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### Welcome Back to Lodge New Health Safety Protocols are in Place

### <u>GREETINGS</u> FROM THE EAST

Brothers it is imperative that we follow the rules and guidelines for Lodge during the pandemic. I'm very disappointed to hear that several brothers and guests



were not wearing masks or complying with the new guidelines this past week. If you are not comfortable or simply refuse to meet the guidelines please do not attend Lodge. This is a very serious situation and in no way am I willing to risk any brothers safety or health.

I understand this is a difficult time for everybody and stress levels are heightened but we need to be very considerate of each other. We are looking into better ways to enforce these guidelines and to ensure our safety.

There is a short timeframe remaining for the brothers in the officer line to get their proficiencies to move up to their next position and we need to make sure that we do whatever possible to accommodate them as well as the candidates that are in need of their degrees

Brothers please make the best effort to meet our guidelines and follow the rules that we have established for a safe Lodge environment

Bradley Manhoff Worshipful Master 2020

### <u>GREETINGS</u> FROM THE WEST

A continuation from my June submission on Fire. I came across an amazing article written by Sir Knight David E. Stafford, that describes some of the more esoteric symbols that might be overlooked throughout the degree. One of which is



the elements. Earth, Wind, Water, and Fire.

Today's submission will move from Fire to Earth and the first journey: These writings include the rituals as reflected from Pike's blue degrees and The Chamber of Reflection.

The first trial of a candidate for the first degree is that of earth. The proselyte is delivered to the lodge by the individual who recommended him to Masonry. The profane is promptly left in the hands of a conductor who blindfolds the proselyte and leads him about the lodge in the illusion of descending into a deep pit or catacomb. The candidate is then seated on a stool and turned over to the instruction of the preparer. The room is prepared with images of death and despair. Present also is a cup of water, a piece of bread, and dishes of salt, sulfur, and mercury. The proselyte is left to explore the crypt and answer four written questions before him. Each question is related to the duties the candidate owes to himself, his fellow-creatures, his country, and his creator, respectively. He is instructed that once he has answered the questions and followed all the instructions, he is to ring a bell signifying his completion. The preparer observes the candidate through a hidden wicket, and when the candidate begins to answer the questions, a disturbance outside of the chamber occurs. The proselyte hears chains rattling, cries, and a loud explosion, followed Continued om page 2



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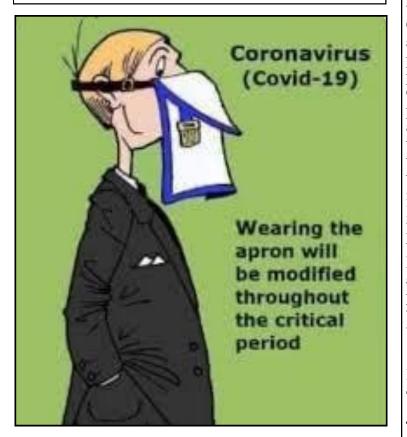
by silence. Once he answers the questions, the candidate is required to write a will, drink the water, eat the bread, and reflect upon the salt, sulfur, and mercury. The latter substances' connections to alchemy are explained. They are described as being representative of man's three fold being: body, mind, and spirit. The salt is a reminder of the endless cycle of the dead becoming part of the living. The smoke from burning a particle of sulfur represents good and evil th oughts. The mercury with its inability to be easily divided into portions is representative of the spirit in simple oneness. After the proselyte has completed his tasks, the preparer blindfolds the candidate and leads him back through the path from whence he arrived at the chamber.

I've had a lot of brothers ask me why we do this, Why the chamber of reflection is conducted. It comes from a deeper form, a deeper practice, and one that I wish to endure in our lodge. There is more to come this year brothers and I can't wait to be there standing with you throughout the journey as we provide to our candidates, our new brothers, our new order.

So mote it be.

Jonathan D'Emilio

Senior Warden



### From the South

As the world continues to be in need of healing, I offer you a few Masonic prayers to use in your everyday life.

May we, who know not Your Beneficent Name, praise your work forever and through the



constant practice of the Noble Arts and Sciences we know as Freemasonry always understand that there are limits to our life, to knowledge this is no limit. Not to move is easy but to walk with treading on the ground is difficult, it is easy to fall into hypocrisy but by acting as Masons it is difficult to play the hypocrite, To fly with wings is possible but without them it is difficult. We have heard of the knowledge of the wise but never of knowledge of the unwise. Those who do not study the designs on the Trestleboard of Life have no course that they can pursue in life. Supreme Warden of the All in All, help us to carry the designs of our Masonic Trestleboard every close to our hearts. Amen

Here is another great prayer:

The ways of Virtue are beautiful: Knowledge is attained by degrees: Wisdom dwells with contemplation: There we must seek her. Let us; then, Brethren, apply ourselves with becoming zeal to the practice of the excellent principles inculcated by our Order. Let us ever remember that the great objects of our association are the restraint of improper desires and passions, the cultivation of an active benevolence, and the promotion of a correct knowledge of the duties we owe to God, our neighbor and ourselves. Let us be united, and practice with assiduity the sacred tenets of our Order. Let all private animosities, if any unhappily exist, give place to affection and Brotherly-Love. It is a useless parade to talk of the subjection of irregular passions within the walls of the Lodge, if we permit them to triumph in our intercourse with each other. Uniting in the grand design, let us be happy ourselves, and endeavor to promote the happiness of others. Let us cultivate the great moral virtues, which are laid down on our Masonic Trestle-Board, and improve in everything that is good, amiable, and useful. Let the benign Genius of the Mystic Art preside over our councils, and, under her sway, let us act with a dignity becoming the high moral character of our venerable Institution. Amen

Fraternally, Tim Scarpino Junior Warden





### Scottsdale #43 Masonic Shirts for Sale

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





Remember, while you are at Lodge check out our Masonic jewelry case for various Masonic themed pins, emblems, ties and many other items.

### **IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDER**

Prostate cancer is a serious situation that must be addressed by most men sometime in their life. It is critically important to have a blood test annually to help catch it early and be familiar with other symptoms as well! Please put a reminder on your calendar, my Brothers!

Fraternally from a brother with prostate cancer!



We appreciate your enthusiasm Brother Ketchum. But I don't think this is what the retention committee had in mind when they asked us to "bring 'em back to lodge".

#### From the Organist

### WORDS

Words are much more than a gathering of letters formed to make a word that expresses meaning. Meanings are only as valid as the speaker' intent, and ability to control expression. We are surely aware that words of comofort, sincerely offered, is the oldest therapy known.

We also know that the wise speak because there is something to say. Most others are heard because they have to say something. When complaints and excuses become positive changes in one's maturity of expression, it is evidence of one's measure of personal maturity.

Fraternally, Dave Woodland, PM Organist

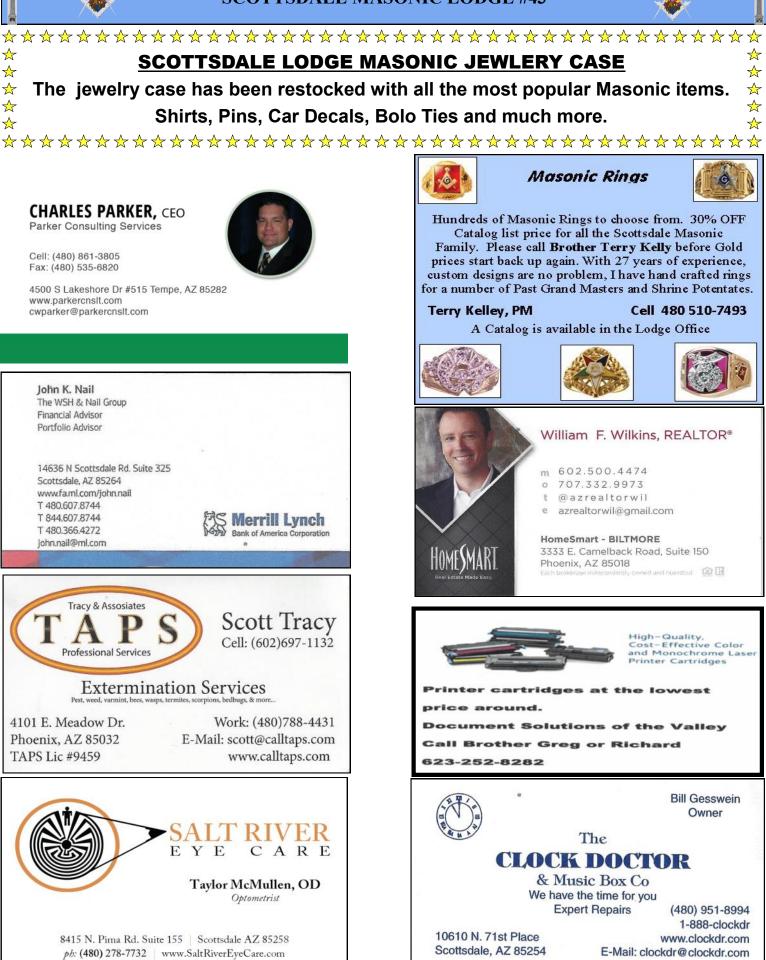
### SCOTTSDALE LODGE EMAIL BLASTS

Over the years, Scottsdale 43 has changed. The building, the people, and the communication has changed. Now, more email is used than ever before which allows us to get important information out days faster than even ten years ago.

All brothers should receive a weekly email blast from the lodge usually on Monday evening. It contains important lodge information. Yes, sometimes it is repetitive, but it is felt that regardless, the information needs to be communicated. We often hear, "Oh, I don't read that." That is followed by, "Oh, I didn't know that." The blast doesn't take long to read. You can scan through it in less that a minute so PLEASE keep yourself knowledgeable about YOUR lodge.

Part of "Making Good Men, Better" involves gaining more "Light" which can be facilitated through the email blast. <u>So please read it each week</u>! Keep your contact information up to date! An enormous amount of time is spent updating and maintaining the membership data base. Email allows us to do that more efficiently, except when a brother's email is incorrect. Or how about when the email is incorrect, the phone is incorrect, the street address is incorrect? We then search Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, the Social Security Death Index, and other Internet sources which take A LOT of time and effort. PLEASE HELP US, HELP YOU by keeping us updated which is periodically one of the email blast topics. Thank you, Brothers.







### **BROTHERS – IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Brothers, if you haven't been receiving the Monday evening email blast from the lodge, we probably don't have a valid email address for you. Please <u>update your information including</u> <u>mailing address</u> with the lodge secretary at <u>secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com</u> or call him at 480-946-1072. Thank you for taking care of this immediately!

### LODGE DONUTS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Brothers, THANK YOU, because since early March we started amassing donations from lodge brothers so we could deliver donuts to healthcare and first responders for their fight against COVID-19 and helping people in distress. Many of you donated generously and for those who haven't had the chance, it's not too late (See Donut Parlor add and pick up the phone). Our brother Chhaya owns the Donut Parlor and greatly appreciates the lodge's support of his business by ordering donut.

We have delivered dozens of donuts to: Banner Desert Hospital, Mayo Hospital, Scottsdale Osborn and Scottsdale Shea Hospital, several care facilities, four Scottsdale Police stations and the Scottsdale Fire and Police Headquarters, multiple fire houses, and others. Each donut box had Chhaya's advertising on them plus a Scottsdale Masonic Lodge "Thank you for all you do!"

Brothers, none of this would have happened without your generosity! It's what Masons are all about...doing good things for good people. THANK YOU for supporting this win-win program! It has meant so much to so many people for Scottsdale Freemasons to say "thank you" for all their efforts. I wish I could have recorded their reactions to receiving dozens of donuts which was always a surprise to them. It brightened their day during a time when all of us are in an exceedingly difficult time!

### **Brother Stephen Clarke**

### YOUR LODGE...

Brothers, Scottsdale Lodge belongs to its members. Most brothers don't think of the lodge as a business but it is! Let's talk about the building maintenance. We try to maintain as much of the building with our own brothers who have skills in the various areas. For the past couple of years we have been searching for a brother to volunteer as the Building Service Manager. If you're interested, please contact the lodge secretary (480-946-1072). The biggest part of that job is just keeping your eyes open to items in need of repair.

For example, recently one of our outside parties using the building informed us about a broken window in the women's bathroom. It apparently had been broken for some time but was not reported to the secretary or anyone else. If we had a Building Services Manager, he would have been the person to report it to so he could arrange to have it fixed.

Most recently the sign on the west gable of the lodge needed bulbs replaced. A company was secured to remove the old fixtures and install LED bulbs which will last longer and create a better lighting of the sign. The sign was built years ago, however, Michael Valecourt (Trumbull) prior to petitioning the lodge for membership asked if he could rebuild it which he did. He did a great job and even enlisted the help of a California brother and metal worker who fabricated a beautiful square and compass of stainless steel to mount on the sign. Look closely and see if you can decipher the Masonic code inscribed on the square! Wil Wilkins assisted in the finishing touches.

You can help too! If you find a doorknob that needs tightening, get a screwdriver and tighten it. If there's trash around the outside of the lodge, get a brother to help you pick it up. Burned out light bulb, there are some in the closet in the dining room. If there's not the right size bulb, tell the secretary or Building Services Manager or get one yourself and replace it. If we all take that initiative the lodge will be nicer and run more smoothly and cost effectively.

### 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. <u>http://www.azmasons.org</u>

Fraternally,	
Tom Burke,	
Secretary	





### ererererererere **CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM** The funeral (Celestial Journey Team) has been idled for many months due to COVID-19. There are several brothers who have joined the Celestial Lodge Above and their families and loved ones are awaiting resolution of the Social Distancing measures before scheduling ceremonies. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Brother Cesar Diaz and I conducted a courtesy ceremony at Messinger Mortuary for brother Samuel Ward Ir a highly accomplished brother Samuel Ward, Jr., a highly accomplished brother from Springfield Gardens #1057, Rockville Centre, NY. He labored 93 years and during that time he had an impressive Masonic journey. WB Sam became the Worshipful Master of Jamaica Queens Village lodge in 1965. He was a great Master of his lodge and 10 years later he was courted by the Grand Lodge of New York to become a District Grand Lecturer and on to District Deputy Grand Master, very distinctive positions. WB Sam kept highly involved moving through positions of Treasurer several times over the years, VServ, Brotherhood Fund Chairman several times, Veterans Service, Military Outreach, served on the Board of Trustees and was a man of amazing commitment and energy! He spent countless hours helping veterans in the name of his lodge. He was not only involved in his lodge work but joined OES in the 80s and served in many capacities including Worthy Patron twice. He was instrumental GRUBHUB in the success of many of the lodge youth groups. WB Sam was a proud Master Mason and lived his life according to that moral compass. His influence on those around him was enormous and he, through his example, made this world a far better place. He was a true leader due to his ability to influence the behaviors of others which will always live on and grow. He was preceded in death by his father who also was a Freemason. Due to COVID-19 a group of brothers was not requested for the ceremony. Funerals are expected to increase in the months to

come and we are requesting that all lodge brothers step up to attend and send their brothers to the Celestial Heavens. Attending a funeral for a brother is the last opportunity to show respect for him as a brother and to his family. Please, do your best to represent our lodge, our fraternity, and the brothers and fellows who have passed this way before you. It is a short time out of your day that means so much to our departed brother's family.

Brothers David Earney and Stephen Clarke, Celestial Journey Directors

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# **LODGE OFFICE HOURS**

**Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:** 

Monday **5PM-7PM Thursday 5PM-7PM** Sunday **10AM-2PM** 

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### **EASTERN STAR**

We will have a monthly zoom meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Check your inbox for the zoom connection.

Fraternally,

Janet Mielke, PM

Scottsdale #43 Order of the Eastern Star



### SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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

Merle Levy Clark Anderson	10/8/2009	Robert James Gray Jr	10/18/1956	Elliot Ben Rovinsky	10/29/2009
Salvatore John Augone	10/18/2018	David Keith Griffiths	10/31/1963	Timothy Charles Scarpino	10/12/2016
Robert Gerald Beer	10/26/2013	Marc Charles Gross	10/12/2002	Michael J Seltzer	10/18/2018
Jonathan Martin Beffel	10/10/2013	John Frederick Herchet	10/25/1968	Dennis Gerald Senst	10/25/2001
Marvin Alfred Bellefeuille	10/24/1974	Shawn Patrick Hunter	10/18/2018	Richard John Shields	10/24/2002
Steven Brian Bonanno	10/15/2015	Dennis Gardner Agapito Ira	10/11/2012	Loren Burrell Smith	10/12/1995
Eddie Boquilla	10/12/2017	Christopher Kermit Johnson	10/14/2010	Prescott Raymond Smith	10/26/2006
Leo E Bourrian	10/27/2005	Walter Breck King	10/29/1981	Scott Allen Smith	10/31/2015
George Joseph Brookler	10/11/2018	David L Knox	10/18/1978	Kurt Alan Stancl	10/11/2012
Joseph Carlyle Brown Jr	10/25/2007	Jesse Bishop Lee	10/28/1982	Scott Burton Stemen	10/22/1986
Christian Paul Burns	10/12/2017	Michael Wayne Lempke	10/30/1968	Michael Dennis Strauber	10/18/1990
Carl David Chadwick	10/3/1985	Carl Albert Lueck	10/18/2018	Charles Joseph Sutton	10/11/1956
Blake Tyler Davis	10/15/1998	Steven Joseph Lueder	10/13/2016	Christopher Dohn G.Titular	10/11/2012
Michae lScott Dryden	10/18/2012	Larry Ray Marshbanks	10/24/1996	Clynton Fabella Tupas II	10/11/2018
William Judson DukeIII	10/9/2014	Christopher Everette Mumfrey	y 10/30/1997	Russell Wade Warren	10/27/1966
Rashawn Roberto Edwards	10/14/2010	Jasper Sheridan Nichols Sr	10/26/2006	Carl Bailey Warren	10/29/1992
Edward Thomas Fridlund	10/30/1975	Brian Alexander Oliver	10/9/2008	William Frank Wilkins	10/15/2015
Harvey Bennett Friedman	10/20/1964	Rowan Jay Pickering	10/11/2018	Chad Robert Wolahan	10/13/2011
William T Gesswein	10/27/1960	Carlos Rausch	10/25/1988	Peter Frederick Yauch	10/9/2014







### **Brothers Helping Brothers**

It has come to the attention of the Lodge that some of our Brothers still are having a challenging time during the business shutdowns facing all of us. Loss of jobs, businesses and income are very stressful in normal times and during these times are even more so.

Please if your business can use more publicity at this time, notify the Lodge Secretary and he will see that it is distributed to the members who then, may seek you out for their needs.

Brothers try and help your Brothers whenever possible, within the length of your Cable tow. The Grand Hailing Sign is in view, please respond accordingly.

### FROM THE LIBRARY

### **Scottsdale Lodge Memories**

One of the most interesting things in the library is a gavel. O.C. Wilson was one of the founders of Scottsdale Lodge 43 and it's first Worshipful Master. He used this gavel in the first year, 1950, and likely at the meetings when the Lodge was being formed. The gavel was around the Lodge for many years and used by Wardens and some Worshipful Masters. It is unusual because it is one piece tree with a 90 degree branch or a branch with a smaller 90 degree branch. In the tear 2000, 50 years later, Worshipful Master Chuck Squires ordered the gavel not be used any more, except if an incoming Master wanted to use it at his installation. The gavel is in great condition and should last many more years if used at the most once a year. When it was taken out of service it was taken down to Wood Workers World to see what the wood actually was. They took it and studied it for some time and could not tell us what kind of tree it came from. This is just one of the interesting artifacts in the library.

Fraternally, Ritchie Yorsten PM Library Chairman





# Save the Date

Scottsdale Lodge Annual Cookout

McCormick Railroad Park

7301 E Indian Bend Rd. November 15, 2020 From IIAM -4 PM



Burgers. Hots Dog & Brats Families and Friends Welcome WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME





### **2020 OFFICERS and CONTACT INFORMATION**

Worshipful Master	<b>Bradley Manhoff</b>	602-809-5995	Ema
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Junior Deacon	Shawn Hunter	480-486-94	419
Senior Steward	Clynton Tupas	602-425-3	991
Junior Steward	Gary Nelson	480-215-0	077
Marshal	Robert Beer	720-231-3	294
Chaplain	David Earney	817-567 5	109
Tyler	Tom Jaeger	480-327-7	700
Organist	David Woodland, PM	480-639-96	639
Treasurer	Roger Behm	630-660-2	147
Secretary	Thomas A. Burke, PM	A 203-559-95	504

### Scottsdale Lodge Committee Chairmen

Candidate Proficiency	Jonathan D'Emilio	732-267-4980
Chamber of Reflection	Steve Clarke	480-946-5390
Distressed MM WO	Pillar Officers	
Trestleboard Editor	Fred LaBell	480-717-7716
Friend to Friend	Ken Von Hopf	480-998-7018
Finance Committee	Russell Sayre PM	480-998-7018
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Celestial Journey Team	David Earney	817-567 5109
Investigations	Bradley Manhoff	602-809-5995
Jewelry Case	Shawn Sawaqed	602-369-0576
Library	Ritchie Yorsten	480-694-0075
Photographer	Allen Nichols	602-617-4504
Brother's Outreach	George Brookler	480-510-2214
Masonic Education	David Earney	480-283-5411
Bikes for Books	Wil Wilkins	602-500-4474

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

October 1 Thursday .....Stated Meeting (NO MEAL) October 19 Thursday .....Awards Night (NO MEAL)

> \*ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS Will be per weekly email announcements.

# Watch for email updates from the Secretary http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com

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## CALL IF YOUNEED A RIDE TO LODGE

The Brother's Outreach Team has raises funds for our brothers who don't drive after dark or don't drive at all so they can come to Lodge to enjoy the fellowship. <u>If</u> <u>you would like to attend Lodge</u>, contact the secretary Tom Burke @ 203-559-9504 to arrange for a ride to and from at no cost to you (Valley area only).

If you would like to support this worthy cause, please send a check to Scottsdale Lodge 43, POB 486 Scottsdale, AZ 85252. On the check write "Transportation Fund" or use credit card by calling the Secretary at 480-946-1072.

2020 TRUSTEES		
Stephen Owen Clarke	(480) 946-5390	
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Gary Allen Nichols	(602) 617-4504	
Scott Herbert Tracy	(602) 697-1132	
Brandon John Valentine	(480) 639-9040	
William Frank Wilkins	(707) 332-9973	

### **MEETING LOCATION**

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. For further information call (480) 946-1072

or visit **www.scottsdalelodge43.com**.