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Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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Welcome to 2022 With more Activities for all Interests.

FROM THE EAST

Health, family, Free Masonry, business, weather, sports – there are so many things to be optimistic about.



Having an optimistic attitude help us achieve the most out of life. A positive attitude can cause one to feel better about themselves, try new things, stay focused on goals, and stay energized. *Optimism* is defined by Merriam-Webster as “an inclination to put the most favorable construction upon actions and events or to anticipate the best possible outcome.”

It’s been said “the only thing you can control is your attitude.” Choosing to have an optimistic attitude can be beneficial for a variety of reasons. Below are a few exercises one can do to keep an optimistic attitude.

1. Positive Affirmations: Repeat a positive statement (or goal) to yourself every morning, afternoon, and night.
2. Breathe: When faced with a difficult or stressful situation take a 3 – 5 deep breathes before reacting.
3. Create 2 – 3 goals that can realistically be obtained in 3 – 6 months.
4. Write a Personal Mission Statement. Stick to it.
5. Memorizes the phrase “*I appreciate you.*” Use it often.

Personally, as master of Scottsdale43, I am optimistic we are going to have fun year, be involved in our community, raise some great Masons, and experience individual growth.

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Freemasonry as an organization does not actively recruit members. While most lodges have a website or social media presence, as a whole, we apply the phrase, "Ask One To Be One", to guide new members into our fraternity. Our principle of, "Making good men better", is the message we publicly communicate to all men, seeking to gain his part in Freemasonry. Every Brother must ask themselves "WHY"



Simon Sinek shares his thoughts on how the greatest leaders and organizations think, act, and communicate in his book "Start with the WHY" Sinek discusses how successful brands tell their story by sharing their WHY: the driving force, their desires, and hopes. Starting with your WHY makes it easier for others to understand your drive.

If companies can over time create promos for loyal customers, why can't Freemasonry?

This is why, when asked the, "Are you a Mason" question, I include my WHY. I seeked admission to a lodge because I wanted to know why great men were drawn to this exceptional organization. What possible lessons could be passed on to a man? What did these great men know that I do not and how could I learn from their experiences? My WHY is my life-long pursuit of learning and Freemasonry provides resources from books to explore, to sharing fellowship with its diverse members.

**Fraternally,
Shawn Hunter
Senior Warden**



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Mark your calendar:

- **Saturday, February 5, 2022 – Prada del Sol parade** (RSVP to timothyscarpino@gmail.com)
- **Thursday, February 10, 2022 – Widow’s Night**
- **Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 10th Annual “Dennis Sprouse Memorial Mrs. Maddens Corned Beef & Cabbage” St. Patrick’s Day dinner** prepared by WB Scott Tracy
- **Thursday, March 31, 2022 – “The Traitor”** play performed by Colonial degree team
- **Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Military Degree Team confers a 2nd degree**
- **Thursday, May 26, 2022 – Table Lodge**

Fraternally,

Tim Scarpino
Worshipful Master



Scottsdale Chapter 43

Order of the Eastern Star

invites our Masonic Brothers and their families to our family movie and lunch.

Sunday, February 13 at Noon at the Lodge.

Donation: \$10. It includes the movie, lunch, popcorn, and movie candy. Come join us.

Looking forward to a Happy 2022.

Diana Hutchinson

480-495-7521



From the South



February - the oddball, our second month, the month that seems to disagree with all other months. When commerce emphasizes romance and relationships.

It is true Masonry spends much time on the numbers - 3, 5, & 7. Still, the number “Two” is also one of the most frequently represented numbers in our craft. Indeed even in life itself, vis-à-vis: opening vs closing, “the high and the low,” “the rich and the poor,” the points of the compasses, the sides of the square, physical vs spiritual and myriad more. Polarities are likely as infinite as the cosmos itself. In popular reference, the number “Two” very often implies an undesirable - confusion (he was of two minds), conflict (two wrongs don’t make a right), infidelity (two-timer), cruelty (two can play at that game) ...etc.

However, in clear concert with this view - wherever there is a negative, there must also be its corresponding positive. Without two *points* there would be no *line*, and thus no progress beyond the line, to a completed structure. Two, while it provides us with opposing forces, also provides us with the opportunity for relationship. In our *Second degree* there is a deeply moving spectacle, in which we ourselves act out a similitude of this. At a certain point the Mason is guided through two iconic representations of polarities - while we give these polarities names unique to mysticism, they might be referenced by a number of various ideals - Power vs Constraint, Assemblage and Dispersement, Severity vs Grace. We, the progressing Masonic Man, are in that moment - the alchemical force which brings the two into relation with one another, as we stand squarely *justified* between the two forces, bringing them into an *agreement*.

The poet Robert Bly gives some beautiful prose on this theme of - *Living in the Opposites* in his essay work on masculinity and initiation - Iron John. Discussing Pythagoras’ love for duality and his careful list of opposites, he outlines - “Male and female make up one pair, the light and the dark another, the one and the many another, the odd and the even another...Rejoicing in the opposites means pushing the opposites apart with our imaginations so as to create space, and then enjoying the fantastic music coming from each side. One gets a sense of the power of that by sitting between a sitar and a tabla when both are giving off music.”

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In the degree, while we stand (even for a moment) in this state of balance,

we might extend our arms (as Bly illustrates) and emblematically touch the both of these polar representations, tying them together by the space the Mason occupies in the between. In this place, neither one of these symbolic ideals holds greater or lesser sway over us, we ourselves become the middle pillar, bringing symmetry to the spectacle. Yet, if we but deviate even the slightest degree from this place of equity, balance, justice, and beauty, we easily loose touch with one or the other of the powers, destroying the symmetry, compromising the agreement and allowing one of these powerful forces to come in on us.

I am certain that we can each recall a time in our lives when we have leaned to one side or the other in our own internal polarities, focuses, or attention. I am also certain that we would be remiss not to recognize that in these seasons of imbalance, it is difficult to maintain harmonious ties within ourselves, let alone the various circles in which we live and operate. Much as a magnet out of occlusion with surrounding magnetized bodies,

we find ourselves in a state of repulsion and it may even appear as though we are *being* repelled. While the truth may be more likely that we are largely responsible for our circumstance and trajectory.

In this month when we are reminded of the duality of life and even the dual natures within the us, perhaps we will be also reminded to take evaluation within our own temples (either for strength or ornament) to find means whereby we might enhance harmony between our polar forces. And as we do, thereby better suit ourselves for union and agreement within our larger temples - our families, our Lodge, our communities, and ultimately within the designs of the Creator.

**Michael Valecourt, PM 32°
Junior Warden**



Masonic Education

CHANGES
by William R. Fischer

We live in a country where change is a way of life. The United States is based on change.

A change from a Monarchy

A change from oppression

A change from one president to the next

A change from the 19th century technology to the 20th, and then to the 21st century. All in the same century, actually all in a 30 year period.

Our forefathers agreed that we should be able to change the constitution to meet the needs and situations of the future. That is why amendments can be added.

Everything changes; transportation, homes, energy, government, environment, food, religion, and even families. We talk about dysfunctional families, common law spouse, living together, living apart, living alone, and just plain living. Some of us think that this is unsatisfactory, but it's only change.

Even the Holy Scripture makes reference to change, for if we do not change we stagnate.

We must make changes to meet this new and ever changing world. Those who say "The old ways are the best ways" better look again, **THEY ARE NOT WORKING!** The saying "If it ain't broke don't fix it" only works for machines, and at the rate our membership is dropping, it's broke.

Masonry, like the United States, the constitution, religion, and our families will always keep their core values, ideas and ideals but we must change to meet the future.

Forty years ago Lipton Tea had little saying on the paper tag attached to their tea bags, on one of those tags was printed these words; "The best way to cope with change is to help make it."

We now have an opportunity to move Masonry into the future, to make the changes. We must make Freemasonry desirable for the young men looking for fellowship. The only way we can do this, is through change to meet the needs of these young men.

The word change was used 19 times in this short talk. How many times did you say it in Lodge last year, and then act on it.

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

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Monday 5PM-7PM

Thursday 5PM-7PM

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

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Facebook.com/FraternalTies



What my friends think I do



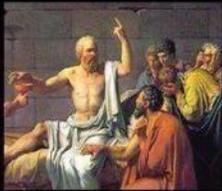
What my mom thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What conspiracy nuts think I do



What I think I do



What I really do

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.



Disclaimer: This is not run by Scottsdale Lodge #43

Scottsdale #43 Masonic Shirts for Sale

Contact the Secretary for details and cost.

To place your order call (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.

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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Dues are \$194 for 2022.

If paying by credit card, add \$6 so it's \$200.

***If you have a problem, call the Secretary**

Mailing Address

Phone Number (s)

Preferred Email Address

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 with your email address and phone number. Call him with questions at 480-946-5390. Thank you!

CAUTION: new WM, new rules :-).

The Master's Dream



Secretary's Message

1. THANK YOU TO WB FRED MOORE! The Secretary is grateful to WB Fred Moore for his assistance and diligence in finding several addresses for brothers who have moved this past year.

2. BROTHERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY MOVED: Please remember to provide the Secretary with your current address and contact information! We still have brothers who we are trying to locate. Please send your address, email, and phone number to the Secretary at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com, or call the Secretary at (408) 946-1072.

3. DO YOU KNOW THESE MISSING BROTHERS?

We are trying to locate these brothers to get their updated mailing addresses—do you know Melvyn Lewis Arthur, Christopher Erich Bergeron, Gary Edward Giss, or Peter James Orphanos?

If yes, please let them know to send their mailing address to the Secretary at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com, or to call the Secretary at (408) 946-1072.

Watch for the Lodge fund raising raffles this year.



Just a Reminder when you come to Lodge. We have Bothers and Visitors that may have health issues, so use sanitizer and if you have health concerns wear a mask.

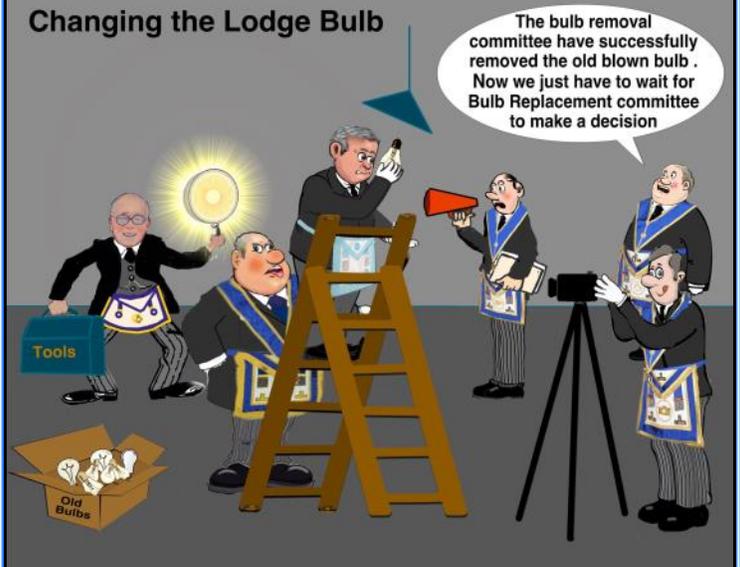


Event planning is in full swing

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

Changing the Lodge Bulb



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

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**

The Lodge Brainstorming Session



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

*February 2022 Masonic Anniversaries
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

James Clarence Hedberg	2/28/1963	Robert Dale Tarr	2/18/1956	Scott Herbert Tracy	2/28/2008
Gregory Clayton Hein	2/22/1973	David Richard Schafnit	2/19/1998	John Alexander Robinson	2/12/2009
Richard G. Honeywell	2/26/1976	Ross Gerard Suozzi	2/18/1999	John Scott Brower	2/29/1972
George Craig Hutchinson	2/22/1973	Dirk Alan Johnson	2/17/2000	George Steve Doimas	2/15/2018
Gerald Harris Lankin	2/26/1970	Michael Wayne Bozarth	2/21/2002	Todd Daniel Millecam	2/9/2017
James Harris Meredith	2/24/1977	Thomas Alan Minor	2/21/2002	Roger Norman Behm Jr	2/22/2018
Ronald Milton Robinson	2/27/1964	Christopher M. McDaniel III	2/20/2003	Gary Patrick Nelson	2/21/2019
Robert Abel Elsner	2/27/1986	Erik Richard Mindermann	2/20/2003	Francis S. Sorrentino	2/21/2019
Terrence David Mundy	2/11/2010	Kyle Andrew Larkin	2/17/2005	Thomas Andrew Jaeger	2/28/2019
Dennis Leslie Reynolds	2/25/1988	Henry Arthur Wilson Jr	2/18/1972	Mark Allen Gyger	2/20/2020
Roger A. Luedeman	2/3/1983	Peter Mathern	2/22/2007	Richard D. Johnson	2/17/2004
Jeffrey Otis Amstutz	2/9/1995	Steven Paul LaBell	2/28/2008		

Scottsdale #43 Masonic Lodge Building

EVENT PLANNING? - WE WELCOME RENTALS

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FEBRUARY 10, 2022

6:00PM DINNER

7:00 ENTERTAINMENT

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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Each year we honor the special ladies who supported our Masonic Brothers through their lives. We invite you to join us for a special program of recognition. Let the Secretary know if you need a ride for the evening.

DINNER MENU

Balsamic Chicken Breast over a bed of Mashed Potatoes with Chives

Glazed Carrots

Garden Salad

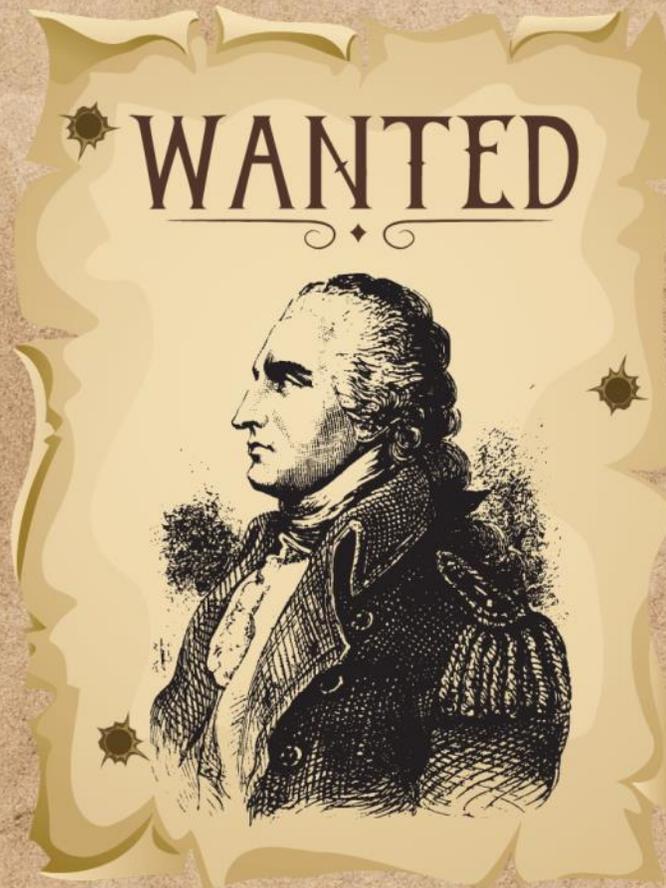
Dinner Rolls

Chocolate Cream Pie, Coconut Cream Pie, Toffee Chocolate Cream Pie, and Banana Cream Pie

RSVP - Bob Beer- 480-361-1155 – No Regrets

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: THOMAS A. BURKE, SECRETARY @ 480-946-1072

The Trailer



Colonial Degree Team
Hosted by: Scottsdale Lodge 43

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Dinner 6:00 PM | Play 7:00 PM

\$15



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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).

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2022 LODGE TRUSTEES

Scott Herbert Tracy	Term Expires: 2025
Jonathan Edward D'Emilio	Term Expires: 2025
Eric Marble	Term Expires:2024
Stan Sparrow	Term Expires:2024
Brandon Valentine	Term Expires:2023
Wil Wilkins	Term Expires:2023

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
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**** February Calendar of Events ****

- 2/2/2022 ThursdayTrustees Meeting**
- 2/3/2022 Thursday ... Stated Meeting**
- 2/10/2022 ThursdayWidows Night**
- 2/17/2022 Thursday Lodge Meeting**
- 2/24/2022 ThursdayLodge Meeting**

Check weekly email notices for updates or changes

There is also the Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts social gathering.