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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

It has been with great joy that I have presided as Worshipful Master of Scottsdale Masonic Lodge, it was an honor and privilege. We have had a monumental year, one that I will not likely ever forget. From the day of my installation a year ago, I realized that running this lodge would be full of challenges. Little did I know how many challenges we would face, a Masonic trial, a flood, a dining room and kitchen remodel and the 100 year storms of Arizona that damaged our roof and the petty squabbles between Brothers.



The true beauty of the lodge is that the positive will always outweigh the negatives. We started our year with a wonderful parade, an amazing Christmas Party and one of the best Widow Nights I can remember featuring a play that was written by our very own WB Bob Beffel. We continued our traditions of St. Patrick's Dinner in memory of our dearly departed Brother Dennis Sprouse. We also celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoot Outing and continued the tradition of hosting the Military Degree Team. We also had an amazing Officers retreat in the White Tank Mountains where we had a wonderful team building experience featuring my little dog Buddy Love. In May we hosted a Grand Lodge Town Hall Meeting with MWB Bill Garrard. MWB Jim Rowan lead the team of Past Masters for our annual Past Master Night and Brother Jonathon Beffel lead an amazing Sideliner Degree Team initiating Brother Oliver. One of the highlights of the year was the Family Fun Night at Octane Raceway. And now we have come to the end of the year and I will be passing the torch of leadership to WME Merle Anderson and his wonderful crew of officers. I am excited about this incoming crew of officers, I have the utmost of faith that they will continue to manage the lodge with the highest of standards.

For the last six years I have dedicated most of my Masonic time to Scottsdale Lodge, and can tell you that I don't regret a minute of that time spent. However, I am truly looking forward to re-involving myself with some of our other Masonic entities. I miss the Shrine and my Brothers in the Temple Guard. I can't wait to drive a little car in another parade. I also miss the Scottish Rite and can't wait to don my kilt and participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> degree or perform an Honor Guard service somewhere. I have entirely neglected the Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children this year and haven't been able to attend one single CHIP Event and am thoroughly excited about returning to some of these other duties.

This may be then end of my year as Master, but I feel like it is a new beginning of my life in Masonry. There are too many of you to thank individually so instead I want to thank all of you who have been my wise counsel, my friends, my confidants and most of

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## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Brethren I am honored to have your confidence to be elected to the East. I will do my absolute best to honor those that have come before me and continue the high standards that Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43 stands for. **The 65<sup>th</sup> Officer Installation will be on December 14, 2014 at 5:00pm.** Please come out and support the officers.



Our Lodge has many things for those that want to be engaged. So please come to lodge and participate.

I would like to congratulate all the officers that have been elected to their new positions. I would like to also thank the appointed officers for accepting their new rolls. We have so much to accomplish with degrees and trying to acquire some Masonic Education. Our Round Table discussions are very informative.

We have had an eventful year of events and happenings. Our kitchen flood and repairs. New tenants. Lodge outings and many things that we are hoping to build upon as a great social structure for our lodge. Please come to lodge and participate.

Brethren we need to grow and sustain ourselves as a lodge. I have a challenge that each member bring someone to the lodge as a potential candidate. Let them see our friend-to-friend program. If we work to replace ourselves over the next several months we can grow and help the longevity of our lodge. The future of our lodge is bright lets keep the light bright.

We have a very busy calendar of events coming up:

- December 4<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting
- December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 Action Planning Meeting
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Officer Installation
- December 18<sup>th</sup> Holiday Pot Luck
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting
- January 8<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting

**Fraternally,  
Merle Anderson  
Senior Warden**



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all my Brothers. I will always cherish the time I spent as the Master of the Greatest Lodge in Arizona. I pray that you all will support the incoming line of officers. Whisper wise counsel, volunteer for committees, support our wonderful youth groups and adult advisors, and most of all SHOW UP. Nothing says support more than seeing your shining faces on the sideline. May God Bless and Protect you.

I will leave you with one of my favorite old Irish poems:

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world, with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons, bring the best to you and yours.

**Fraternally,**  
**Scott Tracy**  
**Worshipful Master**



## **Tyler's Door**

### **MORE OR LESS**

"Less is More" What is that supposed to mean? Let's say I have a hundred gold coins in my pot of gold. You take twenty-five coins, and now I have more? Of course not. Some folks are minimalists; If something, tangible or not, is surrounded with relatively meaningless stuff, the thing is enhanced by eliminating some stuff. That would make the subject and more meaningful because distractions would be gone.

By eliminating distractions, we strengthen the mind, bring clarity to our thinking, and find a clear path to reasoning.

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

## **Greetings,**

As the holiday seasons come closer Bethel 21 would like to wish our Masonic families the happiest of holidays and a wonderful New Year. We are thankful for all the support we have received from all of the Masonic bodies. We look forward to bringing all the Masonic organization closer together in the upcoming year. Encouraging your children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews to take interest in one of the Masonic youth groups helps build these relations. Today's youth is the bridge to tomorrows Masons.

Bethel 21 has a series of event we would love for our Masonic family to attend. Starting Friday November 28, 2014 to December 14, 2014 Bethel 21 is gift wrapping Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at Superstition Springs mall by TJ Maxx. We are gift wrapping for donations so please bring your gifts and we will wrap them for you. Installation of Officers and Bethel Choir is on December 12, 2014 you are all invited to attend and you can come dressed in your renaissance garb.

I look forward to see you all this holiday season and working with you this upcoming term.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jackie Hatton**  
**Sr. Princess/Honored Queen-Elect**  
**Bethel 21**



## **View From the South**

This is my final Trestle Board article as a Junior Warden and by the time you read this, I will have cooked my final meal as Junior Warden. It has been a challenging year with all the things that have happened to the kitchen such as the flood, the construction project to rebuild after the flood, the oven was not working properly or at all during many of meals but we still managed to provide a meal each and every week. We even tried new things this year, like putting out topics on the table to increase socialization and getting to know your brothers a little better (thanks go to Stephen Clarke for spearheading this). We varied the meals each week to keep it interesting. There were a couple guest chefs that put on wonderful meals as well.

It was a unique year in which I was introduced as the Sitting Master of Hunter's Paradise Lodge each week. As far as I know, I never let my duties at the other Lodge get in the way of performing my job as Junior Warden. As a matter of fact, I believe it gave me a year to hone my skills and will make me a better Master at Scottsdale, should the opportunity to serve in that capacity arise.

In addition to all this work; I wrote, directed, produced and was the lead character in a Murder Mystery put on for the Widow's night – I was also responsible for the meal that night as Junior Warden.

Finally, I instituted a new concept at Scottsdale, holding an Education Roundtable Discussion once a month for Master Masons. This concept was to build on our successful Friend to Friend program, allowing full discussion of topics because everyone in the participating is a Master Mason. Although the attendance was light, the people who came gave feedback that the discussion levels were great. It truly was discussion and not a lecture because, everyone brought their own experience to the table. While there was some background research done on each topic, it was only provided as a means to guide the discussion. I know that I came away with a better understanding after each meeting.

**Fraternally,**  
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**Junior Warden**



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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I thank you all again for coming out during the November stated meeting to support and electing me as your secretary for the 2015 masonic year. This will be another great year!

If any of you have still not yet submitted payment for your 2014 dues, I strongly suggest you do so as soon as possible to ensure that you do not get suspended at the end of the year.

By the time you receive this Trestleboard, dues notices for 2015 should have already been sent out so please watch out for those in your mailbox! Prompt return and payment of your 2015 dues ensures you to receive your card for the year. Dues cards for all perpetual, senior life, and regulation 19 members will be sent out within the next couple of weeks as well so watch out for those dues cards in your mail box.

As always, if you have moved or changed your phone number, please inform me at the office so I can update your information so we can continue to keep in contact with you.

**Fraternally,**  
**James Xie – PM 2013**  
**Secretary**

## LIBRARY

We have increased number of new books contained just to right of library room. There will be shortly another 20 books added to in December. I was honored to visit the Masonic Library in DE Moines, Iowa. This was something to behold in both quantity and quality. I did have an opportunity to meet several of our brothers then.

I am still keeping up the computer book inventory. And, next year will try to get it on line, on our lodge internet web site.

My health problem began in June and still have two long months of daily therapy which has taken up lots of my time and energy.

**Respectfully Brother,**  
**Bruce Fischer**



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## MASONIC EDUCATION

Apparently the White House referred to Christmas Trees as Holiday Trees for the first time this year which prompted CBS presenter, Steven Levy, to present this piece which I would like to share with you. I think it applies just as much to many countries as it does to America. A little sanity please...

Only hope we find GOD again before it is too late!!

The following was written by Steven Levy and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary.

My confession:

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat...

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc.. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school... The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Steven Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about.. And we said okay..

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with 'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.'

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet?

Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

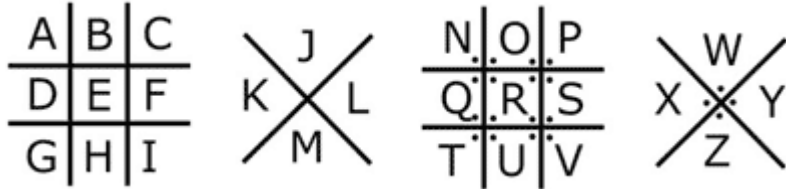
Pass it on if you think it has merit.

If not, then just discard it... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

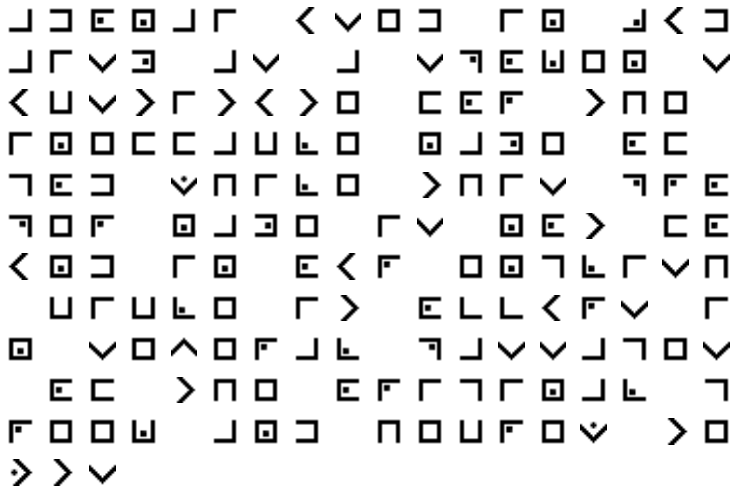
**Trestleboard Editor**

## Pigpen Cipher

The Freemasons have long used ciphers to encrypt their ceremonies and messages. The cipher on this page uses altered cipher, which is also known as the Pigpen Cipher, as the alphabet is written into a series of grids, with some passing resemblance to pigpens.



Despite appearances, these ciphers are all simple substitution cryptograms, so the frequency of each symbol will give you clues as to which letters are E, T and A. Other solving tricks for cryptograms will work equally well here.



## Add to a later page

**Answer:** ADONAI USED IN JUDAISM AS A SPOKEN SUBSTITUTE FOR THE INEFFABLE NAME OF GOD WHILE THIS PROPER NAME IS NOT FOUND IN OUR ENGLISH BIBLE IT OCCURS IN SEVERAL PASSAGES OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK AND HEBREW TEXTS

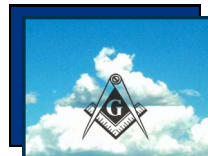
**Tim Coffey**  
Senior Steward


## From the Senior Deacon

### Diversity within the Lodge

I am always amazed as I look at the brethren in the lodge. They have so many diverse backgrounds, so many differences of ideas and many ideas of how things should be done. I often think that the best way to do any task is to get that kind council from many, and from each person take just a little bit of good advice. This concept has served me well on so many levels. One man never has the answer collectively we always can learn from each other. When you think you have the answer for everything and you are always right, you have lost this valuable lesson. Take a moment and listen. You could be surprised how your perspective changes when you hear a different side of a story, a different aspect that you never thought of yourself. It takes a village to raise a child and the lodge is no different. If you have 50 plus years in masonry and you have seen every degree that has ever been performed, you might be able to bestow some good advice to the newest brother just raised. Of course the newest member may be able to give you advice on how to change your picture on Facebook. My point to all of this is that everyone has a voice and everyone can contribute. It takes all voices to make good decisions and to be successful.

**Fraternally,**  
**Allen Nichols**  
Senior Deacon





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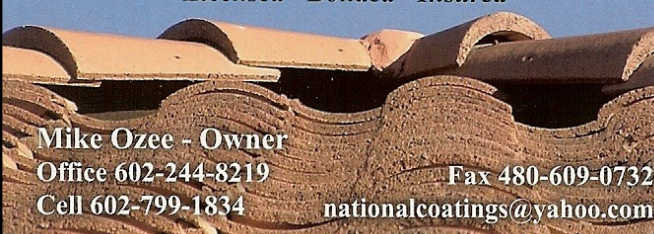
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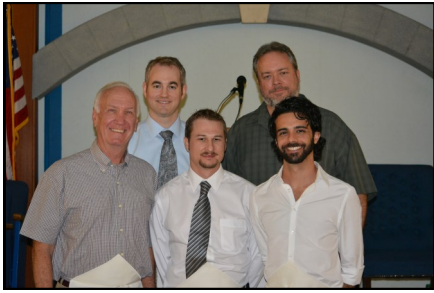
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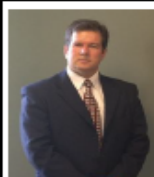
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# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

## December Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

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MATTHEW JAMES SMITH	12/11/2008	ROBERT G. STEPP	12/18/2008	MARK A. MARSILLO	12/15/2012
BARRY LOUIS COLLINS	12/18/2003	PAUL EUGEN SAIN	12/15/2012	DAVID ALLEN SMITH	12/5/1987
PATRICK R. KAMINSKY	12/18/2008	ROBBIE LYNN FRANK	12/15/2012	BRUCE E. FISCHER	12/7/1954
WILHELM HARTMANN	12/19/1991	DOMINIC HENRY GAUDIO	12/15/2012	SEAN D. WEILAND	12/15/2005
MARK CUNNINGHAM	12/8/2011	JAMES HEBRY SWANN	12/15/2012	RONALD W BUKSBAUM	12/28/1992
MICHAEL A. FULLER	12/4/2010	CHARLES D. BUSSKOHL	12/28/1958	SIDNEY L MAGNESS	12/7/1963
ERIK EASTON	12/13/2007	DAVID WATSON	12/8/2011	BRUCE IRA LaBELL	12/10/2009
Jason M. HARRELL	12/10/2009	JOHN DEAN COVINGTON	12/15/2012	MATHEW J. PARSONS	12/15/2012
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Jobbies	2 Scottsdale York Rite (6pm-9pm)	3 <i>Trustee</i> <i>Meeting 6pm</i> Amaranth 5-10pm	4 <i>Stated Meeting</i> <i>Dinner at 6pm</i>	5 Ramses Grotto 7pm	6 Philadelphia Church of God  <b>Elec Lite Parade</b>
7 F.R.C.C 7-2pm Rosicrucian's 2-4pm DeMolay 4-7pm	8  Eastern Star	9	10	11 <i>Lodge Action</i> <i>Plan Meeting</i>	12	13 Philadelphia Church of God
14 F.R.C.C 7-2pm Sons of Norway 2pm-5pm	15  Jobbies	16 Round Table Discussions, MM Only At 7pm	17 Amaranth 5-10pm	18 <i>Holiday Party</i> 	19	20 Philadelphia Church of God
21 F.R.C.C 7-2pm Rosicrucian's 2-4pm DeMolay 4-7pm	22  Eastern Star	23	24	25 <i>Dark</i>  <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27 Philadelphia Church of God
28 F.R.C.C 7-2pm	29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve.</b>			

**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.**

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