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FROM THE EAST

This is an article about George Washington's diplomatic mission as a young 21-year-old British officer in 1753 to Fort Labouf in "Ohio River Valley." Many consider this mission to be the precursor to the French and Indian War. George Washington and his travel companion, Christopher Gist, kept detailed journals. Dispatched from Virginia, George Washington's mission had three main objectives.



- 1) Deliver an official letter from Lt. Gov. Robert Dinwiddie, demanding the French cease building forts in The Ohio River Valley. British argued that, per the 18th century "Treaty of Utrecht," they had gained title to the Ohio River Valley from the Iroquois, who had conquered it in the 17th century. Note: The French did not agree, tracing their claim back to the voyages of Rene-Robert de LaSalle in the late 17th century.
 - 2) Learn as much as he could about French fortifications and their intentions in the area.
 - 3) Persuade as many Indian tribes in the region to trade with the British, *not* with the French.
- Prior arriving at Fort Labouf, Washington and Gist met a Seneca Indian chief, Tanaghrisson, AKA the "Half King." Half King was one of four local Indian chiefs who accompanied George Washington on his trip to Fort Labouf. This mission was the start of a life-long relationship between George Washington and Half King, who frequently corresponded.

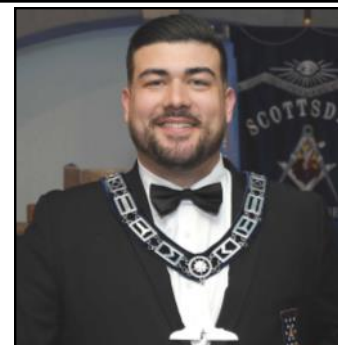
On his way to Fort Labouf, Washington stopped near the confluence of Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio rivers, in what is today downtown Pittsburgh. While stopped, Washington produced the first written

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

2022 has been a huge success so far! The Parada Del Sol Parade was a HIT. Thank you to all Brothers, and future Brothers for making this event! It's good to have a strong presence for Scottsdale Lodge #43 and for many years to come! Let's make this an even bigger crowd for 2023! Please enjoy an article from WB Steven Harrison 33°



Think back to that day you became an Entered Apprentice. You had waited with patience – perhaps for months, perhaps not exactly so patient – for this big moment. You knew you had a long way to go in your journey, but you, the man they finally addressed as Brother, were now a Freemason. You stood before the Master of the Lodge among your Brothers, knowing you were a part of things... accepted... perhaps you even had a small sense of accomplishment.

Then, it all momentarily fell apart. You were asked for something you could not produce, and all of those warm, positive thoughts evaporated into a hopeless, empty feeling. You were the new guy. You wanted nothing more than to please your new Brothers. You saw an empty hand stretched out. You wanted to comply. You couldn't. Now what? Were they going to expel you for this? As your mind reeled, the Master explained what this was all about. You just received, in a graphic way, one of your first Masonic lessons.

Every Freemason, even if financially well-off, has for at least one fleeting moment known the despair of not having enough. That little object lesson, sometimes called the Rite of Destitution, certainly cannot compare to the reality of a life of grinding poverty, but the hope is it will teach you, the new Brother, that it is your duty – not your option, but your duty – to treat those in that condition fairly, to be able to empathize

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with them and, if at all possible, contribute to the relief of any such person "so far as his necessities may require and your ability will permit."

Freemasonry being, as we are instructed, a progressive science, this is not the end of your lesson in charity. Elsewhere in our Masonic journey, we learn Relief is one of the great tenets of our craft. We in the United States and even the Western world are privileged in most cases to have the means to support ourselves and our families, but even here there are those who cannot do so. So we, as Freemasons, do what we can, both as Lodges and individuals.

It is a never-ending task. Jesus himself admonished us that, "the poor will always be with you." So undiscouraged, we remain aware that every little bit helps, and we never give up. Lodges, institutions, and persons of great means can – and do – make a significant difference with their contributions. The Shriners Hospitals, for example, have an immense impact on humanity with their charities and, with support, have the means to do it. We, as individuals and smaller Lodges, do not operate on the same level, but the spirit of our contributions is no less significant.

Most of our Brothers are individuals who would be generous to those less fortunate anyway, but it does not hurt to have that Rite of Destitution gnaw at us as a reminder that practicing the great tenet of Relief is the duty of every Freemason.

Fraternally,
Shawn Hunter
Senior Warden



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description of the land that is now Downtown Pittsburgh. "I spent some time in viewing the rivers and the land in the fork, which I think extremely well suited for a fort," he wrote when he reached the point on Nov. 22, 1753. The French built Fort Duquesne at that same point in 1754.

Washington's reception at Fort Labouf was less than welcoming. Jacques Legardeur de Saint-Pierre, military commander at Fort Labouf, rejected Lt. Gov. Robert Dinwiddie's demand, and gave Washington a letter to deliver back to Dinwiddie. The letter ordered the Governor of Virginia to deliver his demand to the Major General of New France in the capital, Quebec City. Although the French gave Washington and his travel companions three-days' accommodations, they attempt to separate Washington and Gist from the four Indian chiefs. Inclement weather further delayed Washington's return trip.

Remembering his 2nd responsibility of the mission, Washington noted the fort had "one hundred men, a large number of officers, 50 birch canoes and 70 pine canoes, many unfinished." He described the fort as "on a south or west fork of French Creek, near the water, and almost surrounded by it. Four houses composed the sides. The bastions were made of piles driven into the ground, standing more than 12 feet (3.7 m.) high, and sharpened at the top. Portholes for cannon and loop-holes for small-arms were cut into the bastions. Each bastion mounted eight six-pound cannons and one four-pound cannon guarded the gate. Inside the bastions stood a guard-house, chapel, doctor's lodging and the commander's private stores. Outside the fort were several log barracks, some covered with bark, others with boards. In addition, there were stables, a smithy, and other buildings."

Washington, Gist, the Half King, and others began their return trip south in canoes, down the ice-clogged French Creek. Four days later, Washington and Gist determined they were heading in the wrong direction and decided to double back. The next day Washington and Gist came upon what they call "Murdering Town." To be continued....

Fraternally,
Tim Scarpino
Worshipful Master



From the South



As we embark on this month of March, I find myself reflecting on the season, its place in time and its associated symbols - budding blossoms of new growth in our gardens, birds returning to our greening trees, the wild March hare gallivanting through the desert creosote, color and beauty returning to a, desolate landscape. All of which heralds to us the official birth of our Spring season, according to the path of the Sun.

Once upon a time, this Month was the threshold of the New Year. As the Sun enters the sign of the Ram, all Nature rejoices and Life itself seems to pay homage to birth and the emergence from darkness. This month, between the 20th & 21st we will (in the northern hemisphere) experience our Vernal (or Spring) Equinox. This word 'Equinox' translates to 'equal night' indicating that we have reached a fleeting balance between the Dark of night and the Light of day, in our annual trek around our central star.

On that day of Equinox, we find ourselves midway between Winter and Summer Solstice – swinging from the extreme of night, to the countering extreme of day. We will, for just a moment stand at that midpoint between those two proverbial pillars, yet continuing to swing towards the limit of the Sun's dominance over darkness as the days grow longer, until the scalding effects of His rays demand a new retreat. I consider this place of the middle point of balance between these extremes, and I cannot help but to feel stark reminders of this Station of Junior Warden. Beauty. We, living here in Arizona certainly can attest to Nature's Beauty when in proportion and the harsh contrast she gives us when ill-proportioned. This is especially true at these equinoctial times of year; these are likely the most pleasant and "beautiful" times of the year, in Arizona. I often remark that I live in here specifically for the Spring and Autumn.

Further, on this matter of Beauty and balance numerous studies have been performed in various schools of Psychology which indisputably confirm that the human perception of Beauty is expressly prescribed through the recognition of equality and symmetry of proportion - Balance. The goddess Aphrodite (or Venus if you prefer) is

known for her portfolio of Love and Beauty. What is often forgotten is that she is tasked with Justice also. Even the very meaning of the word Justice derives from the latin - iustitia, meaning: equity or vindication of *right*. We use the term a "Just and Upright" Mason. A beam is deemed to be plumb or upright when it is confirmed that it creates an exact *right* angle from the level ground,

when verified from all its sides - again attesting to symmetry and equality, justice and balance.

Like Nature herself, our lives, (and the work of Beauty that they ought to be), are most glorious when an equitable balance is reached. When we embrace our virtues - Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and employ Wisdom and Strength to *all* the many facets of life, the Great Work of our lives cannot help but to be Beautified.

With the recent celebration for W.B. Doc. Smith and the homage paid to our widows last month, a number of us were reminded that stoicism and grief alike, have their place in the grand scheme. Similarly, preparation does us no good unless the designs are executed - initiation of efforts is of little value if a plan is not first constructed. Rigor and celebration, labor and rest, discipline and reward - much like a diamond, there are ever so many facets in our lives that seem to ceaselessly require adjustment and truing as we continue to apply the Virtues creating beautiful lives as better men.

I look around our great body of Brothers that we call Scottsdale Lodge, and I am so grateful for all the Beauty I see! Much like the scene I expressed above, of life returning to a barren wilderness, after the winter - there is a sense of vibrance and life returning to our Fraternal efforts and exchange after a difficult state of affairs in the world. I frequently see my brothers recognizing and even celebrating the labors and works that are clearly evident in one another. There is a distinctly joyful buzz, that can be sensed, even when all are hard at work. Let's keep this up, my Brothers! This is so very Beautiful to see and even more thrilling to be part of, once again!

**Michael Valecourt, PM 32°
Junior Warden**

Scottsdale Chapter 43

Order of the Eastern Star

On Sunday, February 13 we enjoyed pizza and the movie, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" at the lodge. All of us enjoyed the day very much and we were able to get back home for the Super Bowl too.

We are looking forward to our stated meeting on Monday, March 14 and on March 28th at 7:30 pm where we are honoring our 25/50 year members. It is also our Chapters 68th Birthday! We wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and if you have any questions about our Order please call Linda Sayre at 480-998-7018 or email me at rlsayre@cox.net.



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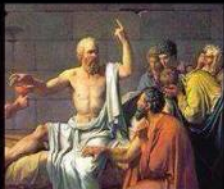
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What society thinks I do



What conspiracy nuts think I do



What I think I do



What I really do

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A NIGHT FOR THE SPECIAL LADIES OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS

I do appreciate the kind words expressed by so many of you regarding the Special Ladies of our Departed Brothers night Thursday Feb. 10.

I would like to point out a few things about that night.

My wife made those beautiful Thank You cards that were given to the Special Ladies.

Our Worshipful Master wrote a personal message to each of the Special Ladies in her card.

It has already been said, but bears repeating – EA Steven Agee prepared a delicious gourmet meal for all with the assistance of Officers, Brothers AND Friend-to-Friend gentlemen who not only helped prepare and serve the meal but also to clean up after the meal and prepare the dining room for the dessert.

The officers and brethren of this lodge were so very attentive in serving the meals not only to the Special Ladies, but to ALL who attended.

I witnessed one of our Brothers providing a poem to the Worshipful Master to deliver to the ladies.

Not only were the officers and Brothers very attentive to the Special Ladies, but the wives of the brothers were so very sweet to the special Ladies with anything from a welcoming smile to assistance seating to helping with the food.

Our volunteer musicians were AMAZING!!!

Our officers delivered the roses and special gifts to our Special Ladies.

On Monday night I attended an Eastern Star meeting and was told by so very many of the ladies who were in attendance that night what a thoroughly enjoyable experience it was for them.

With all this in mind I just wanted to point out what a truly MASONIC ENDEAVOR it was thanks to ALL OF YOU and your contribution to the pleasant experience for our Special Ladies!

THANK YOU!!!

Bob Beer



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2022 Lodge Dues?**

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If paying by credit card, add \$6 so it's \$200.

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**Include your Mailing Address
and Phone Number (s)**

Preferred Email Address

NOTICE

DINNER MEAL COST TO INCREASE

Brothers do to inflation and the intent that our wonderful dinner meals should be self supporting, beginning on MARCH 31 the cost will increase. Watch for the weekly email for the amount. Still will be the best dinner bargain in Scottsdale.

CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM

he roll of the workmen has been called, and one Master Mason has not answered to his name. He has laid down the working tools of the Craft and with them he has left that mortal part for which he no longer has use.

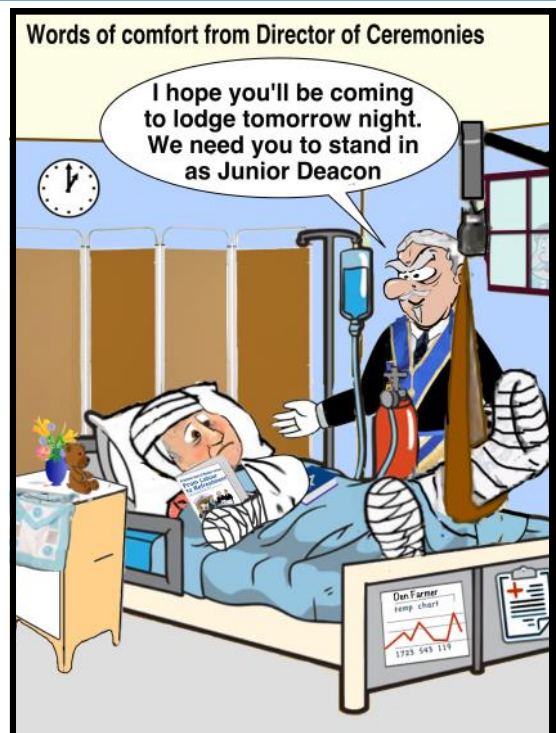
His labors here have taught him to divest his heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building – that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Strengthened in his labors here by faith in the Supreme Being, and confident of expectation of immortality, he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above.

Brother Dennis Leslie Reynolds born October 8, 1946 in Bedford, Indiana picked up the working tools of Freemasonry when he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, on January 1, 1987 at Scottsdale Lodge 43, Scottsdale, AZ. He was Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on December 17, 1987, and he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 25, 1988. He was a member of Scottsdale Lodge 43, Scottsdale, Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona. He laid down the working tools of life on February 3, 2022 in Indiana.

NEEDED...RETIRED BROTHERS

We need retired brothers who would be willing to serve on the Celestial Journey Team (Funeral Team). We don't have too many funerals throughout the year normally. Sometimes there is not a lot of notice (a few days) and right now most of our list is comprised of working brothers who can't respond that quickly. Usually, the funerals only take an hour or less. Please consider dedicating your efforts to your departed brothers by serving on the Celestial Journey Team. Email Brother Steve Clarke eispro@leaders-view.com with your email address and phone number. Call him with questions at 480-946-5390. Thank you!



Colonial Degree Team

Fellowcraft Degree

Hosted by: Scottsdale Lodge 43



Reenactment of the signing of
The Declaration of Independence

SPECIAL :

Cornerstone laying presentation conducted by:
WMGM Jager, RW Bakers, RW Rusk and RW Dale.

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Dinner 6:00 PM | Play 7:00 PM

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SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

*March 2022 Masonic Anniversaries
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Melvyn Lewis Arthur	3/22/1956	Vincent Paul Outcalt	3/27/1997	Matthew Donald Bowling	3/13/2008
Thomas Wesley Carroll	3/24/1983	Raymond Roger Wallage	3/11/1999	Anthony John Blunda	3/11/2010
Carl Dietrich	3/19/1981	William Lee Baran	3/10/1976	Michael Paul Haley	3/8/2012
George Richard Easter	3/26/1964	Glenn Lockwood Bezuyen	3/29/2001	Stanley Joseph Sparrow	3/14/2013
Donald Maxwell	3/29/1973	Richard George Saine	3/15/1977	William Edward Keim	3/11/1950
Terry Lee Zeiger	3/25/1976	James Arland Osman III	3/11/2004	Michael Joseph Donato	3/19/2015
Edwin Springston Earl	3/28/1985	Jason Scott Duey	3/24/2005	Michael Derwan Valecourt	3/17/2016
Terance Lee Kelly	3/17/1992	Robert Bonner Rye	3/24/2005	Jesus Alfredo Jaramillo	3/17/2016
Carson Arlo Hanks	3/22/1997	James Warner Meredith	3/29/2007	John Salvatore Favara	3/9/2017
Steven Eric Squires	3/20/1997	Fernando Anthony Caraballo	3/29/2007	Cesar Maurico Diaz	3/12/2020
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We've waited all year to become Irish again.

Join the clan on March 24 for our famous

St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. Maddens Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in memory of PM Dennis Sprouse. Prepared by our very own PM Scott Tracy.



Scottsdale Lodge #43

Brothers, Friends and Family Participated in Scottsdale's Parada Del Sol Parade followed by a BBQ at the Lodge.





Widows Night 2022 was a huge success, from the chef prepared and served dinner by Steven Agee, to the special performances by our own Maestro Carlos Roush on piano, Michael Valecourt vocal soloist and Brian Zeman original song on guitar.



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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** March Calendar of Events **

- 3/2/2022 ThursdayTrustees Meeting**
- 3/3/2022 Thursday ... Stated Meeting**
- 3/10/2022 ThursdayLodge Meeting**
- 3/17/2022 Thursday Lodge Meeting**
- 3/24/2022 Thursday 10th Annual**

**"Dennis Sprouse Memorial Mrs. Maddens
Corned Beef & Cabbage" St. Patrick's Day
dinner" prepared by WB Scott Tracy**

- 3/31/2022 ThursdayColonial Degree**

Check weekly email notices for updates or changes

Remember Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts social gathering.