

TRESTLEBOARD

Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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This Month We Celebrate the Holy Days of Passover and Easter

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

For those of you that attended this year's officer installation, you may have heard of my 2 4 2020 concept. If you were unable to attend, here is what I am



referring to. Last year at grand communication, I had the pleasure of meeting some brothers originally from back east. We shared stories about lodge and one brother told me about a plan they have as their lodge. He explained that their lodge had an unwritten rule about bringing qualified men into the craft. Their goal was to qualify 2 new men for the fraternity. One was designed to replace the brother and the other to grow the brotherhood. This is when I thought to adopt 2 4 2020 for my year as the goal.

Brothers I challenge you to add 2 new men to the craft this year. I am certain you know of several qualified men, whether you work with them or maybe even a family member.

Another important part of growing and maintaining the fraternity is the use of committees. As you may have seen, we have a list of available committees, their descriptions and chairmen. Please take the time to review the list and join one or more of the available options.

I encourage everyone to learn a part of the ritual, join a committee or make any type of contribution possible.

Bradley Manhoff

Worshipful Master 2020

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

This month I want to continue my dive into deep rooted traditions and their esoteric origins, and it being April, let's talk about Easter or should I say Ostara!



Easter is a festival and holiday celebrated by millions of people around the world who honor the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred three days after his crucifixion. It is also strangely enough, the day that children excitedly wait for the Easter bunny to arrive and deliver their treats of chocolate eggs. But how are there two stories connected, well yet again it derives from pagan roots. Eostar, Ishtar or Esther is the goddess of dawn and new beginnings. Easter was originally a celebration of Eostre, goddess of Spring, otherwise known as Ostara, Austra, and Eastre. One of the most revered aspects of Ostara for both ancient and modern observers is a spirit of renewal.

Celebrated at Spring Equinox on March 21, Ostara marks the day when light is equal to darkness, and will continue to grow. As the bringer of light after a long dark winter, the goddess was often depicted with the hare, an animal that represents the arrival of spring as well as the fertility of the season.

According to Jacob Grimm's Deutsche Mythologie, the idea of resurrection was ingrained within the celebration of Ostara: "Ostara, Eástre seems therefore to have been the divinity of the radiant dawn, of unspringing light, a spectacle that brings joy and blessing, whose meaning could be easily adapted by the resurrection-day of the Christian's God."

The most widely-practiced customs on Easter Sunday relate to the symbol of the rabbit ('Easter bunny') and the egg. The rabbit was a symbol associated with Eostre, representing the beginning of Springtime. Likewise, the egg has come to represent Spring, fertility and renewal. In Germanic mythology, it is said that Ostara healed a wounded bird she found in the woods by changing it into a hare. Still partially a bird, the hare showed its gratitude to the goddess by laying eggs as gifts.

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explains the pagan traditions associated with the egg: “The egg as a symbol of fertility and of renewed life goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians, who had also the custom of coloring and eating eggs during their spring festival.” In ancient Egypt, an egg symbolized the sun, while for the Babylonians, the egg represents the hatching of the Venus Ishtar, who fell from heaven to the Euphrates.

Regardless of the very ancient origins of the symbol of the egg, most people agree that nothing symbolizes renewal more perfectly than the egg – round, endless, and full of the promise of life.

While many of the pagan customs associated with the celebration of Spring were at one stage practiced alongside Christian Easter traditions, they eventually came to be absorbed within Christianity, as symbols of the resurrection of Jesus.

Happy Easter/Ostara everyone and never stop learning!

Fraternally,
Jonathan D’Emilio
Senior Warden



Editorial Opinion and Comments

Last month, I suggested that we all talk with our brothers about their lives past and present, outside of their lodge activities. We can learn a lot about each other that way. To expand on that, I suggest you also note the FB Group started by Bro Ken Von Hopf called On the Level. It’s a place to find or advertise your business or service to Brother Masons. Putting your trust in a Brother Mason who will treat your needs well, goes without saying.

If you want to “pay wages” to a brother that has helped you in some way, let me know and I can mention it in this column. If you have a misunderstanding, take it up with them personally, not here or bring it up to the WM.

Additionally, I would be happy to post any happy event you want to share with the Lodge through this column, like engagements, marriages, births, new jobs. Items of sickness and distress must be directed to the JW or WM and in their discretion, may be posted here from them.

Remember the Trestleboard is the best way for us to communicate with our brothers that may not always attend lodge. It is also available for you to submit articles of Masonic interest to our brothers, so don’t be shy. If there is a question of propriety I will ask the WM before including it.

Fraternally,
Fred LaBell 32°,
Trestleboard Editor

From the South

David Crockett was born in Greene County Tennessee on August 17, 1786, one of nine children of pioneer parents John and Rebecca (Hawkins) Crockett. Crockett married Mary (Polly) Finley August 14, 1806, and later had three children. After Polly died in 1815, Crockett married widow Elizabeth Patton. Elizabeth brought two children to the marriage, and Crockett and Elizabeth had three more together.



In 1813, a 27-year-old Crockett was among the thousands of Tennesseans who joined the state militia to fight against the “Red Sticks,” a faction of Creek Indians who had attacked American settlers at Fort Mims, Alabama. Crockett spent most of the Creek War working as a scout and wild game hunter, but he was also present when future president Andrew Jackson—then the commander of Tennessee’s militia—led his volunteers in the slaughter of some 200 Red Sticks at the Creek village of Tallushatchee. Crockett later served as a sergeant during Jackson’s War of 1812 campaign in Spanish Florida, but saw little action before his enlistment ended in 1815.

He lost a bid for Congress in 1825 and returned to the private sector. He ran for Congress again in 1827 and 1829 and won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, lost in 1830, won again in 1833. In 1830 Crockett alienated many of his constituents with his fierce opposition to President Andrew Jackson’s Indian Removal Act. Crockett’s feud with Jackson would eventually play a key role in his final election defeat in 1835, but by then he had grown bored in Washington and was often absent from his duties.

Shortly after losing his final bid for Congress in 1835, Crockett withdrew from politics and drifted west, famously telling his former constituents “you may all go to hell and I will go to Texas.”

With a few followers in tow, he left Tennessee that November and arrived in Texas the following January. His motivations for joining the Texas Revolution were complicated—he may have had an eye toward future political office—but only a few

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secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com

Brothers Working With Brothers

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.



Disclaimer: This is not run by Scottsdale Lodge #43

Lodge Office help Needed

Looking for a brother or brothers to be at lodge Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-2 for lodge hours. If we share the responsibility we can make it easy to have lodge open for "office hours".

BLUE ALERT FOR LOST BROTHERS
PLEASE HELP FIND MISSING BROTHERS!

Addresses and phone numbers are bad and we need your help locating the following brothers. We have tried finding them online on multiple sources with no luck.

- Marquez P. Pope
- Thomas Lee Asbury
- Cyrus Igonu
- Matthew Christopher Dunn
- Bernard Young
- George Edgar Johnson
- Joseph Andrew Decker
- Melvin Arthur
- Edward Russell Whitlow
- Michael Bozarth
- Christopher Erich Bergeron
- Rex Ward

Please call or email the lodge secretary with any information (480-946-1072 or secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com). Your help is greatly appreciated!

Passed to the Celestial Lodge

James Edward Hemmer, Sr. born 11/28/1937 in Chicago, Illinois.

Jim Hemmer, Sr. picked up the working tools of Freemasonry when he was **Initiated** an Entered Apprentice Mason, on **8/30/1973** at *Paul Revere Lodge #998, Chicago, Illinois*. He was **Passed** to the degree of Fellowcraft on **2/27/1975**, and he was **raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason** on **3/29/1975**. He was a member of *Scottsdale Lodge #43 (Ancient) Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona*. He laid down the working tools of life on **3/12/2020** in *Phoenix, Arizona*.

Brother Jim was a member of El Zaribah Shrine in Phoenix.



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EASTERN STAR

It is at this time of year when we celebrate the Jewish Holiday of Purim that I feel we should review the beautiful story of Esther. Esther is one of the heroines in our order of the Eastern Star. She was made a Persian queen from a choice of many beautiful virgins. At this time prior to Christianity, the Persian empire reached all the way from India to the Sudan.

She kept her own Jewish lineage secret from the king. One of the kings advisors convinced the king to kill all Jews in the entire Persian empire. Upon hearing this, Queen Esther approached the king under the penalty of death; and was able to reverse his cruel rule. There was much joy and feasting to celebrate her great courage.

Read the story in the book of Esther. It isn't very long and gives the reader a sense of going back in time; and also to recognize why we have Queen Esther as one of our heroines.



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

Bro. Joseph David Barksdale sent us this note:
Scottsdale lodge #43 will always be special to me . I raised my son in the lodge while my lifetime member dad Joseph Ezart Barksdale watched. We had 3 generations of members in Lodge#43 at one time . It was very special to us ..

Thank You & GOD Speed
Sincerely your brother
Joey Barksdale

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Have you checked this out?
We have a Lodge Facebook Group: search for:
Scottsdale Masonic Lodge

FROM THE LIBRARY

Scottsdale Lodge has a great asset in our library, but it is not being used. Brother Bruce Fisher has been working very hard for a number of years getting it to where it is now. Our job is to get the Brothers interested in using the library. It has a wealth of Masonic information. I will try to fill you in on the history of our library. It must have been started just after the addition was put on our building. It accepted any book, mostly readers digest, and was not a Masonic library. In the 1990's Brother Doug Smith and I had thoughts about changing the library. It had become mostly a storage/junk room. We had several lunches and discussions and decided to improve things. Brother Doug was a man of action. We met with representatives from Scottsdale Library, who advised us on a good way to run the library. We cleaned out the room, had a giant book sale and kept only Masonic books. We received a gift of approximately \$2,500.00 from O.E.S. #43, Heather Pisarski WM, which allowed us to improve the lighting, buy book cases and Masonic books. A special desk was donated which was refinished by W.B. Jess Lee. This desk opens out to form a meeting table with seating all around. In the past meetings were held around this desk but I have not heard of any lately. The desk will be cleaned off so it can be used again. In the future any Brother or non-brother who donates a book or artifact to the Lodge will be acknowledged in our updates, as was done in the past. The library committee will be trying their best to inform the readers about the great books we have and generate interest among the Brothers to read.

Fraternally,
Ritchie Yorsten PM
Library Chairman



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- Thursday 5PM-7PM**
- Sunday 10AM-2PM**

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April Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

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Donald William Poppe	4/26/1962	Steven John Sampson PM	4/10/2003	Robert Russell Beffel PM	4/15/2010
Conley Floyd Wright	4/26/1962	Bradley Lee Minor	4/24/2003	Kyle Andrew Thomas	4/15/2010
Harry Edward Markham	4/16/1974	Patrick Joseph McGill	4/15/2004	Louay George	4/29/2010
Arnold Arthur Amaru	4/25/1974	John Joseph Cummins IV	4/14/2005	Terry Nicholas Highland	4/29/2010
Frederick Hilary Goldinov	4/26/1979	Scott Andrew Thomas4 PGM	4/14/2005	Adam Nelson Dahlberg	4/14/2011
Mark Lee Brown	4/10/1981	Danny Abraham Lazar	4/16/2005	Jamie Dale Frank	4/14/2011
Jerome Maurice Taylor	4/1/1985	Joseph Patton Driessen Jr	4/28/2005	Eric James Leidlein	4/12/2012
Norman Lee Colbert	4/11/1987	John Harlan Reynolds PM	4/28/2005	Carsten Loelke	4/11/2013
James William Brown	4/28/1988	Phillip Lee Bartling	4/13/2006	Timothy Brian Curran	4/10/2014
Bruce Henry Usher	4/29/1993	Sergey Sheleg	4/13/2006	Ryan David Sutherland	4/24/2014
Jonathan Roy Winchester	4/22/1995	Robert James Pellegrino	4/19/2007	Oliver Ndubuisi Ibeh	4/9/2015
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<http://www.azmasons.org>

**Fraternally,
Tom Burke,
Secretary**

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**** April Calendar of Events ****

- Thurs. April 2**Stated Meeting
- Thurs. April 9th****Degree Night
- Sunday April 12th** Easter Sunday
- Thurs. April 16th**Degree Night
- Thurs. April 23rd.** Degree Night
- Thurs. April 30th**Degree Night

**** This is the 1st day of the Passover Holiday**

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MEETING LOCATION

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 Dinner at 6:00pm.
 For further information call (480) 946-1072 or visit www.scottsdalelodge43.com.