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Brothers Helping Brothers, Shows The Strong Tie That Binds Us Together During This Time

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brothers, if you are looking for a way to help the lodge, now is the time, I am proposing that we set up a "Back to Lodge" committee. The time is getting closer to return to lodge and while we wait for the Most Worshipful Grand Master to give us the green light and guidance, we need to consider how we handle the new environment we face. It is my goal to not only meet but rather exceed any guidance proposed by the Grand Lodge.



Besides the obvious "social distancing" there are many other items that need to be addressed. Some examples to consider, clean all lodge surfaces, chairs etc prior to returning, mask requirements, hand sanitizer at the door, dining room (do we have dinner or just a snack in 2 sittings with limited brothers per table), touchless temperature, lodge room separation (2-3 seats between brothers). This is just a small sample of ideas for the committee to determine. The last thing we need is a careless approach that might risk the health of any brother or guest.

While we are all looking forward to a safe and successful return to our beautiful lodge, we must be prepared to the most finite detail. If you have the slightest sniffle or cough, please refrain from returning until you are well, By no means is this meant to offend anyone, rather it is more about respecting each other and especially our brethren they may be considered high risk.

On another note, I would also like to propose a fun exercise upon our return by having a ritual competition. We will have the current officer line versus the dream team. The dream team can include any brother that is up to the challenge. We will select judges and criteria to help guide the event. If you are interested in joining the competition please contact me directly at WorshipfulMaster@ScottsdaleLodge43.com

I hope you all are healthy and safe during this time of crisis. We will prevail!

Bradley Manhoff
Worshipful Master 2020

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

During this long duration spent at home I've had a lot of time to think and read about masonry and came across an amazing article written by Sir Knight David E. Stafford, that describes some of the more esoteric symbols that might be overlooked throughout the degree. One of which is the elements. Earth, Wind, Water, and Fire. Over the next few months I will share an annotated version of each of these elements edited down as to not reveal too much from our ritual. I want to begin with fire being that we have all gone through something terrible, a life changing event,, and are now about reemerging from it changed.



Fire.

To the ancient Hebrews and to alchemists, fire was the most active of the elements. It was fire that served as a catalyst. According to Vorhand-Ariel, "Heraclitus regarded fire as an agent of transmutation and as a symbol of renewal, representing light, spirit, the sun, radiance, and purification". The alchemists used fire as well as water as a source of purifying their tools. The alchemist and metallurgist both used fire to refine metals and make them pure. It separates the base from the precious metal. Fire was used by them to transform a crude convoluted mixture into a separated collection of base and precious metals. "The Zohar says that the flaming sword (referred in Genesis as being placed east of the Garden of Eden) symbolizes the trials with which God overwhelms man that he may be purified and restored to the way of goodness". It might be mentioned here that the tiler's sword was traditionally wavy in shape to represent the sword placed in the Garden of Eden. As aforementioned, fire is a symbol of renewal and has been since time immemorial. Perhaps one of the

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best images of this is the traditional phoenix.

The phoenix is a mythical bird that after an extensive life combusts into flames and is reborn from its own ashes. Thus Spake Zarathustra, Nietzsche wrote, “You must be willing to burn in your own flame: how could you become new unless you had first become ashes?”.

The ancients implemented a trial by fire perhaps similar to Pike’s variation of the Entered Apprentice degree. Perhaps it is a reminder to the neophyte that he must set aside or destroy his old image of life and self to receive the teachings of Freemasonry and become a new and better creature.

Stay safe everyone and I can’t wait to see you all on the level again.

Jonathan D’Emilio

Senior Warden

Editorial Opinion and Comments

This month continues to find us in a very challenging time for ourselves, our country and indeed the world. It is almost as if a theme from a late night disaster movie has come to life. It is also a time where once again Freemasons will step forward to help bring everyone to more light. Darkness comes from despair caused by people feeling they have no control over their present circumstances.

First, it is time to take stock in what you have to be thankful for, your health, family, friends, Masonic Brothers and the beauty of this G’d given world around us.

Second, assistance is available, should you need it. We are a fraternal brotherhood of men who have committed to help one another in distress, to the best of our ability, if within the length of our cable-tow. Should you find yourself in need, reach out to the Secretary of the Lodge or WM Brad Manhoff. They will offer guidance and put you in contact with someone that will try to help you.

Those in a position to offer guidance or help should also contact the Secretary and let him know how they are ready and willing to be of help.

Fraternally,

Fred LaBell 32°,

Trestleboard Editor

From the South

KEEPING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

We have all experienced the effects of the shutdown of our great nation, some economically and some socially. There are many



things in life we cannot control. One thing we can control is our attitude. Keeping a positive attitude is not always easy, especially during challenging times.

I’m reminded of Henry Ford’s wise words, “Whether you think you can, or you think you can’t— you’re right.”

5 Quick Tips to keep a positive mindset:

1. Start your day with a positive routine: When you wake up—don’t reach for your phone to check the news—take at least 15 minutes to stretch, meditate, and thank your creator for your blessings.
2. Keep a gratitude journal: Take a few minutes each day to journal the things you are grateful for. Be sure to note things both small and significant that deserve gratitude.
3. Walk away from stressful conversations and situations: Avoid needless confrontational situations, both online and in person.
4. Don’t sweat the small stuff: Sometimes the things that get us the angriest are of the least significance. When you find yourself getting angry, take a few deep breaths and ask yourself “*is it worth getting angry over THIS?*”
5. Say “*thank you*” and “*I appreciate you*” as often as possible. The more you say these phrases, the happy you will be!

As our city, state, and nation begin to reopen, I urge you all the keep a great attitude, STAY HEALTHY, respect CDC guidelines, support local businesses, shop at farmers’ markets (but not wet markets), and love your neighbor.

When the world resumes, how will you be a better man?

“Tough times never last, but tough people do.”—Robert Schuller

Fraternally,

Tim Scarpino

Junior Warden



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From the Organist

FAITH-HOPE-DREAM

These are mutually dependent: Hope for a goal, and have the faith to pursue the goal. Often, the dream is the start of the process, hope begets aims and plans, and faith provides the energy to reach the goal.

Follow your dreams...They know the way.

Technically, dreams are a succession of images, ideas, emotions, and sensations, awake or asleep. Scientifically true, but...your dream is only that, a dream. You must be the one to bring reality, namely determination and hard work. Yesterday's dream is a memory. What you dream of today, is a tomorrow. It takes a belief in one's self to awaken your dream to come true.

Hope is your dream awakened to reality. The theoretical starts to live, and hope gives it form. The world of hopes survives on keeping ways and means of dreams to achieve reality and results.

Faith is reliance on that which we know will best fulfill our efforts to see a dream born, gain an optimistic reality, and mature to success. Dream, hope, and have faith with a winning team by your side.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland, PM
Organist**

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480- 946 -1072 or EMAIL :
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.



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IMPORTANT HEALTH MESSAGE

Prostate cancer is a serious situation that must be addressed by most men sometime in their life. It is critically important to have a blood test annually to help catch it early and be familiar with other symptoms as well! Please put a reminder on your calendar, my Brothers!

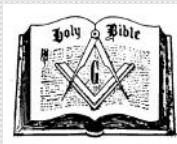
Fraternally from a brother with prostate cancer!

Passed to the Celestial Lodge

Brother Paul Henry Smith

Born.November 3-1952
Initiated April-9-1987
Passed.....May-28-1987
Raised June-11-1987

Died April 2020



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
- Bernard Young
- George Edgar Johnson
- Joseph Andrew Decker
- Melvin Arthur
- Edward Russell Whitlow
- Michael Bozarth
- Christopher Erich Bergeron

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

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THINK OF OUR OBLIGATION TO BE OF HELP

Some lodges choose to donate money from their fundraising activities to worthy causes at the national level, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Special Olympics, United Way or other well-known charities.

However, the majority of Masonic lodges prefer to provide Masonic charity at the local level.

Why do Masonic lodges actively promote fundraising activities?

Masonic Fundraiser Activities are based upon Masonic Relief:

The tenets (principles) of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Brotherly love and truth are pretty much self explanatory.

Masonic Relief

Relief is a form of charity. It is a means to help our fellow man, who, no matter how industrious and frugal he may be, through sudden misfortune, or other conditions over which he has no control, may be in temporary need of a helping hand.

Relief for the misfortunate did not begin with Freemasonry. You will find it written in the holy scriptures of holy books of all religious faiths.

It can be found several hundred times in the Christian Bible. It is in the Torah, the Prophets, in the Gospels and in the Epistles.

Luke 6:38 For if you give, you will get!

Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over.

Whatever measure you use to give,...large or small,...will be used to measure what is given back to you."

FROM THE LIBRARY

Scottsdale Lodge library has many interesting articles accumulated over the years. One reminds us of the history of the U.S.A. On April 30, 1739 General George Washington was to be sworn in as the first president of the U.S. This was to take place in Federal Hall in New York N.Y. The general claimed no oath would mean anything if it was not taken on a Bible. Federal Hall had no Bible, but WM Jacob Morton of St. John's Masonic Lodge was in attendance and he ran to the Lodge and returned with the Lodge Bible. The Bible has become famous and is known as the George Washington Bible. Many presidents have requested to be sworn in on this Bible. It travels only with four lodge brothers and does not fly. George Bush requested it and on one occasion it was sprinkling rain and although it was there the brothers refused to take it out in the rain. Now for the connection to our library. When our brother WB Dave Woodland was sworn in as chaplain of the Grand Lodge of N.J. the Bible was there for the occasion. A picture of this occasion is above he desk in our library. WB Dave has something in common with a number of presidents of the U.S.A. The Bible was also used at George Washington funeral and the dedication of the Washington monument.



**Fraternally,
Ritchie Yorsten PM
Library Chairman**

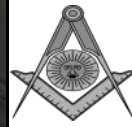
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In an ongoing effort to keep in touch with the Masons of Arizona, the Social Media Committee of the Grand Lodge of Arizona has launched an online Social Media monthly newsletter to recap some of the items each month that are trending around the State.

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 Burke,
Secretary**



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

June Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Steven Randall Gragg	June 25, 1956	James Richard Hartsock	June 27, 1991	Sean Daniel Weiland	June 19, 2008
William Eugene Lamb	June 28, 1957	Lionel Hayes Uhlmann III	June 11, 1992	Phillip Lee Bartling	June 18, 2009
Duncan Stewart Harvey	June 28, 1962	Todd Samuel Blanc	June 25, 1992	Sergey Sheleg	June 18, 2009
Geoffrey Wallace Adams	June 30, 1962	Kyle Andrew Larkin	June 29, 1995	Miguel Marrero PM	June 18, 2009
John W. Longendyke Jr	June 22, 1967	Frank Paul Mendola	June 27, 1996	Jasper Sheridan Nichols Sr	June 16, 2011
Marc Charles Gross	June 28, 1969	Robert Bonner Rye	June 9, 1997	Vincent Anthony Mazzotta	June 18, 2011
Richard John Shields	June 20, 1970	John Joseph Cummins IV	June 25, 1998	Jonathan David Perez	June 14, 2012
Eric Dean Deaton	June 24, 1971	Scott A. Thomas PGM	June 20, 2000	James Xie PM	June 14, 2012
Jason Taylor Yakel	June 22, 1972	Danny Abraham Lazar	June 29, 2000	Edilberto Pabololot Yabut	June 19, 2014
Christopher M. McDaniel	June 30, 1972	Joseph Patton Driessen Jr	June 28, 2001	Peter Mathern	June 19, 2014
Erik Richard Mindermann	June 9, 1977	John Harlan Reynolds PM	June 28, 2001	Fernando Tony Caraballo	June 26, 2014
Steven John Sampson PM	June 20, 1977	Thomas Brian Reece	June 28, 2001	James Warner Meredith	June 18, 2015
Bradley Lee Minor	June 26, 1981	Rex Trussell Ward	June 27, 2002	Efrain Sanchez	June 16, 2016
Michael Friend Bohlman	June 23, 1983	Christopher Erich Bergeron	June 27, 2002	Jeffrey J Schwarz	June 16, 2016
David Allen Deere	June 28, 1984	Philip Joseph Constantin	June 17, 2004	Joseph Andrew Decker	June 15, 2017
Thomas Arthur Burke	June 15, 1985	Perry G Contos	June 30, 2005	Joseph Carlyle Brown Jr	June 14, 2018
John Charles DeMoss	June 27, 1985	Marquez P Pope	June 30, 2005	Jerry Dennis Hardiman Jr	June 14, 2018
James Arland Osman III	June 18, 1986	Eric Arthur Christianson	June 30, 2005	Vincent James Watson	June 14, 2018
Patrick Joseph McGill	June 11, 1987	Leo E Bourrian	June 29, 2006		

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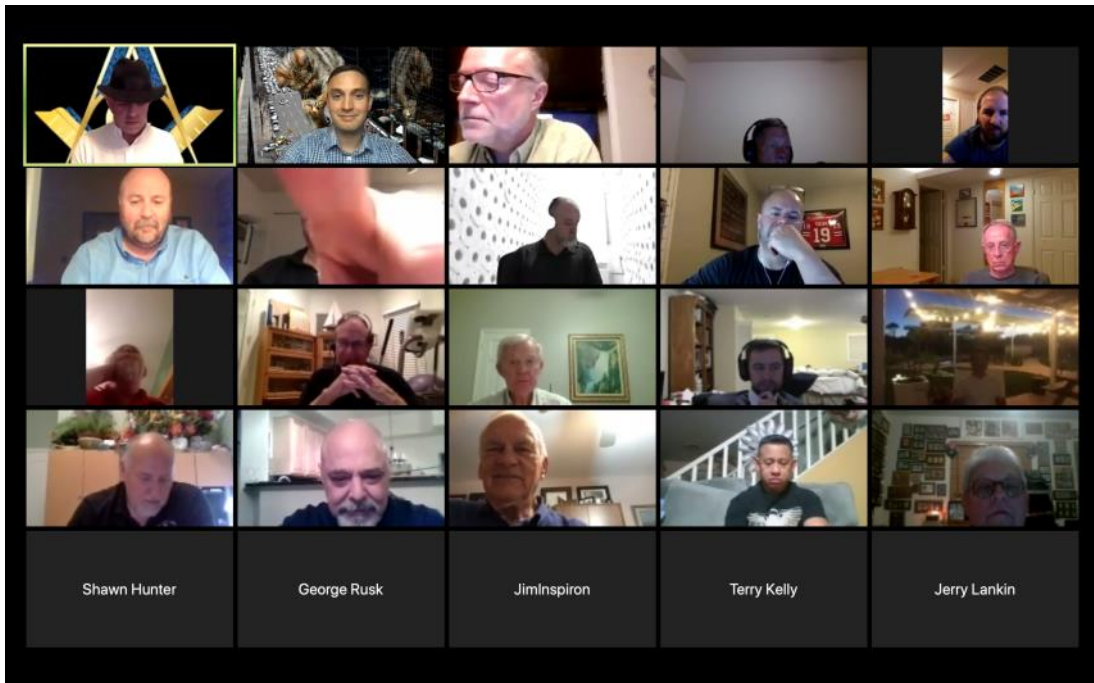
It has come to the attention of the Lodge that some of our Brothers are having a challenging time during the business shutdowns facing all of us. Loss of jobs, businesses and income are very stressful in normal times and during these times are even more so.

Please if your business can use more publicity at this time, notify the Lodge Secretary and he will see that it is distributed to the members who then, may seek you out for their needs.

Brothers try and help your Brothers whenever possible, within the length of your Cable tow. The Grand Hailing Sign is in view, please respond accordingly.

Due to the Covid 19 Virus and the Edict from the Grand Master of Arizona NO in person Lodge events, including meetings can be held at this time. Scottsdale #43 in accordance with the edict, held the April and May Stated Meetings as approved and modified as a ZOOM Meeting on line. This may change after June 1st.

The clip below shows some of the Brothers that participated. Many Brothers logged on for the Stated Meeting. No handshakes, but still nice to interact with each other.



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

Dinner at 6:00pm.

For further information call (480) 946-1072 or visit www.scottsdalelodge43.com.

** June Calendar of Events **

Thurs. June 4thStated Meeting via ZOOM

**ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS
 Are Postponed.**

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