken,**

*Man's skull being golden because it holds the intellect/soul.*

**Or the pitcher be broken at the fountain,**

*This refers to a pitcher which was used to prime the pump at the fountain as priming the right ventricle, which pulls blood from the rest of the body.*

**Or the wheel broken at the cistern,**

*This refers to the left side of the heart pumping blood to the body.*

**Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

You see, my brothers, this passage is referring to the inevitable changes in our body as we approach death. As masons we are preparing as we go along this journey.

Take care of yourself.

**Fraternally,  
Bob Beer,  
Chaplain**



**Do you ever study how long ago our fraternity really started? Check out a book in the lodge library.**

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## *April Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

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Donald William Poppe	4/26/1962	Fredrick Arnold Woodward	4/18/1998	James Ray Raynovic	4/9/2009
Conley Floyd Wright	4/26/1962	Mark Harold Conner	4/27/2000	James Mikeal Callahan	4/8/2010
Charles Barclay Bitner	4/30/1968	William Eugene Lamb	4/13/2002	David Aaron Harris	4/8/2010
Mark Samuel Trent	4/29/1972	Steven John Sampson	4/10/2003	Robert Russell Beffel	4/15/2010
Harry Edward Markham	4/16/1974	Bradley Lee Minor	4/24/2003	Kyle Andrew Thomas	4/15/2010
Arnold Arthur Amaru	4/25/1974	John Joseph Cummins IV	4/14/2005	Louay George	4/29/2010
Frederick Hilary Goldinov	4/26/1979	Scott Andrew Thomas	4/14/2005	Terry Nicholas Highland	4/29/2010
Mark Lee Brown	4/10/1981	Danny Abraham Lazar	4/16/2005	Adam Nelson Dahlberg	4/14/2011
Gaylord Dean Aldrich	4/26/1984	Joseph Patton Driessen Jr	4/28/2005	Jamie Dale Frank	4/14/2011
Jerome Maurice Taylor	4/1/1985	John Harlan Reynolds, PM	4/28/2005	Eric James Leidlein	4/12/2012
Norman Lee Colbert	4/11/1987	Phillip Lee Bartling	4/13/2006	Carsten Loelke	4/11/2013
James William Brown	4/28/1988	Sergey Sheleg	4/13/2006	Timothy Brian Curran	4/10/2014
Bruce Henry Usher	4/29/1993	Robert James Pellegrino	4/19/2007	Ryan David Sutherland	4/24/2014
Jonathan Roy Winchester	4/22/1995	Thomas Andrew Pellegrino	4/19/2007	Oliver Ndubuisi Ibeh	4/9/2015
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 April 4 Trustees Meeting  
 April 5 Stated Meeting  
 April 12 Degree or Fellowship Activity  
 April 17 TAX DAY since the 15th is Sunday  
 April 19 Degree or Fellowship Activity  
 April 26 Degree or Fellowship Activity

**\*\* May Tentative Activities \*\***  
 May 17 Military Degree

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