

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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*This month Brother's we celebrate either the Passover or Easter Holidays*

### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East brethren. The lodge is a busy beehive; 6 petitions in February. For those of you who did not attend the February Stated meeting, I will summarize two important matters coming before the lodge that require a special vote in the March 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting. Our current Junior Warden, Michael Trumbull moved to Safford, Arizona and is resigning. We will miss him greatly and wish him well in Safford where he is already a tremendous asset to that lodge. We will have a special election in March to elect Jonathan D'Emilio as Junior Warden.

The other matter involves a change in the By-Laws. The members present in the February Stated meeting voted unanimously to increase the dues by one percent annually rounded to the nearest dollar. This will increase the dues by \$2. To effect this By-Law change the membership must be notified via the trestleboard and email and then a formal vote of two-thirds supporting it will be necessary.

The raffle for the AR-15 went to Past Master Scott Tracy.

Keep a watchful eye for details in the Blasts on a lodge Spring League baseball game on 3/13/019.

Friday Fun night continues. March 15<sup>th</sup> we will have another beer and brats in the dining hall. Come out and bring a friend. We are playing games and growing our brotherhood.

Greetings from the East brethren. Coming up for a ballot is the motion to increase the dues by 1% annually rounded to the nearest dollar. This will raise the dues by \$200. We have no crisis that this \$2 increase is needed to solve. Several years ago WB Bob Beffel executed an asset replacement schedule that should protect the lodge from financial emergencies like a roof or the air conditioning. Four years ago it was an emergency to raise the dues by \$50 to meet our

### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Have you called your mother lately? Have you called your father lately? What about your sister or even more importantly have you called a brother lately? While your parents may have passed and you may not have any siblings as a mason you always have your brothers. When is the last time you pick up the phone and call the brother you haven't seen in a while?

Many of us attend lodge on Thursday's and greet our brothers but that is not enough. Sometimes a brother that has not been to lodge in while may not feel as welcomed as usual. I encourage each and every brother to pick up the phone and dial up a brother you have not seen in a while or maybe set up meet for coffee suggest they come to lodge if they have not attended for a while.

This month I plan to call a brother each week I look forward to great conversation and fellowship. Brothers pick up the phone and let's show our brothers how much we care .

**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff  
Senior Warden**



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expenses. This year our operating budget is intolerant of any unexpected expenses. Which means there is no room for error on expected costs and the expected revenues from dues and rentals. A small increase in the dues annually should keep us in the black for many years to come; 1% should be enough. I ran the numbers at 2% and it creates an un-necessary surplus. I ask you to support this so that a future Master will not need to raise the dues by \$50 again.

We raised three brothers last month. We read two more petitions. We elected and installed Jonathan D'Emilio to be Junior Warden and installed several junior officers to new chairs. And the Friend to Friend program is a wealth of talent desiring to join the craft.

I want to share with you an excerpt from an email that a brother shared with me. This brother is a well seasoned Mason. He wrote to the Master of the lodge in his home state after sitting in the Friend to Friend one night. "I know that I leaned much from attending this program (Friend to Friend) and it is one of the main reasons that this Lodge (Scottsdale) raises so many Brothers each year. I would also suggest that any Brother that was raised twenty plus years ago attend one of these sessions once to help them better understand today's society."

I am not suggesting that brothers sit in Friend to Friend and miss degree work, but I accept that a brother could learn something from the Friend to Friend program and I am grateful for the strength of Scottsdale's Friend to Friend. Thank you Ken VonHopf and Jim Watson.

I close with the admonition to reach out to a brother you have not spoken with in a while. It will raise your spirits and his too.

**Brandon Valentine**  
**Worshipful Master 2019**  
**Scottsdale Lodge #43**

**Arizona Grand Lodge Website**

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 Lodges 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.

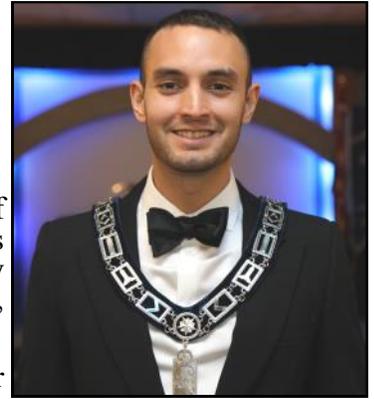
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Fraternally,  
**Tom LaFountain,**  
 Secretary

**From the South**

**Brotherly Love**

Brethren, for the month of April I would like to address something I find extremely important to the fraternity, brotherly love.



Brotherly love is the love for one's fellow-man as a brother. The expression is taken from the Greek word Φιλadelphia (Philadelphia = "love of brothers").

Brotherly love in the biblical sense is an extension of the natural affection associated with near kin, toward the greater community of fellow believers, that goes beyond the mere duty in Leviticus 19:18 to "love thy neighbor as thyself". As a society of renaissance men, we have the profound duty to not only love thy brother but to help thy brother as long as we can do so with out injury to others or ourselves. Most of us have come here to seek a path

that will help us improve ourselves, improving upon all that came before, and truly craft our own perfect ashlar. This is why I ask that each and every one of you reach out to that brother who you haven't seen in a while. Find out how they are doing and make sure they are staying within due bounds of their own creation. We are all human, emotional beings, who may yet still need that out reached hand of another brother and I can't express how meaningful it is to know that others care. For the month of April I challenge you to make that call and reach out to that brother, invite him back to dinner, or to grab some coffee. That small action could mean the world to a brother who might be lost.

Fraternally,  
**Jonathan D'Emilio**  
**Junior Warden**

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**From Eastern Star-**

In our last 2 months, we had 2 summaries of 2 life lessons: Fidelity and honoring vows with Adah and her father, Jephtha; and the virtue of constancy in care of those needing assistance with Ruth and her aged mother-in-law.

Today, we will discuss Esther. She exemplified the virtue of her loyalty to kindred and friends to save them from destruction. The Biblical reference is in the book of Esther.

Esther's husband was a king. She selected and followed the best approach to work with her husband. Esther learned the protocols and how problems were solved before she acted. She provided her husband the information and needed persuasion to make important decisions for the people of his country during a challenging time.

As members and leaders in our leadership and service organization, we learn many of our skills on the job with the help and mentorship of other members and leaders. We learn to prepare and practice our ritual work and our meeting management. Leadership workshops and schools of instruction are presented at a state and local level to help build our knowledge, skills and confidence.

Many of our members work with our Masonic youth groups as advisors to assist with the leadership development of our young men and women. In addition, we raise funds for educational scholarships for college students.

As with Esther, this is a lesson in determination to reach a goal and learning the knowledge and skills to be effective.

**Fraternally,  
Janet Mielke, Past Matron  
Scottsdale #43,  
Order of the Eastern Star**



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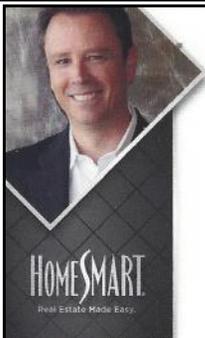
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**From the Organist**

**COMMUNICATION**

Plato probably said it best a long time ago: "Wise men speak because they have something to say. Fools when they have to say something". Communication, the art of the word, is always the human connection, no matter how transmitted. It can share ideas, be encouraging, or cause despair, but always the language of leadership.

Communication is not only the means of spreading forth the word, but ideas as expressed in those words. It is an ever flowing, collaborating explanation of information, and what has formed civilizations. Information held captive is a lifeless asset, good to no one. We know the value of dialogue, but not communicated, it does not exist. Basic concepts of the learning experience are teaching and communicating what is being taught. As a formative force in establishing civilizations, communication leads to community understanding of it's purpose, and of each other.

Communication, person to person, is the adhesiveness of the personal attachment of family, the force we call bonding. A closing thought...We have two ears and one mouth so we can listen twice as much as we can speak.

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland PM  
Organist**

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Some of the many sideliners enjoying the degree work



Well attended Steak Dinner and Fellowship

A big Thank You to our unofficial photographer, Ambassador Brother Clynton Fabella Tupas II



Recognizing two WWII Veterans, Bro Bill Keim and PM Dave Woodland with WM Brandon Valentine

# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

## *April Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Norval William Armstrong	4/26/1950	Fredrick Arnold Woodward	4/18/1998	David Aaron Harris	4/8/2010
Donald William Poppe	4/26/1962	Mark Harold Conner	4/27/2000	Robert Russell Beffel PM	4/15/2010
Conley Floyd Wright	4/26/1962	William Eugene Lamb	4/13/2002	Kyle Andrew Thomas	4/15/2010
Charles Barclay Bitner	4/30/1968	Steven John Sampson PM	4/10/2003	Louay George	4/29/2010
Mark Samuel Trent	4/29/1972	Bradley Lee Minor	4/24/2003	Terry Nicholas Highland4/	29/2010
Harry Edward Markham	4/16/1974	JohnJoseph Cummins IV	4/14/2005	Adam Nelson Dahlberg	4/14/2011
Arnold Arthur Amaru	4/25/1974	Scott Andrew Thomas PGM	4/14/2005	Jamie Dale Frank	4/14/2011
Frederick Hilary Goldinov	4/26/1979	Danny Abraham Lazar	4/16/2005	Eric James Leidlein	4/12/2012
Mark Lee Brown	4/10/1981	Joseph Patton Driessen Jr	4/28/2005	Carsten Loelke	4/11/2013
Gaylord Dean Aldrich	4/26/1984	John Harlan Reynolds PM	4/28/2005	Timothy Brian Curran	4/10/2014
Jerome Maurice Taylor	4/1/1985	Phillip Lee Bartling	4/13/2006	Ryan David Sutherland	4/24/2014
Norman Lee Colbert	4/11/1987	Sergey Sheleg	4/13/2006	Oliver Ndubuisi Ibeh	4/9/2015
James William Brown	4/28/1988	Robert James Pellegrino	4/19/2007	Robert Lawrence Swoboda	4/9/2015
Bruce Henry Usher	4/29/1993	Thomas Andrew Pellegrino	4/19/2007	Joseph Anthony Sanseverino	4/14/2016
Jonathan Roy Winchester	4/22/1995	Efrain Sanchez	4/24/2007	Stephen McCutheon Wall	4/14/2016
Erik James Kilbo	4/4/1998	James Anthony Grace III	4/9/2009	Robert Hess	4/21/2016
Wilhelm Albert Amstutz III	4/18/1998	James Ray Raynovic	4/9/2009	Herman Perry Ransom	4/13/2017
Arthur Steven Elston	4/18/1998	James Mikeal Callahan	4/8/2010		

### What the Heck is a Landmark Anyway?

At some point in your Masonic journey you're going to come to a question of Masonic Landmarks. What are they? Where can you find them? Which of these am I supposed to be upholding under my commitment to maintain and support the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona?

This answer isn't obvious, and very likely if you ask around, you're going to get different answers.

A simple Google search will yield several results, the most likely frontrunner of which may be the "Landmarks of Freemasonry" of Albert Mackey, from his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*. In Mackey's set there are 25 Landmarks.

If you've been doing Masonic esoteric research and looking more on the biblical side, you're likely to run into Deut. 19:14; 27:17; Prov. 22:28, 23:10, Rom. 1:16-17; Eph. 4:24; and Col. 3:17. All of these are references to Landmarks that very likely inspired the Masonic Landmarks, but these are not them.

If you're digging into other States on a State-by-State basis then you're going to come up against some surprising numbers:

- Connecticut - 15
- Delaware - 25 (see note \*)
- Florida - 10
- Kentucky - 54
- Nevada - 39

It seems as with the topic of dinner at the festive board, Masons can't settle firmly on anything. Believe me, I could keep going on the list, but over half of the States do not appear to have any specifically approved Landmarks - so what is a Mason to do?

According to the Arizona Masonic Statutes, Section 1-110, Arizona is a member of the Western Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, and according to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America there are definitely three:

#### **Ancient Landmarks**

That it subscribes fundamentally, ritualistically and in all its

relations to the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of the Craft. This requires adherence to the following.

Monotheism -- An unalterable and continuing belief in God.

The Volume of The Sacred Law -- an essential part of the furniture of the Lodge.

Prohibition of the discussion of Religion and Politics.

This is a good list, and solid, but Arizona further complicates the matter. The Grand Lodge of Arizona has 8 "Principles of Recognition" which are:

That such Grand Lodge shall have been established lawfully by a duly recognized Grand Lodge or by three or more regularly constituted Lodges.

That a belief in the GAOTU, and His Revealed Will, shall be an essential qualification for membership.

That all Initiates shall take their obligation on or in full view of the open Volume of the Sacred Law, by which is meant the revelation from above which is binding on the conscience of the particular individual who is being initiated.

That the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges shall be composed exclusively of men; and that each Grand Lodge shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed Lodges or bodies which admit women to membership.

That the Grand Lodge shall have sovereign jurisdiction over the Lodges under its control, i.e., that it shall be a responsible, independent, self-governing organization, with sole and undisputed authority over the Craft of Symbolic Degrees (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) within its jurisdiction; and shall not in any way be subject to or divide such authority with any other power claiming any control or supervision over those degrees.

That the three Great Lights of Freemasonry (namely the

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Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square, and the Compasses) shall always be exhibited when the Grand Lodge or its subordinate Lodges are at work, the chief of these being the Volume of the Sacred Law.

That the discussion of religion and politics within the Lodge shall be strictly prohibited.

That the principles of Ancient Landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed.

Taken together the lists are equal as follows.

1=2

2=3 and 6

3=7

So, there are three Landmarks, and 8 best practices (to use a modern phrase) reduced to 3 landmarks and 3 Grand Lodge recognition rules taken all together.

As with most Masonic teachings, I'm not going to settle you firmly on an answer to the question in the title of this article, instead, I'm going to let you ponder how many Landmarks Arizona observes and do a little digging yourself. Happy studying!

Fraternally,

**David Earney**

**Tyler**

**Education Committee**

**\*\* April Calendar of Events \*\***

**Wednesday, April 3 - Trustee Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4 - Stated Meeting**

**Thursday, April 11 - Third Degree**

**April 12th Family & Friends Night—Wine & Cheese**

**Thursday, April 18 - 1st Degree or S D Night**

**Thursday, April 25 - 1st Degree**

**Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM**

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