

TRESTLEBOARD

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St. Patrick's Day is Sunday March 17th

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East brethren. The lodge is a busy beehive; 6 petitions in February. For those of you who did not attend the February Stated meeting, I will



summarize two important matters coming before the lodge that require a special vote in the March 7th Stated Meeting. Our current Junior Warden, Michael Trumbull moved to Safford, Arizona and is resigning. We will miss him greatly and wish him well in Safford where he is already a tremendous asset to that lodge. We will have a special election in March to elect Jonathan D'Emilio as Junior Warden.

The other matter involves a change in the By-Laws. The members present in the February Stated meeting voted unanimously to increase the dues by one percent annually rounded to the nearest dollar. This will increase the dues by \$2. To effect this By-Law change the membership must be notified via the Trestleboard and email and then a formal vote of two-thirds supporting it will be necessary.

The raffle for the AR-15 went to Past Master Scott Tracy.

Keep a watchful eye for details in the Blasts on a lodge Spring League baseball game on 3/13/019.

Friday Fun night continues. March 15th we will have another beer and brats in the dining hall. Come out and bring a friend. We are playing games and growing our brotherhood.

Brandon Valentine

**Worshipful Master 2019
Scottsdale Lodge #43**

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

One of the main objectives of a Mason is to endeavor to improve himself throughout the several stages of life. Freemasonry has devised three degrees whereby its members can symbolically improve themselves, learning by experience and from fellow members along the way. What makes Freemasonry so special is the fact that like-minded people can share experiences, viewpoints and knowledge from a common base. The several symbols, rituals and "teachings" of Freemasonry are designed to be an initial push, or merely a seed to "jump-start" the mind - what people take out of it depends on how much effort they add themselves. Just like a seed, it cannot grow without light, water, warmth, soil, and many other factors. Similarly, Masonry and minds cannot grow without participation of those involved in it.



Yet all this must start somewhere, and Freemasonry has provided ample material through symbols, items, rituals and the like to serve as such seeds. One of the most important of these teaching tools that has been used throughout the long years has been the trestleboard.

The Trestleboard has been a central tool for Masonic teachings, but the form of the Trestleboard has changed throughout time. In ancient times the need for secrecy was larger, as dis- and mis-information about Freemasonry required its members to pay particular close attention to what, and how, Masonic "teachings" were given. For this reason, the Trestleboard, with the several objects and symbols, were drawn in sand from memory. No written copies were available. In former times, it was the duty of the Tyler to literally draw the Trestleboard in the sand inside the Lodge, or other meeting place, at the beginning of each meeting. In effect, not only was the Tyler responsible for literally tiling the Lodge, but also, by drawing the Trestleboard, to enable the brethren to commence their work - something most of us would today identify as being the responsibility of the Worshipful Master.

The traditional dimensions of a Trestleboard are supposed to follow the "golden rule", i.e. 1:1.62 (1+ $\sqrt{5}$ / 2 - also known as Sectio Divina, Sectio Aurea, Divine proportion, Golden Mean, Golden Phi etc.) The Golden mean is a natural number that is said to arise out of the basic structure of the universe. A brief explanation of this number is essential to understand why it should be incorporated in the dimensions of a Trestleboard.

When one starts with the first two numbers 0 and 1, and make a list in which each new number is the sum of the previous two (i.e. 0, 1, 0+1=1, 1+1=2, 2+1=3, 3+2=5, 5+3=8, 8+5=13 etc.) the following series is obtained;

0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144.....infinity

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This series is known as the “Fibonacci series.”

Over time Trestleboards have changed in shape, form, and even in the symbols that are delineated. I hope to have shed some light on the significance of Trestleboards, and thereby have supplied a good seed from which other brethren can build further on by studying more about this all important tool in Freemasonry. They say that sometimes, the more you try to answer something, the more questions you create. Indeed, that has been so in my case, where by studying the Trestleboard, I have found more questions and unknowns than that which I started with. However, what is important is that all of those new questions are interesting, and which I hope others will want to hear, and thereby receive facts, views and opinions so that we all may learn and grow from it.

**Fraternally,
Bradley Manhoff
Senior Warden**



GREETINGS
FROM THE SOUTH

With the advent of new life entering the home of our Brother Wil Wilkins, my thoughts have been strongly directed to the ideas of my own posterity and progenitors. There seems to have been significant discussion in my circles over recent weeks, surrounding the subject of generations. "Generations" is an interesting subject, which can often ignite tempers with the perception of opposition and condescension, from those of surrounding age-groups. During my undergrad, I spent a significant amount of time studying the psychological propensities of the existing generations, particularly with regard to the manner in which they integrate with our socio-economic and cultural structures here in this New Atlantis.



The truth is we are irrefutably unique individuals, and not a single one of us will ever have the inclination to respond in the exact same manner as any one of our brothers, relatives, friends, mentors, protégé's, and/or contemporaries. Still, there are holistic truths to the generalized approaches and perceptions of the large swathes of the population that we refer to as generations. The reason this is so, is largely attributed to the events that a given group of people from within a similar age range, are able to collectively recall; and is moreover impacted by the manner in which the social structure at the time exemplified the response to said events.

All of this can become extremely murky, when the axioms and bromides that represent a given section of society and their generalized perceptions of this life, become calcified as a doctrinal belief. We as human beings so often, in our zealotry to create order from chaos are compelled to define and divide “everything” into stringently categorized compartments. The danger therein is that, even without awareness, we begin to view to these “general tendencies” as rules and succinct

definitions - which *must* be unerringly adhered to, by whatever noun we decide should be inextricably affixed to a given compartment... The thing is, this is just not so. These descriptors we associate with each generation, are tendencies, not static descriptors.

Generations today are afforded many glimpses into the past and even the possible futures (using computer modeling algorithms). Consider for a moment, this world of ever-expanding resources, which enables us to catalogue and recall events rapidly and with many highly-sensory mediums of recollection. Furthermore there is a tremendous level of acuity with which technology allows us to relive experiences, such as has never before been known to us. Thusly, the living generations of this world have an opportunity to understand one another with more intimacy than ever!

Generations are an interesting insight regarding human behavior and perceptions. Still, just as little Ashlar Ray Wilkins, implicitly needs the support of his father, his sister, and very especially his mother for sustenance, understanding, and healthy development, we as generations equally depend upon the assistance, support, love and even perceptions of the generations both before and after our own; whereby we gain insight into our own propensities and inclinations. By identifying where our own understanding desists and another generation's world-view exists - provides us with extended comprehension; we gain perspective and opportunity with which to assess the validity and understanding of our current values and principles. As we begin to see strengths, similarities, and virtues in members of our adjacent generations, the differences begin to take on much more exciting appearances, such as - growth, understanding, and an infinitely amplified capacity to create and overcome, through unity. Used in this way, generations are a wonderful instrument, by which we may enhance our own fund of science and industry as well as our virtue, the quality of our relationships, the unison our communities, and the image of the world to come. In essence, it is a *tool* with which we might measure and increase our Masonic lives.

**Fraternally,
Michael Trumbull,
Junior Warden**

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From Eastern Star-

Today I will summarize a second life lesson from Eastern Star with the story of Ruth, a widow who extended herself to work in the care and support of her elderly mother-in-law, who was also a widow. The Biblical reference for this story is in the entire book of Ruth.

She chose to take the responsibility of caretaker and to apply the virtue of constancy as she offered her companionship. This is a lesson in patience. In life, we need to learn how to share our help and devotion to those men and women in the most fragile times of their lives.

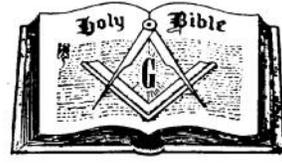
As members in our organization, we try to be sensitive to the needs of our shut-ins, hospitalized and/or long term care members. We do have a Chapter Relief Committee that schedules attention, as well. On the state level, our Rob Morris Committee may assist with temporary relief on a limited basis and may assist with long term needs as investigated and approved.

Even though we do projects and activities to raise funds for research and patient care for Cancer, Heart and Alzheimer's projects plus many other health related organizations; we still should have a strong personal responsibility to apply this virtue of help and devotion.

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



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FC: 6-18-1965
MM: 9-04-1965
Died: 1-16-2019

Roger L. Espeland

Born: 8-6-1936
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FC: 3-24-2001
MM: 3-24-2001
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From the Organist

AGE

When you get around to ponder just what age is, turn the pages of discussion, and you will get a different idea from every page. Mark Twain may have said it first; "Age is an issue of mind over matter...If you don't mind, it doesn't matter". One tends to consider age through the filter of physical condition at the number of years you own at the time. Facts seem to indicate that growing older doesn't equate to getting old. Try believing that old age is always at least ten years ahead, and carry the spirit of the child into the older ages, keeping enthusiasm intact.

Improving with age involves reliving the past power of growth and achievement, and the continuous education of learning from each passing year. You should be able to replace your youth with wisdom, youthful enthusiasm with understanding, and earlier questions with actuality. Aging is not losing youth, but seeing new forms of opportunity. The simplest definition might just be, in youth we learn, in age we understand. To make a success of age, you must start young.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM
Organist**

Traveling Brothers

On Saturday Feb 9, I was able to fulfill a desire to participate in an International Masonic Event that I learned about when I first became a Mason in 2010.

The event is called "Friendship Day" and is an all day affair that starts in Nogales AZ with a degree in English at Nogales Lodge #11 and then moves on to a 1st Degree in Spanish, directly across the Mexican border at its sister Lodge - Alonso Flores Lodge #16.

Not only is their degree in Spanish, but it follows the Scottish Rite 1st Degree compared to the AZ Grand Lodge Blue Lodges which follow the York Rite 1st Degree.

I was fortunate to join Scottish Rite in 2010 when all 32 Degrees were performed, but we were told that the first three degrees had some elements removed.

Seeing them in full form (all elements present) at Alonso Flores was amazing!

For many years, Alonso Flores Lodge was not allowed hold degrees in their building over a dispute with their Grand Lodge and were only granted the right by their Grand Lodge to begin again this year, opening the door to put on another Friendship Day.

Scottsdale Lodge apparently has a long history in attending Friendship Day as I was surprised to see a full size tapestry of our 50th anniversary celebration hanging in their hallway, just like the one above the Southern Pedestal in Scottsdale Lodge.

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Although the Lodge was held in Spanish, they provided notes in English about each section in the Ritual.

This was not a direct translation, but some words that described what was occurring so those who did not speak Spanish, could appreciate what was happening.

The announcement about the event did not come out in time for those without a passport to get them renewed in time so Scottsdale's attendance was limited this first year of starting back up. In all, there were 45 sideliners - many from Tucson, Florence and even Canada. Their degree encourages participation from the sideline and when it was all over, the candidate was very appreciative of what he had just gone through.

I highly recommend that we plan well in advance for next year's event and if any Mason would like to know more about the experience, I will be happy to share it with them - including their version of the Chamber of Reflection and how they incorporate it into the rest of the Ritual.

**Fraternally,
Bob Beffel – PM**

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Melvyn Lewis Arthur	3/22/1956	Edwin Springston Earl	3/28/1985	Fernando A.Caraballo	3/29/2007
George Edgar Johnson	3/29/1956	Terance Lee Kelly	3/17/1992	James Warner Meredith	3/29/2007
George Richard Easter	3/26/1964	Robert M. Haynes	3/31/1993	Matthew D. Bowling	3/13/2008
Stewart D.Lanier	3/13/1969	Scott Charles Squires	3/20/1997	Anthony John Blunda	3/11/2010
Jackson Henry Milligan	3/26/1970	Steven Eric Squires	3/20/1997	John Robert Geyer	3/11/2010
Aubrey Jay Mundy	3/30/1972	Vincent Paul Outcalt	3/27/1997	Michael Paul Haley	3/8/2012
Donald Maxwell	3/29/1973	Raymond R.Wallage	3/11/1999	Sebastian N. Hudemann	3/14/2013
James Ed. Hemmer Sr	3/29/1975	GlennL. Bezuyen	3/29/2001	Stanley Joseph Sparrow	3/14/2013
William Lee Baran	3/10/1976	James A. Osman III	3/11/2004	Michael Joseph Donato	3/19/2015
Terry Lee Zeiger	3/25/1976	Jason Scott Duey	3/24/2005	Gregory Joseph Gadel	3/19/2015
Richard George Saine	3/15/1977	Frank Paul Mendola	3/24/2005	Jesus Alfredo Jaramillo	3/17/2016
Carl Dietrich	3/19/1981	Robert Bonner Rye	3/24/2005	Michael N.Trumbull	3/17/2016
Robert George Hops	3/26/1981	Roger Allen Dawson	3/27/2007	John Salvatore Favara	3/9/2017

The Millennials are coming. Evolve or die.

TABLE; Technology, Authority, Balance, Loyalty and Entitlement

By 2020, Millennials in the workforce will outnumber the Baby Boomer generation (1946-1964) and the GenX (1965-1979) combined. They will comprise 75% of the workforce and exert enormous influence on work habits, job turnover, and expectations.

In Masonic terms, the Millennial generation will have their own views on how Freemasonry fits into their lives, how they affect the regular officer progression, and how they will impact what goes on in a lodge meeting.

Technology is vastly different for a Millennial than most Masons realize. The cellphone is such a part of their life they think nothing of pulling it out during a meeting, just as they might not have dealt with a vinyl record for music, or even a cassette. “Our relationships with technology have begun to mirror our comfort level regarding change.” Shelf life for technology is shortening and making longevity relative. Five years is more like a lifetime in a Millennial’s mind. Millennials are used to change and accept it, while older Masons may be resistant to doing something different, or doing it in a different way.

Authority is often questioned by Millennials. They were given a voice at a very early age, and not told to sit down and keep quiet. “Respect might not come immediately, and it certainly won’t be based on authority”. Is respect demanded by someone’s position or even age? To a Millennial, respect takes a lot more than that and it must be earned.

While Millennials might appear to be “goofing off” during lodge, they probably have integrated Masonry into their lives more than they are given credit for. To them, there is no need to “**balance**” work and relaxation time. If Freemasonry is a “way of life,” Millennials may better understand how to practice it in a real way: Millennials value authenticity and being “who we are” all the time, whether at work or play.

Loyalty is an experience many Millennials have never known. Divorce peaked in the 1980s. They have seen how their parents’ loyalty went unappreciated at their job. If their lodge meetings

are boring, they’re gone. If they don’t like a clique of brothers, they’re gone. If they don’t get what they expect out of Masonry, they’re gone. It’s little wonder that a recent survey showed the most frequent Masonic life of a new Mason was three years. Loyalty is gained by how one is treated, and not if it is demanded.

Most of the Millennial generation feel they are **Entitled** to more than they have earned. It may have been how they were raised; that everything came too easy, or their parents overprovided to make up for what they themselves had gone without. If Masonry teaches anything, it teaches patience. Patience and tolerance are new lessons for young Millennials. They may need someone to vent their impatience and intolerance. This is where mentoring is so important.

In his closing message, the Grand Master of Indiana, Carey B Carter said about Millennials, “...they collaborate well with members!...The Millennials consider participation with their communities an essential element of a citizen’s duty and they seek to make a difference in the world...work well on teams...value guidance...value education and integrity... have already distinguished themselves as a generation that gets along well with others, especially their elders.”

“This generation will be a game-changer for us if we can find an acceptable method of blending their devotion to technology with old school Freemasonry.”

“These days, most every organization is one generation from failure and we are no different.”

This article comes from the Masonic Service Association of North America July 2017.

Brandon Valentine
Worshipful Master 2019
Scottsdale Lodge #43





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Thursday, March. 7 - Stated Meeting
 Wednesday March 13, 1:10 pm. Spring League Baseball; DBacks v Rockies at Salt River Fields. Bring a blanket and sit on the lawn
 Thursday, Mar. 14th Military Degree
 Friday Mar. 15, Beer and Brats 6pm. in the dining hall
 Thursday, Mar. 21 - Fellowcraft Degree
 Thursday, Mar. 28 - Entered Apprentice Degree .
Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM

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 April 12th Family & Friends Night—Wine & Cheese

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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