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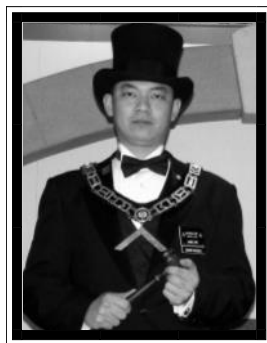
GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren, Masonic relief is something that we as Freemasons and especially members of this lodge from the obligations that we took at the altar, should always be upheld at all times in our daily lives. I had the pleasure on April 16th to visit a brother Bill Brown at the Sherman House which is a hospice next to the Mayo Clinic Hospital in North Phoenix. After hearing his situation the night before, to which his daughter had called the lodge to see if we can give him a Masonic pin. That is all he had wanted because he had no Masonic items of his own. Unfortunately, it had been stolen from a burglary that happened years ago. With this information, I felt it was necessary to bring Both lodge pins (my 2013 and Scottsdale pin) along with a brand new white leather apron that is usually given during the "Apron Presentation" portion of our ritual. I cannot in good conscience let this brother go to the celestial lodge above without it.

Although it was a nerve wrecking, I had several of my officers there with me to support me as well as Brother Bill's family during their great time of need. I thank our Brother Junior Warden Merle Anderson and Junior Steward Allen Nichols for being there with me and to bring joy to the entire family. To talk about Freemasonry and the good old days of when his daughters were members of Job's Daughters brought a huge smile to his face. I had the honor and pleasure of presenting to him these items on behalf of Scottsdale Lodge #43. Once presented, he would not let go of them because I know that it meant the world to him.

Masonic relief has another meaning than what most think it to be. A person may be distressed in many ways other than financial. He may have a business or a family problem that discourages him, and a helpful suggestion may give him the relief he needs. He may be lonely because he lacks proper associations; then a cheerful word may give the relief he seeks. We claim that there are many ways of giving relief. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men. To sympathize with them in their misfortunes, to console them in their sorrows and to restore peace to their troubled minds -these are the great aims we have in view. We, as Masons, must be alert to recognize these opportunities and offer our services in the way that will best

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Are you Duly and Truly Prepared?

There is a subject that is somewhat difficult to discuss especially in this type of forum. But I feel compelled to discuss with as many people as I can, I would hazard to say that it has even become what I feel may be one of my callings in life. A very good friend and Brother Mason once told me; *"Being born we are condemned to die. It is inevitable, and it's a journey we all will take someday."*

When my father passed away several years ago, I was shocked to find out that even though I believed him to be the ultimate planner, he was relatively unprepared for his own demise. The family was aware of most of Dad's wishes, but when you are grieving the loss of a loved one, things you thought you knew become vague. And even the things you were sure of, someone else remembered differently. Dad after all had been diagnosed with cancer a year before his passing, and I was sure he would have made all of his own plans. (That was just the way I thought he was.) I was completely wrong, and it was never more evident than when Mom and I toiled over the type of casket Dad would want. I realized right then and there that I would never put my family through that kind of hardship.

A lot of people don't like to consider their mortality much less talk about it, but I believe in order to be a good Mason we have to prepare ourselves and our families for each of our eventual pass to the Celestial Lodge. This is why as a community service to the Brothers and Family members of our Lodge; I am sponsoring a **Mortality Preparation Seminar**. This will take place on Thursday May 30th, 2013. I have invited several of our Brothers who have expertise in this subject to attend lodge and provide vital services FREE of CHARGE to our Brethren and all of our Masonic Family Members.

These services offered are as follows:

- Writing and Preparation of Wills.
- Prepaid Funeral Services.
- Life Insurance Review.
- Estate Planning.

I also realize that many of our Brothers have never attended a Masonic Funeral Service, so we will also be exemplifying a Masonic Funeral. This service is open to the public and I would encourage all of you to invite friends and family

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(from the East continued)

bring relief. To visit the sick is also one of the oldest traditions of Masonic relief.

Whether we may know a brother personally or not, the tenets of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth must be given to one another. We are obligated to these tenets of Freemasonry and if we cannot provide this wherever and whenever we can, then what did we come to this fraternity to do?

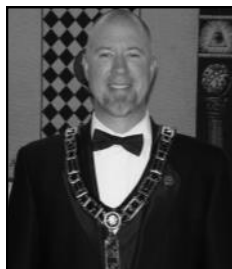
Fraternally,
James Xie
Worshipful Master



See related photos on the picture page

Greetings From the South

I have just sat in the East for my proficiency on the Second Degree. I was so nervous but I got threw it. There where a few moments that I got off track but was able to get brought back.



I would also like to thank the Amaranth for taking over the kitchen for there fund raiser. I do believe that they are going to be doing it again next month also. If anyone wants to be a guest chef I am more than happy for you to takeover for the night.

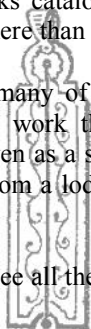
Brother Bruce Fisher has been spending a lot of time in the Library getting all the books cataloged. And inventoried, there seems to be more work in there than I realized.

I have been noticing that many of our Due Guards and Signs given in lodge need some work they are getting a little lax. Remember that they are given as a sign of respect to the Master. Upon entering or retiring from a lodge or arising to address him in such a lodge.

Come out to the lodge and see all the wonderful degree work that the officers are putting on.

Don't forget the Grand Lodge Office dedication ceremony is May 5th.

Fraternally,
Merle Anderson
Junior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers Grand Lodge is fast approaching and it is always interesting. For those who attend, there is always something interesting and educational happening. This year it should be of interest to any Brother who is interested in obtaining a perpetual membership in the Lodge. There are several proposals regarding such memberships. The big one would raise the cost to \$3,200.00 to those between the ages of 18 & 35. \$2,560.00 for those between the ages of 36 to 50. Ages of 51 to 65 stay the same. For Brothers age 65 and above the cost drops to \$1,280.00, this is a great savings. Any Brother who has started a payment plan will probably be able to keep the same cost as now.

Fraternally,
Ritchie Yorston, PM
Secretary



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members to attend this special event, as it will be very educational.

I know we all think we are going to live forever. The facts are that our time here is transitory, and the best we can hope for is a long and fulfilling life. But no matter if you live to be 103 or 23 there is nothing stopping you from being prepared. Here is a perfect opportunity to leave your legacy according to your own desires. I hope to see you all here on the 30th, for our Preparation Seminar. This is your final way to be Duly and Truly Prepared.

Fraternally,
Scott Tracy
Senior Warden



Tyler's Door

POWER

When you hear, see, feel, or know "power", how does it apply, what does it mean? It could be the noise coming from a generating plant or jet engine, and you know new power will move something. When you see an ocean wave or a waterfall, you can sense nature's awesome power; encountering a storm, you become part of that power and fury. But to know power, you must realize it has always been that force within you that overcame problems, strove you to whatever successes you may have had, told you the need to gain from failures. It is the element that powers you.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM PGC
Tyler



Steward's Message

Jobie update

Jobes Daughters have had quite a bit of excitement with the addition of 3 more daughters. A warm welcome to Reagan, Natalie, and Haley which puts Bethel 21 at 21 members.

Elections have been held and the newest Honored Queen will be Jessica Pisarski who as you might already know as WB Ritchie Yorston's granddaughter. Our Senior Princess is going to be Lucy Hanne who is without a doubt one of the best ritualists we have ever seen. With all the new faces, the bethel has really become a warm familiar place that these ladies can call home. Lets make sure we show these young ladies how Scottsdale 43 takes care of its Youth Groups by showing our smiling faces at their functions. The next one will be May 10th at Scottsdale 43 for the Jobie Installation of Officers.

Allen Nichols

Junior Steward

Associate Bethel Guardian to Bethel 21



Travelled to the Celestial Lodge Above

Brother John Harvey Steele Jr.

Born November 23, 1933

Raised as a Master Mason October 2, 1964

Died March 26, 2013

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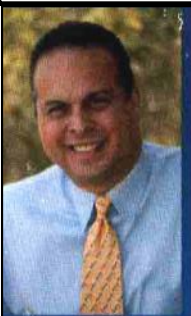
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Masonic Humor

A Mason was having trouble with his ritual, and was telling a fellow mason in a pub one day, and his friend said I know a man down the road who sells Parrots who know the ritual and will prompt you when you have any trouble.

So the next day off he went to the shop, and the man said "yes I have three", he pulled a curtain across and there were 3 parrots, one with a master mason's apron on, one with a Worshipful Masters apron, and one with a Grand Lodge apron on.

The man said "how much is the one with the WMapron on."

"\$2000.00 and he knows all the ritual including the inner workings, and will always prompt you when you get stuck."

"No", he said "to expensive", "what about the one with the MM apron on."

"Well, that one is \$1,000.00 and he knows all the ritual, but not the inner workings, but will always prompt you when you learning it."

"No to much, what about the one with the grand lodge apron on."

"You can have him for \$10.00."

"Why so cheap, he must know all the ritual and the inner workings?"

"Oh yes, he knows all the ritual, but when you make a mistake all he does is sit there and go, tut! tut! tut!!

David Yunker

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TIME MUG Lodge Fund Raiser

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.

The cost is \$20.00

Fraternally,

BILL Gesswein PM



Scottsdale DeMolay

DeMolay... Did You Know?

We all have our favorite pieces of ritual in Masonry or DeMolay or in other branches of the Masonic family tree. One of mine is from the DeMolay Monitor of Public Ceremonies. Did you know, the first query in the public declaration of the Master Councilor-elect at his installation reads: "Will you follow in the footsteps of Jacques DeMolay should service and duty demand it?" Removing the allusion to the climactic crisis of DeMolay's life and rephrasing a bit, we might equivalently ask "Will you give the needs of others precedence over your own?" Either way, an affirmative answer to that question says a great deal about the young man becoming a leader, about the transition from child to adult, about the workings of human society and our role in it...and about the Order of DeMolay.

For more information about The Order of DeMolay in Scottsdale, contact Dave Smith at davesmithmailbox@cox.net.



LIBRARY PROGRAM

The library computer inventory is through with the first phase. Put on Excel Software are the books, movies, pamphlets and magazine. Further, this inventory shows where these are located with a book number, book case number and shelf number. Then on the same excel line is the book name, author, publishing company and the name of the one who donated the book.

Right now inventory shows there are 675 recorded library items on the Computer Library Inventory.

There are several books outstanding that need to get into the inventory. When returning these books give them to the secretary or put on the library desk in the library room. In this way they can get put into the inventory before we put them back on the book shelves.

The second phase of the library plan is to doing "quality control" of the computer inventory. There is a specific plan to do this before presenting this to the Lodge Board of Trustees for their review and comments. Along with the inventory we are preparing a library policy and procedure manual. This report is intended to protect the fine library, increase library utilization, improve the library standards and can help promote Masonry in the community and state.



Bruce Fischer,
Library Committee

Dillinger Raffle

Brothers the time is waning on our Dillinger Raffle. We have sold about 600 tickets, but still have 400 tickets to go and only April and May to finish selling out, because we will be drawing this raffle during the June Stated Meeting.

Just a reminder how this raffle is going to work, we have two prizes. Second prize is a beautiful brand new Colt .38 Super. The Grand Prize is of course the .45 Cal Tommy Gun with both the 30 capacity magazine and the amazing 100 round drum. We also have a spectacular vintage Colt .380 Model 1908. The final part of the Grand Prize is the Guitar carrying case.

Tickets are still \$10 per ticket with all of the proceeds of this raffle going directly toward our Distressed Master Mason Widows and Orphans Fund. If we sell all 1000 tickets issued, our profit back to the DMMW&O Fund will be over \$6000. So dig deep, get your tickets before it is too late and they are all gone.

BROTHERS WE HAVE QUALITY MASONIC WATCHES FOR SALE IN THE LODGE. THEY RETAIL FOR \$475.00, WE WILL SELL THEM FOR **\$175.00**. ALL QUARTZLINE MODELS ARE MANUFACTURED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SWISS TECHNOLOGY & PRECISION. THEY HAVE SAPPHIRE CRYSTALS, SOLID STAINLESS STEEL CASES, SOLID BAND LINKS, HIGH GRADE SWISS MOVEMENTS AND ARE ACCURATE TO WITHIN ONE MINUTE A YEAR. SEE THE ATTACHED PHOTOS, THEY WOULD MAKE A GREAT GIFT FOR A MASON.

Fraternally,

BILL Gesswein, PM



GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDER

Brothers, a Brother of this Lodge recently passed away without a will. He did not have a large estate, almost no estate at all. This caused problems for his family and delayed settling things. We recommend everyone have a will and let someone know where it is. Any attorney can draw up a will or will forms are available. Do not let the State make decisions for you. **If you didn't read the SW message this month go back and look at it.**

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Recent Lodge Events



A meal to remember of MRIs served to the Military Degree Team



Honoring our WWII Veterans



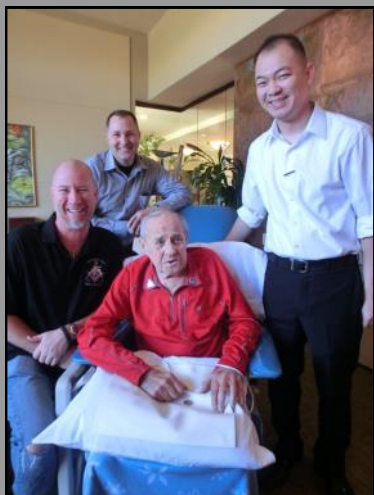
Is Bro. Dave Woodland PM hoping to Re-enlist?



2013 Military Degree Team and our new Fellowcraft Mason



Bro. Allen Nichols and WM James Xie concentrating on the Military Degree Team in action



Our WM, JW and Junior Steward provided Masonic Relief by showering brotherly love on Brother Bill Brown.



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May Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

JOSEPH W CARROLL	5/17/1963	RUSSELL R SAYRE	5/29/1975	ROBERT M WALSMANN	5/17/2003
ANDREW M SMITH	5/6/2000	WILLIAM K BOWDEN	5/22/1986	JERALD L HILL	5/31/1979
JAMES E. WATSON PM	5/11/2000	DAVID H. DUDLEY	5/6/2000	DANIEL H. WELKER	5/17/2003
JACK L SHAW	5/30/1974	TERENCE S. BROADSTOCK	5/20/1992	EDWARD R. WHITLOW	5/27/1999
JEFFREY JOSEPH SIDLES	5/23/2002	GARY LEE ROY	5/23/1985	PAUL T WILSON PM	5/29/1997
MARC ALAN SHIPKIN	5/11/2000	WILLIAM N McLEMORE JR.	5/31/1960	DUNCAN STEWART HARVEY	5/9/2002
JOHN SCOTT BROWER	5/29/1972	WILLIAM TRAHER MILES	5/30/1974	FREDRIC JOSEPH RUB	5/1/1990
WILLIAM JAMES CURRY	5/24/2001	GREGORY K. NMISKOVSKY	5/12/2011	Christopher WadeS TELZER	5/20/2010
MICHAEL SIMONSON	5/22/1986	RICHARD D. SNOWDEN	5/31/1972	MICHAEL FRANK DORFFI	5/8/1997
THOMAS P MAYHEW	5/29/1980	JERRY W MORAN	5/26/1994	FLOYD LYLES METHURST	5/8/2008
IRA MILTON BOSSERT	5/31/1962	C. HENRY GRABOWSKI II	5/20/2010	ROBERT L HANCOCK	5/26/1965
JOHN W. STEELE	5/30/2007	PAUL EVANS LUTES	5/17/2003	CHARLES R SYKES	5/23/1974
JOHN E WALTERS	5/31/1973	MATTHEW HENRY TEUSINK	5/27/1999	GARY EDWARD GISS	5/8/2008
LEO G PALETTA	5/24/1973	ARTHUR R. TURNEY	5/8/1961	JACK O HOBBS	5/8/1956
THOMAS E. ELLEDGE	5/24/2007	JAMES F. JOHNSON	5/29/1980	MARK KENT MOORE	5/13/2000
DAVID P OLASON	5/20/1993	DAVID J WOODLAND APM	5/21/1952	TIMOTHY DANIEL LUECK	5/12/2011
Brandon M. BOHLMAN	5/11/2006	RAYMOND E HOLDER	5/11/1966	L CHARLES ELSTON	5/12/1954
ROB BRITT PETERSON	5/24/2007	MARSHALL W GOSTNELL	5/14/1992	THOMAS B. REECE	5/19/2005
JAMES P. ADAMS	5/25/1999	JOSEPH A. DECKER	5/30/2007	THEODORE E JENSEN	5/19/1964
MICHAEL F. BOHLMAN	5/17/2003	ROY E GRAVES APM	5/22/1952	PHILLIP THOMAS GESSWEIN	5/14/2009



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7  DeMolay	8  Eastern Star	9	10	11 Dinner 6pm Degree TBD	12	13 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
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***Please note that all events, dates and times are subject to change,
please watch your lodge emails for updates from the Secretary.***