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GREETINGS
FROM THE EAST

This month I would like to focus on civic duties. Tax season is upon us and we should be proud to do our part in paying our fair share. We have elected officials who's duty it is to see that our dollars are used wisely. There are checks and balances in place to ensure this but you need to be diligent in paying attention to how the money is used and what mechanism you have to affect a change.



We will also be hosting the Military Degree Team on April 20th. It is great to see ritual performed with military precision but it is even better to be reminded of those who have served our country with distinction and honor. The Military Degree Team is 100% made up of active and retired members from many of the Branches of our Armed Forces and it has been a privilege to host them for over 25 years at Scottsdale Lodge.

Masonry holds those same ideals and values in its core fundamentals, reminding us that integrity should be the utmost value. If you believe there is anything in the Masonic Constitution or Statues that needs to be changed, there is an orderly process in place to affect such a change. Brothers propose changes, every member is provided the opportunity to voice their opinions on the changes and then the elected Pedestal officers and Past Masters together with the Grand Lodge officers, vote on the change at the Grand Lodge Communications in June.

Make sure you attend either the April or May Stated meetings so you have the opportunity to listen to the proposed changes, ask questions and voice your opinions. The brothers who established our Constitution were very wise but it is impossible to predict every situation and there are times that clarification or actual change needs to take place. Be active and part of the process!

Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS
FROM THE WEST

Dear Brothers

It is only April and already this Masonic year has been a busy one. Last month our Table Lodge was a success and next month we look forward to our annual Widows Night. In March we also had the Wine and Cheese Happy Hour and we saw the kickoff of the new Masonic Study Group, and don't forget that every Tuesday is Brotherhood, Coffee and Donuts day at the Lodge.



These extracurricular Masonic activities do more than just help us pass the time; they provide wonderful opportunities for fellowship, camaraderie, conviviality, and a sense of bonhomie.

When the members of our Masonic family come together for these events, we experience not Masonry, but Masons, and will invariably have the chance to engage in conversation with someone we may have always known, but have not known much about.

In a day when such opportunities seem to be getting rarer and rarer outside of the Lodge, these events provide our Brothers and their families respite and social discourse and the knowledge that their Lodge will always be a safe haven of friendship and sociability for the continuation of brotherly love and the true spirit of Freemasonry.

In Brotherly Love,
Bro. Curt Hills
Senior Warden



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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

I think that we as Masons are more in tune with our Civic Duties than most. By our nature we are caring and responsible people. Which suggests that beyond the civic duties we by nature take on more civic responsibilities too.

Civic Duties are limited. By law we must pay taxes. Voting is not regulated by law, but historically is a duty of every citizen. School attendance is mandated by the law and so is military service.

Beyond the civic duties are the many civic responsibilities that are matters of choice. This is where Masons excel beyond the average citizen. In the pursuit of civic responsibilities our cultural values are protected and advanced to the next generation promoting and establishing our values.

Civic responsibilities are taken on by choice and include paying attention and keeping an awareness of the events in our world so that we may protect the interest of our cultural values.

Tending to those less fortunate is not a duty, but certainly a civic responsibility.

Teaching is a noble form of civic responsibility. Whether it is teaching school, teaching martial arts a sport or a skill that one has to offer to the community and the world. People like Jack Hobbs giving his talents and time to give back.

It is a wonderful and rewarding feeling to give back to the community in the form of Time, Talent or Treasure to effect a positive change.

I believe Masons do more of these civic responsibilities than the average citizen without asking for recognition, and this is why I am proud to call you brothers.

**Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine,
Junior Warden**



REMINDER

**TRESTLEBOARD DELIVERY
CHANGE**

The Trustees made a decision to change how the Trestleboard is delivered. Over the past several years our membership has declined, yet the cost of printing and mailing the Trestleboard has increased. Although we do use Bulk Mail the cost per copy and total production cost has continued to increase to the point where it may impact the budget for other programs planned for the Lodge. Since the vast majority of Brothers now have Email access and use the internet, you can help the Lodge reduce the cost by electing to get your Trestleboard via Email only.

YOUR MAILED TRESTLEBOARD WILL CONTINUE, UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE MAILINGS.

Additionally, the Trestleboard is placed on the Lodge website. By selecting the electronic option, you get to read the Trestle Board two weeks before those who have to wait for printing, processing, labeling, and the US Mail (assuming we have your latest address).

TO MAKE THE CHANGE, SEND YOUR REQUEST VIA EMAIL TO THE SECRETARY AT:

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From the Secretary's Desk

NOTE TO ALL FROM THE GRAND LODGE!

In an ongoing effort to keep in touch with the Masons of Arizona, the Social Media Committee of the Grand Lodge of Arizona has launched an online Social Media monthly newsletter to recap some of the items each month that are trending around the State.

We hope that it will encourage communication and share knowledge around the State while also giving another outlet to the activities of our many Lodge in Arizona. As is the case with Social Media, we intend for it to be enjoyable and informative and hope that it will grow and adapt to the needs and wants of our Craft as it progresses.

<http://www.azmasons.org/docs/Copper Post November 2016.pdf>

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke
Secretary**

Bikes for Books Program

Brothers,

Our "Bikes for Books program is up and running full bore. John Covington is now chairperson Brothers Stan & Brian are our production experts and I am school coordinator.

Also Brother Brian will be picking up bikes and delivering them to schools with me. I also give talks to the students about the importance of reading. We will be also giving the top boy & girl readers a KINDLE for their graduation to High School. I will also be coordinating with all librarians about their programs.

Please support our group with bike donations and a few bucks for parts would really help. The Lodge has a fund for this so grease the Bro. Treasurer account with any donation you can afford.

These children are the future of our country and reading is the most important skill they can have.

**Fraternally,
Bill Gesswein PM**



Study Group kickoff meeting

There have been a number of requests to form a Study Group for Brothers who have become Master Masons and want to continue the Education started during the time they were receiving their Degrees and in Friend To Friend. On Sunday March 19th, a group got together for a kickoff meeting to identify what they wanted to research and discuss, how often they should meet, when and where.

The group decided that we would meet once a month, typically on the 3rd Sunday at 5pm at the Lodge for no longer than 90 minutes. Exceptions will be when a holiday (such as Easter in April) lands on the 3rd Sunday, then the group will decide on an alternate time.

We brainstormed on a number of topics of interest but the consensus was, this would only be open to Master Masons, allowing us to talk freely about any subject and not be concerned that someone wasn't allowed to participate or hear what we wanted to discuss.

One person will take the lead on investigating a topic to begin the discussion. Others can then add in what they have experienced or found on their own. A separate meeting facilitator will control the meeting so we stay on task and to help ensure everyone has a chance to participate and/or contribute to the discussion.

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From Our Past Tyler

PREDICTION

The best way to predict the future is to create it. Simply put, "I did it my way". Sounds good, but driving everything "my way" probably won't work for you. The future, as we shall live it, can only be the sum total of everybody everywhere, their life experiences, environment, social level, location, and endless factors contributing to what becomes our futures. The future is a personal, yet an undefinable state, maybe defined as the result of time and circumstances.

To create one's future as a fact, lies in one's own wants, needs, desires, and the ability to make it happen. You may have the wisdom to achieve your expressed personal future, but also the wisdom also to accept the degree of success of prediction. We have seen that predictability, even with scientific methods is, in itself, is unpredictable.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM

BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION TO LODGE

The Brother's Outreach Team has decided to raise funds for our brothers who don't drive after dark or don't drive at all so they can come to Lodge to enjoy the fellowship. If you would like to attend Lodge, contact Michael Trumbull @ 480-800-7297 to arrange for a ride to and from at no cost to you (Valley area only). If you would like to support this worthy cause, please send a check to Scottsdale Lodge 43 POB 486 Scottsdale, AZ 85252. On the check write "Transportation Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.

From Eastern Star:

Eastern Star will be hosting a major fund raiser on April 1st from 8am to 2pm. It will be held at the Sun City Masonic lodge. The monies raised will be used for scholarships and other charitable projects. It is like a country fair with all types of crafts, goods and food for purchase. All of the above is open to the public. Also Eastern Star will have a ritual competition on that day.

Scottsdale #43 Eastern Star will have a fundraising event on Wednesday 4-19-17 from 5pm to 8pm at Organ Stop Pizza, 1149 E Southern Avenue, Mesa AZ. Come with your family & friends at any time, BUT be sure to bring the flyer that will be in the mail box inside the lodge. We will not get the credit for your order without it.

Janet Mielke
Past Matron, Membership, Chr



Past Masters Night – Entered Apprentice Degree

On February 23rd, The Past Masters from our Lodge did an excellent job in conferring a First Degree on a new Brother. I'm sure this will have a lasting impression on him.



On Tuesday March 7, Seven Brothers made an Official Visit to Oriental 20

The brothers in attendance were:

- WM Bob Beffel, JW Brandon Valentine (not shown)
- Sec Stephen Clarke, Chaplain Jonathan Beffel
- PM Fred Moore, DDGM James Xie, Carl Eschenbrenner



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On March 16th, we held a Table Lodge at Scottsdale Lodge with a St Patrick's Day flair.

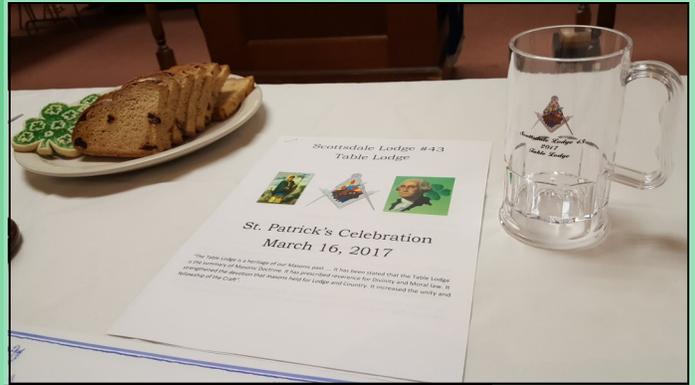
The meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage was expertly prepared by WB Scott Tracy and WB Merle Anderson from Mrs. Maddens famous and secret recipe.

We had Masonic Education by WB Bob Beffel on the link between St Patrick's Day and the Masons.

We also had a special guest visit by the mighty Titan, Atlas.

Finally, we shared in the traditional 7 Toasts but with green beverages which was followed by familiar tunes with Masonic words.

A fun time was had by all.



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

April Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Gaylord Dean Aldrich	4/26/1984	James Anthony Grace III	4/9/2009	Dennis Allan Pelz	4/8/1968
Arnold Arthur Amaru	4/25/1974	David Aaron Harris	4/8/2010	Donald William Poppe	4/26/1962
Wilhelm Albert Amstutz III	4/18/1998	Robert Hess	4/21/2016	James Ray Raynovic	4/9/2009
Norval William Armstrong	4/26/1950	Terry Nicholas Highland	4/29/2010	John Harlan Reynolds	4/28/2005
Phillip Lee Bartling	4/13/2006	Oliver Ndubuisi Ibeh	4/9/2015	Steven John Sampson	4/10/2003
Robert Russell Beffel	4/15/2010	Erik James Kilbo	4/4/1998	Efrain Sanchez	4/24/2007
Charles Barclay Bitner	4/30/1968	William Eugene Lamb	4/13/2002	Joseph Anthony Sanseverino	4/14/2016
James William Brown	4/28/1988	Danny Abraham Lazar	4/16/2005	Sergey Sheleg	4/13/2006
Mark Lee Brown	4/10/1981	Eric James Leidlein	4/12/2012	Ryan David Sutherland	4/24/2014
James Mikeal Callahan	4/8/2010	Carsten Loelke	4/11/2013	Robert Lawrence Swoboda	4/9/2015
Norman Lee Colbert	4/11/1987	Thomas Robert McCarty	4/11/2013	Jerome Maurice Taylor	4/1/1985
Mark Harold Conner	4/27/2000	Patrick Joseph McGill	4/15/2004	Kyle Andrew Thomas	4/15/2010
Wilfredo Ayala Cruz Jr	4/16/2005	Scott Dustin McLaine	4/19/2007	Scott Andrew Thomas	4/14/2005
John Joseph Cummins IV	4/14/2005	James Edward McMahan III	4/10/2014	Mark Samuel Trent	4/29/1972
Timothy Brian Curran	4/10/2014	Bradley Lee Minor	4/24/2003	Bruce Henry Usher	4/29/1993
Adam Nelson Dahlberg	4/14/2011	Robert Victor Moss	4/28/1977	Stephen McCutcheon Wall	4/14/2016
Joseph Patton Driessen Jr	4/28/2005	Donald Starr Oliver	4/26/1956	Jonathan Roy Winchester	4/22/1995
Arthur Steven Elston	4/18/1998	Richard Thomas Patterson	4/7/1977	Fredrick Arnold Woodward	4/18/1998
Jamie Dale Frank	4/14/2011	Robert James Pellegrino	4/19/2007	Conley Floyd Wright	4/26/1962
Frederick Hilary Goldinov	4/26/1979	Thomas Andrew Pellegrino	4/19/2007		

Did you miss these events... We'll do it again.

Wine and Cheese night – On March 10th approximately 30 people dropped in to have good conversation over Wine and Cheese. A very successful event that will continue once a quarter.

Movie night – On Feb 24th we provided popcorn, candy and others brought snacks as well. There were two movies that were playing at the same time, one in the Lodge and one in the Dining Room. Four people watched “The Gods Must be Crazy” in the Lodge and a dozen people watched a sing along version of “Mama Mia”. It was agreed we will do this every quarter. If you have a suggestion on “G” rated movies please let the Secretary know!

April Holidays to Celebrate



Easter is on April 17th when our Christian Brothers celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

Passover begins on April 10th and goes through April 18th this when our Jewish Brothers celebrate the Jews being brought out of slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.



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**** April Calendar Events ****

- April 5 Trustee Meeting
- April 6 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner
- April 13 Master Mason Degree Night
- April 20 Military Degree Team Fellowcraft Degree
- April 23 Study Group at 5pm
- April 27 Entered Apprentice Degree

***CHECK THE LODGE WEB SITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE and DETAILS**

<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>



SAVE THE DATE

May 25th

Widows Night Play

Never before presented in our lodge.

Watch for more details.



MEETING PLACE

Scottsdale Masonic Lodge,
2531 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ.

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

Dinner at 6:00pm.

For further information call (480) 946-1072 or visit www.scottsdalelodge43.com.

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