

TRESTLEBOARD

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Spring has sprung and here in Arizona it's already like summer! The winter visitors are getting ready to pack up and return to their summertime abodes. The Cactus league for 2016 is over and the teams are beginning their regular seasons. We in Masonry are beginning to bloom to our potential.



We have had some amazing events so far. On March 10th, the Arizona Military Degree Team performed a beautiful Fellow Craft Degree in which an Air Force Major from our Lodge was conferred his Second Degree to a packed house. The Military Degree Team commented on how many people came out to see them perform and they were proud to do it. They were spectacular in their precision floor work, coordinated to patriotic music all while decked out in their Class A uniforms. The lecture was given with such great feeling as was all of the ritual work. One of the highlights of the evening was a poem presented which was a reminder of the cost of freedom followed by a haunting rendition of "Echo Taps". If you were not able to attend, I hope you have a chance to see the Military Degree Team in action in the near future. To learn more about the Military Degree team, visit their website: <http://www.arizonamdt.com>

On March 17th, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the famous Mrs. Maddens secret corned beef recipe, prepared by our own WB Scott Tracy and WB Merle Anderson. That night was also Celtic night in the Lodge and many of the officers and sideliners were dressed in Kilts. On March 31st, the Masonic Education was put on by Brother Steve Burkle from Utah. The topic of the evening was "The Perfect Points of Entrance: A Cabalistic Interpretation". Unlike many Mason Educations, because the topic was from the 1st Degree, the Education was open to all EA, FC and MM from any Lodge.

The next time you come to Lodge, look up at the sign on our roof facing Scottsdale Road. Over the years, the damage from the sun had destroyed the Square and Compasses and faded the paint. These have been replaced with Stainless Steel emblems and the building can be identified as a Masonic Lodge once again. I also hope you also noticed that the parking lot has been resurfaced and restriped. This preventive maintenance has been long over due.

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

AS THE SUN IS IN THE WEST ...

Greetings to all brethren ...

Brothers,

It's hard to believe that we are already a third of the way through the year!

Time has flown by for me this year, partly because of how busy both my Operative career and my Speculative Masonic avocation has been. I don't know about you, but the Arizona winter season is starting to get old.

I find myself beginning to look forward to the Arizona spring, and things greening and warming up.

If you have not been to lodge in a while, rediscover the joy of what drew you to the craft.

Much like the simple joy of spring returning, coming out for dinner and sitting in your Lodge and experiencing the simple pleasure in fellowship with brothers.

If you have sickness or distress, need a ride to Lodge, or need assistance getting to Lodge, your brothers can help with, please contact us.

I want to talk a minute about our sick and distressed brethren.

First, we have way too many on our list.

Second, some are facing some very bad times and conditions.

Third, we really need to try and reach out to these brethren if at all possible.

So please keep in your prayers, our brethren, that may be sick or distressed.

If you know of any sick and distressed brethren please contact me or our Secretary, as we would like to reach out to them.

By the Square

Fraternally and sincerely.

James Callahan

Senior Warden



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Spring is a time when change comes about. The dormant potential hidden in winter gives way to the buds of knowledge and activities during Spring. There are many behind the scenes processes and activities taking place which will unfold and make themselves evident as time passes. If it has been a while since you have been to Lodge, take this opportunity to join us for some really good fellowship and food that the Junior Warden has been preparing. Then stick around for the ritual work or a business meeting to see what's happening.

Finally, in April we will be participating in a Community Service project called Feed My Staving Children. It involves a 1-2 hour commitment to pack boxes with food so it can be distributed by others. Contact Bro. JD, Brad Manhoff if you want to participate in this worthwhile event.

**Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master**



From the Senior Stewards Chair

Greetings Brethren,

Well it is officially Spring, a beautiful change in seasons. Well, maybe for some, though I think for a large portion of us it is also the dreadful sign that temperatures are about to start rising again, but such is the state we live in.

It is at this time when Spring knocks on our door and the flowers begin to bloom once again. This is also the perfect time for us to bloom as people and Masons. This is the perfect time for us to take a good hard look at the man in the mirror. Look carefully my brothers and take an honest inventory of yourself.

We are all rude and imperfect by nature but as Masons we are given the tools to make ourselves better than our state of nature. What better time to once again take our working tools and put them to use, improving ourselves, then as nature begins to awaken from her sleep and smile at us? Take a moral inventory, my brothers, in the spirit of this wonderful season and work to shed our rough and superfluous parts that we may better serve the Great Architect by whatever name you name him by, our family, our fellowman, and ourselves.

**Fraternally,
Brother Matthew Hartzell
Senior Steward**

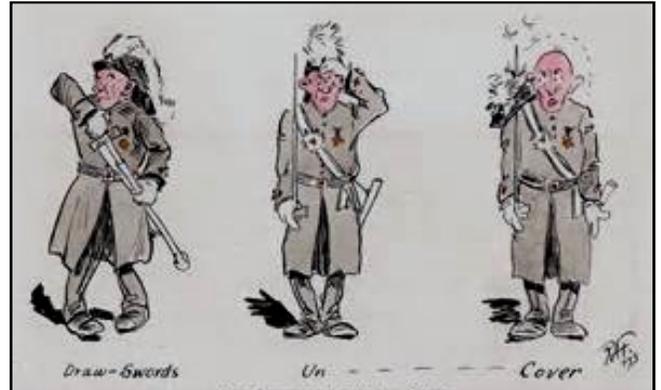
GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Dear Brothers,



Spring is here, and with it, the need perhaps for a little bit of house cleaning. Without fail, there will be someone, a neighbor perhaps, there to tell you exactly what needs to be tossed. Someone who perhaps has been in the neighborhood longer than you and is the self-professed expert on everything that must be cleaned-up and precisely how this must be accomplished. "This is the way," they will tell you, "it has always been done." But take heed my friend, and caution, for this is your house, not theirs, and it is only for you to decide what shall remain and what shall be discarded. They know nothing of your journey, your goals, or your path, only that their sense of importance depends upon the knowledge that they have induced someone else to follow in the footsteps of the dull march of conformity that they have learned to follow, not because it brings them pleasure, but because their submission to it ended the pain induced on the non-conformer. Allow them their opinion if that's what brings them peace, but forget not the love that built your house, and let no one order you to tear it down or clean out its content. Let them simply lurk about on the lawn and see them tremble with the thought that this spring, you just might be clever enough to tackle the yard first.

**In Brotherly Love,
Curt Hills
Junior Warden**



Could this be, PM Terry Kelley practicing for York Rite?



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Senior Deacon

The Immovable Jewels.

Have you ever wondered why they are called Immovable? The Grand Lodge of Texas gives a little help understanding this.

During the Entered Apprentice lecture, the new Mason is introduced to the jewels of the Lodge when he is told there are six such jewels, three immovable and three movable. These "jewels" are not precious stones as one might imagine when first hearing the term jewels, but rather refer to their value to the operative builder in conducting his trade.

In the United States, the Immovable Jewels are the square, level, and plumb. They are deemed immovable because they belong to fixed positions in the lodge, the East, West, and South. The three principal officers of the lodge who sit in these positions wear replicas of these operative tools. The Master wears the square as a symbol of morality. The Senior Warden wears the level as a symbol of equality while the Junior Warden wears the plumb as an emblem of upright living.

One might ask why these emblems are considered immovable when in fact the officers who wear these jewels move about the lodge room and do not remain stationary. Perhaps they are considered immovable in that they are assigned to a specific officer of the lodge and, in that sense, they are permanently assigned to the East, West, and South.

**Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine, PM
Senior Deacon**

Bikes for Books Program

Brothers,
Scottsdale Lodge was hard at work today.

Napoleon & I were delivering 3 bikes to the children of the Wilson School District and spoke to 4 classes about the benefits of reading.

This is a picture of Napoleon with the district librarian and he was excellent with the children.

We will next visit the Yavapai school district and deliver more bikes.

Jack Hobbs has been a great help with the donation of bikes but we need more. Please check with all your neighbors and friends, many who will have bikes in their garages not being used.

Bikes for Books is a great program but needs the help of all the brothers. New bikes are expensive but a used bikes all cleaned up and refurbished is good.

**Fraternally,
Bill Gesswein PM**



From the Secretary's Desk

The changing of seasons causes us to think of the next stages in our journey. This happens with each season and each year until the Great Architect of the Universe calls us home. As we approach Spring, I am reminded of new growth. New growth of our Lodge with Petitioners and Candidates; new growth in our creativity and Lodge projects; and most importantly for me is renewed growth with our brothers who have been Masons for many years.

It is easy sometimes for us to become complacent and accept things because "that's the way it's always been." Sometimes apathy creeps in to where we feel that individually we can't really make a difference in our organizations. Sometimes we are tired of fighting the battles and just back away. But in my mind, that is when our Masonic character is truly tested. Do we allow ourselves to give anything less than our best? If so, perhaps it's time to seek wise counsel to help us rejuvenate and remember who we are as Masons.

So, my Brothers, as Spring approaches and Summer is close at hand, step forward to help a brother; to help our Lodge; to help our new Petitioners and Candidates. The spirit that has made Freemasonry the great institution it has been for hundreds of years deserves our best effort. Our efforts need not be formidable. Sometimes the smallest effort can create the greatest result. A handshake and a smile to another brother or a visitor is a great starting point to promote Masonic harmony and make Scottsdale Lodge a place we all look forward to coming to each week.

**In Brotherly Love,
Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke, Secretary**



Restored Building Logo Sign

Our Scottsdale Road side, illuminated building logo was recently restored. The Square & Compasses was designed from stainless steel and engraved by a brother from a California lodge at no cost. Michael Trumbull handled the entire project. Wages go to Brothers Michael Trumbull and Wil Wilkins for installing it. Walk over and look at the engraved symbols on it and see if you can decipher its code and understand its meaning.



From the Marshal

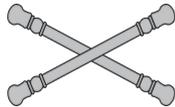
Brethren,

Someone once told me that there are two temperatures in Phoenix, warm and hot. Spring has clearly sprung in the Valley of the Sun, albeit early. Spring represents birth of the new after hibernation of the old, reflected in the natural beauty being birthed forward all around us. It's also a great time to clean out the closet or garage, set aside items that no longer serve us and either donate them to less fortunate folks or toss them and be done with them once and for all. This letting go process may have taken years. Do these items, that should have been let go of years ago, still serve a purpose? Why haven't we let go of them sooner? What has gotten us to this point where we are finally ready to part with them? We, as human beings and Masons, need to regularly take inventory of our "stuff" and see what still works and what no longer serves us.

As many of you know, I have been an active member of AA since 1988. It is imperative for someone in recovery to be mindful of not holding onto "stuff" that no longer serves them. Folks in recovery, as do most people, need to evolve regularly, shedding the dysfunctions that may have worked in the past but no longer serve us. We must or we may perish mentally, spiritually and physically. Stagnation is our enemy; we need to constantly strive to evolve into healthier, happier and more spiritually developed beings. We are spiritual beings sharing a collective human experience, spiritual growth is part of what and who we are innately.

Spring holds a great opportunity for us to review our "stuff" honestly and ask ourselves whether it may be time to let go of those items that no longer serve us and move forward. This takes courage and honesty, but isn't that what Masonry teaches us to pursue? Being fully truthful with ourselves will allow us to be fully truthful with our brothers. Meeting upon the level and parting on the square is all about truth, honesty and courage. Maybe this spring we can strive to once and for all part with some of that "stuff" that has impeded our growth as spiritual beings and as Masons.

**Fraternally,
Brother William F. Wilkins
Marshal**



From the Chaplain

Greetings Brethren,

Spring is now upon us and as your Chaplain, I would like to share a quote from the King James Version of the Holy Bible. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." – Genesis 8:22 I shared this passage with all of you because I wanted to shed light on something I find interesting. While we in Arizona only seem to really have 2 seasons (hot and slightly less hot), other parts of the world officially recognize additional seasons such as pre-spring and late-summer. This passage of scripture is often associated with a 6 season calendar because of the multiple seeding and harvesting times that occur throughout the year (summer and winter crops). In its simplest form, this passage also tells us that life goes on, which is an easy lesson to comprehend, but given every struggle we have in life, sometimes a difficult one to put into practice. I hope that regardless of any struggles you may find yourself facing, you can think back to this simple concept and put it into practice.

**Fraternally,
Jonathan Beffel
Chaplain**



From the Tyler

CONSISTANCY

There are those who rank this trait as admirable, and symbolic of clarity, predictability, and to an extent, honesty. It is hard to argue with that belief, but's take another view for comparison. Being constant and unwavering probably invokes a person as stubborn in actions and persona. Anything straying from what you have always done or believed cannot be good.

A moderating view says things change and move, the engine being time. Think about the manner of dress, about politics, religion, and so on. One should not change for change's sake, but be aware of what changes there are, and weigh the consequences. It is a very subtle thing, stealthy, and ... constant. It has been wisely said that the only thing you can be sure of is change.

Dave Woodland PM

Tyler

Brother Tyler writing his first article



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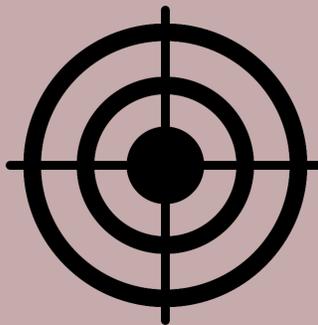
SCOTTSDALE LODGE 7TH ANNUAL SHOOT OUTING!

That's right fellow shootist, it's that time again for the Scottsdale Masonic Lodge Annual Shoot Outing.

PLACE: Ben Avery's Shooting Range in Carefree, AZ.

DATE: Saturday April 30, 2016

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM



We will be hosting a private range this year. As always, this event is open to everyone. Lunch will be served at Noon. Burgers & Dogs are on the lodge, please bring a side dish. Keep watching Facebook for more details.

Contact person: WB Scott Tracy 602-697-1132

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** APRIL EVENTS **

- Trustee Meeting 4/6
 - Stated Meeting 4/7
 - PM "Bucky" Riggins, Memorial Service 4/9
 - Viet Nam Memorial Cornerstone Ceremony 4/9
 - Degrees on, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28
 - Community Service Event
 - Lodge Shoot Outing 4/30
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March Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

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ERIK JAMES KILBO	4/4/1998	WILHELM A. AMSTUTZ III	4/18/1998	PATRICK JOSEPH McGILL	4/14/2004
EDWARD M. DIM	4/2/1953	PHILLIP L. BARTLING	4/13/2006	FREDRICK A. WOODWARD	4/18/1998
JAMIE DALE FRANK	4/14/2011	Timothy Brian Curran	4/10/2014	JEROME M TAYLOR	4/1/1985
KYLE ANDREW THOMAS	4/15/2010	NORVAL W ARMSTRONG	4/26/1950	ALLAN E. SMIDT	4/14/1966
ROBERT RUSSELL BEFFEL	4/15/2010	EDWARD EARL STEIN	4/1/1960	MARK S. TRENT	4/29/1972
ARTHUR STEVEN ELSTON	4/18/1998	SCOTT A. THOMAS PM	4/14/2005	CORY BRANDON STACY	4/10/2008
JAMES ANTHON YGRACE III	4/9/2009	ADAM NELSON DALBERG	4/14/2011	STEVEN J. SAMPSON PM	4/10/2003
TERRY N. HIGHLAND	4/29/2010	JOHN H. REYNOLDS PM	4/28/2005	DAVID C HUMPHREY	4/11/1996
DAVID AARON HARRIS	4/8/2010	DANNY A. LAZAR	4/16/2005	THOMAS A. PELLEGRINO	4/19/2007
JAMES MIKEAL CALLAHAN	4/8/2010	CARSTEN LOELKE	4/11/2013	DONALD W. POPPE	4/26/1962
MARK LEE BROWN	4/10/1981	JAMES W. BROWN PM	4/29/1988	ROBERT J. PELLEGRINO	4/19/2007
FREDERICK H GOLDINOV	4/26/1979	THOMAS R. McCARTY	4/11/2013	ROBERT V. MOSS	4/28/1977
WILFREDO CRUZ	4/16/2005	JESSE COLE GUTHERY	4/12/2012	DENNIS ALLAN PELZ	4/8/1968
JAMES RAY RAYNOVIC	4/9/2009	Charles Barclay BITNER	4/30/1968	JEFFREY ALLEN SCHILLER	4/18/1998
RONALD BRETT MILLER	4/13/2002	NORMAN L. COLBERT	4/11/1987	BRUCE H. USHER	4/29/1993
JOHN J. CUMMINS	4/14/2005	MARK HAROLD CONNER	4/27/2000	WILLIAM E LAMB	4/13/2002
James Edward McMahon III	4/10/2014	ERIC JAMES LEIDLIN	4/12/2012	MICHAEL J. LIVINGSTON	4/28/1981
Ryan David Sutherland	4/24/2014	JOSEPH P. DRIESSEN JR.	4/28/2005	DONALD S. OLIVER	4/26/1956
GAYLORD D ALDRICH	4/26/1984	DR. KURT G VON RICE	4/12/1990	BRADLEY LEE MINOR	4/24/2003
ARNOLD A AMARU	4/25/1974				

We were honored to have these four Past Grand Masters of Masons in attendance.

Pictured left to right are PGM Mike Manning, PGM Jim Rowan, PGM Henry Wilson and PGM Gerry Lankin



Military Degree Team with WM Bob Beffel and our new FC Bro. Stephen Wall

TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY CHANGE

The Trustees have made the decision to change how the Trestleboard is delivered to our Brothers. Over the past several years our membership has declined and yet the cost of printing and mailing the Trestleboard to all members has increased. Although we used Bulk mail the cost per copy and total production cost has continued to increase to the point where it will impact the budget for other programs planned for the Lodge. Since the vast majority of Brothers now have Email access and use the internet on a daily basis. We are going to be sending out the Trestleboard to you via email. You can also read it on your smartphone or computer and print it out if you so desire. For those few Brothers without email or internet access the Secretary, with approval from the WM, will printout and mail an individual copy if you request one. The Trestleboard will also continue to be placed on the Lodge website. *Look for this change to take place after the Summer break.*

Since this will eliminate our high cost of printing and mailing, look forward to more pages and content in future issues.

DON'T MISS OUT, SEND YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE SECRETARY AT:

secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com

ATTENTION ALL BROTHERS

The monthly calendar no longer appears here as activities may change before the Trestleboard can be delivered to you.

Go to the lodge website for the most current events, calendar dates and times.

<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>

HELP NEEDED

Brothers, we are putting together a list of brothers, and their skills, that are willing to help maintain the lodge building on an occasional, as needed basis.

Please email Bro. Fred LaBell at flabell@cox.net with your name, skill(s) e.g. electrical, plumbing, lifting, carpentry, computer or whatever. Include your phone number and email.

Thank you.

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Stated Meeting: The first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, except July and August.

Dinner at 6:00pm.

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