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Meetings are Back with New Health Safety Protocols in Place

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



As the year approaches it's end we often take the time to look back and review our successes and failures. This year is much different then most having survived the pandemic while losing time for our ritual work. Rather then looking back, we should look forward to a better and more productive year. By keeping our heads held high and maintaining a positive outlook.

We should guide our children and each other by illustrating our future goals. The pandemic will pass and we will all enjoy a more fruitful and stable life.

I challenge each of my brothers to take the time and reach out to a distressed worthy Brother or family member giving them a positive outlook for our future. Encourage them to hold their head up high and suggest something as simple as a smile.

The future has many positive and enjoyable moments waiting to be experienced. Kiss your children and hold them tight while reassuring them that we as Masons stand tall and proud of who they are and will become. Many of us have heard the expression attitude is everything. This is our time to exemplify those words. The future is bright and we will shine.

Bradley Manhoff
Worshipful Master 2020

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Today's submission will continue with the theme of Earth, the first journey, and the American York Rite: These writings include the rituals as reflected from Pike's blue degrees, The American York Rite, and The Chamber of Reflection.

Earth Within the American York Rite, it is taught that "our Mother Earth alone, of all the elements, has never proved unfriendly to man." The ritual further admonishes us that "from the earth we came, and to it we must shortly return." The element of earth represents man's alpha and omega, his beginning and his end. Man's body was molded together with the dust of the earth and water. His mortal temple was an earthen clay vessel into which God breathed air through his nostrils to transmute him into a living soul. The first living man was Adam who is recognized within Masonic tradition and myth as being the first Freemason. The name Adam comes from adamah, meaning earth or ground. It may be of interest to mention here that according to Jewish law, it is unlawful for a corpse to be cremated. One explanation for this edict is that a body that is returned to the earth "is capable of bringing forth new life;" whereas, a body that is turned to ash through burning by fire represents complete destruction. The Jewish religion and Freemasonry both teach that man is an eternal being that awaits resurrection Knight Templar 29 after death. It is therefore proper that man's body be laid under the solemn clods of clay as a symbol of his awaiting resurrection and return to the endless cycle of life. It is appropriate that the Masonic rituals of elemental trials begin with the candidate being placed deep within the earth. It may be interpreted as a symbol

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of his beginnings. When the profane candidate leaves the Chamber of Reflection, he is born new and prepared to receive instruction as a tabula rasa or blank slate.

Be that blank slate my brothers and upon it write a story worth reading, worth remembering, worth emulating, and worth cherishing.

So mote it be.

Jonathan D'Emilio
Senior Warden

From the South

A brief history of Freemasonry as told by The Masonic Society.



During the long period from the time of Charlemagne (about 800) until the Reformation any man engaged in the building crafts was called a mason, and of these were many kinds including quarrymen, dike builders, wallers, paviors, tilers, and all who could build cottages or barns. Among them all there was a special class of builders who could both design and construct monumental and public buildings such as cathedrals, chapels, churches, mansions, borough halls, etc. These latter were called Freemasons. The name had much the same meaning then that architect has now.

When one of the great public buildings was undertaken, Freemasons were called in from all parts of the kingdom and often from foreign countries. As soon as a sufficient number had signed the rolls, their first step was to erect a building of their own, called the lodge; their next step was to construct cottages for themselves and their families. Each day, all the workmen received instructions in their lodge room.

Because these Freemasons came from so many different places, and even from other countries, they could not have a permanent local organization of their own, as other craftsmen did; instead, they had what we should now call a society, or a fraternity. There was no single ruler of it; it had no one capital; the members were held together by their general observance of a few rules, regulations, and customs. Modern Freemasonry, such as is practiced in lodges across America, is the direct descendant of that early fraternity.

In those days almost every man admitted to a lodge was a craftsman who made Freemasonry his means of livelihood; such men nowadays are called Operative Masons. As time passed, however, lodges here and there began to admit into membership a few men who did not follow Freemasonry as a means of livelihood, but were attracted to it for other reasons, and largely because of its antiquity and its fellowship; such were called "Accepted" Masons; and also were called "Speculative" Masons, a name which always had meant an understanding of the ideas and principles of Freemasonry. It is for such historical reasons that members of the Fraternity today are called Free & Accepted Masons.

By 1700 the number of Speculative (or Accepted) members had become so preponderant in most of the lodges in Britain that when the first Grand Lodge of the world was set up in London, England, in 1717, the whole Fraternity ceased to draw any distinction between Operatives and Speculatives; any man, otherwise qualified, and regardless of his means of livelihood, could become a Mason. That has been true ever since.

The history of Freemasonry therefore falls into three periods. In the first period all Free-masons, with very few exceptions, were Operatives, by which is meant that they made architecture their means of livelihood. In the second period the membership of the lodges was a mixture of Operatives and Speculatives. In the third period, beginning in 1717, it has been wholly Speculative. The one principle which unites the three periods is the fact that through - out its history Freemasonry has always been a fraternity - a fraternity, nothing more, nothing less, and nothing other.

The form of Freemasonry which thus descended directly from the Operative lodges of a thousand or so years ago is known as Ancient Craft Freemasonry; it is organized in Grand Lodges and local lodges. During the last quarter of the eighteenth century a number of branches grew out of that parent trunk, and in the course of time each one developed an independent form of organization of its own. Each of these appendant bodies is called a Rite.

In the United States there are four such appendant Rites in addition to Ancient Craft Freemasonry. The Cryptic Rite is organized in the form of a General Grand Council, a Grand Council for each of the larger number of states, and local councils. The Capitular Rite, which is better known as the Royal Arch, is organized in the form of a General Grand Chapter, a Grand Chapter for each of the larger number of states, and local chapters.

<https://themasonicsociety.com/content/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Facts.pdf>

Fraternally,
Tim Scarpino
Junior Warden

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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!



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".

From the Organist

WISDOM

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind vast quantities of facts in a short time, but the ability to form judgements requires hard work, experience, and maturity".

These thoughts by Calvin Coolidge, known as "Silent Cal", graphically displays the well marked necessary path to follow, from being the person who knows many things, to being the one who discovers and brings forth new knowledge. We are speaking here of experts and scholars, and innovators, horizon seekers, and tomorrow's knowledge providers. This process certainly is not a formula, but a bold expose of development elementally processed.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland, PM
Organist**

SCOTTSDALE LODGE EMAIL BLASTS

Over the years, Scottsdale 43 has changed. The building, the people, and the communication has changed. Now, more email is used than ever before which allows us to get important information out days faster than even ten years ago.

All brothers should receive a weekly email blast from the lodge usually on Monday evening. It contains important lodge information. Yes, sometimes it is repetitive, but it is felt that regardless, the information needs to be communicated. We often hear, "Oh, I don't read that." That is followed by, "Oh, I didn't know that." The blast doesn't take long to read. You can scan through it in less that a minute so PLEASE keep yourself knowledgeable about YOUR lodge.

Part of "Making Good Men, Better" involves gaining more "Light" which can be facilitated through the email blast. So please read it each week! Keep your contact information up to date! An enormous amount of time is spent updating and maintaining the membership data base. Email allows us to do that more efficiently, except when a brother's email is incorrect. Or how about when the email is incorrect, the phone is incorrect, the street address is incorrect? We then search Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, the Social Security Death Index, and other Internet sources which take A LOT of time and effort. PLEASE HELP US, HELP YOU by keeping us updated which is periodically one of the email blast topics. Thank you, Brothers.

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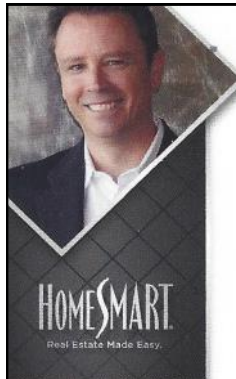
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Lodge Dues for 2020 are past due, if did not pay by September 3rd, or make other arrangements you have been suspended.

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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.



Disclaimer: This is not run by Scottsdale Lodge #43

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.

- Bernard Young**
- Joseph Andrew Decker**
- Melvin Arthur**
- Edward Russell Whitlow**
- Christopher Erich Bergeron**

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Brothers, if you haven't been receiving the Monday evening email blast from the lodge, we probably don't have a valid email address for you. Please update your information including mailing address with the lodge secretary at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com or call him at 480-946-1072. Thank you for taking care of this immediately!



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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 Burke,
Secretary

LODGE OFFICE HOURS

Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:

Monday 5PM-7PM

Thursday 5PM-7PM

Sunday 10AM-2PM

As a reminder for meetings, you should follow the lodge protocols for COVID-19.

Do you know why we have these protocols? In addition to helping to keep everyone safe, we need to maintain a way to “contact trace” anyone who visits the lodge. If we learn that a visitor later tested positive for COVID-19, we need to be able to trace contacts to inform them of their possible exposure. This will help protect them and their family members in just such an occurrence.

REMINDER! Interested in attending lodge in-person or any other scheduled meeting or program? You must pre-register with the Secretary. You will be required to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

Questions? Contact the Secretary.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH TO GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO SIGN THE WAIVER (OR THE ATTESTATION SHEET IF YOU HAVE SIGNED A WAIVER), TYLER'S REGISTER, AND REVIEW THE PROTOCOLS AND SETUP.

Annual Family and Friends Picnic

Sunday, November 15 ... 12:00 – 4:00

McCormick Stillman Railroad Park

Fenstmacher Pavilion

Out of an abundance of caution food will be catered and individually wrapped.

Bring your family!



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

*November Masonic Anniversaries
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Daniel William Bish	11/15/1962	Alfred John Hagan	11/12/1987	Anthony John Darin	11/15/2000
Lynn Bowen	11/29/1973	Michael John Ozee	11/11/2000	Frank Vass	11/14/2013
Ronald Dale Jackson	11/19/1981	Murray Michael Venus	11/27/1972	Stephen Owen Clarke	11/14/2013
Robert Weldon Martin	11/26/1968	James Patrick Bradley	11/9/1992	Gregory Randall Gaskill	11/9/2017
Jon Charles Shawl	11/6/1980	Jerry Dennis Hardiman Jr	11/29/2007	David James Earney	11/9/2017
William G. Solomon	11/29/1973	Vincent James Watson	11/29/2007	Thomas Arthur Burke	11/22/2003
Elmer LeRoy Gilbert	11/25/1958	Lionel Hayes UhlmannIII	11/11/2004	Michael W. Hernandez	11/8/2018
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Thinking of some older Brothers driving to Lodge

*The gentleman in the picture may remind you of a
brother or two or three :-).*



Brothers Helping Brothers

It has come to the attention of the Lodge that some of our Brothers still 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.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Scottsdale Lodge Memories

One of the most interesting things in the library is a gavel. O.C. Wilson was one of the founders of Scottsdale Lodge 43 and it's first Worshipful Master. He used this gavel in the first year, 1950, and likely at the meetings when the Lodge was being formed. The gavel was around the Lodge for many years and used by Wardens and some Worshipful Masters. It is unusual because it is one piece tree with a 90 degree branch or a branch with a smaller 90 degree branch. In the tear 2000, 50 years later, Worshipful Master Chuck Squires ordered the gavel not be used any more, except if an incoming Master wanted to use it at his installation. The gavel is in great condition and should last many more years if used at the most once a year. When it was taken out of service it was taken down to Wood Workers World to see what the wood actually was. They took it and studied it for some time and could not tell us what kind of tree it came from. This is just one of the interesting artifacts in the library.

Fraternally,
Ritchie Yorsten PM
Library Chairman



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MEETING LOCATION

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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.

** November Calendar of Events **

11/5/2020 Thursday - Stated Meeting

NO MEAL during COVID

11/15/2020 Thursday – 12 PM – 4PM Annual Masonic Picnic, McCormick Stillman Railroad Park

11/19/2020 Thursday – 7:00 PM Awards Night

NO MEAL during COVID

***ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Will be updated by weekly email announcements.

Watch for email updates from the Secretary

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