

TRESTLEBOARD

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

October is here and it is the time when the seasons begin their transformation from summer to winter. If you are from the mid-west, you are familiar with the leaves changing from their standard, everyday green color to brilliant shades of red, yellow, purple and even brown. If you are into sports, some of the seasons are wrapping up and teams are making their best effort to win the final goal. At the end of the month, we celebrate Halloween, a time that we transform into a different persona for a day. The officers at the Lodge are wrapping up the current year and preparing for the next year. Because of all these transformations, I wanted to dedicate this issue of the Trestle Board to transformations in general but specifically how that can be viewed at a personal level for all of us.



Masonry provides us an opportunity to grow and become better men. If we continue to do same thing over and over, we would not change. ; However when we walk thru the lobby door and prepare for dinner, we shed the burdens of the day and begin conversations with others who are doing the same thing. In many cases, we see a familiar face of a brother we have come to know over a great many years. In other cases, we introduce ourselves to others who may be new to the Lodge or wanting to expand their sphere of friendship.

The dinner hour is a social event in which we will likely be sitting at a table with both people we know and others we don't. As the discussions begin, we give insight to others about who we are and what we want to become. This continues the transformation from the outside world to the inside world of Masonry.

The Jr. Deacon bell rings as notice of the Lodge meeting which is about to start and we finish our conversations and move to the Lodge room. In some cases, we sit in the same comfortable chair that we have sat in for years, next to our friend who has been doing the same. In other cases, we sit on a different side of the Lodge to get a different perspective. In Lodge there is a decorum which must be followed, an order to the proceedings, officers performing their work and candidates beginning their journey.

The night ends and we go our separate ways. On the way home, we think about the opportunities that were available for growth and how we handled ourselves. Did we make the best use of the time? Will we do something differently next week when we begin the transformation all over again.

In October, we are planning a costume party on Oct 22nd, more
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OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

Brethren,

As you know, the Senior Warden, Brother James Callahan, will not be able to continue in his role for the rest of this year and has withdrawn from consideration for Worshipful Master next year. I had a long discussion with the current Junior Warden, Brother Curt Hills, to see if it made sense for him to be considered for election to Worshipful Master next year. The consensus was, he would prefer to spend a full year to prepare himself for that role.

While the position of Worshipful Master at Scottsdale has been an amazing experience for me, it has also taken more time than I expected. That being said, I would be willing to serve as Worshipful Master for a second term if the Lodge decides to elect me. I have discussed it with my family because it is asking a lot of them as well. If the Lodge decides to elect someone else as Worshipful Master next year, I would have no hard feelings and would help them as much as they needed.

We have also had a few other officers who were not able to complete their year due to work assignments or family needs. To these Brothers, I say thank you for your time served, it was my pleasure to work with you. Since there are only a few months remaining and since only one Brother will be skipping a chair, I have decided to have the existing officers complete their terms in the stations and places to which they were installed and continue the duties. I will cover for the duties of the Senior Warden in leading his committees. But for ritual work, we will continue the rest of the year in the next chair up and for those seeking proficiency, they may sit in the East as needed and I will backfill for them on those nights.

I am writing this article so you are aware of the situation and how we are handling it. I know we all agree that our focus should always be on what's in the best interest of the Lodge. I am interested in continuing to "grow" our Lodge in positive ways and maintain a high level of stability with our purpose as Freemasons of Scottsdale Lodge 43.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master

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details to follow. The annual Lodge picnic is set for Sunday Nov 20th and we are again planning to participate in the Angel Giving Tree this year which culminates at a holiday party in December. Finally, the Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, Dec 11th so mark your calendars.

Fraternally,
Bob Beffel
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Dear Brethren,

This year has been exceptionally trying for me, as I have desperately tried to balance my personal life with my Masonic duties. Each, I'm afraid, has suffered for the sake of the other. If only I could separate the two, or merge them, or somehow just be better at each.

The problem with separating them is that my Masonic life adds so much to my personal life, and without my personal life, I wouldn't have much need for the teachings of Masonry. One enriches the other. One gives meaning to the other.

To merge them seems like a wonderful idea. Though Masonry is with me always and wherever I go, a man has got to make a living, and can't spend all his time at the Lodge.

To be better at each is of course my goal; however, this is something to strive for. If this would just magically happen I would not experience the lessons of life that I seek, I would not grow, and I would not learn what I am capable of.

It is the experiencing of both lives simultaneously that increases the value of each. With every struggle, every obstacle, and every frustration that I encounter, I remind myself that these frustrations are not impeding my success, but that the overcoming of these obstacles is success, and that although a true balance may never be attained, it is the lessons learned and the self-worth I have earned, that is the true reward for my efforts.

Fraternally,
Curt Hills
Junior Warden

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From the Junior Steward

To my Fellow Brethren,

I have had the honor of serving you fine gentlemen as a Junior Steward for the end of 2015 & so far the year of 2016. I am deeply saddened to inform you that due to my work schedule I will no longer be able to serve as an officer. It has been an honor to serve my home lodge for the time that I did, being a part of the officer line was an incredible remarkable experience that I won't be forgetting anytime soon. As an officer it made me appreciate the time that & effort that is put into setting up lodge for our fellow brethren & seeing the dedication my fellow officers put into learning & mastering the rituals as well as the Worshipful for making every experience for each new brother as memorable as possible. I will still try to attend lodge as many times as I can, as I am still as passionate about Masonry today as I was the first day I first walked through those doors.

Farewell,
Bro. Matthew Chavez
Junior Steward

From the Marshal

Brethren,

Would you say that you are as much a Mason outside of Temple as you are inside? Do you apply what you learn inside Temple to your everyday experiences? Do you walk the walk or talk the talk? This month we're discussing our persona. Does it differ from day to day, moment to moment or even event by event or, are you constant? In Masonry we are taught to square our actions, circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds. How do these lessons affect your life? Do we apply the working tools indiscriminately or selectively?

One of many beautiful aspects of Masonry is that it teaches us how to conduct ourselves in the World. Act upon the level and part upon the square; be a decent and caring Man in this increasingly complicated World. My goal as a Mason is to continue to better myself through the lessons and teachings of our Craft. Masons are spiritual beings having a very human experience. We are here to continually work to soften the rough edges of our ashlar and grow into the best men we are capable of becoming, with God's help. When we part from this place and enter the Grand Lodge where G presides, I believe that He will ask us; how closely did our outside persona match our inside persona?

Fraternally,
William F. Wilkins
Marshal



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From the Secretary's Desk

AUTHENTICITY & FREEMASONRY

A man joins this fine fraternity of Freemasonry with something in mind. Perhaps he is following in the footsteps of his father or grandfather; perhaps he has a vision of the type of man he is or wants to be; perhaps he is intrigued by the vast history. Regardless of the reason, it is the source of his motivation to become a Freemason. Hopefully, each man joins the fraternity as a good man "to become better."

As men and certainly as Freemasons, "authenticity" is the foundation of who we are and where we are going. If we are pure of heart to Freemasonry and to ourselves as sons, brothers, fathers, husbands, and representatives of the greatest fraternity in the World, we will take each step of our "Journey" with authenticity in mind. Knowing who we are and how we want others and the World around us to perceive us is the test of our authenticity.

If we live with multiple "personas," we experience conflicts. People may be confused by the person they see. To truly be a honorable Freemason, living by our obligations, we should be "the same" in our thoughts and actions at all times. If we honor ourselves, our God, our family and our fraternity, we must be authentic in our thoughts and actions. We do not want to be "a Mason in name only," a term often used for those Freemasons who pay their dues each year but don't attend meetings or get involved in lodge events.

When each of us completed our first three degrees and wholeheartedly accepted our Obligations, it "raised" the expectations that many people have of us and that we should have of ourselves. If Freemasons are some of the finest, most influential men who have walked this Earth, then we should always remember that a higher standard is expected of us and being forever authentic to "live" that higher standard is our life's goal.

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke, Secretary**

Brother's Outreach Committee

Brethren,

Have you ever used a word with a significant other, close friend or family member, only to have them become incensed or distressed or just plain take the whole thing wrong? And you're left thinking "...I don't know what just happened, right now! I thought I meant one thing, and they heard something completely different." Or have you ever been right in the middle of giving some of your best advice, only to have that person identify on your behalf that you - yourself - often exhibit the same behavior you are advising against?

Isn't it interesting how widely diverse our understanding of and associations to words can be? The reason for this is that the associated definition of a given word, carries only about 7% of its impact on reception. The bulk of a words meaning (about 54%) is conveyed via physiology or non-verbal implication, and thusly the remainder (39% or so) is impressed by the intonation with which a word or series of words are delivered.

Of course, the obvious message here is that age old axiom - "actions speak more loudly than words." I'm not going to trivialize the thing by pretending to express something that we should all understand. However, the thing is, it's not always easy to catch one's self in the thick of the hypocrisy. Hypocrisy...now there's a word that we can examine for a moment.

The word hypocrisy is defined according to the Cambridge English Language Dictionary as: "a situation in which someone pretends to believe something that they do not really believe, or that is the opposite of what they do or say at another time." The word is derived from the Greek form - *hypokrisis*, meaning to pretend or to play

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out. Now, when we think of the words to pretend or to play out, we probably think of children playing house or even a drama displayed for entertainment. Still, when most of us hear this term *hypocrisy* we feel the distinct revulsion to something extremely negative. This is because the use of the term, the inflections and physiology which accompanied it as we grew confirmed this for us.

Now, regardless of where the word originated, we know that when this word is used - we do NOT want it to be used in association with ourselves. As masons this ought to be especially true. We are Masons. Our fraternal precepts and principles are critically centered on virtue, fidelity and a responsibility to our words, our actions and our commitments. Furthermore, it is these very principles and precepts that we have, each of us, voluntarily obligated ourselves to practice regularly. No one made us do this, there is no obligation to which any one of us is affixed but that obligation which we freely sought and willingly accepted with our own mouths, minds, and presumably... hearts.

I had some circumstances recently that acutely called my attention to what a poignant and potent theme this concept is for me. Some of you may know, I am an Eagle Scout, you may also know that I have 4 children of my own and one who sees my actions all day, every day; and some of you may also know that I was raised in a home wherein a strict code of conduct was clearly and insistently enforced. The point of this is, I have been equipped with many overtly valuable utilities whereby to guide and check my actions against who I believe myself to be and what I stand for. Yet twice this week I came face to face with my own inconsistencies, as a parent and as man. Having a 15-year-old, extremely analytical, and strong willed young man for a son is often the most difficult and the most rewarding gift!

As might be fairly presumed, given my background, I hold my integrity and my fidelity at a level that is nearly impossible for any reasonable person to live up to. And as you might imagine this is an extremely effective, proverbial chink in my armor, for a 15-year-old boy to exploit. But this boy sees the kind of man that I am working to be. So, earlier this week, when I made a comment about an In&Out® hamburger being "pretty nutritious" and a good option for lunch, he reminded me that it was probably not as nutritious as if we had gone home and made food from our own stores. Summarily, he said - "it's probably more like entertainment food though, isn't it dad? Let's call a duck a duck." Boy, let me just tell you, this was NOT comfortable, because I had recently said something similar to him, as the parent. This reminded me how often I deceive myself, even without that explicit intent to do so.

To compound this lesson for me - earlier this morning, I repeated something (of a mildly unkind nature) that someone had said to me, which had an element of humor to it - because there was a level of truth in it. I was reminded by a very excellent brother and friend that just because a thing is somewhat humorous and perhaps true, does not necessarily lend credence or support to it being spread, especially if it does not uplift and edify. I immediately felt all the shame that might be expected, because that kind of behavior is most CERTAINLY not reflective of the man that I strive to be.

These were both uncomfortable yet beautiful and precious lessons for me, on a number of fronts! First and foremost, even though a teenage boy is the last person on earth you might expect to be listening to a father, the truth is - we are ALWAYS on display! This is most especially true with those closest to us and when/where our emblems of Masonry can be viewed in connection to our behavior. Secondly, the Self and his Deity are the most critical and unblinking witness to our individual lives and behaviors. One cannot attempt to deceive one without the other. For many of us, this modern society, its pervasive pop-culture, and the many subcultures to which we become affixed in life, have helped to train us not to look at our words in relation to our actions with candor, clarity, and excuse, especially the words we use to communicate with ourselves and the actions we take in solitude. "It is my sincere hope and prayer that we will, stand tall, set apart from these things, as an ensign of brotherly love, relief and truth. We are Masons."

**Fraternally,
Michael Trumbull 480-800-7297
Brother's Outreach Committee**

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Senior Deacon

Many Hands make light work.

What value do you place on your membership?

Brothers, I am asking for your help. Just a little bit, but from each one of you. Make a contribution to the lodge of your time. You will feel good about your investment. And be proud to be a member of Scottsdale Lodge. If you are uncertain about what you can offer, ask me or the master for good counsel in this matter.

Somebody, Anybody, but often it is Nobody who steps up to perform even the smallest contributions. I am asking you to learn and give the working tools in one of the degrees. The apron presentation is beautiful and something to remember forever. Learn it and give it. You will feel good about yourself. Or learn a charge in one of the degrees and offer to give it the next time. Or take a small part as a Fellowcraft or the SeaFairing/ Wayfaring Man or the Marshall in the 3rd degree.

If you feel like taking on something bigger, I am happy to help. I have seen lectures presented by teams. They break the lecture into parts and tag team. The lecture becomes a lively and interactive presentation to the candidate and an entertaining event for the sideliners.

Fraternally,
Brandon Valentine, PM
 Senior Deacon



Library Committee

Part One: Research Report Advance

The research report on why there is 2 million members less since 1924 is nearing finish. The next step is to select a few lodge members for its review and comment. Then it will be made available to Board of Trustee's, Grand Lodge of Arizona and any other interested Scottsdale Lodge members.

The research shows the trend of national, state and lodge leadership not connected together avoiding many standard business principle. Where informal communicating prevents coordinating and cooperating. This has been contributed from a long standing lack of defining the problems and using leadership planning.

Part Two: Library Improvements and New Plans

There were two used bookcases donate to help the library committee to open up the log jam of space to accomplish these objectives.

Finish the Computer Inventory.

Get approval to eliminate a number of identified books.

Install one bookcase with locks to secure the historical document.

Coordinated with Lodge Web Page to consider place library inventory their

for members use.

Sincerely,
Bruce Fischer

From the Tyler

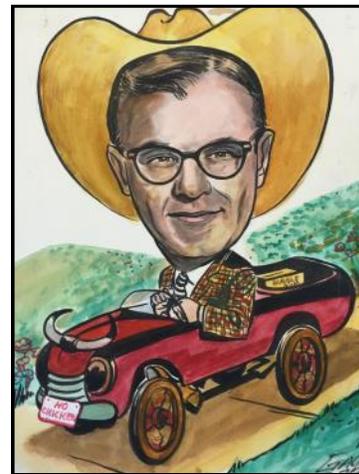
FREE STUFF

I was amazed how much stuff I found offered free in the grocery store. I went there and found fat was free, as well as gluten, lactose, genetics, and some more. I did however, on the ride home, see a bumper sticker that told me "Freedom is not Free", a fine reminder. I guess the point is that here and there, our English language lapses into an odd divergence from logical thought. " I was right all along". Does that say I never turned left, or that I was always correct? Does left connote a direction, or the remainder of something? "Two wrongs do not make a right". Does it make a left? A few other oddities: It's time to present the present (the present is now), I did not object to the object, the invalid's insurance was invalid, there was a row between the rowers, I was close enough to close the door, there was a tear shed when the coat had a tear, the police had to subject the subject to arrest. There must be a lot more of these things, but the point is made.

The conclusion to be noted is that these examples do not make our language wrong, just more interesting.

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM
 Tyler

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SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016
 Annual Scottsdale Lodge Picnic
 at the McCormick Railway Park
 Family and Friends Welcome
 Details to follow in the November Trestleboard



**These photos are
 from our 2012 Picnic**

HELP 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 85272 by **October 1, 2016!**

Name: _____

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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!

Please make sure your critical information is correct with us by October 1st at the latest!

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

October Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Merle Levy Clark Anderson	10/8/2009	William T Gesswein	10/27/1960	Carlos Rausch	10/25/1988
Bruce Bayer	10/29/1959	Robert James Gray Jr	10/18/1956	Elliot Ben Rovinsky	10/29/2009
Jonathan Martin Beffel	10/3/2013	David Keith Griffiths	10/31/1963	Dennis Gerald Senst	10/25/2001
Marvin Alfred Bellefeuille	10/24/1974	Marc Charles Gross	10/12/2002	Richard John Shields	10/24/2002
Steven Brian Bonanno	10/15/2015	John Frederick Herchet	10/25/1968	Loren Burrell Smith	10/12/1995
Leo E Bourrian	10/27/2005	Frank M Hoak III	10/28/1969	Prescott Raymond Smith	10/26/2006
Herbert Frank Brittan	10/27/1955	Dirk F Hoogestraat II	10/18/2012	Kurt Alan Stancl	10/11/2012
Richard Leland Brooks	10/28/1971	Richard Charles Hunsinger	10/23/1980	William Raymond Steele	10/10/1984
Joseph Carlyle Brown Jr	10/25/2007	Dennis Gardner Agapito Ira	10/11/2012	Scott Burton Stemen	10/22/1986
Carl David Chadwick	10/3/1985	Christopher Kermit Johnson	10/14/2010	Michael Dennis Strauber	10/18/1990
Thomas Carlson Cook	10/30/1975	Walter Breck King	10/29/1981	Charles Joseph Sutton	10/11/1956
Blake Tyler Davis	10/15/1998	David L Knox	10/18/1978	Christopher Dohn G. Titular	10/11/2012
Michael Scott Dryden	10/18/2012	Jesse Bishop Lee	10/28/1982	Chad Michael Turner	10/9/2014
Robert Hunt Duckworth	10/24/1963	Michael Wayne Lempke	10/30/1968	Carl Bailey Warren	10/29/1992
William Judson Duke III	10/9/2014	Napoleon Rennald Leyesa	10/15/2015	Russell Wade Warren	10/27/1966
Rashawn Roberto Edwards	10/14/2010	Larry Ray Marshbanks	10/24/1996	James Edward Watt Jr	10/17/1978
Michael Thomas Feeney	10/18/2005	Christopher Everette Mumfrey	10/30/1997	William Frank Wilkins	10/15/2015
Larry Lynn Frank	10/8/2009	Jasper Sheridan Nichols Sr	10/26/2006	Gary Raymond Wilson	10/13/2011
Edward Thomas Fridlund	10/30/1975	Brian Alexander Oliver	10/9/2008	Chad Robert Wolahan	10/13/2011
Harvey Bennett Friedman	10/20/1964	Philip L. Prosapio	10/13/1969	Peter Frederich Yauch	10/9/2014

Amaranth

Happy Fall! The members of Kinishba Court are getting ready for the first meeting after the summer break. We had an exciting summer with our annual Christmas in July Diabetes fundraiser. We realized over \$1000 for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. We thank all of our fraternal family that joined us for that event.

Many members also attended our Supreme Council in June where Arizona was presented with a plaque for cumulative giving of \$500,000 to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Our own Honored Ladies Barbara Burns and Linda Sayre were co-chairman and raised over \$41,000 in the last year to achieve this goal!

We look forward to serving more dinners and continuing our fraternal friendship with the brothers of Scottsdale Lodge.

Bizzy Herbolsheimer
Royal Matron, Kinishba Court #6



From the Chaplain

Greetings Brethren,

October is upon us and one of my favorite holidays comes with it, Halloween. In my opinion, one of the best things about Halloween is being able to dress up and express yourself in new and creative ways. The same can be said in regards to being in the officer line or participating in ritual work. Prior to becoming a Mason, I dreaded public speaking in any shape or form and would often find myself thinking of a million other things I would rather be doing. After meeting a lot of the brethren, performing my catechisms and leading the sideline degree team, I discovered that I had a passion for performing our ritual work and that I had gotten over some of my fears of speaking in public. The support and encouragement I got from the brethren was beyond anything I expected. I personally feel that Masonry is a vehicle for personal growth through the support of the fraternity and I would encourage anyone reading this article to step out of their comfort zone and try something new.

Fraternally,
Jonathan Beffel
Chaplain



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The Trustees have 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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**** October Calendar Events ****

- 10/6 Stated Meeting. Steak Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
- 10/07 Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Scottsdale 6:30PM –8:00PM Eat before arriving
- 10/13 3rd Degree
- 10/20 2nd Degree
- 10/22 Halloween costume party
- 10/27 1st Degree

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

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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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