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A Busy Month with Travel, Degrees and Pancakes

From the East

As we welcome the blossoming beauty of spring, let us reflect upon the profound symbolism that nature bestows upon us during this season. Spring, with its vibrant renewal, serves as a poignant reminder for us as Masons to renew our commitments to the principles of our Craft and rekindle our participation within the Lodge.

From the philosophical perspective of Masonry, as we evaluate times and seasons, years and cycles - Spring is a symbol of rebirth and regeneration. The dormant winter months give way to new life, mirroring the cyclical nature of our Masonic journey and indeed our sojourn through life itself. As Nature awakens from her slumber, so too (as we strive to imitate her) might we awaken our minds and hearts with renewed perspective to the timeless teachings of our Craft. From this viewpoint, Spring is a most opportune and inspiring season for us to delve deeper into the

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From the West

As we welcome the arrival of spring, this is an opportune moment to reflect on the profound symbolism the season holds within Freemasonry. Beyond its natural beauty and the promise of new life, spring serves as a powerful metaphor for the Masonic journey of self-improvement, enlightenment, and spiritual rebirth.

In Freemasonry, the changing seasons often serve as symbols of the cyclical nature of life and the continuous pursuit of personal growth. Spring represents the rebirth of nature after the dormant winter months. Just as the earth awakens from its slumber, Masons are reminded of the importance of constant renewal and rejuvenation in their Masonic journey.

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From the South

Greetings from the South - wishing everyone a happy and transformative month of March! As March ushers in the beginning of Spring; it is a time for transformation and rebirth. It can be a window of renewal for us individually and as a community. This opportunity of renewal is not a given, but rather a portal that we must act upon and embrace to realize its manifestations. Spring cleaning is only effective if we actually pick up the bucket and broom and clear out the stagnation of old. There is much to reflect upon here in our own lives and within our Lodge, nor does this imply that that transformation

and renewal are the result of big dramatic sweeps, for sometimes the most positive and enduring transformations are the simple results of shaking off the bits of the cobwebs and rust. Look for low hanging fruit, it's easy and if you are anything like me, there is much there to collect.

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tenets of our Craft, contemplating their significance in our lives and reinforcing our dedication to living by these principles.

Further, as Nature's renewal is a harmonious cycle, our Masonic commitments should echo this harmony - within ourselves, our homes, and our Lodge. Thus, Spring eloquently serves as bright clarion call to action, urging us to breathe pleasant new life into our own pursuits especially those in the service of the Great Architect and those that further our great cause. Our Worshipful Brother Jim Watson (and many others) have so often reminded us that we get out of Masonry what we put into it...

Whether it be through active participation in Lodge activities, mentoring new brothers, or engaging in meaningful discussions within and/or without the Lodge, let's ask ourselves - do we still exhibit the joy and vitality of Spring as we engage in the participation of Masonry? Or is there opportunity to better embrace the energy of Spring to invigorate our Lodge experience and the experiences of those with whom we interact?

The blooming flowers and rejuvenated landscapes around us inspire a sense of beauty and purpose. Similarly, within our Masonic journey, the symbolic allegories and lessons unveil a beauty that transcends the mundane. Let us take this season as an opportunity to appreciate the profound Wisdom embedded in our rituals and teachings, fostering a deeper understanding of our shared Masonic heritage.

As we witness the transformation of the natural world around us, may it serve as a catalyst for our personal and collective transformation within Freemasonry. Let the spirit of spring renew our commitment to beauty and vibrancy of our Craft, invigorating our Lodge with the zeal and dedication that define us as Masons.

Wishing you each a bright season of growth, enlightenment, and renewed Masonic vigor.

Fraternally,

Michael D. Valecourt

Master 2024

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It is a time to shed the old and embrace the new, to cast off the darkness of ignorance and embrace the light of knowledge.

In spring, we witness the gradual strengthening of the great Light of Nature after the darkness of winter. This symbolism of light holds great significance, where light is a central theme representing knowledge, enlightenment, and the journey from darkness to illumination. As the sun's rays grow stronger, Freemasons are encouraged to seek light in their lives, to pursue truth and wisdom, and to strive for spiritual enlightenment.

Spring is a season of growth and abundance, as the natural world bursts forth with new life and vitality. Similarly, Freemasonry encourages its members to cultivate their inner virtues and talents, to nurture their moral and intellectual faculties, and to grow into better individuals. Through the rituals, symbols, and teachings of the Craft, Freemasons are provided with the tools and guidance necessary for personal and spiritual growth.

Spring reminds us to leave behind the stagnation of the past and embrace the possibilities of the future. In Freemasonry, this concept of renewal is reflected in the initiation ceremonies, where candidates are symbolically reborn into a new life as Freemasons. It is a reminder that no matter how far we may have strayed from our true path, we can always start anew and strive for excellence.

As we contemplate the symbolism of spring and renewal in Freemasonry, let us take inspiration from the natural world around us and apply its lessons to our Masonic journey. May this season serve as a reminder of the everpresent opportunity for growth, enlightenment, and spiritual rebirth within each of us. Let us embrace the light of knowledge, cultivate the virtues of the Craft, and continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our lives.

Fraternally,

David Earney

Senior Warden





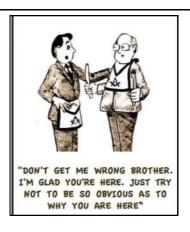


From the South continued

This new year and beginning of spring has already brought forth many great renewals and changes in our Lodge. Look at what a great start we've had. All the new events and opportunities to come together and share in our great fraternity have been a great success, and this is only the beginning. Our Spring Festive Board will surely be one to remember for the brothers and their significant others. So be sure to get your tickets now for this special evening - see any of the Lodge officers for more information - they will be happy to assist you. On this note, I would like to thank all of the brothers and their families who have been attending our Thursday dinners this year so far. It has been a great joy to see and hear a full and vibrant dining room. Thank you for your presence.

Our degrees and business meetings have also been an important source of renewal for our Lodge, and like with the dinners, it has been truly wonderful to see more and more brothers coming into the lodge room to share in this crucial aspect of our fraternity - The Ritual. This is happening for good reason too - the degrees have been excellent, and they are only going to get better the more brothers we have to share them with. It can not be overstated the profound impact it has on a candidate to experience their degree with the lodge room full of brothers supporting him. It also can not be overstated the profound impact that it can have on us to experience and reflect upon good Ritual, and the mysteries that they may reveal to us about ourselves. No matter how many times we have seen or performed them. There is always more to be revealed, always. May this spring bring you all a newness of life, positive transformations, and mysterious revelations and renewals. Happy Spring, my Brothers.

Fraternally, Brian Zeman Junior Warden



Lodge **Karaoke Night** featuring MWB Jim Rowan as Frank Sinatra and the ever hopeful Dancing with the Stars impersonators.













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Scottsdale Lodge 43 Calendar of Events

Regular Events:

- Stated Meeting First Thursday at 7 pm
- Officer Meeting 1st Monday at 6 pm
- Trustee Meeting Wednesday before Stated Mtg at 7 pm
 Mentor/Seeker Roundtable 1st Monday at 7 pm
- First Friday Socials at 6 pm
- · Breakfast 3rd Saturday at 9 am

5th - Wine and Cheese Social, 6 pm

13th - Ladies Brunch, 10:30 am

February: 2nd - Feed My Starving Children*

3rd - Parada Del Sol*

12th - Gila Valley Lunar Lodge Visit, 7 pm 22nd - Colonial Degree

29th - Open Lodge Education, 7 pm

March:

January:

1st - Karaoke & Snacks

9th - White Mountain (Globe) Visit, 7:30 am 14th - Festive Board w/ Mrs. Maddens, 6 pm*

21st - Military Degree

22-24th - Masonic Leadership Conference

April: 5th - Casino Night Fundraiser, 7 pm

13th - Karchner Caverns* 18th - KSA Degree

25th - Sitting Master's Night

3rd - Celebration of Ladies (Play), 7 pm 30th - Masonic Education, 7 pm

* More details and registration to follow

6-5th - Grand Communication

(Grand Master's Banquet, Friday)*

July: 5th - Family Bowling*

August:

No First Friday Social

September:

6th - Appetizers & Games, 6 pm 28th - An Evening w/the Brethren, 5 pm

(Third Degree & Charity Event)

4th - Organ Stop Pizza, 6 pm* 24-25th - Bisbee Degree, 3 pm (Overnight)

31st - Halloween Party, 6 pm

November: 1st - First Friday Social - TBA

24th - Lodge Picnic, 3 pm

December:

Installation - TBA 19th - Holiday Celebration, 6 pm

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Disclaimer: General calendar, adjustments may occur

Don't miss your chance to attend the Festive Board!





CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM

Roll Of The Workmen

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 James Garbett Miller Jr.

Born: December 7, 1975 in Abilene, TX

EA Degree June 15, 2000 FC Degree June 22, 2000 Raised: June 29, 2000

Deceased: February 10, 2024









Scottsdale's Newest Fellowcraft, Brother Nate Mays

Scottsdale Lodge extends
their condolences to the
family and Nobles of El
Zaribah Shrine on the passing
to the Celestial Lodge of
longtime Recorder and Past
Potentate Noble Jack Garrett









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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Law Office of Stephen M. Wall 480.222.3888



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Masonic License Plates

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NEEDED...RETIRED BROTHERS

We need retired brothers who would be willing to serve on the <u>Celestial Journey Team</u> (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 Working With Brothers

Brothers, If you haven't seen this new <u>Facebook Group</u> 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

CONTINUITY

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, "Without continual growth, improvement, achievement, even success, have no meanings". Judge what you have, but keep moving forward, opening doors, and discover new ways and whys, and get to know Curiosity as a faithful friend. Continuity works because growth has no limits using intelligence, imagination, and awe filled wonder.

Change is chance if you want it that way. Let change grow and continue with improvement. Failure is the chance to begin again; continuity is the chance to grow.

Interruption generally has an adverse effect on continuity, but may give a person the clearer view of the past, and new ideas for the future. Lack of continuity often is fueled by what may be missing: Zeal, ability, success, optimism, planning, knowledge, and self faith. Know when continuity may be a path to darkness, but approach positive opportunities to continue. Value the continuous relationships of all things personal, family, friends, learning, and life.

David Woodland, PM

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

Brothers please see our Senior Warden for tickets to the current raffle drawing. You may be the lucky winner.



Guess what dear - I won first prize in the Lodge Raffle

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

It's that time of year when your lodge dues are due. Almost 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.

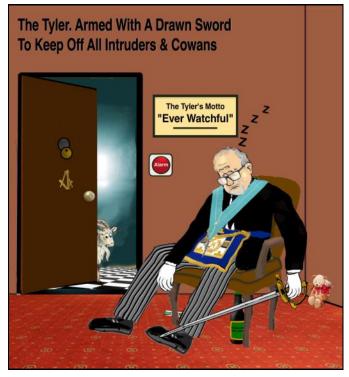
Please Continue to remit your dues, and if there is a problem, please contact the secretary via email at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

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

Fraternally,

Jim Rowan, PM/PGM Secretary









Kinishba Court #6, Order of the Amaranth

Happy Spring Everyone!

Kinishba Court had a wonderful meeting in February. Our Royal Matron and Patron were still in the Philippines, so Honored Lady Dianne and Sir Knight James Callahan assumed the throne. We were honored to have our Grand Royal Matron, Barbara, and Grand Royal Patron, Russell, with us that evening. We are getting excited to see them do their work at the Grand Court Session in May. It's hard to believe it's only 3 months away! We are continuing to work to raise funds for our Diabetes Foundation. We hope to have a great donation from our court this year. Thank you for all your support in this endeavor.

Bizzy Herbolsheimer Supreme Associate Matron Kinishba Court #6



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

Editors Two Cents

Times are very active at Scottsdale lately, with Degrees. Traveling Visits, Family events, Parades and more. The monthly Pancake Breakfast keeps getting better and the weekly dinners with some new recipes providing interesting dining experiences.

Like always, our officers are wearing many hats to organize all the activities and no doubt can use some help. If you have time please reach out and offer your time and knowledge.

Remember that communication is still a key to success, so if you make a commitment to do something or be somewhere, show up, call or text ahead, if you have something come up preventing your meeting the commitment.

Remember the pass while traveling, my Brothers.











March 2024 Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Melvyn Lewis Arthur	3/22/56	John Salvatore Favara	3/9/17	Vincent Paul Outcalt	3/27/97
William Lee Baran	3/10/76	Mohammad Ghannoum	3/10/22	Robert Bonner Rye	3/24/05
Glenn Lockwood Bezuyen	3/29/01	Michael Paul Haley	3/8/12	Richard George Saine	3/15/77
Anthony John Blunda	3/11/10	Jesus Alfredo Jaramillo	3/17/16	Stanley Joseph Sparrow	3/14/13
Fernando Anthony Caraballo	3/29/07	William Edward Keim	3/11/50	Steven Eric Squires	3/20/97
Thomas Wesley Carroll	3/24/83	Terance Lee Kelly	3/17/92	Michael Derwan Valecour	t3/17/16
Michael Joseph Donato	3/19/15	Donald Maxwell	3/29/73	Raymond Roger Wallage	3/11/99
Jason Scott Duey	3/24/05	James Warner Meredith	3/29/07	Terry Lee Zeiger	3/25/76
George Richard Easter	3/26/64	James Arland Osman III	3/11/04		

The traveling brothers of Scottsdale Lodge visiting White Mountain Lodge #3



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Ben Korn, our newest EA who had the honor of his degree being performed in Colonial costume in honor of WB George Washington's Birthday.



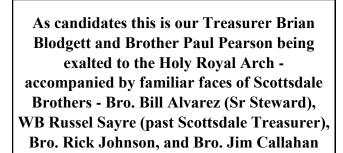
Many of the attendants at our Colonial performance, including our Jr Grand Deacon - WB James Xie as well as foreign Dignitary - RWB Scott Rickman of Ontario Can.







Brother Leon Tshiyena received his Master Mason Degree in January



Brother Max Tenin received his Master Mason Degree in February





2024 OFFICERS and CONTACT INFORMATION

Worshipful Master, Michael D. Valecourt
Senior Warden, David J. Earney
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

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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

**March Events **

PLEASE WATCH the Weekly Emails for more events and details

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

CALL IF YOUNEED 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.

Scott Herbert Tracy
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**.