



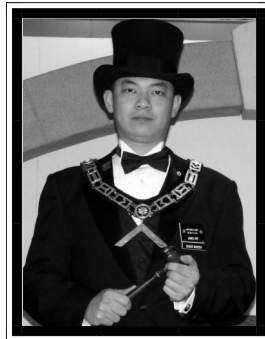
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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren, I welcome you all back to the second half of this Masonic year here in Scottsdale Lodge #43!

I am pleased to report that the first half was a huge success and I will ensure that the second will be just as great, if not better!



I certainly hoped that each of you my brethren has had a great summer either out of town on vacation or have stayed in the valley. There were certainly a good amount of lodge activities that happened throughout this entire summer which you can find an account of in the rest of this Trestleboard.

I hope that many of you are able to make it to our September stated meeting which will be our first official meeting back from our summer break. I am happy to report that the entire month of July was spent installing a brand new air conditioning system in the lodge. It is working as expected and the entire building is as cold as ever! This was one of my biggest projects which started off last year and I am pleased it is finally finished to all the brothers satisfaction.

The second half of this year will be a busy season here at the lodge. I have many more events and special functions that are planned. First I would like to announce that we will be holding another Public Service Awards Night on October 14th, which we will be honoring deserving members of our Public Service Personnel throughout the state for their honorable service to our community. Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday, November 10th at the Stillman Railroad park on Scottsdale Road and Indian Bend. Scottsdale Lodge #43's Table Lodge will be held on November 21st. For those of you who have attended the last several years, this time around will be bigger and better! and also our annual holiday party in December is also in the works! These are just a few of what we have planned and many more have yet to be announced. More information on all of these events will be communicated to all of you as the date becomes closer.

(from the East continued)

**Fraternally,**  
**James Xie**  
**Worshipful Master**



## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Now that summer is over, I am very excited to get back to lodge and socialize with my Brothers. This summer was odd in comparison to the last several years. Even though we go dark every July and August we typically still have lodge every week performing summer clean up and projects. This year however, we simply had one major project and that was the air conditioner unit getting installed. Now while I can tell you I am thoroughly thrilled about the new AC, I can tell you I missed socializing with my Brethren over the last two months.



Oh we did have a nice trip up to Payson and passed Brother Chhaya Tan to Fellowcraft, which was a blast. The Brothers up in Payson were all very gracious hosts. Another fun visit was to Hunters Paradise to Pass Brother Jon Beffel to Fellowcraft. This was my first trip to the new lodge above the Shrine Auditorium and I was really impressed with the Brothers there who made the night truly special for Brother Jon. Brother Junior Steward Allen Nichols taught a bunch of us how to knife fight which was also amazing. (I know what you are thinking...knife fight!!! What the heck is going on in that lodge since I've been away?) It's not as bad as you think, Brother Allen was teaching us a self-defense course and I am taking a little liberty with the main focus of the course studies just to tease you. If you want a clearer vision of his self-defense class you will just have to attend the next one. Probably the best part about this summer break was hanging out with Brother Stan Sparrow at the Dubliner Pub keeping our dart games up to snuff so we can keep the guys on the run down at the British Open once we get back to regular lodge meetings.

So what do we have to look forward to for the rest of the year? Well the answer is plenty of degree work, some wonderful social events and hopefully some travel. I do enjoy the travel. Since we haven't had a Shoot Outing this year, I would like to get one of those events organized. I am thinking October 20<sup>th</sup>, which is a Sunday. This year I am going to try to arrange for a private range. The range officers at Ben Avery get a little skittish when we show up with 50 people, some of which are novice shooters. If we are able to arrange a private range I think we will have more fun, but if not, we will just have to keep the range officers happy. We still have other fun travels upcoming, such as Fain Ranch which occurs in September. In my 5 years as an Arizona Mason, I have yet to attend this event, and I personally am planning on attending this year. The Shrine has one of its major events coming up on September

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## Greetings From the South

I can't believe that the summer is half over already. As many are aware the A/C is now complete a huge thank you to Stan Sparrow for spearheading this project. And if it wasn't for Trustee Kurt Stancel financing this project a big thank you. And I can say it is EXTREMELY COLD.

in the WHOLE BUILDING. Since we have been not meeting for July and most of August. The officer line has been meeting for officer practices, and I think we are really getting dialed in on our ritual work. There has also been many meetings behind the scenes for planning next year.

So far this summer we have traveled to Aztlan Lodge #2, Hunters Paradise Lodge #85 (where Bro Jonathan Beffel received his 2nd Degree and Brother Senior Steward Bob Beffel open closed and obligated and passed his son to Fellowcraft) and we also traveled to White River Lodge #62 where Brothers Chhaya Tan & William Bryant Jr. where passed to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. (This was the first time they had ever done a double candidate on any degree. I wish to thank the Master and Officers for giving us the welcome and true friendship of our fraternity. It was truly great to see 11 brothers make the drive to be there). Be sure to congratulate Brothers Tan & Bryant on their conferment.

We have tons of work to do for the second half of the year, Please come and show your support to the lodge and the candidates.

**Fraternally,**  
**Merle Anderson**  
**Junior Warden**



## From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers, there are still a couple of members who have not paid their **2013** dues. It would help if these could be paid quickly. If there is a problem let us know so we can help.

The Lodge has a great asset that is not being used. We have one of the best Masonic libraries in the state. Brother Bruce has done a great job in arranging everything. There is a wealth of Masonic information available to the Brothers and it is not being used. If you have looked at it before take another look as we are adding books all the time. We just received an O.E.S. book that I have not seen before.

**Fraternally,**  
**Ritchie Yorston, PM**  
**Secretary**



(from the West *continued from page 1*)

14<sup>th</sup>; the Shrine Circus, which is a wonderful event and open to all of our families and friends.

In closing, I know we are going to have a wonderful end of the year and am very excited to see you all again. Come out and visit Brothers, we miss you.

**Fraternally,**  
**Scott Tracy**  
**Senior Warden**



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**Fraternally,**  
**BILL Gesswein PM**



## Tyler's Door

### **NEGATIVITY**

You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and don't mess with Mr. Inbetween. What was that? A popular song in the 40s by Johnny Mercer. Three things; positive, negative, and the middle. Somebody is always telling you to be positive, to will the good side to prevail, some sunshine from a dark cloud. Should make you feel good, if only positive meant relief and good luck. It really means...hope for the best.

On the other hand, negativity presents the doomsday scenario, nothing good came from this situation. It could bring hope that despair cannot last; think negatively about bad luck.

In between sounds good; take the good with the bad. A negative attitude toward the bad, and a positive one that all will turn good. A clean shot, right down the middle.

**Fraternally,**  
**Dave Woodland PM, PGC**  
**Tyler**



# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43 F. & A.M.

## Steward's Message

Most of you who know me know how I take self-defense as a lifelong endeavor. I live my life for peace and harmony and avoid confrontation of the bad that unfortunately lives in our world with us. This is why I have started an endeavor to teach a monthly self-defense course here at Scottsdale 43 to educate our brothers on how not to become a victim. Basic plans, to keep us and our loved ones from becoming a statistic is the first step. I have taught 2 courses for the Arizona Jobs Daughters on awareness and how to not become a victim and they have both been very valuable. It is our job in this world to keep those around us safe. As Masons, we are the sheepdogs in our society, it is up to us to watch over our flock. If you are interested in the next set of courses that are going to be given, feel free to contact me directly or our Brother Secretary for the next dates when the next class will be given.

**Allen Nichols**  
**Junior Steward**  
 602-617-4504



## Travelled to the Celestial Lodge Above

**Brother Erville W. "Cornhusker" Hughes**

*Born July 26, 1911*

*Raised as a Master Mason December 17, 1948*

*Died May 31, 2013*



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## Masonic Humor

Two experienced Master Masons were enjoying a flight in a hot air balloon when suddenly a thick cloud formed between them and the ground. Being without instruments, after half an hour they realized that they were well and truly lost. A short time later there came across a large hole in the cloud and espied a gentleman below walking his dog across a field. They had time to exchange pleasantries and found that he too was a member of the Craft. The chaps in the balloon inquired of him as to their location and received the reply, "About 200 feet up in a balloon." Just then the cloud closed the hole and they were alone again. One turned to the other and said, "I bet he's the Secretary of his Lodge!" "Why do you say that?" the other asked. "Well what he has told us is absolutely true – but in our present predicament is totally useless!"



## Masonic Education

**Thoughts of progress, from past perspective**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in the year 1883, wrote, "Mesmerism will take the place of anesthetics in surgery. Theosophy—the religion of high thinking and selfless living—will take the place of creeds and dogmas. Clairvoyancy or spiritual insight will be almost universal." This excerpt was taken from a segment written about the future, year 1993. Sounds like a great place to live, right?

While looking at it from the perspective of a couple hundred years ago, it seems logical that society would evolve into a free thinking empire. Although the church controlled much activity in the 17th and 18th centuries, many people hoped and dreamed of a time when they would be free to think, question and express thoughts as they wish.

While the place Ella spoke of is still attainable, it seems as if we, (society), have given up on our search for light, truth, and free expression. Technology and media dictate every aspect of our lives. Topics of clairvoyancy and spirituality are only spoken of in specialized research groups, and selfless living is almost obsolete. Why is it that society refuses to promote true growth, and continues to digress? As we, Freemasons, promote free thinking, we should ask ourselves how we aide to higher thought and awareness. Each day, it should be our goal to ask ourselves not only what we can bring to Freemasonry, but all of society. Whether it be truth, charity, or service to humanity, each man plays a crucial role in constructing the upright and strong building that the future is stored inside.

**Bro. Addison Fuller**

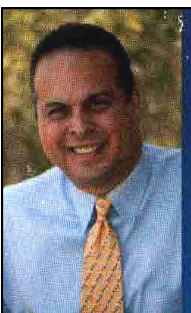
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## Scottsdale DeMolay

### DeMolay... Did You Know?



Did you know that DeMolays grow up to do all sorts of things? The DeMolays I knew as a teenager grew up to be a military officer, an investment advisor, a police chief, a software engineer, a restaurant owner, an educator and many other things. Many now have teenagers of their own. Many are now active in the Masonic fraternity. I am sure they would all echo the words of Brother Cecil Andrus on the occasion of his induction into the DeMolay Hall of Fame:

*"The young men of the DeMolay organization are taught responsibility, integrity, and honesty, and those have been the central values in my life. All of us who were involved in DeMolay in my time benefited tremendously from it. There are hundreds of thousands of examples of men whose adult careers were greatly enhanced because of their participation in DeMolay. The sad part of it is that it is such a brief period in our lives that we are able to be a part of it, but it occurs at a time of great change in a young man's life. DeMolay's lessons last a lifetime."*

Brother Andrus was a member of Eugene Chapter in Eugene, Oregon and went on to a distinguished political career. He served as governor of Idaho and later as Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.

For more information about everything DeMolay is doing in Scottsdale, contact us at [scottsdaledemolay@gmail.com](mailto:scottsdaledemolay@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)

### From the Editor:


Brothers, from time to time I get comments about our Trestleboards content and what should be included to improve it. Now your opportunity has arrived. If you have something to say or share about the lodge, including photos, activity suggestions or Masonry in particular, that would be interesting and good for our order, please forward it to me. It's your lodge and your thoughts are always welcome.

Please address your comments **To the editor** in care of the lodge Secretary ([secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com)). If I have any doubts about it's appropriateness for distribution in the TB, I will submit it the WM for review.

Fraternally,

**Bro. Fred LaBell**

**Trestleboard Editor**



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## LIBRARY PROGRAM

As part of the fall program the Worshipful Master authorized two plans to improve services for the members of Scottsdale Lodge 43.

The first service is having a new bookcase located in the lobby to make library books and materials convenient at regular lodge meetings.

The second service is reorganizing the existing sales cabinet program. The function of sales cabinet already in the lobby is to sell masonic items: jewelry, clothing, and special featured items. This program was usually unstaffed and too loose. Going forward we will like to have your input on new items stocking inventory.

The main idea is to run the two programs together in the lobby. This will be staff one hour before the lodge dinner. The two programs are designed to meet the business standards of a non profit corporation. The new programs will be coordinate with the office secretary, the accounting system and for the part the lodge treasurer plays.

Further, Brother Jess Lee, past worshipful master was commission to build the new bookcase. He will start this after the summer heat breaks because the work will be done in his garage with no air-conditioning.

I want to extend my gratitude to the many Brothers who have shown an interest in the library progress. And, also, especially thank --- those, who have helped.

**Bruce Fischer,**  
**Library Committee**



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Fraternally,

**BILL Gesswein, PM**



## Recent Lodge Events



Our **NEW Heat Pump** systems for the lodge building — a major investment for our lodge building, completed in July



Traveling brothers visited Prescott Lodge over the Summer.

### Scottsdale York Rite Unified Bodies

*Goldwater Chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, Jan., April & Oct.*

*Rhodes Council No. 11, Cryptic Masons, Feb., May & Nov.*

*King of Kings Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, Mar., June, Sept. & Dec.*

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Stated -- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30 PM Rehearsals -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

#### Trestleboard for Scottsdale York Rite

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stated Meeting. KT Opening.

*Dinner at 6:15. Meeting opens at 7:00 pm.*

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Most Excellent Masters Degree, RA

*Chandler Masonic Temple, 33 Erie St., Chandler. 7:00 pm*

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, *KT Sword Drill Rehearsal and practice for RA Opening.*

*Scottsdale, 7:00 pm*

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Royal Arch Degree, RA

*Chandler Masonic Temple, 33 Erie St., Chandler, 7:00 pm*

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Stated Meeting, RA Opening

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, *Sword Drill Rehearsal & Council Opening Rehearsal, 7:00 pm.*

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Chapter & Council Degrees, (CRFF)

*Colorado River Fall Festival, Laughlin, NV.*

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Commandery Orders, (CRFF)

*Colorado River Fall Festival, Laughlin, NV.*

(Go to [www.crff.org](http://www.crff.org) to download registration and event information)

Hope to see you in Laughlin for this very enjoyable annual event.

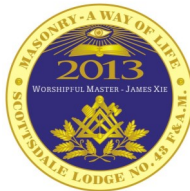
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# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43 F. & A.M.

## September Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

JAMES A OSMAN JR	8/21/1969	JOHN WAYNE JACOBY	9/8/2011	KEVIN G.O'GRADY	9/30/2004
ERIC CHARLES MARBLE	8/9/2012	ROBERT CURTIS HILLS	9/11/2008	CARL J. JOHNSON	9/21/1972
JAMES M GRISSOM	8/29/1960	CHARLES A. CASTANEDA	9/10/2009	JAMES J DECKER	9/18/1970
JOHN F. SOWELL JR.	8/9/2012	RICHARD I PETERSON	9/24/1965	JOSEPH D. BARKSDALE	9/28/1983
PAUL K. McCULLOUGH	8/23/1976	VICTOR R. CUZMA	9/27/2007	DAVID ALLENDEERE	9/11/2003
WILLIAM R. BRYANT JR.	8/3/2013	GUY R. WILLIAMS	9/1/1969	JAMES G. MILLER SR.	9/27/1973
CHANCHHAYA TAN	8/3/2013	Christopher D. FARLEY	9/8/2011	STEPHEN L. WALKER	9/11/2003
ROBERT F. GRULER JR.	8/2/2012	MICHAEL F. MANGANO	9/18/1984	LLOYD W. EASTON	9/26/2005
PAUL L. DAVENPORT	8/2/2012	BLAINE FRANKLIN KEITH	9/25/1964	TERRY M. JOHNSON	9/28/1989
CARLOS M. SILVA	9/13/2012	TERRY LBAER PM	9/22/1977	PETER R. CARPENTER	9/5/1960
BARLAS DEMIRCILER	9/8/2011	JEFFERY C. TAKOUSHIAN	9/21/1999	JEFFREY V MORRIS	9/28/2000
ANTHONY PSEMINORA JR	9/26/1968	ERIC A. CHRISTIANSON	9/22/2005	SCOTT M. JOHNSON	9/28/1989
OLIVER J. HORTON JR	9/25/1975	JAMES ELI LEWIS	9/17/1998	FRED W MOORE JR, APM	9/26/1974
GEOFFREY DRIDDLE	9/11/2003	MARK T MESSERLY	9/25/1975	GINO ANDREONI	9/30/1972
EDWARD THARTNETT	9/28/1967	BENJAMIN O MARNEY	9/24/1964		



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### **Special Informational Update**

**This event calendar covers, September, October and November  
The Trestleboard will now be printed every other month, but can  
be found on the lodge website every month.**

## September 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  DeMolay	2  Jobbies	3	4 Trustee's Meeting Amaranth	5 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting	6	7 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
8	9  Eastern Star	10 York Rite	11	12 Dinner 6pm	13	14 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
15  DeMolay Installation at 2pm at Scottsdale 43	16  Jobbies	17	18 Amaranth	19 Dinner 6pm	20	21 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
22	23	24 York Rite	25	26 Dinner 6pm	27	28 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
29	30					

**NOTE: All appendant bodies and the church meetings repeat every month as above**

#### **OCTOBER**

October 2 Trustees meeting

October 3 Stated Meeting

October 5 DeMolay Advisor training. The event will be held at the lodge in Paradise Valley starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact Dave Smith at [davesmithmailbox@cox.net](mailto:davesmithmailbox@cox.net) for more information.

October 10

October 17

October 24

October 31 Halloween NO LODGE

#### **NOVEMBER**

November 6 Trustees meeting

November 7 Stated meeting

November 14

November 21

November 28 Thanksgiving NO LODGE

### **Save these Dates**

Public Service Award Night - Oct. 14th

Annual Picnic - Nov. 10th

Table Lodge - Nov. 21st

More details to follow

***Please note that all events, dates and times are subject to change, please  
watch your lodge emails for updates from the Secretary.***