

TRESTLEBOARD

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

As Saint Patrick's Day is approaching, we will be drawing inspiration from the event and what it means to people. For one, we will be having a Saint Patrick's Day Table Lodge this year. Complete with Mrs. Madden's world famous Corned Beef and Cabbage, prepared from a secret family recipe handed down from WB Dennis Sprouse to WB Scott Tracy and WB Merle Anderson. There will be green beverages instead of the traditional white or red beverages at the Table Lodge for our toasts and singing along songs throughout the evening, accompanied by our own Maestro, WB Carlos Rausch. If you are a Master Mason, get your Reservations into the secretary as space is limited.

When you think of Saint Patrick's Day, it brings up images of leprechauns, four leaf clovers, kissing the Blarney Stone, green everything and if you have ever been in Chicago at this time, they even dye the river a bright green.

The other thing that usually comes to mind is the "Luck of the Irish". It has been my experience that "Luck" is usually the by-product of much hard work, preparation and planning. When the planning pays off with a great display, others call it "Luck". The same is true in Masonry - when you see a successful brother, it is easy to think it was easy for him or that he was in the right place at the right time. Again, this is far from the truth as success comes from proper planning, diligent training, exceptional execution and the help of your Brothers. You keep hearing the phrase "you get out of it what you put into it" and that is the real truth. Take every opportunity to participate, coordinate, make suggestions and follow through to make those suggestions become reality. You will be the benefactor and others will say about you, "What a lucky guy".

Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
 Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Dear Brothers,

With this being the month of St. Patrick's Day, complete with omnipresent images of the four-leaf clover, a universal symbol of good luck, I must pause, reflect and ask, just what is meant by the phrase "The Luck of the Irish?"

Some think it means that the Irish are born lucky. Others might argue that it means the opposite and is an ironic phrase inspired by the turbulent and arguably *unlucky* history of Ireland. I prefer to see it as an uplifting phrase paying homage to the fact that the Irish have historically been considered industrious folks, known to make their own success through hard work and perseverance. Therefore, to wish someone the luck of the Irish is essentially to wish them good fortune by way of their own hard work. Hmmm... sound familiar?

Well, to a Mason, it just might bring back some fond memories of the first degree where our Masonic teachings admonish us to strive to be more perfect (I'm paraphrasing here) by an eagerness to learn, hard work and good works, and a little help from above (images of the perfect ashlar should be coming to mind just about now). Thus, when considering the phrase "The Luck of the Irish," we see that this Masonic theme of using our hearts, our minds, and the strength of our bodies to attain a virtuous life has come to us in just another form as a simple phrase used to exemplify the work ethic and determination of a people who overcame hardship to achieve a more perfect existence.

They say that on St. Patrick's Day we're all Irish. I guess it won't kill me to be perfect one day of the year.

May the Great Architect bless you my Brother, and may the Luck of the Irish be with you.

In Brotherly Love,
Bro. Curt O'Hills
 Senior Warden



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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Luck, The Luck of the Irish and being Lucky.



The definition of **luck** (or **chance**) varies by the philosophical, religious, mystical, and emotional context of the one interpreting it; according to the classic [Noah Webster's](#) dictionary, luck is "a purposeless, unpredictable and uncontrollable force that shapes events favorably or unfavorably for an individual, group or cause". Yet the author [Max Gunther](#) defines it as "events that influence one's life and are seemingly beyond one's control".

When thought of as a factor beyond one's control, without regard to one's [will](#), [intention](#), or [desired](#) result, there are at least two senses that people usually mean when they use the term, the *prescriptive* sense and the *descriptive* sense. In the prescriptive sense, luck is a [supernatural](#) and [deterministic](#) concept that there are forces (e.g. gods or spirits) that prescribe that certain events occur very much the way [laws of physics](#) will prescribe that certain events occur. It is the prescriptive sense that people mean when they say they "do not [believe in luck](#)". In the descriptive sense, people speak of luck after events that they find to be fortunate or unfortunate, and maybe improbable.

Taken from a religious perspective, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam all claim luck is not a factor, that the grand architect or Allah predetermines fate.

Then there is that notion of Serendipity. The accidental falling into great fortune when not even seeking it. Like the accidental discovery of penicillin in 1928, the accidental invention of the microwave in 1945 or the post it in 1968. And the invention of oral birth control came as a byproduct when researching a fertility drug.

I believe in most cases we make our own luck. I believe that fortune favors the well prepared. But I don't deny the Luck in the power of the dispossessed. Having nothing left to lose and going for the prize with your last resource, the Luck of the Irish.

"I would rather be lucky than good" Vernon Louis "Lefty" Gomez
Five time World Series Champion with the New York Yankees.

Fraternally,

Brandon Valentine,

Junior Warden

REMINDER

TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY
CHANGE

The Trustees made a decision to change how the Trestleboard is delivered. Over the past several years our membership has declined, yet the cost of printing and mailing the Trestleboard has increased. Although we do use Bulk Mail the cost per copy and total production cost has continued to increase to the point where it may impact the budget for other programs planned for the Lodge. Since the vast majority of Brothers now have Email access and use the internet, you can help the Lodge reduce the cost by electing to get your Trestleboard via Email only.

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Additionally, the Trestleboard is placed on the Lodge website. By selecting the electronic option, you get to read the Trestle Board two weeks before those who have to wait for printing, processing, labeling, and the US Mail (assuming we have your latest address).

TO MAKE THE CHANGE, SEND YOUR REQUEST VIA EMAIL TO THE SECRETARY AT:

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From the Secretary's Desk

GOOD BROTHERS!

Thank you all for what you do for your Lodge. There are so many of you who help out in many ways. We probably fail to say "thank you" as often as we should...we'll work on that. It's the Brothers who keep this Lodge viable and working as a Temple to Freemasonry.

We have received 2017 dues from many of you which is greatly appreciated. For those who haven't gotten around to paying, please do so as soon as you can. If you have financial or health issues preventing you from paying dues, please let the Secretary know (480-946-1072) OR email secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

In 2017 I hope all of us can "step up" and help the Lodge with your talents or finances. We have some pricey projects that need to be done so anytime throughout the year you have a few extra dollars please send them our way. We need about \$3000 to replace the dining room chairs (which are painfully thin now). Reupholstering them is not an affordable option when compared to replacing them.

We also have the drapes on the East wall that are over 40 years old that need some type of replacement (either fabric or some other creative design). An initial price for replacing the drapes is around \$17,000! If you have other creative ideas other than fabric that possess the elegance factor needed for the East, please let the Secretary know.

Thanks again to all of you!

Fraternally,

Stephen Clarke
Secretary

Masons Serve at "Feed My Starving Children"

Our Lodge brothers and family members were joined by others from Hunter's Paradise Lodge and representatives of the Order of the Eastern Star, to help pack food for charity organization "Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)" at their Mesa location. We originally planned for 12 team members, but this grew to 16 by when we started. FMC provides nutritionally complete, FDA approved, meals for malnourished children with worldwide distribution to impoverished areas. FMSC consistently receives the highest awards for fiscal accountability and transparency, with more than 90 percent of donations directly applied to feeding kids in need.

Our team joined others during a 2-hour period to pack portion-controlled food and vitamins in heat-sealed bags. Each bag provides 6 meals. Overall, we helped pack 90 boxes for 19,440 meals, which can feed 53 children for a full year. Tonight's food would be sent to Thailand. (On a previous Masonic-supported event, the foods were for relief in Africa.) Our Scottsdale Masonic Lodge will be coordinating future "team packing events" at FMSC and looks forward to your participation.



Our "Masonic Packaging Team" in front of Children's mural at "Feed My Starving Children" in Mesa. Our WM Bob Beffel is at left, and WM James "JJ" Jennings from Hunter's Paradise lodge is the center.

NOTE TO ALL FROM THE GRAND LODGE!

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 Lodge 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/docs/Copper_Post_November_2016.pdf



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From Our Past Tyler

BENEFIT

The scenario could be familiar. You may be with friends, and one says something outrageous which they all agree cannot be real. Voices start to rise expressing opinions to prove the one who had spoken was obviously wrong. In an effort to quiet things down to a civil conversation, it was said, "Let's give him the benefit of the doubt". Seems like a peaceful solution, and is often resorted to when it is offered as reasonable. Is it reasonable to assume that ceding discussion in the search for answers finds neither? Some reasonable alternatives to be considered include finding the source of the what was said, the why and how it was given, general opinions, and enough research to make an informed decision. Of course we cannot go through this process every time this situation occurs, but thoughtful reasoning can be done in seconds using the information and experiences already known.

So, the question is, by assuming that the speaker may possibly be correct, however doubtful, the doubt becomes the concession as facts become obsolete. When doubt exceeds reality, did we really bestow a benefit? I doubt it.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM

BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE –

The Brother's Outreach Team has decided to raise 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 Michael Trumbull @ 480-800-7297 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.

From Eastern Star:

Last Monday, February 13th, we honored Job's Daughters and invited them, their counselors, their parents and Masons to join us for a chili supper. I have been amazed at the poise, dignity and maturity that these girls maintain. If you are a parent, I congratulate you!

We have an upcoming Spring Fashion Show on Monday March 13th at 5pm. There will be a salad supper for \$8.00 and fashions by the Dress Barn. All those present will receive a discount card to use. Call Marcie Andre' at 480-994-1397 for reservations.

Janet Mielke
Past Matron
Membership, Chr



ANNOUNCING

Masonic Scholarships for College Bound Students

“Applications for 2017 - 2018 Grand Lodge scholarships are now available from Stephen Clarke, Secretary, announces Worshipful Master *Bob Beffel*.

The deadline for completing the application – along with other required documents – is April 1, 2017. The completed application and other documents are to be submitted to the Lodge Secretary by that date.

Applications will be reviewed, forwarded to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee, which will consider the applications and notify the successful recipients in mid-July of 2017.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of an Arizona Master Mason, or be an Arizona member (or an Arizona senior/majority member) of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters. Applicants must be single, planning to attend an Arizona public university or community college.

Inasmuch as considerable work must be done by applicants to complete the application and compile the necessary documents, it is urged that applicants not delay in doing the necessary paperwork.”

Bethel 21

Bethel 21 has been busy. We have our Goodwill drive on February 18, 2017, and I know that we have lots of stuff. We just got a new member, Megan Robson; she is going to be our Junior Custodian. We also have a Majority Ceremony for one of our adults this upcoming meeting. Tomorrow night the OES is having a special dinner just for the Jobies. Our mystery trip is on February 25, 2017. It will last the whole day. As always we appreciate your support and everything you do for us. It means so much and we can't put enough words together on how thankful we are for you guys.

From,
Reagan Clevenger,
Senior Princess Bethel 21



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March 16, 2017, Master Masons Only

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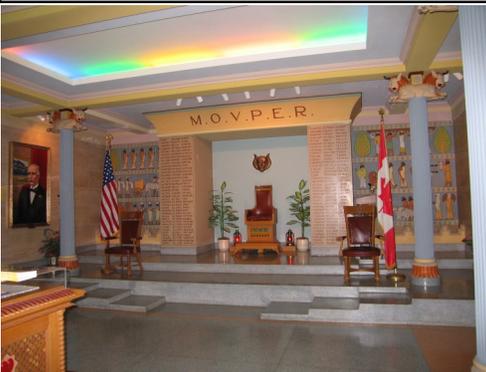


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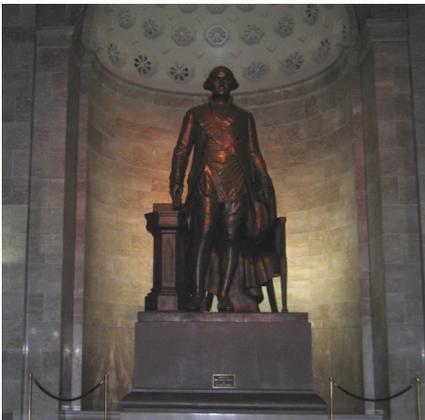
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The George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Photos by Bro. Fred LaBell



Looking down from upper balcony



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

March Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Melvyn Lewis Arthur	3/22/1956	L Roger Espeland	3/24/2001	James Warner Meredith	3/29/2007
William Lee Baran	3/10/1976	Gregory Joseph Gadel	3/19/2015	Jackson Henry Milligan	3/26/1970
Glenn Lockwood Bezuyen	3/29/2001	John Robert Geyer	3/11/2010	Mark Shander Morosoff	3/27/2007
Anthony John Blunda	3/11/2010	Michael Paul Haley	3/8/2012	Aubrey Jay Mundy	3/30/1972
Matthew Donald Bowling	3/13/2008	Matthew Alex.-Robbins	3/27/2014	James Arland Osman III	3/11/2004
Fernando Anthony Caraballo	3/29/2007	Robert Matthew Haynes	3/31/1993	Vincent Paul Outcalt	3/27/1997
Thomas Wesley Carroll	3/24/1983	James Edward Hemmer Sr	3/29/1975	Robert Bonner Rye	3/24/2005
David Alan Cherrill	3/21/1991	Robert George Hops	3/26/1981	Stanley Joseph Sparrow	3/14/2013
Robert Franklin Davis Jr	3/21/1966	Sebastian Nathanael Hudemann	3/14/2013	Scott Charles Squires	3/20/1997
Roger Allen Dawson	3/27/2007	Jesus Alfredo Jaramillo	3/17/2016	Steven Eric Squires	3/20/1997
Carl Dietrich	3/19/1981	George Edgar Johnson	3/29/1956	Tyler Lee Treat	3/27/2014
Michael Joseph Donato	3/19/2015	William Edward Keim	3/11/1950	Michael Norman Trumbull	3/17/2016
Jason Scott Duey	3/24/2005	Terance Lee Kelly	3/17/1992	Raymond Roger Wallage	3/11/1999
Edwin Springston Earl	3/28/1985	Donald Maxwell	3/29/1973	Terry Lee Zeiger	3/25/1976
George Richard Easter	3/26/1964	Frank Paul Mendola	3/24/2005		

Parada del Sol Float and Parade

The Parada del Sol was a Smashing success, we enjoyed beautiful weather and a rock solid participation. We had behind the wheel of the hay wagon, Brother Ed Bandyk who did a superb job piloting our float. Brother Tim Scarpino brought his beautiful family along with Brother Wil Wilkins and his family. Our Worthy Matron Marci Andre from the Eastern Star joined the ride and most of Bethel 19 under the leadership of Miss Ashley Seger who is Honor Queen, came out to join us for their 1st year riding our float. All total we around 20 attendees which made for a very full hay wagon. We hope to have a turnout at least equal to this next year. Also a quick nod to Brother Stephen Clarke who helped out dramatically from home base back at the lodge.

Sincerely,

WB Scott Tracy - Parade Chairman and Consummate Float Decorator.



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**** March Calendar Events ****

- March 1 Trustee Meeting
- March 2 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner
- March 9 Third Degree Night
- March 16 ****Table Lodge**** Master Masons Only
- March 23 Fellowcraft Degree
- March 30 Entered Apprentice Degree

***CHECK THE LODGE WEB SITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE and DETAILS**
<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>

SAVE THE DATE

Military Degree Night

April 20, 2017

Watch the Arizona Military Degree Team in action.

All members are current or former members of the military.

MEETING PLACE

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge,
 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.

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