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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brethren, time seems to be flying by so quickly. I cannot believe March is already here!

We have a very special evening planned for March 21st, which will be our annual hosting of the Arizona Military Degree Team which will assist us in conducting a 2nd degree upon one of our candidates. If you have seen this many times in the past or curious to know what it is all about, come to lodge and see some fantastic degree work that will be put on by this degree team! Reminder for all who plan on attending, please be in business casual at the minimum.

As an update, the officers are working very diligently to compiling all the information needed to qualify for the "Master Architect" award that is given by the grand lodge during the Annual Communication that will be held in June. We will make sure that we do our very best to submit all accurate information to ensure that we win!

There are also plans for a huge event that will take place sometime in the Fall. The lodge will be hosting a Silent Auction and Entertainment Evening which all proceeds will be benefitting our Distressed Master Masons, Widows, and Orphans fund. Although the planning is in its initial stages, please note that myself and the committee will convey all updates of this event to the entire membership as the date approaches!

On a more personal note, I cannot thank the great architect of the universe for giving me the opportunity to serve this lodge as your master for this year. Although it has been a road that I chose on my own free will and accord to become where I am now, it could not have been done with all the encouragement throughout the years and still to this day as well. You are what keep me going. You are who I am today. You, the membership, my brethren, who has taught me so much and made me a better man by mentoring me, this is my way of paying you all back by dedicating myself to you. This is what masonry is about, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Those tenants of Freemasonry goes way beyond just those few words. It is the actions of those words that count the most. Just remember, I am here for you

**FRATERNALLY,
JAMES XIE,
WORSHIPFUL MASTER**



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Masonic Age



Recently I was made aware of an incredible phenomenon called Masonic Age. Masonic Age is a basic concept relating to how long you have been a Mason. Me personally, I was Initiated a Mason on December 20th, 2007, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on January 17th, 2008 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 28th, 2008. So that means by the time this article is published in March, I will have had my 5th Anniversary as a Master Mason, hence my Masonic Age is 5.

I was made aware of my Masonic age, and the Masonic age of all of the Brothers in the current officer line, specifically as it related to the progressive line. The Progressive line in our lodge as you know is considered the Chaplin, Marshal, Junior and Senior Stewards, Junior and Senior Deacons and finally the Junior and Senior Wardens and Master. We don't include the Tyler, as Worshipful Brother Dave Woodland is now and will forever be our Tyler. (At least until he says he doesn't want to be Tyler any more.) Further Worshipful Brother Carlos Rausch is and will forever be the Organist, unless we happen to land Billie Joel or Elton John as a new Mason, then he may have a run for his money. Worshipful Brother Ritchie Yorston and Brother Russell Sayre are both elected officers and not slated to progress to Master in either of their current positions.

With all of that said, I am very proud to announce that of those officers currently filling the Progressive line had their average Masonic age calculated for us and I was impressed to find that our Average Masonic Age was 2.75 years. I should make note that our Masonic Age was markedly reduce due to our two most recent appointees to the line, Brothers Tim & Tom Coffey who have been Masons for only a year.

Some of you may say; Wow, that is entirely to young for an office line to be in order to effectively run a lodge. Others might say; Holy Mackerel, that is incredibly impressive, that men so new to Masonry take such pride and joy in their endeavors with Masonry that they want to support the lodge with such an enormous commitment. After all, if you start as Chaplin in the Progressive line as we know it, you will have served the lodge for eight solid years if you make it all the way to Master. Even more of you might ask yourself; "Why is this even remotely important?" I have to admit, I asked myself that very question. Why was it important for someone to bring this to my attention? After all, aren't we a team as an officer line? Don't all of the Brethren, even those officers who are not really in the Progressive line, but who are duly elected by the Craft, still just as vital for their counsel and

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contributions. What about the all of the Past Masters and for that matter the Past Grand Masters who reside in Scottsdale? This progressive line actively solicits their counsel and advise, aren't they really part of the Masonic Team and shouldn't their Masonic Ages be considered?

My conclusion is this: If anyone is worried about the Masonic Age of the Officers of Scottsdale Lodge, they should simply look to the support staff that these seemingly novice Brothers have at their disposal. The best part about these young rookie Masons, is they are not afraid to seek wise counsel from their more experienced Brethren, and more than one of these fine Brothers have other world experience that just might lend to their ability to effectively run or manage not only a lodge of Master Masons, but possibly some rather impressive companies in the world outside of Masonry. After all, isn't that why you elected those Brothers, and trust those who are appointed by those you duly elected. I think so.

Oh yeah, just one final thought about this matter. If any of you extremely seasoned veteran Masons would like to participate in the progressive line, I am still considering who should be my Chaplin next year. Please don't hesitate to run right up to me at the next meeting and throw your hat in to the ring. Nothing would please me more than to have a Brother Mason with years of experience sitting beside me in the East. Don't bother bringing your ritual book, I seriously doubt that you will need it as I am certain you already know every word in those treasured pages.

**Fraternally,
Scott Tracy
Senior Warden**



Greetings From the South

It has been a fast 30 days since I wrote my last article. Since then we have had our Widows Night where we had about 135 people for the Rose on the Alter Play.

Also we had the Job's Daughter Supreme visit at our lodge. There is just so much going on and so much on the horizon.

The Kitchen is doing well so if anyone would like to be a guest chef please let me know. I hope that everyone had a good Valentines Day.

We are gearing up for the Wardens Conference in Prescott March 8th-10th. I am hoping to learn much. I would like to start seeing some brothers from the side lines start participating more in some of our degree work, lets start thinking about a lecture or part in the 3rd degree play. It is always nice to see new faces do the good work the we have become accustomed to at Scottsdale.

Amaranth will be serving dinner March 14 for the brothers so please attend and lets support them in their fund raising event.

Congratulations to WB Steve Sampson for taking on the roll of Property Management. This is a thankless job we thank you for doing this.

We also have the Military Degree Team coming soon so please pay attention to the weekly updates by the Secretary for the date.

Thank You,

**Fraternally,
Merle Anderson
Junior Warden**



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 is your lodge and your thoughts are always welcome.

Please address your comments **To the editor** in care of the lodge Secretary (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,

Fred LaBell

Editor

From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers, the printer adjustments were made and the dues cards were sent out. The delay was caused because GL changed the design of the dues card. This meant that our program would not work. We have the "\$43 for 43" club again this year. This means a letter was sent along with all the Perpetual Membership cars requesting these members donate \$43.00 to cover the cost of the GL per capita charge and the \$15.00 Capital Improvement charge. Any Brother may join this club making our new WM very happy.

**Fraternally,
Ritchie Yorston, PM
Secretary**



Tyler's Door

HONOR

"Honor"...Sounds simple. We all know what the word means. But it's not that simple. One receives an honor for doing something special, a medal, a piece of paper, maybe a pat on the back, applause. Maybe the word is used less seriously when someone says for example "Meeting you is an honor", very seriously expressed by the Medal of Honor. But I also appreciate using the word as definitive of morality, as in our previous discussion in this column.

Therefore, a person can have honor, be honorable. It is earned like the medal and becomes a part of the soul. It is not given; it is a reward to yourself from yourself to become part of yourself.

Carefully guard this treasure. It can be lost if you are not mindful of it's value. It cannot be stolen from you, as a thief cannot have honor, and it cannot be given because it must be earned.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM PGC
Tyler**

Steward's Message

Preparation of the Candidate

Entered, Passed and Raised holds such high meanings for each of us in our own way. It's all such a blur and so much going on. So many things with such deep meaning are being conveyed and we are trying to remember every phrase as we know it will be lessons for the rest of our lives. In this act, we as brothers are able to give something so important and monumental to this person which is the gift of masonry in the presentation of their degree night. I wanted to humbly ask as we are all present in the lodge room to remember how important this night is for this future brother. Cell phones, talking, candy wrappers being unwrapped are all distractions of the night and would be a terrible addition to the beautiful degree taking place. Let us all remember our first knock and give the same to our future brothers.

Fraternally,

**Allen Nichols,
Junior Steward**

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



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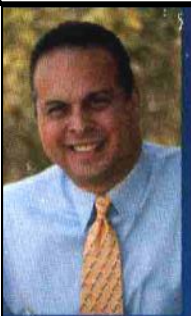
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Masonic Education

After a conversation with multiple tenured Brethren, I challenged myself to travel three years back to my raising. I did this for the purpose of asking the question, "What would I say about the first three degrees, to help a newly raised Mason make sense of them?" As this article will show, the first three degrees cannot be figured out in a night, but take years of self development and study to truly understand.

Because of the symbolic nature of our many rituals it may be tough to realize the meanings without a point to start at.

The metaphysical and moral lessons are explained as follows:

1. The First Degree is characterized by the " principles of Moral Truth " - the relations governing man and man - and can therefore be called the *Degree of Ethics*.

2. The Second Degree is characterized by the " heavenly science ", knowledge of the spiritual nature obscured in created things. The Mason is encouraged to perceive " heavenly science " from a rational standpoint: passing from visible to underlying causes (seek and ye shall find). The Degree can therefore be called the *Degree of Metaphysics understood rationally*.

3. The Third Degree still characterized by the relationship between man and God, takes this relationship beyond the strictly rational sphere. This Degree can therefore be called the *Degree of Metaphysics understood intuitively*, representing a raising from mortal perception (perception governed by time and death), to that unfathomable " Light which is from above ".

The true import of the Third Degree will be lost if masons think of it as a " once and for all " event akin to initiation. Rather it represents a mystical process which must be continually dynamised if the Master Mason is to achieve or sustain his mastery. Masons are reminded that the path is one of perfecting, towards perfection. Perfection is the Napoleonic ideal : identification with " the Light which is from above " . This perfection is indicated to us by an array of symbols, such as the one which can be found in the Third Degree Opening of the Emulation Ritual (op.cit., pp.46-47) where we find the following questions and responses:

Presented by Bro. Addison Fuller

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 MASONIC LODGE #43 F. & A.M.

Scottsdale Chapter #43, Order of the Eastern Star

Thanks for the support of the masons for our See's Valentine Candy Sale. It helped give us a boost. Your help is really appreciated.

We hope it gave your loved ones...chocolate joy!! Thanks to Linda Sayre and Sheila Kelley for being super saleswomen at your meetings.

January 28 was our Official Visit. Josh Cuevas was appointed Grand Representative of New Jersey by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Kathy Kelley was given the Everyday Hero Award by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for special service to our Order and our Masonic Family.

We honored our state officer Lina Penalosa who was appointed last August as Grand Martha of the Arizona Grand Chapter this year.

It was a special evening for our Chapter.

The month of March we will have two Chapter meetings which are March 11 and March 25.

March 25 will be the 59th birthday of our Chapter and we will honor 25/50/75 year members.

The month of April we will have two Chapter meetings which are April 8 and April 22.

April 22 we will have a Salad Dinner & Fashion Show by the Dress Barn.

Members and non-members are encouraged to attend and get a store discount.

-Diana Hutchinson, Worthy Matron

Jim Watson PM, Worthy Patron



Traveled to the Celestial Lodge Above

Bro. John M. Yunker Born 11/29/1923

Raised 11/15/1953 Golden Fleece Lodge, Lynn, MA

Demitted to Scottsdale #43 4/3/1969

Passed away January 11, 2013

Scottsdale DeMolay...Did You Know?

...we will be at the Arizona Masonic youth groups' annual Winter Formal on February 23rd at the Shrine Auditorium. It's a great event for kids of all ages including you and your sweetheart and any prospective DeMolays you might know. A nice dinner and an evening of dancing and fun...all at a bargain price. To attend with us, contact Dave Smith at davesmithmailbox@cox.net for details, but don't wait – we're purchasing our block of tickets on February 11th.



Widows Night Dinner and Play
“Rose on The Alter”
Performed by the Scottish Rite Players



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

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

October Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

ARTHUR HDIXON PM	3/ 11/1955	DAVID A CHERRILL MD	3/21/1991	F. ANTHONY CARABALLO	3/29/2007
DR. WILLIAM L. BARAN APM	3/10/1976	ROBERT E SIEGLING PM	3/31/1988	MARION ANTHONY ANFENSON	3/19/1959
GLENN LOCKWOOD BEZUYEN	3/29/2001	MARK SHANDER MOROSOFF	3/27/2007	ROBERT M. HAYNES APM	3/31/1993
AUBREY JAY MUNDY	3/30/1972	WILLIAM EDWARD KEIM	3/11/1950	SCOTT CHARLES SQUIRES	3/20/1997
ROBERT G HOPS	3/26/1981	FRANK P. MENDOLA	3/24/2005	Mathew Donald BOWLING	3/13/2008
L ROGER ESPELAND	3/24/2001	MICHAEL PAUL HALEY	3/8/2012	TERRY L ZEIGER	3/25/1976
SAMUEL HERMAN BROOKS	3/18/1971	TERRY L. KELLY	3/17/1992	JAMES EDWARD HEMMER SR.	3/29/1975
GEORGE R EASTER	3/26/1964	STEVEN ERIC SQUIRES	3/20/1997	MICHAEL CONRAD PASCOE	3/28/2002
WILLIAM G FOSTER	3/7/1973	ROGER DAWSON	3/27/2007	Anthony JOHN BLUNDA	3/11/2010
CARL DIETRICH	3/19/1981	JASON S. DUEY	3/24/2005	KARL V PAINTER	3/25/1971
THOMAS W CARROLL	3/24/1983	JAMES ARLAND OSMAN III	3/11/2004		
DEAN P GOODNIGHT	3/29/1946	JOHN ROBERT GEYER	3/11/2010		
TRINI C GARCIA	3/28/1974	ROBERT B. RYE	3/24/2005		
DONALD MAXWELL	3/29/1973	JAMES W. MEREDITH	3/29/2007		
ROBERT F DAVIS JR. APM	3/21/1966	JAMES ROBERT SCHULTE	3/12/2009		
JACKSON H MILLIGAN	3/26/1970	MELVYN L ARTHUR	3/22/1956		
GEORGE EDGAR JOHNSON	3/29/1956	VINCENT PAUL OUTCALT	3/27/1997		



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3  DeMolay	4  Job's Daughters	5 York Rite	6 Trustees Meeting <u>Amaranth</u>	7 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting	8	9 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
10	11  Eastern Star	12	13	14 Dinner 6pm Degree TBD	15	16 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
17	18  Job's Daughters	19 York Rite	20 <u>Amaranth</u>	21 Dinner 6pm Military Degree	22	23 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
24  DeMolay	25	26	27	28 Dinner 6pm Degree TBD	29	30 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
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April 2013

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Please note that all events, dates and times are subject to change,