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Happy Thanksgiving

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brethren, I wish you well in this time of the year when the temperature cools off such that we enjoy the outdoors. Perhaps some of you made it out to participate in some of the outdoor degrees recently.

For having five Thursdays in October, the work in the lodge was light as brother Harold Knowlton entertained us with his presentation on 10/24/19, and we had the Halloween Party on 10/31/19.

November will be light for work as well. We will have elections at our Stated Meeting on 11/7/19. We will have a second degree on 11/14/19. The week of 11/18/19, by decree there will be no work to respect Arizona Schools week. So we will host the Essay Contest Awards Ceremony on 11/21/19. The annual lodge picnic will be Sunday 11/24/19, at McCormick Railroad Park. The 28th is Thanksgiving. I wish all of you a wonderful day with your family. And maybe the Detroit Lions might beat the Chicago Bears. The Lions have played every Thanksgiving since 1934.

Look for details in the blasts about the upcoming events.

Brandon Valentine
Worshipful Master 2019
Scottsdale Lodge #43

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Im my search this month for something interesting to present to the brethren. I decided to look at masonry from the newbie perspective and I said to myself where would I start researching the craft. When I first had interest in learning about masonry, I was emphatically told to stay away from the internet. Many potential candidates are not fortunate enough to have received such sage advice and that is what lead me to this months article. I thought to myself what a newbie do? Of course they are going to “insert search engine here” and find information.

Next, I decided to research “things you may not know about Freemasonry” and the 5th article listed was from [Britanica.com](#). Avoiding the news article (the first 4 results) this seemed a good place to start. This is an excerpt of what I found. I bring this to your attention for it is prudent to understand what is said about the craft and by whom. Having a potential candidate come in and ask about articles etc is common and In my opinion it is important to recognize what is stated or misstated by the public. Would you consider the following excerpt to be informative? Accurate? Helpful? Detrimental?

“**Freemasonry**, the teachings and practices of the secret fraternal (men-only) order of Free and Accepted Masons, the largest worldwide secret society. Spread by the advance of the [British Empire](#), Freemasonry remains most popular in the [British Isles](#) and in other countries originally within the empire. Estimates of the worldwide membership of Freemasonry in the early 21st century ranged from about two million to more than six million.

Freemasonry evolved from the [guilds](#) of stonemasons and cathedral builders of the [Middle Ages](#). With the decline of cathedral building, some lodges of operative (working) masons began to accept honorary members to [bolster](#) their declining membership. From a few of these lodges developed modern symbolic or speculative Freemasonry, which particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries adopted the rites and trappings of ancient religious orders and of chivalric brotherhoods. In 1717 the first Grand Lodge, an association of lodges, was founded in [England](#).

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Freemasonry has, almost from its inception, encountered considerable opposition from organized religion, especially from the Roman Catholic Church, and from various states. Freemasonry is not a Christian institution, though it has often been mistaken for such. Freemasonry contains many of the elements of a religion; its teachings enjoin morality, charity, and obedience to the law of the land. In most traditions, the applicant for admission is required to be an adult male, and all applicants must also believe in the existence of a Supreme Being and in the immortality of the soul. In practice, some lodges have been charged with prejudice against Jews, Catholics, and nonwhites. Generally, Freemasonry in Latin countries has attracted those who question religious dogma or who oppose the clergy (see ant clericalism), whereas in the Anglo-Saxon countries the membership is drawn largely from among white Protestants. The modern French tradition, founded in the 19th century and known as Co-Freemasonry or Le Droit Humain, admits both women and men.”

**Fraternally,
Bradley Manhoff,
Senior Warden**



From the South

A different take on Halloween or as the Gaelic Pagans knew it, Samhain

Samhain is a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the "darker half" of the year. Traditionally, it is celebrated from 31 October to 1 November, as the Celtic day began and ended at sunset.



Halloween or Samhain falls on October 31st and is when the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead is believed to be the thinnest. Samhain is all about celebrating the cycle of death and rebirth. In the northern hemisphere, the leaves are dying and nature is preparing for the still of winter. Just the same, in the southern hemisphere, the dormant buds are preparing to rebirth themselves and open to the start of summer. Death and rebirth is an important cycle that is seen in nature constantly, and it's also something that is mirrored within us. We are always going through our own process of shedding, releasing and rebirthing ourselves as we travel along the journey of life. Samhain is a time to honor the "deaths" that we have all experienced throughout the year. It is a time to make peace with all the things we have needed to let go of and to celebrate the cycle of the new.

In Pagan times, Samhain was celebrated as soon as the clock ticked over to November 1st, as it was believed on 1/11 spiritual activity was at its highest. One of the reasons that spiritual activity is so high on this night is due to the vibrations of the date 111. If you look at each number 1 as a pillar, you can see that the middle pillar represents the veil

and "being stuck" between the two worlds. The veil between the living and the dead is also said to be thinnest due to the Sun's position in the deep and intuitive sign of Scorpio. Scorpio energy is all about transformation and honoring the cycles of death and rebirth, but it also rules over the paranormal and our connection to other dimensions and portals.

Going back to the symbolism of the three pillars (111), the darkness that falls between October 31st and November 1st, allows us and other beings to travel between dimensions. This is where the tradition of the jack-o-lanterns and dressing up in costumes arose- people did it to protect themselves from any wandering spirits who could bring them harm. Even though a portal is unlocked at this time of year, Halloween is really a celebration of Mother Nature and the ever evolving energies that live around us and through us. As you know, energy cannot be destroyed instead, it simply shifts from one form to another, and that is exactly what we are called to honor during this sacred time.

In pagan times, important rituals were conducted on Samhain to celebrate death, the gods, the spirits and to understand the connectedness of all beings and creatures in this Universe. Halloween is not a night to be feared however. It is a time to give just a little extra thought to the fact that we are spiritual beings that never die. Instead, we live on in different forms and in different ways. We continually recreate ourselves through the cycles of life. Whatever "deaths" you have experienced this year whether it be death of ideas, loved ones, attitudes, relationships, dreams and so on, Halloween is the perfect time to honor the shift and to honor the new energy that will now be welcomed into your life. Halloween is also a great time to celebrate and remember loved ones who have crossed over. You can do this by lighting a candle, leaving out their favorite food or simply saying a prayer or blessing. October 31st-November 1st is also a powerful time for strengthening your intuition and connection to the Divine, eternal flame within.

**Fraternally,
Jonathan D'Emilio
Junior Warden**

**The Human brain
is an amazing
organ. It
functions
24 hours a day
from the day we
are born and only
stops when we
are performing
ritual**



From the Organist

EDUCATION

Education is the road to the future, the bridge over the gaps of time, the passport of entry to what's to come. Those who prepare today, build the future, inhabit the future, and govern the future. Preparation is education, knowing the past, seeing the needs, eliminating doubt.

Recognition of these ingredients and finding more, is a constant process. Education itself is an open container with no limitations. We learn from successes, learning even more from failures. Recognize the value of persistence, as education is wasted unless realized as the core value. The firm foundation of useful education is that of persistence and determination. Our future well could be populated with a corps of educated derelicts. Use it, or lose it.

Education has been described as a function to teach us to think with intensity, and to think critically, have intelligence and proper character, having this the goal of well functioning education. Knowledge is power, education is the premise of progress. Aristotle said "The educated mind demonstrates the ability to entertain a thought without accepting it".

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland, PM
Organist**

BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE

CALL IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO LODGE

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 the secretary Tom LaFountain @ 480-544-7052 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.


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Brothers Traveled to the Celestial Lodge Above

Richard Loomis Born 8/24/47 Died 8/23/19
Initiated 6/13/91; Passed 10/31/91; Raised 4/9/92.

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NEW Facebook Group

Brothers, If you haven't seen this new Facebook Group to find Masonic Brothers' business and services or just to sell something, look it up and join in.



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Phoenix Body of the Scottish Rite -

Knights of St. Andrew

The Knights of St. Andrew have teamed up with the Caledonian Society and the Daughters of Scotia to present the 56th Annual Phoenix Highland Games.

The Highland Games will take place at Steele Indian School Park on March 7th and 8th of 2020.

You don't have to be Scottish to attend our Games. We welcome everyone and hope you'll share with us about your cultural background too! Visit the Genealogy tent and trace your own family roots. There will be so much to see and do!

Artists will entertain throughout the day with their traditional and modern Scottish tunes. The wee lads & lassies area will entertain our younger visitors.

We will also showcase competitive highland dancing, pipe bands, heavy athletics, country dancing, historical re-enactments, vintage British car exhibitions and representatives of over 50 Clans

Dogs on leashes are OK, but please be prepared to clean up after your pet. However the adjacent Dog Park will be closed for the weekend.

We are looking for Masonic Volunteers (you don't have to belong to the Scottish Rite or the KSA) to work the Masonic Tents and the Kids play zone. Food and admission will be provided for all volunteers.

If you are interested in attending and volunteering please contact either Scott Tracy or Kenneth Von Hopf at Scottsdale Lodge 43.

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

*November Masonic Anniversaries
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Charles William Samsel Jr	11/25/1947	Edward Bandyk	11/5/1974	Lionel HayesUhlmann III	11/11/2004
Elmer LeRoy Gilbert	11/25/1958	Francis McClellan Hall	11/29/1979	Jerry Dennis Hardiman Jr	11/29/2007
David Leon Shapiro	11/26/1958	Jon Charles Shaw	11/6/1980	Vincent James Watson	11/29/2007
Daniel William Bish	11/15/1962	Ronald Dale Jackson	11/19/1981	Stephen Owen Clarke	11/14/2013
Robert Weldon Martin	11/26/1968	Alfred John Hagan	11/12/1987	Frank Vass	11/14/2013
Murray Michael Venus	11/27/1972	James Patrick Bradley	11/9/1992	Javier Adrian Keim	11/12/2015
Lynn Bowen, Sr.	11/29/1973	Michael John Ozee	11/11/2000	David James Earney	11/9/2017
WilliamGarfieldSolomon	11/29/1973	Anthony Joseph Darin	11/15/2000	Gregory Randall Gaskill	11/9/2017

*****Lodge Picnic is this Month*****

Scottsdale Lodge Family and Friends BBQ picnic will be Sunday November 24th at the McCormick Railroad Park in Scottsdale at Scottsdale Rd. & Indian Bend. Bring your family and friends for food games and a Bounce House (for kids only).



The lodge provides Hot Dogs, Brats, Burgers, Soft drinks and all the fixins. Please bring a side dish or desert to share.

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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**

November Calendar of Events **

- Wednesday November 6 - Trustee Meeting**
- Thursday November 7 - Stated Meeting**
- Thursday, November 14 - 2nd Degree**
- Thursday, November 21 - Essay Contest**
- Sunday, November 24 - Lodge Picnic ******
- Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving**

Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM

Watch for weekly email updates from the Secretary

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We appreciate your enthusiasm Brother Ketchum. But I don't think this is what the retention committee had in mind when they asked us to "bring 'em back to lodge".

MEETING PLACE

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43
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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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