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Remember your Sweetheart this Valentines Day February 14th

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East brethren. I am pleased to report that the lodge is doing well.

In January we awarded brother Al Gilbert with his 60 year pin and apron.



Brothers Stan Sparrow and John Favara repaired the front door. It now closes with precision and nicety that resembles the work of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

The Trustees approved the purchase of new paraphernalia. Come out this month to see the new costumes for the second section of the Master Mason Degree.

Last month we donated three bikes to Tonalea Elementary and two bikes to Echo Canyon Elementary and that program is going well. Thank you Wil Wilkins.

February 14th we will host the Widows Night Gala with an Italian Dinner and dancing with entertainment from The Party Favers. I hope to see you and your dates for a fun evening.

The raffle for the AR-15 is going slow and anyone wishing to buy a ticket please see me or contact the secretary. The proceeds from this raffle are going to supplement the cost of brothers going to Tucson for the Grand Communication.

Keep a watchful eye for details in the Blasts on a lodge Spring League baseball game on 3/13/019.

Brandon Valentine
Worshipful Master 2019
Scottsdale Lodge #43

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Have you ever heard the expression, take the rearview mirror off the windshield? This simple sounding suggestion has far-reaching meaning as we often reminisce about our past triumphs, mistakes, good times and bad we must also remember to look forward. I know this sounds simple maybe even elementary, however, in practice it can prove to be a challenge.



While we now reach the beginning of our calendar year we are also in the middle of our winter season. It is the time to close the chapter on last year and look forward to a spring of prosperity and health.

I have lived in Arizona for half of my life and even now, I marvel at the beautiful mountains and vistas. The mountains represent a past that began millions of years ago and continues awe and inspire people today and in the future.

Remember to look around and take the proverbial breathe of fresh air, smell the roses.

Fraternally,
Bradley Manhoff
Senior Warden



GREETINGS

FROM THE SOUTH



As we approach the birthday of our most esteemed Worshipful Brother and Father of our Country, we as officers have been discussing the value of looking back to the words, deeds, and sacrifices that those who came before us provided in order that we may have that which we do, today. In that spirit, I would like to share with you some words of one of my ancestors - a Mason and a forefather of this nation, in a letter written to congratulate and bolster his brother as they all faced a secular tumult of the ages, a change in human history of the gravest consequent.

Lebanon [Conn.] 13th July 1775

"Sir,

Suffer me to join in Congratulating you, on your appointment to be General and Commander in Chief of the Troops raised or to be raised for the Defense of American Liberty.

Men who have tasted of Freedom, and who have felt their personal Rights, are not easily taught to bear with encroachments on either, or brought to submit to oppression. Virtue ought always to be made the Object of Government: Justice is firm and permanent.

His Majesty's Ministers have artfully induced the Parliament to join in their Measures, to prosecute the dangerous and increasing Difference between Great Britain and these Colonies with Rigor and Military Force: whereby the latter are driven to an absolute necessity to defend their Rights and Properties by raising Forces for their Security.

The Honorable Congress have proclaimed a Fast to be Observed by the Inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this Continent, to stand before the Lord in one Day, with public Humiliation; Fasting and Prayer, to deplore our many sins, to offer up our joint supplications to God, for forgiveness, and for His merciful Interposition for us in this Day of unnatural Darkness and Distress.1

They have with one united voice appointed you to the high station you possess—The supreme Director of all Events hath caused a wonderful Union of Hearts and

Counsels to subsist amongst Us.

Now therefore be strong and very courageous, may the God of the Armies of Israel, shower down the blessings of His Divine Providence on You, give you Wisdom and Fortitude, cover your Head in the Day of Battle and Danger, add Success—convince our Enemies of their mistaken measures—and that all their attempts to deprive these Colonies of their inestimable constitutional Rights and Liberties are injurious and Vain.

I am, with great Esteem & Regard Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant,

Jonth. Trumbull"

The man who wrote this, was very well experienced in his various crafts, particularly those of statecraft. This was not some sycophant, licking at the boots of the new General. He was, at the time of writing, the 28th Governor of Connecticut and incidentally, the only Governor the American people re-elected to the position, under the newly won independence. I consider the deference and respect with which the above letter is written, and realize we can learn much from the etiquette of the past.

I am so very grateful for those whom have trod the path ahead of me. It is through their examples, good or ill, that I am guided in the decisions of my manhood.

**Fraternally,
Michael Trumbull,
Junior Warden**

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From the Editor

TODAY WE SAILED WESTWARD

Often we have heard the story of how Columbus, despite the mutterings of his crew, kept his little white-winged fleet sailing onward over an apparently boundless and endless sea. He had failed miserably in his calculations of the distance around the earth, the distance to be traveled in achieving his dream. It was fortunate for him that land impeded his way to the great pacific, of which he knew nothing. His little ships never would have completed the longer journey; and we learn that land was sighted only a few hours before the time set down by agreement with the muttering crew for turning back.

One would expect Columbus to have set down in his log the daily progress of the little band of Argonauts seeking the golden treasures of the East; but in at least the final days of the adventure the only entry was, "Today we sailed westward."

That was all: "Today we sailed westward."

Many Freemasons become discouraged because the Fraternity seems not to be reaching its goal, or because it does not set sail for goals for which many believe it should strive.

Yet we really have more reason to feel hopeful than did Columbus, who had an unwilling crew and no chance to reach the goal at which he aimed.

Those who really man the ships of Freemasonry are not an unwilling crew. They gladly remain at their posts. They are certain there are spiritual rewards awaiting the programs which they promote. That is not a rainbow in the distance that recedes as we approach. It is the solid land of achievement that appears.

"Today we sail westward," but "Eastward toward the Light" might be a better way of expressing it for a Freemason.

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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.
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From the Organist

KINDNESS

Kindness shows itself in many ways. It exists to fill a need which is not easily noticed. It may come from a sad situation, and recognized as pity. Often it is offered simply to give cheer and friendship. Always it is a beneficial and an admirable thing to do. No act of kindness is a small thing, and it has been said that kindness is a universal language that the deaf can hear, and the blind can see.

It is never too soon to offer kindness, for it loses its value if it happens too late. One's own worth grows with the kindness shown to others. Compare random kindness to a tree that was planted, not for the gain it will produce, but how it flourishes and heals for you.

Kindness is ethereal, not substantial or definable. It portrays a character asset, definable and silent.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM
Organist**

Masons and the War of Independence

The idea of an American Revolution manufactured by an underground group of influential men.

From the first public recognition of Masonry in 1717, Masons promoted "The Enlightenment" and the ideas of reason as the primary source of authority, liberty, tolerance, fraternity, constitutional government and separation of church and state. That the Masons were not instrumental in the American Revolution is postposterous.

Bernard Fay, a French historian who exposed Masons to the Nazis in occupied France during WWII made claims that Freemasonry led to the 18th century revolutionary movements in France and America. The revolutionary ideals of equality, freedom, and democracy were espoused by the Masonic fraternity long before the American colonies began to complain about the injustices of British taxation. The ideals expressed in the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the writings of Thomas Paine, were ideals that had come to fruition over a century before in the early speculative lodges of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, where men sat as equals, governed themselves by a Constitution, and elected their own leaders from their midst. In many ways, the self-governing Masonic lodges of the previous centuries had been learning laboratories for the concept of self-government.

Sydney Morse, a renowned 19th century journalist wrote, about Revolutionary America that "Masonry brought together in secret and trustful conference the patriot leaders" who led their country in a "fight for freedom" they sank the revenue schooner *Gaspee* in 1771 (*HMS Gaspee* was a British customs schooner that had been enforcing the Navigation Acts. It ran aground in shallow water while chasing the packet ship *Hannah*. A group of men led by Mason brother Abraham Whipple and John Brown attacked, boarded, and torched the ship.); they (The Sons of Liberty from St. Andrews Lodge above the Copper Dragon Tavern) orchestrated the Boston Tea Party a year and a half later. Dressed as Indians, (or perhaps "ruffians" and "Fellowcrafts") They boarded the ships and threw the chests of tea into the Boston Harbor. The British government responded harshly and the episode escalated into the American Revolution.); and they dominated committees of correspondence, committees of safety, provincial conventions, and the Continental Congress.

Sidney Morse, also wrote "Washington, according to LaFayette, it is said, never willingly gave independent command to officers who were not Freemasons (There were 81 general officers in the Continental Army, and 33—or 41%—of them were Freemasons). In such a critical environment Washington could trust completely his brothers of Masonry not to betray him. It broke his heart when Benedict Arnold almost turned over West Point.

The ideals of Freemasonry influenced the people to revolt from England and brothers working together accomplished creating this great experiment called the United States of America.

**Brandon Valentine,
Worship Master
Scottsdale #43**

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Is there any resemblance?

Troop Supplies are On Their Way

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for our troops as part of our holiday celebrations. As a lodge, we collected 130 pounds of goods and \$230 in cash. We also wrote 65 thank you notes. In early January, a group gathered to sort and package the items, complete the needed customs forms, and get the boxes on their way. We also tucked several of the thank you notes into each box. Thank you to Bob & Bert Beer, Clynton Tupas, Frank Serrentino, and Steve & Jolynn Clarke for getting all of this done. The boxes were sent to members of Unit 158, Arizona National Guard deployed in Afghanistan. The lodge was connected to this unit through brother Eddie Boquilla. The boxes should be delivered in the next 2-3 weeks. Again, thank you to everyone who made this project a success.

The 2019 Officers of Scottsdale Lodge #43



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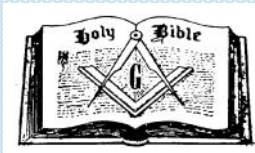
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February Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Robert Dale Tarr	2/18/1956	Richard Gaylen Honneywell	2/26/1976	Thomas Alan Minor	2/21/2002
James Clarence Hedberg	2/28/1963	James Harris Meredith	2/24/1977	Edward Vincent Garcia	2/18/2003
Ronald Milton Robinson	2/27/1964	Roger A. Luedeman	2/3/1983	Christopher Martie McDaniel III	2/20/2003
Gary Fremont Underhill	2/20/1967	Robert Abel Elsner, PM	2/27/1986	Erik Richard Mindermann	2/20/2003
Thomas Lee Asbury	2/26/1970	Dennis Leslie Reynolds	2/25/1988	Kyle Andrew Larkin	2/17/2005
Gerald Harris Lankin	2/26/1970	Henry William Johnson	2/23/1989	Peter Mathern	2/22/2007
Roy Eugene Sansom	2/25/1971	Jeffrey Otis Amstutz	2/9/1995	James Farrell McClelland II	2/28/2007
Henry Arthur Wilson Jr PGM	2/18/1972	David Richard Schafnit PM	2/19/1998	Adam Daniel Arena	2/28/2008
John Scott Brower	2/29/1972	Francis Arthur Shanley	2/19/1998	Steven Paul LaBell	2/28/2008
Gregory Clayton Hein	2/22/1973	Ross Gerard Suozzi	2/18/1999	Scott Herbert Tracy PM	2/28/2008
George Craig Hutchinson	2/22/1973	Dirk Alan Johnson	2/17/2000	John Alexander Robinson	2/12/2009
Kenneth Joseph Jones	2/20/1974	Michael Wayne Bozarth	2/21/2002	Terrence David Mundy	2/11/2010
Troy Bennett Steckenrider	2/7/1976				

Brothers Traveled to the Celestial Lodge Above



Robert George Hopps Sr.

Born: 7/6/1943
EA: 1/8/1981
FC: 2/27/1981
MM: 3/26/1981
Died: 11/28/2018

Kenneth Jones

Born: 9/8/1947
EA: 12/12/1973
FC: 1/16/1974
MM: 2/20/1974
Died: 12/21/2018

Frank Hoak III

Born: 10/12/1937
EA: 6/5/1969
FC: 8/20/1969
MM: 10/28/1969
Died: 12/31/2018

From Eastern Star-

In the next few months, I will highlight some life lessons that Eastern Star teaches.

The first lesson is the story of the daughter, Adah, and father Jephthah. The reference to this story is biblical and is found in the book of Judges 11: 1 -40.

Their relationship is a lesson of integrity. Your word is your bond. In life, we need to learn how to be faithful to the promises we make which represent our personal reputation and our personal trustworthiness.

As members and leaders in our leadership and service organization, we make promises on a number of levels in the work we do together. We learn how to follow through on our commitments. We do not falter. We help each other to honor our word.

We work to build and maintain positive relationships. We learn to interact with each other as we apply these values in our lives. These lessons impact how we approach all of our relationships in this Order, in our family, in our workplace, in our community groups, and with our friends.

It teaches us to be faithful to all moral obligations and vows and loyal in all circumstances.

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





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

Thursday, Feb. 7 - Stated Meeting
 Thursday, Feb. 14 - Widows Night Ball
 Thursday, Feb. 21 - 2nd Degree
 Thursday, Feb. 28 - 1st or 3rd Degree TBD.

Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM

***CHECK THE LODGE WEB SITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE and DETAILS**
<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>

SAVE THE DATE

Mar. 9th Road Rally with BBQ
 Mar. 13th Spring League Baseball game 1:10pm
 Mar. 14th Military Degree
 April 12th Family & Friends Night—Wine & Cheese

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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