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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

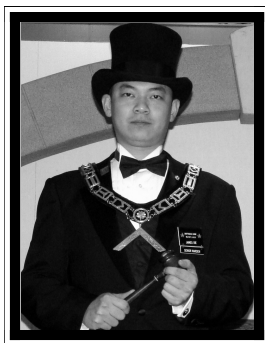
Brethren, I would like to inform you that our annual Military Degree Night was fantastic. It was held on March 21st and it was a great time as always. The lodge was busy throughout the day and the participation again this year was fantastic. The degree team was flawless in their ritual. In honor of our brother, Jean-Claude Malterre who was the Worshipful Master of the Military Degree Team, I had the distinct honor and pleasure to announce to him and to the lodge that the defibrillator that the lodge has purchased has been installed and ready to use. We even held a training class which was offered to all the members of our lodge who wishes to learn to use it in case of an emergency!

Over the last several months in lodge, we have been advertising and fundraising for the lodges "Capital Improvement Fund" which we have already collected a little over \$5,000 toward our goal of purchasing a new air conditioning system. We have worked tirelessly to fundraise this much but we have a lot more to go. Our goal is to raise at least \$35,000 to overhaul and replace the entire system for the lodge. The system that we currently have has not been working very well the last several years. It does not cool down during the hot Arizona summer and does not heat up to well during the winter months. Brethren, remember, Scottsdale Lodge is our home and we must take care of it, upkeep it, and maintain it as if it was your own personal house or car. It is an expensive project but it must be done before it completely goes offline by itself sometime in the near future. For more information about the lodges "Capital Improvement Fund" please brother Gary LeBlanc who is the chairman of the committee. He can provide all the necessary information.

We also honored Bethel #21 of Job's Daughters who meets in our lodge with dinner and gifts on March 28th. Since we have not officially introduced the daughters to our membership this year so I thought it was a great gesture to do so, especially when they have just voted in several new members recently, which nearly doubled their membership base. I wanted to make them feel welcomed in their new home. Let's all try to get to know our Bethels daughters by supporting them. One way to do so is to attend their meetings, which they meet the first and third Mondays of the month and it is open to all master masons.

As always, I encourage all brethren of this lodge who have not attended in a while to stop in and join us in the fun that we always have in this lodge. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces in the near future!

Fraternally,
James Xie
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

The Joy of Traveling

One of my greatest joys in Masonry is traveling to other lodges. On Tuesday of this week, Worshipful Master James Xie lead a fair sized group of Brothers from Scottsdale Lodge

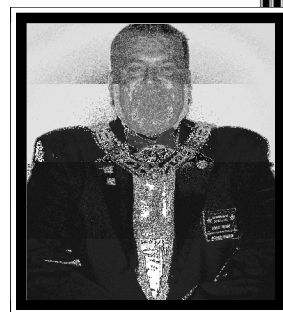
to Camelback Daylight Lodge with Camelback performing a courtesy Second Degree for Brother Frank Vass. I had the honor of sitting as Senior Deacon and performing the Staircase Lecture, WB Darrell Mandrell gave the G Lecture, and Bro. Jim Callahan issued the Charge. I am not really sure how to properly articulate how much fun it is to be involved in the chairs of another lodge, but it is a true joy.

We had a terrific line up for this degree. WM Harley Goodson sat in the East, with Brother Mike (Festus) Lay in the West, Brother Russell Sayre in the South, Me (Scott Tracy) as Senior Deacon, Brother Jim Callahan as Junior Deacon, Brother Dirk Hoogestraat was the Senior Steward, and WB Dr. Darrell Smith was the Junior Steward. WB Fred Moore sat in as Marshal, WB David Woodland preformed beautifully on the organ, and finally we had Brother Tim Coffey who guarded the west gate as our Tyler.

I would like to thank the Brothers who joined us on this travel: WM James Xie, Bro. JW Merle Anderson, Bro. Treasurer Russell Sayre (Dual Member), Bro. Roger Bates, Bro. Kurt Stanci, Bro. Chris Johnson (Our Photographer), Bro. Jim Callahan, Bro. Tim Coffey, WB Dr. Smith (Dual Member), Bro. Dave Woodland, Bro. Dirk Hoogestraat (Dual Member), WB Fred Moore (Dual Member), Bro. Mike Dryden, and last but definitely not least, Bro. Frank Vass (Candidate).

There are several lodges that Scottsdale has made yearly trips and official visits to, such as, Payson, Glendale, Wayfarers, Sun City and PV Silver Trowel. We also travel for several major outdoor degrees like Fain Ranch (which is coming up on September 21st, 2013). I even heard a rumor that next year some Brothers from Scottsdale Lodge just might be traveling to Tasmania during the summer months. These travels are incredibly fun and I hope that we continue this tradition of traveling as a lodge group; it is one of the best things about being a Mason.

Fraternally,
Scott Tracy
Senior Warden



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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



Greetings From the South

Brother's let me start off with the Wardens Conference. What a great time I had 6 officers attended and our own PGM Jim Rowan. And as usual we dominated the attendance from our lodge. There was a lot of information given. And very helpful for moving forward. The best part was the camaraderie Not to mention all the snow and how cold it was.

We as a lodge traveled to Oriental 20 and conferred a second degree to brother Frank Vass. Thank you goes out to them.

Everyone needs start getting ready for Grand Communication in Lake Havasu the first week of June. Also May 5th is going to be the new dedication for the Grand Lodge Offices.

I want to thank all that help in the kitchen. And I would also like to thank all the masons in our lodge for everything that they do.

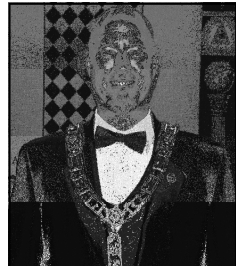
We have so much going on at Scottsdale Lodge and the lodge needs you, so please start coming out on Thursdays.

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 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,

Bro. Fred LaBell

Trestleboard Editor

From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers, it is time again to remind you to keep the Lodge up to date on any changes to your mailing address, telephone # or e-mail address. Our data base may go back to when you joined the Lodge, which could be 50 years old. Each month we have some trestle boards returned which costs us \$.69 each. Each time I send out an update, I receive many notices that it can not be delivered. Please help with this problem. Also a few Brothers do not have a 2013 dues card. Look at yours if it 2012 the Lodge would appreciate receiving your dues.

Fraternally,

Ritchie Yorston, PM

Secretary



Tyler's Door

REASONABLE

What is reasonable? Is it the price? Does it make sense? Is it fair? It has various meanings depending on how it is used; what is your temperament at the time, and what are the circumstances. But look again. The operative basis is reason, the rational use of creative thought which brings you to the correct conclusion. Using mathematics as example: A is to C as B is to D reasoning that two relationships are equal. John displays good actions and moral behavior, therefore I reason he would make a good Mason. A reasonable investigation concludes that my reasoning is correct.

We see that reasonable doesn't mean only low price or sensible conclusion, but it becomes the process of using reason in our determinations of right and wrong, and judgments of each other. Yes, good reasoning can correct mistakes, but more important, it will prevent them from happening.

Fraternally,

Dave Woodland PM PGC

Tyler

Steward's Message

The Character of a Freemason

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

Unknown author

Fraternally,

Bro. Allen Nichols,
Senior Steward



Travelled to the Celestial Lodge Above

Brothers we are pleased to say that as of this printing, we have not have any reports regarding the passing of a brother this month

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Masonic Humor

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill?"

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,.... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth.

The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

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

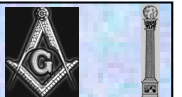
Fraternally,

BILL Gesswein PM





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



Scottsdale Chapter #43, Order of the Eastern Star

Scottsdale Chapter #43, OES will have a few meetings during Spring. **Monday, April 8** will honor Past Matrons and Patrons.

Monday, April 22 we will have a **Salad Dinner and Fashion Show by Dress Barn at 6:00pm** for donation of \$7.00 prior to our meeting.

Monday, May 13 we will honor Mother's, hold elections, and perform Initiation. **Monday,**

May 27 will be Year End Reports and Draping of the Altar for Members lost during the year.

Installation of new officers will be held on **Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 pm**. Our first meeting of the new term will be **Monday, June 10**.

We will be dark for the summer until our Monday, September 23 meeting. Our Grand Chapter Session will be July 31-August 3 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix.

-Diana Hutchinson, Worthy Matron

Jim Watson PM, Worthy Patron



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.



Scottsdale DeMolay

We Make the Good Men that the Lodge Makes Better

Scottsdale DeMolay needs the help of the members of our sponsoring lodge in finding young men between the ages of twelve and twenty-one for membership in the premier organization for young men.

DeMolay teaches civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills. We are open to all kinds of youths with all kinds of interests. What the chapter does is decided by the boys. They are discussed at chapter meetings and voted on by the membership. DeMolay is youth lead and adult supervised, but the advisors do not interfere unless absolutely necessary.

Many DeMolays go on to become Master Masons. Virtually all of our Master Councilors have gone on to Blue Lodge Masonry after they reach the appropriate age.

In addition, we welcome Masonic attendance at our meetings. It demonstrates the commitment that Scottsdale Lodge No. 43 has made to our youth.



LIBRARY PROGRAM

There is a wide variety of wonderful Masonic and other relative books in the library. This number is approaching 600 book, magazines and special items.

WB Bill Gesswein, donated a computer that will allow doing a physical book inventory. This will be valuable for insurance protection. Once inventory is finished it will be kept current. Research done showed our library was too small and is too costly to purchase special library software.

As the inventory is taken each book without take-out holder and card, on inside cover, one will be added. The lodge secretary will order the supply needed. Once this is done it will complete the fine job done by others before that supply ran out.

The library budget has \$632.00 on this line and being guarded.

As work is being accomplished progress and plans will keep all brothers information.

**Bruce Fischer,
Library Committee**



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

Recent Lodge Events



The 2nd Degree for Brother Frank Voss presented at Camelback Daylight Lodge was well attended by traveling Scottsdale Lodge #43 Brothers



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



Meet our new Master Masons at Scottsdale Lodge #43
Stanley Joseph Sparrow and Sebastian Hudemann

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

April Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

RICHARD NICHOLAS DAVIS	4/14/2011	JAMES W BROWN PM	4/29/1988	PATRICK JOSEPH MCGILL	4/14/2004
KYLE ANDREW THOMAS	4/15/2010	SCOTT D. McLAINE	4/19/2007	MICHAEL JAMES LIVINGSTON	4/28/1981
JAMES MIKEAL CALLAHAN	4/8/2010	MARK HAROLD CONNER	4/27/2000	FREDRICK A WOODWARD	4/18/1998
ERIK JAMES KILBO	4/4/1998	JOSEPH P. DRIESSEN JR.	4/28/2005	MARK STRENT	4/29/1972
ROBERT RUSSELL BEFFEL	4/15/2010	EDWARD EARL STEIN	4/1/1960	BRUCE HUSHER	4/29/1993
FREDERICK H GOLDINOV	4/26/1979	JOHN J. CUMMINS	4/14/2005	DONALD W POPPE	4/26/1962
JAMES ANTHONY GRACE III	4/9/2009	JAMIE DALE FRANK	4/14/2011	STEVEN JOHN SAMPSON PM	4/10/2003
RONALD BRETT MILLER	4/13/2002	NORMAN L COLBERT	4/11/1987	JEROME M TAYLOR	4/1/1985
ARTHUR STEVEN ELSTON	4/18/1998	DANNY A. LAZAR	4/16/2005	WILLIAM E LAMB	4/13/2002
DAVID AARON HARRIS	4/8/2010	JESSE COLE GUTHERY	4/12/2012	JEFFREY ALLEN SCHILLER	4/18/1998
MARK LEE BROWN	4/10/1981	PHILLIP L. BARTLING	4/13/2006	DR. KURT G VON RICE	4/12/1990
DAVID C HUMPHREY	4/11/1996	Charles Barclay BITNER	4/30/1968	HARRY E MARKHAM	4/16/1974
JAMES RAY RAYNOVIC	4/9/2009	EDWARD M. DIM	4/2/1953	MARSHALL C JOHNSON	4/9/1988
TERRY NICHOLUS HIGHLAND	4/29/2010	ERIC JAMES LEIDLIN	4/12/2012	BRADLEY LEE MINOR	4/24/2003
JOHN HARLAN REYNOLDS PM	4/28/2005	ADAM NELSON DALBERG	4/14/2011	ALLAN E SMIDT	4/14/1966
NORVAL W ARMSTRONG	4/26/1950	SCOTT A. THOMAS PM	4/14/2005	DONALD S OLIVER	4/26/1956
WILHELM ALBERT AMSTUTZ III	4/18/1998	ROBERT VMOSS	4/28/1977		
ARNOLD A AMARU	4/25/1974	CORY BRANDON STACY	4/10/2008		
GAYLORD D ALDRICH	4/26/1984				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Job's Daughters	2 York Rite	3 Trustees Meeting <u>Amaranth</u>	4 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting	5	6 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
7  DeMolay	8  Eastern Star	9	10	11 Dinner 6pm Degree TBD	12	13 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
14	15  Job's Daughters	16 York Rite	17 <u>Amaranth</u>	18 Dinner 6pm Degree TBD	19	20 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
21  DeMolay	22	23	24	25 Dinner 6pm Degree TBD	26	27 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
28	29	30				

May 2013

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			1 Trustees Meeting <u>Amaranth</u>	2 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting	3	4 <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.***