

Scottsdale Lodge #43 F&AM



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The Good Times are Rolling Again

SAVE THE DATE

November 10 - Lodge Family Picnic

Chaparral Park - 5401 N Hayden Rd (Map inside page 4)

From the East

The ancient tenets of Freemasonry, though conceived in eras long past, continue to resonate with profound relevance in our contemporary world. At its heart, Masonry is a philosophy of self-improvement, integrity, and the pursuit of knowledge—principles that remain vital in an age often clouded by uncertainty and distraction. While we no longer labor with stone and mortar, the symbolic tools of the craft still offer guidance for the construction of our lives, minds, and communities. Today, the square and compasses serve as reminders of how we might navigate the complexities of modern existence with precision, balance, and moral clarity.



In a time when society is increasingly fragmented, the Masonic principle of Brotherly Love offers a much-needed salve. Freemasonry teaches that every person, regardless of background or belief, is part of a shared human family.

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From the West

"From the West: Ancient Wisdom in Modern Times"

Brethren,

As autumn settles in and we reflect on our Masonic journey, this month we turn our attention to the enduring relevance of Masonic philosophies in our modern lives. It's a fitting time to remember that the



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From the South

Words from Past Master and former Junior Warden, Brandon Valentine

"Harvest", a noun, came from the Old English word *hærfest*, meaning "autumn" (the season), "harvest-time", or "August". (It continues to mean "autumn" in British dialect, and "season of gathering crops" generally.) "The harvest" came to also mean the activity of reaping, gathering, and storing grain and other grown products during the autumn, and also the grain and other grown products themselves. "Harvest" was also verified: "To harvest" means to reap, gather, and store the harvest (or the harvest). *Continued on page 3*



From the Editor

Your Word

In addition to placing your hand on the bible when you were initiated as a Master Mason, when you were elected or appointed to become an officer of the Lodge you then swore to fulfill that position to the best of your ability.

The honor of serving the Lodge comes with certain responsibilities that should not be taken lightly. Your Brothers will depend on you for fulfilling that role. This may include more than just performing the ritual for that office. The WM may call upon you for additional help in running the Lodge.

Prior to taking on an officer role, your family needed to be told of the additional time you may need to help your Brothers and agree that they are OK with that. You cannot be effective as an officer if your family or work demands will cause you stress. It will be your responsibility to notify the WM or Secretary if you need to miss a meeting and to help find a temporary replacement.

The key word to all this is **RESPONSIBILITY**. You have given your word as a Mason and your Brothers expect you to honor it.

Fred LaBell, Trestleboard Editor

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This tenet compels us to extend compassion not only to those within our immediate circles but to the wider world, cultivating a spirit of unity. In the midst of societal discord, Masonry calls us back to this fundamental truth: that division weakens, but love and fraternity strengthen both individuals and communities. To practice brotherly love in our time is to commit ourselves to empathy, dialogue, and the continuous building of bridges where others may seek to erect walls.

Equally significant is the Masonic commitment to Truth. In a modern age dominated by misinformation and shallow narratives, the pursuit of truth is more crucial than ever. Freemasonry encourages us to seek knowledge not merely for its own sake, but to refine ourselves into more enlightened beings. To be a Mason is to embark on a ceaseless quest for wisdom, understanding that truth is multifaceted and often hard-won. We are charged to study, to question, and to engage in thoughtful reflection. By doing so, we align ourselves with the principles of intellectual rigor and honesty—qualities sorely needed in an era where truth itself sometimes feels negotiable.

Moreover, the principle of Relief, with its focus on charity and service, speaks directly to the moral imperatives of our time. As Masons, we are charged to help those in distress, to alleviate suffering wherever possible. This call to service is not limited to financial aid but extends to emotional, psychological, and spiritual support. In a world where individuals can feel increasingly isolated, where many struggle in silence, our duty to extend relief is not just a charitable endeavor, but an act of profound humanity. The practice of relief reinforces the sacredness of community and reminds us that our strength lies in our ability to lift one another up.

The Masonic concept of labor—the idea that we must constantly work on perfecting ourselves—is perhaps more relevant now than ever before. In a fast-paced society where instant gratification is often celebrated, Masonry reminds us of the value of slow, deliberate growth. We are taught to view life as a series of opportunities for self-improvement, where each challenge or hardship is an occasion to refine our moral and spiritual character. This philosophy, of life as a continual process of self-crafting, offers a counterbalance to the fleeting nature of modern life, grounding us in the enduring task of building the best versions of ourselves.

In this way, the philosophies of Freemasonry transcend time and circumstance, offering a framework by which we can better navigate the challenges of the present. Through Brotherly Love, Truth, Relief, and the constant pursuit of personal betterment, we find ourselves equipped not only to lead fulfilling lives but to contribute meaningfully to the world around us. To be a Mason in the modern age is to embrace the timeless in the service of the present—to wield ancient wisdom as we engage in the profound work of shaping the future.

Fraternally,
Michael D. Valecourt
Worshipful Master 2024

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wisdom we cherish has deep roots, many of which can be traced back to the great thinkers of ancient Greece.

Our Masonic teachings, while unique in their presentation, share a profound connection with the philosophical traditions established by luminaries such as Zeno of Citium, the founder of Stoicism, and Aristotle, whose ideas on ethics and virtue continue to resonate through our craft and our society. These ancient thinkers laid the groundwork for many of the principles we hold dear in Freemasonry, principles that continue to shape not only our fraternal bonds but also the broader ethical framework of our modern world.

Consider how Zeno's emphasis on personal ethics and self-discipline echoes in our focus on self-improvement and moral rectitude. When we speak of temperance and fortitude, are we not channeling the Stoic ideals of emotional resilience and self-control? Similarly, our Masonic teachings on prudence align closely with Marcus Aurelius' s reflections on wisdom in decision-making, while our commitment to justice mirrors his emphasis on fairness and moral duty. These four cardinal virtues - prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude - form a cornerstone of both Stoic philosophy and Masonic teaching. In today's world of constant distractions and instant gratification, these ancient-yet-Masonic virtues offer a path to inner peace, personal growth, and ethical living. They provide a framework for navigating the complexities of modern life while staying true to timeless principles.

Aristotle's concept of the "golden mean" – finding balance between extremes – is mirrored in our Masonic teachings of harmony and equilibrium. As we navigate

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the complexities of modern life, this principle guides us to seek moderation and wisdom in our actions and decisions.

The philosophical underpinnings of Freemasonry remind us that while the world around us may change rapidly, the core truths about human nature and the pursuit of virtue remain constant. Our challenge, and indeed our opportunity, is to apply these timeless principles to our contemporary lives.

In your daily interactions, consider how you might embody these philosophical ideals:

1. Practice Stoic resilience when facing life's challenges.
2. Seek Aristotelian balance in your personal and professional life.
3. Apply the Masonic virtues of brotherly love, relief, and truth in your community.

Reflect on how the four cardinal virtues can guide your decision-making and actions.

By doing so, we not only honor our Masonic heritage but also contribute to a more thoughtful and ethical society.

As we labor in the quarries of modern life, let us be mindful of the philosophical bedrock upon which our craft is built. May we always strive to be living examples of these ancient wisdoms, adapted for our times but unchanged in their essence.

From the West, I look forward to exploring these philosophical connections with you all, as we continue to build our inner temples with the tools of both ancient and Masonic wisdom.

**Fraternally,
David Earney
Senior Warden**



SAVE THE DATE

November, First Friday at Organ Stop Pizza? Gathering will begin at 5:00 pm. RSVP is required, and reservations will be for 30 people. It's open to members and families, and everyone is on their own for their meals.

From the South continued

People who harvest and equipment that harvests are harvesters; while they do it, they are harvesting.

Harvesting marks the end of the growing season, or the growing cycle. Historically, harvesting is the most labor-intensive activity of the growing season. In modern times (post WWII) harvesting utilizes the most expensive and sophisticated farm machinery, such as the combine harvester.

The social importance of the Harvest makes it the focus of celebrations in all cultures.

A "bumper crop" means extraordinary profits for the farmers and the community as a whole. It can mean improvements to infrastructure, health and science. A poor crop, in some communities, even in this day means people go hungry. Poor harvests can lead to wars as hungry people compete for scarce resources.

A side note; Oktoberfest in Munich Germany is not to celebrate the harvest, but to celebrate the wedding of King Ludwig to Princess Therese in 1810.

The metaphor to masonry is that we are in the last two months of work for the current line officers. The Wardens and the Senior Deacon are studying to gain proficiency for the chairs they aspire. Our Harvest is just around the corner.

Fraternally,

Brandon Valentine PM.

Submitted on behalf of:

Brian Zeman, Junior Warden



Lodge Picnic back in 2012 at the Railroad Park

Annual Scottsdale Lodge Family and Friends Picnic

All who can attend please do. It starts at 11am and is a potluck style. The Lodge will provide burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian choice, soda (pop), water, adult beverages, ice, paper ware, and condiments. Please bring your families and come out and join us for some fun and relaxation.

Chaparral Park
5401 N. Hayden Road

Legend:

- AC Aquatic Center
- Building
- Courts
- Dog Off Leash Area
- AS Adaptive Services Drinkwater Building
- Fishing Pier
- L Lake
- P Parking
- Park Office
- Picnic Areas
- Playground
- Pool
- Ramada
- Restroom
- SF Sport Fields
- Xeriscape Garden

Map Labels: McDonald Dr., Jackrabbit Road, Vista Dr., Hayden Road, Chaparral Road, Central Ramada, Ramada 1, South Ramada, AS, P, SF, L, AC, T, F, B, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

Event Location: Scottsdale Picnic November 10th (indicated by a red star and arrow)

Logos: SCOTTSDALE PARKS & RECREATION, CITY OF SCOTTSDALE



Scottsdale Lodge Calendar for October and November

October

- Tuesday, 10/01 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday 10/03 - Stated Meeting - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- Friday, 10/04 - First Friday Family Event - @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 10/08 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 10/10 - Degree - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 10/15 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 10/17 - Degree - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- Saturday, 10/19 - Masonic Breakfast - @ 9:00 am
- Tuesday, 10/22 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 10/24 - Bisbee Trip Second Degree - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 10/29 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 10/31 - TBA - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm



November

- Friday, 11/01 - First Friday Family Event - @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 11/05 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 11/7 - Lodge Meeting - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 11/12 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 11/14 - Lodge Meeting - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- **Saturday, 11/16 - Masonic Breakfast - @ 9:00 am**
- Tuesday, 11/19 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 11/21 - Lodge Meeting - Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Gavel @7:00 pm
- Thursday, 11/28 - Coffee & Donuts - @ 9:00 am

Pancake Breakfast

**Includes Bacon, Sausage, Eggs and Hash Browns,
Omelets, Coffee and Juice too.**

Saturday, October 19

From 9am until 11am

**Great way to start your
weekend.**





Who are the Freemasons?

"They are bus drivers, Solicitors, car mechanics, doctors, company directors, plumbers, salesmen and builders. They are husbands, fathers, uncles and sons. They are also brothers. When a man becomes a Mason he becomes part of a Brotherhood committed to family, to personal growth and to providing care for those in need. Although their backgrounds may be diverse they are bound together by shared values and a desire to do good and forge bonds that will last a lifetime."

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Contact Bro. Fred LaBell at FLaBell@cox.net

Masonic License Plates

We all have license plates on our vehicles, but do you have a MASONIC PLATE on yours? For only \$25 per year ADOT will issue you a Masonic Plate and a portion of that goes to the Arizona Grand Lodge.

LODGE OFFICE HOURS
 Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:
 Wednesday through Friday
 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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. Contact Brother Brian Zeman

Brothers,

We handle the following legal matters:

Injury Cases, including – Motor Vehicle Accidents, Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Exposure, and Harmful and Defective Products

Estate Planning – Trusts, VA Aid and Attendance and Medicare Planning

Did you know that a **Veteran** or a **Surviving Spouse** could qualify for a little known tax free VA pension (Aid and Attendance) benefit of \$2,642 per month for a married veteran, or \$1,432 per month for a surviving spouse? Do to a 3 year look back period, you may need to plan ahead to ensure eligibility for this benefit.

Contact Bro Stephen Wall, Attorney
 Discounts for Brothers and their Families

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ON THE LEVEL

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. This is also a good place to find help, just ask.

Masonic Education

MUSIC

"Music expresses that which cannot be said, and which is impossible to be silent". That definition from Victor Hugo paints the picture of what captures our expression of what music does to, and for, us. Music can be a mood changer, bringing forth at times expressions of humanity, foundations for joy, architecture for understanding, for reason and purpose, and palaces for the ears.

Music will convey thoughts, dreams, solace, peace, and stir the soul to the beat of the military band. If ever a universal language is achieved, it will be music.

The magic of music is for all who would listen, and those who perform.

The composer, a rare person, begins with a mind's vision, and with rare ability, transforms thoughts to music for others to understand. The performer blends musical notes with expression, as would the profound orator. Then music is heard, appreciated, understood, and translated to the judgmental ear.

We realize there are diverse genres of music, presented to as many diverse listeners who want to hear. There are today's choices, and century's old masterpieces, music for the young and old, today and tomorrow, value and judgements for some, some for the masses, and some confined, some at concerts, some for the mind.

Stamp your feet in time, sing, applaud...It's for you.

David Woodland, PM

Although he is gone, in his memory we will continue to publish his articles.





From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

It's that time of year, if you have not remitted your dues or made arrangements with the Secretary you will have been suspended at a Stated Meeting.

To be reinstated, please contact the Secretary via email at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,
Jim Rowan, PM/PGM
Secretary



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

<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,
Jim Rowan PGM, Secretary

Scottsdale Chapter #43
Order of the Eastern Star

September was a busy month back after our summer break. Meetings and a Luau fundraiser.

Eastern Star officers and members love the new sound system installed at the Lodge. The ability to "hear" the business and ritual work is a plus. We are glad that the different groups worked together to make this positive change that benefits all of us.

Eastern Star's new Arizona Worthy Grand Patron is Doug Steele . Many Masonic Brothers may know him as a Past Master of Wayfarer Lodge #50 in Sunnyslope.

Scottsdale OES has two meetings in October.. Monday 14 and 28 at 7:30 pm. We will celebrate the birthday of our Worthy Patron, Russell Sayre on the 28th.



Diana Hutchinson

Kinishba Court #6

Happy Halloween everyone!

In September we had a wonderful honor night for our own Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer, Supreme Royal Matron. It was well attended and we are so excited for her! In October, we will be having a reception for our own Honored Lady Karen Machamer, Grand Royal Matron. It will be on October 5th at the lodge from 1 to 4 pm. It will be great to spend time with members from across the state. The event is open to all.

Honored Lady Karen's theme for Arizona is the Season of Giving and November is Diabetic Awareness Month. The Order of the Amaranth has supported the American Diabetes Association for over 45 years and raised over 18.5 million dollars for research. The Amaranth is the longest and largest not-for-profit that partners with the American Diabetes Association.. We hope that as this season of giving arrives, you might think of adding the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation as one of your charities.

Have a wonderful fall!

Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer
Supreme Royal Matron
Kinishba Court #6



October 2024 Master Mason Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Salvatore John Augone	2018-10-18	Marc Charles Gross	2002-10-12	Michael J Seltzer	2018-10-18
Robert Gerald Beer	2013-10-26	John Frederick Herchet	1968-10-25	Dennis Gerald Senst	2001-10-25
Jonathan Martin Beffel	2013-10-10	Shawn P. Hunter PM	2018-10-18	Richard John Shields	2002-10-24
Marvin Alfred Bellefeuille	1974-10-24	Dennis G. Agapito Ira	2012-10-11	Loren BurrellSmith	1995-10-12
Brian David Blodgett	2023-10-28	Christopher K. Johnson	2010-10-14	Prescott R. Smith	2006-10-26
Steven Brian Bonanno	2015-10-15	Walter Breck King	1981-10-29	Kurt Alan Stancl	2012-10-11
Leo Bxxxxxx	2005-10-27	Jesse Bishop Lee	1982-10-28	Michael D. Strauber	1990-10-18
George Joseph Brookler	2018-10-11	Michael Wayne Lempke	1968-10-30	Christopher D. Titular	2012-10-11
Joseph Carlyle Brown Jr	2007-10-25	Carl Albert Lueck	2018-10-18	Fred Robert Townsend	2021-10-28
Christian Paul Burns	2017-10-12	Steven Joseph Lueder	2016-10-13	Clynton F. Tupas II	2018-10-11
Carl David Chadwick	1985-10-03	Larry Ray Marshbanks	1996-10-24	Paul T. Vendredi	2023-10-12
Frank Michael Crawford	2022-10-12	Christopher E. Mumfrey	1997-10-30	Carl Bailey Warren	1992-10-29
Blake Tyler Davis	1998-10-15	Jasper Sheridan Nichols Sr	2006-10-26	Russell Wade Warren	1966-10-27
Edward Thomas Fridlund	1975-10-30	Brian Alexander Oliver	2008-10-09	William F. Wilkins	2015-10-15
Harvey Bennett Friedman	1964-10-20	Rowan Jay Pickering	2018-10-11	Peter Frederick Yauch	2014-10-09
William T Gesswein	1960-10-27	Carlos Rausch PM	1988-10-25		
David Keith Griffiths	1963-10-31	Timothy C. Scarpino PM	2016-10-12		

Scottsdale #43 Masonic Lodge Building

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Scottsdale Lodge Information

2024 OFFICERS and CONTACT INFORMATION

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Junior Warden,	Brian David Zeman
Treasurer,	Brian D. Blodgett
Secretary,	James Rowan PGM
Senior Deacon,	A Steven Agee
Junior Deacon,	Carl F. Eschenbrenner
Senior Steward,	William M. Alvarez
Junior Steward,	Mohannad Ghannoum
Marshal,	Clayton J. Solomon
Tyler,	John Favara
Chaplain,	Seth K. Hartsock

NOTICE

Due to current Lodge security being reviewed and updated, contact the Lodge Office 480-946-1072 for Officer or Committee Chair Contact Information

2024 Scottsdale Lodge Committees

Audit Committee:	Worshipful Master
Friend to Friend/Seekers:	Worshipful Master
Philanthropic/Charity:	Worshipful Master
Building Resolution:	Worshipful Master
Proficiency & Mentorship:	Sr. Warden
Security and Lodge Safety	Sr. Warden
Sickness & Distress/MMW&O:	Sr. Warden
Brother's Outreach:	Sr. Warden
Labor and Refreshment:	Jr. Warden (assisted by Stewards)
Public Relations/Parades:	Jr. Warden
Celestial Journey:	Jr. Warden (assisted by Jr. Deacon)
Jewelry Case:	Sr. Deacon
Library:	Jr. Deacon
Chamber of Reflection:	Sr. Steward
Technology:	Jr. Steward (assisted by Sr. Warden)
Tenant Relations/Bldg/ Scheduling & Needs:	Secretary

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 Jim Rowan 480-946-1072.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.

2024 LODGE TRUSTEES

Scott Herbert Tracy	Term Expires: 2025
Jonathan Edward D'Emilio	Term Expires: 2025
Taylor McMullen	Term Expires: 2027
Tony Darin	Term Expires: 2027
Tim Scarpino	Term Expires: 2026
Steven Wall	Term Expires: 2026

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.

October Events

• **Please see page 5 and watch your email for weekly updates on Lodge activities.**

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