

TRESTLEBOARD

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

The name of this month “May” is an interesting word in and of itself, so I asked for articles on how we use it in “May”-son-ry (sorry, I couldn’t resist).

According Merriam-Webster, the word “May” is an archaic term for “Have the ability to”. In more modern terms, it’s use includes: have permission to, be free to, or to indicate possibility.

What has this to do with Masonry? I believe Masonry arms you with the tools and environment to become a better man. What you do with these tools “MAY” make you a better man. We often use the phrase, you get out of it (possibility from the definition) what you put into it. But it’s also about permission to use these tools, once they have been explained to you in the environment that has been established for that purpose.

If we again turn to Merriam-Webster, the word “Mote” is supposed to be an archaic term for May or Might with an etymology in Middle English from the Old English “motan” meaning: to be allowed to. The term Mote shows up in one of the oldest Masonic documents, the Regius Poem from 1390. This poem ends with the couplet:

*Amen Amen so mote it be
So say we all for charity ;)*

Amen! Amen! So mote it be!
So say we all for charity!

When we say “So mote it be” at the end of a prayer, we are continuing a 600 year old tradition of how they ended prayers in 1390!

**Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master**



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

The Pitfalls of May

I recently attended the Masonic Leadership Conference in Casa Grande. At one point, the facilitator asked the Brothers to come up with one thing they would change about Masonry. As you might guess, there were as many different suggestions as there were Brothers.

I have been listening to such discussions among Masons since I became a Master Mason eight years ago, but this time it struck me that although change is good and vital for our organization, there is a definite *something* that Masonry is, has been, and will always be. And though it is perfectly fine to discuss things that at some point we *may* do, there are certain tangible things that, having stood the test of time, we always *will* do. Perhaps it would behoove us to spend a little more time working to improve ourselves in the area of “will,” and maybe a little less time speculating in the area of “may.”

One certain tangible thing of which I speak is the traditional Lodge functions that bring together the members of our Masonic family year after year; Functions such as the Lodge picnic, Widows night, and the annual installation. These functions are tried and true, and so deeply ingrained in our Lodge culture that a big turn-out is guaranteed, whereas, newer function and ways of doing things tend to be risky endeavors, and are usually not as well received. Another tangible something is ritual. Ritual is what Masonry *is*. It is the heart and soul of Masonry and the basis and framework of every Lodge meeting. When something is so integral to Masonry, there is no question but that it is worth our time and effort to do it the best we can.

Over the last eight years, I have learned to trust the wisdom of Masonry. Reinventing the wheel is hard, though gradually, here and there, new concepts will take hold. New activities will become popular and eventually will become tradition. New ways of doing things will spread and eventually prevail. But nothing in Masonry happens overnight, and as any of our strongest traditions was once an idea about what is possible and what we *may* do, let us never forget what makes us Masons - our traditions, our culture, and our ritual - and let us never stop striving to perfect what the wisdom of Masonry mandates that we *will* do.

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



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

May

What is in a word? May is a versatile word. And a short one; like this article.

May I take this seat? Or come what may. May I please.... Is proper where so many of us say can I have.

Like the person who asks, "Can I ask you a question": I frequently respond to them, "you just did". The correct question is, "May I ask you a question?"

When the law is written with shall. This means it will and must be.

When the law is written with may. This gives discretion to the parties involved. May is such a nice word.

Growing up in Michigan, May was my favorite month. The shorts and sandals come out, the grass needs to be cut twice a week. The April showers have washed the salt from the roads and the motorcycle comes out. Everybody is happier.

**Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine,
Junior Warden**



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**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.

YOUR MAILED TRESTLEBOARD WILL CONTINUE, UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE MAILINGS.

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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Lodge Phone (480) 946-1072

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Military Degree

On April 20th, the Military Degree Team returned to Scottsdale Lodge for the 26th year in a row, to confer a Fellow Craft Degree. Jean-Claude Malterre was once again sitting in the East and did a fantastic job with his own style and flair for the position.

The evening started off with a great steak dinner from our Junior Warden, who served over 90 steaks for the affair. Everyone settled into positions for the degree and the Military Degree Team came marching into the room to the sounds of the Radetzky March music.

The Military Degree team is so exact in their movements, that they make blind turns at precisely the same moment, almost as if by telepathic commands. In reality, the ritual is choreographed to music and they turn based on a specific spot within the music. While this may seem obvious to anyone who has watched figure skating or gymnastics, the Degree Team must do this in lodge rooms that are never the same size, only shaped similarly.

The Military Degree Team is based out of Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge #74 in Tucson, but has members from across the state. They arrive a few hours early to map out the room and have a final run through to make sure everyone knows where and when the turns and movements will be made in the current lodge room.

Another very moving part of the evening is a poem of the many conflicts in which the United States has participated in which closes with a prayer that the United States remembers the men who fought and died for our country. Finally, near the end of the evening, each member of the sidelines that has participated in a conflict/war is asked to stand and be recognized while the rest show our appreciation with a round of applause. On this evening, we even had a World War II veteran, Bill Keim, stand for recognition. He received a standing ovation and Jean-Claude came down from the East and personally thanked him because Jean-Claude was a youth when he was liberated in France by the Americans.

For those who were not able to attend the Military Degree Team night, please find an opportunity to see them do their work. It will be an experience you will remember for the rest of your life.

If you would like to know more about the Degree Team to see when their next degree is or even to ask about joining the team, check out their website at:

<https://www.arizonamdt.com/>

Bikes for Books Program

Brothers,

These are the final 2 bikes I will be delivering for “Bikes for Book” program.

These are children from the Wilson School District, the highest at risk for poverty in the state.

Since we have been doing this program there has been quite of increase of children using the library.

This is what we have been trying to create. After 9 years of chairing I am stepping down. I think the crew will be able to do a wonderful job of keeping this program going. They will appreciate any help they can get .

These children are the future of our country and reading is the most important skill they can have.

**Fraternally,
Bill Gesswein PM**



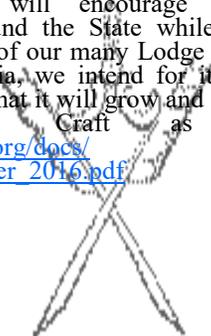
From the Secretary’s Desk

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.

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke
Secretary**



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From Our Past Tyler

PREDICTION

The best way to predict the future is to create it. Simply put, "I did it my way". Sounds good, but driving everything "my way" probably won't work for you. The future, as we shall live it, can only be the sum total of everybody everywhere, their life experiences, environment, social level, location, and endless factors contributing to what becomes our futures. The future is a personal, yet an undefinable state, maybe defined as the result of time and circumstances.

To create one's future as a fact, lies in one's own wants, needs, desires, and the ability to make it happen. You may have the wisdom to achieve your expressed personal future, but also the wisdom also to accept the degree of success of prediction. We have seen that predictability, even with scientific methods is, in itself, is unpredictable.

**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:

From the past: Last month we had our annual Fiesta Day. Eastern Star earned over \$5000 for scholarships. Also as exciting, we packed 100 boxes of 'goodies' for our military (both 2 legged and 4 legged). It feels good to be able to do something for the sacrifices that they make for us.

Next month we, Scottsdale #43 will have our officer installation on Monday night, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. Our Past Matron, Mary Alta Cooper and our Past Patron, Russell Sayre will be installed. It is an 'open installation' for everyone to enjoy; so be sure and enter it into your calendar and join us for the festivities.

**Janet Mielke
Past Matron
Membership Committee**



Tri-Centennial Medal, UGLOE

As many of you know, our Lodge has been invited to England to celebrate the Tri-Centennial of Freemasonry in September of this year (2017). Specifically, Worshipful Brother Werner Tebelmann has extended the invitation - should anyone from our Lodge wish to attend the celebration for 300 years of Freemasonry, all they have to do is make their way to England and the local Lodge will do the rest. Three of our brothers have already taken him up on that offer. Contact our secretary if you are interested and he will get you in touch with WB Werner.

At the April Stated meeting, WB Werner presented our Lodge with a beautiful book for our library called: Treasures of English Freemasonry by Richard Gan. In addition, he presented WB Bob Bffel with a Tri-Centennial Medal that will be offered to those traveling to England as well.

There are pictures of the book, medal and presentation of the medal in this Trestle Board but check them out for yourself by visiting our library.



These Brothers Have
Traveled to The Celestial Lodge Above

Jack Richard Elkington
Born 11-29-1936
Entered Apprentice .7-1-1971
Fellowcraft9-16-1971
Master Mason1-9-1972
Died1-9-2017

Andre Gustale Cuenoud
Born4-30-1927
Entered Apprentice .3-11-1971
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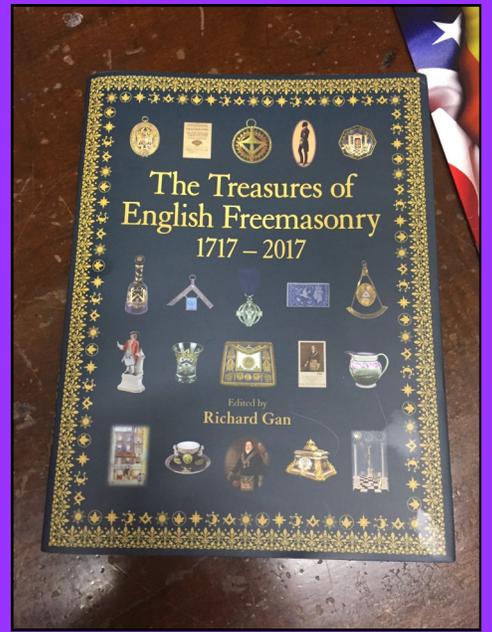
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SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

May Masonic Anniversaries *Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Mark George Adams	5/16/2013	Jerald Lee Hill	5/31/1979	Russell Raymond Sayre	5/29/1975
Michael Friend Bohlman	5/17/2003	Michael James Livingston	5/28/1981	Jack Lewis Shaw	5/30/1974
Joseph Wesley Carroll	5/18/1963	Timothy Daniel Lueck	5/12/2011	Michael Simonson	5/22/1986
Ricardo Cavallaro	5/12/2016	Bradley Andrew Manhoff	5/16/2013	Floyd Lyle Smethurst	5/8/2008
Rolfy Matthew Chavez	5/15/2015	Thomas Pascal Mayhew	5/29/1980	Andrew M Smith	5/6/2000
Michael Frank Dorffi	5/8/1997	William Nate McLemore Jr	5/31/1960	Christopher Wade Stelzer	5/20/2010
David Harry Dudley	5/6/2000	William Traher Miles	5/30/1974	Charles Richard Sykes	5/23/1974
Lester Charles Elston	5/12/1954	Gregory Kristin Miskovsky	5/12/2011	Matthew Henry Teusink	5/27/1999
Gary Edward Giss	5/8/2008	Mark Kent Moore	5/6/2000	Charles Samuel Tressler	5/30/1959
Marshall Wayne Gostnell	5/14/1992	Jerry Wayne Moran	5/26/1994	Arthur Ridenous Turney	5/8/1961
Charles Henry Grabowski II	5/20/2010	John Kirk Nail	5/9/2000	Johnny Michael Eugene Walters	5/31/1973
Roy Edwin Graves	5/22/1952	Leo Guy Paletta	5/24/1973	Rex Trussell Ward	5/19/2005
Robert Lee Hancock	5/26/1965	Thomas Brian Reece	5/19/2005	James Edwin Watson	5/11/2000
Duncan Stewart Harvey	5/9/2002	Jeremiah Joel Reyes	5/14/2015	Edward Russell Whitlow	5/27/1999
Michael James Higbee	5/12/2016	Fredric Joseph Rub	5/1/1990	Paul Thomas Wilson PM	5/29/1997
		Bill Howard Sampson	5/4/1976	David J. Woodland	5/21/1952

SCOTTSDALE 43 ANNUAL MILITARY DEGREE NIGHT



2017 ARIZONA MILITARY DEGREE TEAM
VISITING SCOTTSDALE LODGE



Bro. Bill Keim, one of our WWII Veterans was recognized and honored during the Military Degree Night by Jean-Claude Malterre

Brothers! If you haven't received any Lodge mail lately, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY (480)-946-1072 or secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com)

so your address and phone can be updated. We have 40-50 brothers we cannot contact at all!

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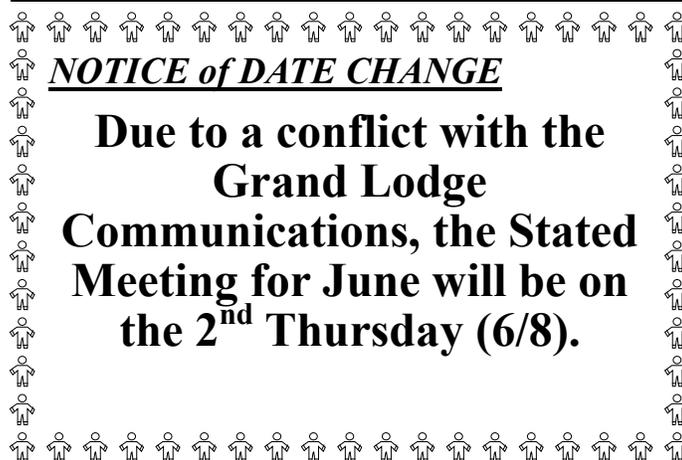
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**** May Calendar Events ****

- May 3 Trustee Meeting
- May 4 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner
- May 11 Master Mason Degree Night
- May 18 Fellowcraft Degree
- May 25 Widows Night Play, Open to all
- Installations at Scottsdale:
- May 6 Job's Daughters
- May 22 Eastern Star

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

<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>



NOTICE of DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict with the Grand Lodge Communications, the Stated Meeting for June will be on the 2nd Thursday (6/8).

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MEETING PLACE

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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.

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