Scottsdale Lodge #43 F&AM



From the Editor

Your Light

Did you ever walk into a darkened room and light a single candle? The room would then have a gentle but dim glow all around, yet the light it shed fades away into the corners. As more candles are lit the light in the room gets brighter and the shadows fade and even the darkest corners get brighter.

A lodge is like the dark room before the each brother brings his light, like a candle into it. The more brothers contributing to the light the brighter the lodge gets. Their added light once brought into the lodge for all to share, remains even after they have left us

As you look around our lodge room, reflect on the many brothers that have come and gone in the over fifty years Scottsdale #43 has existed. The lodge always encourages each man to be a better man then before he sought light and became a Mason. The light from our past brothers still shines in our lodge. It became brighter because of them. May your light added to theirs continue to lead us all to be better men in our daily lives. May the memory of our departed brothers continue to brighten our lodge.

Fred LaBell

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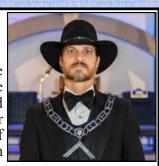
Welcome Back after a Busy Summer at Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43

We thank the many Brothers who have worked through the summer improving our lodge building.

From the East

Brethren,

As the warm breath of summer begins to wane and the gilded leaves prepare to herald the arrival of autumn, we find ourselves gathered once more within the hallowed walls of our beloved Lodge. It is a time of reunion, of rekindling the fraternal bonds that bind us in purpose and in spirit. The summer hiatus,



though offering a much-needed reprieve from our usual labors, has left in its wake a longing, a quiet yearning for the shared toil and the communal pursuit of light that only our assembly can provide.

There is a unique value in coming together again after a season of reflection and rejuvenation. The hiatus, while brief in the grand scheme, serves as a reminder of the importance of our collective efforts, of the energy and vitality that we each bring to the Lodge. In our return, there

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From the West

Brethren,

As the summer sun weakens and begins its westward journey, we find ourselves returning to our Masonic home. September marks our return to Lodge, and it's fitting that we reflect on the themes of Brotherhood, Unity, Fellowship.



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From the South

Brethren, Family, and Friends: Welcome back to Scottsdale Lodge #43! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break. Though the Lodge has been dark for the past several months, we have been hard at work completing summer projects and implementing some exciting new features to our Scottsdale Lodge experience. We are looking forward to

sharing this with all of you as we return to Lodge for our September Stated Meeting and steak dinner on September 5th, 2024. Continued on page 3

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is a sense of renewal, as if the summer sun has infused us with a fresh vigor, ready to be channeled into the work that lies ahead. It is this gathering, this convergence of minds and hearts, that rekindles the flame of our shared purpose, illuminating the path we tread together.

Yet, as we step back into the rhythm of our Masonic efforts, it is imperative that we pause and extend our deepest gratitude to those brothers who, throughout the summer, ensured that the Lodge remained a beacon of improvement and progress. These dedicated brethren and candidates, who labored quietly behind the scenes, have woven threads of continuity through the tapestry of our community, ensuring that our return is met not with stagnation, but with growth and renewal. Their contributions, often unseen but deeply felt, are the pillars upon which our future labors will stand.

To those who wielded the tools of craftsmanship and care, who breathed life into the projects of improvement, we owe a debt of gratitude that words alone cannot fully convey. Their hands, guided by a love for the craft and a dedication to our shared ideals, have left an indelible mark upon the Lodge. Through their efforts, the Lodge has not merely been maintained; it has been elevated, transformed into a space that not only reflects our values but also inspires us to reach ever higher.

In the spirit of brotherhood, let us also recognize that their work is a testament to the power of unity and collaboration. It is through the collective effort that we achieve greatness, through the harmonious blending of our individual strengths that we create something greater than ourselves. As we move forward into the coming months, let this be our guiding principle: that together, in unity, we can overcome any challenge, achieve any goal, and continue to build upon the foundations laid by those who came before us.

As the days grow shorter and the air begins to cool, let us embrace this return with hearts full of gratitude and hands ready to work. Let us honor the efforts of our brothers by rededicating ourselves to the labors ahead, knowing that each chisel strike, each measured step, brings us closer to the fulfillment of our shared vision. In this renewed fellowship, we find not only the strength to continue our journey but also the profound joy of walking it together.

Fraternally,
Michael D. Valecourt
Worshipful Master 2024

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As Freemasons, we must always remember who we are and what we stand for. We are stewards of a great tradition, guardians of ancient wisdom, and brothers united in a common cause. Our identity as Masons is not just a title, but a call to responsibility and action.

The West, where I stand as Senior Warden, symbolizes the setting sun and the completion of the day's labor. It reminds us that our time is finite, and we must use it wisely. As we return to Lodge, let us renew our commitment to making the most of our time together, strengthening our bonds of brotherhood, and working in unity towards our shared goals.

Our return to Lodge is more than a simple homecoming – it's a recommitment to our Masonic journey. Our fellowship is not merely social – it's a crucible where we forge ourselves into better men. In our meetings and our shared labors, we find the support and inspiration to live up to our highest ideals.

This month, I challenge each of you to reach out to a brother you haven't spoken with in a while. Rekindle that connection, offer support if needed, and remind yourselves of the unity that binds us. Remember, everything illuminated by the light of Freemasonry is our responsibility – from the newest Entered Apprentice to the most seasoned Past Grand Master.

As we gather again in our Lodge room, let the light of brotherhood shine brightly. Let us stand united in our principles and find joy in our fellowship. Most importantly, let us always remember who we are: Freemasons, brothers, and stewards of a noble tradition.

From the West, I look forward to laboring with you all once more, as we strive to be faithful stewards of all that our Craft enlightens.

Fraternally,
David Earney
Senior Warden





From the South continued

We are now in the home stretch for this year's Lodge officers and administration, and December's Installation will be quickly upon us. Let's give these next few months that final push to excellence as we cap off a great year for our Lodge and community. As Junior Warden, I intend to roll out the grand finale to a year of refreshment with a series of new meals and guest chefs. In addition, we will be making several new purchases to improve the quality of our kitchen, as well as making preparations to leave the pantry stocked and loaded for next year's incoming Junior Ward. I am looking forward to serving nourishing dinners to all my Brothers, and I extend a hearty invite to all those Brothers of our Lodge who have been away for too long, to come home and share a meal with us. Brothers, we miss you and need you!

One of the advancements we have implemented this summer is the creation of a Scottsdale Lodge #43 community of communication in Slack, a user-friendly communication and organization platform that is accessible from desktop and mobile devices online. Our Senior Warden, Br. David Earney, has created this community for all of us to work more efficiently and effectively together. By the time of reading this, most of you should have received invites by email. Please reach out to David Earney, Mohamad Ghannoum, or myself if you have any questions or issues with getting set-up on Slack. We are happy to help.

A special thanks goes out to all of the Brothers and Seekers who showed up this summer to work together for improving our Lodge. Not only was it great seeing everyone over the summer, but the spirit of inspiring comradery in working together was on full display. A number of these Seekers will be submitting petitions and having ballots this fall, please be sure to spend some time getting to know them and the high quality of character these men will be bringing to our Lodge.

There are exciting times ahead for our Lodge, and I look forward to sharing and participating in that with all of you. I can't wait to see everyone at our dinners and in Lodge as we embark on the final stretch of this amazing year.

Fraternally, Brian Zeman Junior Warden

Editors view from the Sidelines

Over the years, I have watched many men undergo the three degrees and become active brothers in the lodge, some becoming officers or even the master, yet others seem to fade from our view after what seems like a short time. It maybe their employment, family needs, joining and participating in the Scottish or York Rites or El Zaribah Shrine all of which take their time away from us. It may be just a loss of interest that takes them from their "mother" lodge. However, if they stop paying their annual dues and don't respond to our attempts to reach out to them, we must suspend them from their Masonic membership, causing loss of eligibility to be active in the other masonic organizations. In my eyes they became my brothers and it saddens me to see these good men fade away from the lodge without a word.

Masonic history shows many well-known individuals that have been instrumental in helping build this country in and out of government or industry. Actors, musicians' authors, educators and many others also served their lodges during their careers. Lodges were the focal point for these men to meet, discuss important events of the day and give wise counsel to one another on daily life. Of course this was outside of the lodge meeting itself. We can still be and integral part of our community by sharing ideas over dinner and carrying those ideas into our everyday life.

Degree work is not boring, it is educational and a cause to think about our relationship with the GAOTU, each in our own way

Fraternally,

Fred LaBell

Trestleboard Editor









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Roll Of The Workmen

The roll of the workmen has been called, and three Master Masons have not answered to their name. They have laid down the working tools of the Craft and with them the have left that mortal part for which they longer have Their labors here have taught them to divest their heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting their minds as a living stone 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 Arnond Amaru

10/8/1940 Born Initiated 2/14/1974 Passed 4/18/1975 Raised 4/25/1974 Died 8/12/2015

Brother Truett George Craft

Born 2/01/1936 Initiated 10/14/1971 Passed 6/15/1972 Raised 9/28/1972 12/11/1923 Died



Brother Gary Kains

Born 12/04/1933 Initiated 4/O9/1981 Passed 5/21/1981 Raised 6/26/1981 Died 6/17/2024

Those on the below list are shown to have unpaid 2024 Lodge Dues. If your name is on this list contact the Secretary ASAP, as a vote will be taken to suspend those Brothers with unpaid dues and without other arrangements.

Jeffrey Lynn Arnett

Salvatore John Augone

Kenvin allen Booth

Jeremy Andrew Corgan

Timothy Brian Curran

<mark>Jonathan D'Emilio</mark>

Michael Joesph Donato

Erik Allen Easton

Frederick Hilary Goldinov

Marc Charles Gross

Dashmesh Singh Khalsa

William Edward McCusker, Jr.

Erik Richard Minderman

James Michael Nelson

James Arland Osman, III

Rowan Jay Pickering

Lucas Micharl Ruwe

Shawn Peter Sawaged

Prescott Raymond Smith

Chanchhaya Tan

Christopher Titular

Clinton Fabella Tupas, II

Weston Lee Wilkerson

Ryan Johnathan Wilson

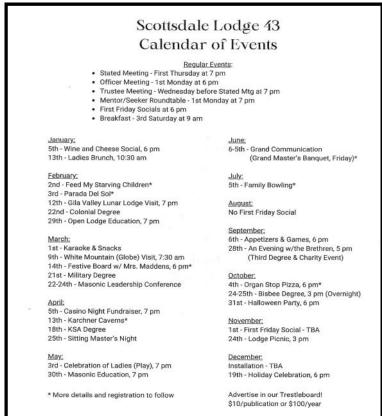
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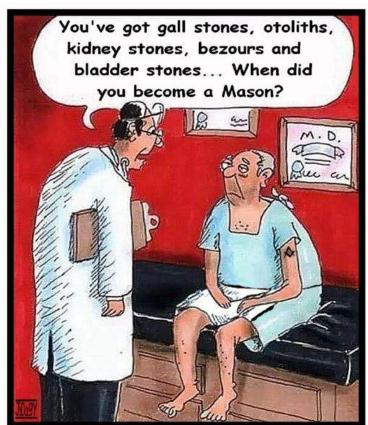


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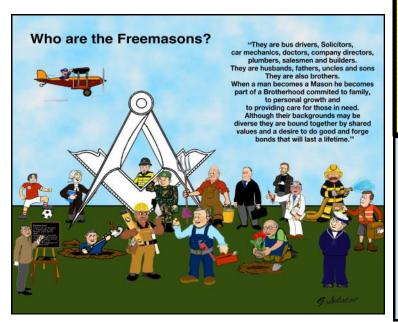
My Brothers, Thank you for all the good wishes and prayers when I had a heart attack and had a stent put in this past July. All is well now and I have been returned to duty.

Fred LaBell, TB Editor









LODGE OFFICE HOURS

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

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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NEEDED...RETIRED BROTHERS

We need retired brothers who would be willing to serve on the Celestial Journey Team (Funeral 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 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

LIGHT

The meaning of the word, and the diverse references over a long time, and in many places and usages, are sustaining in many civilizations, show no signs of slackening. Given often during difficult times; Gives us light, and we find the way".

Light in real time comes to us from all directions, and is defined simply as the absence of darkness. Keep the thought that we need darkness to see the light from the stars. We need the light to reveal what is good, and not felt or seen in darkness. One can believe that the light of dawns will shine without announcement, and sunsets need no fanfare.

In another sense, light is a term to describe weight, the burdens we carry through our lifetimes. We find the ways to lighten our loads, physically, and by inspiration.

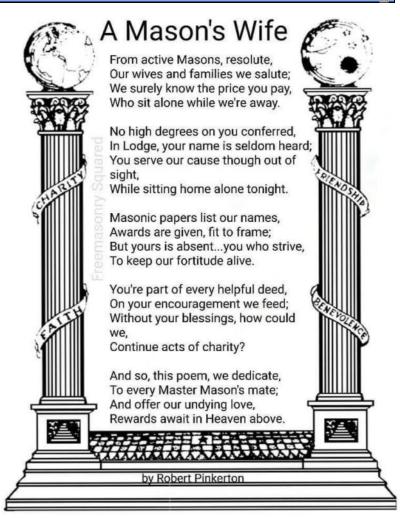
Among sources of light, there are of course the sun and moon, ambience, speakers of life's hopes and dreams, from those who disperse dismay, and dispense help, and from the inner self. Sudden inspiration, relates to sudden light, illumination of the mind.

Thomas Jefferson tells us: A candle loses nothing when lights another candle".

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 when your unpaid lodge dues are past due. Over half of you have remitted your 2024 dues and it is greatly appreciated, as it helps the Master plan his year and execute his programs.

Please Continue to remit your dues, and if there is a problem, please contact the secretary via email at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

Thank you for your continued support, as I continue to learn this job.

Fraternally, Jim Rowan, PM/PGM Secretary

Diana Hutchinson,

Scottsdale Chapter #43 Order of the Eastern Star continues with leaders Linda Sayre, Worthy Matron and Russell Sayre, Worthy Patron.

- -The Chapter will be selling root beer floats at the Shrine Corn Fest August 24 & 25.
- -Our Chapter School of Instruction and Officer's Practice will be held on Monday Sept 9.
- -Our first meeting and potluck dinner will be on Monday Sept 23.
- -Our Luau Dinner Fundraiser will be on Sunday Sept 29. All invited but RSVP to Linda Sayre by call/text at 602-292-3589.





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

Kinishba Court #6

Happy Fall everyone!

We at Kinishba Court are very proud to announce that as of July 4th, 2024 the Supreme Royal Matron is our own Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer. She is the international head for all of Amaranth! We will be watching her as she travels around the world visiting Amaranth Courts in the US, Australia, Canada, and the Philippines. Her session will be July 6-10 in Glendale, Arizona and we will let you know the times that will be open to the public. We know she would love to have you all there!

Kinisha Court had their annual Christmas in July to raise funds for Diabetes Research. There were over 50 people there and fun was had by all. We enjoyed a full turkey dinner with all the fixins'. It was delicious. We are excited to get back into the swing of things and enjoy time with our Scottsdale Masonic family this fall.

Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer Supreme Associate Matron



September 2024 Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Aaron Steven Agee	2022-09-15	John Wayne Jacoby	2011-09-08	Lucas Micheal Ruwe	2019-09-26
Joseph David Barksdale	1983-09-28	Dashmesh Singh Khalsa	2015-09-10	Christian A. Rymer	2023-09-28
Peter R. Carpenter	1960-09-05	Taylor Michael McMullen	2014-09-11	Carlos Manuel Silva	2012-09-13
Charles Alberto Castaneda	a 2009-09-10	Mark Tracy Messerly	1975-09-25	Clayborn J Solomon	2023-09-23
Nanik R, Chandiramani	1975-09-15	James Garbett Miller	1973-09-27	Jeffrey C Takoushian	1999-09-21
EricArthurChristianson	2005-09-22	Fred W. Moore Jr PM	1974-09-26	KennethR Von Hopf	2014-09-11
Carl F Eschenbrenner	1972-09-21	Jeffrey Vilas Morris	2000-09-28	Bernard Louis Young	1975-09-25
Edward Thomas Hartnett	1967-09-28	Dominador B Oropilla	2022-09-15	Brian David Zeman	2021-09-16
Gregg James Heidbreder	2019-09-17	Charles William Parker	2016-09-15		
Robert Curtis Hills PM	2008-09-11	Paul David Pearson 20	23-09-21		

Pancake Breakfast

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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 Worshipful Master Worshipful Master 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

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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 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.

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**.

**September Events **

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