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#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

June is here and we are about to go dark. For those new to Masonry, that means Scottsdale Lodge will not have any meetings in July and August unless called for by the Master. That does not mean there won't be anything happening at the Lodge during this time, just no ritual or business meetings.



The regular schedule of meetings every week begins to be interrupted in June as Grand Lodge has its Annual Communication the first week of June. Therefore, Scottsdale Lodge's business meeting is moved to the second Thursday (6/8) with ritual nights filling out the rest of the month.

What will you do while we are dark? For one, you could come out on Thursdays in July and maybe into August to assist with our summer projects. These include general sprucing up to projects that modernize or repair things around the Lodge (family members welcome). You can come for the fellowship and stay for the work or just help supervise – we can always use more supervision.

You could also use this time to visit other Lodges that don't go dark in the summer, particularly ones that meet on Thursday nights. To see the list of Lodge meetings times and information if they go dark in summer, visit the Grand Lodge website at:

http://www.azmasons.org/lodge\_locator/lodge\_directory.html

There are so many things you can do, like brush up on ritual or learn a new part in ritual, visit the Masonic library (ours or the one at the Masonic Temple on 345 E. Monroe) and check out some material, write a Masonic paper or even attend a Grand Lodge event like the rededication of the Winslow Lodge or GL Communications. There are also outdoor degrees that happen in Summer, these are also usually communicated on the GL website.

Fraternally, Bob Beffel Worshipful Master



#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Once again, as it is so oft prone to do, summer has returned. Yes, despite my best efforts, secret wishes, and silent prayers, it is, officially, HOT, and in keeping with the traditions of our Lodge, we will not have regular Lodge meetings in July and August. And again in accordance with the traditions of our Lodge, this period of no meetings is known as going "dark."



If you are like me, right now you are saying to yourself, "What! No Lodge meetings? What on earth will I do with myself on Thursdays?" You may even be imagining some eternal Thursday night dinner with your wife, filled with anxiety wondering what special occasion you've forgotten this week. Or maybe you're experiencing a dreadful phobia of not being properly fed on Thursday nights. Or, perhaps (and I hope this one doesn't ever happen to you) you are hoping word of your time off doesn't get out for lear you'll be invited over to your neighbors Arnold and Agnes' house for a rousing Thursday night of Parcheesi and Chex mix snacks (Agnes' new pumpkin spice recipe).

Well, take heart my Brother, for I, your humble servant of a Senior Warden, have come to offer my top five suggestions on how best to bide your time while we are forced to endure this cruel hiatus from our Masonic vocation. Behold!

Number 5 — Brush up on our relevant Bible verses. Psalms 133:1-3, Amos 7:7-8, and Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 just to name a few. Becoming familiar with these passages will give you a greater understanding of the applicable parts of our ritual, which will make you a more knowledgeable Mason and will give you wisdom you can pass down to our newer Brothers, not to mention allowing you to shout out more correct answers when watching Jeopardy.

Number 4 — Memorize one of the ritual lectures. How many times have you been at a first degree, watched the person get up to give the first degree lecture, and said to yourself, "Good grief, not the Senior Warden again!" Remember, you don't have to be in the officer line to take part in ritual. The more participants in ritual the more stimulating it is for the candidate, and it keeps things fresh for the officers and side-liners, not to mention freeing-up the Senior Warden so he can work on destroying some other passage of ritual.

Number 3 — Spend some time with the Mrs. I know for some this one might be controversial. After all, it was probably her idea for you to become a Mason in the first place after the ladies at the salon told her all about how it gets rid of you for an entire evening once a week. *Every* week no less. But it won't kill her to spend a little time with you. You can talk about old times, or, the fact that at your age *all* times are old times.

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Number 2 - Chip away at that Honey-do list. "Happy wife, Happy life" is a saying I think, and it's true too, Number 2 unless of course what makes your wife happy is seeing you miserable. But even then, fixing up the house makes for a nice home, and it may help you brush up on the important skills needed number

Drum roll please.

Number Come and join our work-party. Our physical Lodge building is so important to us. It is a place for us to make ourselves and each other better men. For us and our extended Masonic family, it is a place of peace, of love, and of safety. Let us be the guardians of that safety, and help us give back to the spirit of Masonry just a little of what it has given us. Brother, join our Thursday night work-party for a few new stains on your work cloths, and a few new memories with your Brothers. Come spend a few hours for our history, and few brief moments in time for our future.

In Brotherly Love, **Bro. Curt Hills** Senior Warden



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#### **GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH**

What to do while the Lodge is Dark.

Some like it hot was a song by the Power Station in 1986. For those of us in Arizona during the summer most of us take a break from our regular Masonic behavior. We are still Masons, just not going to lodge over the summer. This leaves the matter of what to do with that time opportunity usually devoted to Thursday and the prep time put in for every Thursday.

I remember last summer. Twas going to learn that 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree staircase lecture. I remember the "one" time I broke open the ritual. I did take the ritual with me to Michigan. So the good news is that I can work on it this summer. Yeah that's the ticket. I would visit the lodges in Michigan this summer, but they go dark too. Very few of the lodges in Michigan have air conditioning.

Some of you will work on the physical lodge improvements to Scottsdale 43. I am always delighted to see the improvements to the lodge when I come back in August. The paint in the welcome room last year made a tremendous improvement to the ambiance and energy for brothers coming in the front door.

And some of you will be "traveling men" seeking out Masonic events in the far reaches of our realm. I wish you brothers well in your travels and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Fraternally, Brandon Valentine, Junior Warden



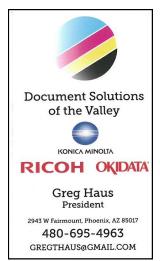
















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#### From the Secretary's Desk

#### 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

Fraternally, Stephen Clarke Secretary







#### **PERSEVERANCE**

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races, one after the other. The word itself seems to convey the idea that one is willing to endure less than successful endeavors over extended periods of time, or to accept the idea that anything successful must require a lot of time and continued patience to succeed. Reality is expressed by the statement perseverance is many short races, changes, improvements, coping with reality, and keeping it fresh.

The open mind is ever ready to alter opinion, accept advice, and be always ready to place stubbornness on on the back burner. Some will maintain that the first idea is the only acceptable one, that changes will only weaken resolve, and place a pall on the original ideas. Could we be living today with a one draft Constitution?

#### Fraternally, **Dave Woodland PM**

#### **From Eastern Star:**

I just had the opportunity to experience a 'Heritage Vacation' and visited many of our historic places on the East coast.

One of the memorable places was the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It is a very tall, like a lighthouse, Masonic Building in Alexandria, VA. Building began in 1922 and wasn't completed until 1970 because they didn't want to take a loan and so built only when they had funds. I recommend reading the information on it on the internet; but better yet, go see it if you are in the neighborhood. It is impressive.

The second building that was most enjoyable was the headquarters of the *International Order of the Eastern Star, the Belmont Mansion*. It is a beautiful building with invaluable antiques that was 'donated' for a mere \$100,000 to Eastern Star.

You may not be able to visit these 2 landmarks this year, BUT you can have an on-line tour for both sites. As you know, Eastern Star was founded by a well- known Master Mason, Robert Morris, for both men and women.

Janet Mielke, PM Scottsdale #43, OES



#### 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, On the check write "Transportation Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.

#### **Sitting Master MM Degree**

On Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the first time in Arizona, the current sitting Masters from the Lodges in and around the Phoenix area put on a Master Mason Degree, using only sitting Masters for all the parts of the degree. Our own Worshipful Master Bob Beffel sat in as Senior Deacon for the evening, along with one of the parts in the play.

The host Lodge for the evening was Arizona #2 in Downtown Phoenix. As you can see from the picture, the event was well attended (we had 5 sideliners from Scottsdale). The front row and a few in the second row were the Sitting Masters who put on the Degree. It was amazing how well all the Masters did in each of their parts, all without a single rehearsal. This may sound obvious but when you consider the local customs and interpretations of ritual by each Lodge, there were many things that could have gone wrong but didn't.







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Scottsdale Jobbies, Bethel #21 Installation of Regan Clevenger as Honored Queen. WM Bob Beffel standing to her right

#### A SILENT VOICE SADDENS US ALL!

I wonder what elements of Freemasonry have been lost to time. History passes on glimpses every so often to help us know what has escaped us and sometimes we "restore" the elements of the past to enrich our Masonic experience. But what about those elements that are more internal to our thought processes? We need your help!

We have 422 lodge brothers at Scottsdale Lodge 43. If we're lucky, 10% attend Lodge regularly. Of the twenty-seven brothers raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2015 and 2016, 56% we haven't been seen for many, many months. Are they missing something from the Lodge experience? The remaining 44% attend at least monthly (or so). We have tried to implement brotherhood activities (Tuesday donut & coffee, wine & cheese; movie night; card night) but attendance is less than desired. If you have ideas on how to enrich the Lodge experience, <u>PLEASE</u> let the Worshipful Master know so we can give them a try.

Ideally, we would all attend every meeting but "life" interrupts that plan. Wouldn't it be possible to attend one or more meetings a month instead of none? For those who don't attend much, did you ever think of what affect that has on your brothers? We miss not spending time with you, Brothers!

In my opinion, we have the greatest brothers ANYWHERE! Good men who bring knowledge and perspectives on many subjects, and great thoughts that can enrich each of us. We may not think we contribute much but each of us has the opportunity to make a brother's life better in many ways! Taking time to talk with each other, learn the challenges, victories, aspirations, and joys is a benefit to all of us. If we're not at Lodge, all that ceases to exist. A silent voice saddens us all!

It's hard to break habits like gluing our butts to the television or just not making an effort to get out. But when we all knocked on the doors to Masonry, didn't we all expect to really benefit and contribute to something greater than ourselves?

Lets give our attendance a "shot in the arm" by coming down to Lodge. If it's been a long time, that's why you have brothers to remind you of the protocols and customs we share. If you don't drive anymore or drive after dark, call the Secretary at 480-946-5390 and a ride will be provided for our local brothers. If you can't stay for the evening, come for dinner with us! You will be taken good care of at Scottsdale 43. WE MISS YOU and want to share in the journey you are on.

Fraternally, A Brother



Here is a picture of the new sign skins.

#### **LODGE 43 MEMORIAL SIGN HISTORY**

Did you ever wonder how the large Lodge sign appeared on the southwest end of Lodge parking lot? It is, in fact, a "memorial sign" that was donated and paid for by our Brother John Solimena. The plaque states "In memory of Brother Joseph Parr 11-4 1911 - 3/13/2002." It was constructed in October 2002 under permit from the City of Scottsdale.

Joseph Parr was Brother John's father-in-law and the man who coached him all about Freemasonry. John held Joseph in such high regard that it seemed only fitting to do something like a sign for Lodge 43 to honor Brother Joseph's commitment to the Lodge and to John personally.

Over the years, the Lucite sign material deteriorated and was no longer white plus the graphics cracked. It became obvious that the "skins" needed to be replaced however funding was, as always, an issue.

Our Brother Truett Craft from Lubbock, Texas came to the rescue by generously donating the funds to refurbish the sign. It is now a beautiful bright white with our graphics in blue.

Sometimes we forget that we have wonderfully generous brothers who step up and make our Lodge beautiful and functional again. It happens more often than you know.

Special Masonic thanks to Brother John Solimena for getting the sign built, and special thanks to Brother Joseph Parr, a man who helped "build" a great Mason like Brother John Solimena and, of course, special thanks to Brother Truett Craft who funded the refurbishment making the sign a credit to our Lodge! Three great men, Masons, and Contributors!







## June, July and August Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Geoffrey Wallace Adams	6/27/2002	Charles Henry Hess Jr	6/22/1972	David Hunter Shaff	6/18/2015
Jeffrey Lynn Arnett	6/16/2016	Clarence Michael Hutto	6/25/1992	Donald Collins Smith	6/24/1971
Joseph Brandon Barksdale	6/18/2009	Gary Kains	6/26/1981	Paul Henry Smith	6/11/1987
Christopher Erich Bergeron	6/30/2005	Emil Joseph Kashouh	6/20/2000	Robert Kendall Smith	6/28/1969
Manuel JamesBirch	6/15/1985	Crawford Cliff Killian	6/23/1966	Nantas Sodano	6/19/2014
RileyEdward Bivins Jr	6/28/2001	Gregory Daniel Krawchuk	6/19/1997	Mark Jeffrey Spitzer	6/23/1983
Ira Milton Bossert	6/30/1962	Thomas Alfred LaFountain Jr	6/18/2011	Gale Otis Totten	6/19/2008
Robert Richard Brock	6/30/1972	Jacob Lazar	6/18/1986	John William Weldy	6/28/1957
Fredrick Murray Carrington	6/19/2014	Gary Vaughn LeBlanc	6/18/2009	Steve Yablonkai Jr	6/1/1955
James Bruce Carroll	6/16/2011	John William Longendyke Jr	6/27/2002	Henry Ritchie Yorston	6/11/1992
Thomas Patrick Coffey	6/14/2012	Michael Anton Luzaich	6/16/2011	Alan Scott Dye	7/26/1972
Timothy James Coffey	6/14/2012	Miguel Marrero	6/29/2006	Timothy Edwin Lacy	7/5/2007
Philip Joseph Constantin	6/30/2005	Wayne Paul Marsh	6/29/1995	Michael Gordon Milmine	7/30/1981
Perry G Contos	6/30/2005	Joseph Johnson McConnell	6/29/2006	Marquez P Pope	7/7/2005
Anthony Michael Cuciti	6/16/2016	Matthew Jacob Messersmith	6/18/2009	John Anthony Poth	7/22/1989
Josue Cuevas	6/28/2001	Paul Raymond Messinger	6/25/1956	Alexander Bryan Reece	7/7/2011
Boyce Wayne Davis	6/28/1962	James Garbett Miller Jr	6/29/2000	John A. Solimena	7/7/1966
Harry Dennison Jr	6/24/1982	Roger Kent Morehead	6/20/1970	William Roscoe Bryant Jr	8/3/2013
Richard Keith Dulyea	6/25/1998	Norman Eugene Outcalt	6/26/1958	Paul Lancaster Davenport	8/2/2012
Daniel Luis Figueroa	6/26/2014	Bryan Pisarski	6/27/1996	Joseph Andrew Decker	8/30/2007
Gerald Anthony Garafola III	6/20/1977	Ronald Stanley Poulson	6/17/2004	James Marion Grissom	8/29/1960
Robert Frank Garner	6/23/1988	RogerEdwin Poundstone	6/28/1984	Robert Francis Gruler Jr	8/2/2012
Daniel Chester Goldfarb	6/26/2014	Stephen Fredrick Riggins	6/27/1991	Eric Charles Marble	8/9/2012
James Gordon Grant	6/28/2001	James William Rowan	6/9/1977	James Arland Osman Jr	8/21/1969
James Richard Hartsock	6/17/2004	Eugene Savin	6/14/1985	John William Steele	8/30/2007
Herman Carl Haueisen	6/27/1985	Thomas Welke Schwartz	6/22/1967	Chanchhaya Tan	8/3/2013

#### Widow's Night Program

Once again Scottsdale Lodge honored the Widows of its Masons with a beautiful program. As you can see from the photo, there were 11 lovely widows in attendance for the evening. We had dinner together, courtesy of the Lodge and then we all retired to the Lodge Room for a play.

This year's play was by the same author as the play "A Rose Upon the Altar" – Carl H. Claudy. He actually created twelve plays that were presented during regular Lodge Meetings. In order to present these in public, any ritual or Masonic Secrets needed to be removed. While that was done for the "Rose" play a number of years back, it has not been done for the other plays. To provide some variety, we decided to convert another one of his plays, "Greater Love Hath No Man..." and perform that

Even though the setting was from the 1930's, the story itself was fresh and appreciated by all. Members of Scottsdale put on the play which had many Masonic lessons as well as life lessons. It had many twists in its plot and no one could tell how it was going to end.

When the play was over, we asked the Widows to assemble in front of the Altar and have them introduce themselves and remind us who their Masons were. In addition, we reactivated the Widow's Pin program and presented the Pin and ID card to a few of the ladies. The remainder filled out forms to get them Pins and ID cards. The card identifies the person holding it as the wife of Mason who has passed on to the Celestial Lodge above and should they ever be in need of assistance, no matter where they are, to show the card to a Mason or a Lodge and they will be taken care of.

Finally, all ladies in the room were given a red Rose to take home.









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#### \*\* June Calendar Events \*\*

June 7 Trustee Meeting

June 8 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner

June 15 Master Mason Degree Night

June 22 Fellowcraft Degree

**June 28 Entered Apprentice Degree** 

July and August Thursday nights will be used for LODGE WORK PROJECTS.

\*CHECK THE LODGE WEB SITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE and DETAILS

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NOTICE of DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict with the Grand Lodge

Communications, the Stated Meeting for June will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (6/8).

MEETING PLACE

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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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