

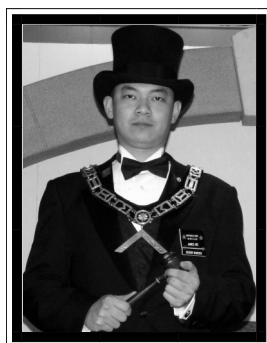
TRESTLEBOARD

SCOTTSDALE LODGE 43

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brethren, what a great time for year November is for us here in Scottsdale. The cooler weather brings more members and visitors back to the lodge and I hope you are one of those who can make it to lodge for a visit before the year is over! It would be nice to see some of you who have not been here for a while.

As we finish out this Masonic year with special events planned for the next few months, I would like to see a huge participation from all of you. Our annual Scottsdale Lodge picnic will again be held at the Stillman McCormick Railroad Park in Scottsdale on Indian Bend/Scottsdale Rd on Sunday, November 10th starting at 11am-5pm. We had over 200 stop by last year and had a fantastic time. Everything will be provided by the lodge! There will be lots of food, games, fun, and even prizes given out! This is an open event so bring all of your friends and family. Also, our annual table lodge will be on November 21st, and this event is extremely limited and there is only just a few spots left so RSVP ASAP! More details about this event will be on a separate ad in this Trestleboard.

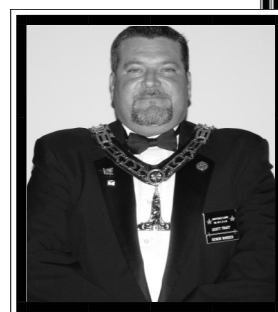
I would like to thank all of you who have attended our "First Responders Evening" that took place on October 24th. This lodge has always supported our community by supporting all of our first responders who risk their lives to protect us. This was a fantastic evening and I'm sure everybody had a great time!

I would like to thank all of you brothers who have supported me as I advanced through all the chairs and especially this year as your Worshipful Master! I will express my full thoughts and feelings to you all on the December Trestleboard.

Fraternally,
James Xie
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Can it be that time already??

It seems too early to be writing this article, but by the time it is published it will already be November. It seems like the year just got started, and here we are at election time. As I am writing, I don't know if I will be the Worshipful Master Elect or a newly returned to the sideline fellow Master Mason. Either way, the one thing I am sure of is that it has been an honor to serve the Brethren of Scottsdale Lodge in the capacity of Senior Warden.

I have been very proud to be a member of the "Xie Dynasty". WB James has preformed amazingly as a Master of our lodge. Which has been not easy task, due to the fact that we have had two of the more senior officer chairs (Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon) vacated for the entire year. Thankfully we have some incredible Brothers who have stepped up and taken positions in the line to get us through what would have been devastating blows to the line with out them. WB James managed to follow the 5 year plan which was laid down in the year of WB Miguel, and even wrangled a new air conditioner for the lodge in the process.

As a year in review, (from my prospective) we have had several successful fund raising events. The Dillinger Raffle, 50/50 Raffles, Time Mugs, Grandfather Clock Sales, Masonic Watches, Self Defense Classes and a few special lodge rentals. Why even earlier today WB Ritchie emailed the Master, the Trustees and the Officers about two potential new long term tenants, let's keep our fingers crossed to land these whales. Candidate proficiency and retention has been better this year than anytime in the last 5 years. Thanks mainly to WB Jim Watson and his Friend to Friend efforts. Next year will be no different; I will remain focused on bringing additional sources of income into Scottsdale Lodge, finding additional tenants, helping Bro. Allen in performing more classes for self defense and possibly teaching CPR and first aid.

I have several true focuses for the up coming year; (1) that we as a lodge and group of Brethren find the time and energy to make 2014 **a fun year**. I know that sounds cliché but the truth is lodge should be fun. We need to enjoy being together in unity. So I intend to try some new things this year. I would like to have a carnival this year. I would like to reinstate Family Fun Night. I am going to pull the cigar smokers together for Cigar Night. I am going to highly encourage lodge travels and participate in as many community events that we can. (2) We really need to find permanent ways to generate more income for Scottsdale, that don't involve draining our collective pockets. I will be extremely focused on this issue. (3) I intend to continue working on the 5 year plan set down in WB Miguel's year. This includes beefing

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Masonic Education

A MASONIC INCIDENT IN HISTORY

THE CRAFTSMAN - 1866

A little incident, containing some mystical interest, transpired in Wayne county, South Carolina, during the late war. It is as follows:-

It was late at night, the husband was absent, and the wife, alone with her children, had retired. Three or four soldiers rudely knocked at the door of the house, and demanded entrance and something to eat. The good lady told them that it was too late, that she had nothing cooked, but fearing they would break the door, she got out of bed, and opened it to expostulate with them.

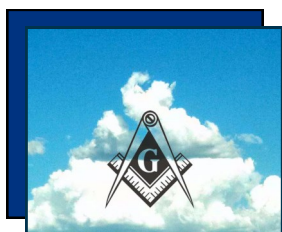
They insisted that she should cook something for them, and while she was getting ready, and they were roaming about the house, one of the party, who seemed to be the leader, happened to find a copy of Mackey's "Masonic Jurisprudence." Turning over he found the name of the poor, frightened woman's husband written on the fly-leaf.

"Is this your husband's?" he inquired of the lady. "Yes sir," was the timid reply.

"Is he a Mason?"

"Yes Sir."

"Come, boys, right about-march!" and immediately the house was cleared and quickly closed.



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers it is getting close to that time of year again. I will be sending out dues notices again. I ask only two things. If you have not paid your 2013 dues please do so. Then when you receive your 2014 dues notice, please pay quickly. After installing the new air conditioners, the funds supported by your dues are depleted more than normal. **Your help would be greatly appreciated.**

Fraternally,

Ritchie Yorston, PM

Secretary



(from the West *continued from page 1*)

up the proficiency of our candidates, educating the Brethren, and working with the Past Masters to keep continuity within our lodge. (4) I plan on spending a lot of time with our youth groups in order to see how we as Officers of the lodge and Brethren can help to make them more successful. (5) Finally, I will be seriously focusing on Officer Proficiency. While I believe we have a group of very talented Brethren performing our degree work, I want to make sure that our officers are holding themselves to the highest standards where our degree work is concerned.

I am extremely excited about what 2014 may hold for all of us, and will promise you no matter what chair I sit in, I will remain a dedicated servant to Scottsdale Lodge 43.



Fraternally,
Scott Tracy
Senior Warden

Greetings From the South

The last 30 days has been jam packed with Masonic stuff.

Our very own Bro SS Bob Beffel has officiated over all 3 degrees for his son Jonathan. Huge congratulation to Jonathan Beffel on his conferment and all the other newly raised brothers.

October 23, 2013 - Wise Council session for the 2014 Officer Line to find out what is on the agenda for 2014.

October 24th, 2013 - First Responders Night this is always a fun event.

November 7th, 2013 - Elections in November come out and support your officer line.

November 10th, 2013 - Scottsdale Lodge Picnic which is going to be huge with attendance this year this is going to be on great day. Don't forget our Table Lodge on **November 21st**, the master has written a completely new ritual for our night and I am sure that we will be having many talk about our new Table Lodge Ritual.

December 7th, 2013 - Arizona #2 is having a one day degree. As I sit here thinking about all I could talk about for my article I feel it necessary to say thank you to Ryan Southerland and Tim Coffee I could not have made it through the kitchen this year if it wasn't for them and all the many new guys that have stepped up and worked in for me. We have had so many new guys show up to help it is amazing at the interest our fraternity has garnered from so many quality young men. WB Jim Watson has been doing an amazing job at educating many of the men that are getting more knowledge than you can imagine.

We have much work that needs to be done and there is just so little time between now and the end of the year with that being said be prepared to see a lot of ritual work done next year especially since petitions just keep rolling in, what a great problem for us to have.

Bruce Fisher has done a fantastic job in the Library look forward to seeing that new bookcase. Built by WB Jesse Lee.

I feel that we need to give the Worshipful Master James Xie a big "CONGRATULATIONS" on a successful year sitting in the East. I have had a lot of fun sitting in the South as your Junior Warden. You have been a great Master of Scottsdale Masonic Lodge 43. I look forward to seeing you on the sideline in the coming years.

Fraternally,
Merle Anderson
Junior Warden



Steward's Message

The Trowel and the Course

We use the trowel in masonry to spread the cement of brotherly love. And in our journey as we travel, we sometimes notice that our brothers are off course in their life. Either from sickness, sadness, discourse or otherwise. We as brothers need to reach out and help with a kind word, a friendly phone call, a tiny text or a carefully crafted correspondence. We are connected by our masonic family and sometimes it's just what that person needs to get back on course in life. The power of brotherly love is truly a powerful force, able to correct the greatest ship and their direction in life. It is so easy for this to go unnoticed until the ship is so far off course that it takes a lifetime to course correct. Brothers, take the time, use your trowel, and let us all prosper in our voyages in life.

Travel Safe my Brothers

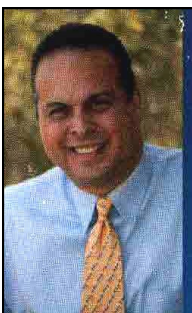
Allen Nichols
Junior Steward



Chaplain

As acting chaplain for the lodge I have been tasked with writing an article for the chaplains section of the TB. I decided that for my first one I would talk about what my role as chaplain is and how I can assist my brothers and the lodge "The Lodge Chaplain brings the Masonic concept of spirituality to Lodge meetings, provides assistance to and for members, and to bring a moral conscience to the Lodge, is an officer of the Lodge charged with a caring and supporting role between the fraternity, its members and their families, doing so with dignity, concern for others, with a caring heart, an attentive ear, and confidentiality in relationships, and reminds the Lodge that the basic tenets of Freemasonry are spiritual and are central to the life of Freemasonry." After reading that, I was immediately struck with a heavy feeling of responsibility. While I can't always fill every role, I certainly will try to be there for my lodge and my brothers when they are in need. I look at this opportunity as a way for me to get to know many of you better as people and hopefully make a positive impact in your lives.

Michael Dryden
Acting Chaplain



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Greetings from the East!

Masonic Humor

Recently, a Brother passed away. Fulfilling their obligation, the Widows Committee went to check on the status of his widow. She assured them that she was well taken care of, that though the family was of modest means, and that her husband had left her a \$50,000 life insurance sum that would take care of her needs.

A few months had passed and again the Widows Committee stopped to see the widow. She informed them that she had very little of the insurance sum left. They politely asked her where the money had went, trying to ensure that no one had taken advantage of her during her time of sorrow and transition...

She said she had some day to day expenses but most of it was that the funeral was more expensive than she thought...

\$7,000 for the funeral and related expenses, but the memorial stone cost her nearly \$30,000!

When the committeemen heard this they nearly fell over. They expressed to the widow that they found the price of the memorial stone to be very expensive. In fact they had never heard of a memorial stone anywhere that cost \$30,000.00. They asked her how big it was, to which she replied.....

"5 1/2 carat."



Tyler's Door

UNIFORMITY AND DIVERSITY

It has been said, as a nation, we have benefited more from our diversity than we could have had if all had been more similar and alike. Instinctively we think of the range of ethnicity, language, religion: i.e. "The melting Pot". No...we never dissolved into uniformity. Rather, we modified our diversity, and learned from each other. Our strength comes many sources, but our unity is the mixed blessings of the many,

So, the melting pot does not exist, but the many ingredients which have combined to make a great and diverse nation have blended well.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM, PGC
Tyler

David Yunker

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Scottsdale DeMolay

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If you know a young man who would make a good DeMolay or a Mason who would make a good advisor, tell us about them. Contact us at scottsdalemolay@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit www.demolay.org

LIBRARY and JEWELRY PROGRAM

The Library Program is waiting for the welcomed new bookcase. Once received work will start to decongest some of the shelves while keeping library inventory current.

I recently received past invoices of the Jewelry Case purchases to help complete inventory pricing.

It is my opinion "when handling cash" this requires the lodge business office Secretary, Treasurer and Worshipful Master to be properly coordinated with authorized policy because each are responsible in part for lodge money, control and safety.

I am preparing an operating manual for the Library and Jewelry Case committees. This will define the lodge's policy needs on these subjects: purchasing, mark up price, handling cash, key control, dealing with mail and email, hours of lodge business, hours of service to lodge members for library and jewelry case and etc.

Once this work is completed will be submitted to the Worshipful Master Also, this effort must take into consideration the business minimum standards required of a non-profit corporation.

The success of these two lodge committee activities depends on official formal organization and management understanding.

Bruce Fischer,
Library Committee



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Fraternally,

BILL Gesswein, PM

Lodge Fund Raiser

TIME MUG

Brothers,

Here is the picture of the Masonic Time Mug. We have the exclusive and it could be a real money maker for our Lodge.

Forward this to all your Masonic friends and other lodges. I will bring some to Lodge.

They are very high quality, porcelain over stainless steel, insulated, waterproof & drip proof and a clock so you will never be late for Lodge.

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Fraternally,

BILL Gesswein PM



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Lodge Activities

From our Brother Lloyd Easton across the "pond"

He is a member of #43 and a Grand Stewart in the Metropolitan Grand Lodge in London.

Ritchie,

Good to hear from you! I've been meaning to drop you a note!

I'll probably go by the shop tomorrow across from the UGLE to get some regalia, so I'll ask there. Barring that there is the Free Masons Hall across the street so I can investigate there at the Masonic Museum – if that then not tomorrow but on Friday.

Erik, his wife (Leticia), and baby (Sophie) doing well. He's currently based out of Billings, still working with Halliburton, and they've got him working on drilling rigs in Wyoming. Using your guidance he is getting Leti's official paperwork processed!

I've been having a great time as a London Metropolitan Grand Steward, a couple of pictures attached – one with my Arizona pin proudly displayed!

I'll definitely be in AZ over Christmas, you and the Mrs are invited for boxing day if you are about and able. I'm trying like heck to get out within the next two to three weeks but work will be the judge of that.

Lloyd W. Easton



Congratulations



Jim Raynovic, Carl Dietrich and Carlos Rausch P.M. were inducted as Knights Commander of the Court of Honor

Table Lodge

Brothers,

On Thursday, November 21st, Scottsdale Lodge #43 will be hosting another fantastic and fun table lodge. For those of you who have not been able to attend the last several years, this is the one event you do not want to miss!

This event is extremely limited to only 60 brothers and will be opened up to other lodges in the valley. This event will be on a first come first served basis. Cash, check, and credit cards accepted!

This event will begin at 6PM. Dress code strictly enforced. Tuxedos for all officers and suits for the brethren. This event will be a tyled lodge with Scottsdale's own table lodge ritual which is very interactive for all who attend. This table lodge is all inclusive. We will feature a guest speaker for Masonic education mid way through the night. Our guest chef will prepare a 5 course dinner, wine or cider as your beverage of choice, and a customized cannon (shot glass) to keep! All for the low price of \$50! Don't wait, like the last few years that I have put this on in this lodge, tickets will sell out fast so don't miss out.

To RSVP or questions about this event, please send an email to jamesxie@scottsdalelodge43.com

Traveling Jobbies

This July two Arizona Job's Daughters, Lucy Hanne and Jessica Pisarski, from Bethel 21 in Scottsdale visited the Masonic monument in the Memorial Cemetery Annex of Gettysburg. They were visiting Gettysburg for the 150th year reenactment of the battle of Gettysburg before attending Job's Daughters University in Elizabethtown, PA. While in Gettysburg they made a point of visiting the Masonic Friend to Friend - a Brotherhood Undivided Memorial Monument. The monument was erected in the Memorial Cemetery Annex of Gettysburg by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1993. Freemasonry is the only private organization ever allowed to create, erect, dedicate, and maintain a memorial monument within a U.S. National Park.



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

November Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

ALFRED JHAGAN APM	11/12/1987	WILLIAM G SOLOMON	11/29/1973	PAULCHAET	11/3/1960
RONALD DJACKSON	11/19/1981	ROGER F STURNER	11/30/1978	ROBERT W. MARTIN	11/26/1968
Lionel H(chip)UHLMANN III	11/11/2004	MICHAEL JOHN OZEE	11/11/2000	THOMAS LEMAR HEARD	11/10/2011
RUSSELL JAY DOWNS	11/3/2003	DANIEL W BISH	11/15/1962	MURRAY M. VENUS	11/27/1972
FRANCIS M HALL	11/29/1979	VINCENT J. WATSON	11/29/2007		
ANTHONY JOSEPH DARIN	11/15/2000	CLAUDE CROSIER JR	11/18/1954		
CHARLES W SQUIRES PM	11/19/1959	Jerry Dennis HARDIMAN JR.	11/29/2007		
LYNN BOWEN SR	11/29/1973	ELMER L GILBERT	11/25/1958		



Annual Lodge Picnic

It is getting to be that time again for Scottsdale Masonic Lodge's Annual Picnic at the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park. This is one of our premier events every year and EVERYONE is invited. Please bring your Friends, Family, Pets, Neighbors, and anyone who loves a great party. This years event will feature Food, Fun and Games of all kinds. Even a few tournaments with prizes as usual. ... Food: This is a pot luck event, so we encourage you all to bring your very favorite picnic fare to share with one and all. We will supply the Burgers, Dogs, Chips and Condiments. But we need lots of Side Dishes and more importantly Desserts! Drinks: We will have soda, water, lemonade, iced tea, and other flavored drinks. Also this year we will have a beer permit, so please drink responsibly. Games: Like last year we will have a Baggo Tournament both for Adults and the Kiddies. We will have the Egg Toss, Balloon Stomp, Horse Shoes, Croquet, Badminton, and a few others to be determined.

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Special Informational Update

**This event calendar covers, November and December
The Trestleboard is now be printed every other month, but is
also posted to the lodge website every month.**

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C.
3  DeMolay	4  Jobbies	5 York Rite	6 Trustees Meeting Amaranth	7 Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm	8	9 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C.
10 Lodge Picnic	11  Eastern Star	12	13	14 Degree Night ? Dinner 6pm	15	16 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C.
17  DeMolay	18  Jobbies	19 York Rite	20 Amaranth	21 Table Lodge <i>Ticketed Event</i>	22	23 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C.
24	25	26	27 Hanukkah begins	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C.

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

December

- 1.. LODGE 43 INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 12/8.
2. LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LODGE ON THURSDAY 12/21. FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

***Your Lodge has many activities for you,
your friends and family. Come on down
and join in the fun.***

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

**If you use Email and are not receiving weekly updates from the Secretary, notify him via Email
and he will check and make sure you are included.**