

TRESTLEBOARD

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Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



As the year comes to a close, many of us spend time reflecting on the past 12 months. While it has been a year full of challenges we have also had many successes. Many of you may have noticed the growth of our Friend to Friend program, which is key to the expansion of the craft. I am very grateful for all of the help I have received from our officers, past masters and brothers in general.

I want to say a very special thank you to our Worshipful Brother Secretary. You may not be aware of the massive undertaking of his office and a lot of his work is "behind the scenes" and not openly recognized. My role as Worshipful Master has benefited greatly from his work as well. I ask that next time you see him please give him a thank you for his effort.

Additionally, I want to recognize brother Fred LaBell. Fred is the editor of our monthly Trestleboard and he has shown a tremendous amount of patience. We should all be proud of our Trestleboard as it is a great way for brethren to keep a finger on the pulse of the lodge.

In Closing, thank you again to the officers, past masters and brothers that have assisted in keeping our lodge thriving and fruitful in 2020.

Bradley Manhoff
Worshipful Master 2020

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



**"Change is inevitable.
Growth is optional."**

-John Maxwell

As we move forward into a new year, which is sure to come with a new set of obstacles, I think it is important for us all to reflect on the changes that have taken place. 2020 has been a challenge to say the least, The world was hit with a pandemic that killed over 1.34 million people world wide. Many more have succumbed to the devastations of global economic change, and yet at the end of the day, those of us who are reading this, we are all still here. I feel it is important to acknowledge what has happened so we can learn from it. Our country, our community, and our lodge has changed due to this global condition. Safety has become more than just the ability to defend from the seen but now also the unseen. We are all more conscious of our choices and decisions and have to decide to take action to protect each other like we have never had to before.

Hope is on the horizon and I hope for my year that we can all grow from this past year and move forward with faith and resilience. If there is one thing that I have learned as my time as a mason is that we will get through this better and stronger than before. We build when others tear down, we grow when others halt. We stand up for each other and will forever be there for each other as far as we can do so. I have a lot of faith in our community, in our world, in our country, and in my fellow brother. Let us remember 2021 as the year we grew, stronger, and more powerful than before.

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"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle."

Napoleon Hill

So mote it be.

Jonathan D'Emilio

Senior Warden

From the South

Happy Holidays!

Thank you, brothers, for electing me to the West next year. I am humbled by the trust you have shown in me.



WB Jonathan D'Emilio is going to have a great year with lots of great events and activities planned! It is going to be a lot of fun 2021. Thank you to WB Brad for being a great master during a difficult 2020.

2020 has been challenging. We have changed how we live, work, worship, gather, fraternize, confer degrees, and more. Practically every aspect of our lives has been turned upside down. *Staying in* is the new going out, and Zoom is the new conference room.

It is easy to give up and declare COVID-19 the winner of 2020.

But the work of a Mason is not always easy. I challenge all brother masons to focus on the good. The sun is shining and the birds are singing. Be the reason someone smiles today. Be the example you want others to follow. Act as though everyone is watching. Talk like everyone is listening. Be true. Be fair. Be kind. Be loving.

Whether online or in person, enjoy the holidays with your loved ones.

"Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected." – George Washington

Fraternally,
Tim Scarpino
Junior Warden

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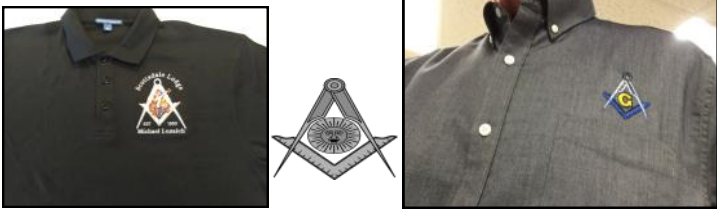
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Sincerely,
Thomas A. Burke PM
 Secretary



From the Organist

FREEDOM

The American child is born with an inheritance exceeding all currency, that of freedom, blessed and bestowed there for the years. This is the plausible explanation of the majority, and cannot be challenged on other bases. However, we may hear Ronal Reagan saying "Freed is never more than one generation away from extinction. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to do the same". The exaggerated form of freedom is exhibited by the ones who may think of freedom as a right to as one pleases, but in reality is the opportunity to do what is right, and must be done.

We must be aware that freedom has to include the right of differences. Without that right, we lose the privilege of freedom. Stimulus breeds response, and with that process, we exercise freedoms; Wisdom and patience, impulse and thought, solution or ignorance of freedom.

Achieving freedom is not breaking one's chains, but being defined by the way the freedom of others is respected and enhanced.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland, PM
 Organist

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<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,
Tom Burke,
Secretary

LODGE OFFICE HOURS

Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:

Monday 5PM-7PM

Thursday 5PM-7PM

**Sunday 6:30-9AM,
10:45-12 Noon**

As a reminder for meetings, you must 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.

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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.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Civic Responsibility of Individual Lodges

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CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL LODGES

by: Marvin L. Anderson

Past Grand Master (Arizona)

This Short Talk Bulletin is adapted from a challenging paper given at the Southwestern Masonic Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1974, by Brother Anderson when he was Deputy Grand Master.

It was said long ago, and has been repeated many times, that to solve a problem, that problem must first be defined. To correct any situation, we must be aware of the situation as it exists.

Our Masonry, as we now practice it, is called "Speculative." According to Bernard Jones:

"Freemasonry's Guide and Compendium," 'To speculate is to take a view of anything with the mind to consider anything mentally.' It comes from the Latin which means, 'I see' or 'I look,' and from the Latin we have several other words, such as spectacle, spectator. In the 17th century meaning of the word, anyone who was given to contemplation, to thoughtfulness, was indulging in speculation. The speculative man was the idealist, not the man of fact and practice.

Speculative Masonry arose to distinguish 17th century Masons from operative or stonemasons. Most 20th century men do not want to be spectators within their organization. Speculative is a descriptive word in an historical sense, but the concept of tranquil contemplation is not helpful today to encourage Craft Masonry to be active.

J. Fred Latham (PGM, Oklahoma) said:

"Some 260 years ago the foundation for the present day structure was 'poured.' For the first fifty years our Brethren cut and tried, fitted and revised, adopted and discarded many ideas and procedures. Since that time, some 200 years, we have, more or less, let things drift. Our forefathers of the revolutionary days were extremely active in public affairs and accomplished much outside the lodge room. It would appear that Freemasonry has resigned itself to those accomplishments and is unwilling to do much thinking of our own."

"We, of the present day, need to bestir ourselves and begin to do something besides ex-pressing lovely platitudes and referring to ancient accomplishments. They were great and we should not forget them. On the other hand, we should use their accomplishments as incentives to attain greater things in this age. We should try to do as much under present day conditions as they. That would give us a real job."

We do owe a civic duty as Masons. Most

Worshipful Brother J. Clay Thrash, stated:

"Masonry's role is self-evident. Its work is done when it has, unobtrusively, in the dissemination of its precepts, and by example of its brotherhood, fitted people for a sound, well-informed citizenship, capable of electing responsible representatives of government 'for the people, of the people, and by the people'."

To take this further, Masonry is the system of brotherhood, but it is also the system of order, and if order is not enforced, love and peace and harmony will be of little avail. Paul the Apostle called for submission even to a pagan government, because it was trying to promote some kind of harmony in a pagan world. This demand is still with us, for any power that brings order out of chaos is working in the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

J. Lewis Monical (PGM, Arizona) told us:

"If we are to regain the stature of former years, we must move Masonry out of the lodge room and make it a powerful, constructive influence in community, state, national and international affairs. The Masonic body, as such cannot act, but we as individuals and Masons, can certainly do our part. We must speak out through the public platform and the public press. We must assume a positive attitude in public affairs. Hopefully, such action will provide a powerful modern awakening for Masonry today. The time is coming, it may even be here, when societies like ours must come out in the open with a public declaration of aims so all men may see in all this political confusion that there is one body with strong and worthy ideals."

In the first degree, we are charged to be true to our government and just to our country. From Morals and Dogma we are told: "This degree teaches us that no free government can long endure, when the people cease to select for their magistrates the best and the wisest of their statesmen when, passing these by, they permit factions or sordid interests to select for them the small, the low, the ignoble and the obscure, and into such hands commit the country's destinies. There is, after all, a 'divine right' to govern and it is vested to the ablest, wisest, best, of every nation.

"A democratic government undoubtedly has its defects, because it is made and administered by men, and not by the Wise Gods. It cannot be concise and sharp, like the despotic. When its ire is aroused it develops its latent strength, and the sturdiest rebel trembles. But its habitual domestic role is tolerant, patient, and indecisive. Men are brought together, first to differ, then to agree. Affirmation, negation, discussion, solution these are the means of attaining truth."

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December Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Wayne Eugene Allen	12/1/1959	Patrick Robert Kaminsky	12/18/2008	Michael Addison Fuller	12/4/2010
Sidney Lee Magness	12/7/1963	Matthew James Smith	12/11/2008	Mark Andrew Marsillo	12/15/2012
Bruce William Genthner	12/14/1961	Justin Keith Taylor	12/11/2008	John Michael Pierce	12/15/2012
Wilhelm Hartmann	12/19/1991	Bruce Ira LaBell	12/10/2009	John Dean Covington	12/15/2012
Ronald W Buksbaum	12/28/1992	Gary Allen Nichols	12/9/2010	Ryan Johnathan Wilson	12/8/2016
Erik Allen Easton	12/13/2007	Bruce E Fischer	12/7/1954	Edward John Bandyk	12/10/2015
Robert Gale Stepp	12/18/2008	David Watson	12/8/2011		

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Our present government is seen by many to be crumbling into ruin, It has lost much of its effectiveness because Americans have lost trust in it. The crisis has been long in the making. Long before the present flagrant corruption and moral bankruptcy in our government, it was axiomatic with sophisticated citizens that first-rate people seldom make a career of politics.

Because we have entrusted civil government to men of mediocre ability and shabby morali-ty, we now have the reverse of what we want, yet we're "asking for it" by our cynicism.

This nation has reached a point in distrust of government beyond which it must not let itself drift apathetically any longer. We now have two apparent options: (A) Let "government of the people, by the people and for the people" run right on down the drain or (B) take a full turn-about and return to the kind of government our forefathers designed for us.

If the choice is Option A, there will be a time of anarchy and chaos. Then the "Savior of the Republic" will ride up to the "rescue." Government will be restored with a vengeance, and it will be for the people, but not of and by them. Nations drift into despotism and dictatorship. As Chesterton said: "A despotism is a tired democracy."

If the choice is Option B, it will be up to Masonry, the church, and other institutions which influence the public mind to re-educate the nation about the worth and dignity of public service in government. It is a truism and a notorious fact that a nation gets the kind of political leaders it deserves and its deserts are determined by its expectations and demands. If we expect third-rate people and demand nothing better, that's what we get. If what we get in the end is Option A, it will be because in that fleeting moment, when we were still free to choose, we wrung our hands and said: "Well, that is politics. It's a dirty game, so we have to put up with the dirty people who play it for the rest of us. Who wants a saint in the White House? "

Masons today, especially the younger ones, desire to act together as a Fraternity, not as individuals only. We have fostered this idea in DeMolay and continued it in our own Craft. Historically, Masonry steers a wide path from involvement as a Fraternity, but as individuals, we do the Fraternity a great disservice if we do not involve ourselves in the task of bettering our schools, our community and our government.

This stance of uninvolvedness is sometimes unpopular, unattractive and perhaps in some ways accounts for our decline in membership, and NPD suspensions. We might also consider this as a partial reason for non-attendance in Blue Lodges because of increasing commitments to appendant bodies of Masonry. Our Craft traditionally prevents the sponsoring of Boy Scouts and other good works which the member can do in our other Masonic organizations.

We return to the definition of the problem. How can our beloved Craft find its way out of this predicament without radical change? Radical change is not desirable, nor is it necessary.

Nothing forbids the members of the Craft from joining others within the Masonic family to act in civic duties. From Morals and Dogma again: "Masonry is action and not inertness. It requires its initiates to work, actively and earnestly, for the benefit of their Brethren, their country, and mankind. It is the patron of the oppressed, as it is the comforter and consoler of the unfortunate and wretched.... It is the advocate of the common people in those things which concern the best interest of mankind.... Its fidelity to its mission will be accurately evidenced by the extent of the efforts it employs, and the means it sets on foot, to improve the people at large and to better their condition. "

Specifically, what can we do? Our real civic responsibility is to convince the world by our actions that we are Masons. We should do those things which provide leadership in im-proving the physical, moral and emotional status of our environment. We should sit in on schoolboard meetings, announce our support of well-qualified and fair-minded candidates for public office. We should support community drives for blood banks, traffic safety and community beautification. We should support our DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters, not only with advice and money, but with our presence.

In fine, we should provide, with our actions, the kind of a public image which the whole world can admire and will wish to emulate .

Most Worshipful Brother Marvin E. Anderson's address is P.O. Box 217, Coolidge, AZ 85228.

Order of the Eastern Star

We want to wish EVERYONE Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New year! December is a month that we normally look forward to experiencing with family, friends and our holidays. What a year it has been; but it only should get better. Hopefully, we will be able to partially celebrate some of it by the end of 2020.

Our only project for this year is selling See's Candy for the month of January - to be delivered in time for Valentines Day. Linda Sayre has graciously volunteered to 'spear head' this project. Her phone number is 480-998-7018. Plan ahead and get your sugar fix!

Currently, we have scheduled our first meeting January 25th, 2021. We will keep you posted.

Fraternally,

Janet Mielke, Past Matron

Scottsdale #43 Order of the Eastern Star



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Dinner at 6:00pm.

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

**** December Calendar of Events ****

- December 2.....Trustees Meeting**
- December 3Stated Meeting**
- December 10.....Hanukkah begins**
- December 24..... Christmas Eve**

NO MEALS during COVID

***ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Will be updated by weekly email announcements.

Watch for email updates from the Secretary

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