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### *Summer is Over. Welcome Back to Lodge This Month*

#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers!

We have returned from our summer break and are underway with the business of the Lodge once again. Our summer work nights were highly successful in completing many of the needed repairs around the Lodge.

You may have already noticed some of the great changes we've made. Many Brothers attended these work nights and a few Friend-to-Frienders as well, making short-work of the tasks at hand. I am truly grateful to all who came during the summer to lend a hand or give encouragement and support.

Coming up in the second half of the year, all the ritual will be performed by the officers who hope to be moving up as they will be working on their proficiency for their next chair. Our picnic has been scheduled for November 18. It will take place at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad park as usual, but this year we will be at the Fenstermacher pavilion, just a short walk past the Aste pavilion where we had our picnic last year.

I look forward to the second half of my year in the East. We have many fine men waiting for their degrees and many more fine men petitioning soon. Please come join us on Thursdays for food, fellowship, and the fine ritual that Scottsdale Lodge is known for.

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



#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

##### **Byproduct of Good Living**

The byproduct of good living is the benefit of belonging to a lodge and participating and contributing to the

lodge. From your participation you gain the relationships with your brethren who also participate. I was never more grateful for my relationship with two brothers who helped me out of a jam recently. I was running errands and experienced a near blowout. The tread separated from my front tire on the freeway. I nursed my car to the nearest Discount Tire. I had to pick my daughter up from the airport in two hours. The clerk at Discount told me I would wait about an hour. After an hour wait he told me another hour.

I pulled out my phone and called a brother I knew lived not far from the Airport. He happened to be riding in a car with another member of Scottsdale Lodge. The two of them met my daughter at the airport and drove her home.

A good brother loaned me his trailer this summer.

I am getting the brother treatment next weekend when I need a car dolly.

I am building a loft and have many offers of helping hands. I intend take you guys up on them too.

This type of support occurs quite often within this great fraternity. It is a comfort to know that you have an extended Masonic Family. You just need to come to lodge and discover who they are.

**Fraternally,  
Bandon Valentine PM  
Senior Warden**



**GREETINGS**

**FROM THE SOUTH**

After spending the summer studying and working on my next proficiency, once again I've gained a new appreciation for our craft. When you learn ritual it's not just about studying the words but also understanding what they mean to you. Each of us gain something different from masonry and that is one of the best parts of our craft. I hope you spent your Summer thinking and working within the craft. I look forward to a refreshed and excited point of view when we return from our summer dark period.



**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff,  
Junior Warden**

**From the Senior Deacon**

Brethren,

As the end of summer approaches, we may want to reflect back on the season and take inventory of the progress we've made thus far. Personally, I have been able to accomplish a number of items on "The List" that have been plaguing me but.... as soon as I cross one off, another appears! So the work in our quarries continues and it rarely ceases.

In review, I must ask myself what *good* have I accomplished? Have I assisted a Brother in need when called upon? Have I upheld the standards of being a Mason? Have I been a good Father? A good Husband? Progress can be slow however if we continue in the right direction and with guidance from God, all can be accomplished in due time!

I hope your summer has been productive and you have accomplished a few of those nagging tasks still on "The List".... The never ending list....

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

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**From the Tyler**

**FAILURE**

What does that word mean to you? Typically it implies that some effort had been spent to accomplish something to a successful end without the planned result. So, that is the meaning we asked for, a lack of success we sought. Somehow, we usually look for the reasons the effort failed, blaming lack of funding, effort, conditions, someone else, and of course, luck. Sure, we can say it lacks success, but wait, there's more.

Any of the reasons cited for failure can be used to explain the negative results, but actually there are positives, especially the learning experience. Failure is a teacher. Study what was missing; was it knowledge, effort, conditions, or do you just blame bad luck?

Consider what you may call a failure. Be it not an end, not a defeat, but the start of new ideas, new strength to carry on, and a vision of new ideas for the future. We do not quote Aristotle, Confucius, or Lincoln. Listen to every parent who must have said, Learn from your mistakes".

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland PM  
Tyler**

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**FROM EASTERN STAR**

We start our year out with a gastronomical event. You ask, "What is our gastronomical event. A Steak Fry by Scottsdale Eastern Star on Sunday, September 23 starting at 4 P.M.!

RSVP to Linda Sayre at 480-998-7018.

On Friday, October 19, we are having our huge PARKING LOT SALE at Scottsdale Lodge starting at 7:00 A.M. Bring your treasures for us to sell, and take some new ones home with you.

We will be holding a Fall Membership Event. It will be held to inform people about our beautiful order. More information will be coming out in the future.

**Fraternally,  
Janet Mielke  
Past Matron  
Scottsdale #43, Order of the Eastern Star**



**Arizona Grand Lodge 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**

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**Junior Deacon**

“There ain’t no good guys, there ain’t no bad guys; there’s only you and me and we just disagree.”

This summer was one rife with many lessons in communication, for our family. While traveling in Texas this summer, I heard the above quote from a song being played at a restaurant. It made me think of a parable I heard a number of years ago that went something like this...

Once upon a time there were two brothers who lived on adjoining farms. John, the elder and William was the younger. They had spent nearly their entire lives working side by side. One day a small misunderstanding arose between them. Unfortunately, the conflict did not end there, nor did it remain a small trifle. What began as a little misunderstanding in communication, quickly grew into a schism of major differences and fault finding, ultimately the two exploded in an exchange of bitter words, leaving only cold silence between the two. This was the first serious rift in their 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed - with ease and good will.

On a crisp autumn morning, shortly after the conflict had reached a crescendo there was a knock on John’s door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter’s toolbox.

“I’m looking for a few days’ work,” he said. “Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there, I could help you with?”

“Yes,” said the older brother. “I do have a job for you. Look across that little creek there, do you see that farm, yonder? That’s my neighbor; in fact, it’s my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer up to the river and drove it all the way down the middle of the meadow, now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I’ll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence, an 8-foot-tall fence - so as I won’t need to see his place or his face anymore.”

The carpenter said, “I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I’ll be able to do a job that pleases you.” The older brother needed to run some errands in town, so he helped the carpenter gather and prepare the necessary supplies and materials, and then he was off for the day.

The carpenter worked tirelessly all that day - measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when John returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. “Well...What do you think, asked the laborer? The farmer’s eyes flew opened wide and his jaw dropped. To his astonishment, there was no fence at all!

It was, in fact, a bridge...a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And... William, his younger brother, was coming toward them...

The two brothers stood for a moment at each end of the bridge, and then both sampled the workmanship, carefully placing one foot in front of the other until they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

John rushed to the carpenter with moisture in his eyes, “You are quite a fellow to have built this bridge after all I’ve said and done. This was not what I asked for, but it is *just* what we needed. I can only but thank you, good sir. Please, stay a few days. I’ve much more work for you.” “...and I would have your help on some projects as well,” chimed in William.

The carpenter, with a soft knowing smile replied “I’d love to stay on but I have many more bridges to build and I believe that the two of you will have all the help you need, now.”

How should Masons meet...?

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**Brother Michael Trumbull**  
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**Souper Salad Event**

The Souper Salad event was, in fact, Super! Thank you, Kathy Ransom and Wendy Gilbert for the hard work you did to make this a wonderful evening for all of us. There were six different kinds of soup (the best was the potato, or was it the chili mac, no wait – I think it was the tortilla). There was salad, fruit, and finally an array of desserts. As if the food wasn’t enough, the company and fellowship propelled the evening into a really good time had by all. Thank you again to everyone who participated and especially to Kathy and Wendy.

*Stephen Clarke*

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**Freemasonry - The Sleeping Giant**

By Richard A. Kidwell, GM Arizona

What a challenging topic to introduce! It brings to mind the familiar story of Rip Van Winkle who slept so long he failed to make his contribution to the world. When he awakened, he found himself out of touch, and he was unable to accommodate to the changes which had taken place while he slept. Is Freemasonry sleeping while the world is going by? Is Freemasonry an escape into an unreal world of dreams? Or is Freemasonry an active and vital force in the shaping of the future?

When we are asked, "What is Freemasonry?," we respond with a description of our ancient and honorable fraternity. To the layman, according to Webster, the word freemasonry has become an uncapitalized noun meaning "a natural or instinctive fellowship or sympathy." Fellowship is defined as "a company of equals or friends sharing a community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience." Sympathy is defined as "united or harmony in action or effect." Thus, Freemasonry in its derived definition becomes: "A natural community of equals, bound by shared experiences and interests, and united in action."

Certainly, at one point in our nation's history, Freemasonry was not sleeping. Though proportionally no greater in number than today, the community of Masons did indeed display unity in action, and they did indeed produce a harmony in effect. Our Founding Fathers took pains to create a republic, which would protect America not only from tyranny of foreign governments, but also from any proposed domination by their own government. They agreed that "The best government is the least government." The primary cement binding these men together was the desire for freedom and justice. The War for Independence grew out of negotiations for restoration of usurped rights, rights which had been granted to the citizens of the British Empire since the time of Magna Carta. When the negotiations were unproductive, the cry of "Taxation without representation" may well have led St. John's Lodge to exchange the apron for the tomahawk and sweeten the waters of Boston Harbor with good English tea. There is some evidence that the colonial lodges were made up of an elite group. George Washington is said to have paid fees amounting to about \$20 for his degrees, a fee that was far beyond the aspirations of many less affluent men. But there is also evidence indicating that Masonry was active on the frontiers. Members of the Order made themselves known to their Brethren and probably accomplished a good deal of informal recruiting and initiating of good men who were also dedicated to preserving peace and harmony.

These informal "tavern lodges" provided the only Masonic communication available outside the established population centers. Thus, there were many unsung Masonic heroes working for the preservation of a way of life that had already become precious to them. These men instinctively knew what sort of foundation had to be laid if this land was to survive. They were inspired with the

realization that Masonry is morality in action, and that their obligations at the altar of Freemasonry were sacred promises that required appropriate action. They were committed to a pursuit of excellence embodied in the teaching of the Fraternity.

The urge for casting off bonds of oppression, for seeking equal rights for all, and for demanding the intellectual, moral, and spiritual freedom of the individual has always characterized Masons, not only in this country but in others. Witness the great Masons around the world – Benito Juarez in Mexico, Simon Bolivar in South America, Jose Rizal in the Philippine Islands, for example. Wherever the need for reasserting the doctrine of right and freedom has emerged, Masons have taken a leading role in the quest for intellectual and moral liberty.

From the scattered Masonic lodges and congregations of sojourning Masons in our own 13 colonies, the influence of Masonic principles made itself heard through our Declaration of Independence, our Articles of Confederation, and our Constitution with its Bill of Rights. Many of these names are familiar to all – George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, Edmund Randolph – a list of these leaders would constitute an Honor Roll of Freemasonry, and it would include a great portion of our Founding Fathers. Such an Honor Roll must also include Masons who contributed in a less public manner, such as Brother de Montesquieu who, as early as 1748, wrote of the necessity for three branches of government and a system of checks and balances between these branches.


Of course, no listing of honored Masons of colonial times would be complete without paying special tribute to our own Worshipful Brother George Washington. Not only was he an outstanding Mason at the time and a universal choice to become General Grand Master of the Grand Lodges of the country, but he also served as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, Chairman of the Constitutional Convention, and first President of our new Nation. The principles which he encouraged and were directly responsible for the development of our Republic. We are proud to honor him today on the 250th anniversary of his birth.

Indicative of the future of our form of government were the words of Benjamin Franklin at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention. As he merged from the meeting room, he was asked what form of government we had. He replied: "A Republic, if you can keep it!"

And that is the question facing our nation today: Can we keep it? Masons helped to form a nation based on human liberty. Those Masons were knowledgeable and concerned. They realized that the granting of any right implied a concurrent responsibility. Over the centuries we have shown a representation of Masonic Brothers in positions of eminence and authority in our government. However, we have never been able to match the numerical representation and power exercised by the 13 known Masons who

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John A. Solimena	7/7/1966	Peter Rockefeller Carpenter	9/5/1960	Jeffrey Charles Takoushian	9/21/1999
Alan Scott Dye	7/26/1972	Benjamin Otis Marney	9/24/1964	Jeffrey Vilas Morris	9/28/2000
Michael Gordon Milmine	7/30/1981	Richard Irving Peterson	9/24/1965	David Allen Deere	9/11/2003
John Anthony Poth	7/22/1989	Edward Thomas Hartnett	9/28/1967	Kevin Gerard O'Grady	9/30/2004
Marquez P Pope	7/7/2005	Anthony Peter Seminora Jr	9/26/1968	Eric Arthur Christianson	9/22/2005
Timothy Edwin Lacy	7/5/2007	Carl Frederick Eschenbrenner	9/21/1972	Victor Romulo Cuzma	9/27/2007
Alexander Bryan Reece	7/7/2011	Truett George Craft	9/28/1972	Robert Curtis Hills	9/11/2008
James Marion Grissom	8/29/1960	James Garbett Miller	9/27/1973	Charles Alberto Castaneda	9/10/2009
James Arland Osman Jr	8/21/1969	Fred William Moore Jr	9/26/1974	Barlas Demirciler	9/8/2011
Joseph Andrew Decker	8/30/2007	Nanik Chandiramani	9/15/1975	John Wayne Jacoby	9/8/2011
John William Steele	8/30/2007	Oliver James Horton Jr	9/25/1975	Carlos Manuel Silva	9/13/2012
Paul Lancaster Davenport	8/2/2012	Mark Tracy Messerly	9/25/1975	Taylor Michael McMullen	9/11/2014
Robert Francis Gruler Jr	8/2/2012	Bernard Louis Young	9/25/1975	Kenneth Richard Von Hopf	9/11/2014
Eric Charles Marble	8/9/2012	Joseph David Barksdale	9/28/1983	Craig Steven Barnes	9/10/2015
William Roscoe Bryant Jr	8/3/2013	James Eli Lewis	9/17/1998	Dashmesh Singh Khalsa	9/10/2015
Chanchhaya Tan	8/3/2013	Dennis Joseph Tucker	9/19/1999	Charles William Parker	9/15/2016

signed the Constitution – 13 out of a total of 39 signers.

Documents and plans for government as masterfully drafted as our Constitution, however, do not make government; they only make government possible. Governments are made by people, people who are not limited to consideration of the monetary problems of the present but, instead, look to the heritage and tradition of the past and to the unlimited frontiers of the future.

These people see the American Eagle, not as a scavenger and eater of carrion, but as a soaring symbol of the ideals of those who founded our country. Free governments are made by people who have the imagination to recognize the glory of the development of a nation, who have full knowledge of their rights as individuals and are ready and willing to devise effective means for the preservation of those rights.

If we as Masons want to assert greater prominence in the governance of our nation, we must first become knowledgeable. Good Masons are informed and responsible citizens who know the issues and are willing to stand up and make themselves heard on matters in accord with the proven principles of our Craft. Good Masons lead the people in exercising our right to vote on candidates and issues. But the key word is "knowledgeable." We need first to educate our youth and our candidates in terms of intellectual rights, individual and civic responsibilities, and moral conduct. We must make Masons in fact rather than Masons in name.

Our Brotherhood has the potential for wielding a great deal of power in our local and national affairs. To do so, we must also make ourselves known and respected among the people. We must let the public know the principles for which we stand and become attractively visible in our communities.

Our nation today needs the active support and participation of every Mason as it did when our Constitution was formed. While we can never hope to achieve the epoch-making accomplishments of our Brethren in George Washington's time, we must maintain the work which they accomplished. We must remember, too, that in honoring these Founding Fathers, we are truly honoring their adherence to their Masonic ideals and their dedication and zeal.

Today we need to revitalize those ideals and help America return to a new dedication. Many of our people have lost perspective and are viewing this era in terms of a leisure ethic rather a work ethic; they are looking to government for solutions to all their problems rather than depending upon their own convictions and abilities. We are experiencing a decline in respect for law, for morality, for quality,

even for truth as a guide to our actions. We are threatened both from without and from within, and once again it becomes the obligation of Masonry to take up our working tools and construct a bulwark of defense that will stand against any adversary.

The solution is within our grasp. We have the knowledge and the materials to shape the future of our Fraternity and to influence the future of the nation and of the world. The way we use our capabilities will determine our destiny. Masonry has always dedicated its efforts toward taking good men – one at a time – and making them better men. Then in periods of distress and social upheaval, these good men, imbued with the philosophy of our Craft, have stepped forward to lead the world back to the concept of liberty and justice. The founders of our country were that sort of men. George Washington, the Father of our Country, was one, as were a great many of those who stood with him when this nation had its precarious birth.

All of us are Masons, and thousands of our government leaders are Masons. If we have truly accepted our Masonic education and our Masonic obligations, we have only to unite our thoughts and actions to create a resurgence of those virtues on which our nation was founded.

We need to apply our working tools in our collective pursuit of excellence to meet the problems that lie ahead and to be certain that moral virtue will prevail.

Never in the history of mankind is the inculcation and implementation of the principles and ideals of Masonry so important, and yet apathy, indifference, and complacency are common even within our own ranks. If Masonry is to continue to exist and to be effective, we must relinquish passive principles and become an aggressive vital force to this nation and among its people. Masonry, by its very origin, has no choice. It must be a living, breathing force. Masonry must act through a body of idealistic men applying Masonic principles to a way of life and bringing about the accomplishment of its goals. We must have Masons who will match in fortitude and courage those who faced the rack of the inquisition and the bitter cold of Valley Forge; Masons who are alert and faithful to their convictions and who are ready to struggle to win liberty again in each generation.

We owe this to our country; we owe this to our people and our way of life; we owe it to ourselves; and particularly, we owe it to the leaders of tomorrow. Let us reawaken the sleeping giant – the greatest force for mankind ever conceived in the minds of men. Let us, too, stand up and be counted

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**\*\* September Calendar of Events \*\***

Sept. 5 Trustee Meeting  
 Sept. 6 Stated meeting and Steak Dinner  
 Sept. 13 Fellowship Dinner and 3rd Degree  
 Sept. 20 Fellowship Dinner and 2nd Degree  
 Sept. 27 Fellowship Dinner and 1st Degree  
**Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Lodge Picnic Sunday November 18th**  
 McCormick-Stillman park , more details to  
 follow.

**\*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.

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