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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

A new year is here and as light begins to lengthen our days in January, we should look for ways to access and take advantage of more light in Masonry.

Physical light is something that is there, illuminates a subject, gives it warmth, gives it life, allows it to grow but only if there is something for it to shine on. For instance, in the vacuum of space, it is cold even though there is light all around. It is not until a body interrupts the light and the light interacts with that body that you have warmth generated.

In order for us as Masons to receive benefit from the light, we must show up to Lodge. We must interact with our brothers at social events and participate in committees. We must investigate thoughts and materials which have been generated by many Masons in the past. For just like the light in space, if there is nothing to reflect against, the light will just pass us by.

There is another thought I wish to leave you with. Transparent materials allow light to pass through them without affecting the Light. If everything were 100% transparent, you would not be able to see anything and you would effectively be blind. Don't be transparent as a Mason, allowing the light to just pass through you. Use it.

Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Dear Brothers,

It felt as though it would never come, but my tour of duty in the kitchen has reached its end. The long days cooking and the long nights cleaning have shown me that planning, execution, and follow-through can accomplish great things. Working side by side with Brothers and Friend-to-Friends has taught me that building character can only come through interaction with others, not only through cooperation, but through conflict as well. The starting point for all accomplishments is Vision. When you have Vision you can see the end result and from there work to achieve it. By far, the most valuable factor in any accomplishment is trust; specifically, trust in yourself. Many a time have I had a magnificent vision only to say to myself, "I can't do that." I have learned to quickly counter that thought with, "yes you can, just trust yourself." No vision is attainable if you don't trust your own abilities.

As we embark upon the new year, I would like to welcome the new Junior Warden to the kitchen and wish him the best. I would like to thank all the Brothers and Friends who have helped me prepare dinner for the Lodge. I will not attempt to name them all for fear that I might miss even one. So, if you have ever helped me in the noble work of the kitchen, always, usually, sometimes, or just once, I say to you, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

There's no way I could have done it alone.

Fraternally,
Curt Hills
Senior Warden



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Happy New Year

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Light.

The South and the position of the Junior Warden addresses the Sun and pays respect to its importance. Beginning on December 22 of every year the days begin to get longer as each day we get 1/182.5, or about 8 minutes more of light each day. We are gaining light until June 21 when the days will begin to shrink as we make our annual journey around the Sun. Metaphorically the lodge is also gaining light this time of the year as well. The new officers are just settling into the new positions and learning the nuances that shed light upon their duties. The brethren are gaining insight into the character of the new officers and the new direction for the 2017 year is revealed.



To all of us this time of year a new awareness reveals itself and new opportunities for growth in ourselves and in our lodge come to light.

Fraternally,

**Brandon Valentine,
Junior Warden**

From the Chaplain

Greetings Brethren,

A new year of Masonry is upon us and I have once again been called to be your chaplain. As the chaplain, one of my duties is to be the official prompter and as such, I often find myself in situations where light is hard to come by in order to effectively perform my duty. You may see me approach the alter lights or lean my head or body in awkward positions in order to get just enough light to assist with a prompt when needed. But the beauty of that situation is that the light that allows me to see the ritual book affords me the opportunity to give light to a brother in need who has become lost in the darkness of their own mind. I try my best to give them just enough light to spark their own flame, much like in the DeMolay ceremony of lights we saw during the installation of officers. It is truly a wonderful experience to see a brother who was lost in the darkness take the tiniest of lights for guidance, only to shine like a beacon for the rest of the night. That is one of the best things about being the Chaplain on a ritual night and I am happy to serve another term.

**Fraternally,
Jonathan Beffel
Chaplain**



From the Marshal

"Light"

As Individuals, as a Nation, as a Society, and as a Race we are living troublesome and difficult times; we have become selfish, distant and turned against each other due to our different ideology, custom, and actions; when we thought that we couldn't be more divided, we surprised ourselves.

But not everything is pessimist and tragic; we have seen that humankind has been able to come together and overcome differences and unite; rebuild from debris and shine through adversity; for each step back there is a chance for a step forward, for each mistake there is a solution, for each fail there is a success; for each break there is an amend.

When I think about Light, I think about opportunity, I think about a new beginning, a chance to change and rectify, there cannot be light without darkness and darkness without light; but it is our choice to choose that light, to embrace it, to carry it, to light the way and keep it on to walk through adversity and guide others.

Because of its warmth, because of its protection, because of its security, light attracts towards it and comforts.

Let's challenge ourselves to be carriers of light and hold on to that promise.

Best wishes for this New Year and remember to always be a beacon of Light.

**Fraternally,
Javier Keim
Marshal**



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From the Secretary's Desk

“LIGHT FROM WITHIN”

As Freemasons we are all aware of how “light” is described in our teachings. Finding greater “light” as a lifelong quest is one of the many beautiful elements of our fraternity. As I thought about “light” I reached into my Lodge experience and the relationships I have with many of my Brothers.

During the first decades of my life, my time was spent in businesses. Some I owned and some other people owned. The last thirty years my business as a consultant and professional executive coach centered on helping people improve themselves (by finding greater light) which also helped me find greater light. When I knocked on the door to Freemasonry, I began a more inward focus to find greater light within myself. I devoted more effort focusing on who I was as a man and what I believe my role in this world to be which is helping others. Many of us have learned the greatest joy comes from helping others, especially our Brothers.

It all comes from the heart with the mind helping us learn and exhibit new behaviors. For me, it has been a journey of joy, doing what I can to make others’ lives better. I know I fall short of the mark many times, but I keep trying. After all, as Masons we are about “Making Good Men Better.” Taking the time to talk with our brothers to learn their victories, struggles, and challenges both past and present is a great first step to finding a far deeper “light” from within.

As this new year begins, let us all let our “light” benefit all our Brothers. Lead by example; your presence can have a great effect on those around you. Leadership can be defined as “The ability to influence the behaviors of other.” Helping to teach others is one element of “light,” as is learning and gaining more “light” ourselves.

For those brothers who haven’t attended Lodge in some time, please try to join us at 6pm almost every Thursday. Of the 430 members of our Lodge, I know perhaps 25%. The 25% I know I truly appreciate and value. I would like to know the other 75%, how amazing might that be? There are many wonderful times at the Lodge and getting to know our Lodge Brothers is an opportunity for each of us to find more “light.”

Remember, if you need a ride or help getting to Lodge, call the Secretary (480-946-1072) and I will arrange for transportation at no cost to you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MY BROTHERS!

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke
Secretary**



From the Senior Steward

Well, I’m late in getting this written, still with all hustle and bustle that this season brought, I’m grateful that I have this time now. So, here I sit on Christmas morning ponderously contemplating how to broach this subject of “Light;” with so vast a theme and one which offers infinite layers of understanding that might be shared. Thusly, the most difficult part of the process is proving to be selecting the placement of that first step.

Earlier in the month, while enjoying the Scottish Rite Holiday Party with my family and some of my dearest friends, the subject of Hanukkah came up. My best friend who happens to be Jewish, made a comment, something to the effect of “Well, as Jewish holidays go Hanukkah is not the most amazing, I mean...next to the 10 plagues and the Passover, a lamp that stayed lit for 8 days while oil was retrieved, just isn’t all that impressive.” At that, my wife popped right up and said – “Now wait a second, that’s actually some really deep and poignant symbolism! I mean...this is the eternal flame, that we’re talking about here, right? And when you think about light and all that it represents for mankind... It seems to me that a pretty beautiful message is being conveyed - that for our benefit, God will not allow that light, which he has given to mankind to be extinguished, as long as efforts to maintain it are being made.”

That got me thinking about a lecture I had been listening to by Manley P. Hall wherein he is discussing the nature of the soul and its innate inclinations in contrast with the frustrations and internal struggles with Darkness. The entire lecture is profound, to say the least; however, a very few particular statements were presented that made a tremendous impact on me. First: “You cannot serve your own weaknesses while at the same time serving the purpose of constructive creation.”

We are, all of us divine beings in embryo, especially superb in filling the roles which we have chosen for ourselves and acutely capable of developing our uniquely endowed divine propensities; for some of us this is wood working, for others it is the manipulation of numbers, and still for others - it may be the capacity to listen with compassion. Regardless, just as Tiny Tim and Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas’ are all integral to the story and starkly representative of seemingly opposing paradigms, still...they are each critical characters, created within the mind of Dickens, and therefore incapable of escaping the purpose for which they were brought into being. Can we possibly imagine that the same is not true for each one of us?

The second statement from the lecture that I wanted to share is - “There isn’t enough darkness in all existence to obscure the light of even a solitary candle’s flame.” Many times in my life have I heard the allegory of the dark room and the futile attempt to shovel out the darkness, which of course will never work. Conversely, by rather simply opening the window shutters and letting the light in, the need to rid the darkness from the room becomes moot. Of course this makes sense, however cliché or trite it may sound. Still, not until hearing this statement from Brother Hall, had I given sincere thought to how little light is required to dispel even the most palpable of darkness’s.

My dear Brothers, as we embark upon the journey that will be 2017, in what way will you share your light with us? What will be your constructive creative endeavor? How will you fill your special role in this magnificent tale, we call life?

**Fraternally,
Michael Trumbull
Senior Steward**

Scottsdale 43’s
2016 Christmas
Angel Giving Tree



2017 Lodge Installation of Officers



Our retiring Tyler, Dave Woodland PM received the Mason of the Year Award from WM Bob Beffel.



Custom celebratory cake was yummy.



The Job's Daughters Bethel 21 young ladies joined us and presented their Closing Cross Ceremony



The DeMolay's told us about their Fraternity Precepts represented by the seven candles



Our world renown organist, Dr. Carlos Rausch PM, was again installed as the lodge organist.

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

January Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Frank Jackson Akers	1/15/1953	Jack Richard Elkinton	1/27/1972	Douglas Charles Morehead	1/25/1973
Roger Dale Bates Jr	1/9/2012	William Gary Foster	1/25/1973	Richard Charles Munroe	1/25/1962
Alfred Gerald Bielsky	1/27/1983	Warren Dewayne Fry	1/22/1976	Peter James Orphanos	1/21/1957
Barney B.Blaine	1/23/1958	Robert Arnold Gayle Sr	1/17/1970	Massimo Mauricio Paolillo	1/28/1999
Todd Samuel Blanc	1/27/2005	Charles Leslie Hall	1/26/1978	Jonathan David Perez	1/18/2007
Edward Judson Booth III	1/27/1977	Helmut John Hammen	1/13/2011	Donald Dean Phillips	1/25/1968
William Roscoe Bryant Sr	1/31/1968	Lucas Elbert Janssen	1/14/2010	Michael Robert Rooney	1/20/1966
Calvin John Burns	1/15/2015	Elliott Lance Korona	1/13/2011	Richard Ellsworth Sizemore	1/25/1962
Jeffrey Michael Butler	1/25/1990	Fred Isenberg LaBell	1/22/1969	Darrell Dean Smith	1/3/1958
Gregory Carbone	1/28/1999	Armond Liebling	1/10/2013	Ross Theodore Summers	1/23/1969
David Allen Crawford	1/18/1967	Michael Allen Lien	1/9/2014	Jared Nicholas Thomason	1/11/2007
Evan LeRoy Davies	1/26/1984	Paul Allen Manera	1/28/1960	Brandon John Valentine	1/29/1998
Eric Dean Deaton	1/9/2003	Harry Edward Markham	4/16/1974	William Woods	1/28/1988
John Charles DeMoss	1/29/2004	Chase Raymond Masters	1/9/2014	James Xie	1/18/2007
Richard Dodson Dyer	1/14/2010	Vincent Anthony Mazzotta	1/11/2007	Edilberto Pabololot Yabut	1/25/2007
Shane Darrell Eckberg	1/18/2007	Michael George McCall	1/27/1977	Jason Taylor Yakel	1/9/2003

From the Editor

Light That Remains

Did you ever walk into a darkened room and light a single candle? The yet darkened room would then have a gentle but dim glow all around, yet the light it sheds fades away into the corners. As more candles are lit the light in the room gets brighter and the shadows fade and even the darkest corners get brighter.

A lodge is like the dark room before the each brother brings his light, like a candle into it. The more brothers contributing to the light the brighter the lodge gets. Their added light once brought into the lodge for all to share, remains even after they have left us.

As you look around our lodge room, reflect on the many brothers that have come and gone in the over fifty years Scottsdale Lodge #43 has existed. The lodge always encourages each man to be a better man, then before he sought light and became a Mason. The light from our past brothers still shines in our lodge. It became brighter because of them. May your light added to theirs, continue to lead us all to be better men in our daily lives. May the memory of our departed brothers continue to brighten our lodge.

Fred LaBell,
Trestleboard Editor

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.

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**** January Calendar Events ****

- January 4 Trustee Meeting
- January 5 Stated Meeting—Steak Dinner
- January 12 Third Degree Night
- January 19 Second degree Night
- January 26 First degree Night

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