

# TRESTLEBOARD



## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM

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### 2022 Installation Issue, Welcome our New Officer Line

#### FROM THE EAST

While being escorted into the lodge room for Installation Brother Gordon Stevenson played Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> symphony, which got more than a few chuckles! Overall, Installation was a huge success. I am excited for the opportunity to serve you and our lodge for the ensuing year. We are going to raise some great Masons, do work in our community, and have a lot of fun.



Here were my prepared remarks I gave once installed as Worshipful Master of Scottsdale Lodge 43.

"It is said when listening to Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> symphony one should think about it as fate knocking at their door.

And I am one of the privileged few whose fate has knocked at the door of Freemasonry.

The same door that has been opened for so many great men. Men like George Washington, Joseph Warren, and Benjamin Franklin.

Men like Teddy Roosevelt, Barry Goldwater, and Buzz Aldridge.

And men like Brandon Valentine, Dwayne Hoyt, and Scott Thomas.

Masonry is about making good men better, and I believe that since I have become a Mason, I have become a better husband, a better father, a better son, a better friend, a better brother, and a better man. To the Past Masters of Scottsdale Lodge 43 and all her

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#### FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

2021 was a very successful year for Scottsdale Lodge #43! It was a year that we emerged from the darkness and began to reinvent ourselves! I learned a lot from my time in the South as Junior Warden! I got to meet a lot of great men who helped me with all the food prep in the kitchen! To all the Brothers, and soon to be Brothers- Thank you for all that you have done! It was a pleasure serving you. We are in very good hands with our new Junior Warden WB Michael Valencourt! I cannot wait to continue my work in the West.



When I first became a Mason, I was given a book from a Brother who wrote me a heartfelt note about joining The Craft. It will be a note that I will cherish for the rest of my life. The book was titled "Observing the Craft" by Brother Andrew Hammer. This book is a manifesto of sorts for the observant Mason, who seeks quality over quantity in every aspect of Masonry. It calls for nothing but the utmost personal effort and commitment to be put into the operation of a Masonic Lodge, and the experience of a Masonic meeting, in search of the transformational experience which Masons define as "making good men better". One thing he mentions in his writings is "The Pursuit of Excellence" The word 'Excellence' is commonly used today to describe the degree of quality of a thing, that one fears we might forget that is a noun derived from a verb. To 'Excel' means to surpass someone or something, to be better than others in a particular quality or action. I challenge all Brothers, to pursue Masonic Excellence. What does pursuing Masonic Excellence even mean? What I encourage all Men to do is try

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members, as Master I promise to care for the lodge to the best of my ability. To walk upright, to be faithful, be true, and be just.”

**Fraternally,**

**Tim Scarpino**  
**Worshipful Master**



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and excel in their daily lives little by little everyday. Remember our working tools.

Remember on how we divide our time into three equal parts of the day. Remember how we build that temple not made of hands. Masonic Excellence is something that has always been inside of us. It's there. All we have to do is look inside ourselves, and we will then find that excellence that we strive for.

**Fraternally,**

**Shawn Hunter**  
**Senior Warden**



**From the South**

As we begin anew at the birth of a new year, amid the crisp coolness of the night season, low tide of our annual revolution around our Sun, my mind is brought to contemplation on birth and rebirth. As we seek to imitate nature and her beautiful prepositions, it is poignant to consider the work and development of birth and renewal which initiates and arduously commences well before the appearance and blossom of results.



Just as the fetus gestates and the seed sprouts, so too the birth of new a new idea, the inkling of a melody, and the curvatures of a sculpture, all yet to be - are formed first in a place unseen by the outer world, in the *darkness*. Before the point may be plotted, the line completed, the superface featured and the solid formed, these

things were yet known by the Master. Yet to the untrained eye, the point seems meaningless, the line without purpose; it is not until late in the process that the thing begins to appear. Much the same, we tread the first part of our degree work, in darkness. Where the masters who look on, know what is to come but the initiate is moved on by nothing more than trust.

A number of months ago I found myself in a very dark hour, recovering from a severe neck injury, which altered the appearance of my entire life. As a passionate vocalist, I had lost my ability and had been told I would never sing again. While nerves struggled to regrow themselves after a second reconstruction of my neck, I faced days and days of blinding nerve pain that I could not escape. My hands would not obey basic commands such as grip or release. I could only feel a blurry fuzz of my fingers for many hours of most days. Angry and ungrateful for the thing that I could not see taking shape, I raged and complained to my Maker - Why?! Why, I asked over and over, not even knowing how to form the question.

It was on some such day as this, I found myself in prayer - railing at the Heavens, against this design, to which my ignorance kept me blinded. As was a developing custom, I would pour out all my troubles in these conversations. Then I would force myself to write things that I could still be grateful for, in a journal, after which I would practice a meditation, in the hope of facing the world, as some semblance of a person.

While I was meditating, I was taken into a sort of vision - recalling my experience as a young man working for a contractor. In my mind, I watched a certain home move from initial conversation, to handshake, to groundbreaking, and then the plotting of a parameter and so forth. I remember being so impatient, as I tagged along on these grueling efforts of tedium and it seemed we would never get started. Finally, the first day of labor commenced and there was nothing constructive about it. It was at this point that as if hearing a narrator explaining the process, I thought - “notice that the beautiful scene of nature had to be destroyed, dug-up, the trees and shrubs had to be torn out, the earth stamped down, before anything could be built up. Do you see that when steps were forgotten or errors were made in plumbing calculations, the work had to be halted and reversed until the correction was made? Consider how the slab and its protrusions of tubes and spikes would seem an unsolvable quandary to the savage. It is not until a late stage in the endeavor that the thing begins to take shape.”

As I move through my Masonic journey, I find an ever-unfolding reflection of life and the patterns of progress.

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With masterful skill they are so carefully woven throughout our ritual - there for us to discover if we are looking.

And so again, we as a Lodge, enter a new era of leadership, of growth, of building and ultimately of pursuing new Light. As we learn to relate in new ways, face undiscovered challenges, overcome unforeseen errors, and rejoice in achievements yet to come, let us remember that in the midst of the unknown - tried in the darkness, we may not see the theme that is forming, but the Master of All knows the design and is conducting the opus.

Fortitude is that noble and steady purpose of mind...that purpose by which it is presumed that we, as men and as a Lodge, would surrender even our very lives, rather than to break from our course. And as we hold to that Fortitude, employing also Temperance, Prudence and Justice, under the banner of Truth - we *will* know the Wisdom which directed the work, enjoy the function of the Strength that the efforts brought forth and rejoice in the Beauty of the edifice which the Master had perceived, long before we could understand.

**Michael Valecourt**  
**Junior Warden**

**Masonic Education**

**Thoughts on Wise Council**

With the fifth point of fellowship, we are encouraged to give wise counsel to our Brother Freemason and to support him in his time of need. In Ancient Craft Masonry, the hand symbolized the support, while the whispered counsel, if found worthy, was equally common. The key is to see the responsibility of communicating good advice and providing support and help in implementing that advice. No matter who we are, we will need some help at some time, and, as Freemasons, we should strive to be available to offer our assistance to others when needed. This can have different interpretations in its meaning, but I want to share my personal thoughts on this within our lodge.

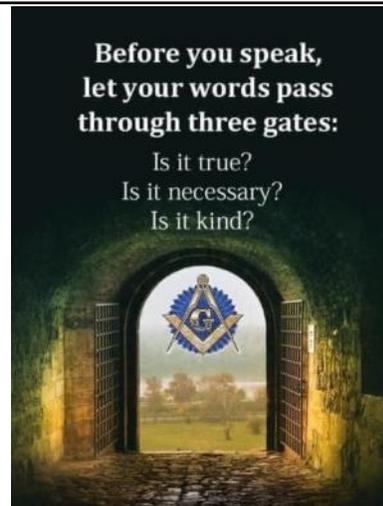
As a DeMolay over 50 years ago, I was taught the Master Councilor and officers of the chapter came up from the ranks and then returned to the ranks after their term of office. This is still true today within a lodge of Master Masons. First on the lodge level, I hear some brothers spending much time complaining about the actions of current officers, because they are not content with an action or decision. Some of these same brothers'

whether sideliners or past officers voice their discontent to small groups or everyone within earshot, except directly to the individual or WM, instead of sitting down one on one, providing Wise Council and finding out why and how certain decisions were being made. We need to be mindful of the responsibilities that a sitting Master has taken upon himself with the approval of his lodge brothers. Members of the lodge are then looked to by every Master and the officers for Wise Council during their year. It is through this Wise Council that the Master is helped to make his decisions for the benefit of the lodge as a whole.

As we journey through Masonry, Wise Council to is not meant to be only for airing personal complaints, it should be to help improve our lodge and to help our brothers benefit from positive thoughts and ideas on a personal level as well as for the lodge itself. As men we see different ways of getting to the same place or goal and sometimes the process of getting to that goal is not what we individually, would choose to do. That is why the final decision must be left to those given the authority by virtue of the office they hold to make that decision.

On an individual level a brother should feel comfortable in asking another for Wise Council without hesitation and knowing that that discussion will be kept in confidence. A brother seeing that another brother appears to be in need of Wise Council shall not feel any hesitation to approach that brother and ask if he can offer some help or Wise Council. We are a fraternal family of brothers from many backgrounds and with a wide range of ages and life experiences. While we will have occasional disagreements, as Masons we should always come together as brothers to mutually resolve them.

**Fraternally,**  
**Brother Fred LaBell 32°**  
**Trestleboard Editor**



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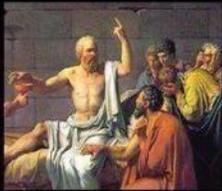
What my mom thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What conspiracy nuts think I do



What I think I do



What I really do

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

This is the story of one of the great books in our library. On November 7, 1996, Deputy Grand Master Bill Jeffers made an official visit to our Lodge. On this visit he presented a copy of 'BORN IN BLOOD' to sitting Master Jesse Lee with the following inscription "To W.M. Jesse B. Lee and the Brother of Scottsdale Lodge #43. May the history of our great Fraternity light the future", signed Bill Jefferies. I have no record of how many times this great book was borrowed and returned, but the last time it was signed out was October 2, 2004. It stayed on our Brothers shelf for some time. He was transferred to Mexico when he was transferred there. Then it traveled to Texas when he was transferred there. It was mailed to Scottsdale Lodge on October 14, 2021. It is in the Library and I recommend this to anyone and especially Master Masons who want to see John J. Robinson's explanation of where Masons started.

**Ritchie Yorston PM**  
Librarian

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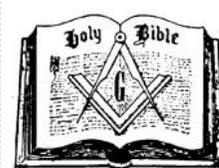
Brother Frank Mendola's Roll Call:

The roll of the workmen has been called, and one Master Mason has not answered to his name. He has laid down the working tools of the Craft and with them he has left that mortal part for which he no longer has use.

His labors here have taught him to divest his heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building – that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Strengthened in his labors here by faith in the Supreme Being, and confident of expectation of immortality, he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above.

**Brother Frank Paul Mendola** born November 17, 1947 in Brooklyn, NY picked up the working tools of Freemasonry when he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, on December 16, 2004 at Scottsdale Lodge 43, Scottsdale, Arizona. He was Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 10, 2005, and he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 24, 2005. He was a member of Scottsdale Lodge 43, Scottsdale, (Ancient) Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona. He laid down the working tools of life on November 28, 2021 in Alpharetta, Georgia.



**NEEDED...RETIRED BROTHERS**

We need retired brothers who would be willing to serve on the Celestial Journey Team (Funeral Team). We don't have too many funerals throughout the year normally. Sometimes there is not a lot of notice (a few days) and right now most of our list is comprised of working brothers who can't respond that quickly. Usually, the funerals only take an hour or less. Please consider dedicating your efforts to your departed brothers by serving on the Celestial Journey Team. Email Brother Steve Clarke [eispro@leaders-view.com](mailto:eispro@leaders-view.com) with your email address and phone number. Call him with questions at 480-946-5390. Thank you!

**Our Lodge Secretary was really feeling "bugged", but it turned out to be Termites once again.**





Progress is precisely that which rules and regulations did not foresee.

**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>

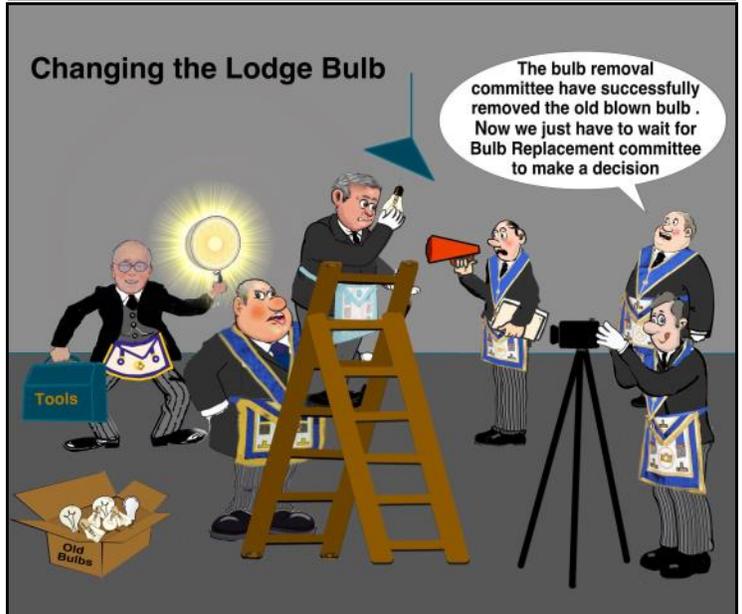
Fraternally,  
Tom Burke,  
Secretary



**Event planning is in full swing**

The lodge officers are very busy making plans for a fun filled active year. Friend to Friends, Degree Presentations, Visits to and from other Lodges, Widows Night, Parties and many other things to meeting the varying interests of the Lodge

**2022 Lodge Committees are being formed. Contact the WM or Secretary with your interests to help**



Many hands make light work

**The Lodge Officers are looking for YOUR ideas for activities in 2022**

**The Lodge Brainstorming Session**



# SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

## *January 2022 Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

William Roscoe Bryant Sr 1/31/1968	Gregory Carbone 1/28/1999	Lucas Elbert Janssen 1/14/2010
David Allen Crawford 1/18/1967	Jason Taylor Yakel 1/9/2003	Richard Dodson Dyer 1/14/2010
<b>Barney B. Blaine 1/23/1958</b>	John Charles DeMoss 1/29/2004	Elliott Lance Korona 1/13/2011
Edward Judson Booth III 1/27/1977	Todd Samuel Blanc 1/27/2005	Armond Liebling 1/10/2013
William Gary Foster 1/25/1973	Vincent Anthony Mazzotta 1/11/2007	Jonathan D'Emilio, PM 1/10/2013
Warren Dewayne Fry 1/22/1976	James Xie, PM 1/18/2007	Chase Raymond Masters 1/9/2014
Paul Allen Manera 1/28/1960	Michael Robert Rooney 1/20/1966	Calvin John Burns 1/15/2015
Peter James Orphanos 1/21/1957	Jonathan David Perez 1/18/2007	Brandon J. Valentine PM 1/29/1998
William Woods 1/28/1988	Edilberto Pabololot Yabut 1/25/2007	Frank Gilbert Pankow 1/9/2014
Massimo Mauricio Paolillo 1/28/1999	Fred Isenberg LaBell 1/22/1969	Weston Lee Wilkerson 1/9/2020



**Brothers enjoying  
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**2021 Mason of the Year  
Brother Rich Davis**

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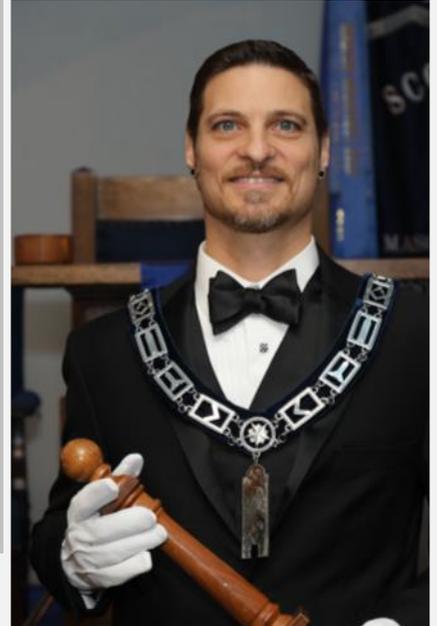


# Installation 2022

Senior Warden Shawn Hunter



Junior Warden Michael Valecourt



Worshipful Master Tim Scarpino



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- 1/5/2022 Wednesday .....Trustees Meeting**
- 1/6/2022 Thursday ... ..... Stated Meeting**
- 1/11/2022 Tuesday .....Coffee and Donuts**
- 1/13/2022 Thursday ..... Lodge Meeting**
- 1/18/2022 Thursday .....Coffee and Donuts**
- 1/20/2022 Thursday.....Lodge Meeting**
- 1/25/2022 Tuesday –.....Coffee and Donuts**
- 1/27/2022 Thursday .....Lodge Meeting**

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