

Scottsdale Lodge #43 F&AM

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75 Years of Masonic Light



From the Editor

75 Years of Light

Brothers, both old and young, now is the time to dig through your collections of Scottsdale Lodge #43 memorabilia, look in your dresser drawers, attics, albums, closets, basements and old family stuff for mementoes of Scottsdale Lodge in the past 75 years.

We can use photos, awards, gavels, Jewelry, Books, Masonic Past Masters Aprons. We Celebrate in May so don't delay.

Fraternally,

Fred LaBell 32°,

Trestleboard Editor



From the East

A Legacy of Service: How Our Lodge Has Impacted the Community

1 As we reflect on the rich history of Scottsdale Lodge #43, it becomes clear that our lodge has long been a beacon of service and community engagement. Over the years, we have undertaken numerous initiatives that have positively impacted our local community, fostering a legacy of compassion and dedication. Some of these significant projects and encourage our members to continue this noble tradition.



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3 Historical Community Service Initiatives

4 **Partnerships with Local Schools:** Our lodge has collaborated with schools like Echo Canyon Elementary School to provide essential items such as bicycles for children, promoting education

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From the West

This April we are reflecting on Scottsdale 43's Legacy of Service, both in the community and as individual brothers of the Lodge, as well reminding and refreshing ourselves to the immense value we bring to our lives and others by simply being of service. For my article, I will be focusing on the latter.

Personally, I've never found a better cure

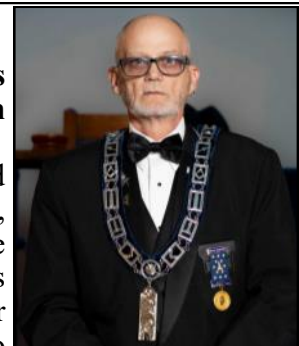


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From the South

A Legacy of Service: How Our Lodge Has Impacted the Community through Refreshment and Repose

In the heart of our community lies a cherished institution: our lodge, a sanctuary of warmth, fellowship, and service. For decades, our lodge has been more than just a gathering place; it has been a cornerstone of support, a hub for connection, and a source of comfort for all who enter its doors. Through the simple acts of providing refreshment and



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and well-being among young members of our community.

1. **Charitable Events:** We have hosted various fundraising dinners and events, contributing to local charities and supporting those in need.
2. **Community Outreach Programs:** In previous years our lodge has been involved in activities such as the Electric Light Parade, Parada Del Sol, community cleanup events and other activities demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship, community participation and beautification.
3. **Support for Vulnerable Groups:** We have supported initiatives benefiting disadvantaged individuals, including the homeless, indigent veteran populations and others, by hosting events that promote social interaction and inclusivity.

Encouraging Continued Service

As we look to the future, it is essential that we continue to build upon this legacy of service. Here are some ways our members can contribute:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Engage in local volunteer work, such as food bank drives, blood donations, or participating in community clean-up initiatives.
2. **Mentorship Programs:** Establish mentorship programs for young people, providing guidance and support to help them achieve their goals.
3. **Community Events:** Organize or participate in community events like parades, charity runs, or cultural festivals to foster unity and raise awareness for important causes.
4. **Collaborations with Other Organizations:** Partner with local organizations to amplify our impact, whether through joint fundraising efforts or shared community projects.

A Vision for the Future

As we move forward, the brethren of our lodge should strive to be an impactful force for good in several key areas:

1. **Education and Youth Development:** Focus on initiatives that support education and personal development among young people, such as scholarships or educational workshops.
2. **Health and Wellness:** Support health-related initiatives, including free clinics or health fairs, to improve access to healthcare services.
3. **Environmental Conservation:** Continue environmental projects like park cleanups or tree planting to promote sustainability and protect our natural resources.
4. **Community Engagement:** Host events that bring the community together, fostering a sense of belonging

and social connection among residents.

In conclusion, the legacy of service at Scottsdale Lodge #43 is a testament to the power of Freemasonry in action. As we celebrate our past achievements, let us also look to the future with a renewed commitment to serving our community and making a positive impact on the lives of those around us. Together, we can ensure that our lodge remains a beacon of hope and service for generations to come.

Fraternally,
David Earney
Master
Scottsdale Lodge 43

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to a bad day or week than by taking some time to get “out of myself” and being present and useful to someone else or something greater than me. It works on three levels. First, I get the positive reward and satisfaction of actually helping someone else or contributing to a worthy cause or organization, and second, it provides me with the opportunity to step out of the confines of what is distressing me and reliably allows me to get a new perspective on whatever issue I may have been struggling. And third, when I put myself in justly line with the Great Architect and Nature, I am allowing myself to be an instrument and a co-creator with the Divine plan, from whose ripples I know not how far my actions reach or how deeply I may affect and benefit the world around me. Even more simply, you never know who you may inspire with your simple action of service, kindness, and labor. Sometimes, the universe gives us kudos or acknowledgment of our contributions, but that is nothing more than the gravy to a deeply satisfying meal of selfless action. The true reward is always there, especially when no one else notices, and often that is when the deepest personal healing occurs too.

As a student of Jesuit education, we were taught and formed to be “Men for Others”. It was not just a motto for us to reflect upon, but the mantra to our way of proceeding in all that we undertook. It challenged us to build our lives on more than just opportunities for self-fulfillment and self aggrandizing, but to experience a more holistic, satisfying, and stable life by building up the lives of those around us. Be it our family, friends, co-workers, and anyone on whom our positive influence and efforts could affect. When we see life as more than just ourselves and our own problems, we begin to grow up and mature in truth. For when we are in truth, we are with TRUTH, and thus we become free of all the illusions that

separate us from anyone or anything else. Only then and there do we ever find true peace.

Fraternally,
Brian Zeman
Senior Warden



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offering a space for repose, we have built a legacy that continues to uplift and inspire.

A Welcoming Haven

From the moment you step into our lodge, you are greeted by the inviting aroma of freshly brewed coffee and the cheerful chatter of friends both old and new. Our commitment to creating a welcoming atmosphere has made our lodge a favored destination for community members seeking a place to relax and unwind. Whether it's a cozy corner for a quiet read or a vibrant gathering space for lively discussions, our lodge caters to all needs.

Refreshments that Nourish

At the heart of our lodge's impact is our dedication to providing high-quality refreshments. Our kitchen team takes pride in crafting delicious, wholesome meals that not only satisfy hunger but also nurture the spirit. Special events, like community potlucks and holiday feasts, showcase the culinary talents of our members, fostering a sense of belonging and shared experience. These occasions not only offer nourishment but also serve as a platform for community members to connect, share stories, and forge lasting friendships.

A Space for Repose

In today's fast-paced world, finding a moment of peace can be a challenge. Our lodge offers a sanctuary where individuals can escape the stresses of daily life. The tranquil surroundings, combined with comfortable seating and serene décor, create an environment conducive to relaxation and reflection. Whether through yoga classes, meditation sessions, or simply enjoying a quiet afternoon with a book, our lodge encourages community members to prioritize their well-being.

Community Engagement

Beyond providing refreshments and a space for repose, our lodge actively engages in community service initiatives. We organize events that bring people together for a common cause, such as food drives, charity fundraisers, and educational workshops. These efforts not only strengthen our bonds as a community but also highlight the importance of giving back. By collaborating with local organizations, we amplify our impact and ensure that our legacy of service extends

beyond our lodge's walls.

Celebrating Milestones

Throughout the years, our lodge has played a significant role in celebrating important milestones in the lives of community members. From weddings and anniversaries to graduations and retirement parties, we have been honored to host countless gatherings that mark life's special moments. These celebrations not only bring joy but also create memories that last a lifetime, reinforcing the lodge's position as a central figure in the community's narrative.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on our lodge's legacy of service, we are excited about the future. Our commitment to fostering a sense of community through refreshment and repose remains steadfast. We look forward to expanding our offerings, enhancing our facilities, and continuing to adapt to the evolving needs of our community. With each passing year, we aim to deepen our roots and broaden our reach, ensuring that our lodge remains a cherished haven for generations to come.

In conclusion, our lodge stands as a testament to the power of service, connection, and community. Through the simple yet profound acts of providing nourishment and a place for relaxation, we have woven a rich tapestry of relationships that define our legacy. Together, we will continue to impact lives and create a brighter future for all.

Fraternally,
Steven Agee
Junior Warden



Photo Memories of Brothers through the years. Who can you recognize?



Come to the Fellowship Breakfast

All Masons, Family and Friends of all ages are

Welcome

Extensive Menu Including

Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Omelets to order and Hash Browns, Monthly surprise add-ons

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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:

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Law Office of Stephen M. Wall
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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.

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

It's that time of year, The 2025 Dues invoices have been mailed. If you have not received yours, contact the Secretary ASAP.

If you have a problem and cannot pay your dues, please contact the Secretary via email at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Fraternally,
Jim Rowan, PM/PGM
Secretary**

Kinishba Court #6

Happy April everyone! We are excited to get into the last months of our Grand Year and our Court year. In May, the Grand Court of Arizona will have its annual session and our own Honored Lady Karen Machamer will preside as Grand Royal Matron! And at the end of the weekend, our own Honored Lady Alicia Dela Cruz and Sir Knight Roddy Dela Cruz will become the new Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. We are excited to support them all and we are so proud of them! Our own Bizzy Herbolsheimer, Supreme Royal Matron, will be officially representing Supreme Council at the session. We will be working hard to make sure the session goes smoothly.

We had an initiation this month and are excited to have our membership grow. We will also have elections in April in our own court, and we are excited to have our line officers move forward. We will be having our installation in May with Honored Lady Jeanne Patterson and Sir Knight Russell Sayre taking the reins of the court.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support our philanthropic endeavors in raising money for Diabetic Research. We are looking forward to seeing our totals for the Court and Grand Court in May.

Happy Earth Day!

**HL Bizzy Herbolsheimer
Supreme Royal 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**

Scottsdale Chapter #43

Order of the Eastern Star

The last Official Visit of the State of Arizona will be held on Saturday, April 12 in Tucson at the Scottish Rite Temple at 2:00 pm.

Thursday, April 10 will be a dual Honor Night by two Chapters for our District Instructor—Diana Hutchinson.

It will be at 7:00 pm at PV Silver Trowel Lodge.

April 14 will be our stated meeting at 7:30 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm will honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

April 28 will be our stated meeting at 7:30 pm.

May 12 will be our Election of Officers at 7:30 pm. We will honor Mothers

Diana Hutchinson



April 2025 Master Mason Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Wilhelm A. Amstutz III	1998-04-18	Oliver NdubuisiIbeh	2015-04-09	James Ray Raynovic	2009-04-09
Phillip Lee Bartling	2006-04-13	Paul David Jump	2021-04-08	John H Reynolds PM	2005-04-28
Robert R. Beffel PM	2010-04-15	Erik James Kilbo	1998-04-04	Steven J Sampson PM	2003-04-10
James W illiam Brown	1988-04-28	Benjamin Samuel Korn	2024-04-26	Sergey V Sheleg	2006-04-13
James Mikeal Callahan	2010-04-08	William Eugene Lamb	2002-04-13	Austin Robert Spalla	2019-04-11
Mark Harold Conner	2000-04-27	Danny Abraham Lazar	2005-04-16	Robert L Swoboda	2015-04-09
John Joseph Cummins IV	2005-04-14	Carsten Loelke	2013-04-11	Jerome Maurice Taylor	1985-04-01
Timothy Brian Curran	2014-04-10	Harry Edward Markham	1974-04-16	Jeffery Dwayne Thomas	2008-04-12
Richard Nicholas Davis	2011-04-14	Nathan Jeffery Mays	2024-04-11	Kyle Andrew Thomas	2010-04-15
Louay George	2010-04-29	Patrick Joseph McGill	2004-04-15	Scott A Thomas PGM	2005-04-14
Frederick H. Goldinov	1979-04-26	Bradley Lee Minor	2003-04-24	Bruce Henry Usher	1993-04-29
David Aaron Harris	2010-04-08	Joshua Daniel Myers	2022-04-28	Stephen M Wall	2016-04-14
Robert Hess	2016-04-21	Donald William Poppe	1962-04-26	Jonathan R Winchester	1995-04-22
Terry Nicholas Highland	2010-04-29	Herman Perry Ransom	2017-04-13	Shirvin Zeinalzadeh	2014-04-22



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SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

Brother's, below are the planned activities for April.

Any changes will come to you via emails

April 1 - Brotherhood, Coffee, and Donuts (9:30 AM)

Get ready for another awesome Brotherhood, Coffee, and Doughnuts gathering! ☐☐Can't make it to our Thursday night meetings? No worries! This is your chance to catch up with your Masonic family in a relaxed, casual setting.

April 2 – Officers' Meeting followed by Trustees' Meeting

Officer's Meeting (6:00 PM) followed by Trustee's Meeting (7:00 PM)

- Officers are required to attend only the first hour and will meet in the Lodge Library or Secretary's Office.

Trustees will meet in the Secretary's Office.

April 3 – Lodge Festive Board (6:00 PM) followed by Regular Business Meeting / First Read of Grand Lodge Legislation - Opening on Master Mason's Degree

April 8 - Brotherhood, Coffee, and Donuts (9:30 AM)

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April 10 – Lodge Festive Board (6:00 PM) followed by EA Conferral

April 15 - Brotherhood, Coffee, and Donuts (9:30 AM)

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April 16 – Ritual Practice

April 17 – Lodge Festive Board (6:00 PM) followed by FC Conferral (Proficiency for Steven Agee)

The Festive Board will be Easter themed.

Following the festive board, the brethren will repair to the Lodge room and Brother Nicolas Williams will be passed to the degree FellowCraft

April 19 – Lodge Fellowship Breakfast

April 22 - Brotherhood, Coffee, and Donuts (9:30 AM)

Get ready for another awesome Brotherhood, Coffee, and

Doughnuts gathering! ☐☐Can't make it to our Thursday night meetings? No worries! This is your chance to catch up with your Masonic family in a relaxed, casual setting.

April 23 – Ritual Practice (Optional)

April 24 – MM Conferral

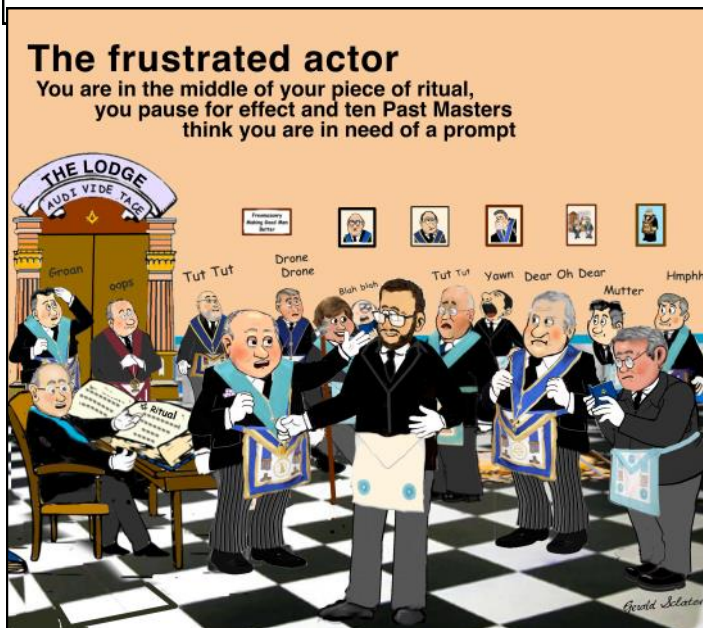
April 29 - Brotherhood, Coffee, and Donuts (9:30 AM)

Get ready for another awesome Brotherhood, Coffee, and Doughnuts gathering! ☐☐Can't make it to our Thursday night meetings? No worries! This is your chance to catch up with your Masonic family in a relaxed, casual setting.

April 30 – Officers' Meeting followed by Trustees' Meeting

Officer's Meeting (6:00 PM) followed by Trustee's Meeting (7:00 PM)

- Officers are required to attend only the first hour and will meet in the Lodge Library or Secretary's Office.
- Trustees will meet in the Secretary's Office.



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Scottsdale Lodge Information

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 Junior Deacon.....Bill Alvarez,
 Senior DeaconCarl Eschenbrenner
 Marshal:Rob Swoboda
 Chaplain:Steven Sampson, PM
 Secretary:Jim Rowan, PGM
 Treasurer:Brian Blodgett
 Junior Warden:Steven Agee
 Senior Warden:Brian Zeman
 Worshipful Master..David Earney

NOTICE

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

2025 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
Trestleboard	Brother Fred LaBell

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.

2025 LODGE TRUSTEES

Scott Herbert Tracy	Term Expires: 2027
Michael Valecourt	Term Expires: 2027
Taylor McMullen	Term Expires: 2026
Tony Darin	Term Expires: 2026
Tim Scarpino	Term Expires: 2025
Joe Martoccia	Term Expires: 2025

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.

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