

TRESTLEBOARD

Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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Welcome back from your busy Summer to a active schedule of lodge Fall activities

September 2016

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

September is here and although we were dark during the summer, there was a flurry of activity happening at the Lodge. I'm sure most of you are already on our weekly email updates but if not, contact the secretary and he will include you. You would have seen that we had an aggressive set of projects to complete over the summer and true to Scottsdale Lodge form, we had lots of help to make it happen. Those who came out worked hard and many made new friends along the way. The projects this year were in many cases about a face lift for the Lodge. The gold color of the walls in the lobby has been replaced with a very pleasant blue color that compliments the furniture and tiles. The light panels in the kitchen have been replaced with new ones and it has brightened up the kitchen so much that people think we painted in there as well (we did not). The Tyler's room and the hallways were given a fresh coat of paint as well. There were many other projects that took place and I want to thank everyone who participated. Each week there twenty or more volunteers. Finally, I would also like to thank the Job's Daughters who wanted to give back to the Lodge by cleaning the kitchen. They did a great job as well.



In addition to the summer work projects, the officers attended ritual training practices to hone up their skills for the fall session. We will continue the tradition of moving up a chair after summer in order to gain experience in the position that each officer will likely fill for next year.

Scottsdale Lodge also played host to the Father/Son degree team this summer. On August 4th, a team made up of mostly Father and Sons (Jonathan and I represented Scottsdale on this team), conferred the Fellow Craft Degree to a set of Father/Son candidates from Oriental 20 Lodge. The other Lodges represented on the team were, Hunter's Paradise, Prometheus, and Oriental. It was a pleasant evening and such a joy to participate in such a unique offering. Our Junior Warden prepared a steak meal for all who came and WB Carlos "The Maestro" Rausch provided music during the degree.

Looking forward, since September is a five Thursday month, we will have a Masonic Education night again, the topic is still "To Be Announced". In October, we are planning a costume party, most likely on Oct 22nd. The annual 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 WEST, WITH A HEAVY HEART

My Brothers, it is with heavy heart that I must tell you that I will not be continuing on in the Officer Line at this time. I have accepted a promotion at work that I could not turn down. I hope to retire in the next few years and the income generated as a result of the promotion will make a significant difference in my retirement income. My new position will require that I be on a plane with virtually no notice heading to places unknown.



It was not an easy decision to not run for Worshipful Master in 2017 but I know without a doubt, that the Lodge will be in good hands. Our current Worshipful Master, Bob Beffel, has agreed to continue as Master if it is the desire of the brethren. I support his decision and know he will continue doing all he can to help the Lodge grow and prosper. This change was not what he expected (nor did I) and it is a great sacrifice for him and his plans if elected.

I ask that you all step up and give him your full support so this Lodge will truly be the greatest Lodge in Arizona. If we all work together, the accomplishments we can make are unlimited.

I will still be around and available to assist the lodge as needed. My heart will always be with Scottsdale Lodge 43 and anything any of you or the Lodge needs I will do my best to support and help any time I can. All of us as Masons need to continue to grow as we move forward on our journey and know that even when I can't be with you physically, my heart and spirit will always be with you.

**Fraternally and sincerely,
James Callahan
Senior Warden**

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

LOOKING FORWARD

I was so impressed with all the Brothers that turned out for our summer work projects. Not only did Brothers show up, but family members joined us as well, along with Friend-to-Frienders, each one of whom brought with them their own particular skills, ideas, and enthusiasm that made them invaluable in the accomplishment of these tasks. But one thing that was not particular to any one member of this crew, but was shared by every one of them, was the belief that this Lodge was worth the effort. This Lodge, you see, is not just four walls and a roof wherein we perform our rituals, this Lodge is four walls and a roof wherein our Masonic life transpires. It is here it originates, and it is here where we experience every milestone in our Masonic progression. This Lodge, its upkeep and its repair, is as much a part of our shared experience as Masons and members of the Masonic family as any ritual, accolades, or honors. Being from Scottsdale Lodge 43 is part of our identity as Masons, and though we may travel and feel right at home among our fraternal Brothers in other Lodges, we cannot help but feel that there is no place like home, no feeling like being with our Brothers in our own mother Lodge.



Masonry has been an extremely important part of my life. From the time I was 12 years old and knelt at that altar in the center of our Lodge Room and was initiated as a DeMolay, I have been influenced by the lessons learned in our halls. When I was 18 and became a Master Mason under WB Scott Tracy, I could not have been happier. It was at that time I found a family outside of my own; A family that was bound by something so much stronger than blood, a family bound by brotherly love.

I will not leave this Lodge altogether, it is my home lodge, and I have too many memories here, too many people I care about, and too much to learn; In fact it almost with tears that I write these words. On the 3 steps Masons take I have learned restraint, I have learned how I can make myself better and how I can do right by others. It has not made me a perfect person by any measure, but it has helped me make myself a squarer stone, though I'm still very much a work in progress.

I wish all of you the best in this life, I wish you all safety, health, and wisdom. I look forward to being able to regularly sit with you all in Lodge again soon.

Fraternally,
Brother Matthew Hartzell, KT
Senior Steward

Not only did their efforts represent their love for this Lodge, but it also demonstrated hope and confidence in the future of it; their belief that this Lodge will be here for many years to come, standing fast as the shelter for our Masonic endeavors, where we welcome old friends and are introduced to our future young Brothers. This is our house. Built by Masons, maintained by Masons, and loved by the whole Scottsdale Masonic family.

Fraternally,
Curt Hills
Junior Warden

From the Senior Stewards Chair

Hello Brethren,

I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer! The Lodge has undergone its yearly projects and our labors within the tiled doors have begun a new. It is with that statement that I regret to announce that I will not be continuing in the Officer Line at here at Scottsdale #43.

This decision has troubled and weighed on me for the last few months. However, with my personal life, work, school, and everything else going on, I realized that it would be better for the Lodge if I gave my seat to someone else.

From the Marshal

I hope you have enjoyed your summer break thus far, Arizona's heat and monsoon has not disappointed. As we return to Lodge after being dark, we need to look forward as the year is quickly coming to an end.

What have we accomplished this far? What is left to do? Are we on pace to make this a productive and successful year? I believe the answer is yes to all. With this being said, we must look forward to the remainder of the year and ask what more can be done. Will we leave the Lodge a better place than before? I can assure you that in the hearts of this current administration, the answer is yes. Much has been accomplished and completed during the first half of 2016. As we work together to finish the tasks at hand, this year will end strong. Many will look back on this year and appreciate exactly how much work, effort and care went into the accomplishments of 2016.

We are not done, yet. There is still much to do. We must continue to push, each of us fulfilling our obligation to our positions and make sure that we are showing up with the best version of ourselves. I have fallen short of this. I am looking forward to ending the year being the best Marshal, guide and Brother I can be to you and my Lodge. I look forward to learning more about my position, assisting more new brothers in starting their Masonic journeys and contributing in meaningful ways to bettering our Lodge.

Fraternally,
William F. Wilkins, Marshal

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From the Secretary's Desk

"LOOKING AHEAD"

As Officers, it is our obligation to set the best example we can for all brothers. The obligation of all brothers is to set the best example for all of society. As Masons, I believe each of us must truly do the best we can to always live up to the standards set by our forefathers and of every good man who has walked the Earth. It is what sets us apart from the countless other men who are not blessed by a Masonic journey. It's a big thing to live up to, but it's who we are, my Brothers.

It's been a challenging year for the Secretary's Office. With a significant learning curve for a relative "new kid" I have yet to get everything done that I strive for each day. However, we are making good progress!

Looking ahead to the end of the year, I hope to have our "new" database up and running; our file cabinets of thousands of brother's records organized; a business filing system for all our various business dealings and records; an office without lodge building supplies (if any Brother will step up to take over the Lodge building maintenance, please contact me!); the opportunity to eat dinner with all of you because everything is caught up and I'm through the learning curve (mostly) and overall a clearly superior lodge that each of you will be proud to call your own. Scottsdale Lodge belongs to ALL of us, so your help is always appreciated. We always need and want good ideas, but we especially need Brothers who will step up and not only identify good ideas but make them happen!

WB Scott Tracy told me right after I became an E.A. that "You have a lot of good ideas. But Brothers who have good ideas also need to help make them happen. Everyone is busy around the Lodge so find someone to help you and get it done." That was great advice that has helped me and the Lodge. Oh, one other thing...make sure you talk it over with the Worshipful Master first to get his concurrence.

In closing, there is much apathy in this world. People who just don't care. When it comes to being a Mason and a Lodge Brother, please NO APATHY! For us all to have a strong Masonic "society" we HAVE to care! Care for each other, our Lodge, our families and friends, and all people of the world. If we are "Making Good Men Better" we each need to start with ourselves and grow it out from there.

**Fraternally,
Stephen Clarke, Secretary**

Scottsdale #43 Masonic Shirts for Sale

Contact the Secretary for details, cost and to place your order (480) 946-1072.



From the Chaplain

Greetings Brethren,

The summer months have come and gone and now we will begin returning to lodge soon. I have had the pleasure to participate in the two Father/Son Degree Team rituals with my dad so far and I personally can't wait for the 3rd Degree over at Hunter's Paradise later this year. The team consists of father/son pairs from various lodges and the candidates themselves are also a father/son pair. Working with this team has been a pleasant reminder of why we do ritual work; we do it for the candidates. If we do our jobs right, the experiences we create for them will live on in their memories for their whole lives. I wanted to share this with all of you because I feel it is important to remember that we are all there to support our new brethren in Masonry, not just the officers, but all of the sideliners as well. I look forward to the rest of the year as your chaplain, helping to make long lasting memories and friendships.

**Fraternally,
Jonathan Beffel
Chaplain**



Brother's Outreach Committee

Brethren,

If you will bear with me a moment, I'd like to share with you a little bit regarding this Committee and what we are working towards.

Several months ago, a few humble brothers expressed a deep desire to genuinely help (where possible) members of Scottsdale Lodge, as well as any family that our brothers may have left behind. In this desire, we determined that there must be a number of our Brothers whom, for one reason or another, have stopped coming to our regular meetings. In many cases, this is due to relocation or miscommunication. It is the hope of this Committee that there are brothers who simply need an invite or some brotherly support in order to come back to Scottsdale 43, and will, through our efforts, find themselves once again in the company of brothers and friends.

Due to the current state of our record systems, The Brothers' Outreach Committee has been working (during our dark months) to make direct contact with any brothers who find it difficult to attend Lodge regularly. In this endeavor we have encountered a number of obstacles; chiefly however, is still finding out who the brothers are that need our assistance. One of our Committee Members had this to share about these efforts -

"It was difficult to pick up the phone to reach out to the first brother on the list. I was feeling like a phone solicitor, and I really don't like my day being interrupted by sales people! BUT, once I spoke to my first contact on the list, I was rewarded with a fantastic warm conversation with a true BROTHER, who shared with me his health issues, and he expressed his appreciation for my call, and I felt energized after our conversation, and the I got the feeling I helped energize him as well."

As an update to these efforts, we have been met with numerous disconnected numbers and invalid or missing contact information. Therefore, we are asking for your help -

If there is a Brother you know who does not attend Lodge regularly, we would very much like the opportunity to reach out to this Brother. Even if these efforts do not result in the Brother coming back to Lodge, at least he will know that he is loved and missed.

Please contact the Committee Chair - Michael Trumbull and/or our Secretary - Steven Clarke with this information.

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

Unknown Caricature Found



The above caricature was found in the lodge and we would like to return it to whom it represents. Please contact the lodge secretary if you know anything about it.

The Worshipful Master is preparing to conduct more degree work this Fall. He needs to be prepared for the unexpected, as exemplified below:

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922. "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask. Reply: "Learning to subdue my passions!"



Summer's over come on down to lodge!



"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ARE HERE"

From the Tyler

THINK ABOUT IT

We will digress and comment on some of the many things attributed to that All American observer of all things self evident, or so we think, Mark Twain. "The secret of getting ahead is getting started". To some of us who think procrastination is a virtue, this quote is a very good place to consider as the starting point. However we may need some time to give it some thought, but remember today was yesterday's tomorrow. "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear, and the blind can see". The power behind this thought is deep in it's simplicity. Bestowing kindness without forethought spreads such things as fellowship without conscious reward. "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect". Yes, it is so easy to go along to get along that we should indeed reflect on whether what most people think is the right thing to believe. A poll only lets us know what others consider right or wrong, but does not provide solutions. And lastly for now, "If you tell the truth, you do not have to remember anything". Does this really require further comment?

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland PM
Tyler**



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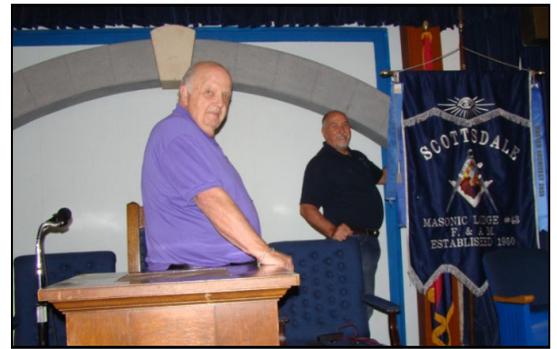
Just a few of the many Brothers helping with the Summer work projects for the Lodge Building



Our indefatigable Chef, JW Curt Hills



Let there be even more light on our work



Fixing the light without "popping" the circuit

Who will sit here to test the repair



Getting ready for Fall logo shoppers



PM Fred Moore verifying our files



Our supervisors working hard.

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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

July, August and September Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Alan Scott Dye	7/26/1972	John William Steele	8/30/2007	Blaine Franklin Keith	9/25/1964
Timothy Edwin Lacy	7/5/2007	Chan Chhaya Tan	8/3/2013	Dashmesh Singh Khalsa	9/10/2015
Michael Gordon Milmine	7/30/1981	Joseph David Barksdale	9/28/1983	James Eli Lewis	9/17/1998
Noel Ellis Pelz	7/21/2005	Peter Rockefeller Carpenter	9/5/1960	Benjamin Otis Marney	9/24/1964
Marquez P Pope	7/7/2005	Charles Alberto Castaneda	9/10/2009	Taylor Michael McMullen	9/11/2014
John Anthony Poth	7/22/1989	Eric Arthur Christianson	9/22/2005	Mark Tracy Messerly	9/25/1975
Alexander Bryan Reece	7/7/2011	Truett George Craft	9/28/1972	James Garbett Miller	9/27/1973
John A. Solimena	7/7/1966	Victor Romulo Cuzma	9/27/2007	Fred William Moore Jr	9/26/1974
William Roscoe Bryant Jr	8/3/2013	David Allen Deere	9/11/2003	Jeffrey Vilas Morris	9/28/2000
Paul Lancaster Davenport	8/2/2012	Barlas Demirciler	9/8/2011	Kevin Gerard O'Grady	9/30/2004
Joseph Andrew Decker	8/30/2007	Carl Frederick Eschenbrenner	9/21/1972	Richard Irving Peterson	9/24/1965
James Marion Grissom	8/29/1960	Edward Thomas Hartnett	9/28/1967	Anthony Peter Seminora Jr	9/26/1968
Robert Francis Gruler Jr	8/2/2012	Robert Curtis Hills	9/11/2008	Carlos Manuel Silva	9/13/2012
Eric Charles Marble	8/9/2012	Oliver James Horton Jr	9/25/1975	Jeffrey Charles Takoushian	9/21/1999
James Arland Osman Jr	8/21/1969	John Wayne Jacoby	9/8/2011	Kenneth Richard Von Hopf	9/11/2014
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Senior Deacon

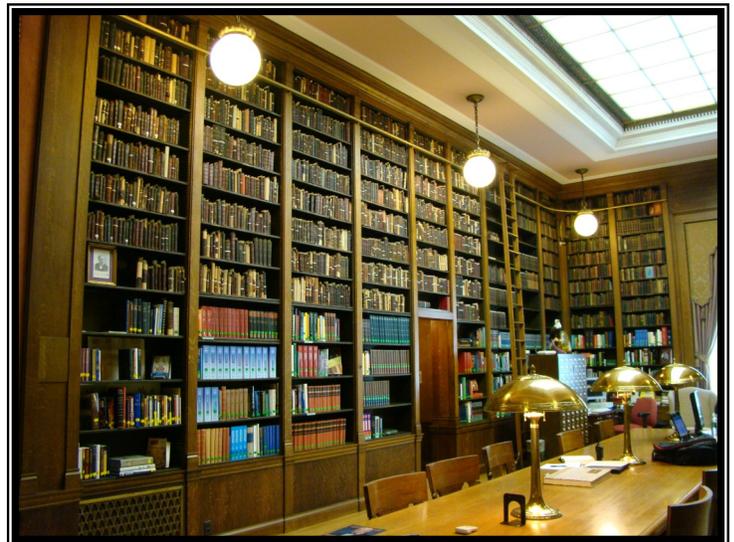
Looking Ahead

Looking ahead into the sunset of 2016 for Scottsdale Lodge I see my personal goal to open and close the first degree and to begin working on the Second Degree Lecture. My third quarter goal for Scottsdale Lodge is to have a terrific party on November 4th. I have a band. We will enjoy steaks. Bring your own favorite beverage and a cigar to enjoy in the parking lot while listening to the band. .

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



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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.

THE MAILED TRESTLEBOARD WILL CONTINUE FOR EVERYONE, *UNLESS YOU OPT OUT OF THE MAILINGS.*

The Trestleboard will also continue to be 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).

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**** September Calendar Events ****

- **Trustee Meeting on 8/31**
- **Stated Meeting on 9/1**
- **3rd Degree on 9/8**
- **2nd Degree on 9/15**
- **1st Degree on 9/22**
- **Masonic Education night on 9/29**

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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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