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## Happy New Year

### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Thank you, Brethren, for electing me to Scottsdale 43's East. It gives me great pleasure to be able to serve you all as Master for the ensuing year.



Freemasonry is capable of bestowing many laurels upon its members, but none so great as that of Master of the Lodge. There are higher degrees to which, through diligence and devotion to duty, we may attain but no man can, unless he enjoys the respect and confidence of his Brethren, be elevated to the honored station of Worshipful Master.

I am deeply appreciative of this honor you have entrusted in me. My predecessors have set distinguished examples of leadership; I will strive to live up to their record.

Looking upon my fine staff of officers, and with the knowledge of the interest and assistance of all the active members of the Lodge, I am confident that I shall have a successful year.

As I wield the gavel of authority for the first time this evening as Worshipful Master of Scottsdale Lodge number 43... as my first act I should like to thank the Brethren of the Lodge for electing me to this important post. There is no honor in Freemasonry which I cherish more than that of being Worshipful Master of this lodge in particular. The Master of the Lodge is not a ruler in the sense of kings and potentates, but the spokesman of equals, who must be ever alert to do the bidding of his Brothers. It is with deep humility that I accept this trust

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### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

What will you do with your new year? Will you learn a new musical instrument? How about read a new book? Pick up a new hobby? Start a new business?



What *will* you do to become a better man?

Here is a list of 10 things you can do to learn to subdue your passions, and improve yourself in Masonry:

- Learn a new piece of ritual – our lodge needs more brothers who can help with a lecture, charge, working tools, and more. See a pedestal officer for guidance.
- Create an exercise routine.
- Study the Chaplin's prayer.
- Read more books. Watch less TV.
- Join a lodge committee.
- Engage in civil conversations with those of opposing views.
- Mentor a new Mason.
- Spend time with the elderly.
- Travel to visit other lodges
- Spend time laughing with your family.

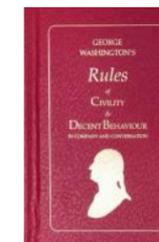
**BONUS:** Read George Washington's *Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in company and conversation*

I hope this list encourages you to become a better man.

*"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."*

– Mahatma Gandhi

**Tim Scarpino  
Senior Warden**



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and, with your guidance, I assure you that I will do my utmost to live up to the trust you have reposed in me.

And now I should like to address a few words to our very junior Past Master, Worshipful Bradley, may I add my personal thanks to those of the Lodge for the splendid job you have done.. Especially so considering that we are currently in a global pandemic. I have no idea how you were able to handle the stress of this post with the added pandemic on top of it. Hopefully the worst has passed and this year more light will be cast upon us all.

I know that your stepping down from the East does not mean that your contribution to the Fraternity will in any way diminish. We all look for you to go on to greater service to the Lodge and to other branches of the Order.

I think that perhaps I am in a better position than most to appreciate the time and talent you have devoted to this Lodge, The best lodge in all of Arizona, Scottsdale 43. Following in your footsteps, I have had the pleasure of working with you through these years, and I know I speak for all the Brethren in saying - - Thanks for a job well done.

Thank you too Bradley, for the guidance and inspiration you have given me personally, particularly during the past year when I was privileged to assist you from the West. I will feel content if, when next year at this time I relinquish this gavel, I can feel in my heart that I have done as fine a job as you did and all those have done who have preceded you. Thank you.

While I'm giving thanks I also want to thank a few additional brothers who have helped me through my masonic journey east and I'll keep it quick.

But before we do I want to have a brief moment of silence for the first man on my list.

Jim Watson was one of the first faces of Freemasonry for me. He became my mentor and helped me through the catechisms. He always believed in me and every time we spoke he would say to me, I can't wait to see you up there in the East. He was a huge reason why I'm here and I wish he could be here to see me stand up here as Worshipful Master.

To Most Worshipful Jim Rowan, for whispering

good counsel in my ear and helping me see a clear direction for the lodge.

**Most Worshipful Henry Wilson** who helped me as Junior Warden, week after week in our kitchen. Without him we would have been eating raw potatoes. More than onces and he not only taught me new cooking techniques but made me really enjoy that year and position.

**Worshipful Steve Sampson** who came to the lodge and helped me work on my ritual when it was my turn to sit in the east for the first time. I was completely terrified and with his help and guidance I was able to stand up there and deliver one of my best degrees from the east.

**Worshipful Brandon Valentine** who could not be here this evening but has met me out of lodge on many occasions to help guide me through my work and also through personal life choices. Him and his family have welcomed my family in and has really helped me become a better man and mason.

**Worshipful Bob Beffel** who helped me keep organized and has made sure that I am up to speed with everything, and I mean everything I need to be a well equipped master.

**Worshipful Brother Bill Gesswein** Who gave me materials to help me prep this speech and my year. I am truly grateful for you and again want to thank you for your gifts.

I honestly could go on forever naming everyone because everyone of my brothers have helped me in a way whether they know it or not. That is what makes this place so beautiful. We are all in this together and we are all here to see each other succeed not fail. I couldn't be more honored to be amongst a group of men, brothers, and family as I am now.

I also want to say a very special thank you to my talented, amazing, and beautiful girlfriend Jocelynn Nichole Willson. Without you I wouldn't be standing here right now. There have been countless times where I doubted if I could accomplish the mountain of memorization in front me, and you were always there to help me believe in myself. You shine light on everything I do and help me stay organized and push me to reach past my own limitations. Thank you, and I love you.

Fraternally,

**Jonathan D'Emilio**  
**Worshipful Master 2020**

**From the South**

I would like to thank you all for electing me as your Junior Warden for the year 2021. The year 2020 was a difficult for all of us, and I think we are all ready for a better year to come. I am very excited to begin my journey in the South.

I would like to share with you an article that was written by Brother TJ Williams from the "MIDNIGHT FREEMASONS"

COVID-19 is the pandemic that stopped the world in 2020. Operations and organizations worldwide were faced with the realization there was no working preparedness plan to keep us at work and business flowing. We've been forced to make plans in reaction to events as they come, but are plans being made for the long-term address of challenges?

A quote came across my Facebook feed that made me think very differently in this time of unknowns.

*"Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." - Albert Einstein*

As a fraternity, I believe the Grand Architect of the Universe has given us the opportunity to reflect, to plan, to make changes, and to forge a path forward.

I believe we need to redefine our purpose and how we reveal ourselves to the public. Many recent articles have alluded that we have an identity crisis in describing Masonry, and I sincerely agree. The way I describe our fraternity is going to be different than the next person. Each Lodge has its own identity, and while the teachings are the same, the approach to the work of the Lodge may vary from another. Does your Lodge have a unified approach and mission statement to share with the public? What is your Lodge known for? If your Lodge does have such a statement, does the work of your Lodge match it?

This was just a small piece that was shared from a worthy Brother, and I encourage you to go and visit their website.

2020 was a difficult year for all of us, but this is a perfect time to try and reinvent ourselves. Whether that's finding a new hobby, trying a new sport, or dusting off that old ritual book that you might have on your bookshelf. I challenge all Masons to continue to chisel away at that rough ashlar.

**Fraternally,  
Shawn Hunter  
Junior Warden**

**From the Organist**

**FREEDOM**

The American child is born with an inheritance exceeding all currency, that of freedom, blessed and bestowed there for the years. This is the plausible explanation of the majority, and cannot be challenged on other bases. However, we may hear Ronald Reagan saying "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to do the same". The exaggerated form of freedom is exhibited by the ones who may think of freedom as a right to as one pleases, but in reality is the opportunity to do what is right, and must be done.

We must be aware that freedom has to include the right of differences. Without that right, we lose the privilege of freedom. Stimulus breeds response, and with that process, we exercise freedoms; Wisdom and patience, impulse and thought, solution or ignorance of freedom.

Achieving freedom is not breaking one's chains, but being defined by the way the freedom of others is respected and enhanced.

**Fraternally,  
Dave Woodland, PM  
Organist**

**THANK YOU!**

A heartfelt "thank you" to the many brothers who have made donations along with their 2021 Dues payments to help the lodge building fund. Many of our Perpetual Members have also donated to the building fund, and other brothers have donated in-kind goods and services. Your generosity is indicative of our strong fraternity and our deep bonds of brotherly love and friendship.

**Sincerely,  
Jonathan D'Emilio  
Worshipful Master 2020**





**ATTENTION**

Lodge Dues for 2020 are past due, if did not pay by September 3rd, or made other arrangements you have been suspended.

CONTACT THE SECRETARY  
480- 946 -1072 or EMAIL :  
[secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com)

Brothers Working With Brothers

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.

**ON THE LEVEL**

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**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 update your information including mailing address with the lodge secretary at [secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com) or call him at 480-946-1072. Thank you for taking care of this immediately!



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**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.

<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,  
Tom Burke,  
Secretary

**LODGE OFFICE HOURS**

Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:

**Monday 5PM-7PM**

**Thursday 5PM-7PM**

**Sunday 6:30-9AM,  
10:45-12 Noon**

As a reminder for meetings, you must follow the lodge protocols for COVID-19.

Do you know why we have these protocols? In addition to helping to keep everyone safe, we need to maintain a way to "contact trace" anyone who visits the lodge. If we learn that a visitor later tested positive for COVID-19, we need to be able to trace contacts to inform them of their possible exposure. This will help protect them and their family members in just such an occurrence.

**REMINDER!** Interested in attending lodge in-person or any other scheduled meeting or program? You must pre-register with the Secretary. You will be required to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

Questions? Contact the Secretary.

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH TO GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO SIGN THE WAIVER (OR THE ATTESTATION SHEET IF YOU HAVE SIGNED A WAIVER), TYLER'S REGISTER, AND REVIEW THE PROTOCOLS AND SETUP.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

December 1, 2020

Proposed By Laws changes for Scottsdale Masonic Lodge No. 43.

The purpose of this change is to correct what could be considered a conflict of interest and possible improprieties in the yearend audit of the lodge books. Deletions are indicated by Strikethrough, Additions are indicated in Bold.

This change is related to Article VII, Committees and their Duties, Section 3, which reads:

**Section 3:** At the December stated meeting the Master shall appoint an Audit Committee, of not less than three members, to audit the financial books and records of the Lodge. The committee report shall be presented and read to the Lodge at the February Stated Meeting.

The proposed changes to Section 3 are:

**Section 3:** At the **December** stated meeting the Master-**elect** shall appoint an Audit Committee, of not less than three members, to audit the financial books and records of the Lodge. **The Committee shall consist of three members at large, one who is appointed Chairman by the Master- Elect.** The committee report shall be presented and read to the Lodge at the February Stated Meeting.

Submitted by

James Rowan, PM  
Scottsdale Lodge No.43

**Missing Current Contact Information**

We are looking for current contact information for these brothers. Address, Phone, or Email. If you know the contact information for any of the brothers listed below, would you please contact the Secretary? Thank you!

- Melvyn Lewis Arthur
- Christopher Erich Bergeron
- Eddie Boquilla
- Joseph Andrew Decker
- Michael Joseph Donato
- Gregory Joseph Gadel
- Marquez P Pope
- Edward Russell Whitlow
- Bernard Louis Young

**HELP FOR OR HEROS IS STILL NEEDED**

Many brothers of Scottsdale Lodge have donated money to Chhaya Tan's "Donut Parlor" for donuts that we distribute to healthcare and first responders. Last week the last fifteen dozen donuts were delivered to healthcare workers. Donations from our brothers have stopped for the past month. Many of us have made sizable donations over the past six months to the point where we are "tapped out." If any of our approximately 383 brothers can donate it will be great, otherwise, the program to keep the spirits alive with our healthcare and first responders will need to stop. Please consider if you can help out with a donation. All you need to do is call Chhaya at [\(480\) 570-1900](tel:4805701900) and tell him how much you'd like to donate. As Masons and Brothers of Scottsdale 43, let's do what we can to keep this charitable effort alive for people who really deserve it!

Jonathan D'Emilio  
Worshipful Master 2020

**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

*January 2021 Masonic Anniversaries  
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

William Roscoe Bryant Sr	1/31/1968	William Woods	1/28/1988	Lucas Elbert Janssen	1/14/2010
David Allen Crawford	1/18/1967	Massimo Mauricio Paolillo	1/28/1999	Richard Dodson Dyer	1/14/2010
Barney B. Blaine	1/23/1958	Gregory Carbone	1/28/1999	Elliott Lance Korona	1/13/2011
Edward Judson Booth III	1/27/1977	John Charles DeMoss	1/29/2004	Armond Liebling	1/10/2013
William Gary Foster	1/25/1973	Todd Samuel Blanc	1/27/2005	Jonathan Edward D'Emilio	1/10/2013
Warren Dewayne Fry	1/22/1976	Vincent Anthony Mazzotta	1/11/2007	Chase Raymond Masters	1/9/2014
Paul Allen Manera	1/28/1960	James Xie PM	1/18/2007	Calvin John Burns	1/15/2015
Richard Charles Munroe	1/25/1962	Michael Robert Rooney	1/20/1966	Brandon J. Valentine PM	1/29/1998
Peter James Orphanos	1/21/1957	Jonathan David Perez	1/18/2007	Frank Gilbert Pankow	1/9/2014
Richard E. Sizemore	1/25/1962	Edilberto Pabololot Yabut	1/25/2007	Weston Lee Wilkerson	1/9/2020
Ross Theodore Summers	1/23/1969	Fred Isenberg LaBell	1/22/1969		

**Scottsdale Masonic Lodge Building**

**EVENT PLANNING? - WE WELCOME RENTALS**

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Weddings, Dances, Bar or Bat Mitzvah Parties, Graduation Parties,

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**Call (480) 946-1072 for details and prices**

**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.

**Paying Happy Wages**

Let's pay some "wages" to our Lodge's Shrine Clown. Brother Bruce LaBell, is once again the President of the **El Zaribah Clown Unit**. He dedicates many hours to entertaining our children when he is not working as a home inspector at Royal Home Inspectors.

**Thank You, Noble Brother Bruce.**

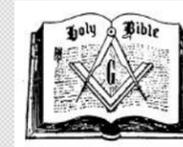


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*Their work is done,  
They have laid down their working tools*

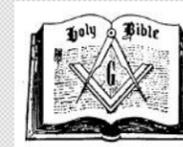
**Brother Roy Edwin Graves**

Born..... 12/07/1928  
Initiated ..... 4/10/1952  
Passed..... 5/08/1952  
Raised ..... 5/22/1952  
Died ..... 12/18/2018



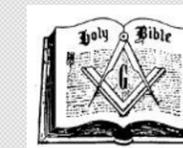
**WB Darrell Dean Smith**

Born .....11/02/1935  
Initiated .....12/28/1956  
Passed .....12/27/1957  
Raised .....1/03/1958  
Died .....11/22/2020



**Brother Douglas Charles Morehead**

Born .....6/18/1946  
Initiated .....5/14/1970  
Passed .....4/15/1971  
Raised .....1/25/1973  
Died ..... 11/10/2020



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Lodge check out our Masonic jewelry case for various Masonic themed pins, emblems, ties and many other items.

**FROM EASTERN STAR**

We extend congratulations to all the new officers of the Scottsdale Masonic order and hope that you have a very productive new year.

Hopefully, we at Eastern Star will be able to return to a productive year soon, as well. It is believed that returning to meetings depends a lot on the availability of the vaccine.

Happy New Year to all organizations!

**Fraternally,  
Janet Mielke,**

**Past Worthy Matron  
Scottsdale #43 Order of the Eastern Star**



# Lodge Through the Years





**2021 OFFICERS and CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Celestial Journey Team	David Earney	817-567 5109
Investigations	Bradley Manhoff	602-809-5995
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Library	Ritchie Yorsten	480-694-0075
Photographer	Allen Nichols	602-617-4504
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Masonic Education	David Earney	480-283-5411
Bikes for Books	Wil Wilkins	602-500-4474

**CALL IF YOU NEED 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. **If you would like to attend Lodge**, 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.

**\*\* January Calendar of Events \*\***

**January 6 ..... Trustees Meeting 5 PM**  
**January 7 ..... Stated Meeting 7 PM**

**NO MEALS during COVID**  
**\*ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS**  
**Will be updated by weekly email announcements.**  
**Watch for email updates from the Secretary**  
**<http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com>**

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Eric Charles Marble	(602) 377-1544
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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](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com)**.