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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

Who was Jacques de Molay?

It's dawn Friday, October 13, 1307 and Jaques de Molay, the 23rd and last grand master of the Knights Templar, together with "scores" of other Knights Templars, are simultaneously arrested across France by order of King Philip of France and charged with "heresy". Heresy was defined as anything that did not conform to the accepted beliefs of the church and anyone defying norms of ecclesiastical authority became suspect. Punishments could be brutal, such as life imprisonment – or burning the condemned at the stake.



King Philip and Pope Clement V conspired together, for their own selfish motives, to rid the world of the Knights Templars. On March 22, 1312 Pope Clement V issued a papal decree at the Council of Vienne abolishing the Order of the Knights Templar.

The complex and protracted trial of the Templars lasted five years. Charges and accusations against the Templars included charges that members had participated in homosexual practices, denied Jesus Christ as a prophet, debased the crucifix and to have taken to 'idolatry' by worshipping a mysterious mummified body in the shape of a 'cat's head' as a representation of Satan.

Tortured and imprisoned in Paris jail for seven years de Molay eventually confessed to "heresy". Later in his seven years of imprisonment Jacques de Molay

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Thank you for the continued support and personal guidance I have received from many Brothers. These next few months will be a challenge but I am honored to help serve the lodge, and hopefully continue my journey into the East.

Please enjoy this article from Bro. Randy Sanders from the Midnight Freemasons.



We live in a world of constant bombardment from advertisers and noise, and this doesn't stop at the doors to the lodge. We endure the constant pressure of our Grand Lodges and appendant bodies to increase membership, to enact new programs, to do more. We renew our own efforts emphasizing Masonic activities here, a youth program there, or whatever fits our own interest. I am totally guilty of this with regards to my own interests within the Craft. Is it time for a reset?

The answer lies in our own rituals and how we look at the cyclical nature of Nature herself. We talk about the rule of the day with regularity. We take pride in our patron Saints John the Evangelist and John the Baptist. We even mark the Holy St. Johns by the Solstices with much written about applying that beautiful symbolism in our daily thoughts and prayers, and how we are instructed to treat ourselves and others with love and compassion.

As with Nature, the cyclical nature of ebbs and flows, of wave-like patterns, applies over and over to the Craft. The sacred retreat from the outside world would benefit from more focus from us, definitely including me, toward silence and respect during lodge, and careful contemplation outside of the lodge on being

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admitted to two cardinals that his previous confession was false, and he revoked all previous statements of guilt against the Order claiming all charges were fictitious. This retraction all but guaranteed de Molay's fate to be burnt at the stake.

Little is known of his early years of Jacques de Molay. He was born in Molay, Haute-Saône, in the county of Burgundy, at the time a territory ruled by Otto III as part of the Holy Roman Empire, and in modern times in the area of Franche-Comté, northeastern France. His birth year is not certain, but judging by statements made during the later trials, was probably between 1240 and 1250. It is said he was dubbed a Knight at age 21 in 1265 and that he was executed in 1314 at age 70. These two facts lead to the belief that he was born in 1244.

Jacques de Molay's death was a brutal one – burned upon a scaffold on an island in the River Seine in front of Notre-Dame de Paris in March, 1314. While being burnt de Molay is said to have shouted out a curse on both the king and pope. He reputedly swore that neither men nor their descendants would live beyond one year and one day from this injustice.

Pope Clement died just thirty-three days after Molay's execution. Seven months later King Philip himself became gravely ill and unexpectedly passed away. Over the next decade, the Capetian dynasty of which King Philip was a part of staggered to its end as each of Philip's childless sons briefly became King and died.

Today, DeMolay, the Masonic youth organization for young men ages 16 – 18 is named after the famous Templar.

Fraternally,
Tim Scarpino
Worshipful Master



Order of DeMolay

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active. The regularity of the Sun and the Moon symbolize the daily tasks we must all accomplish whether working a nine to five job or taking care of family or loved ones. The regularity of that work is important to our own internal accomplishments of providing for the family or giving back to society in some manner. We take too much pride in our charity, yet I encourage us to do more. Do more charity, but let's tone down the pride and focus on our own internal sense of accomplishment without broadcasting it to the world. Am I guilty here? Well, it is one of the things I decided to work on in the coming year.

Why focus on a year? Again, let's go back to our ritual and structure of the lessons. The year can be divided in half by the Solstices or quarters when including the Equinoxes. The year can further be divided, although not exactly equally, by the phases of the moon, then divided by the rotations of the planet for sunrise/sunset. Nature tells us there is regularity, and we take advantage of that regularity by marking the progression. We call it Time. Looking at simple project management principles, any complex task can be broken down into smaller tasks, which can then be broken down into individual tasks or actions. We can track those toward accomplishment. We benefit by assigning a goal and putting effort into that action, task, and complex task to make that happen within the cycles we just assigned as time to complete the task. Freemasonry shows us the lessons of project management and time management centuries or even ages before "project management" became a thing.

What does this have to do with the constant bombardment of advertisers and noise? I propose we find ways to keep the advertisers of all kinds out of the lodge room. Unless it's an educational presentation or announcement of activities, anything other than Blue Lodge can well be relegated to and stay in the fellowship hall or dining hall. We accomplish great things in silence, so let us make that happen in the lodge room with a demand to cease sidebar conversations. How many of us have witnessed a newly raised brother get handed a petition for the appendant bodies as he is first seated among the brethren? Why is the timing of this action not outrageous when the Lodge will likely close within the next half hour? We can reset the focus toward only allowing Blue Lodge within the tiled lodge, and discussion of other interests pushed elsewhere in a fraternal manner of fellowship. We can set the goal, set timely objectives, and revisit the progress often to make sure it happens.

Fraternally,
Shawn Hunter
Senior Warden



From the South



It is with great joy and an open heart that I welcome in this month, to celebrate with gratitude the abundant blessings that this month recalls to us. We have traversed through the cold harshness of Winter and the (sparse and brief) showers of early Spring. Now, it is time to celebrate and bask in the bounty of May flowers and the beauty of our Mother Earth with recognition and gratitude for the Divine Feminine, in our lives, our world, and our universe.

This month has long held the celebration for St. Mary, blessed mother of that iconic birth - Jesus. The Greeks, to whom we are indebted with regard to architecture, dedicated the entire month of May, to the celebration of the Feminine and womanhood. In the U.S. it has become the month that houses the celebration for all Mothers. The Mother Archetype being the second of three embodied by the Sacred Feminine, those three being the Maiden, Mother, and Crone. These are the direct reflection and counterpart to our familiar principle stages in the life of Man: Infancy, Manhood, and Old Age - Motherhood mirroring the meridian of our Manhood.

What a beautiful spectrum of understanding and perspective this Femininity has to offer and contribute to our own progress, as we honor the women of all ages and their roles in each of our lives. There is little to match the joyful innocence of a sweet daughter, or the delicate beauty of a new blossom springing forth from the ground - with so few cares in the world and simply existing for the enjoyment of being. There is a special strength in the feminine ability of "being."

As a woman grows from the innocent being of the Maiden to the fullness of her role and brings new life into this world, she nourishes it with her very form and spirit. And as she ages and foregoes the bearing of fruit, still she nurtures and guides sharing the wise and rich warmth of a grandmother's care and comfort. This is true also of our great Mother - Nature and the world within which we have been placed for a time. In her very essence she avails all systems of life to bring forth their inherent produce at a divinely appointed time, having nurtured it to fruition, ready for harvest and thus to bring further joy and life energy into this world. And as the passage of time withers all things, even the ancient trees and archaic stones make for a special place to listen and

partake of her deep Wisdom and rich Love - earned through her own many seasons of change and growth.

As my own wife has not been able to carry children in her own womb, but by the blessings of Providence came into them through an alternate path, I find it appropriate to remind each of us that the honor we give to the women in our lives is due regardless of their physical status or cultural label, but rather by the roles they play - be they daughter, friend, wife, mother, step-mother, aunt, or grandmother. It is the Feminine energy in this world that receives the Light of the Sun and creates Life. As our Mother Earth, she receives all and gives Life and sustenance and Love back to us. She creates miracles of all kinds in our world. This too, is true of the Craft. She receives us into her fold to learn and nurture, allowing the Light of Truth to find its way into our hearts, growing us in Wisdom and Virtue, bringing forth the fruit of better men.

As we each ponder our relationship with the Divine and Sacred Feminine this month, I urge you to delve into the relationship you have with the Feminine within you and explore what ways you honor and respect it as it is due. In what ways can you see yourselves as an instrument of divine reception to bring forth Creation, Life and Love and perhaps where you might change by a degree to stand taller and stronger in your relationship with this Divine and lovely Beauty - to show it gratitude and give it Light and sustenance to support its creative miracles in your life.

To each woman, in every role in our life, I send gratitude for all with which you bless our lives. I wish you a glorious month of beauty and may you always remember the Truth of your worth.

Fraternally,
Michael D. Valecourt, PM, 32°
F&AM Safford Lodge 16
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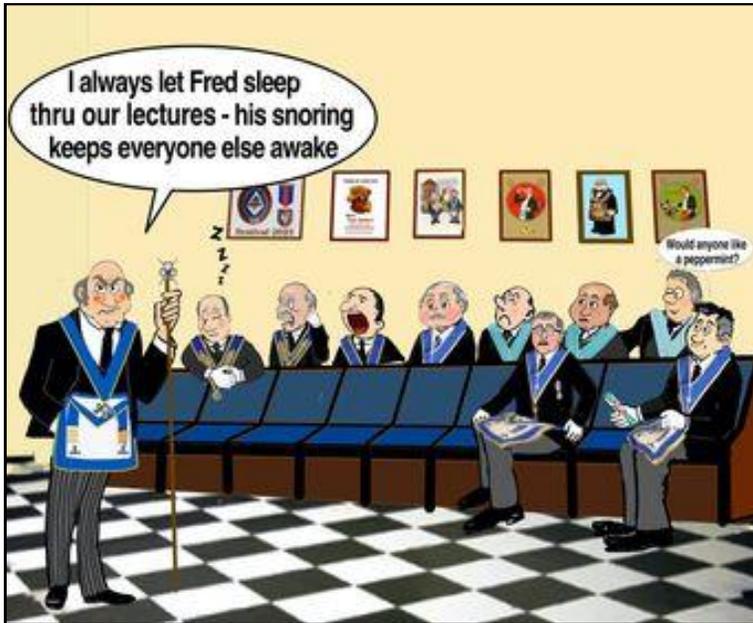
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10:45-12 Noon



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Scottsdale Chapter #43
Order of the Eastern Star

We can't believe it is May and the end of our year! We have one more meeting on Monday, May 9. We will have dinner and refreshments at 6:00 and our meeting is at 7:30. We will honor our Mothers, have reports and elections. Please come to our Installation on Friday, May 20th at 7:00pm when Sister Sheila Kelley and Brother Bob Beer will be installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron with their Officers. Refreshments to follow Installation.

Linda Sayre, Worthy Matron
Russell Sayre, Worthy Patron



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2022 Lodge Dues?**

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Dues are \$194 for 2022.

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Phone Number (s)

Preferred Email Address

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.

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 ☆ On May 23rd, Brother Fred LaBell will ☆
 ☆ celebrate his 80th Birthday ☆
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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!

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.

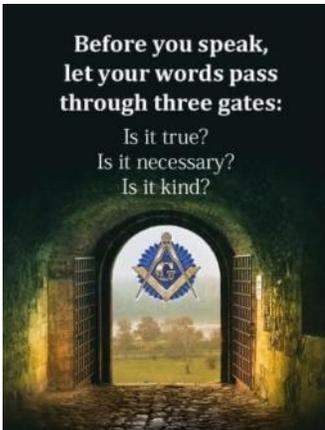
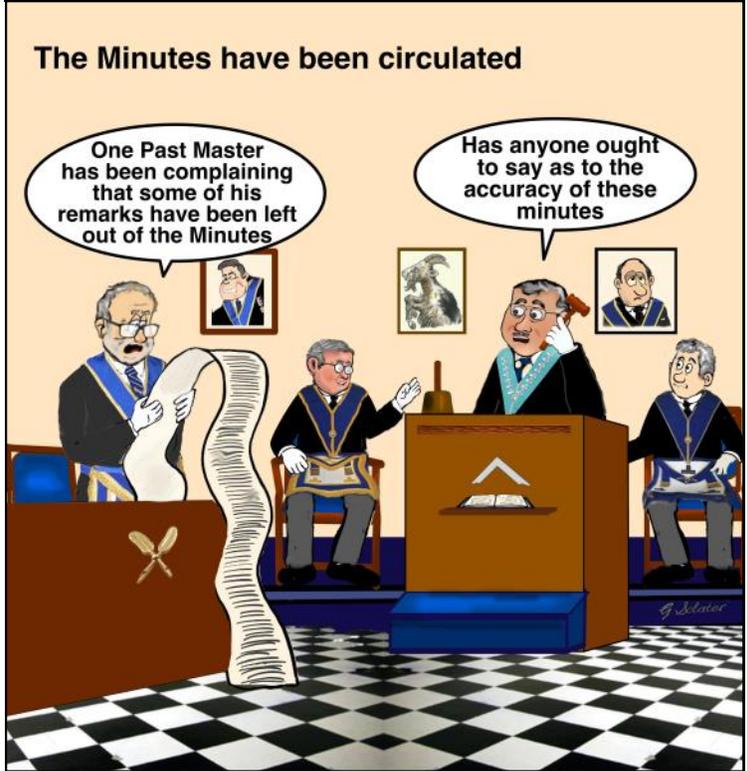
We hope that it will encourage communication and share knowledge around the State while also giving another outlet to the activities of our many Lodges in Arizona. As is the case with Social Media, we intend for it to be enjoyable and informative and hope that it will grow and adapt to the needs and wants of our Craft as it progresses.

There is also a master list of masons accessible through "Grandview" on the website. You must log in to use it.

<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,
Tom Burke, Secretary

During Stated Meetings we often see something like this happening





Re-enactment of the Capitol Building Cornerstone Laying at our Colonial Degree Night.

Our Brothers at the time of our country's founding, participated in writing and signing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Since that time, many masons have served our country from the highest offices to everyday workers, all helping to make our nation great. It is always time for today's masons to work for the betterment of our country.



Mobile phones are not collected before our "work" begins, but please remember to turn off the sound

The Director of Ceremonies gets tough on mobile phones



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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

William N. McLemore Jr 5/31/1960	Jerry Wayne Moran 5/26/1994	Thomas Brian Reece 5/19/2005
Joseph Wesley Carroll 5/18/1963	Paul Thomas Wilson 5/29/1997	Gary Edward Giss 5/8/2008
Robert Lee Hancock 5/26/1965	Michael Frank Dorffi 5/8/1997	Floyd Lyle Smethurst 5/8/2008
Jerald Lee Hill 5/31/1979	Arthur Ridenous Turney 5/8/1961	Christopher Wade Stelzer 5/20/2010
Michael James Livingston 5/28/1981	Edward Russell Whitlow 5/27/1999	Gregory K. Miskovsky 5/12/2011
Leo Guy Paletta 5/24/1973	Matthew Henry Teusink 5/27/1999	Bradley A. Manhoff PM 5/16/2013
Russell Raymond Sayre 5/29/1975	David Harry Dudley 5/6/2000	John Kirk Nail 5/9/2000
Jack Lewis Shaw 5/30/1974	Mark Kent Moore 5/6/2000	Bill Howard Sampson 5/4/1976
Charles Richard Sykes 5/23/1974	Duncan Stewart Harvey 5/9/2002	Jeffrey J Schwarz 5/22/2007
Johnny Michael E. Walters 5/31/1973	Michael Friend Bohlman 5/17/2003	Jacob William Thompson 5/13/2021
Michael Simonson 5/22/1986	Rex Trussell Ward 5/19/2005	Shawn Peter Sawaqed 5/8/2019
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Wherever you may chance to be
Wherever you may roam,
Far away in foreign lands;
Or just at Home Sweet Home;
It always gives you pleasure,
it makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer,
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,
And he takes you by the hand,
It thrills you with a feeling
that you cannot understand,
You feel that bond of brotherhood
that tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone
If fate has left you stranded
Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you--makes you numb,
When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
To take a last long trip,
Adorned with Lambskins Apron White
and gems of fellowship
The tiler at the Golden Gate,
With square and rule and plumb
Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",
"I see you've traveled some."

CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM

The roll of the workmen has been called, and two Master Masons have not answered to their names. They left that mortal part for which they no longer have use.

Brother Roger Edwin Poundstone

Born 11/2/1932
Initiated 3/8/1984
Passed 6/21/1984
Raised 6/28/1984
Died 3/2/2022



Brother Elmer Leroy Gilbert

Born 6/24/1932
Initiated 9/16/1958
Passed 10/21/1958
Raised 11/25/1958
Died 4/16/2022



Their labors here have taught them to divest their heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting their minds as living stones for that spiritual building – that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Strengthened in their labors here by faith in the Supreme Being, and confident of expectation of immortality, they have sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above.

Brother Fred LaBell and Brother Bruce "Goober" LaBell at the El Zaribah Shrine Ceremonial



Our Colonial Degree Night Master Chef outdid himself with the preparation and special meal for the occasion.

Thank you WB Michael Valecourt for all your work.



George Washington Table Lodge



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Scottsdale Lodge #43
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Dinner 6:00 PM

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Colonial Degree Night - Degree Team, Candidate and some of the Attendees



WM Tim Scarpino
with MWM Randy Jager



Part of the Re-enactment of the Signing of
the declaration of Independence.



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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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** May Calendar of Events **

WATCH for the current events in the weekly updates from the WM and Secretary, via Email.

NOTE: Rumor has it that there will be a Birthday Cake for Brother Fred LaBell's 80th Birthday on May 26 after Dinner.

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