

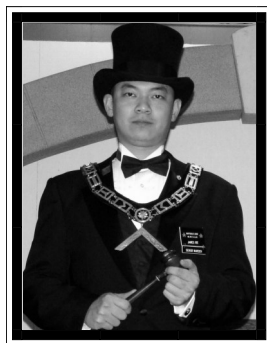
# TRESTLEBOARD

## SCOTTSDALE LODGE 43

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### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brethren, as we come back to a full swing of things here at the lodge for the second half, we are busy putting together the last few events for all the brothers of this lodge to enjoy! Coming up on October 24th, We will have our annual "First Responders Night" event, which dinner will be at 6PM and the awards ceremony will begin at 7. Please attend if you all can to support all the men and women who risk their lives every day to protect the public. Next we have our annual picnic at the McCormick Railroad Park on Sunday, November 10th. Last year we had well over 200 attendees and this time around, we will try to break that record. Please invite all your friends, family, neighbors to this event as this is no cost to anyone. There will be adult and children's games with many prizes to be given out. For the adults, there will be beer! Our annual table lodge that I am putting together will be held on Thursday, November 21st and details for this event will be on a separate article in this Trestleboard for you all to read! The lodges Christmas Party will be held on December 19th and this event has been popular the last few years we have put it on! White elephant gift exchange is half the fun for this event!

Also, I would like to let all of you know that the transition has started between myself and the rest of the line officers as they practice to move up and transferring responsibilities to the senior officers as well. I will be there to oversee all the lodge activities that are going on for the rest of the year, but you will see some of the senior officers taking on a little more responsibility as practice so they may be accustomed to their new positions for 2014. I am proud of all my line officers this year. They have all done an amazing job and I cannot wait to see them take on new roles.

As some of you may be aware, the last few years the culture of the lodge has slowly been changing to account for the changing times. As the new officers grow in the lodge and come up in the chairs, we start to see things differently than what it was in the past. Some of you brothers have voiced your opinions as to why we are not doing as much out in the public and community and I can assure you there are good reasons. As most of you all know, being a part of our community, volunteering, being charitable by fundraising and donating to the public, and putting programs on behalf of the lodge for the public is a serious and important duty as we masons try to do as best as we can, but to me, that is

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### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



#### Charity begins at home...

I had an eye-opening phone conversation today with one of our Lodge Brothers that inspired me to write this article. The conversation began with, "Why we don't help each other out like we say we will in our obligation?" My response was, "We do." But as the conversation developed I realized he and I were both right and wrong about this issue. The real problem we have is acquiring the knowledge of who needs help and when they need that help.

I began to realize that most of the time when we discuss Masonic distress; we are only addressing a single facet of distress, which is financial. We always talk about the Distressed Master Mason Widows and Orphans Fund. But we never really discuss distress as a general term. Distress can be a thousand different things; a Brother who needs help fixing his car, or painting his house or working on his lawn. He might need a ride to the doctor's office or even to lodge. He might need some advice running his business. He may need a job or just need a sympathetic ear to talk to about his personal life.

The real beauty of our Fraternity is that we have hundreds of Brethren who are more than willing to be able to help. I will say again, the problem is who, what where and when. So how do we fix that issue? Most of you probably don't even know who to ask for help. This is a simple answer, it is the Senior Warden. The Senior Warden is in charge of Distressed Master Masons. When you need something, all you need to do is call, email, text message, write a note or pull him aside and chat with him. This is completely confidential by the way, what you say is always on the square unless approved by you to discuss your needs with others.

I have seen the effects of a call for help first hand many times since I became a Mason. Brothers have shown up in mass to help another Brother move. I have it on good authority that one of your Brethren got a call in the middle of the night from another who had two flat tires. That Brother hopped in his car, bought two tires, and drove to the middle of Bum Hill Egypt to help the other Brother out. Triple A would have been my advice, but the fact is, it happened. However, no one ever did anything without first being asked for the help.

You don't have to be a Mason to qualify for our assistance either. If you are the widow of a Mason or a family member of a Mason we are here to serve you as well. The contact info is simple: Currently I am the Senior Warden, [scotra@yahoo.com](mailto:scotra@yahoo.com) is my email, and my phone is 602-697-1132. Do you remember the song from the Spinners, "I'll be around"? Whenever you call me, I'll be there, whenever you want me, I'll be there, whenever you

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



(from the East continued)

secondary and my focus has shifted. Our primary duty as a mason is to take care of our own. As you read all three of your obligations, it always refers back to supporting and assisting your fellow brother masons, their widows, and orphans withersoever dispersed. Our mission as the leadership of this lodge and particularly of my position as the worshipful master, I am also beholding to the members of this lodge. I must do what's best for all of us. In order to keep the interests of the brethren, our main charities, fundraisers, special events, and social events that are being held is to keep our members interested in coming back to lodge. we must take care of our own and what I mean is first brothers of this lodge who are in need, to their widows and orphans, and to other freemasons withersoever dispersed, and being in the community and being charitable and volunteering out in the public is secondary. If outside community service works are your thing, I would suggest in addition to your Masonic membership, join the rotary club. They do great things for their community. As for me, I will be working my hardest to provide all that I can for the members of my lodge and that includes all charity, fundraisers, relief, and events for our brothers and widows.

**Fraternally,**  
**James Xie**  
**Worshipful Master**



## Greetings From the South

Brothers here we are in October already we have had a fantastic year. My time as being in the kitchen is coming close to and end, I hope that the meals that have been served have been good. This Tuesday evening I had the opportunity to participate in Junior Wardens night at Arizona #2 I appreciate Bob Beffel and Dave Woodland for coming down to support me. Coming soon we have the Special Communication for Grand Lodge for the report on the New Grand Lodge Offices purchase, I am sure it will be an interesting and very eventful meeting. We have a ton of degree work to do and not enough time to get it all done. So be prepared for some incredible degree work. Also we have the picnic which has been one of the best events we have all year. The Fein's Ranch 3rd Degree is this weekend I hope many enjoy the ride up and wonderful day.

I look forward to the rest of the year and all the great things and great work that we do at Scottsdale Lodge 43.

**Fraternally,**  
**Merle Anderson**  
**Junior Warden**



(from the West *continued from page 1*)

need me, I'll be there, I'll be around. This is our Motto my friends, but we have to know when you need us to be around.

As the chairman for the Distressed Master Masons Committee, I would like to personally put out a call for any Mason who would like to be notified when a Brother needs help. If we organize this process just a tiny bit, we can have a major impact on our Brethren and their families everywhere. Send me an email, give me a call and I will add you to my personal email blast list for distress. It is time to get back to the core of our fraternity, and help each other the way God intended. I am proud to be a Mason, and even more proud to be a member of Scottsdale. We have in our own hands the ability to aid and assist our Brethren and families, so let's take care of our own first and foremost. Charity begins at home.

**Fraternally,**  
**Scott Tracy**  
**Senior Warden**



## 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**



## Tyler's Door

### **If I Am Not**

If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then who am I? And if not now, when?

These words of an ancient scholar provide a creed which, consciously or not, provides us a framework within which our lives unfold. These words begin with an idea, which unless we read further, says be selfish. But, going ahead says, I'm nobody if not for others. Finally, am one among many, one who needs, and is needed.

This seems to describe the Fellowship of Man, the diversity of society, the universe we inhabit. Look around.

**Fraternally,**  
**Dave Woodland PM, PGC**  
**Tyler**



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

## Steward's Message

This month I would like to dedicate my article to the protection of our Masonic Youth Groups. I have for the last year been the Associate Bethel Guardian to Bethel 21 located here in Scottsdale Lodge #43. Seeing how hard these girls work on their ritual, fundraisers, and overall just all the work that goes into running a Bethel. One of the most interesting things about the Jobs Daughters is that they run themselves. They are helped by the adults but make no doubt about it, this is their organization and they run the entire meeting with little to no help from the adults. One of the things however that they do need from us is a place that is safe that they can hold their ritual and their meetings. Many years ago, Jobs Daughters International started a CAV program. Certified Adult Volunteer. This is a course that an adult can take to learn the rules and regulations to be an adult volunteer involved with the Jobs Daughters. This program does two main things. It protects the girls, and it protects the Masonic Lodges. All adults who go through this training understand the proper rules for events, and the things that we as adults need to protect our young ladies from. Scottsdale Lodge #43 is sponsoring such a course on October 20 so that the ENTIRE officer line will all be CAV adults and can support our young ladies. This course will be open to anyone who is interested and highly encouraged to attend. Please come out and show your support to our Bethels by becoming a CAV Adult Volunteer. Any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

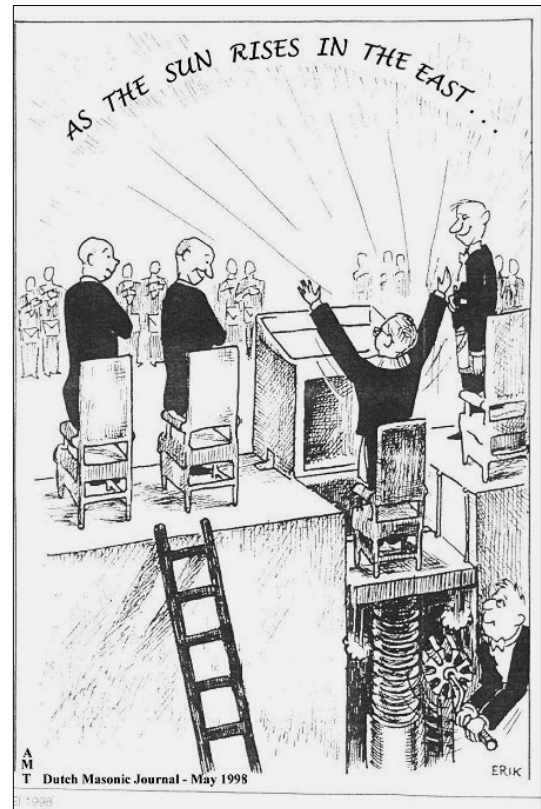
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**Junior Steward**  
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## Masonic Humor

The Worshipful Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish. "OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii." "I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish." "OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!"

"Hmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4?"



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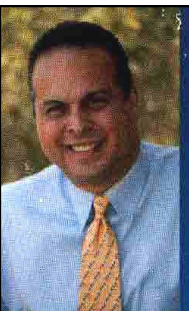
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## Scottsdale DeMolay

### DeMolay... Did You Know?



Today's DeMolays aspire to all sorts of lifetime endeavors. The DeMolays of Scottsdale include award-winning musicians and athletes, aspiring doctors and chefs, future soldiers and sailors, students of all sorts of subjects, computer geniuses, and much more. Did you know that the close ties between DeMolay and the Masonic fraternity will motivate many of these ambitious and accomplished young men to ask about Masonry in the next few years? Those ties had a similar effect on me more than 25 years ago.

I am reminded of this by the recent passing of an exemplary Masonic and DeMolay leader in another Masonic jurisdiction. Bob Born would have kept a biographer busy compiling his long list of Masonic and professional accomplishments and honors from a lifetime of work. He was an unassuming, smiling, generous man and 79 years seems too short a time for him to have been with us. While you may not recognize the name Bob Born, his role as a DeMolay Advisor means that hundreds of adult men and Masons, now in their 40s and 50s and scattered around the country and around the world, still think of him affectionately as "Dad" Born. As young men in our late teens, the initial impression each of us had of the Masonic fraternity was made by him and others like him.

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 [scottsdaledemolay@gmail.com](mailto:scottsdaledemolay@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)

## LIBRARY and JEWELRY PROGRAM

The library and jewelry case update.....  
The first physical inventory was done in the jewelry case in September. Brother Jess is officially authorized to build a new bookcase for the library and it is underway.  
A written report to the WM is in progress for both the library & jewelry case committee. This is intended to explain how the committee must have clear lodge policies to handle money, issue books and to purchase. Also, this report includes the approval of time and places to advance greater services of these two functions to the lodge membership. I extend an apology for any delays and appreciate the brothers showing a welcome and support of the committee efforts.

**Bruce Fischer,**  
**Library Committee**



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**Fraternally,**

**BILL Gesswein, PM**



## ENJOY a STEAK DINNER

Come join the Order of the Eastern Star for a delicious steak dinner on Sunday, October 27th, at Scottsdale Lodge, 2531 N. Scottsdale Rd. from 4 to 6 pm. Steak, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, apple crisp with ice cream, iced tea/coffee - YUM! – all for a donation of \$10.00.

**\*Reservations are a must.**

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## Lodge Activities



Our **NEW Heat Pump** systems for the lodge building — a major investment for our lodge building, was completed in July.



We had many brothers who are members of the El Zaribah Shrine helping out at this years very successful Shrine Circus at Westworld.



Junior Warden's Night at Arizona #2



Bros. Dave Woodland PM, Merle Anderson JW and Bob Beffel of Scottsdale #43 at the Junior Warden's Night

### 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.

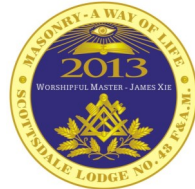
To RSVP or questions about this event, please send an email to [jamesxie@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:jamesxie@scottsdalelodge43.com)



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

## October Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

ROBERT JGRAY JR	10/18/1956	LOREN B SMITH	10/12/1995	Stewart AllenBENDIT	10/2/2007
CHRISTOPHER D.GTITULAR	10/11/2012	TROY ERIC BOWERMAN	10/14/2010	DAVID LKNOX	10/18/1978
DAVID B SMITH	10/23/1976	DAVID A McCRAY	10/27/1977	CHRISTOPHER EMUMFREY	10/30/1997
CHAD ROBERT WOLAHAN	10/13/2011	MARVIN A BELLEFEUILLE	10/24/1974	MICHAEL SCOTT DRYDEN	10/18/2012
RICHARD LELANDBROOKS	10/28/1971	ELLIOT BEN ROVINSKY	10/29/2009	H "BRITT" BRITTAN	10/27/1955
BLAKE TYLER DAVIS	10/15/1998	DENNIS GARDNER IRA	10/11/2012	RUSSELL W WARREN	10/27/1966
MERLE L C ANDERSON	10/8/2009	DONALD R YERGER	10/27/1958	MICHAEL T FEENEY	10/18/2005
ROBERT HDUCKWORTH	10/24/1963	BRUCE BAYER	10/29/1959	WILLIAM T. GESSWEIN APM	10/27/1960
DAVID K GRIFFITHS	10/31/1963	RICHARD CHUNSINGER	10/23/1980	GARY RAYMOND WILSON	10/13/2011
ROBERT A. SCHARDT	10/20/1981	CHRISTOPHER GBOWEN	10/27/2005	FRANK M. HOAK III	10/28/1969
RICHARD JOHN SHIELDS	10/24/2002	JASPER S NICHOLS	10/26/2006	BOBBY GENE BOYCHER	10/25/1973
HARVEY B FRIEDMAN PM	10/28/1964	JAMES R WALTON	10/8/1992	LARRY LYNN FRANK	10/8/2009
Rashawn Roberto EDWARDS	10/14/2010	WILLIAM R STEELE	10/10/1984	PHILIP L PROSAPIO JR.	10/13/1969
CHARLES JSUTTON	10/11/1956	SCOTT BURTON STEMEN	10/22/1986	CARLOS RAUSCH APM	10/25/1988
Christopher Kernit JOHNSON	10/14/2010	LARRY MARSH BANKS PM	10/24/1996	DIRK F. HOOGESTRAAT	10/18/2012
THOMAS C COOK	10/30/1975	PRESCOTT R. SMITH	10/26/2006	J. FRED HERCHET	10/25/1968
JON C SHAWL	10/30/1980	LEONARDO E. BOURRIAN	10/27/2005	CARL B WARREN	10/29/1992
CARL D CHADWICK APM	10/3/1985	Joseph BROWN JR. NMD	10/25/2007	JAMES E WATT JR	10/17/1978
EDWARD T FRIDLUND	10/30/1975	WALTER B KING	10/29/1981	KURT ALAN STANCL	10/11/2012
MARKUS M. STENZER	10/14/2010	MICHAEL W LEMPKE	10/30/1968		
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# **Special Informational Update**

**This event calendar covers, September, October and November  
The Trestleboard will now be printed every other month, but can  
be found on the lodge website every month.**

## *October 2013*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Trustees Meeting Amaranth	3 Dinner 6pm Stated Meeting	4	5 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
6  DeMolay	7  Jobbies	8 York Rite	9	10 Dinner 6pm	11	12 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
13	14  Eastern Star	15	16 Amaranth	17 Dinner 6pm	18	19 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
20  DeMolay	21  Jobbies	22 York Rite	23	24 <u>First</u> <u>Responders Night</u>	25	26 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD
27	28	29	30	31 No Lodge Halloween		

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

### NOVEMBER

November 6 Trustees meeting

November 7 Stated meeting

November 14 Dinner 6pm

November 21 TABLE Lodge

November 28 Thanksgiving NO LODGE

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

1. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10th WILL BE THE LODGE PICNIC AND THE RAILROAD PARK.
2. THURSDAY 11/21, WILL BE OUR TABLE LODGE. THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. BROTHER JW MERLE ANDERSON WILL NEED HELP SERVING AND IN THE KITCHEN.
3. LODGE 43 INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 12/8.
4. LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LODGE ON THURSDAY 12/21. FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

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

## Masonic Education for Halloween

Because the ancient tradition of Halloween is approaching, I figure it would be interesting to talk about something modern society associates with this “spooky” tradition. Mummies. I do not wish to talk solely about the ancient form of “mummy” in the sense of a deceased body wrapped in linen for ritualistic purposes, but how the concept of a mummy relates to Freemasonry. During some research, I came across an essay in an ACGL publication which peaked my interest. If we discuss the symbolism of the concept of a mummy, we may find ourselves asking many questions regarding this and the other countless amount of ancient rituals of those who came before us. What do they mean, why they were placed there, what message did they carry from the living to the dead. In time, after journeys and meditation, we may discover them. Patient scholars have untangled the meanings concealed in the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics; deductive reasoning will eliminate the impossible and then the improbable from the various theories advanced to account for all that seems strange and reasonless in these practices that have left many Egyptian pharos laying away in their earthy tabernacle for those in search to discover without his knowledge. Over time, we will turn one more page, read one more chapter in the wonderful and vivid story of a civilization which has vanished, learning of people which are no more.

Now, we know the world has her mummies other than those prepared by the hands of the Egyptian undertakers. Freemasonry has her mummies; the dead bodies of her philosophies and her teachings, embalmed in symbol and preserved in cryptic sign., For many years - years numbering perhaps in hundreds as many as have passed over the tomb of King Tut-amen - symbols and mysteries which Freemasonry has preserved, have kept inviolate the secrets which our ancient brethren discovered. Our Freemasonry, in its organization, its political system and its ritual claims no such antiquity, but the essentials of this our Fraternity, do go back into ancient times as truths, as much without a beginning, as far as we know, as they seem to us necessary to be without an ending.

Freemasonry today lays before our eyes mummies of an ancient religion, in every degree she sees conferred upon an initiate. In all our ceremonies of initiation we perform the Rite of Circumambulation. Most of us perform it as solemnly as we perform it ignorantly, knowing little , and too often, caring less, of its significance. It is truly a Masonic mummy. When loving hands unwind the wrappings, we find within this simple ceremony our kinship with the earliest men who worshipped a Higher Power, and learn that we have a direct kinship with the first of all religions Circumambulation; a walking around an Altar or Holy Spot; is an imitation. Early man worshipped the sun, which kept him warm, which defended him from wild beasts, which made his grain to grow and smiled benignly upon his life. When his God was angry, he hid his face; when he was grieved, he wept tears which were rain; when he was contented with his people, he shown full upon them, and traveled slowly, majestically from the east to the west by way of the south. His bit of fire on a rude altar of stones was early man's first attempt to bring his God close to him. His slow walk about that Altar, from east to west by way of the south, was his imitation of the course of his God through the heavens. All people, of all lands, in all religions, have walked about their place of Divine habitation, and always they, as did the first worshippers, travel from east to west by way of the south. Truly is circumambulation a mummy, concealing in its prosaic footsteps a truth of the heart which well repays study.

Submitted by:

Bro Addison Fuller

## Our Bethel was well represented in the Miss and Junior Miss Jobs Daughters Pageant



Left to right, Lucy Hanne, Junior Miss Arizona Jobs Daughters

Carlisle Clevenger won Junior Miss Congeniality

Congratulations to Christine Nichols

the new Bethel 21 Guardian



**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

**FIRST RESPONDERS AWARD CEREMONY**

**OCTOBER 24, 2013**



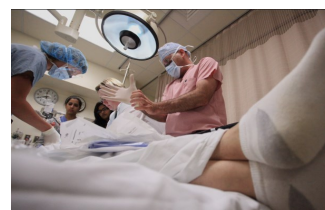
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Help us acknowledge and congratulate our First Responders by attending our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "First Responders Night." we all know they deserve our whole hearted "Thank You" and this is our way of saying it. We have planned a special night for them and want as many Brothers and their family and friends to attend. A dinner has been planned for the event cooked by MW Bro. Wilson and his team.

Date & Time: October 24, 2013 at 6:00 PM

Dinner Time: 6:00 PM – Dining Room

Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans,  
Rolls, Salad, Coffee, Tea, Kool-Aid, Desert

Awards: 7:00 PM – Lodge Room

Price: \$7.00 per person

We need everyone to show their support, please come and show yours.