

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## FROM THE EAST

Question: What does Medical Respirators, William Sonoma, Sherlock Holmes, and Penicillin all have in common?

Answer: They were all invented by Masons.



This article is a short history lesson the famous Mason whose innovations have saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

Dr. Forrest Bird was a true American icon – an eccentric pilot, recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, member of the Inventors Hall of Fame, and a Master Mason.

Dr. Forrest Bird was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in 1957.

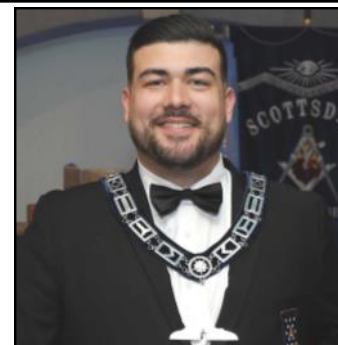
He flew virtually every airplane imaginable during WWII. On one mission flying a captured German aircraft from England to the United States he discovered the oxygen regulator created by the Germans required a substantial effort to breathe, and ultimately did not provide much value to the pilot. Intrigued, he knew that he could improve the breathing machine. Bird redesigned the regulator, tested it on himself, and presented his design to his superiors at the Air Corp.

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## FROM THE WEST

### A CIVIL WAR STORY

by John Hohenstein  
Zerubbabel Lodge #15,  
Savannah, Georgia



It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag. It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

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Dr. Bird was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1995 for developing the first low-cost, mass-produced pediatric respirator, known as the Baby Bird.

During the Polio epidemic Dr. Bird invented the Mark 7, which was the first respirator used to wean patients off the Iron Lung successfully. His invention marked the birth of modern respiratory pressure ventilation as we know it today.

Dr. Bird's respirators were so well-known that even Fidel Castro requested Bird respirators from the U.S. Government as part of an arrangement to release prisoners captured during the Bay of Pigs.

**Fraternally,**

**Tim Scarpino  
Worshipful Master**

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From there they escorted one Fellow

Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

**Fraternally,**

**Shawn Hunter, Senior Warden, KT**

**F&AM Scottsdale Lodge 43**

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**From the South**

Dear Brothers,

As I have spent time visiting with many of you this past month, I have listened to concerns and joys, have shared condolences, counsel, and love. It seems as though many of us are going through various growing pains within our lives and our selves. Recently, I read an article that brought insight as I have traversed my own road of learning and growing this past month. I would like to share it with you as we begin our descent further into the winter months:



**Wisdom of the Owl**

*"Owls are patient messengers, bringers of information and the holders of wisdom, and capable of seeing the unseen.*

*For as long as humankind has recognized animals as teachers, wise people have recognized traits worthy or respect in both wild and domestic creatures. The cultural and spiritual significance of certain animals transcends geographical boundaries. But the majestic and mysterious owl has, for over many millennia, served as the focal point of numerous contradictory beliefs. Though owls have been regarded with awe and fascination, they have also served as agents of fear. Since owls are nocturnal, human-owl encounters tended to occur at night and likely when the bird was swooping silently down to earth to grapple with prey. Yet even as some shied away from the owl, calling it an agent of darkness, others recognized the depths of awareness in beautiful owls' eyes.*

*In the Classical Greek tradition, an owl could often be found perched on the shoulder of Athena, goddess of wisdom, while owls could ward off bad luck in Roman lore. It is in Indigenous American mythos that the owl attains its own unique identity. Owls are patient messengers, bringers of information, and the holders of wisdom, and they are capable of seeing the unseen. With their keen eyesight, they can glance into the soul to discern meaning and motive and they are totems of truth. Unlike our distant forebears, we may never*



*encounter an owl in the wild, but we can nonetheless internalize the wisdom of the owl by attuning ourselves to its most venerable qualities. Fully integrating the medicine of the owl into spiritual existence is a matter of considering how we might open ourselves more fully to the wisdom that can be found in the larger universe.*

*Should you find your efforts blocked as you commune with the owl, remember that it was not always revered as an icon of wisdom. This denizen of the nighttime has overcome many prejudices in its long association with humankind. To reveal those hidden elements of the self that impact your life for better or for worse, you must often make your way through the darkest parts of your soul. There is indeed darkness both inside the self and outside the self, but like the owl, you can transcend it by drawing nourishment from the insights you receive when you penetrate it." - Daily OM~*

As the article suggests, and as Masonry teaches us, there is indeed both darkness and light in each of us. We walk through dark and light tiles as we strive to become truly Master of this Craft that we have chosen and initiated into. It is our quest, as it was the quest of heroes of old, to journey into the darkness and transcend the trials presented us that we may return to the Court of our Great Creator as transcendent beings full of Light, Wisdom, Love, and Charity.

This is my prayer for each of us this coming month, that we may see the unseen as we study our craft, stand as a totem of truth, have Wisdom and Charity to serve a brother in need, and feel the support of the Architect as we continue our journeys of growth into Light that we may be of fullest service to the Divine Plan. So mote it be.

**Fraternally,  
Michael D. Valecourt. PM  
Junior Warden**

**Scottsdale Chapter #43 OES News**

Fall is a busy time for Eastern Star.  
 —Nov. 11— Official Visit at Scottsdale Charitable Donations: OES Scholarship; St. Jude’s Children’s Cancer Hospital; Power Paws of Scottsdale- provides service/guide dogs to kids and adults; and, new Hospice of the Valley Dementia Care and Education Campus - supports Education for caregivers and families.  
 —Nov. 13— Masonic Picnic  
 —Enjoy Thanksgiving Celebrations  
 —Nov. 28— Initiation of the daughter-in-law of Bob and Bert Beer.  
 —Dec. 12 — Friendship Night  
 Charitable Donation: collect toys and stuffed animals for Scottsdale Fire Department use with children in crisis.  
 We wish everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Diana Hutchinson



**Library**

In our library are three copies of a very interesting masonic book that has not been read much lately. This book written by a non mason was outlawed over the centuries by Hitler, Mussolini and the Ayatollah Khomeini. Freemasonry spread throughout the world and attracted kings, emperors and statesmen. Where did it come from and why was it attacked with such hatred by the Roman Catholic Church? John J. Robinson Give his explanation of how Freemasonry came to be and why. He did not start out to research Freemasonry but was researching English history, but was sidetracked by what his research showed him. One of the copies was given to W.M. Jesse Lee by D.G. M. Bill Jeffers in 1996. The D.,G.M. Thought so much of this book I believe he presented a copy to all the Lodges he visited that year. This detective story explains how the start of Freemasonry appearance this in with historical events in history. It is a great read for all Masons and non masons, but has more meaning for Master Masons. If a Brother read it before becoming a MM he may want to go back and reread it as a MM. These three copies are found in bookcase A, shelf three.

**Fraternally,  
Richie Yorston, PM  
Library Chairman**

**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](mailto:eispro@leaders-view.com) with your email address and phone number. Call him with questions at 480-946-5390. Thank you!

**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.

This is also a good place to find help, just ask



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Brothers, Our fraternity has many appendant bodies and interest groups. Check out the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners.

There is also a motorcycle group called Widows Sons that always seems to be taking road trips.

The thing is, don't sit back and think there is nothing to do, beside Degree Work.

**Scottsdale #43 Masonic Shirts for Sale**

Contact the Secretary for details and cost.

To place your order call (480) 946-1072.



Remember, while you are at Lodge check out our Masonic jewelry case for various Masonic themed pins, emblems, ties and many other items.

**If you did not pay your 2022 Lodge Dues, they are past due.**

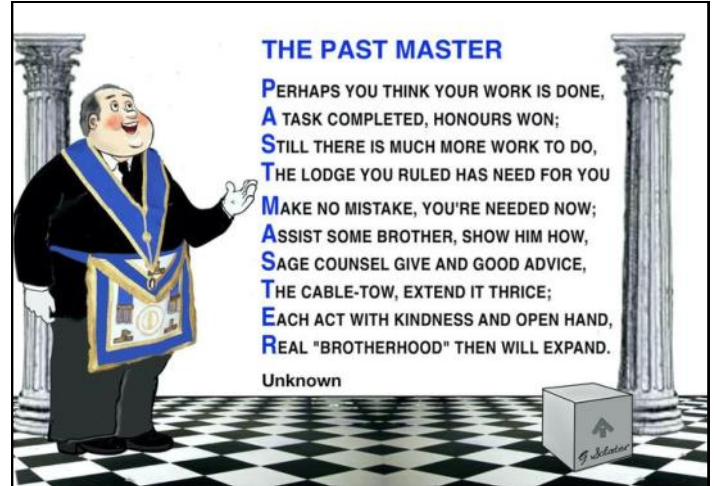
**Please submit payment upon receipt of invoice by check to Secretary or Credit card via Zelle on lodge website**

**Dues are \$194 for 2022.**

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

**\*If you have a problem, call the Secretary**

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**Leadership**

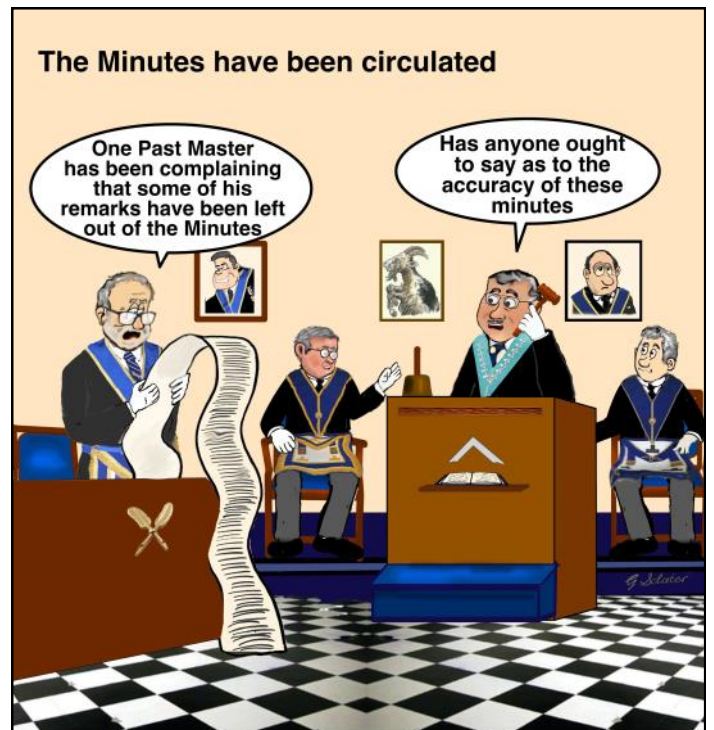
Stating it briefly, a leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. Nice slogan, but how to you get to find yourself to be a leader? Hold yourself to a higher standard that any one expects of you, and never excuse yourself if a goal is not achieved. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, and become more, you are a leader.

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. Goals are so often sought, but reality puts them over the horizon. Just because they are out of sight does not mean they are unattainable. That's where leadership comes in, to make the vision real. Those you lead must gain the confidence to know that success may not happen, but at least all avenues of pursuit will be found and tried. Success or failure, their faith in your abilities will shine.

We have found the difference between management and leadership. Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

**Fraternally,  
 David Woodland, PM**

For our traveling Brothers, Don't leave home without it



# Don't Miss the Annual Lodge Picnic

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2020**

**ELDORADO PARK & COMMUNITY CENTER**

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**STARTS AT: 10:00 AM**

**MEAL STARTS AT 12:00 PM**

**EVENT ENDS AT 3:00 PM**

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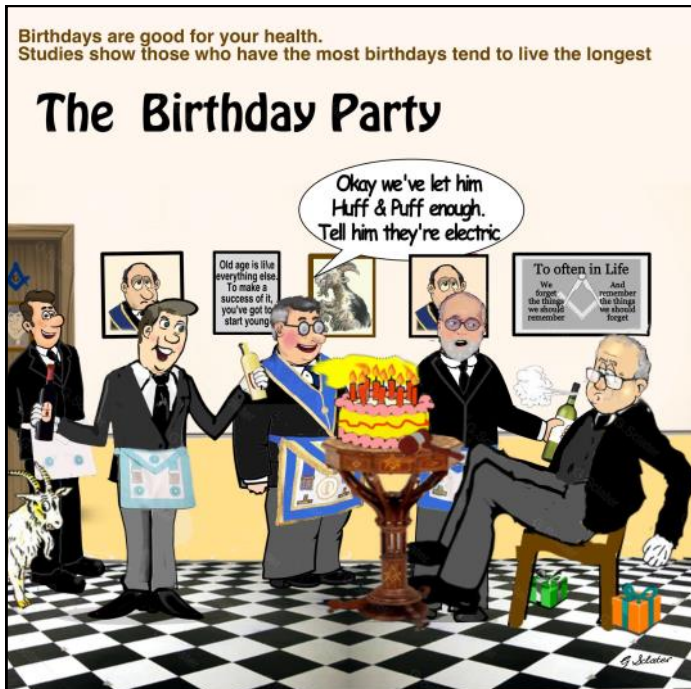
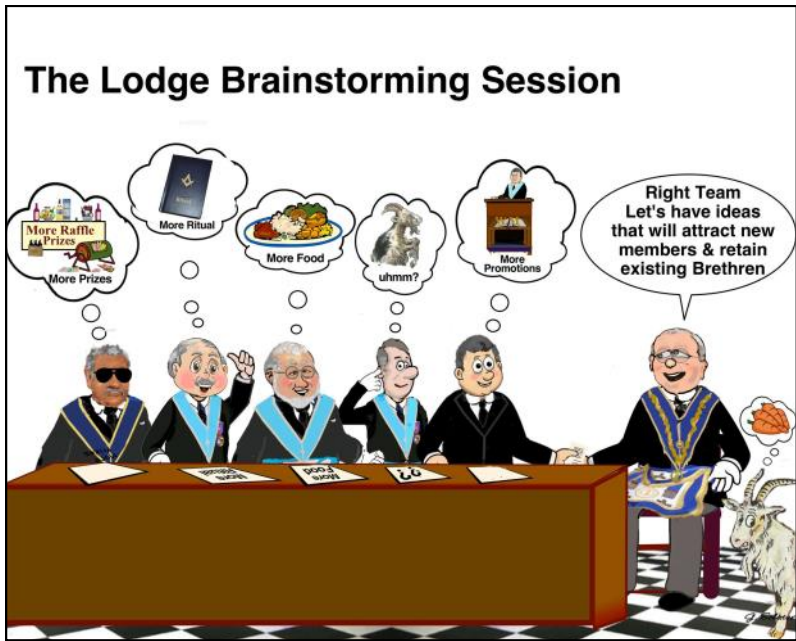
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SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

November 2022 Masonic Anniversaries  
Celebrating Another Year in the Light

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	Jerry Dennis Hardiman Jr 11/29/2007	Gregory Randall Gaskill 11/9/2017
Jon Charles Shaw 11/6/1980	Vincent James Watson 11/29/2007	David James Earney 11/9/2017
William Garfield Solomon 11/29/1973	Lionel Hayes Uhlmann III 11/11/2004	Thomas Arthur Burke 11/22/2003
Alfred John Hagan 11/12/1987	Anthony Joseph Darin 11/15/2000	Jonathan Edward Bauman 11/8/2018



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Call (480) 946-1072 for details and prices



New EA Degrees  
being conferred



**Arizona Grand Lodge Website**

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.

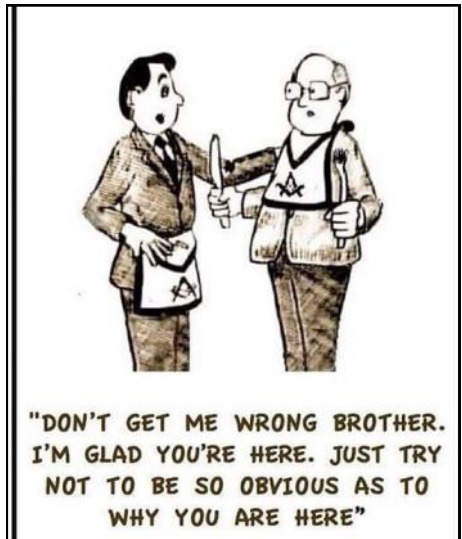
We hope that it will encourage communication and share knowledge around the State while also giving another outlet to the activities of our many Lodges in Arizona. As is the case with Social Media, we intend for it to be enjoyable and informative and hope that it will grow and adapt to the needs and wants of our Craft as it progresses.

**There is also a master list of #43 Masons accessible through "Grandview" on the website. You must log in to use it.**

<http://www.azmasons.org>

**Fraternally,  
Tom Burke, Secretary**

A BIG Payment of Wages to our JW Michael Valecourt and PM Curt Hills and the other Brothers who assist them for the wonderful meals we have been having. The dining room is seeing more Brothers and guests than before,



"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ARE HERE"



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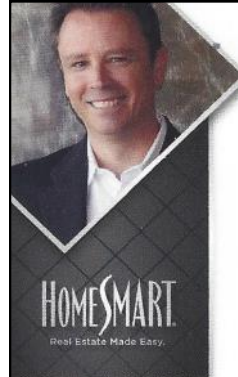
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**Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:**

**Monday 5PM-7PM**

**Thursday 5PM-7PM**

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

**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

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**\*\* Fall Calendar of Events \*\***

**November and beyond can be found on the Lodge website: [www.scottsdalelodge43.com](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com)**

**WATCH for the current events in the weekly updates from the WM and Secretary, via Email.**

**There is also the Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts social gathering.**

**CALL IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO LODGE**

The Brother's Outreach Team has raises funds for our brothers who don't drive after dark or don't drive at all so they can come to Lodge to enjoy the fellowship. ***If you would like to attend Lodge***, contact the secretary Tom Burke @ 203-559-9504 to arrange for a ride to and from at no cost to you (Valley area only).

If you would like to support this worthy cause, please send a check to Scottsdale Lodge 43, POB 486 Scottsdale, AZ 85252. On the check write "Transportation Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.

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Jonathan Edward D'Emilio	Term Expires: 2025
Eric Marble	Term Expires: 2024
Stan Sparrow	Term Expires: 2024
Brandon Valentine	Term Expires: 2023
Wil Wilkins	Term Expires: 2023

**MEETING LOCATION**

**Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43**  
2531 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ.

**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](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com).