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Springtime is Here .. Come-on Down to Lodge This Month

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

LIGHT

The Light of Masonry comes in many forms. It is different for each brother and it changes upon the time, circumstances, and responsibilities of your particular Masonic journey.

The Light that a new Masons discovers is the beauty of the fraternity, experiencing brothers in fellowship, and belonging to something greater than himself.

The Light that a brother discovers when helping another brother is the joy of being of service to a worthy brother and helping him get back on his feet. The Light one discovers when being the recipient of that help is gratefulness, humility, and how to put your trust in a friend.

The Light a brother discovers when watching a degree is the awe of Masonry and its complexities, its meaning, and the lessons it has for us. The Light a brother discovers when he is participating in that degree is the accepting of the responsibility of adhering to our ritual and maintaining our traditions for the present candidate and all candidates yet to come.

Just as the light in your living room changes in intensity, color, and direction depending on the hour of day, so will the Light you receive in Masonry change depending on the stage of your Masonic journey. Experience it. Enjoy it. Strive to understand it. But most of all, don't miss a single moment of it.

Brothers, how is *your* Masonic journey coming along? Have you stepped away from it? Have you been meaning to come back to Lodge? This is a great time to do so. Lodge

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Light, Enlightened and Enlightenment

Prior to 1717, many Masons were intellectuals that met in secrecy to discuss ideas of science, government and religion that were not acceptable to the powers that controlled

the world. In 1717, Masonry came out from meeting in secrecy. It is remarkable to recognize that Masonry came out at the beginning of The Enlightenment. Historians date The Enlightenment to have begun in 1715, the year that King Louis XIV of France (known as the Sun King as he built Versailles as the center of Europe) died. And continuing until 1789, the year of the French Revolution. The Enlightenment ushered in ideas centered on reason as the primary source of authority and promoted ideals like liberty, tolerance, fraternity, constitutional government and separation of church and state. The ideas of the Enlightenment undermined the authority of the monarchy and the Church and contributed to political revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Freemasonry espoused all of the philosophies and ideals of the Enlightenment and encouraged its members to pursue integrity, honesty, and love for all humankind. However, because they were a secret society, they were often misunderstood and persecuted, especially by the Catholic Church, whose power was waning as principles of liberty and equality became popular in Europe.

Some of the most famous and influential Masons of the 18th century were Voltaire, John Locke, Isaac Newton, Haydn, Mozart, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Paul Jones, and Paul Revere.

The Enlightenment established the idea of the United States. If not for the prevailing thoughts of the Enlightenment there would not be the Declaration of Independence, nor the human rights and protections from government afforded to us in the U.S. Constitution.

**Fraternally,
Bandon Valentine PM
Senior Warden**



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attendance has been great this year and we have many good men petitioning for membership. We will have a lot of degree work to perform for the rest of the year, preceded, as always, by great fellowship dinners. We would sincerely enjoy your presence.



**In Brotherly Love,
Curt Hills,
Worshipful Master**

From the Senior Deacon

Brethren,

Throughout history *Light* has been regarded as the giver of life. *Light* emanating from the Sun provides the ability for life to grow. *Light* is also regarded as purity of spirit, where no darkness may dwell.

Mason's regard *Light* as one of our most treasured principals. Upon being in a condition of darkness, we are asked what we most desire; *Light*. Masons consistently refer to *Light* in our ritual and in our life, it also guides our Lodge in the form of the Three Great *Lights* of Masonry.

The longer I am in Masonry, the more it becomes readily evident to me that Our Order is guided by pure *Light*. The Grand Architect inextricably has his guiding hand in the very essence that make up our Order. I truly believe with every fiber of my body that if we follow his guidance and *Light* that he has influenced in our treasured ritual, it will be impossible to materially and spiritually err.

**Fraternally,
William F. Wilkins
Senior Deacon, 2018**

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.

<http://www.azmasons.org>

**Fraternally,
Tom LaFountain, Secretary**

GREETINGS

FROM THE SOUTH

As summer is approaching and Lodge goes dark Masonry does not end. Consider taking the time off to study ritual. Maybe learn a lecture or part in the third degree. I plan to continue studying and learning the Fellowcraft degree for my pedestal proficiency. When studying ritual you may find a new understanding of the degrees. Often brothers have acknowledged their studies of the degrees has enlightened them as well.



While learning ritual has great importance, another great plan for our dark months is fellowship. Reach out to a brother or even several brothers, whether it is a phone call to say hello or an evening event. Sometimes brothers may seem "unapproachable" but do not let that deter you. They may be nervous or distracted and would surely welcome your brotherly greetings.

Another great idea for the summer would be to get involved with Lodge projects, repairs and maintenance. If you have interest in helping or have questions about any of these suggestions, just ask. It is never too early to start planning your Masonic summer

**Fraternally,
Bradley Manhoff,
Junior Warden**

From the Tyler

MUSIC

Music is a magnificent means of communication. You could put a Mars dialect to music, and people would sing along. Music transcends a need for words, explanations, or even a reason. Music affects the senses in it's own environment from a solo voice to a philharmonic orchestra. It stirs the soul with love notes, and taps the feet to a marching band. A well used medium to set moods, impress the military, or to unite a happy or sad gathering.

We all have music within us, but mostly not the means to express it, so we welcome the professionals and the music lovers to write and perform the music that will give beautiful substance to the ordinary; a flower, sunset, love, joy, hope, and optimism.

It is astounding how music, especially with lyrics, can awaken memories, even with a vision of someone that was with you, words that were said, the place where you were. Those memories will be awakened each time that music is heard, for a very long time.

Music moves people, different music, different moves. Style is the motivation; rhythmic and strong moves the body, quick and thoughtful the mind, reverent, a message and thoughtfulness.

Music is the world's universal language, inwardly understood, outwardly appreciated.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM
Tyler**

From Eastern Star

Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world in which both men and women work together. There are chapters in 50 states and 27 countries.

The core values or lessons of our order are fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. The heroines of our order represent these lessons and come from both the old and new testament. These women live in harmony with the men and women in their lives and are in the roles of the daughter, widow, wife, sister and mother that are in our families.

The 1st lesson of fidelity is a lesson in integrity. Your word is your bond.

The 2nd lesson of constancy is a lesson in patience and we learn how to share our help and devotion to those needing it.

The 3rd lesson of loyalty to kindred and friends is also a lesson of determination to reach goals.

The 4th lesson of faith is a lesson of support and care in times of loss of a loved one – trustful faith in the hope of life eternal.

The 5th lesson is love. We should love our neighbors and extend loving kindness for the victims of poverty and distress.

As an Eastern Star member, I love the virtues that we are taught. I work to be a better person. In addition, we are able to form lifelong friends that are precious to life itself.

Fraternally,
Janet Mielke
Past Worthy Matron
Scottsdale #43 Order of the Eastern Star



Brothers! If you haven't received any Lodge mail lately,

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to update your address and phone numberr We have 40-50 brothers we cannot contact at all!

BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE

CALL IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO LODGE

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Junior Deacon

As we recently experienced the 2018 Vernal Equinox, most notably giving more Light of day to the northern hemisphere's diurnal rotation and signifying a new era of rebirth and a resurrection (conceptually) from a time of infertility, cold, and darkness. This event caused me to contemplate the necessity of contrast between Light and it's diametrically opposite pole, Darkness. In fact, as I began to perceive the lengthening of my evenings, I felt a decidedly pronounced joy! Presently, I found myself distinctly evaluating and asking myself - Why?

It seems almost a crude understatement to simply proclaim "there must be opposition in all things..." In search of a more profound perspective on the subject, I recently learned that the majority of vegetation growth on the planet occurs at night, when the Sun's Light is bidden elsewhere. In this same article, I learned that the abundance of our Sun's radiance throughout the day, actually impedes, or rather overrides, lesser waves of vibrations. For instance, radio wave transmissions increase in quality and strength as daylight lessens with the setting Sun and onset of night.

This made me consider the distinct correlation between Light and Knowledge that we, as Masons, revere. I couldn't help but be struck by the conceptual similarity of Light pollution, and the mind of an expert. The mind of an expert, regardless of specialty, is fully experienced, set, concluded, all knowing (at least from said expert's perspective). How easily can this individual absorb anything new on the subject of their given expertise? Whether by their own inability to accept that there may indeed be further light available in their field, or by true and actual omniscience regarding the thing - it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the expert to perceive additional insight amid the vast understanding presently accumulated. Curious then, that the Bible isolates the *inexperienced mind of a child* as the most distinct and elevated archetype for which we ought to aspire and emulate.

Still, this much is true - without presenting the exact circumstances requisite to impede the expert to a degree wherein he disregards all prior learning and experience, in order to look at the circumstance as an opportunity to, in fact, open his mind to the possibility of gaining new insight, expecting the expert to change is about on par with trying to see the stars via the naked eye, at High Twelve. Conversely, if the expert is removed from his familiar environment; provided with new information, which has little or no resemblance to his previous experiences; and finally, when he is significantly handicapped, his tools are removed, his resources relinquished... What then, might we expect?

It is often difficult to understand why we require that God cripple us before we progress, often before we can even perceive the lesson. On the other hand, how much more difficult is it to voluntarily strap on our own blinders; to see the forest for the trees, as it were? Furthermore, how often do we remember to profess our gratitude to our creator, for providing us with a life and environment, perfectly designed to offer us, a tailored experience, rife with the exact circumstances necessary to open our limited perceptions? And moreover, how do we express our gratitude for the Light that only toil...toil through the difficulty, blindness, and inability provides? Do we share it with one another? Do we take the time to tell one another how our tribulations have built our understanding? We never know, what Light God may bestow on a beloved Brother, simply because we were willing to share.

My Brothers, as Masons we recognize the necessities and even blessings of opposition and polarity in our lives. Let us more often to raise our voices with gratitude for our difficulties as well as our achievement in overcoming them and the Light we are afforded thereby. I believe that this year will bring growth and refinement to OUR Lodge through each and every one of us, as we **Step Up!** and work to enhance our own Light and share it in humility, we will unavoidably enhance all things Masonic...all of the things that we know, love and defend as Brothers of Scottsdale 43!

Fraternally,
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On Thursday 17 May 2018 at 1900 Hours

Scottsdale Lodge will be hosting the Arizona Military Degree Team conducting the Fellowcraft Degree for one of our Brothers.

All members of the Military Degree Team are former members of various branches of the military. The Degree will be conducted with military precision and is truly a sight to watch.



Photos from the 2012 Event



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

May 2 Trustees Meeting
May 3 Stated Meeting
May 10 Degree or Fellowship Activity
May 17 Military Fellowcraft Degree
May 24 Degree or Fellowship Activity
May 31 Degree or Fellowship Activity

Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM

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