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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Home, home on the Range...

I realize there are as many forms of Masonry as there are Masons. We each take out of it what we desire the most and I will tell you that my favorite part of Masonry is the social aspect. On Saturday we celebrated our 5th Annual Shoot Outing at Ben Avery Shooting Range. Outside of an occasional gale force wind knocking our targets over, it was a truly splendid day.



We started of the morning bright and early, Brother Allen Nichols and I both arrived at the range a few minutes of each other right around 6:15 or so and by 7 we had half a dozen of us in line to reserve tables. Strange twist of fate, being the first guy in line when I went to the Range Officer desk to be assigned a shooting station, the gal running the table assignments issued me Table #43. It didn't really strike me until I walked up to the table and saw the number printed, I new right then it was a good sign for a fun day.

I never did a full body count, but we had somewhere in the neighborhood of 40-50 people who came and went during the day. Just to show you the power of the internet, we had a Brother who was visiting Arizona from England, he saw the announcement of the event on our web page. He came and joined us and I got to visit with him for quite a while and by the end of the day you could tell he just had the time of his life visiting the Wild, Wild West and getting to participate in a real American activity. The cost of a 50 Cal bullet - \$4, Range admission cost - \$7, the look on our English Brothers face when he shot Brother Kenneth's 50 Cal Smith & Wesson - Priceless!!!

I donned my Chefs cap once again and started cooking around 1:30, and arranged the lunch triangle by 2:15. Brother Allen offered up our devotion and we ate hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, dips, potato salad, cookies and cupcakes like kings.

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Well this year is flying by at warp speed. We have had some great events, and many more planned. Our degree schedule is loaded with work to do.



We have had the Military Degree, which was wonderful as usual to watch it from a relaxing chair on the sidelines. The two candidates are both former Military so this honor was bestowed upon two very deserving men. As the night proceeded it was a long evening and I can say that next year we hope to have only one candidate to make the evening a little less late.

The 5th Annual Shoot Outing at Ben Avery was a huge success. Shooting and lunch with brothers what could be better (a motorcycle ride)?

Our last Motorcycle ride was canceled due to the inclement weather. Stay tuned to the Secretaries weekly email bulletins for the next ride.

I am pleased to announce that our Job's Daughters at our Lodge had the Honor Masons Night and what can I say these girl impress me every time I have the opportunity to sit in on their meetings, they also had Mother Mick Night which honors their founder. Windsor Smith received her Majority Ceremony now that she is 20 she is considered an adult. I hope she comes back and visits often.

There was the White Mountain Lodge #9 in Globe rededication and that was a packed house.

FYI as of now we have 6 Second Degrees to do, and 8 Third Degrees to do. And summer break is looming. Please come and support the Lodge Officers as they do outstanding ritual work and the candidates as they progress on their journey.

The next event that I am going to be going to is the Officers Retreat in Casa Grande. Yes, it is really down there. Why? Anyways if it turns out like last years it will be loaded with information and much will be gained by attending.

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By the time we finished with lunch everyone was pretty much through for the day and we packed up and closed it down. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and am very grateful for everyone who came out and joined us for a day at the range. Brothers, friends, family and even my next door neighbor came out. I sincerely hope to continue this tradition every year if it is the will and pleasure of the lodge.

Fraternally,
Scott Tracy
Worshipful Master



Tyler's Door

WHO WE ARE - WHAT WE DO

An English author in the eighteenth century seems to have gotten it right when he said, "Self respect guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners". Doing what is right and moral may or may not make us proud. Keeping pride to ourselves is what gives us the gift of self respect. Pride in ourselves is not the deadly sin which is described by some; pride of ourselves is probably what they think of. If you take that self respect and innately use it as the guide to personal interaction, then you have respect for others. Quoted above as the guide to manners, then honesty, sincerity, and truth are the beginnings of righteous dealings.


Who we are: Seekers of self respect

What we do: Impart it to others

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM, PGC
Tyler



How long ago did our Brother Tyler write his first article?



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We are preparing for the Memorial Dennis Sprouse Mrs. Maddens Corn Beef & Cabbage, can't wait to grab some of that. It was good last year and this will be just as good with the secret family recipe.

As I am writing my article I am reminded of the Grand Masters message of Civility and we should treat our brothers with the respect that we ourselves wish to receive. For if we do, we can keep our passions within due bounds towards all mankind, especially our brothers in Freemasonry

Fraternally yours,
Merle Anderson
Senior Warden



Greetings From the South

View From the South

It is now April and I have not gone to the Worshipful Master, asking for additional funds to feed the brethren (not that he has additional funds to give, but I'm sure he'd find them if need be). We have been trying directed discussions during the dinners and received feedback that most people seem to like having a specific topic to discuss and get to know each other better. There have been some themed nights where we have special deserts appropriate to the day, including a pair of patriotic sheet cakes for Military Degree night.

I do apologize to all that the potatoes did not get roasted as we expected. Either there is something wrong with the oven or I will need to learn to adjust my cooking time to account for the increased time it takes. Two hours at 500 degrees should have been sufficient.

The education round tables each month have been picking up steam. It is slow going at the beginning because it is on a night that people are not use to coming to lodge. The topics have been well received – some have been heated discussions while other informative. Each person who attends, has come away saying – I didn't realize that or I never thought of it that way. If you are a Master Mason, please add the 3rd Tuesday of each month to your calendar at 7pm. It is on the Lodge calendar so check that out. Also, feel free to let us know if there is a topic you would like to cover in the future.



Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Junior Warden



LIBRARY

There are new books that have recently arrived that may be of interest. Also, there are many books outstanding and if you will try to check around and get them returned to get them on the computer inventory started in 2013.

The Library program is a service for our members. The primary library duty is try to help spread the history and read about people, places and things that has made world Masonry what we find today.

Fraternally,
Bruce E. Fischer
Committee Chairman



From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

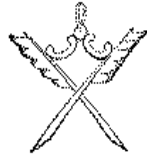
Thank you all for submitting all of your dues payments into the lodge. There are a few more outstanding dues to be sent in, and if you have not done so, please send in your payment to the lodge as soon as you can in the form of a check. I also accept all credit cards and cash as well when making your payment in my office.

If any of you brethren have a change in address, phone number, or e-mail address, please notify me and I will make the proper changes to the lodge's database.

Fraternally,

James Xie – PM 2013

Secretary



DeMolay.... Did you know?



...extracurricular activities are critically important for teenagers? A quick Internet search yields dozens of references on this subject. Involvement in clubs, teams and other endeavors outside the classroom and beyond "The 3 Rs" has many benefits and helps kids to develop important skills needed for successful adulthood. From an article by Joy Burgess, an Arizona mom and writer, extracurricular activities:

- Develop time management skills to succeed when commitments and demands are numerous.
- Provide opportunities to explore diverse interests.
- Emphasize the importance of goal-setting and long-term commitments.
- Re-enforce the importance of thinking beyond oneself and doing things for others.
- Raise self-confidence by offering opportunities to succeed.
- Build solid interpersonal skills.

Furthermore, a very unscientific survey (conducted by me) indicates that typical teenagers (boys in particular) have far too much "screen time" built into their day and that parents are looking for opportunities to get their sons up from the TV and the computer, to get them to put down the cell phone and get involved in the kinds of activities offered by DeMolay.

As summer approaches, do you know a young man who could benefit from more than "the 3 Rs?" Contact us at scottsdalemolay@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit www.demolay.org

From the Senior Deacon

As many of you know, I am currently and for the last 2 years held the position of the Associate Bethel Guardian for Jobs Daughters of Bethel 21 located at Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43. I was told by many people that the girls will change your life and make you see things in a whole new light. Well, they were right. I found myself always striving to be the better example, being the best Master Mason I could be and being the educator of the Masonic Heritage that they hold so dear. I am always eager to watch the growth that they have and watch them make their own strives in their personal goals that they set for themselves. I have found myself to be a more patient man, a little quicker to volunteer, and always happy to watch as they find joy in their success. I learned to not sweat the little things, do get frustrated at things that won't matter tomorrow. I have learned the value of selflessness and willingness to give your time and energy. I feel that Jobs Daughters is an extension of Masonry that we are able to truly use our building tools to help build strong edifices of tomorrows building. Each day I watch them set a block in their northeast corner and each day another step is taken to the future.

Allen Nichols

Senior Deacon

Social Security Seminar Presented by Waddell & Reed

I will be hosting two seminars on Social Security Filing Options on 4/23/014. First one is 12:30pm and the second at 6:30pm. When to take and how to take and what you are eligible for is actually very complicated. There are quite a number of possible filing strategies for Social Security that you will have a chance to hear about and ask questions. Reach out to me at bvalentine@wradvisors.com or call me at 480-222-6700 and I will get you an invitation.

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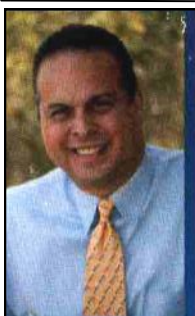
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From the Senior Steward

Anno Lucis

The Masonic calendar traditionally dated from 4004 BCE; the creation of the universe, *Anno Mundi*, as computed by Archbishop James Ussher in 1650-54, This was inserted by Bishop William Lloyd of Winchester as a marginal note in the Great (1701) Edition of the English Bible, where it remained without explanation until 1900 when Cambridge University Press removed it from further editions. By the mid-eighteenth century, masonic usage had shifted to the year of light, *Anno Lucis*, which dated from 4000 BCE. There is no masonic significance to either date, other than a desire by early masonic writers to create as ancient a lineage for Freemasonry as their imaginations would allow. By using the 4000 date, they could claim that their usage predated Ussher's promotion of the theory that Jesus had been born four years earlier than claimed by Dionysius Exiguus, the sixth century creator of the BC-AD time system.

Fraternally,

**Tim Coffey
Senior Steward**

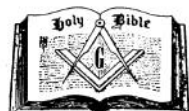
Chaplain's, Thought

Greetings from (the guy sitting NEXT to the guy sitting in) the East!! First have to give some thanks: to WM Scott. Thank you for believing in me. Your support and guidance have and will continue to inspire me to better in all things. To "my Crüe". I am so grateful to have the group of brothers that have never judged me purely on my book cover but also took the time to read it and actually liked the character that's in it, well at least I'm told so. Lastly, to negative people in general. I couldn't do it without you!

That brings me to this months subject. Recent life events have rocked and altered life as I knew it. Some good, like the most obvious one, being appointed Chaplain. Some bad. It got me thinking of a saying that has been with me as long as I can remember. I can't tell you where or who I learned it but it's almost been like my, internal, moral compass. "Lighten the shades of gray of life" it has taken on more meaning now that I am a Mason but I always thought it was a great and simple way to think of being better in all aspects of life. Also to accept the good with the bad. No matter how bad it might get, I truly don't believe we would not cherish and respect the good and great in life if we had no equal and opposite negativity to hold it against. It's not enjoyable at the time but when we later understand its purpose, it makes it somehow worth it! So always striving for the lightest shades of gray.

Fraternally,

**Bro. Dirk Hoogestraat
Chaplin**



MASONIC HUMOR



There is this lodge located in the backwoods of a small southern town where the brethren are faithful masons but lack knowledge of receiving brothers from other jurisdictions.

During one of the meetings, the JD informs the WM that there was an alarm at the door where upon the WM replied "Attend the alarm and report your findings".

The JD opens the door and see's to his amazement, a brother impeccably dressed with an elaborate apron and jewels about his chest. The Tyler being somewhat slow to answer for the visiting brother, the visitor states; My name is John Smith, PM of my lodge, Past District Deputy of my district, Past Grand Master of my Grand Lodge, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, York Rite Legion of Honor, Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, who humbly requests an audience with the WM.

The JD upon hearing these words from the visiting brother and the elaborate apron and jewels upon his chest, immediately closes the door, returns to his post and informs the WM: "Worshipful Master, The Grand Architect of the Universe is at the door" !!!

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Proper weapons handling



Comparing thoughts on weapons



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March Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

DONALD W POPPE	4/26/1962	ALLAN E SMIDT	4/14/1966	MARK S TRENT	4/29/1972
SCOTT A. THOMAS PM	4/14/2005	SCOTT D. McLAINE	4/19/2007	CORY BRANDON STACY	4/10/2008
JOHN J. CUMMINS	4/14/2005	JAMES W BROWN PM	4/29/1988	WILLIAM E LAMB	4/13/2002
ARTHUR STEVEN ELSTON	4/18/1998	JAMES MIKEALCALLAHAN	4/8/2010	JEROME M TAYLOR	4/1/1985
JOHN H. REYNOLDS PM	4/28/2005	WILFRED O CRUZ	4/16/2005	MICHAEL J. LIVINGSTON	4/28/1981
FREDERICK H GOLDINOV	4/26/1979	BRUCE HUSHER	4/29/1993	JESSE COLEGUTHERY	4/12/2012
DAVID AARON HARRIS	4/8/2010	MARK HAROLD CONNER	4/27/2000	ROBERT V MOSS	4/28/1977
ROBERT RUSSELL BEFFEL	4/15/2010	JEFFREY ALLEN SCHILLER	4/18/1998	PATRICK JOSEPH MCGILL	4/14/2004
ROBERT J. PELLEGRINO	4/19/2007	STEVEN JOHN SAMPSON PM	4/10/2003	BRADLEY LEE MINOR	4/24/2003
KYLE ANDREW THOMAS	4/15/2010	DR. KURT G VON RICE	4/12/1990	ADAM NELSON DALBERG	4/14/2011
DENNIS ALLAN PELZ	4/8/1968	JOSEPH P. DRIESSEN JR.	4/28/2005	Charles Barclay BITNER	4/30/1968
ERIK JAMES KILBO	4/4/1998	MARK LEEBROWN	4/10/1981	THOMAS ROBERT MCCARTY	4/11/2013
DANNY A. LAZAR	4/16/2005	JAMES ANTHONY GRACE III	4/9/2009	HARRY E MARKHAM	4/16/1974
NORMAN L COLBERT	4/11/1987	EDWARD M. DIM	4/2/1953	RICHARD NICHOLAS DAVIS	4/14/2011
GAYLORD D ALDRICH	4/26/1984	CARSTEN LOELKE	4/11/2013	DAVID CHUMPHREY	4/11/1996
ARNOLD A AMARU	4/25/1974	PHILLIP L. BARTLING	4/13/2006	JAMIE DALE FRANK	4/14/2011
WILHELM A. AMSTUTZ III	4/18/1998	FREDRICK A. WOODWARD	4/18/1998	ERIC JAMES LEIDLIN	4/12/2012
NORVAL W ARMSTRONG	4/26/1950	DONALD S OLIVER	4/26/1956		
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April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Trustees Meeting	3 Stated Meeting Dinner 6PM	4	5 Philadelphia Church of God
6  DeMolay	7  Jobbies	8 York Rite	9	10 Dinner 6PM 3rd Degree	11	12 Philadelphia Church of God
13	14  Eastern Star	15 Roundtable Discussion 7PM	16	17 Dinner 6PM 2nd Degree	18	19 Philadelphia Church of God
20  DeMolay	21  Jobbies	22 York Rite	23	24 Dinner 6PM 1st Degree	25	26 Philadelphia Church of God
27	28	29	30			

UPCOMING LODGE SPECIAL EVENTS

April 5 & 6 Officer Retreat — Camping Trip

May 8th Appendant Body Night

May 15th Town Hall with the Grand Master

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

All events, and times are subject to change. If you use Email and are not receiving weekly updates from the Secretary, notify him via Email and he will check and make sure you are added to the Email list.

Jobs Daughters Masonic Honor Night

