

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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**Fall activities are in full swing, come on down and enjoy the fellowship**



### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brothers,

The Lodge is back in full swing after our summer break. September was a great month. We made no less than six Fellowcrafts and one Entered Apprentice. You read that right, we made six Fellowcrafts!

For October, we are on track to make six Master Masons, one Fellowcraft, and four Entered Apprentices. I am very pleased that we have many fine men joining our fraternity and our Lodge.



Starting last month, our future Pedestal Officers began to take turns sitting in the East to obtain their proficiencies. It has been a great joy for me to watch these Brothers work toward their advancement and prepare for the next step in their personal Masonic journeys. Please come give them support, see who's sitting in the East, and see who's doing the various parts of the ritual. And, while you're here, be sure to introduce yourself to the candidates.

Coming up, we will have elections at the November Stated meeting, and our annual picnic will be held on November 18, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. I hope you will come and join us at Lodge for good food, good fellowship, and to see how next year's Officer team is shaping up.

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

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Scottsdale Lodge is blessed every week with a recognizable number of men interested in Masonry. I am filled with positive energy thinking about the future of this lodge. I am seeing these fine men

come through the friend to friend program and become active members of the lodge. We are growing, albeit slowly. I am aware, to quote Most Worshipful James May, that "this is not your fathers lodge". He gave a presentation a few years back at a Table Lodge at Arizona #2 that Oldsmobile used the tag line "not your father's Oldsmobile" and look what it got them. Oldsmobile did not differentiate their cars enough from the other General Motors vehicles to be "relevant" and Oldsmobile is no longer. He made the point that our ritual differentiates us from other organizations.

I would like to see Scottsdale Lodge become "relevant" to the community and our brothers. Brother Wil Wilkins is working on a project with the San Francisco Giants that will make Scottsdale Lodge relevant this Spring. More to come on this. I am excited.

If we are to restore Masonry to its former position of respect and relevance in society it will come through hard work, good public relations, and offering something to the community.

It is time to make Scottsdale Lodge relevant to the members as well. Make it a place of socialization. I invite you to come out for some of the fun Friday events we are hosting at the lodge. Pay attention to the weekly blasts from the Secretary and bring your spouse and your friends.

**Fraternally,  
Bandon Valentine PM  
Senior Warden**



**GREETINGS**

**FROM THE SOUTH**

This month I felt it was important to discuss the meaning of brotherhood. Brotherhood means something different to each of us. Recently, I was approached by a brother regarding the mysterious dent on the trunk of my car. He said that he had found a possible replacement part for the trunk lid and gave me the contact information. Unfortunately, it was not the correct part, however, the unsolicited assistance was definitely appreciated. He actually started looking for the part before he was raised and just a few weeks later we raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason. You may have noticed I did not mention this brother's name. When a brother reaches out to help another brother it is not for accolades or other selfish reasons, it is a pure act out of kindness and brotherly love. In this case, I am going to mention this wonderful brother by name due to his recent passing. Brother Eric Holsclaw, was an amazing man even before becoming a mason. He will be missed dearly. I encourage each and every brother to reach out to another, whether it be a quick hello on the phone or meet for coffee it can and will make a difference.



**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff,  
Junior Warden**

*Brethren, we received the following email from one of our long lost Past Masters. I thought, what better way to send greetings back to him then to let him say hello to all of you. Enjoy.*

**Curt Hills - WM**

Greetings Brothers,

I finally received my surgery date for a total hip replacement. Oct 22, 2018. I cannot wait.

Living here in North Carolina is really great, should have done this 10 years ago.

I have been following Scottsdale #43 on the internet, Very interesting articles.

Well, after January 1, 2019, I will be a member of Scottsdale #43 55 years. I am fortunate to be "part of a vast Brotherhood Of Wonderful Brothers. To make The World a Better Place." May GOD bless all my Masonic Brothers.

Fraternally,

**Ronnie Robinson PM 1974**

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**From the Tyler**

**LEADERSHIP**

He who would, or even could, define leadership, is still waiting to be found. A leader could be anointed, appointed, elected, or selected, but leading starts by being lead, learning, and succeeding. You learn by example, and succeed by application.

There are varying degrees of leadership depending on the leader's ability, the size of the following and it's willingness to do so. Leaders may have superiors, and have the knowledge the leader knows the routes to follow, but his boss has the steering wheel. We have heard one must lead, follow, or get out of the way. Harsh, but reflective of reality.

The path to leadership is self driven, and self discipline makes it possible. The leader is often one who gets the job done because he is a graduate of the small ones. What people may think of a leader often brings thought and debate. How a leader cares for his followers is his character.

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland PM  
Tyler**

**Brothers! If you haven't received any Lodge mail lately,  
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<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,  
**Tom LaFountain,**  
 Secretary

A Brother Traveled to the Celestial Lodge Above



**Brother Eric Avery Holsclaw**

Born: March 7, 1968.

Died: September 9, 2018.

Raised in Scottsdale #43 on February 22, 2018.



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**Junior Deacon**

“You cannot defeat darkness by running from it, nor can you conquer your inner demons by hiding them from the world. In order to defeat the darkness, you must bring it into the Light.” - Seth Adam Smith

Many of you know I had my neck rebuilt 1 year ago. This has not been an easy thing and the difficulties that have accompanied the trek have been arduous. There have been many-many moments of terrible darkness. For instance, I am a classically trained vocalist. My voice and its use has been my catharsis through my darkest moments in life. This (the second of two invasive surgical procedures on my neck) has altered my abilities with my voice and most importantly my singing voice. This has been a very difficulty reality for me to accept. However, just as naming our own ignorance is the first step in our education, or naming our responsibility is the first to recovery, I have had to accept that there has actually been a distinct change and some damage that I will have to work through. Over the past four months I have finally been able to admit to myself that living in denial about this thing - is a lie! This has recently made me reflect on my own demons and how often in my life I have allowed them to hold sway over me.

Most of us, I presume know Plato’s Allegory of the Cave from his great work the Republic and can draw many parallels between particular aspects of our ceremonies. Still, I know there are those brothers who have never been introduced to the story.

As with much of his writing, Plato is relaying a story as taught by his mentor - Socrates. He relates that Socrates asks another student to imagine a cave. Within the cave we find an interesting scene consisting of a number of restrained persons. As they have remained restricted to the cave for the entirety of their lives, the primary form of entertainment and education had become a veritable show of shadows (made by the glow of a fire-pit) on the far wall of the cavern. Ultimately, this display of interesting amorphous shapes and interactions convinced these virtual prisoners that this perception, with which they had been provided, was the whole of the world that could be experienced. They further fleshed out this reality by naming the various shapes and their particular dances in the man-made light.

Until one day a single member of the little society found himself able to wriggle free of his bonds and curiously explored the cavern, as it continued upward, upward and away from the fire and his friends. As he pursued his course, his eyes began to harshly adjust, as the darkness began to diminish and he found himself at the precipice of an entirely new world, nay - a new reality!

His vision swam as he tipped his head upward to gaze at the fire that he could not see behind or around. The floor of this place was very different than the floor of the cave; it had places of softness and places of hardness, places with many tiny pebbles, and places that looked like the cave, except... turned inside-out. He was mesmerized by the brilliant little cup-shapes that decorated some of the soft areas on the floor. He saw many large things with rough texture on their sides where they protruded from the floor and arms that seemed to sway and wiggle of their own accord. Then he realized that they did not, but rather were moving with the same tempo as some unknown force he could feel on his face, as if an infinitely large friend were relentlessly blowing at him.

There were many-many more discoveries, he made that day. In his excitement, he raced back to the mouth of the cave, clambered back down and into the vault that held his friends and family. In all his efforts to share his findings with his loved ones though, his prattle was received as verging on hysteria and seemed little more than the ravings of a madman.

This allegory is vast and has many layers from which we can gain wisdom. However, as we apply these ideas to our own lives and finely examine the experience in order to find the parallels, it becomes all too clear that we ourselves are often like the prisoners in the cave - unable to see the Truth of our circumstances. Furthermore, even when someone we love and trust brings us their understanding of the thing and tries to the depths of their ability to help our understanding, we are still unable to grasp the actuality. Until, that fateful day that we are duly and truly prepared to make a journey through darkness toward the Light, that we might behold the form and glory and grandeur of the Truth. It is a bold thing to wander in a cave, away from the fire, grasping blindly for a path. It is an even bolder thing to walk squarely into something wholly unfamiliar. I know, I for one...want nothing more than to experience and learn and ultimately find the beautiful Truth! Brethren, harass your restraints, make them weary and brittle and dare with me...Let us BOLDLY seek Truth, regardless of its resemblance to what we have held to, previously.

**Fraternally,  
Brother Michael Trumbull  
Junior Deacon**

**From the Senior Deacon**

Brethren,

When we initially start our journey on our Masonic road, we are encouraged to seek and welcome the light. As a newer Mason, I am still overwhelmed with all the terms, nomenclature, modes of recognition etc. For example, light. What does this mean? Well, one thing I have learned about our Fraternity is that things can and often times do have many different meanings. I have come to learn that “Light”, most times, refers to wisdom, knowledge or information.

As we continue to welcome further light, we are presented with centuries of literature to investigate, decipher, interpret and try to digest in a way that resonates with us. Masonry is a very individualistic experience; one Brother may interpret a volume of Masonic education completely different than another Brother. This is what makes Our Order wonderful. From the different experiences we individually have, we can share these insights and experiences with other Brothers and create the opportunity to grow in ways we never realized we could. This I believe is the true essence and spirit of Masonry, and thus the reason why Masonry has always been and always will be relevant for millennia to come.

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



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Scottsdale Lodge #43 Annual  
Family and Friends Picnic

November 18, 2018 from 11:00am -  
4:00pm

At

McCormick Railroad Park  
(Indian Bend and Scottsdale Rd)

We'll be in the Fenstermacher Ramada in  
the Northeast corner of the park.

Food, Drinks and all the trimmings pro-  
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Looking back to our 2012 Picnic.

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# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

## October Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

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Robert James Gray Jr	10/18/1956	Scott Burton Stemen	10/22/1986	Rashawn Roberto Edwards	10/14/2010
Donald R. Yerger	10/27/1958	Carlos Rausch	10/25/1988	Christopher Kermit Johnson	10/14/2010
William Thomas Gesswein	10/27/1960	Michael Dennis Strauber	10/18/1990	Chad Robert Wolahan	10/13/2011
Robert Hunt Duckworth	10/24/1963	Carl Bailey Warren	10/29/1992	Dennis Gardner Agapito Ira	10/11/2012
David Keith Griffiths	10/31/1963	Loren Burrell Smith	10/12/1995	Kurt Alan Stancl	10/11/2012
Harvey Bennett Friedman	10/20/1964	Larry Ray Marshbanks	10/24/1996	Christopher Dohn Gomez Titular	10/11/2012
Russell Wade Warren	10/27/1966	Christopher Everette Mumfrey	10/30/1997	Michael Scott Dryden	10/18/2012
John Frederick Herchet	10/25/1968	Blake Tyler Davis	10/15/1998	Jonathan Martin Beffel	10/3/2013
Michael Wayne Lempke	10/30/1968	Dennis Gerald Senst	10/25/2001	Robert Gerald Beer	10/26/2013
Frank M Hoak III	10/28/1969	Marc Charles Gross	10/12/2002	William Judson Duke III	10/9/2014
Marvin Alfred Bellefeuille	10/24/1974	Richard John Shields	10/24/2002	Peter Frederick Yauch	10/9/2014
Edward Thomas Fridlund	10/30/1975	Leo E Bourrian	10/27/2005	Steven Brian Bonanno	10/15/2015
James Edward Watt Jr	10/17/1978	Jasper Sheridan Nichols Sr	10/26/2006	Napoleon Rennald Leyesa	10/15/2015
David L Knox	10/18/1978	Prescott Raymond Smith	10/26/2006	William Frank Wilkins	10/15/2015
Richard Charles Hunsinger	10/23/1980	Joseph Carlyle Brown Jr	10/25/2007	Scott Allen Smith	10/31/2015
Walter Breck King	10/29/1981	Brian Alexander Oliver	10/9/2008	Steven Joseph Lueder	10/13/2016
Jesse Bishop Lee	10/28/1982	Merle Levy Clark Anderson	10/8/2009	Eddie Boquilla	10/12/2017
William Raymond Steele	10/10/1984	Larry Lynn Frank	10/8/2009	Christian Paul Burns	10/12/2017



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

### FROM EASTERN STAR

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**





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## **\*\* October Calendar of Events \*\***

- Oct. 3 Trustee Meeting
  - Oct. 4 Stated meeting and Steak Dinner
  - Oct. 11 Fellowship Dinner and 3rd Degree
  - Oct. 18 Fellowship Dinner and 2nd Degree
  - Oct. 25 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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**The 2018 Dues are now past due.**  
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## **MEETING PLACE**

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge,  
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**Stated Meeting:** The first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, except July and August.

Dinner at 6:00pm.

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