

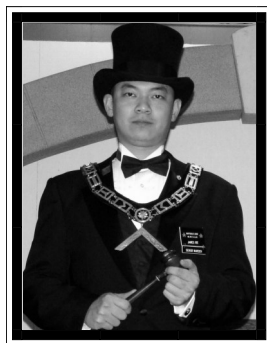
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

This has been such an amazing year. I cannot have been more successful as your Worshipful Master for 2013 without all of your love and support. I know that this has been a busy year for us all here at the lodge and I thank all of you who have assisted me in one way or another around here to ensure that this lodge, our lodge, prosper. Without the help of all the brethren who have done their Masonic duty to make sure this lodge ran as successfully as it did was a huge challenge, but the love of our lodge and this fraternity, we pulled through. There are many thanks in order but too many to name here. You all know who you are who assisted me this year and I will thank each of you personally as I see each of you in lodge from now until the end of my term.

We have accomplished many huge obstacles and tackled some amazing feats and projects in one year alone that usually would have taken years. The dedication of you, the brethren of our lodge made it happen. As many of you know who have actively attended this year, there has been many major changes. I am happy that many of you were on board with what I have planned and done this year.

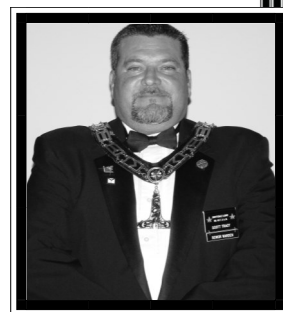
I am very humbled from last year this time when I was elected to the East, to this moment as I write this, still, that the faith, trust, and love you have had in me as your Worshipful Master. This was such an amazing experience and I would not trade it in for anything in the world. I have learned more than I had expected, which made me grow into the better man that I am today, even with a few obstacles this year, I have learned how to tackle them and made sure that it had a positive turn out.

There was much fun that was had this year from all the special events. For those of you who had a chance to be there and experience it, that made it all the more enjoyable because I was able to spend the time with you all. "Masonry, A Way of Life" is a theme that I have incorporated into this year as it rings true for us masons. If we cannot live the life as we were taught in our rituals and tenants of Freemasons, then we cannot truly know what it feels and means to really be a Mason. I have seen this at our lodge. I know and have seen that each member of Scottsdale #43 does live the life of a true Freemason. I cannot be more happy to be a member of this lodge and your Worshipful Master.

I look forward to 2014 as I know the new incoming elected and appointed officer line will do a fantastic job in continuing what I have laid out for 2013. I have full faith in our incoming

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Holiday State of Mind...

First and foremost let me say thank you to the Brethren for your vote of confidence in the upcoming year by electing me to the office of Worshipful Master. I am humbled and excited about the prospect of leading the lodge in 2014. Please know that my door is open and my phone will be on, if you need me call, email or text I will do my level best to see to your needs as a member of the greatest lodge in the state.

I have several areas that I want to focus on for 2014; the main area of focus will be bringing some of the fun back to lodge. By the time this article is published one of our major events of the year will already have happened. I am referring to the Annual Lodge Picnic. This year was wonderful; we had beautiful temperatures, lots of games and great food. I would like to thank, WBe Bob Beffel, Bro. Allen Nichols, & Bro. Jim Callahan for their commitment and hard work to make this years picnic such a huge success. Other major events upcoming; WB James will be hosting this years Table Lodge on the 21st of November. These table lodge events are always fun so I hope you have your ticket, because this one will be wonderful.

December will bring the Jobbie Installation on Friday Dec. 6th, followed up by The Installation of officers of Scottsdale Lodge on Sunday Dec. 8th. December 12th we will have the 2014 plan of action review; December 19th will be our yearly Christmas Party. The Christmas party is pot luck with a White Elephant Gift Exchange. (\$25 Limit) We will break for Christmas on the 26th, but be back at it on January 2nd for our 1st Stated Meeting of the New Year. We will perform degrees during January, but our last Thursday will be reserved for our Widows, Wives & Family. The officers of Scottsdale will be performing a Dinner Theatre Play for the evening (get ready for my Oscar caliber performance.)

Other events that are planned and coming in 2014 will be our Annual Shoot Outing, Movie Night, Cigar Nights, Texas Holdem Tournament, St. Patrick's Dinner, Military Degree Night, Sideliner Degree Night, Past Master Degree Night, Appendant Body Night, Bowling Night Fund Raiser for the Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children and much much more.

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Worshipful Master, Scott Tracy and we have become as close as real brothers. Throughout our entire year of conversations and planning to ensure this 2014 is successful, I have seen his dedication to Scottsdale #43 and to our brothers. I cannot think of anybody better to serve this lodge as the next Worshipful Master as him. This lodge will be in great hands for 2014.

I promise that I will continue to be active in this lodge as a resource if needed for the officers and any brother who would like. As always, I hope to see each and every one of you in lodge!

Fraternally,
James Xie
Worshipful Master



Tyler's Door

Notes on August 14, 1945

Having viewed the Lost Film of the celebration in Hawaii on that day, it drags me back to August 15, 1945. Yes, August 15, the date of the Japanese surrender ending WWII. It was August 15 across the International Date Line because we were assembled for the invasion of Japan. In the previous two weeks, the A Bombs had been dropped; and not wanting more, Japan surrendered. That decision probably saved 100,000 Americans at least, and maybe a couple million Japanese.

The pictured celebration in Hawaii was not the same as ours. There were some whoops and hollers, but I am sure that there were quiet prayers of thanks.

For more than twenty years, I have pleaded with various publications to at least, approaching each August 14, have some mention of observing that date, a turning point in our history. To date, I have never seen a word that the terrible war ended that day. WWII did not end September 4, 1945. That day Admirals and Generals put on their best uniforms, officials donned their top hats, and pictures were taken. WWII ended the day we stopped killing each other.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM, PGC
Tyler



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If you have any ideas or suggestions of fun things to do, don't hesitate to let me know and let's work together to make 2014 an exciting and fun year. Have a safe and blessed holiday season. May God bless you and keep you, and may all of your holiday dreams come true.

Fraternally,
Brother Scott Tracy
Senior Warden
Worshipful Master Elect



Greetings From the South

Where to begin? The last 30 days or so has as usual been packed with Masonic Stuff. Elections are done and I thank everyone who supported me to be elected to Senior Warden. I have been working on my 1st degree lecture (still). The lodge picnic was as typical a great success. We have had a couple of funerals this week that we have had to take care of, I truly wish we didn't lose anyone to the celestial lodge above. But we will miss our dearly departed brothers.



Moving forward Bro Bob Beffel as Jr Warden elect he is going to be needing all your help in the kitchen (I am DONE YEH)!!!

Brothers regardless of how the elections for Secretary turned out, remember in the Grand Masters words we need to have Civility with our brothers. I feel that many have lost sight of this and the fact that our tenants of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love Relief and Truth. Look well to the East my brothers and remember your Obligations to our Fraternity.

In closing I am going to work diligently to be worthy of the Senior Warden Chair.

Fraternally,
Merle Anderson
Junior Warden



Steward's Message

The Road Less Traveled

We often hear of "taken the road less traveled" and since we are all traveling men, this should be important to us. In our rush to get to our goal, our journeys end, or just plain where we are trying to get, we forget why we travel. It's for the journey. Let's try the road less traveled, let's try to take in the scenery, and let's try to enjoy the fellowship on our way to where it is we are going. We take pictures throughout so we can stop time and take notice of the things we did not see during our travels. Let's try a change of pace, let's not see how quick we can make it, not worry about what time we are supposed to be there, instead lets enjoy our path through the Great Architects illustrious coloring book of life and enjoy the scenes that our path carries us through. Let's not rely on a picture to show us the path we took but instead, take notice of where we are today.

Travel Safe my Brothers



Allen Nichols

Junior Steward

Appointed Senior Deacon

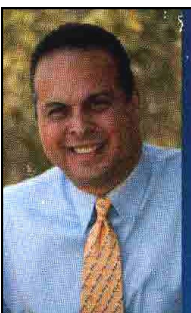
Chaplain's, corner

"But I have never led a prayer in public!"

We are taught that He knoweth all things. If we can't conceal anything from Him, He knows all about you! A man may be ashamed of himself, sorry for what he is and has been, but embarrassed, in prayer? As for being embarrassed before your brethren, that's conceived. Almost any man is a match for an army if he has God with him. The man on his feet who talks to God has no need to consider men. If men laugh, shame on them. In all my many years as a Mason, I never yet saw any man smile or say a word of ridicule at any one's petition to Deity out loud which touched the hearts of all present who admired their fearlessness in facing the Great Architect and saying what was in their hearts. I never heard a man laugh when a Chaplain, ordained or substitute, made a petition to Deity. Whether it was the petition in the ritual, or one which came from the heart, be sure the Great Architect understood it. As for asking a blessing in the name of the All-Seeing Eye, what difference does it make to God by what name we call Him? That is a good Masonic name, sanctified by the reverent hearts of generations of men and Masons.

Fred LaBell 32°

Guest Chaplain



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Masonic Humor

There once was a rural Lodge that met in an old barn. One night, during a fierce thunderstorm, the barn was struck by lightning and burnt to the ground. One of the Lodge's Brothers, who also owned a hotel in town, came forward and said the Lodge could meet there until they could afford to rebuild a building to meet in.

"I have a large conference room just off the main lobby that will be perfect for our meetings," he claimed.

The Lodge met regularly for many, many months. One night, a traveler came into the hotel and asked about a room. As the clerk was checking availability, the traveler looked over at the conference room and asked, "So, what's going on over in there?"

The clerk replied, "Oh, that's a meeting of the local Masonic Lodge."

"So those are Masons? I've always wanted to become one. Do you know if it's hard to get in?" asked the traveler.

"I think so," said the clerk. "See that guy standing there with the sword? He's been knocking on the door now for four months and they won't let him in."



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers, we are doing much better with keeping this office up to date on your new addresses and e-mails. We only have 6 trestle boards returned so far this month. As this is my last article as your Lodge Secretary I wish to thank all who have helped me keep the office working. A great many Brothers have provided assistance and wise council over the years which made my job easier.

Thank you one and all

Fraternally,

Ritchie Yorston, PM

Secretary



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Scottsdale DeMolay

DeMolay... Did You Know?



Many of you are probably familiar with the story of Frank Land, Louis Lower and the founding of the Order of DeMolay in 1919 in Kansas City. But *Did You Know* that without a Brother Mason named Sam Freet, there might never have been an Order of DeMolay?

"I know of Land and Lower but who was Sam Freet?"

Brother Freet was the Senior Warden of Ivanhoe Lodge in January of 1919. Elmer Lower, also a member of Ivanhoe Lodge, had died a year earlier in January of 1918 leaving a widow and four children. Brother Freet called Dad Land in January of 1919 to ask him to meet with Louis, then 17 years old and the oldest of the four Lower children. Brother Freet wanted Dad Land to help Louis find a part-time job that would enable him to help his widowed mother with household expenses. Dad Land agreed to the meeting...and that meeting was the genesis of the Order of DeMolay.

I have been a Freet. By that, I mean it has been my privilege to meet and recommend exemplary young men who both significantly benefited from and contributed to the Order of DeMolay. Do you know of such a young man? When I say "Be a Freet," do you know what I mean?

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Widow and Family Night

The not ready for prime time players are pleased to present a Dinner Theatre experience at Scottsdale Masonic Lodge on January 30th, 2014. This special event is being orchestrated to entertain our honored Widows, our Wives, Mothers, and Daughters. Seating will be at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served by 6:30. The show will begin at 7:30 PM.

Our play is a Western Murder Mystery. Your officer staff for 2014 along with our DeMolay and Jobs Daughters will also be players in our skit.

The menu for the evening will be Roasted Chicken, Almond laced Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Salad and Strawberry Cheese Cake for Dessert. All ladies will be the honored guests of the Officers of the Lodge and their admission will be free. All male guests and Brothers will be contributing patrons. Dinner will be \$10 for this special event.

If you would like to attend this gala event, but need assistance in transportation to the lodge, please contact the WME Scott Tracy and we will gladly make arrangements to get you to and from lodge. (scotra@yahoo.com or 602-697-1132 cell.)

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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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BRYAN NICHOLAS THOMAS 12/15/2012	JUSTIN K. TAYLOR NMD 12/11/2008	GARY ALLEN NICHOLS 12/9/2010
JOHN MICHAEL PIERCE 12/15/2012	JOHN DEAN COVINGTON 12/15/2012	BRUCE W GENTHNER 12/14/1961
DAVID ALLEN SMITH 12/5/1987	DAVID WATSON 12/8/2011	SIDNEY L MAGNESS 12/7/1963
PAUL EUGEN SAIN 12/15/2012	MICHAEL ADDISON FULLER 12/4/2010	SEAN D. WEILAND 12/15/2005
PATRICK R. KAMINSKY 12/18/2008	MATHEW JAMES PARSONS 12/15/2012	MARK CUNNINGHAM 12/8/2011
ROBBIE LYNN FRANK 12/15/2012	Jason Montgomery HARRELL 12/10/2009	BRUCE IRA LaBELL 12/10/2009
MATTHEW JAMES SMITH 12/11/2008	BARRY LOUIS COLLINS 12/18/2003	BRUCE E. FISCHER 12/7/1954
DOMINIC HENRY GAUDIO 12/15/2012	CHARLES D. BUSS KOHL 12/28/1958	ROBERT G. STEPP 12/18/2008



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This event calendar covers, November and December
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also posted to the lodge website every month.

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  DeMolay	2  Jobbies	3 York Rite	4 Trustees Meeting Amaranth	5 Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm	6	7 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
8 Installation of Officers	9  Eastern Star	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
15  DeMolay	16  Jobbies	17 York Rite	18 Amaranth	19 <i>Lodge</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Party</i>	20	21 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
29	30	31 <i>New Years</i> <i>Eve</i>				

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

*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
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