

TRESTLEBOARD

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

This is the Trestle Board for the month of May and as the saying goes, April showers bring May Flowers. Those flowers have bloomed from the seeds that were planted early in the year. I chose this symbolic theme to look back at what we have Masonically reaped from the seeds (ideas and plans) that were sown when the year began. Also, to look forward to what we want to accomplish and what new seeds need to be planted for crops and flowers that we want later in the year.



For instance, we wanted to have more Masonic Education opportunities on Thursday nights so we started off with a wonderful presentation by Maestro Carlos Rausch on Freemasonry and Music together with some Historical facts from WB Darius McClintock. Then at the end of March, Brother Steve Burkle exposed us to a little esoteric Masonry with a talk on the Perfect Points of Entrance, a Cabalistic Interpretation. Even our Friend to Friend program has undergone some changes with a more structured approach and a rotating syllabus. Our officers have been attending Grand Lodge Education opportunities like the School of Instruction and Officers Retreat so they can put on better programs in their years.

We again had the Military Degree Team put on a fantastic FC degree for a Military candidate and that was one of the largest attended Military Degrees they have seen in a long time. They were very appreciative that so many people were interested. The number and quality of candidates coming through is at a healthy level. We are putting them to work in many cases, even before they have received their Master Mason degree. This level of activity is a positive sign for the Lodge.

We are working through the backlog of Longevity Awards so we can get to the point of anticipating these awards for very deserving Brothers. We have recently established an Outreach Committee to make sure we are visiting brothers who are sick or can not come to Lodge. If you are in need of someone giving you a ride to Lodge or would like a visit, please contact our Secretary. We have also identified some brothers in need of assistance and others still who need Relief and are doing our best to address their needs. For those

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

I would like to share some thoughts on the Sun and its importance to my position. As we all know, the Sun sets in the West. The Senior Warden also is stationed in the West. What does this mean? Most Masons remember that the three stations represent not only represent Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, but also they represent the principal stages of life.



The East represents infancy, or childhood, and it is from the East that the Wisdom comes from within the Lodge, and it is one of the Master's roles to impart that Wisdom to the Craft. The South represents adulthood, and the Junior Warden sits among the Craft as they engage in their labors. But the West represents the elderly, and thus the Sun sets in the West.

It is the Senior Warden's role to assist the Worshipful Master in the opening and closing of his lodge, and it takes experience in order to do this. While I do not profess to be the most experienced Mason, that is the symbolic idea. The idea that the Senior Warden is and has been there, and has seen, and can determine who, among the Craft belong in a Lodge of a particular Degree, and can engage in helping to teach the ritual to our "younger" members.

While it is my duty to learn all that I can from the Master during this year as the presumptive nominee for the next in the role, it is more important that while serving as Senior Warden that I act as a mentor to those "younger" brothers who are going through the degrees, or through the earlier chairs in the line. I take this role very seriously, and I hope that it is to the Lodge's satisfaction.

Each one of us has different skills to bring to the table, and each one of us has a role to play. The Senior Warden's role is that of being a senior leader in the Lodge, and at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master, acting as his lieutenant to carry out his wishes and direction for the Lodge. So this is why the West represents being elderly, or more experienced. Our Lodge continues to grow.

We have had several visitors attending our stated meeting dinners. Please make an effort to meet and discuss Masonry with these new men.

We should never allow someone to take the degrees of our fraternity unless we have good reason to believe they will contribute to our perseverance.

May is the time for spring and renewal. Please take a moment to renew friendships within the lodge. If you know of a Brother who has not been to lodge in a while, please take a moment to extend a friendly hand and call them on behalf of the lodge to see how they are doing and invite them back on to our fold. They may just be busy, or they may be having problems, but if you do not call, we in the lodge will never know.

Thank you and see you soon in the Lodge Room.

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who have been at stated meetings, you know we have approved Reg 19 assistance on 2 Brothers already and have approved Senior Life status to a few more. We also participated in a new Community Service activity called Feed My Starving Children. The organization asks for our time in packing the lunch boxes, they provide all the food and materials.

These programs are very rewarding for those who participate, but we can do better and we will. Look for more programs like the upcoming Widow's Night on 5/26 and the St. John's Table Lodge on 6/24 as well as others to be rolled out as the year progresses.

**Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master**



From the Senior Stewards Chair

Greetings Brethren,

The trestle board theme of this month is a simple one, or not so simple depending on your perspective, "Flowers". Now, in talking about flowers I don't mean the azaleas in your mother's or grandmother's garden. The flowers in the case of this article are much more allegorical; We plant a seed or an idea or a goal and we tend to it. As we tend to the "Seed" the we have planted we see that over time it grows into a beautiful flower. What are the seeds that you have planted this year, or even in years passed? Have you tended to them properly? What are the results?

In the beginning of this year I set out to understand the ritual we perform on more than just a surface level comprehension of the words. This "Seed" has sprouted and I have regularly tended to it but it is so very far from blooming. The more I study the further it seems but that is okay for me because the life we live is but a journey, and education only to end when we are raised to the Celestial Lodge above. Even though this particular "Flower" may never bloom for me, or bloom the way I want it to. In tending to it regularly, and properly I have slowly started to understand and improve myself.

The moral to my writing, is to mind your goals and pursue them and never give up. Even if you cannot complete them or they never come to fruition for whatever reason, you always gain something by trying, sometimes a different, more beautiful flower will grow from efforts instead of the one originally intended.

**Fraternally,
Brother Matthew Hartzell
Senior Steward**

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"I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand."
-Confucius

**Fraternally and sincerely,
James Callahan
Senior Warden**

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Dear Brother,

Spring has sprung, somewhere, evidenced by falling leaves and shriveling fruit at the unreachable tops of the citrus trees. Oh, how I long for my boyhood days in Michigan and that first deep breath of Spring air and the excitement and rejoice that followed. An inescapable new beginning was on the way. The last stubborn piles of soot covered snow that lined the street would soon melt or be washed away down the ancient cast iron storm drains to reveal the light green sprouts of grass and the omnipresent clover that never seemed anything but perfectly placed. Perhaps, one day, I will look back wistfully on my days in this state and think to myself, 'Oh to be back in Arizona, a young man of 53, hiking and biking through the desert and enjoying the beautiful cactus, desert flowers, occasional lizard, and other desert life.' Perhaps one day I will look back and realize that the beauty in a flower, or clover, or even a lizard, has nothing to do with its color, which state it is in, or your age, but rather with your angle of view, for every day we view the flowers from above, my Brother, is a beautiful day indeed.



**In Brotherly Love,
Curt Hills
Junior Warden**

From the Secretary's Desk

Since the first of this year, when we all begin planting some seeds for Lodge growth, we have seen signs that the fruits of our labors are beginning to grow. WM Beffel's Lodge Mission for this year is "To provide an environment in which good men can become better men." We all know that the ownership of that mission falls on each of us individually. As Lodge Officers we continually work on creating the environment so each of us, as brothers, can experience the grand benefits of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We do that by seeking each other out, learning more about each other, and expanding our friendships to include ALL our brothers, especially at this Lodge.

The Brother's Outreach Program is underway! Twelve brothers stepped up to form the initial team to implement this program. The team needs the help of all our brothers to let us know who needs help. Whether the help is in the form of just a visit, or a ride to Lodge or a doctor's appointment, this team will do their best to accommodate the request.

Please consider your ability to help with this. If you have some spare time and can help out every once in a while, it would mean a lot to one of our brothers. I'm sure we have Lodge brothers who haven't been to Lodge for some time because they don't drive at night. With your help, the team can help coordinate the services needed. Think about what it could mean to a brother who could no longer drive to have a brother stop by to pick him up and take him home after Lodge. Contact the Secretary if you are willing to help out once in a while so we can put you on a call list should a need arise 480-946-1072 or secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

The Masons have a long-standing history of helping each other as brothers, and helping the world on many levels. Some of those strong, guiding principles may have slipped a bit over time, but they are none-the-less vitally important to who we are as Freemasons.

In Brotherly Love,

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke, Secretary**

Honoring his 60 Years of Service to Masonry

Worshipful Brother Dave Woodland



SGW Scott Thomas, WM Bob Beffel, Dave Woodland, PM, DDGM Josue Cuevas, PM and DDGM Geoff Cummings PM presented his 60 Year Pin and a Letter from the Grand Master to our Tyler Dave Woodland, PM

Bikes for Books Program

Brothers,

Scottsdale Lodge was hard at work again.

We have just delivered 3 bikes and now in classroom teaching children the importance of reading.

Please look in garages and see if there is a bike not being used that can be donated.

Fraternally,

Bill Gesswein PM



This year's Executive Chef, JW Curt Hills who is helping us all gain weight.



From the Marshal

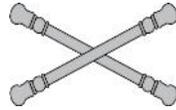
Myosotic arvensis– from the Greek, meaning “Mouse’s Ear,” after the shape of its five petals. These little blue flowers are perennials, springing up ever year. They grow widely in Europe, Asia, America, even as far as New Zealand. In most languages, however, this flower is known by its much more common name, the forget-me-not.

The flower symbolizes true love, enduring memory, and faithfulness. It’s where we get the phrase “True Blue.” At the start of its flowering season, flashes of blue display dazzling proof to the world that though it may have appeared dead through the long cold winter, it was only dormant, and come spring it’s born back to life, its color begs the world not to overlook this tiny flower.

There are many legends surrounding the origins of the forget-me-not, and its name. One legend says that when God had finished giving out the colors to all the flowers, he heard a tiny whisper, “forget-me-not!” All he had left was a tiny bit of blue, which the little flower was delighted to wear. Other legends say that the flower cried out “Forget-me-not!” to Adam and Eve as they fled the Garden of Eden.

I feel the forget-me-not is apropos for spring. Let us not forget that spring represents new beginnings, new opportunities for growth. Let us utilize this opportunity to assert real change in our lives that we have otherwise been procrastinating over. What are you waiting for? If not now, WHEN?

**Fraternally,
Brother William F. Wilkins
Marshal**



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From the Chaplain

Greetings Brethren,

Earlier this year, I wrote an article about the mobile application that I developed and maintain for the lodge and kindly requested feedback and input on the application. I have been contacted more times by lodges from other jurisdictions with questions regarding the application than I have from our own membership. I would really like to hear your comments, concerns and ideas, so I can potentially grow the application in a direction that will be more beneficial to our lodge as a whole. For those of you who missed my previous article and want to know more about the application or where to get it, please search for “Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43”, it is freely available on iOS or Android devices in their respective stores. If you have any comments or ideas for improving the app, please bring them to me personally, leave a comment in the various app stores or post something in the lodge forums (which can be accessed from the lodge’s website).

**Fraternally,
Jonathan Beffel
Chaplain**



From the Tyler

RESPONSE

About 2000 years ago, a philosopher talked about what we today refer to as stress, that it is not so much the problem we face, but the way we respond to it. The more we find solutions in timely fashion, the more we lower the stress level of the particular situation. It is easier to form this opinion than to get it to operate, but picture it like this: You are in a locked room without a key. You may think there is no way out, what will I do? Surely you will look for some other way, but you either give up to the obvious, or find alternatives like rapping on the door to summon aid. The opens, and the stress flows out.

Such an example can show that despair can give way to solutions with a positive response. Scale the problems from stress from casual to severe. Not all difficulties can be solved, but try all sources to find the way to open the door.

Dave Woodland PM

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Masonic Education

Submitted by: Bill Gesswein PM

Civil War soldiers at Gettysburg Civil War Friendship Union and Confederate Brothers

During the Civil War a number of cases were recorded in which Masons on one side of the war extended kindnesses to those on the other side.

At Vicksburg, two days after the city fell, Masons on both sides got together and held a lodge meeting. Confederate lodge members even assisted in the burial of the captain of one of the Union vessels which had captured the strategic town.

At Jacksonville State University in Alabama, the head of the History Department reported that stories were plentiful about plantation owners displaying Masonic rings or aprons to marauding Yankee troops, who then obligingly left their properties unharmed. He pointed out that in the path of Sherman's march to the sea, you can find a number of plantation houses still standing where one would have expected to find only charred ruins.

At Gettysburg, Pickett's Charge was an infantry assault ordered by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee against Maj. Gen. George G. Meade's Union positions on Cemetery Ridge. It occurred on July 3, 1863, the last day of that famous battle. After the fateful Charge, a Confederate general lay dying. On his bloody bed, he asked about a fellow Mason who happened to be on the Union side. The Mason, an aide to one of the Union generals, came to him . . . and gave him dying comfort.

In Charleston, South Carolina, Lt. George Dixon . . . a Mason . . . was commander of the Confederate submarine CSS Hunley. When he boarded that little vessel on Feb. 17, 1864, he carried with him a badge from Mobile Lodge No. 40. The Hunley sank the USS Housatonic that night, becoming the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel. But the Hunley was also sunk, and the lodge badge went to the bottom of Charleston Harbor along with its owner. They would stay there for 136 years. The Hunley was finally lifted off the bottom, in August of the year 2000. Three years later the bones of Lt. Dixon and his crew were buried in a Charleston cemetery. Dixon was buried with Masonic rites, which were provided by the modern-day members of his lodge.

To be remembered by an acquaintance for a month is good.

To be remembered by a friend for twenty years is pleasing.

To be remembered by brothers for 136 years . . . is to be a Mason.

Sources: This talk was presented by Sanford Holst at Home Lodge No. 721 in California. It was published online at www.MasonicSourcebook.com on 29 April 2011. Earlier source was *American History* by Suite 101, "Masons on Both Sides of Civil War, Fraternal Bond Transcended Enmity Between Blue and Gray" by Gene Owens 2 June 2009.

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Stated Meeting 5/5 Steak Dinner

Job's Daughter's Installation 5/7

Degrees on, 5/12, 5/19

OES Installation 5/20

Amaranth Installation 5/21

Widows Night and Rose Upon the Altar 5/26

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May Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

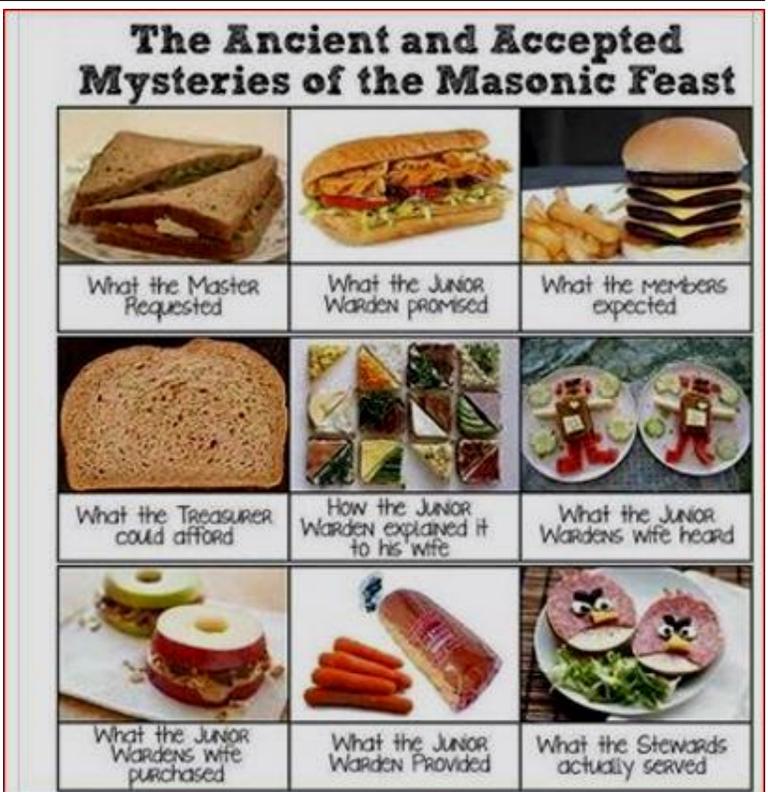
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Senior Deacon

When to plant. Spring planting for a Fall Harvest.

Last year my big event was the cigar night. Thanks to all those who helped. We earned over \$1,100 for the building fund and had a great time. From that success, I hoped to hold another one in March of this year. Evidently this did not happen. Adjusting the plan, I now intend to hold one in late October or early November when the weather cools down. WB Scott Tracy is a master of fund raising. He gave me an idea that I am putting in to action. I am currently discussing with Kurt Stancl to raffle two pistols between now and September to create the money to throw a party at the lodge with a steak dinner, a band and cigars in the parking lot. This will include a silent auction as well.

**Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine, PM
Senior Deacon**



TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY CHANGE

The Trustees have made the decision to change how the Trestleboard is delivered to our Brothers. Over the past several years our membership has declined and yet the cost of printing and mailing the Trestleboard to all members has increased. Although we used Bulk mail the cost per copy and total production cost has continued to increase to the point where it will impact the budget for other programs planned for the Lodge. Since the vast majority of Brothers now have Email access and use the internet on a daily basis. We are going to be sending out the Trestleboard to you via email. You can also read it on your smartphone or computer and print it out if you so desire. For those few Brothers without email or internet access the Secretary, with approval from the WM, will printout and mail an individual copy if you request one. The Trestleboard will also continue to be placed on the Lodge website. **Look for this change to take place after the Summer break.**

Since this will eliminate our high cost of printing and mailing, look forward to more pages and content in future issues.

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HELP NEEDED

Brothers, we are putting together a list of brothers, and their skills, that are willing to help maintain the lodge building on an occasional, as needed basis.

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Thank you.

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