

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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### Halloween Costume Party at the Lodge, Thursday, October 31st

#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren, I hope all of you have had the opportunity to see the lodge recently. I am duly moved by the new tile at the altar. When the canopy of stars is the only light, the reflection from the black and white is something to behold.



The two new televisions are up in the dining hall thanks to SW Brad Manhoff and Secretary Tom LaFountain. Now we just need to have an event.

I want to thank all the brothers who came out this summer to work in the quarry. Speaking for the lodge, I very much appreciate all the cleaning, painting and primping that went in to making Scottsdale Lodge look as good as it does. The East project is still under construction, but I see a semblance of what it will be. I am very pleased to walk in the building and look about. We have a wonderful lodge to meet and share brotherhood. We are friends and brothers. This lodge lifted my heart and spirits last evening watching the brothers greet Perry Ransom who had been gone all summer. Everybody stopped and gave him big hugs. He could barely walk through the room. Moments like that are priceless and remind me of why I value my part in this fraternity.

The pedestal officers and the Senior Deacon are anxiously preparing to demonstrate proficiency so they may advance to the new chairs and soon there will be a changing of the guard. Come out and watch their work.

We will have a Halloween Party on 10/31/19, open to all who wish to come. PM Scott Tracy is the director of this event and I look forward to having great fun. Look for more details in email blasts as the party takes shape.

November will be elections, the school awards ceremony and the lodge picnic. Look for details in the blasts.

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

#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Brethren, I came across this article online on the history channel website and thought it was an interesting read.



George Washington, a young Virginia planter, becomes a Master Mason, the highest basic rank in the secret fraternity of Freemasonry. The ceremony was held at the Masonic Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Washington was 21 years old and would soon command his first military operation as a major in the Virginia colonial militia.

Freemasonry evolved from the practices and rituals of the stonemasons' guilds in the Middle Ages. With the decline of European cathedral building, "lodges" decided to admit non-stonemasons to maintain membership, and the secret fraternal order grew in popularity in Europe. In 1717, the first Grand Lodge, an association of lodges, was founded in England, and Freemasonry was soon disseminated throughout the British Empire. The first American Mason lodge was established in Philadelphia in 1730, and future revolutionary leader Benjamin Franklin was a founding member.

There is no central Masonic authority, and Freemasons are governed locally by the order's many customs and rites. Members trace the origins of Masonry back to the erecting of King Solomon's Temple in biblical times and are expected to believe in the "Supreme Being," follow specific religious rites, and maintain a vow of secrecy concerning the order's ceremonies. The Masons of the 18th century adhered to liberal democratic principles that included religious toleration, loyalty to local government, and the importance of charity. From its inception, Freemasonry encountered considerable opposition from organized religion, especially from the Roman Catholic Church.

For George Washington, joining the Masons was a rite of passage and an expression of his civic responsibility. After becoming a

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Master Mason, Washington had the option of passing through a series of additional rites that would take him to higher “degrees.” In 1788, shortly before becoming the first president of the United States, Washington was elected the first Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22.

Many other leaders of the American Revolution, including Paul Revere, John Hancock, the Marquis de Lafayette, and the Boston Tea Party saboteurs, were also Freemasons, and Masonic rites were witnessed at such events as Washington’s presidential inauguration and the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.—a city supposedly designed with Masonic symbols in mind. Masonic symbols, approved by Washington in the design of the Great Seal of the United States, can be seen on the one-dollar bill. The All-Seeing Eye above an unfinished pyramid is unmistakably Masonic, and the scroll beneath, which proclaims the advent of a “New Secular Order” in Latin, is one of Freemasonry’s long-standing goals. The Great Seal appeared on the dollar bill during the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt, also a Mason.

Freemasonry has continued to be important in U.S. politics, and at least 15 presidents, five Supreme Court chief justices, and numerous members of Congress have been Masons. Presidents known to be Masons include Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Ford. Today there are an estimated two million Masons in the United States.

**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff,  
Senior Warden**



**From the South**

After spending much time contemplating the meanings behind the second degree I pressed into learning more about symbols and their meaning and all roads on my journey lead down the path to alchemy. Most films show alchemists as desperate early chemists trying to turn base metals into gold, but it was far more all-encompassing than that, and so there are many, many connections to freemasonry, which we will dive into together.



Alchemy pre-dates Christianity, certainly back to ancient Greece, and prior to that ancient Egypt. The

most comprehensive go-to texts for the alchemists was the Corpus Hermeticum (around 2nd AD), detailing the principles set out by Hermes Trismegistus that man is a microcosm of the universe. As above, so below. So man’s inner transformation affects his outer world, and this was the focus of “the Work”.

This correspondence meant that the process of refining man’s soul should be the same as physical processes; thus the focus of turning base metals into gold. Others concentrated solely on the spiritual processes.

Around the 17th century, many of the existing guilds of masons converted into the fraternity of freemasonry, and with it incorporated much of the symbology and thinking of the spiritual side of alchemy into their rites and symbols; the perfection of man.

Newly constructed in our lodge you will see a representation of king Solomon temple with the tiles reflecting black and white; representing the light and dark, male and female, sun and the moon, required for all processes.

Additionally the 7 chemical stages are represented and Euclid’s 47th and Pythagoras are depicted calling our focus on specific stages of this process. This harkens back to the mathematics needed by mason’s to make their buildings, but back to Plato’s idea of a natural harmony between man’s soul and his actions, as laid out in Timaeus.

Again, because of the laws of correspondence, the same proportions man should move in were equally applied by the alchemists in both their physical and spiritual processes.

There are many more correspondences through out the lodge and as as the completion of the pillars are installed I implore you to take some time to explore our beautiful temple. Walk around the lodge, see the symbols and ask yourself their meaning. Dive deeper into the craft, talk more about it's perfection, it's flaws, it's relevance to your fellow brothers, it's relevance to you, and share your thoughts and experiences with each other.

As above, so below.

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





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The Highland Games will take place at Steele Indian School Park on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of 2020.

You don't have to be Scottish to attend our Games. We welcome everyone and hope you'll share with us about your cultural background too! Visit the Genealogy tent and trace your own family roots. There will be so much to see and do!

Artists will entertain throughout the day with their traditional and modern Scottish tunes. The wee lads & lassies area will entertain our younger visitors.

We will also showcase competitive highland dancing, pipe bands, heavy athletics, country dancing, historical re-enactments, vintage British car exhibitions and representatives of over 50 Clans

Dogs on leashes are OK, but please be prepared to clean up after your pet. However the adjacent Dog Park will be closed for the weekend.

We are looking for Masonic Volunteers (you don't have to belong to the Scottish Rite or the KSA) to work the Masonic Tents and the Kids play zone. Food and admission will be provided for all volunteers.

If you are interested in attending and volunteering please contact either Scott Tracy or Kenneth Von Hopf at Scottsdale Lodge 43.

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# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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Charles Joseph Sutton	10/11/1956	Scott Burton Stemen	10/22/1986	Rashawn Roberto Edwards	10/14/2010
Robert James Gray Jr	10/18/1956	Carlos Rausch	10/25/1988	Christopher Kermit Johnson	10/14/2010
Donald R. Yerger	10/27/1958	Michael Dennis Strauber	10/18/1990	Chad Robert Wolahan	10/13/2011
William Thomas Gesswein PM	10/27/1960	Carl Bailey Warren	10/29/1992	Dennis Gardner Agapito Ira	10/11/2012
David Keith Griffiths	10/31/1963	Loren Burrell Smith	10/12/1995	Kurt Alan Stancl	10/11/2012
Harvey Bennett Friedman	10/20/1964	Larry Ray Marshbanks	10/24/1996	Christopher Dohn Gomez Titular	10/11/2012
Russell Wade Warren	10/27/1966	Christopher Everette Mumfrey	10/30/1997	Michael Scott Dryden	10/18/2012
John Frederick Herchet	10/25/1968	Blake Tyler Davis	10/15/1998	Jonathan Martin Beffel	10/3/2013
Michael Wayne Lempke	10/30/1968	Dennis Gerald Senst	10/25/2001	Robert Gerald Beer	10/26/2013
Marvin Alfred Bellefeuille	10/24/1974	Marc Charles Gross	10/12/2002	William Judson Duke III	10/9/2014
Edward Thomas Fridlund	10/30/1975	Richard John Shields	10/24/2002	Peter Frederich Yauch	10/9/2014
James Edward Watt Jr	10/17/1978	Jasper Sheridan Nichols Sr	10/26/2006	Steven Brian Bonanno	10/15/2015
David L Knox	10/18/1978	Prescott Raymond Smith	10/26/2006	Napoleon Rennald Leyesa	10/15/2015
Richard Charles Hunsinger	10/23/1980	Joseph Carlyle Brown Jr	10/25/2007	William Frank Wilkins	10/15/2015
Walter Breck King	10/29/1981	Brian Alexander Oliver	10/9/2008	Scott Allen Smith	10/31/2015
Jesse Bishop Lee	10/28/1982	Merle Levy Clark Anderson PM	10/8/2009	Steven Joseph Lueder	10/13/2016
William Raymond Steele	10/10/1984	Larry Lynn Frank	10/8/2009	Eddie Boquilla	10/12/2017
Carl David Chadwick	10/3/1985	Elliot Ben Rovinsky	10/29/2009	Christian Paul Burns	10/12/2017

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**From Eastern Star-**

We have just installed our new Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Warren. She is from Queen Esther chapter in Phoenix. Our newly installed Worthy Grand Patron is Dean Powell from Ruby 3 in Winslow. Congratulations to all the new AZ Grand Chapter Officers.



Keep the date of Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> open so that you can join us for a Spaghetti dinner. More information will be coming.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring both our Masonic brothers and veterans at a chili dinner at 6pm. Please call Diane Hutchinson, 480-495-7521 with your reservations. This will be a very special day, so please join us.

Fraternally,

Janet Mielke PM

Scottsdale #43 Order of the Eastern Star

**October Calendar of Events \*\***

- Wednesday October 2 - Trustee Meeting
- Thursday October 3 - Stated Meeting
- Thursday, October 10 - TBD
- Thursday, October 17 - TBD
- Thursday, October 24 - TBD
- Thursday, October 31 - Halloween Party

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

*Watch for weekly email updates from the Secretary*

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**MEETING PLACE**

**Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43**  
 2531 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ.

**Stated Meeting:** The first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, except July and August.

Dinner at 6:00pm.

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