

# PRESTIGE BOARD

## SCOTTSDALE LODGE 43

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### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Getting Down to Business...

With the holidays now behind us, it is time to get to work. January has been very active with our Stated Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on the 9<sup>th</sup>, a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and a 1<sup>st</sup> degree on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am excited to see the 1<sup>st</sup> degree on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be comprised of DeMolay Alumni who will occupy the chairs in order to initiate Matthew Hartzell-Robins. We will finish up January with a Widows night play written by Worshipful Brother Bob Beffel. The play is open to the public, so please invite your family.

I am pleased to announce that some of the new committees we established this year are making some serious headway. I installed a Finance Committee which is comprised of WB Brandon Valentine as the Chair, Brother Russell Sayre and Worshipful Brother David Schafnit. This committee will be reviewing the lodge finances and making recommendations to the Trustees as to how our lodge can continue to grow our investment funds and holdings. We also have a new Traveling Committee Chairman, Brother Dennis Ira, who will be planning multiple lodge travels this year. If there is any lodge you would like to visit, sit down with Brother Dennis and let's get out there.

Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> is the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Parada del Sol. This year the Parada del Sol is celebrating Arizona's 100 years of Statehood. This is another great Scottsdale Event which we have participated in every year. All Appendant and Concordant Bodies and our Youth Groups are invited to ride on our hay wagon. Last year we had an absolute blast with the Jobes Daughters singing and chanting for the whole parade.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, I would like to invite all of your wives or girlfriends to attend dinner with us for a Valentine Night dinner. While we will still have our normal lodge schedule, I hope you will ask your significant other to join you for dinner.

February will also hold claim to our first Texas Holdem' Poker Tournament. This First Friday Event will take place on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The goal is to have at least 25 players occupy 5 tables. A \$20 buy in will garner you a \$1000 in chips. Each table will play until there is 1 winner. All winners will move to the

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### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Brothers, as you can tell I am not good with writing these articles and Brother Editor Fred LaBell can attest. As I sat in the West last week for our Stated Meeting it was nice to see 26 sideliners, 3 Visitors and 13 Officers present for a January Stated Meeting right after New Years Day. I do hope that we can keep the attendance up as the year progresses.

As I am being tasked with Scheduling the Candidates and Proficiency there is some new guidelines moving forward. They are simple and mostly behind the scenes. But non the less I am trying to stream line it. As the Worshipful Master is anal retentive with spreadsheets it is helping the process. As a Masonic Lodge it is our responsibility to raise all good men and true, if you have a friend or relative that you think has the qualities of the Fraternity bring him down any Thursday to sit in with Worshipful Brother Jim Watson on his Friend to Friend program and let the learning begin.

As many may be aware we had to suspend 24 men for lack of paying their 2013 lodge dues even though they did not pay those dues they can still be made current by contacting Worshipful Brother James Xie the "NEW SECRETARY" he will do all the necessary paperwork that needs to be completed to make you current. Brothers this is our Masonic Home and it is our responsibility to stay on top of our dues as Brothers for if we don't the Lodge can't operate. So check your mailboxes you should have received the dues notices for 2014 and lets not have any suspensions at the end of this year.

Please help support our youth groups and other concordant bodies that meet at Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43.

**Fraternally yours,**  
**Merle Anderson**  
**Senior Warden**



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winners table for a Winner Take All playoff and \$500 Grand Prize (provided there are 25 players). There will be a sign up sheet in the Secretaries office if you would like to participate.

If you haven't been to lodge in a while, you simply don't know what you are missing. Your Brothers miss you, if you need help getting to lodge, give us a call, we will come get you.

**Fraternally,**

**Scott Tracy**

**Worshipful Master**



### Traveled to the Celestial Lodge above

**David C. Humphrey, PP of El Zaribah Shrine**

Born 3-16-45 Raised 4-11-96 Died 1-1-2014

**Gary M. Nestor**

Born 12-28-31 Raised 5-25-56 Affiliated 9-13-2009

Died 6-29-13

**Marshall C. Johnson**

Born 3-21-34 Raised 4-9-88 Died 6-9-2013

### Tyler's Door

#### CONTRAST

When the word comes to mind,, it embellishes the situation you may be encountering at the time. It is not only an expression of comparison, it is also a form of measurement. It would be what you may view as an object darker in shade from another, or taller, older, smarter, and so on. So, is it better to conform or contrast? To conform is to lose contrast and to forfeit some individually. It's an easy way to avoid some of life's problems, and it is a way of life to a lot of people. Others get strengthened by contrast, taking qualities and learning lessons from the contrast from themselves. Let contrast be your friend, a mentor of a sort, always there, and ready to teach.

On the lighter side, have you ever seen folks who like to be seen with shorter people to appear taller, or with those less attractive to try to enhance the countenance, and other ways of profiting from a negative view of contrast. Better to learn from contrasting differences, use this benefit as a life lesson, and incorporate this into your being.

**Fraternally,**

**Dave Woodland PM, PGC**

**Tyler**



### Greetings From the South

#### Settling In

The first month is now in my rear view mirror, as are most of the guys that hung out in the kitchen past the time they started receiving their degrees. Actually I encouraged this so they started to help fill out the Northwest corner of the Lodge and continue their Masonic growth. It is my time to bring in a new batch of men that will learn from each other and build relationships.

I now know where most utensils and spices/coffee are or should be and am learning how temperamental the stove can be. I am also learning the art of determining how many people will be joining for dinner, even though only about one quarter are actually around as the dinner is nearing its serving time. It is good we have a large freezer that works so I can buy a little more than we need and save it for the next round. I begin to see where so many dishes came about over the years that involve a little of this and a little of that.

The advice of the Past Masters are still ringing in my ears – don't get fancy, just provide an opportunity to break bread together and socialize. All you need is to make sure there is enough food to go around and a little variety shows up in the menu.

Back in the Lodge, we had a ballot on making another man a Mason and when the results came in, I was asked to pass along these results. At first I was wondering, why me – shouldn't that be the mentor's job or at least the secretary? Then I realized, he is a part of my crew and began feeling a sense of pride. The pride started swelling as I called him away from the Friend-to-Friend session going on and congratulated him on the honor of being accepted by the Lodge to receive the degrees of Masonry.

**Fraternally,**

**Bob Beffel**

**Junior Warden**



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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

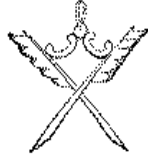
Thank you to all of you who have submitted your dues payments to the lodge. All dues cards have been sent out. If you have not sent in your payments yet, please do so as soon as you can.

New office hours for the lodge secretary are Monday-Wednesday from 11am-3pm, Thursdays 11am - end of lodge. Please call the lodge if you plan on coming in to the office as I may be in and out running errands on behalf of the lodge throughout the day.

Fraternally,

James Xie – PM 2013

Secretary



## DeMolay



**Did You Know...** there is a reason the elected leaders of a DeMolay Chapter are called Councilors that dates back to the origins of the organization?

Reading an interview from several years after the founding of DeMolay, we learn from Frank Marshall, the author of the DeMolay ritual, what we now know as DeMolay Chapters were originally called DeMolay Councils. The elected leaders of those Councils were therefore titled Councilors.

But this is just moderately interesting historical trivia. More significantly, as Dad Marshall's interview points out, retention of the Councilor title through the development of the organization symbolizes and emphasizes the advisory and consultative aspects of the particular brand of leadership taught by the DeMolay. Envisioning a leader as a friend and role model calls to mind the admonishment to the Master Councilor-elect just before he is installed...

*You are not to be arrogant or dictatorial. Rather you are to lead those who follow you gladly because you have proved your willingness to listen to counsel as well as give it.*

...and the words of the Installing Officer who explains the purposes of DeMolay to the assembled audience by saying, in part...

*We are banded together for mutual improvement...*

Sound interesting? Know somebody who would make a good DeMolay or DeMolay advisor? Contact us at [scottsdalemolay@gmail.com](mailto:scottsdalemolay@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)

## From the Senior Deacon

As we find ourselves opening a year, let's be thankful of the gifts we have been bestowed. 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 New Year's resolution 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 we can all make 2014 our finest year in Arizona Masonry.

Fraternally,

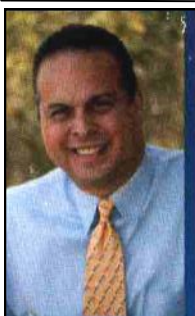
Allen Nichols

Senior Deacon

## Masonic Humor



A Grand Master was traveling to an official visitation. He was late so he was driving a bit fast. A State Trooper stopped him, but recognizing the S&C on the trooper, the GM explained the situation. The trooper responded that he'd let him go this time, but he'd better slow down or he wouldn't live to become a PGM. Now the GM is even later so he went faster. Soon another trooper pulled him over. The GM again recognized him as a Brother so he explained the situation again, and again he only got a warning. Now the GM is really late so he drove even faster yet. A bit further along the way, again while speeding, a third Trooper pulls him over. Again, by his ring, the GM knows he is a Mason, and again explains his dilemma. This time, however, the Trooper writes him a speeding ticket for the full 20mph over the limit. Just prior to pulling away the GM ask why he unlike the first two Masons, wrote the ticket? The trooper replied, " You have met my fellow Troopers, Officer J-BL-O, and Officer J-BL-AH, I am Officer J-BL-UM.



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## TEXAS HOLDUM TOURNAMENT



**Mosey on over to the lodge on Friday, February 28th**

**6:00pm until Midnight**

**\$20.00 Buy-in with a Winner Take All.**

**Ideally if we have 25 players at 5 tables, the highest chip count at each table moves to the finals at 9pm. Highest chip count at midnight wins total kitty, which should be \$500.00, if we have 25 original players.**



### Jobbie Happenings

The first thing I'd like to say is thank you to all the Masons who have supported us for the last year as we went through some big changes! We went from 7 girls to 21 girls in a matter of months! Unfortunately we lost some girls due to moving and we are always working on membership. Over the past year we have had 6 girls do their proficiency and about 4 other girls working on it. We are lucky to have in our Bethel, Jr. Miss Jobs Daughters held by Lucy Hanne and Jr. Miss Jobs Daughters Congeniality, held by Carlisle Clevenger. We have many exciting things coming up in the next few months. The Honored Queen, Lucy Hanne, has selected The OES Home as her charity – time spent giving back to some of our own in terms of playing games and communicating. This term's theme is "Reach for the Stars" and filled with the promise of great options for all of us. Between great projects for growth and fun, Ritual Competition, Fundraisers and a ton of fun events coming up! (Let's face it, we always have fun!) A huge shout out to our adult advisors, CAVs and parents that make all of this work and fun possible!



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## A Meaningful Reading from The Senior Steward

### Use our Library

Masonic ritual teaches us to be followers of the arts and sciences, particularly geometry or Masonry. We know ourselves as speculative Masons, not operative, as in the Middle Ages when the great cathedrals of the world were built by our brothers of long ago. What does the term speculative mean and how does this relate to our lives, both in and out of the lodge room, today?

The definition of speculative, is: "1. Pertaining to, the nature of, or characterized by speculation, contemplation, conjecture, or abstract reasoning. 2. Theoretical, rather than practical." I take this to mean to think and to study. We are all under an obligation to be Masonic students; from the moment we take the Entered Apprentice Degree, we cannot advance in Freemasonry without learning and reciting the lessons taught in that degree. As we proceed through the degrees many lessons are put before us to be learned, and more importantly, understood, before we can advance further. It is this continual learning and our application of the lessons we have studied that make us better men and better Masons. The true precepts of Masonry are meaningful only when we put them into practice and use them in our daily lives.

The work of Masonry is to study! It is noble work which purifies the heart and clarifies the mind. The house of Freemasonry has many rooms; each room teaches different lessons such as brotherly love, charity for all mankind, love of deity, morality, truth, and tolerance. Freemasonry is a philosophy that teaches and brings out all that is good in man. That Masonry is a philosophy, a way of life, is the very essence of what sets us apart from other organizations. It is for this reason that all Masons should be Masonic students and we should all strive to read and study Masonry and put what we learn to use. It is the lessons of Masonry that unite us as brothers in the world wide fraternity of Masonry, for we know that we share a common philosophy.

It is an interesting feeling to be asked by a non-mason "What is Freemasonry?" It is even more interesting when you, yourself, realize that you really don't know what it is. This I'm sure has happened to us all.

Our Lodge has a library, have you visited or read from it? Are you familiar with the latest books on Masonry and where to locate them? Do you know what the latest anti-Masonic books are and where to locate them? This last is an important question; for it is here that the study of Masonry shines through the clouds that the advocates of anti-Masonry would have us believe exist. To answer the questions and charges brought against us as Masons we must understand clearly who we are, and be able to defend what we stand for. The only way to accomplish this is to read and study not only what we are but what we were in ages past, who were the Masons of long ago and how did they meet these questions.

Our Masonic Libraries serve as an information source to dispel the rumors and outright lies that are told to the public. Many of the people who disseminate this wrongful information do not understand Freemasonry and have themselves been given information that is skewed and twisted. We as the keepers of the Masonic Flame of truth must be the leaders in dispelling these rumors and be a source of light to the public.

We all should make more use of our library, but the sad truth is that the vast majority of us do not read or study about the Fraternity or its history. We have a library that is a good starting point for this, but it is by no means the only source of light for us to use.

In conclusion, let me reaffirm the importance of being a Masonic student and making use of your Masonic Library. We must read, study and practice the lessons we are taught in the lodge in order to be better Masons, and better human beings. Take time out of our busy life, even if it is only 5 or 10 minutes a day, to study Masonry and its philosophy, read a Masonic book, or discuss Masonry with a brother. You won't regret it! Help other Masonic brethren and introduce them to the "light" that we all seek as speculative Freemasons. We must remember that each and every one of us represents a link to the public and to potential members that may never have heard about Freemasonry until we talk to them about it. We must be our own publicity agents and salesmen if we expect to survive. In the past Freemasonry has always been an agency for good that was quiet, but represented a forceful presence that was well thought of. Today many people do not know of our existence, let alone the good we do in our charitable work every day. We all must read, act, and think as Masons each day to be true to our noble and gentle Craft.

Visit your local Masonic Library and take out a book or two to read, you won't regret it. You will find some very knowledgeable people in your libraries that can help you to become better and more informed Masons, so don't be afraid to ask questions and discuss the topics that interest you. It is up to us all to help further Masonic Education and be better prepare to tell the world at large what our Craft is all about and what we represent.

A human being cannot stand immovable and uninfluenced in the midst of life as a rock stands in the wash of the tide. His life goes on every moment influencing and being influenced. And life is full and rich, happiness comes, when we so understand ourselves, and the world, and the forces of nature that we can harmoniously adjust ourselves thereto. The report of what nature, the world, life really are, that is truth; and the items of information which we need to have in order to know the truth, that is knowledge. A wise man desires truth and seeks knowledge, not in order to pose as a scholar or a learned man, but in order that he may live happily.

**Fraternally,**

**Tom Coffee,  
Senior Steward**






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

## February Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

DENNIS L REYNOLDS	2/25/1988	STEVEN PAUL LABELL	2/28/2008	RICHARD JANSON	2/24/1983
FRED THOMAS MASTISON	2/9/2012	ROBERT DTARR PM	2/18/1956	HENRY A. WILSON PGM	2/18/1972
KENNETH JOSEPH JONES	2/20/1974	GREGORY CHEIN	2/22/1973	HENRY W JOHNSON	2/23/1989
JAMES FRIGGINS PM	2/23/1961	WILLIAM E MILLER JR	2/27/1975	CHRIS M MCDANIEL III	2/20/2003
RONALD M ROBINSON PM	2/27/1964	MICHAEL WAYNE BOZARTH	2/21/2002	FRANCIS ARTHUR SHANLEY	2/19/1998
GERALD H LANKIN PGM	2/26/1970	JOHN A. ROBINSON	2/12/2009	WILLIAM ARTHUR GRAVES	2/10/2011
ADAM DANIEL ARENA	2/28/2008	STEPHEN SSTAGNER	2/21/1985	JAMES H MEREDITH	2/24/1977
SCOTT HERBERT TRACY	2/28/2008	GLENN COCHRAN HANF	2/12/2009		
JOHN HANLON FAULDS	2/26/1998	RICHARD GHONEYWELL	2/26/1976		
EDWARD VINCENT GARCIA	2/18/2003	KENNETH PAUL NEUSCH	2/20/2002		
DAVID R SCHAFNIT PM	2/19/1998	TROY B. STECKENRIDER	2/7/1976		
ROBERT A ELSNER PM	2/27/1986	TERRENCE DAVID MUNDY	2/11/2010		
ROY E SANSOM	2/25/1971	DR. PETER MATHERN	2/22/2007		
ERIK R MINDERMAN	2/20/2003	JAMES F. McCLELAND	2/28/2008		
ROSS G SUOZZI	2/18/1999	JAMES C HEDBERG	2/28/1963		
ROGER DALE BATES JR.	2/9/2012	ALAN L HARTRICK	2/14/1964		
THOMAS ALAN MINOR	2/21/2002	GARY F UNDERHILL	2/20/1967		
MARK J BORATO	2/28/1991	G CRAIGHUTCHINSON PM	2/22/1973		
KYLE A. LARKIN	2/17/2005	JEFFREY OTIS AMSTUTZ PM	2/9/1995		

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# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Philadelphia CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
2  DeMolay	3  Jobbies	4 York Rite	5 Trustees Meeting	6 Stated Meeting Dinner 6PM	7	8 Philadelphia CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
9	10  Eastern Star	11	12 Officer Meeting	13 Valentines ..... Dinner..... 3rd Degree	14 	15 Philadelphia CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
16  DeMolay	17  Jobbies	18 York Rite	19	20 Dinner 6pm 2nd Degree Nite	21	22 Philadelphia CHURCH OF GOD F.R.C.C
23	24	25	26	27 Dinner 6pm 1st Degree Nite	28	

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

## UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

**March 14 ..... Military Degree Night**

**March 15 ..... Shooting Day at Ben Avery Range**

**March 20..... St. Patrick's Day with Mrs. Madden's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

**March 28 –30 ... Grand Lodge Retreat**

**April 5 & 6 ..... Officer Retreat — Camping Trip**

**May 8th ..... Appendant Body Night**

**May 15th .....Town Hall with the Grand Master**

**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.**