

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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### Merry Christmas ... Happy Hanukah



#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren, Doing the right thing and giving your best effort is the beginning of pleasant memories. I thank you for allowing me this opportunity to shepherd the lodge for the past twelve months. Looking back, I am pleased with my service to the lodge. I accomplished about eighty percent of what I intended. And by serendipitous means other things happened. We now have a beautiful tessellated tile floor under the altar. I would rather be lucky than good. Thank you to the brothers that sparked the idea and helped me make it happen.



The East is still under construction, as we are a "work in progress" always striving to be better. I am patient with this project for I know it will be worth the waiting.

As far as the internal health of the lodge, we are in great shape. Morale is high and we are excited about the new officers leading us into 2020. I am very pleased with the growth in our lodge through the Friend to Friend and the Tuesday morning Coffee with brothers. If you have not come in for coffee on Tuesday, it is a great bonding of brothers.

Scottsdale Lodge is truly a leader in Masonry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We are growing because we embrace the Millennials and they find in us a way to connect with good men in a positive environment. May the momentum continue.

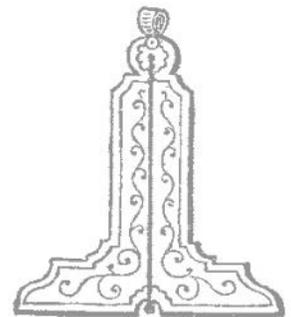
**Brandon Valentine**  
**Worshipful Master 2019**  
**Scottsdale Lodge #43**

#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

This month I wanted to take the time to congratulate the officers for 2020. Here is the line up:



Worshipful Master	Bradley Manhoff
Senior Warden	Jonathan D'Emilio
Junior Warden	Tim Scarpino
Treasurer	Roger Behm
Secretary	Tom Burke
Senior Deacon	John Favara
Junior Deacon	Shawn Hunter
Senior Steward	Clynton Tupas
Junior Steward	Gary Nelson
Marshall	Bob Beers
Chaplain	David Earney
Tyler	Tom Jaeger



We are excited to serve the lodge and have some great things planned.

Installation will be at lodge on December 8, 2019 at 3:30PM.

There is a rumor that White Castle burgers will be served after the ceremony.

Here is a quick look at plans for the upcoming year. Are you a member of a committee? If you said no, then we need to chat. Keep an eye out for the committee contact list. We will be providing a list of committees with their chairmen and contact info as well as their function. Also, I want to announce a new committee, the "Welcoming Committee". This group will be enlisted to help welcome and assist our newly raised brothers, maybe even help figure out

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which committee to join. Do you have an idea that will help the lodge grow? Write it down and send it over.

Lastly, CALLING ALL PAST MASTERS, I would like to have a meeting in January with all the Past Masters of Scottsdale 43. Once the date has been confirmed your RSVP will need to be the items you would like to discuss. This will help establish an agenda, and if we have time at the end, any non agenda items can be addressed. Past Masters, start putting together your suggestions and comments.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Fraternally,  
Bradley Manhoff,  
Senior Warden**



**From the South**

As Thanksgiving has just passed, I wanted to write something about gratitude and how it can help define and affect our lives. We learn in lecture, as well as in life, that it is important to divide our time, each part representing different but equally important aspects of our lives and duties. I write about this because this lesson has come back to me time and time again. The importance of ritual and structure, and how deeply interwoven they are to personal and professional success, becomes more and more evident to me the more I experience, and the older I get.



Let's talk about the importance of structuring our day, goal setting, taking action on those goals, and more importantly approaching and closing each day with gratitude.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

-Aristotle

If you are like me, many of us runaround day to day accomplishing tasks set out for us, checking off boxes, or putting out metaphorical fires as they arise. All of these actions are reactionary and as important as they are, they minimize the importance of the goals in our lives that deserve the most attention. So we need structure, and what's more important is understanding the structure and hierarchy of our goals. Yes ending your day with 100 things you have done today might feel like success but if those things haven't progressed initial goals, the ones that mean the most to you, then what have you really done? The solution I've come to see is as the lecture says, divide your time into parts, a ritual in the morning, your daily routine, and a ritual at the end of the day. This way you have time to set up your day, plan out the things you really want to accomplish, and time to reflect on what happened at the end of that day. Now there are many schools of thought on how to actually structure your day and if anyone wants to talk to me further about specific ways I

will be happy to discuss. Additionally, I am not stating that one way is better than any other, there are benefits to almost all of the structures that I have researched, but there are common core themes relating to all of them. One of them being gratitude. You see we must control what we can control. How we start and end our days being the easiest. What happens from the moment you leave your home and return can vary and are harder to control then the actions you take when you wake and before you go to sleep. Or opening and closing your personal and spiritual lodge. So why then gratitude, what is it, and why is it important?

Gratitude means counting your blessings, appreciating the simple pleasures, and appreciating everything you have. By practicing a daily habit of gratitude, you'll begin to see and think differently, especially during moments when you feel stuck or in a rut. Regardless of where you are in life, your focus can be shifted toward the positive. When we shift our focus from the negative to the positive it helps us see the situation more clearly so that we stop worrying so much and open our minds to new solutions. Gratitude can be broken down into three simple steps: Recognize what you are grateful for, acknowledge it to be true, and then taking a moment to appreciate it. Studies indicate that by starting and ending your day this way you can rewire your brain to have a more positive outlook on life. Gratitude is a way for us to appreciate our blessings in life and lessen our feelings of constantly failing or shortchanging ourselves.

Benjamin Franklin was famous for his exceptional productivity and rigorous routines, and noted in his journals that he ended each carefully, mapped out day by asking himself, “What good did I do today?” His closing ritual included an analysis of what he was grateful for accomplishing. In short he made sure to pay wages to those he was grateful for, as well to himself for his personal accomplishments.

Gratitude is the foundation in the pyramid that helps us define our own personal superstructure. Without it we can easily lose sight as to what is important, and with it we can continue building that magnificent superstructure with minimal delays. I started this piece expressing the importance of gratitude, ritual, structure and how deeply interwoven they are to personal and professional success. Thus I will end it with two quotes expressing how our daily execution of these habits define and shape us.

“Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting, in the trying not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be.”

-Zig Ziglar

And finally for all of those brothers out there like me, whom seek to make a positive change in their lives.

“You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success if found in your daily routine.”

-Darren Hardy

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy holidays to every and all of you out there, I am grateful to call you my brothers, and I wish you all the very best in everything that you do, and in all your personal pursuits.

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

**From the Organist**

**SCIENCE**

Trying to ponder a reasonable definition of science, is like trying to package air. There are pros and cons all the way to absolutes, to the point of theoretical equality. People say that all science come from original thought, distilled into blends of theory, unproven, and put to the test to show the way to a desired place where reasonable minds agree further investigation must be taken.

Up till now, progress was based on human opinion, and some functional provability. Probable from this point on, each proof of mind and matter is called science. Thoughts of what is considered science constitutes a realm of absolutes of thought, investigation, analytical progress, and agreement on what is provable, and what should be, and the realization that there is always more to do. Possibly then known proof can be proven.

Because of the presence of ethereal thought, there often are detractors of progress, need, doubt, even morals. But detractors often are the stimulant to further progression by the doubting of of given proofs, and the cycle continues, the results producing untold delay for the advancement of civilization. The accomplishments of science can be for the good, as in medical discovery, or the obverse as weapons of mass destruction. Let moral wisdom be the guide.

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland, PM  
Organist**

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480 946 1072 or EMAIL :

[secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com)

**NEW Facebook Group**

Brothers, If you haven't seen this new Facebook Group to find Masonic Brothers' business and services or just to sell something, look it up and join in.



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Fraternity means an association of brothers, and that is exactly what Freemasonry is - a society of friends and brothers. The origins of Freemasonry date back to the dawn of civilization. The Egyptians practiced many of the philosophies known to modern Free-masonry, and men practiced many of the operative skills as guilds formed in Europe during the Tenth Century. Written records of modern Freemasonry have been kept since 1717 with the formation of a general governing body called a Grand Lodge in England.

It is not a secret society in that its Temples are openly marked and almost everyone in the community knows where they are located. The Grand Lodge publishes a roster of the members of every lodge in the jurisdiction. Many of the Lodges have individual bulletins or newsletters which carry the names of the officers and members, as well. Thus it is, in the strictest sense of the word, a society with secrets, and these are limited to its obligation, its modes of recognition, such as pass words and grips, etc. and certain parts of its ritual.

It is religious in character, but is not a religion. It is founded upon the basic principle of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and everyone who comes to its lodges must express a particular belief about God, for this is the privilege of each individual and is not infringed upon by our Fraternity.

Freemasonry practices selective charities, founded on the principle of brotherly need which is not applicable in all cases that appear similar. No member has a specific claim upon the society for its charity, for this is not a right acquired by becoming a member of the society, rather it is a privilege.

**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

*December Masonic Anniversaries  
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Bruce E Fischer	12/7/1954	Justin Keith Taylor	12/11/2008	Bryan Nicholas Thomas	12/15/2012
Wayne Eugene Allen	12/1/1959	Patrick Robert Kaminsky	12/18/2008	Edward John Bandyk	12/10/2015
Bruce William Genthner	12/14/1961	Robert Gale Stepp	12/18/2008	Justin Lee Garrett	12/10/2015
Sidney Lee Magness	12/7/1963	Bruce Ira LaBell	12/10/2009	Ryan Johnathon Wilson	12/8/2016
David Allen Smith	12/5/1987	Michael Addison Fuller	12/4/2010		
Wilhelm Hartmann	12/19/1991	Gary Allen Nichols	12/9/2010		
Ronald W Buksbaum	12/28/1992	David Watson	12/8/2011		
Sean Daniel Weiland	12/17/2005	John Dean Covington	12/15/2012		
Erik Allen Easton	12/13/2007	Mark Andrew Marsillo	12/15/2012		
Matthew James Smith	12/11/2008	John Michael Pierce	12/15/2012		

**Our apologies, due to technical glitches this list may not be up to date.**

**Lodge Election Results**

**The Elections;** Brad Manhoff was elected WM unanimously. Tom Burke was elected as the Secretary and Roger Behm was elected at Treasurer.

The Five Masonic Trial Commissioners elected are Bob Beffel, Steve Clarke, Tony Darin, Fred LaBell and Stan Sparrow.

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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**

**December Calendar of Events \*\***

**Wednesday December 4 - Trustee Meeting**  
**Thursday December 5 - Stated Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 8 - Installation \*\***  
**Thursday, December 12 - 3rd Degree**  
**Sunday, December 19 - Christmas Party**  
**The Lodge will be dark December 26th**

**\*\* Installation of Officers starts at 3:30 PM \*\***

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

***Watch for weekly email updates from the Secretary***

**<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>**

**2019 OFFICERS**

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Organist	David Woodland, PM	480-639-9639
Treasurer	Russell Sayre PM	480-998-7018
Secretary	Tom LaFountain	480-544-7052



**From Eastern Star-**

Starting next month, we will begin giving information regarding our commitment to Service Dogs internationally. We will explain more about what and how you & I will be able to contribute to the welfare of these amazing animals. Be sure to look for it.



Eastern Star wishes everyone a wonderful and beautiful holiday season. We wish health and happiness plus special times with family and friends.

**Fraternally,**  
**Janet Mielke PM**

**Scottsdale #43 Order of the Eastern Star**

**2019 Scottsdale Lodge Committee Chairmen**

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**MEETING PLACE**

**Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43**  
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**Stated Meeting:** The first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, except July and August.

Dinner at 6:00pm.

For further information call (480) 946-1072 or visit [www.scottsdalelodge43.com](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com).