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May the Luck of the Irish be with you.



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brothers,

for some reason the of Masonic concept connections has been on my mind lately. Perhaps it is because my new position of Worshipful Master requires me to call on Brothers so often to ask them to help with various tasks. Perhaps it



is the fact that the only reason any Brother might say yes to my requests is out of their love for Masonry and their dedication to the Craft. Or, perhaps it is because of the fact that I can always count on any one of our Past Masters for advice on any issue I am uncertain about to find out how it has been handled in the past, thereby relying on my connection with the traditions carried on by generations of Masters before me. Although, there is one thing in particular that I think might be most responsible for my current preoccupation with this concept - we were recently contacted by a Lodge in New Zealand, informing us that one of their Brothers was currently in Scottsdale for cancer treatment.

On a busy Thursday, when I would usually be preparing for our regular Lodge meeting, I broke away to visit this Brother in the hospital. I walked into the hospital room to see a very kindly older gentleman lying in bed, and his wife sitting by his side. He was in good spirits, but in his current condition, this Brother was not exactly talkative. The real conversation took place with his wife. She was overjoyed to have a Mason visit her husband of course, but was also very relieved to know that there was someone they could turn to, should the need arise, while they were so far from home at such a difficult time. I could see that our Masonic connection was extremely comforting for her, and because of it, she

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST "Connections"

A connection is when two or more things come What is a together. lodge? I think it is the trusted place where brothers come together. Through our fraternity I



am connected to my brothers and to their families. Through the lodge I am spiritually connected to my relatives who "labored in the quarries" before me. My wife, on our first date recognized my ring. She asked, and I told her about my Masonic life. And then she shared her Masonic life with me. We were connected through the lodge. Through the lodge I connected with trusted friends when I moved over two thousand miles from my last quarry when I moved to Arizona. There is not a day that I don't have a significant connection with a brother or a brother's family; whether it be through my work, my friends or my family. I am blessed and appreciative of the value that being a Mason brings to my quality of life, and my family's quality of life as my daughters are too connected to the lodge. As a Mason, I know that surrounding myself with Masons I am "working" with men that have been vetted in the first place and are committed to becoming even better men. The lodge connects me to a synergistic nucleus of really good people.

Fraternally,

Bandon Valentine PM Senior Warden

DeMolay

We are currently considering the possibility of restarting our Scottsdale chapter of DeMolay. All we need is 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 secretary@scottsdale43.com.





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and her husband were not so alone and not so far from home after all.

She also related to me that the New Zealand city they were from was a Sister City to Scottsdale, and told me that she had contacted her local government and asked them to contact the City of Scottsdale. In seeing how important these connections were to her, I realized how important these connections must

be to everyone, and how important it is for us as Masons to honor these connections and to live up to our reputation as a sacred band or society of friends and Brothers. It is almost effortless to do so, and can affect someone's life immeasurably.

My story ends with a delightful ride to the airport where myself and another Brother from Scottsdale dropped-off our New Zealand Brother and his wife for their flight home. On that ride we got to show them a little more of our beautiful city that they did not get to see, and found out a little more about their lives in New Zealand. I left them with our Lodge pin which, coincidentally, has the Masonic square and compass *and* the Scottsdale logo - an emblem of both connections we will share with them forever - and they left me with a renewed dedication to our Masonic calling of Brotherly love, Relief and Truth.

In Brotherly Love, Curt Hills, Worshipful Master



From the Senior Deacon

Brethren,

Connection: A relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else.

One of the beautiful aspects of Masonry I adore is the ability to make connections with genuine individuals who share similar values as mine. We are an organization of like minded individuals that meet on the level of truth and part on the square of trust.

The Lodge is where we meet with Brothers whom we share ideals, ideas and concepts with. The Lodge also serves another purpose; a place where we are also able to make that spiritual connection with our Maker. We connect, reaffirm and practice our faith.

Mason's should always remember those most important tenants which make our connection most sacred; Brotherly love, relief and truth.

Fraternally,

William F. Wilkins Senior Deacon, 2018

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Recently, I had a discussion with a brother concerning the journey in masonry. In particular, we were talking about when a brother should investigate appendant bodies like the



Scottish and York rites. Everyone has a slightly different journey in our fraternity, however, sometimes we are asked for advice as to which path to take. When I am approached with this question, I usually answer with a question, "What are you looking for in Masonry?" Often the answer is "Light." Lets examine what this means. Light in Masonry as we know is knowledge. That being said, where does the light of blue lodge end? Does it end? Personally, I believe we can always learn from blue lodge. I am reminded of a brother speaking out in lodge and he said, "I have been a Mason for many decades, I have seen many degrees and I still learn from them." This being the case. I truly believe the more light that is gained from blue lodge will only help in the rest of a brother's path. It is important to encourage our newest brothers to examine all that masonry has to offer.

Fraternally,
Bradley Manhoff,
Junior Warden

From the Tyler

TECHNOLOGY

Technology is a useful servant, but a dangerous master.

Technology, simply put, is a process stimulating potential progress; what was, what is, what will be life in a society which is hugely dependent upon science and technology. Technical advances show no good or evil intentions...It's how you use it. One thing certain, the character of technology that will never change, is change.

Recognize personal want and need, weigh importance, and calculate potential. Science and technology have changed many things, but it is human memories and tradition that will constitute the response.

Technology spends much talent and time on accelerating communication. Verbal communication, the ability to listen and learn remains the X factor to mastering communication.

Use technology wisely to exercise verbal skills, or someday a blown fuse will end a technical operated conversation, published words, and vital activities.

Fraternally,

Dave Woodland PM

Tyler





REMINDER

TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY

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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:

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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 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

From Eastern Star:

Last month we had our official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Tori Loll and the Worthy Grand Patron, Perry Casazza. One of their determinations this year is the focus upon our youth organizations. Scottsdale #43 Eastern Star and visitors had the pleasure of a presentation from Bethel #21 Jobs Daughters International who gave a talk on the significance and design of their robes and finished with their closing ceremony of the cross. We want to thank them for their presence and most meaningful information. These young ladies are most mature and an absolute delight!

Fraternally Janet Mielke Past Matron, Scottsdale #43 OES





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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, AZ 85252. On the check write "Transportation Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.





<u>Junior Deacon</u>

Connections... considering this thought and its possible associations within Masonry is an extraordinary task, one might as well launch into an unabridged dialogue on physics and the subject of string theory. Still, the truth is, everything and everyone, especially every one of us is connected. Thus, while it would certainly be an infinite task to address the intricacies of each connection, we know that it is as certain as Newton's Law of Cause and Effect.

A few weeks ago, I was visiting another brother in the hospital and encountered a gentleman in an elevator. He was not really paying any attention to me. I on the other hand, was strongly drawn to talk to him. So, I engaged in fairly shallow discussion, passing the time. As we conversed, his hand gestures soon gave me a view of a ring on his right hand. As you might have guessed, he was a Brother. I'm certain that the majority of you know quite well the feeling of comradeship that I enjoyed as I left that conversation with a newly discovered Brother. I simply could not help being overtaken by a reverie of having once upon a time, been instructed to don a peculiar manner of dress and then placed in a state of darkness, thereafter being caused to rely on a brother for guidance and safekeeping as I trod a particular series of steps. Connection!

This morning, I was driving and a song came on the radio station that one of my boys had selected. This song was called "Break" and went on to instruct the listener with incessant repetition to: "Break - away from everybody; Break - away from everything." Rhetorically speaking - if we were to even consider that such a thing were possible, how much could ever be expected to flourish in progress and success among Humankind? Yet, these are frequent messages of our day.

Brethren, we are connected! We are connected on a myriad of levels, not the least of which is that we have trudged an identical path. If only for moments, we have walked the same walk and endured the same trials. Then again, we are connected in our desires to be better men, we are connected in our love of character and rightness of living. Many of us are connected according to our love of family. Others find camaraderie in action and leadership. Most importantly, we are, every single one of us, (Holy, Profane, and/or otherwise), connected in Deity. Connection!

For a number of years, I worked for Levi's Factory Outlets in what (for a very long time) I considered to be an extremely strenuous capacity. Until one afternoon, unbidden and unprovoked, a stroke of nostalgia brought to mind, my father's voice (from sometime in history) telling me "smart men use tools, smarter men invent tools; wise men create teams, wiser men create efficient teams and teach them to use the tools available." In Masonry, we are smart and wise men striving to become smarter and wiser versions of ourself. The Lodge is one of many places we can do that work, where we can to meet with other like-minded and good men to develop and enrich the connections that add value, wisdom, and progress to both our mortal and spiritual journey. Connection!

Brethren, I have as far to go as any one of us in the development of wisdom...still, my mantra from last month remains as true this month as it did last - "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

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Library Committee

Our library is approaching 900 books.

First, I want to thank all those who are contributing books.

Second, after inspection there are books missing that were never checked out. It would be appreciated if they were returned by leaving on library desk. I will return them to correct shelves.

Third, I would like to invite our members who are interested in having a class to learn more on Masonic history to contact me, Bruce Fischer at 480 990 8607.

Last, I am encouraged about the plans by our new Lodge Officer leadership.

Bruce Fischer, Chairman

Bill Gesswein





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Mrs. Madden's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Will be on Thursday March 15 at 6:00 pm
Prepared by PM. Scott Tracy

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: _	 	 	
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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!













March Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

William Edward Keim	3/11/1950	Edwin Springston Earl	3/28/1985	Fernando Anthony Caraballo	3/29/2007
Melvyn Lewis Arthur	3/22/1956	Terance Lee Kelly	3/17/1992	James Warner Meredith	3/29/2007
George Edgar Johnson	3/29/1956	Robert Matthew Haynes	3/31/1993	Matthew Donald Bowling	3/13/2008
George Richard Easter	3/26/1964	Scott Charles Squires	3/20/1997	Anthony John Blunda	3/11/2010
Stewart Devereaux Lanier	3/13/1969	Steven Eric Squires	3/20/1997	John Robert Geyer	3/11/2010
Jackson Henry Milligan	3/26/1970	Vincent Paul Outcalt	3/27/1997	Michael Paul Haley	3/8/2012
Aubrey Jay Mundy	3/30/1972	Raymond Roger Wallage	3/11/1999	Sebastian Nathanael Hudemann	3/14/2013
Donald Maxwell	3/29/1973	L Roger Espeland	3/24/2001	Stanley Joseph Sparrow	3/14/2013
James Edward Hemmer Sr	3/29/1975	Glenn Lockwood Bezuyen	3/29/2001	Matthew A. Hartzell-Robbins	3/27/2014
William Lee Baran	3/10/1976	James Arland Osman III	3/11/2004	Tyler Lee Treat	3/27/2014
Terry Lee Zeiger	3/25/1976	Jason Scott Duey	3/24/2005	Michael Joseph Donato	3/19/2015
Richard George Saine	3/15/1977	Frank Paul Mendola	3/24/2005	Gregory Joseph Gadel	3/19/2015
Carl Dietrich	3/19/1981	Robert Bonner Rye	3/24/2005	Jesus Alfredo Jaramillo	3/17/2016
Robert George Hops	3/26/1981	Roger Allen Dawson	3/27/2007	Michael Norman Trumbull	3/17/2016
Thomas Wesley Carroll	3/24/1983	Mark Shander Morosoff	3/27/2007	John Salvatore Favara	3/9/2017

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secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com

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

The 2018 Dues are now past due.

If you have not paid yours please

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** March Calendar of Events **

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

** April Tentative Activities **

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

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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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