

TRESTLEBOARD



Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE EAST

The 2023 Installation of Scottsdale Lodge's Officers was a huge success! There are many who helped make this event as special as it was. I would like to thank Most Worshipful Scott Thomas as Installing Master, WB Dwayne Hoyt as Installing Marshal, and RW Deputy Grand Master George Rusk as Chaplain. All three men have helped me with my journey to the East, and I am forever grateful. I would also like to thank WB Russ Sawyer for assembling the Honor Guard with the Knight Templar. It was a great honor to walk through the "Arch of Steel" That moment is something that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Thank you to all the Past Masters of this lodge who took me under their wing, and gave me the tools that I needed to succeed. Lastly, I would like to thank WB Tim Scarpino for the tremendous year he had as Master of our Lodge. I promise to continue the joy he brought to our lodge and continue build that Perfect Ashlar.



I am excited to serve the Craft, and our Lodge. I am honored that I will assist in making men better, and help them to achieve "Masonic Excellence" and most of all, I am eager to help the community that I grew up in, and spread the cement of Brotherly Love.

The day before the installation I took some time to reflect on the past years as my journey to the East began. I started off in the Friend of Friend Program just like many other men in our Lodge. I always tell our "Seekers" that I remember waking up on Thursdays, jumping out of bed like it was Christmas morning as a child ready to go to Scottsdale Lodge. I will always remember meeting Steve Clarke for the

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FROM THE WEST

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

Each year at this time, we experience the extreme darkening of our days and at the *very same instant* that we reach that apex of darkness in our 24 hour rotation, we also simultaneously experience a reversal of the phenomenon, and the darkening effect itself becomes instead an increasing of Light and warmth, dispensed upon our realm.

This year, as we embark upon a new journey around Sol (our sun), I cannot help but think of Homer's Odyssey and other epic adventure stories that have taught me so much. These stories often whisk their sojourners off in one direction, only to hurl them back in the direction of their origination. For instance, at the end of a protracted war, the companions believe they are headed toward home, and love and luxury, only to find that the full scope of the journey had not yet been completed. Still, ever so neatly interspersed in these "There and Back Again" schemes, the author(s) carefully guide their characters through, what seems a myriad of new lessons and/or new layers/understandings to previous lessons.

One of the most interesting mechanisms of these stories is the way that characters enter the story, build certain relationships, and then leave the story again. In some cases, certain characters return, in time - never quite the same again; in still other cases they are lost to the audience for the remainder of the tale. We (the Craft at large) have lost some very dear brothers and exemplary characters within our fraternity, this



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first time and him showing me around our lodge room. I was hooked instantly. I knew right away that Freemasonry was something that I wanted to learn and pursue. Joining this ancient Craft is truly the best decision I have made in my life. One of my goals as Master of this Lodge is to help assist men in finding that love for Freemasonry. Many men have different paths in achieving their goals, and I will make it indispensable duty to help them achieve those goals.

I am fortunate to be backed by such a strong Officer Line. I am honored to call them, "My Brothers." 2023 is going to be a fantastic year for not only Scottsdale Lodge, but for Arizona Masonry.

Fraternally,
Shawn Hunter, Worshipful Master
F&AM Scottsdale Lodge #43

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past year - 2022. Indeed, Arizona Masonry will never be the same after these losses. Still, our Faith in Deity, our Hope of Immortality, and the Charity that we exchange will keep the Light of these dear Men and Masons aglow for untold aeons to come.

Further, we may mourn the loss of the company of our brothers; however, we cannot forget that as we have lost, so have we also gained! We have, in Scottsdale Lodge alone, made some extraordinary new Masons in our recent years! I am so very curious and excited to see what untold facets of the story, these new companions will bring with them. Perhaps none of them have flagrantly angered Poseidon, nor are they likely being chased by Hades and his mean ol' 3-headed-hound, and perhaps we aren't facing such catastrophes as the Trojan War...

Then again, perhaps any one of us might come face to face with a (personal) Hades and Cerberus duo, this year; perhaps we all do indeed have a fray to join! Regardless of the foe or circumstances, these stories always illustrate the greatness of the power and prowess of Brotherly Love and unity, which nearly *always* allows/provides Relief and often victory to the heroes in their plight toward Truth, rather than single-handedly squaring off against unimaginable foes.

It is my Hope and Prayer that this year - we will all

thrill to rally to the cause of being companions on this ship, despite the challenges that being mortal men on a dynamic sea, often presents. That we will support one another, as we would as knights and warriors on a campaign of goodness and right; as we would as brothers and sons of The Most High. Once more into the breach, good Men and Masons! Let's write an epic year together, my Brothers!

Fraternally,
Brother Senior Warden
Michael D. Valecourt



From the South

Fraternal greetings from the South. Let us all take a moment to reflect on the great Masonic year we have completed with Scottsdale Lodge 43 before we look forward with hopeful eyes at the ensuing year. I thank W.B. Tim Scarpino for his service. We have had a great year of building Brotherly Love



within the Lodge and spreading the cement that unites us into one sacred band of Brethren. We are at an ending, but also a beginning. I look forward to our new Master, Shawn Hunter, to bring about a great year, and more of that improvement of the bonds of brotherhood in our Lodge. I wish our newly elected and installed Senior Warden V.R.W.B. Michael Valecourt all the best as he attains the West. Because of him, the bar has been set for Refreshment and Repose and I promise to do my best to emulate the example set. Our newly appointed line officers have their work cut out - as all the workmen in our quarries do - and I'm excited to see the shape of the work they bring to our Temple.

At this beginning, I hope that each Brother of the Lodge remembers to use his twenty-four inch gauge well, setting aside the necessary time for duties to Deity, duties to the Craft, our vocations, and time for Refreshment and Repose. We are at a beginning, and all great beginnings require a proper start. Hopefully, we've all taken the time in the Holiday season to refresh ourselves for the work ahead.

Fraternally,
David Earney
Junior Warden

COMMUNICATION

Plato probably said it best a long time ago: "Wise men speak because they have something to say. Fools when they have to say something". Communication, the art of the word, is always the human connection, no matter how transmitted. It can share ideas, be encouraging, or cause despair, but always the language of leadership.

Communication is not only the means of spreading forth the word, but ideas as expressed in those words. It is an ever flowing, collaborating explanation of information, and what has formed civilizations. Information held captive is a lifeless asset, good to no one. We know the value of dialogue, but not communicated, it does not exist. Basic concepts of the learning experience are teaching and communicating what is being taught. As a formative force in establishing civilizations, communication leads to community understanding of it's purpose, and of each other.

Communication, person to person, is the adhesiveness of the personal attachment of family, the force we call bonding.

A closing thought...We have two ears and one mouth so we can listen twice as much as we can speak.

**Fraternally,
David Woodland, PM**

Editor's Comment

WRITERS NEEDED

The Trestleboard is a great communication tool for our Lodge. You too can share your ideas, Masonic thoughts or jokes through the Trestleboard. Just submit what you have in writing to the editor for review.

**Fred LaBell
Trestleboard Editor**



David Earney Senior Warden 2023



Michael Valecourt PM Junior Warden 2023



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2023 Officers Installation



2023 Officers of Scottsdale Lodge #43 F&AM



Mason of the Year
Curt Hills, PM



New WM Shawn Hunter
Getting the Working
Tools



Outgoing WM Tim Scarpino,
Gift and Apron

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

*January 2023 Masonic Anniversaries
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

William Roscoe Bryant Sr 1/31/1968	Jason Taylor Yakel 1/9/2003	Richard Dodson Dyer 1/14/2010
David Allen Crawford 1/18/1967	John Charles DeMoss 1/29/2004	Elliott Lance Korona 1/13/2011
Barney B. Blaine 1/23/1958	Robert Vincent Caldwell 1/29/2004	Armond Liebling 1/10/2013
Edward Judson Booth III 1/27/1977	Todd Samuel Blanc 1/27/2005	Jonathan E. D'Emilio PM 1/10/2013
William Gary Foster 1/25/1973	Vincent Anthony Mazzotta 1/11/2007	Chase Raymond Masters 1/9/2014
Warren Dewayne Fry 1/22/1976	James Xie 1/18/2007	Calvin John Burns 1/15/2015
Paul Allen Manera 1/28/1960	Michael Robert Rooney 1/20/1966	Brandon J. Valentine PM 1/29/1998
William Woods 1/28/1988	Jonathan David Perez 1/18/2007	Frank Gilbert Pankow 1/9/2014
Massimo M. Paolillo 1/28/1999	Edilberto Pabololot Yabut 1/25/2007	Weston Lee Wilkerson 1/9/2020
Gregory Carbone 1/28/1999	Fred Isenberg LaBell 1/22/1969	Hue-Shayne A.Revers 1/13/2022



The Brothers in Scottsdale #43 are always supporters and participants at El Zaribah Shrine. At the December election meeting of El Zaribah Shrine Brothers Rich Davis and Bruce LaBell were elected to the Divan as High Priest and Prophet and Oriental Guide respectively.

On the right are Brother Bruce LaBell, Brother Fred LaBell his Uncle and Steven LaBell, Bruce's cousin. Bruce and Steven are third generation Masons.

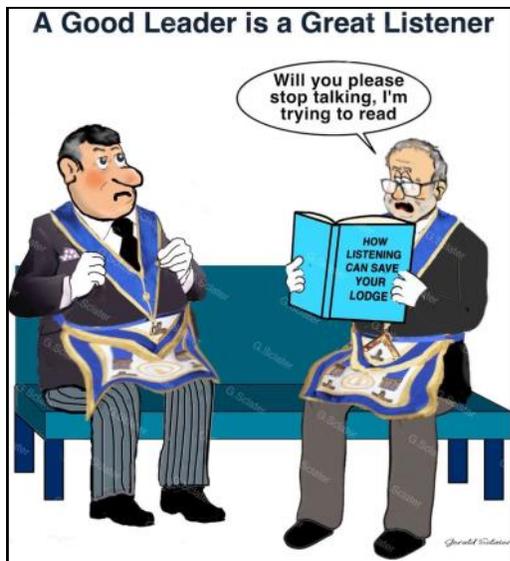
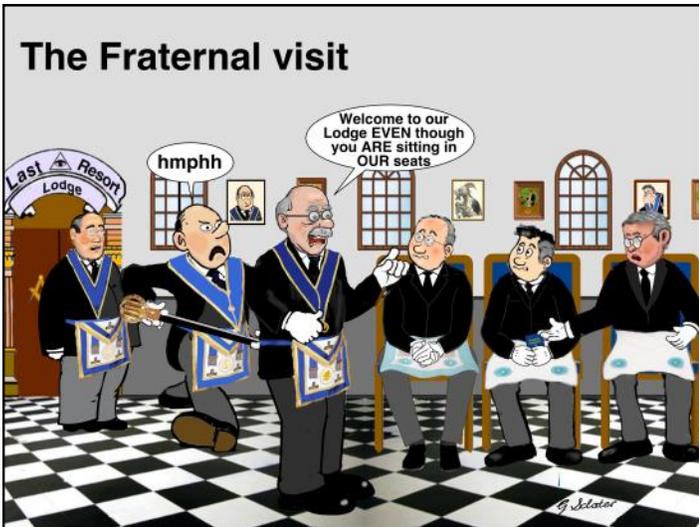


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Brothers, have you read the placemats in the dining room. Perhaps it time to review what is on it.

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

In addition 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.



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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,
Jim Rowan PGM, Secretary

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

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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**** Winter Calendar of Events ****

January and beyond can be found on the Lodge website: 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.

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Jonathan Edward D'Emilio	Term Expires: 2025
Eric Marble	Term Expires: 2024
Stan Sparrow	Term Expires: 2024
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.