

# TRESTLEBOARD



## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM

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### *Get Ready for the May 23rd Chili Contest.*

#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren, by the time you are reading this, we will have performed all three degrees in April. And we are poised to put on all three in May as well.



Brother Leo recently visited the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Master of Scotland in Edinburgh gave Leo a banner and two grand masters coins that he presented to the lodge at the April Stated meeting. We are making a shadowbox to present them that I hope will be ready and mounted by the May Stated meeting.

I hope that many of you came out the Brats and Beer on April 12<sup>th</sup>, to socialize and discuss our attendance at the Grand Communication in Tucson in June.

The trustees are preparing to replace the curtains in the East during the summer work projects. I spoke about this in the April Stated Meeting.

We are in the process of getting a link to enable the paying of dues through the lodge website that may be functional by the time you read this. If not, look for it, it is coming soon. And we are updating the projector in the dining hall to enable the latest technology.

On a bitter sweet sad note the Jobs Daughters of Bethel 21 who have held their meetings in Scottsdale Lodge for the past eleven years are dissolving the Bethel. In a gracious and class act worthy of recognition, Bethel 21 gave Scottsdale Lodge brand new aprons for the officers and presented them in the April Stated meeting.

If our mission, that is posted on the wall in our lodge, is to

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

One of the first things you learn when coming to visit a masonic lodge is regarding the rules of conduct, "Do not discuss religion and politics" I think a few brothers are misconstruing the reason why we have this and I want to hear what everyone's thoughts are. Think about why this may have some obvious and less conspicuous reasons.



By not having politics or religion discussed inside the lodge, some might say, it creates a better atmosphere of harmony. It removes the conflictive and divisive nature of both.

Yet why was this originally implemented? Historically, it was banned in England and because they did not want to be seen as conspiratorial against the government (no politics) or against the catholic/protestant church (religion). This was done mainly to assist those two establishments with a level of comfort, however, it became tradition and continues to this day. Whenever there is a lodge, politics and religion are banned.

But does this mean they should be banned outside the lodge? Does this mean we should avoid such matters elsewhere in the world?

At the end of the day, we are brothers, and believe in and support the Great Architect of the Universe and this bond can not and will not be broken.

**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff  
Senior Warden**



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make good men better men, then are we making men better husbands, better fathers and better citizens? Do you learn from the obligations and the lectures? And then apply those teachings? Do you develop good habits that lead to behavior that is emblematic of a good Mason? Do you discipline yourself and circumscribe your desires and keep your passions within due bounds? Act upon the square and keep a tongue of good report? Do you refrain from intemperance and excess? Are you giving of your time to those who would appreciate your good counsel? Are you demonstrably kind and appreciative to those close to you and mindful not to take them for granted? Do you evaluate and commensurately apply your resources to the 24 hours in the day? Some days the distressed worthy brother in need is yourself and your family. Many times we become so busy in our interests that we lose focus.

It is important to show your loved ones how you love them.

It is important to be calm and thoughtful. Getting angry is foolish and wasteful of your energy.

I encourage all of you to take a few precious minutes of solitude every day to contemplate how you can be a better man, a better husband, a better father and a better citizen and thus by your improvement, improve the world as a whole.

**Brandon Valentine**  
**Worshipful Master 2019**  
**Scottsdale Lodge #43**

### 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**

### From the South



Worshipful once asked whom I would invite to dinner if I could invite anyone dead or alive and I settled on these three great men. Marcus Aurelius, Leonardo da Vinci, and Ludwig Van Beethoven. I choose these three gentlemen for separate reasons. They are in turn each their own masters in their craft. Each of them learned the art of mastery at a young age and applied it to their passions and became some of the greatest minds the world has ever seen.

Marcus Aurelius is considered as one of the last five good emperors and even though he had unspeakable amounts of power he choose to use his power for the good of his people. His writings and insights into Stoic philosophy earned him the nickname, the Philosopher, and his writings; the meditations are still being studied today. He had a great ability to see the larger picture of not only how to rule an empire but to do so, creating peace amongst his people and his peers. He is also the author of one of my favorite quotes.

“If something is difficult for you to accomplish, do not then think it impossible for any human being; rather, if it is humanly possible and corresponds to human nature, know that it is attainable by you as well.”

— Marcus Aurelius,

Leonardo da Vinci might be the favorite of this list to many, due to his great accomplishments in the arts, but I choose to invite him to dinner because of his accomplishments in engineering. He was once asked to draw a map of Imola, and to the surprise of the author, was given the first ichnographic work ever recorded. Iconography is such a detailed task that before the days of satellite imagery it was almost impossible to do so. Yet there was no obstacle Leonardo could not do, and not just do, but made to perfection. This map is still one of the most detailed ichnographic works ever drawn out by hand. Leonardo was a visionary, a master of all things, a true renaissance man. He has the ability to see the world in a way that no one else could. Here is a quote by him that expresses the need to see the world with creative open eyes.

“There are three classes of people: those who see, those who see when they are shown, those who do not see.”

— Leonardo da Vinci

Finally I would invite Ludwig Van Beethoven, and instead of explaining why. I will leave you with a quote by him, and ask you to listen to Beethoven- Symphony No. 5, close your eyes and contemplate, the emotions, the power, the strength, the history, the lessons to be learned from going within and listening to your heart, mind, and conscience.

“Don’t only practice your art, but force your way into its secrets, for it and knowledge can raise men to the divine.”

-Ludwig Van Beethoven

**Fraternally,**  
**Jonathan D'Emilio**  
**Junior Warden**

**From Eastern Star-**

The past 3 Eastern Star articles for the Trestle Board regarded biblical women who are the heroines of our order: Adah who gave her life to allow her father to honor his pledge to God - fidelity; Ruth who supported her aging mother-in law by gleaning grain in the field - constancy; and Queen Esther, a Jewish damsel, prevented the extermination of her people - loyalty.

These 3 heroines give us life lessons of strong morality as does our 4<sup>th</sup> heroine, Martha, the sister of Lazarus. This family, Martha, Mary and Lazarus were followers of Jesus and loved him as He they. The Biblical reference is in John 11. Lazarus became ill and they sent word to Jesus, but before He arrived Lazarus died. Jesus arrived and spoke to Martha and Mary who told him that they did believe in God's glory. It was after this that Jesus performed another miracle and raised Lazarus from the dead.

The life lesson here is to have trustful faith as did Martha and Mary.

We hope that you all had wonderful holidays

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



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**From the Organist**

**Legal**

The basic tenet of any legal system is ethics, and realizing it takes ethical persons to form ethical opinions on guilt or innocence. There can be little positive and equal views of what determines what is right, and what may be wrong. Legal systems can, and must be, free of errors, bias, and doubt to be rated honest and effective. It is people that cause the doubts, and misjudgments. Where can you find a perfect process to determine what is your right to do what has been done, and what is the right thing to do. Wisdom, that great elastic mass of reasoning, does not make laws, authority does. To be more concise, consider that to be fair is to be just. Is it possible to tell where the law stops, and justice begins? What you may wish for does not make it legal. William O. Douglas said, "Common sense often makes good law". There have been many decisions based on interpretation where what is right is not the same as being legal. Identify a great legal system not on its ability to produce order and justice. Law seems to arise from the failures of human nature, and one of the failures is believing legal punishment of the offender is society's deterrent.

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland PM  
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world has ever known; a brotherhood that extends into every far flung corner of the Earth.

But, my Brother, there is one thing that we have not yet given you,...something that every workman must have in order to do the best possible work. We have not yet given you a set of plans to work by, or in our Masonic language, ...your Trestle Board.

So, it is our pleasure and privilege at this time to present you with your Trestleboard. This is the Masonic Bible on which you placed your hands and kissed when you took your 3 Masonic Obligations here at this Masonic altar.

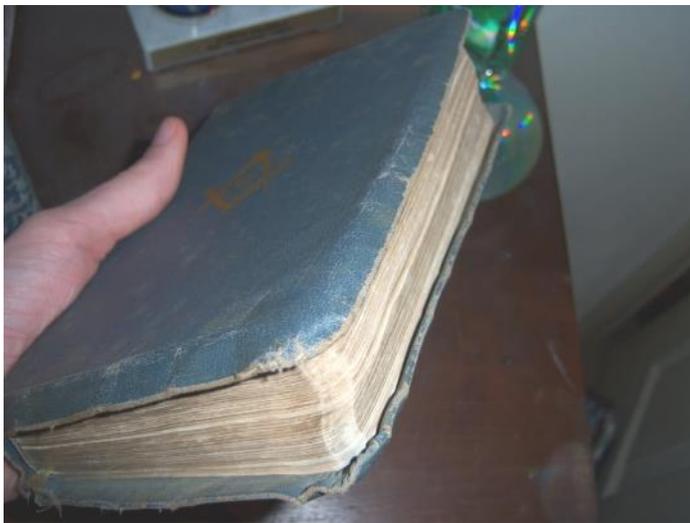
Here is your book of plans, the most complete set of plans ever given to a man. Here you will find a plan to guide you, comfort you, to sustain you in every contingency, in joy or in sorrow, in riches or in poverty, in fair weather or foul. The answer to ever question, to every need, can be found between the covers of this great book.

How you will choose to use this set of plans, my Brother, is not for me to say. That is something you must work out for yourself. You may find the answer in the words of the prophets...in the 10 Commandments as laid down by Moses...in the records of the Mosaic found in the book of Exodus...in the inspirations of the Psalms and written by David,...or in the wisdom of the proverbs of King Solomon.

Or, you may find it by example, the example of that perfect and most successful life lived 2000 years ago by a humble carpenter.

But, let me tell you this, my Brother, and I say it in all sincerity, whenever you turn to this Great Book to find your plan, you may fail it,... but it will never fail you.

So, we give you this Book of Plans...this Trestle Board...with our best wishes and blessings. It is yours to serve and guide you in your social, your business...and most importantly, your family life. And now, properly equipped with your Trestle Board, go forth, my Brother, and do your work as a man and as a Master Mason!



**Bible Presentation to a Master Mason**  
**Author: Unknown**

My Brother, you have served your apprenticeship as a bearer of burdens and hewer of stone in the quarries and have come at last to that exalted position as an overseer of work,...a Master Mason, free to travel into foreign countries, to work and receive Master's wages.

We have given you your tools to work with and taught you their Masonic uses. We taught you how to properly divide your time by the 24 inch gauge, that you might have 8 hours in which to rest and 8 more to serve your fellow man and worship your Creator.

We gave you the common gavel with which to rid your mind and conscience of all the vices and superfluities of life, so that when your appointed time arrives, you may find your proper place in that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

We taught you to walk uprightly by the plumb, to square your actions by the square of virtue, and how to meet and work on the level. And, finally, we gave you the trowel with which to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection that binds us into the greatest fraternity the

# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

## *May Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

David J. Woodland	5/21/1952	Michael James Livingston	5/28/1981	Michael Friend Bohlman	5/17/2003
Roy Edwin Graves	5/22/1952	Michael Simonson	5/22/1986	Thomas Brian Reece	5/19/2005
Lester Charles Elston	5/12/1954	Marshall Wayne Gostnell	5/14/1992	Rex Trussell Ward	5/19/2005
William Nate McLemore Jr	5/31/1960	Jerry Wayne Moran	5/26/1994	Gary Edward Giss	5/8/2008
Arthur Ridenous Turney	5/8/1961	Michael Frank Dorffi	5/8/1997	Floyd Lyle Smethurst	5/8/2008
Joseph Wesley Carroll	5/18/1963	Paul Thomas Wilson PM	5/29/1997	Charles Henry Grabowski II	5/20/2010
Robert Lee Hancock	5/26/1965	Matthew Henry Teusink	5/27/1999	Christopher Wade Stelzer	5/20/2010
Leo Guy Paletta	5/24/1973	Edward Russell Whitlow	5/27/1999	Timothy Daniel Lueck	5/12/2011
Johnny Michael Eugene Walters	5/31/1973	David Harry Dudley	5/6/2000	Gregory Kristin Miskovsky	5/12/2011
Charles Richard Sykes	5/23/1974	Mark Kent Moore	5/6/2000	Bradley Andrew Manhoff	5/16/2013
William Traher Miles	5/30/1974	Andrew M Smith	5/6/2000	Jeremiah Joel Reyes	5/14/2015
Jack Lewis Shaw	5/30/1974	John Kirk Nail	5/9/2000	Rolfy Matthew Chavez	5/15/2015
Russell Raymond Sayre	5/29/1975	James Edwin Watson PM	5/11/2000	Ricardo Cavallaro	5/12/2016
Bill Howard Sampson	5/4/1976	Duncan Stewart Harvey	5/9/2002	Michael James Higbee	5/12/2016
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Thursday, May 3 - Stated Meeting

Thursday, May 9 - Master Mason Degree

Thursday, May 16 Fellowcraft Degree

Thursday, May 23, Chili Cook off, Degree TBD

Thursday, May 30 - EA Degree

Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM

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