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Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM

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There are Lodge Activities for all Interests.

FROM THE EAST

This is the 2nd half of an article about George Washington's near-death experience when on a diplomatic mission as a young 21-year-old British officer in 1753 to Fort Labouf in "Ohio River Valley."



After having their demands rejected at Fort Labouf, and then traveling north when they should have been traveling south, Washington and Gist approached Murdering Town. They documented their dramatic near-death experience at Murdering Town, a small Indian community that comprised several smaller villages along the Connoquenessing Creek and Breakneck Creek, near present-day Evans City, Pennsylvania.

Washington wrote in his journal: "One of them fired at Mr. Gist or me, not fifteen steps off, but fortunately missed. We took this fellow into custody, and kept him until about nine o'clock at night, then let him go, and walked the remaining part of night without making any stop."

Washington's survival of the Half King's shot was the first time the Native American's believed Washington was immortal – or a god.

January 16, 1754, George Washington completed his mission and returned to Williamsburg, VA. Upon his arrival, Washington reported to Governor Dinwiddie

post haste and delivered his findings. Governor Dinwiddie immediately asked Washington to prepare a

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Please enjoy an article from the "Midnight Freemasons" from WB Bill Hosler



"As the sun in the south at meridian height in the beauty and glory of the day" We know most of you

have heard a phrase like this while you have attended lodge. The sun is at its highest point in the sky and the rays of light cast down on us, illuminating the great works of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. During this point of the day most of us follow the lead of the Junior Warden and take time to rest and refresh ourselves before returning to our labors.

Since the majority of us labor at our vocations during the daylight, we never stop and consider that some men work at various times around the clock. Much like the twenty four inch gauge, the workday is divided into three equal parts: day shift, or as most of us refer to it as first shift, the evening shift or second shift, and the night shift, which is commonly known as third shift (Or by its nickname "the graveyard shift"). Some jobs are scheduled differently than above but, as a hard and fast rule, most workers generally fall into one of these eight hour shifts.

At the time when you are about to cease your labors and go home, many men are rising and on their way to their jobs in the evening, and still others are about to go home when you arrive in the morning at your workplace. Today's world requires people to be working at various hours around the clock.

Rarely are these men thought of when we think about Freemasonry. I know that many men, at one point myself included, have had to reluctantly quit attending their lodges regularly stated meetings and degree work because their regular vocation forced them to work in the evenings. It's sad because they have to miss the fellowship which being a Mason brings. They have to abandon their Masonic career to pursue their vocational career.

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Many times I have seen a young men who wish to join our fraternity be rushed through degrees in a one day class or on a Saturday morning. Once he is raised, you don't see him again, not because he is disgruntled with the Fraternity but because he works a different shift. He becomes just a card carrying member through no fault of his own, just because he has to provide for his family. In a way, it could be said that everyone benefits in this situation. The lodge gets his yearly dues and the Brother gets to claim the title of Freemason.

This arrangement has worked for decades. While we are told our families and our usual vocations aren't to take a backseat to our gentle craft, a Brother who doesn't have the opportunity to attend lodge regularly does miss out on the fellowship of his Brother Masons and, at times, good and wholesome instruction which could possibly make him into the better man he professed he wished to become.

We as a Fraternity are also missing many opportunities not only to increase our membership, but to better use the resources we already possess. I believe we as a Fraternity should encourage the creation of more daylight lodges within our jurisdictions!

Daylight lodges are simply lodges that meet during the daytime instead of the evening. Everything else is exactly the same except the time of day!

Almost every Masonic temple in North America (or around the world for that matter) sits idle for twenty hours a day, six days a week, unless there are multiple bodies meeting within the building during the month, but even then the edifice is empty and idle for the majority of the time. The building is still being heated and cooled, but no one is using the building. To me that seems like a waste of resources. Especially when we have so many current and potential Brethren who could be using the building.

If a daylight lodge is chartered within the temple not only will it put this space to better use, but there is potential that Masonry in your area may receive new members it wouldn't receive in only lodges that meet at traditional time, such as younger men with different work schedules, men with young children who wish to stay home with their family at night or even retirees who can no longer attend lodge at night because their eyesight has gotten to the point they can no longer drive at night. Many of these retirees could also benefit these new lodges; most of these men are long time members, even possibly Past Masters would can help direct the newer members in building their lodge. It also gives retirees a reason to get out of the house and socialize.

A lodge could be opened at ten or eleven and once business or degree work has ceased and lodge closes they could serve a lunch at noon, just in time for members on second shift to make their way to their jobs!

Another benefit could be Brethren of other lodges who work during the day could take their lunch breaks at the temple

and "spread cement" before going back to work! Nothing could be better for Freemasonry than for Brethren gathering together for a few moments between their individual labors.

I have heard concerns from some Brothers that a lodge which is open only during the day may only become a place where men gather for networking and socializing instead of for the lodge's intended purpose. I believe it could happen; I have known lodges that meet in the evening that become the same thing.

Each individual lodge is like an individual person. They have their own personality and are conducted by the will of its members. I believe if the numbers allow it that several daylight lodges could be chartered and a potential member should visit several lodges before he asks for a petition much like a conventional nighttime lodge to find the right fit for him. If several exist he has a better chance in which suits his needs.

Fraternally,
Shawn Hunter
Senior Warden

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written report to be submitted to the House of Burgesses. This report was reprinted in various colonial newspapers as far away as Boston, and it quickly became very popular reading. Washington's sketched maps of the Ohio River Valley were also reprinted several times, including in a London newspaper later in 1554.

George Washington's trip to the Ohio River Valley, and the first publication of his journey, brought him notoriety throughout the colonies and in prominent circles in England. This was the very beginning of a carefully curated public perception of George Washington.

"It was an extraordinary circumstance that so young and inexperienced a person be employed on a negotiation with which the subjects of the greatest importance were involved."

When I hear the words, "*The eyes of the fraternity are upon you, be faithful, be true, and be just,*" I am reminded that George Washington is part "*the fraternity*" I strive to impress. Not with my words, but with my actions.

Fraternally,
Tim Scarpino
Worshipful Master



From the South



Recently, while in a moment of reflection regarding my desires and intentions, questioning my own selfishness and beneficence in my life, in Masonry, and in the world - I was brought to these words, in a letter written to a student by his teacher and friend, Trithemius of Spanheim. In reading and pondering this a number of times, I could not help but to hear reflections and similarities of lessons from my more informed brethren, that have been shared with me in many different moments, throughout my journey. MY FRIEND, KNOWING thee to be a curious searcher after those sciences which are out of the common track of study, I am moved spiritually to give thee my thoughts upon them, and by these ideas here written, to open to thine eye (spiritual) as much information as it seems necessary for thee to know, by which thou mayest be led by the hand into the delectable field of nature; and to give thee such documents as, guided by the supreme wisdom of the Highest, thou mayest refresh thy soul with a delicious draught of knowledge; so that after recreating thy spirit with the use of those good gifts which may please God to bestow on thee, thou mayest be wrapped up into the contemplation of the immense wisdom of that great munificent Being who created thee. Now, art thou a man, in whose soul the image of Divinity is sealed for eternity, think first what is thy desire in the searching after these mysteries! Is it wealth, honour, fame, power, might, aggrandizement, and the like? Perhaps thy heart says, All! all these I would gladly crave! If so, this is my answer,--seek first to know thyself thoroughly, cleanse thy heart from all wicked, vain, and rapacious desires. Thinkest thou, oh man! to attain power *to gratify thy lusts, to enrich thy coffers, to build houses*, to raise thyself to the pinnacle of human admiration; if these are thy hopes and desires, thou hast reason to lament thy being born: all such desires are immediately from the devil, I mean that Being whose engines (*i. e.* myriads of demons) are continually in the act of placing sensual delights and luxuries before the depraved minds and hearts of man, and whose chief business and property it is to counteract the benevolent actions and inspirations of those blessed spirits who are the instruments of God our Creator. Fear God and love thy neighbour; use no deceit, swear not, neither lye; let all thy actions be sincere. Here, O man! is the grand seal of all earthly wisdom, the true talisman of human happiness. When thou shalt accomplish this, behold nothing will be impossible unto thee as far as God permits: then with

all speed apply thy mind and heart to attain knowledge and wisdom; with all humility throw thy dependence on God alone, the author of all things that cannot die. What was most powerful and revealing to me, as I considered all of the various points contained in this counsel, was most profoundly summed up in the final line. *“God alone, the author of all things that cannot die.”* My mind has intensely reflected upon this phrase and the lessons of our degrees (especially our Sublime degree) pertaining to that portion of each one of us that can never pass away into oblivion. *“Man, Know Thyself”* this phrase is so proliferated among us throughout our travels in this world that it easily and quickly becomes trite and hollow. Still, when I/we consider this directive to know ourselves, with renewed consciousness and clear awareness of our Divine origin - of especially *that* part of me/us which is without end... who then, *am I?* Certainly, some of you have heard me cite this thought from CS Lewis, as it is one of my favorites - *“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship... It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all of our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit...”* (C.S. Lewis - *The Weight of Glory*) The word Namaste derives from the Sanskrit *namas* (to bow to) - has come to communicate more than a greeting but recognition, more accurately *“the Divine in me recognizes the Divine in you.”* As we continue to *“know ourselves”* and discover the Divine within ourselves and to shed our rude and imperfect natural states, I hope that we in turn see one another in that Divine character that the Architect has intended and recognize the unique place in the temple that we are being ever so carefully designed and sculpted to fill.

Namaste, my Brothers.

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

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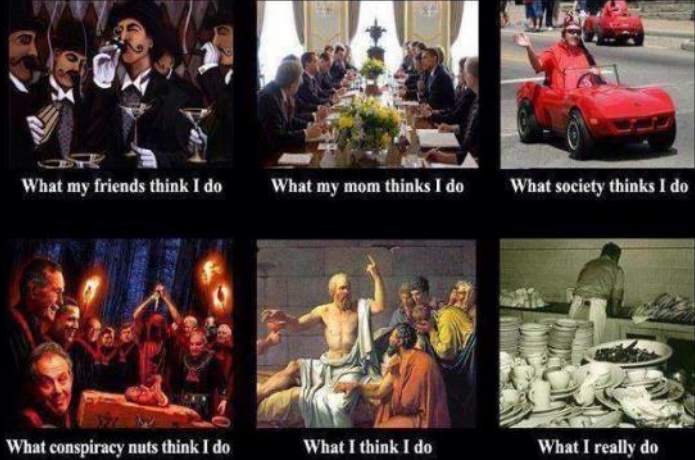
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"The Definition of a Freemason"

From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

Fraternally,

Brother Fred LaBell 32°

Trestleboard Editor

Congratulations to Brother Tony Darin who has been honored and received the rank of 33rd Degree Mason



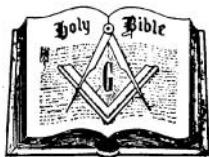
CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM

The 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 Ted Timothy Kennedy was born on May 3, 1960 in Phoenix, Arizona. He picked up the working tools of Freemasonry when he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, on January 30, 2020 at Scottsdale Lodge 43, in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on October 29, 2020, and he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 25, 2021. He was a member of Scottsdale Lodge 43, Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona. He laid down the working tools of life on 10 March 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona.



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!

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Preferred Email Address

Looking Back in Time at #43



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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

Arnold Arthur Amaru	4/25/1974	Joseph Patton Driessen Jr	4/28/2005	Robert Russell Beffel, PM	4/15/2010
Norval William Armstrong	4/26/1950	John Joseph Cummins IV	4/14/2005	Kyle Andrew Thomas	4/15/2010
Frederick Hilary Goldinov	4/26/1979	Scott Andrew Thomas PGM	4/14/2005	Erik James Kilbo	4/4/1998
Donald William Poppe	4/26/1962	Danny Abraham Lazar	4/16/2005	Richard Nicholas Davis	4/14/2011
Jerome Maurice Taylor	4/1/1985	John Harlan Reynolds PM	4/28/2005	Adam Nelson Dahlberg	4/14/2011
James William Brown	4/28/1988	Phillip Lee Bartling	4/13/2006	Carsten Loelke	4/11/2013
Harry Edward Markham	4/16/1974	Sergey V Sheleg	4/13/2006	Timothy Brian Curran	4/10/2014
Bruce Henry Usher	4/29/1993	Jonathan Roy Winchester	4/22/1995	Oliver Ndubuisi Ibeh	4/9/2015
Wilhelm A, Amstutz III	4/18/1998	James Ray Raynovic	4/9/2009	Robert Lawrence Swoboda	4/9/2015
Mark Harold Conner	4/27/2000	James Mikeal Callahan	4/8/2010	Robert Hess	4/21/2016
William Eugene Lamb	4/13/2002	David Aaron Harris	4/8/2010	Stephen McCutcheon Wall	4/14/2016
Steven John Sampson PM	4/10/2003	Terry Nicholas Highland	4/29/2010	Herman Perry Ransom	4/13/2017
Bradley Lee Minor	4/24/2003	Mark Lee Brown	4/10/1981	Austin Robert Spalla	4/11/2019
Patrick Joseph McGill	4/15/2004	Louay George	4/29/2010	Paul David Jump	4/8/2021

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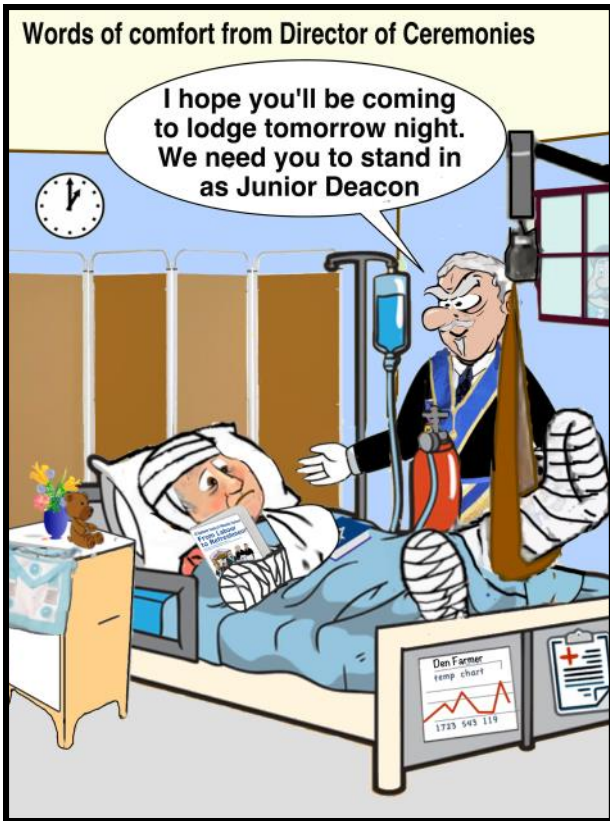
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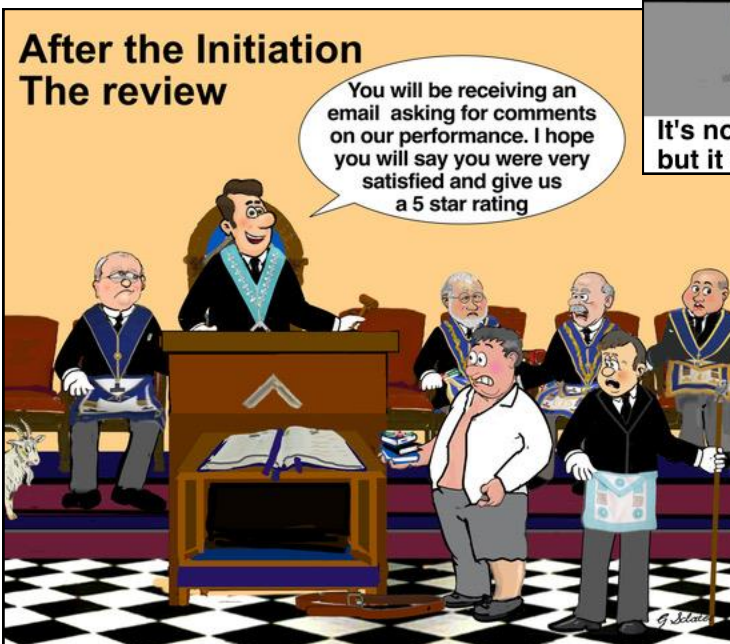
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If you have items that are too good to *give* away, individuals are invited to sell their items at our rummage sale. For \$100, you may set up your own space at our sale to sell your own wares. That fee will cover both Saturday and Sunday.

Brothers, please help us make this event a success and donate as many items as you can.

For more information, please call WB Curt Hills at 480-620-3732.

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

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** APRIL Calendar of Events **

- 4/6/2022 Wednesday.....Trustees Meeting
- 4/7/2022 Thursday ... Stated Meeting
- 4/14/2022 Thursday.....Military 2nd Degree
- 4/15/2022 Friday..... Ist Night of Passover
- 4/17/2022 Sunday.....Easter Sunday
- 4/21/2022 Thursday.....Past Masters Night, 1st Degree

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Remember Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts social gathering.