

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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## Merry Christmas ..... Happy Hanukah



### FROM THE EAST

My brothers, thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the Master of Scottsdale Lodge 43. It has been a blessing and an absolutely wonderful experience.



Now that my term as Master is almost expired, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all the amazing accomplishments we have achieved this year. Together, with the hard work and dedication of all officers, we have had an extraordinary year.

### **Here are a few of our achievements:**

- Ø We have celebrated weddings, birth announcements, and mourned the untimely death of our Sr. Steward.
- Ø We hosted a table lodge, lodge of instruction, the military degree team, and a Colonial Degree with more than 130 brothers in attendance.
- Ø We achieved the Master Architect award and won "best website" at annual communications.
- Ø We honored the widows of our departed brothers and celebrated lifetime achievements of our distinguished brothers.
- Ø We marched in the Prada del Sol parade and held a neighborhood rummage sale.
- Ø We donated to the Boys and Girls Club of greater Scottsdale, DeMolay, Job's daughters, and CASS (Central Arizona Shelter Services).
- Ø We had a Christmas party, Halloween party, BBQ, picnic, and multiple other social events.

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### FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

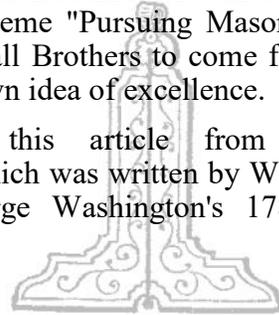
It has been an honor to serve as Senior Warden for Scottsdale Lodge this past year. It is an even greater honor to serve as Master of Scottsdale Lodge for the year



2023. I would like to congratulate all Officers of Scottsdale Lodge in their new elected/appointed chairs. All have put a lot of dedication in their own Craft to be where they are at today!

For the Month of December I will be taking a deeper dive into our theme "Pursuing Masonic Excellence" I still encourage all Brothers to come find me and share with me their own idea of excellence.

Please enjoy this article from the "Midnight Freemasons" which was written by WB Gregory Knott. This was George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation



Written by George Washington in 1789, this was the first official Presidential Proclamation made in the United States. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Proclamation was written, it was lost for 130 years. It was probably misplaced when the US Capitol moved from New York to Washington, D.C. It now resides in the Library of Congress. And it reads:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both

Houses of Congress have, by their [joint committee](#), requested me to "recommend to the

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- Ø We traveled to and conferred a Fellow Craft degree in the Bisbee lodge.
- Ø We conferred 22 degrees and raised 11 Master Masons!

But I am most proud of the harmony and good fellowship that persisted the entire year.

Thank you for a special year!

**Fraternally,**

**Tim Scarpino  
Worshipful Master**

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*people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"*

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all,

whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

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**Shawn Hunter, Senior Warden  
F&AM Scottsdale Lodge 43  
P: 480-486-9419**



**During Stated Meetings we often see  
6something like this happening :-)**

**The Minutes have been circulated**



**From the South**

**Gratitude**



As this year winds to a close with many exciting endeavors still on the horizon for us as brothers of Scottsdale Lodge, I am both excited and humbled by the strides we have taken this year as a Lodge and as individual Masons. I am saddened by the losses we have experienced and am encouraged by the additions we have gained. With programs such as the Freemason's College, reformation of some of our committees, and with the efforts among officers to correlate themes and efforts from Master to Master, we can only expect an excellent 2023!

I'd like to make sure that thanks is given for the many many hands and hours of support that a very special few of our brothers have been to me this year in the kitchen! These brothers and all of their help and support invariably transfers as blessings and additional improvements that we have made to the facilities but also as improved meals and environment. I know that the smell of freshly baked bread is as enticing, nostalgic, and comforting to many of you, as it is to myself. For this, and the myriad of additional blessings, strengths, and benefits that he brings to our meals and to this Lodge, my dear Brother Steven Agee - Thank you! These words feel small and trite by comparison to the vast and deep sentiments they truly carry.

I'd also be extremely remiss if I did not take the time to thank another brother who has been one of my greatest examples and again a tremendous support to the kitchen and the production of our meals. W. Brother Curt Hills, has given of himself so very fully this year! He has donated his time, his money, his body, and mind to the kitchen in our meal efforts, to our fundraising efforts, and to the management of Friend to Friend/Seekers as it relates to their efforts to support the kitchen staff, not to mention the support he gives to Kenneth with our Seekers and the Friend to Friend programs wherever possible. W.B. Curt has done so very much to teach Masonry, even while training new seekers in the nuances of set-up and clean-up of our meal needs. My dear W. Brother Curt - Thank you! Again, these words feel small. Still, I deeply hope that the depth of their true meaning is communicated loud and clear!

Worshipful Master, Brother SW, Officers all, thank you all for the contributions you have each put forth to support our Lodge and the Craft! Each of you extended beyond the scope of merely performing your role on many occasions and these moments are not forgotten nor overlooked. I appreciate these contributions more than I have words to express, for the many lessons you have taught me and the brotherly-love, relief, or Truth expressed in each of these moments.

To each one of you, my Brothers of Scottsdale Lodge, I also extend my deepest gratitude for the work and support that you offer in service of the Craft, each other, myself, your Self, and of course to the Great Architect.

In all of this gratitude, I look forward to an amazing 2023 with even more progress, growth, and the proliferation of our tenets in the world!

**Fraternally,**  
**Brother Junior Warden**  
**Michael D. Valecourt**

**Scottsdale Chapter #43 OES News**

Scottsdale Chapter had our Official Visit on Friday, November 11th which was Veteran's Day. We had a good turn out at both the dinner and meeting. Everybody had a good time.

On November 28th we will have initiation. Our candidate, Sabra Beer, is the daughter-in-law of Bob and Roberta Beer.

Monday, December 12th will be our Friendship Meeting at 7:30 P.M. We will be collecting toys to give to the Scottsdale Fire Department for TOYS FOR TOTS. Come dressed in you Christmas finest.

Looking to 2023. On February 12th we will be having a fundraiser that is a Movie/Lunch that will start at 11:00 A.M. It will be held at Scottsdale Lodge. More information to come out in the future.

Scottsdale Chapter wishes everybody Happy Holidays. Enjoy and celebrate whichever is your choice and Happy New Year.

Diana Hutchinson



**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!

**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.

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Brothers, Our fraternity has many appendant bodies and interest groups. Check out the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners.

There is also a motorcycle group called Widows Sons that always seems to be taking road trips.

The thing is, don't sit back and think there is nothing to do, beside Degree Work.

**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.

**The invoices for your 2023 Lodge Dues, have been mailed out.**

**Please submit payment upon receipt of invoice by check to the Secretary or credit card via Zelle on lodge website**

**Dues are \$196 for 2022.**

**If paying by credit card, add \$6 so it's \$202.**

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

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**Leadership (Worth repeating)**

Stating it briefly, a leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. Nice slogan, but how to you get to find yourself to be a leader? Hold yourself to a higher standard that any one expects of you, and never excuse yourself if a goal is not achieved. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, and become more, you are a leader.

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. Goals are so often sought, but reality puts them over the horizon. Just because they are out of sight does not mean they are unattainable. That's where leadership comes in, to make the vision real. Those you lead must gain the confidence to know that success may not happen, but at least all avenues of pursuit will be found and tried. Success or failure, their faith in your abilities will shine.

We have found the difference between management and leadership. Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

**Fraternally,**

**David Woodland, PM**

**Editor's Comment**

Brothers, I began as the Trestleboard Editor many years ago. The incoming Worshipful Master has asked that I continue in this position and I agreed to do so.

Please reach out to me if you have an article of interest.

**Fred LaBell**

**Trestleboard Editor**



**CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM**

**Brother Carl Dietrich 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 Carl Dietrich born in Milwaukee, WI picked up the working tools of Freemasonry when he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, on March 13, 1980 at Scottsdale Lodge 43, Scottsdale, Arizona. He was Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 22, 1981, and he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 19, 1981. He was a member of Scottsdale Lodge 43, Scottsdale, Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona.

He was an El Zaribah Shriner and a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason. Brother Carl who was loved and appreciated by friends and lodge brothers laid down the working tools of life on November 4, 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Carl was a Navy veteran of the Korean War serving as an Electronics Tech on the U.S.S. Maury during which time he also was a boxer for the Navy.

Carl and Vi were married 67 years after meeting her in Tulsa, OK and marrying August 27, 1955. They shared many adventures in their life together. They enjoyed sports events and were avid music and theater patrons for years.

Carl was truly a “treasure” to his fellow Masons and will be missed. We asked him to save us a seat for when we join him in the Celestial Lodge above. He smiled and said “Of course!”

# Scottsdale Lodge's Family and Friends Picnic



**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

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

Wayne Eugene Allen	12/1/1959	Matthew James Smith	12/11/2008	John Michael Pierce	12/15/2012
Bruce William Genthner	12/14/1961	Justin Keith Taylor	12/11/2008	John Dean Covington	12/15/2012
Wilhelm Hartmann	12/19/1991	Bruce Ira LaBell	12/10/2009	Ryan Johnathan Wilson	12/8/2016
Ronald W Buksbaum	12/28/1992	Gary Allen Nichols	12/9/2010	Edward John Bandyk	12/10/2015
Jerry Thomas Estruth	12/5/1968	Bruce E Fischer	12/7/1954	Eric Enrique Dispo	12/11/2018
Erik Allen Easton	12/13/2007	David Watson	12/8/2011	William E McCusker, Jr.	12/16/2021
Robert Gale Stepp	12/18/2008	Michael Addison Fuller	12/4/2010		
Patrick Robert Kaminsky	12/18/2008	Mark Andrew Marsillo	12/15/2012		

## Halloween Party Fun

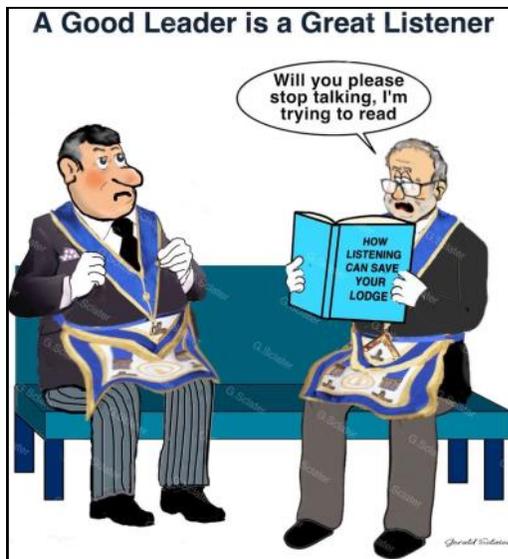
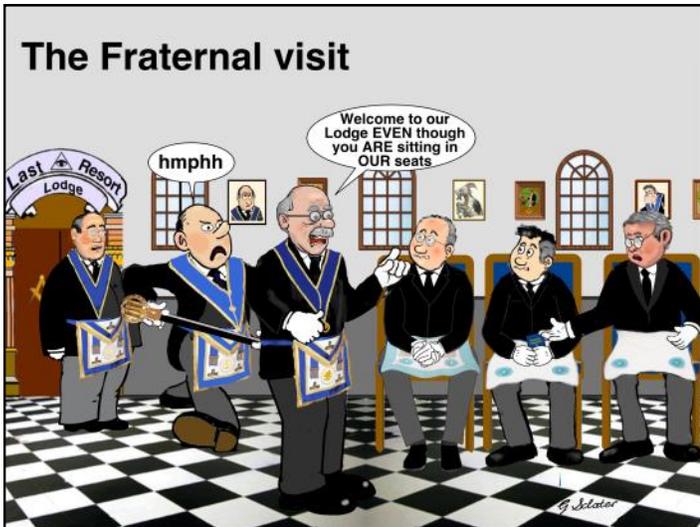


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**Arizona Grand Lodge Website**

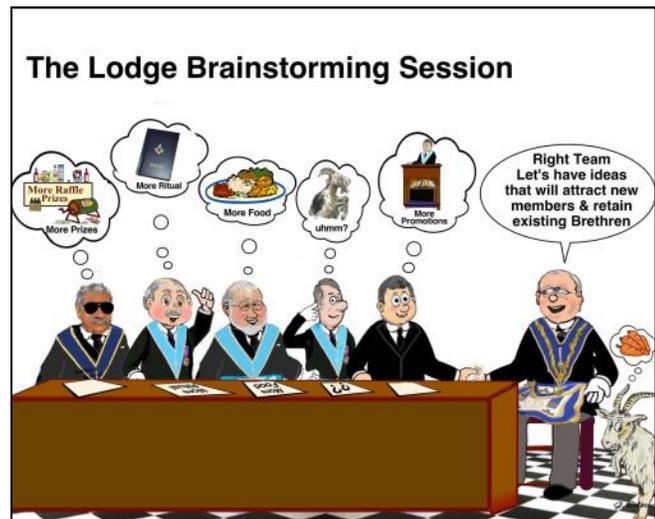
In an ongoing effort to keep in touch with the Masons of Arizona, the Social Media Committee of the Grand Lodge of Arizona has launched an online Social Media monthly newsletter to recap some of the items each month that are trending around the State.

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.

**There is also a master list of #43 Masons accessible through "Grandview" on the website. You must log in to use it.**

<http://www.azmasons.org>

**Fraternally,  
Tom Burke, Secretary**



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**Thursday 5PM-7PM**

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

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**\*\* Fall Calendar of Events \*\***

**November and beyond can be found on the Lodge website: [www.scottsdalelodge43.com](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com)**

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

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

**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.

**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 or visit [www.scottsdalelodge43.com](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com).