

# PRESTIGEBOARD

## SCOTTSDALE LODGE 43

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren,  
Starting off with a Whirlwind

December has truly been a whirlwind so far. This month really kicked in to high gear with the Jobbies installation on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>. I have to say I am more impressed with our daughters every time I attend a function of theirs. Jessica is so graceful and polished as a speaker. It makes me think back to when I was their ages and could barely speak my name at an assembly. I am also very proud of the mass of Brethren who turned out to support our girls they appreciate it so much when we are there.



Maybe it is the Shriner in me that makes me so excited about parades, but God I really do love a parade. The Electric Light Parade was particularly fun this year. We had a sled full of girls, boys, Masons and Mom. The weather was wonderful and I even dressed up as Santa, (until the parade commission came by and made me take off my Santa suite.) Evidently you can only have 1 Santa in a parade, and I was not the authorized jolly old elf. But I did seem to make a hit with a lot of the kids walking around the parade before we started. It was really kind of cute; I got a lot of hugs and pictures taken by random strangers. I can see why people have loved playing Santa over the years.

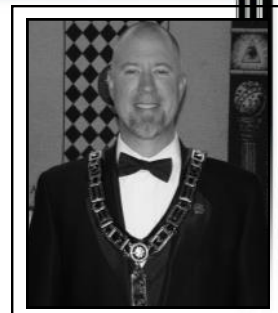
I want to take a moment to thank everyone who came out for our installation on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>. I will remember this day for the rest of my life. Having my Mom here from Ohio was the best gift I could have received. I also want to thank the Brethren and your families for making Mom feel so at home in our lodge. It just goes to show you why everyone out there says Scottsdale is the Greatest Lodge in the State. It is the wonderful Brothers and their families that make it so great.

A special thank you is also in order for Kevin & Kathy Kelley. To Kevin for putting such an amazing effort to make our installations meal so incredible (my God boy you can cook!!), and to Kathy for just being such a great friend and support to me, my family and our lodge. We are blessed to have Kathy and her family as part of Scottsdale Lodge; I am particularly excited about getting Tim through his degrees so he can be a full fledged member.

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Once again Brothers thank you for allowing me to be the Senior Warden for 2014. We have much work ahead of us, there are many committees that will need to be filled and this is an excellent opportunity to be active in your lodge. I am heading up Proficiency and Candidate Scheduling my goal for scheduling is as you are elected to the Degrees of Masonry, you will be given all your dates for the degrees and this will be you and your mentors responsibility to be ready. It gives the candidates the ability to invite fellow brothers to their degrees. This schedule is not rigid and will change as to the needs of the candidate. As we all are aware life can and does get in the way. Family 1<sup>st</sup>, Work 2<sup>nd</sup>, Masonry 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The new Committee that we are forming is Membership many things fall into this category with much crossover into other committees. I need your help with this, we need to look at all aspects as to the membership what the needs are and what do you as members think we need to do to elicit better attendance to Lodge meetings and functions. And one item that we are going to add under this auspice is "The Scottsdale Masonic Lodge Riding Club" it is in its fledgling state but there are many riders in our lodge. This gives us an opportunity to be visible out in the community wearing lodge paraphernalia and promoting masonry and ourselves. We need and must grow our lodge our future survival requires it. I have much more to say about Membership and our goals but this will come out as we progress over the next few months. Brothers please call or email me and participate in this valuable committee.

We all need to look to the East for guidance and direction and with our Action Plan Meeting this week we have gotten that direction the Worshipful Master has for us in his vision. There is a great deal of work for Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43 to be successful in the coming years the elected and appointed officer line is dedicated to our future in Masonry and our presence in our community.

Fraternally yours,  
**Merle Anderson**  
Senior Warden



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Last night December 12<sup>th</sup> was the Action Plan Session. I appreciate the Brothers who came out to see my vision for the direction of the lodge in 2014. I am extremely excited about the direction we are taking and the focuses we have for the upcoming year. We have a cohesiveness that I have never felt before with this group of officers and have faith that with a little bit of effort and a lot of smiles we will be able to have a wonderful and productive year. My proverbial door is always open so don't hesitate to bring your positive attitude inside and give us some help making Scottsdale Lodge the best place in Arizona Masonry.

**Scott Tracy**  
**Worshipful Master**



### Traveled to the Celestial Lodge above

**Bro Marion Anthony Anferson** Born 9/26/1926

Raised 3/19/1959

Died 4/24/2013

**Bro Marshall C. Johnson** Born 3/21/1934

Raised 4/18/1988

Died 6/9/2013

### Tyler's Door

#### **"RUN" IN OTHER WORDS**

A nice simple word we can all relate to. But wait...there's more. Simple in it's multiple uses. Really, any way you say it, it's use is uncomplicated. Run away, run up the tab, runaway train, the paint runs, run to where ever, and so it goes.

Like a lot of things, it could mean any thing. Words are simple and powerful. A common word said with one emotion can gladden one's soul, compliment someone, exalt, show respect, make the day. Said differently, it could depress, insult, cause sadness, and ruin the day. It will always be the responsibility of each of us to appreciate the importance of choosing words wisely, and speak them as such.

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



### Greetings From the South

### A Time of Change...



The new line of Officers at Scottsdale Lodge have been elected and Installed. The distinguished "George Foreman Spatula" has been passed on to me as your Junior Warden. But no instructions came with it. No cookbook or file full of recipes, heck not even any information on how to turn on the fan, the stove or even raise the dividers separating the kitchen from the dining room. This must be like "old time" Masonry where information is passed down from mouth to ear, thru stories and symbols.

The kitchen crew looked to me on the first night to give them instructions on what seasoning I wanted, when I wanted to get the charcoal started, what to do with the old coals still in the grill, how I wanted to prepare the Zucchini. The "deer in the headlight" look I gave them back must have been very telling. I was the new guy and they had been in the kitchen all year – why didn't they know what to do? I thought I purchased all the same supplies as previous Junior Wardens, specifically so they would not need to ask me questions like that. I wanted to learn from them and build on it.

Everyone got fed and as far as I know, no one went home hungry. I was unprepared for taking over the reins, as I was not officially installed. As I looked to the seasoned officers and Past Masters, they were smiling as I was in pain, probably remembering back to their first experience at the helm.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> week was much different. I was now the Junior Warden and there was no question of where responsibility was. There were still a ton of questions but I felt much more prepared in what I needed to get done by when and I was starting to build a new team in the kitchen.

I think back to Worshipful Master Scott Tracy and I marvel at his mean planning for the whole year, even before becoming the Junior Warden. WB James Xie is heavily involved in the Restaurant industry so everyone was expecting great meals and he delivered. I personally know of Brother Merles passion for cooking.

When we were sitting around the table at low-twelve, the Past Masters shared some very valuable advice – don't serve the same thing week-in and week-out (like carrot cake for desert or zucchini) and make sure there is enough food to go around. The Brothers are looking for a good meal to have some fellowship around. I will do my best to take this advice and not go beyond my abilities in trying to impress.

**Fraternally,**

**Bob Beffel**  
**Junior Warden**

## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I thank you all for electing me as Secretary of Scottsdale Lodge #43. Thank you all for putting your love and faith in me, and encouraging me while I start a new journey here at Scottsdale Lodge #43. During this time of transition, I would ask all of you to please bear with me as I sort and clean out the office here in the lodge while doing the work of the Secretary at the same time.

From here on out, expect some changes as to how business is conducting from this office. I will do my very best for this lodge and I thank all of you in advance for supporting me as your new Secretary for 2014.

Fraternally,

**James Xie – PM 2013**

**Secretary**



## Masonic Humor

A story that made the rounds a few years ago as "gospel truth" involved a Brother on a hunting trip in the wild of Maine. Day after day of his vacation was eaten up without a deer. On the last day, as he was about to give up in desperation, he heard a crashing in the woods: saw a glimpse of brown and fired. Silence! Rushing over to where he fired, he found that he had killed a bull moose, which is protected from hunters to save it from extinction. as he stood there staring at the dead moose, a Game Warden stepped out into the clearing. Our brother found his hands involuntarily raised in a certain position, "What shall we do with the body?" "Dress it out, you damn fool," said the Warden, " and make your escape"



## Steward's Message

### **Who is That Mason?**

My brother, do you hold yourself accountable to a higher degree of conduct? We claim that we make good men better men; to live to achieve nobler deeds, higher thoughts and greater achievements. I ask you this because I was reminded recently when we gave Worshipful Master Scott Tracy a really cool leather jacket with a large square and compasses illustrated across the back. I had a similar jacket many years ago. Whenever I wore it, I felt obligated to do good and demonstrate to the world what good men Masons are. As if I were wearing a super hero cape, I was eager to find someone needing assistance. Help a stranger stranded on the side of the road with car trouble, or stuck in a ditch (this was in Michigan=snow). I believe I am a good man, but knowing I represented all of us kept me closer to the straight and narrow. I learned some patience and control of my temper. I grew to a better man.

Many of us wear the badge; on our cars or on a lapel or talk proudly of our membership. I ask you, What do your deeds say?

**Brandon Valentine**  
**Junior Steward**



## Chaplain's, Thought

Regardless of which great architect you pledge your faith, this is always a great time of year to help your fellow man and take time for self reflection. As we look forward to the coming year I find it best to look back and examine both the things that went well and the things I could have done better. Masonry makes good men better, which implies we are always in a state of improvement, always striving to better ourselves. I know of no man that is perfect and it is those that learn from there mistakes and apply that to future choices that are truly wise men. Look well to the coming year and always remember the follies of times past to better avoid them in the future. Be safe and have a wonderful new year.

**Michael Dryden,**  
**Chaplain**



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## From the Senior Deacon

As we find ourselves closing a year, let's be thankful of the gifts we have been bestowed this year. We can always find things that could have gone better or things that could have been different. But that is not how we are in Masonry, we are positive men with good hearts and with the Christmas time among us, let's be those role models. As brothers approach us and complain of life, let's be that bright shining star that reminds them of the gifts we have been given. We should be thankful of the time we have been given on this earth, to do good things, with good people. If we lose sight of that, then we are truly not thankful at all. Brothers, let us be thankful in this joyous time that is the birth of our savior.

Fraternally,

**Allen Nichols**

**Senior Deacon**



## Widows and Family Night

The not ready for prime time players are pleased to present a Dinner Theatre experience at Scottsdale Masonic Lodge on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:scotra@yahoo.com) or 602-697-1132 cell.)

## LIBRARY AND JEWELRY CASE REPORT

Last July the Board of Trustee authorized a new book case. This was built and delivered by Past W/M Jess Lee in the first week last December. The quality of his craftsmanship matches the existing books cases. And, Brother Lee's contribution of time is appreciate by the lodge.

W/M Scott Tracy approved the committee's suggested location of the book case in the Library Room. With this part done the library committee immediately finished the library computer inventory and etc.

The new book case increases library space by 25 percent. This now allow for receiving additional books. Also, the library will begin to rearrange the book inventory into two sections. One area of the books for issuance out of the library. The other is the books restricted from removing such as rare books or those of series of state and lodge history.

The Jewelry Case Committee is seeking answers from the W/M, Secretary and Treasure on policy questions of the lodge purchasing systems and procedures, cash coordination, security, the pricing markup system, inventory level decisions, and about the proposed staffing and selling ideas.

Once these decisions are made the next step will be to seek additional committee members to review the first written draft of the operating manuals. This should require the approval from the Board of Trustees.

I feel confidence with the year plan and schedule presented on 12/12/13 by W/M Tracy that the above is feasible to be accomplished in 2014.

Fraternally,

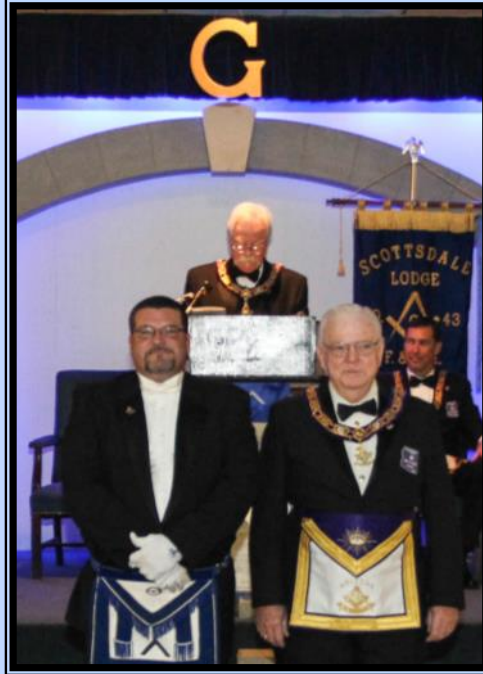
**Bruce E. Fischer**

**Library and Jewelry Case**

**Committee Chairman**



# 2014 Officer Installation and Recognition



2014 Officers of Scottsdale Lodge #43 F & AM



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

## January Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

RICHARD C MUNROE	1/25/1962	DENNIS GERALD SENST	1/25/2001	BRANDON JOHN VALENTINE	1/29/1998
EVAN LEROY DAVIES APM	1/26/1984	PAUL J SMITH JR.	1/24/1980	EDILBERTO P.YABUT	1/25/2007
JOHN CHARLES DE MOSS	1/29/2004	STEVEN K SMITH	1/9/2003	WILLIAM ROSCOE BRYANT	1/31/1968
ERIC DEAN DEATON	1/9/2003	JOHN D MITCHELL	1/30/1964	LEE FULTS	1/10/2008
SHANE DARRELLECKBERG	1/18/2007	MICHAEL R.ROONEY	1/20/1966	FRANK J AKERS	1/15/1953
WARREN D FRY	1/22/1976	LUCAS ELBERT JANSSEN	1/14/2010	ALFRED G BIELSKY	1/27/1983
CHARLES L HALL	1/26/1978	RICHARD DODSON DYER	1/14/2010	BARNEY BLAINE	1/23/1958
PAUL ALLEN MANERA	1/28/1960	ELLIOTT LANCE KORONA	1/13/2011	EDWARD J BOOTH III	1/27/1977
VINCENT ANTHONY MAZZOTTA	1/11/2007	HELMET JOHN HAMMEN	1/13/2011	GREGORY CARBONE	1/28/1999
DARRELL D SMITH MD	1/3/1958	JONATHAN LAVE SORRELL	1/12/2012	JARED N. THOMASON	1/11/2007
DOUGLAS C MOREHEAD	1/25/1973	ARMOND LIEBLING	1/10/2013	JAMES XIE	1/18/2007
JOHN DAVID BURGRAFF	1/29/2004	JONATHAN EDWARD D'EMILIO	1/10/2013	JEFFREY M BUTLER	1/25/1990
JAMES AVERILL NELSON	1/23/2003	TODD S. BLANC	1/27/2005	WILLIAM WOODS	1/28/1988
PETER J ORPHANOS	1/21/1957	ROBERT VINCENT CALDWELL	1/29/2004	JASON T YAKEL	1/9/2003
MASSIMO M PAOLILLO	1/28/1999	JONATHAN D. PEREZ	1/18/2007	FRED I. LaBELL	1/22/1969
DONALD D PHILLIPS	1/25/1968	KAMAL F BUSAID	1/30/1975	ROSS T SUMMERS	1/23/1969
JAMES ALAN POAGE	1/27/2000				



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# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Trustee Meeting	2 Stated Meeting Dinner at 6PM	3	4 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
5  DeMolay	6  Jobbies	7 York Rite	8 Officer Mtg & Practice @43 6PM	9 3rd Degree Dinner at 6PM	10	11 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
12	13  Eastern Star	14	15 Officer Mtg & Practice @43 6PM	16 2nd Degree Dinner at 6PM	17	18 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
19  DeMolay	20  Jobbies	21 York Rite	22 Officer Mtg & Practice @43 6PM Amaranth	23 1st Degree Dinner at 6PM	24	25 <i>Philadelphia</i> CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

## 2013 Table Lodge



**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.**