

TRESTLEBOARD

Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

My second year as Worshipful Master is well underway. You will notice some changes over my first year as I now have a much better feel for the business side of running the Lodge. We are making an active effort to promote more fun times and more educational opportunities.

The Table Lodge this year will be different from past years as it will not be quite as formal. We will be singing songs as we toast the various bodies. You will notice more Friday night activities throughout the year. The Tuesday morning coffee and doughnut club has been a great time for brothers to come down and shoot the breeze in a relaxed atmosphere. One time we had 12 Brothers participate.

You will see card nights, movie nights, wine and cheese get-togethers, bowling, go carts and maybe even a trip to the ball park for either a spring training game or during the regular season. The more people participate, the more activities we will plan so come out and share some Brotherly Love. If you have an idea for an event, let me know and we will get it scheduled.

Remember to do something nice for your special person on St. Valentine's Day this month. They let you spend time at the Lodge so say thanks in your own special way.

Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Dear Brothers,

The view from the West this year is very encouraging. I am so impressed with our line-up of officers, and look forward to the coming year and the character-building and accomplishments it will bring.

This year, as Senior Warden, I will have the pleasure of testing the proficiency of each new Mason. This is a duty that I have been looking forward to as it will give me the opportunity to touch the lives of many new Brothers by assuring they have the proper knowledge to help them be successful on their Masonic journey.

It is always a joy to watch our new Brothers proceed through the degrees, to observe the excitement in their eyes as they experience the wonders of Freemasonry for the first time, and share in their excitement as we impart to them the Masonic gift of Brotherly love, Relief, and Truth.

Fraternally,
Curt Hills
Senior Warden



Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

This year, Scottsdale Lodge again participated in the Community Service project called, Feed My Starving Children program. The program takes volunteers and trains them to create food packs and then the volunteers combine raw resources into pouches and seals them off for distribution around the world. We pray over the food and ask that it be used to help as many needed people as possible. The actual work involves being assigned to a station with 7 other people. Each person is assigned a task such as measuring ingredient A, B, C or D. Another task was to open a bag, place it under a funnel for the ingredients, another is to weigh the ingredients to make sure it has enough food. Other people seal bags or restock each station with ingredients or bags. The time went by so quickly that about the time you feel you were really getting the hang of it, they were calling for everyone to stop and clean up their area. To learn more about this program, look them up at the following website.

<https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer-info>

*******NEW CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE POLICY NOW IN EFFECT*******

Credit card dues payments are now \$190 (actual cost is \$184.00). The credit card companies charge 3-4% fees to the Lodge for each purchase. Dues payments are considered a purchase. We accept credit cards as a **convenience** to the brothers, so it has been decided that the credit card convenience fee rounded to the next highest dollar will be assessed to the brother. Any overage will be credited to the Lodge. This will apply to all credit card purchases. We appreciate your understanding. Cash and checks for dues payments of \$184 are gladly accepted."

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

There's a new Sheriff in town.

There's a new Sheriff in town. Brethren, I want to take this opportunity to recognize brother Curt Hills for the stellar performance last year in the kitchen as Junior Warden. He put a lot of love and creativity in his work. We ate well and Curt raised the standard in the reputation of Scottsdale Lodge for serving great meals.



The kitchen is a tremendous operation at Scottsdale Lodge. I am pleased that my first stated dinner came off very well and I am so grateful to the brothers who assisted me. I know who you are and I appreciate you so much. It is a wonderful feeling to get your assistance.

I want to thank my brothers, and my brothers to be in the friend to friend for a thorough job cleaning up after dinner too.

My plan for this year is to serve the traditional steak dinner for the stated meetings. I heard your comments that the monster potatoes were just too big and I will find smaller potatoes or cut them in half before I bake them.

The second week of the month the ladies of the Amaranth will be serving.

The third week I intend to alternate serving a chili (I just made it yesterday for this week and it is good) with scratch cornbread or meatballs in stroganoff, or homemade macaroni and cheese (my daughter Carlisle has agreed to make it) and collard greens.

The fourth week I plan to serve steaks again or chicken breasts.

I am grinding Italian dark roast coffee beans for the coffee. I will not fail to have both chocolate and vanilla ice cream and my daughter Peyton will frequently be making the Ghirardelli brownies that disappeared for dessert.

I look forward to this rite of passage and will keep the good counsel of Curt to cook with love for the 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

GOOD BROTHERS!

Thank you all for what you do for your Lodge. There are so many of you who help out in many ways. We probably fail to say "thank you" as often as we should...we'll work on that. It's the Brothers who keep this Lodge viable and working as a Temple to Freemasonry.

We have received 2017 dues from many of you which is greatly appreciated. For those who haven't gotten around to paying, please do so as soon as you can. If you have financial or health issues preventing you from paying dues, please let the Secretary know (480-946-1072) OR email secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

In 2017 I hope all of us can "step up" and help the Lodge with your talents or finances. We have some pricey projects that need to be done so anytime throughout the year you have a few extra dollars please send them our way. We need about \$3000 to replace the dining room chairs (which are painfully thin now). Reupholstering them is not an affordable option when compared to replacing them.

We also have the drapes on the East wall that are over 40 years old that need some type of replacement (either fabric or some other creative design). An initial price for replacing the drapes is around \$17,000! If you have other creative ideas other than fabric that possess the elegance factor needed for the East, please let the Secretary know.

Thanks again to all of you!

Fraternally,

**Stephen Clarke
Secretary**

MASONIC EDUCATION

**THE TWO PILLARS
by H. Jordan Roscoe 32 degree
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THE Fellow-Craft is introduced to the wonders of his world of art and science through portals flanked by two massive pillars.

Detailed description of these pillars in the Books of Kings indicates a style of design common to Egyptian architecture, where a pillar terminates in a capital representing a conventionalized lotus blossom, or the seed pod of that sacred lily. Such twin pillars are frequently found among Egyptian and Sumerian archaeological remains. The pillars of King Solomon's Temple, and in fact that entire group of structures, were the work of Phoenician artists, according to the Biblical account. From other sources we gather that these same designers and craftsmen, initiated Dionysiac architects, were responsible for the magnificent palaces and temples at Byblos, the cultural and esthetic center of ancient Phoenicia. The Phoenician realm occupied an area roughly the same as that of modern Syria and Lebanon, and in Biblical accounts is usually called Tyre, from the name of its then capital city. Byblos, also known as Gub'l or Gebal, the present-day village of Jebeil, was particularly famous for architects and sculptors.

The twin pillars symbolize the dual nature of life and death, positive and negative or rather active (establishment) and passive (endurance), male and female, light and dark, good and evil, uniting in a central point of equilibrium, the apex of an equilateral triangle; a circle between two parallel uprights. Isis represented standing between two pillars of opposing polarity, the Ark of the Covenant between two Cherubim, Christ crucified between two thieves, are all symbols of the same trinity, the completeness and perfection of Deity. That the twin pillars resemble the conventional symbol for Gemini, third sign of the Zodiac, is no accident, but rather due to the common ancestry of the two apparently unrelated symbols.

In some lectures the pillars are said to be 35 cubits high, the height given in II Chronicles, King James Version. Another version of the same source gives the height as 120 cubits. Since the height of the first or outer chamber was probably no more than 30 cubits, the measurement given in I Kings: 18 cubits, seems more likely to be correct. The addition of map globes atop the pillars is a modern invention, with little Biblical or other authority and serving little purpose but to permit the lecturer to harp upon the advantages of studying astronomy, geography, etc., worthy pursuits but wholly unrelated to the symbolism of the pillars.

Whether the three chambers of the Temple were connected by stairs is debatable. The best-informed scholars believe the Temple roof was flat, in which case the successively decreasing heights of the chambers, plus the somewhat sloping configuration of the site, would require approach and connection by means of either stairways or of some sort of ladder and trapdoor arrangement. Certainly the fantastically elaborate many-storied versions of the Temple depicted by some well-intentioned but ill-informed Bible illustrators and Masonic artists are so illogical and at variance with the few known facts and testimony of both the Bible and history as to seem the figments of a disordered imagination. Josephus stated that the Temple was of Grecian style which implies entablature and consequently a flat roof, although he had the cart before the horse, since Greek architecture was derived from Phoenician, not the reverse.

In any case, the stairway of our lectures is purely symbolic, consisting as it does of the significant numbers 3, 5, and 7. In such a series, 3 symbolizes such qualities as peace, friendship, justice, piety, temperance, and virtue. 5 represents light, health, and vitality- 7 is a symbol of control, judgment, government, and religion.

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

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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 HELPING BROTHERS!

Sometimes life sends us a curve. As Masons, it may mean that we develop health or financial issues that prevent us from being able to pay dues for a while. It can happen to any of us at any time!

Masonic lodges have an option to help when those situations occur. It's called "Regulation 19." What that means is that once approved by the Lodge, a Brother will not have to pay dues until he gets back on his feet. Sometimes it may be a year or two and sometimes it may be for life. If after a while a Brother gets back on his feet, he just needs to resume paying dues and there is nothing owed for the time he was not able to pay dues. Let the Lodge Secretary know if you think you can resume your dues payments.

If you face a challenging situation, contact the Lodge Secretary and discuss it with him. We don't want to lose a brother over a dues payment that couldn't be made due to hardship. Sometime we just need some help and who better to help a Mason than another Mason?

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.

ANNOUNCING

Masonic Scholarships for College Bound Students

“Applications for 2017 - 2018 Grand Lodge scholarships are now available from Stephen Clarke, Secretary, announces Worshipful Master Bob Beffel.

The deadline for completing the application – along with other required documents – is April 1, 2017. The completed application and other documents are to be submitted to the Lodge Secretary by that date.

Applications will be reviewed, forwarded to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee, which will consider the applications and notify the successful recipients in mid-July of 2017.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of an Arizona Master Mason, or be an Arizona member (or an Arizona senior/majority member) of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters. Applicants must be single, planning to attend an Arizona public university or community college.

Inasmuch as considerable work must be done by applicants to complete the application and compile the necessary documents, it is urged that applicants not delay in doing the necessary paperwork.”

From Eastern Star:

Eastern Star has a busy spring planned.

On Monday, February 13, Scottsdale #43 will be having a chili dinner at 6 pm to honor the Job's Daughters and their leaders currently meeting at Scottsdale lodge. Masons are invited, as well.

As you may remember, Eastern Star has been and still is collecting personal supplies for our soldiers, both human and K-9. We will be packing all the supplies at various locations throughout the state on February 18. If you have someone that should be remembered, please call me. Also, please don't leave it as a message as I wish to talk to you directly. Thanks for your interest.

Janet Mielke, Past Matron
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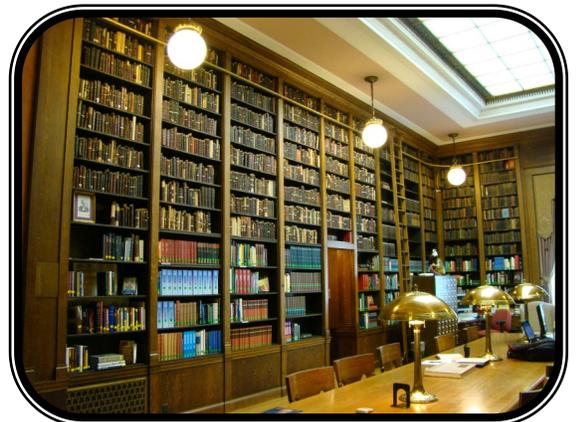
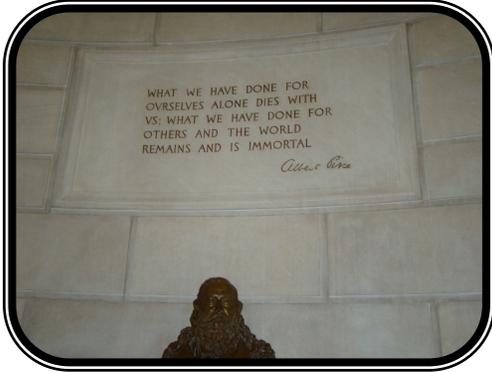
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Brother Fred's visit to The House of The Temple, Washington D. C.



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

February Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Jeffrey Otis Amstutz	2/9/1995	Henry William Johnson	2/23/1989	Terrence David Mundy	2/11/2010
Adam Daniel Arena	2/28/2008	Kenneth Joseph Jones	2/20/1974	Dennis Leslie Reynolds	2/25/1988
Thomas Lee Asbury	2/26/1970	Steven Paul LaBell	2/28/2008	John Alexander Robinson	2/12/2009
Michael Wayne Bozarth	2/21/2002	Gerald Harris Lankin	2/26/1970	Ronald Milton Robinson	2/27/1964
John Scott Brower	2/29/1972	Kyle Andrew Larkin	2/17/2005	Roy Eugene Sansom	2/25/1971
Robert Abel Elsner, PM	2/27/1986	Roger A. Luedeman	2/3/1983	David Richard Schafnit	2/19/1998
Edward Vincent Garcia	2/18/2003	Peter Mathern	2/22/2007	Francis Arthur Shanley	2/19/1998
James Clarence Hedberg	2/28/1963	James Farrell McClelland II	2/28/2007	Troy Bennett Steckenrider	2/7/1976
Gregory Clayton Hein	2/22/1973	Christopher Martie McDaniel III	2/20/2003	Ross Gerard Suozzi	2/18/1999
Richard Gaylen Honneywell	2/26/1976	James Harris Meredith	2/24/1977	Robert Dale Tarr	2/18/1956
George Craig Hutchinson	2/22/1973	Erik Richard Mindermann	2/20/2003	Scott Herbert Tracy PM	2/28/2008
Dirk Alan Johnson	2/17/2000	Thomas Alan Minor	2/21/2002	Gary Fremont Underhill	2/20/1967
				Henry Arthur Wilson Jr, PGM	2/18/1972

MOVIE NIGHT

**MOVIES
for the
FAMILY**

Brothers and guests, join us at **7:00pm on Friday Feb 24th** for a Movie Night at the Lodge. This is a family event so bring your significant others and family. The Lodge will only have snacks and drinks, so have dinner before you come. The movie will be one that has recently come out on DVD but probably not Masonic themed, we'll save those for our Friend to Friend program.

HELP IS NEEDED FROM ALL BROTHERS!!

We have been working to update both the database software and the information contained. We currently have probably 50 brothers who lack phone numbers, some lack addresses, and email addresses. Please just email the Secretary with the info at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com! No email? Just call 480-946-1072 or mail it to Scottsdale Lodge #43 POB 486 Scottsdale, AZ 85252 to correct it with us as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Brothers, this is a **VERY** important request! It is essential that we be able to contact you. It is difficult and time consuming to try to locate a brother. We try the internet, Facebook, LinkedIn, other Masonic organizations to try to locate a brother we can't contact. A little help from you can make a BIG difference!

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so your address and phone can be updated. We have 40-50 brothers we cannot contact at all!

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**** February Calendar Events ****

- February 1 Trustee Meeting
- February 2 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner
- February 9 Third Degree Night
- February 16 Second degree Night
- February 23 Past Masters Night, First degree
- February 24 Movie Night

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

<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>

SAVE THE DATE

Lodge Happy Hour

Wine and Cheese Happy Hour on Friday, March 10th starting at 5:30 until 7:30pm. Come to join us. Bring a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d'oeuvres.

Bring your wife or your girlfriend, but don't bring both. Bring your friends along if they would like to meet us too.

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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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