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Welcome Back from our Summer Break

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brethren, by the time you read this, the metamorphosis of the Summer projects will be completed. The East Construction project will have given the lodge a new identity.

You also must come to lodge to see the new black and white tessellated tiles around the altar. Scottsdale Lodge will be a sight to see and the talk of the fraternity.

The usual suspects were out faithfully this summer for the Tuesday coffee and the Thursday work projects. And we had some fresh faces join the Friend to Friend program that came out this summer to help with the work and learn about our fraternity. The lodge looks ship shape with new paint and a top to bottom cleaning.

The funding for the 82 inch TV for the dining hall is done. I think by the time you read this it will be mounted and functioning. I envision some Saturday College Football cookouts this Fall. I also envision some Masonic Education and some great movies to watch together as brethren. I can see some family movies as well.

From the Grand Lodge Communication Scottsdale returned with a Master Architect Award. Tim Scarpino won the Senior Deacon competition and received that award as well. Somehow we came home with the banner from Arizona #2 again. However, we did not come home with our banner. Phoenicia Lodge has it and we are scheduled to make an official visit to them on 8/27/19, to retrieve our banner.

I look forward to seeing all of you after our summer reprieve.

Brandon Valentine
Worshipful Master 2019
Scottsdale Lodge #43

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



A great deal of the terminology we use today comes straight from Freemasonry. Phrases such as “So mote it be” and “Merry meet, and merry part, and merry meet again” were used in Masonic lodges long

before they were uttered in a magick circle. Even “the Craft” as a synonym for Witchcraft and Wicca comes from the Masons. Masonry has influenced more than Modern Witchcraft; it has influenced dozens of occult orders since the 1700s. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then groups ranging from the Mormon Church to the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn owe the Masons a large debt.

It’s not an exaggeration to suggest that Freemasonry has played a role in the initiation rituals of every occult and esoteric group of the last 350 years. Even groups that weren’t directly influenced by the Masons most likely picked up something from them secondhand. Masonry has been influential not just because of its longevity but also because its rituals (especially those pertaining to initiation and elevation) are effective.

Much of the intrigue that’s attached to the Masons today comes from the rather speculative origins of the order. Depending on who one talks to, the Masons have either existed since biblical times or were formed a little more than 300 years ago when four Masonic groups in London got together in 1717 and formed a Grand Lodge. That first Grand Lodge then claimed authority over all the other Masonic groups in England. While Freemasonry doesn’t date back to biblical times, it certainly predates the eighteenth century and most likely emerged during the medieval period, slowly transforming from a guild of Scottish stonemasons into a strictly fraternal order.

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Beginning around 1600, a new series of rules were applied to masonic guilds, regulating their structure and assembly, and this eventually lead to non-operative masons, the term applied to people who joined the guild but were not actual stonemasons. Once people outside the actual profession of masonry were allowed in, the medieval guild became a fraternal organization instead of a business group.

**Fraternally,
Bradley Manhoff , Senior Warden**



From the South

As summer comes to a slow but steady close, school begins again, life returns to the valley, and so it is again time for us to come together and get to work. Recently, I was working through the first catechism with a new initiate when a very interesting question was raised. We are taught to learn to subdue our passions, but why? Why is the word passions used specifically? Passion in itself is usually ties to positive endeavors, and the phrasing in this instance seems to dictate that we should hold back on the things that drive us.



My first thought was that this was a lesson to teach us self control, a lesson that we can all benefit from. Case closed right, but then the etymology of the word was considered. The word originated as the Latin word, Pati, which means to undergo experience. Then in late Latin transformed into Passio-nem, which means suffering, and enduring. Finally the word was then associated to the suffering of Jesus in the Christian religion. It began to be associated to the pain he endured while he was crucified, literally becoming the word passion, and historically written and documented in the phrase, the passion of the Christ. Although sacrifice is a story told in every religion, the Latin and french adaptation of the word Pas-sion became intertwined with the story of Jesus from the bible. Today the word means something closer to extreme desire or love. The phrase to love someone passionately, probably wont invoke images of crucifixion. So what happened. How did the word passion go from something that meant to endure and experience extraordinary amounts of cruelty and suffering, to something that means the complete opposite today? To love deeply yet to feel so much pain. The more I thought about it the more it made sense. It all comes in the act. The act of subduing our passions towards all mankind.

Although masonry takes from many religious belief structures, I have come to suspect this portion has to do with the willingness to make sacrifices for the love of man, or the love of others. In Christianity the bible tells the story of how Jesus endured unbelievable pain and suffering for the sins of all mankind, for love. To his followers, he set the example that to help others, sometimes sacrifice is required. In that instance that sacrifice was his life. He held such a deep love for his brother, his fellow man, that he was willing to give it all up for all mankind's salvation. So my meditations on this word are thus, is it from Christianity or the bible, probably not, does the word passion come directly from that religion, yes, does it mean more than self control, most likely. So I ask you to think about this deeply, meditate on the word passion, what does it mean, what does it mean to you? And finally have you learned to subdue your passions towards all mankind, particularly your brethren in freemasonry.

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

From Eastern Star-

Eastern Star is planning a busy fall. Of course, we use events to improve our ability to donate to many worthy organizations.

This year was no exception. Our state Eastern Star donated \$202,000 for youth scholarships and most are for Masonic youth. Part of our many other donations went to:

- Meals on Wheels and food banks in communities across our state
- youth group organizations
- Az Masonic Foundation for 'children at risk'
- Square and Compass committees in Tucson
- Shrine Hospitals and committees
- Fisher House
- service dogs in a number of organizations

Our Order of Eastern Star state and national foundations are very interested in supporting these and other organizations. If an 'event' works with your time table, please join us!

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



From the Organist

Legal

The basic tenet of any legal system is ethics, and realizing it takes ethical persons to form ethical opinions on guilt or innocence. There can be little positive and equal views of what determines what is right, and what may be wrong. Legal systems can, and must be, free of errors, bias, and doubt to be rated honest and effective. It is people that cause the doubts, and misjudgments. Where can you find a perfect process to determine what is your right to do what has been done, and what is the right thing to do. Wisdom, that great elastic mass of reasoning, does not make laws, authority does. To be more concise, consider that to be fair is to be just. Is it possible to tell where the law stops, and justice begins? What you may wish for does not make it legal. William O. Douglas said, "Common sense often makes good law". There have been many decisions based on interpretation where what is right is not the same as being legal. Identify a great legal system not on its ability to produce order and justice. Law seems to arise from the failures of human nature, and one of the failures is believing legal punishment of the offender is society's deterrent.

**Fraternally,
Dave Woodland, PM
Organist**

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Scottsdale Masonic Lodge**



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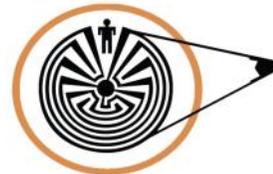
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We hope that it will encourage communication and share knowledge around the State while also giving another outlet to the activities of our many Lodges in Arizona. As is the case with Social Media, we intend for it to be enjoyable and informative and hope that it will grow and adapt to the needs and wants of our Craft as it progresses.

<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,
Tom LaFountain,
Secretary



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September Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Peter Rockefeller Carpenter	9/5/1960	Mark Tracy Messerly	9/25/1975	Robert Curtis Hills PM	9/11/2008
Benjamin Otis Marney	9/24/1964	Bernard Louis Young	9/25/1975	Charles Alberto Castaneda	9/10/2009
Richard Irving Peterson	9/24/1965	Joseph David Barksdale	9/28/1983	Barlas Demirciler	9/8/2011
Edward Thomas Hartnett	9/28/1967	James Eli Lewis	9/17/1998	John Wayne Jacoby	9/8/2011
Anthony Peter Seminora Jr	9/26/1968	Dennis Joseph Tucker	9/19/1999	Carlos Manuel Silva	9/13/2012
Carl Frederick Eschenbrenner	9/21/1972	Jeffrey Charles Takoushian	9/21/1999	Taylor Michael McMullen	9/11/2014
Truett George Craft	9/28/1972	Jeffrey Vilas Morris	9/28/2000	Kenneth Richard Von Hopf	9/11/2014
James Garbett Miller	9/27/1973	David Allen Deere	9/11/2003	Craig Steven Barnes	9/10/2015
Fred William Moore Jr PM	9/26/1974	Kevin Gerard O'Grady	9/30/2004	Dashmesh Singh Khalsa	9/10/2015
Nanik Chandiramani	9/15/1975	Eric Arthur Christianson	9/22/2005	Charles William Parker	9/15/2016
Oliver James Horton Jr	9/25/1975	Victor Romulo Cuzma	9/27/2007		

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Summer Work Projects kept us very busy

Cleaning , painting, some chess playing and remodeling the Lodge Room were all part of the Summer. These are a couple photos of the work in progress for our Lodge Room. Brothers and Friend to Frienders all pitched in worked hard and got to know each other better.



September Calendar of Events **

- Wednesday September 4 - Trustee Meeting**
- Thursday September 5 - Stated Meeting**
- Thursday, September 12 - TBD**
- Thursday, September 19 - TBD**
- Thursday, September 26—TBD**

Dinner precedes all meetings at 6:00PM

Watch for weekly email updates from the Secretary

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Dinner at 6:00pm.

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