

TRESTLEBOARD

Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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Celebrating Easter and Passover This Month

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Hello Brothers,

Another month where we haven't met has gone by and hopefully by the time you are reading this we will be back together and in full swing.

The past year has been difficult for all of us and there have been a lot of changes that we have had to deal with: wearing masks, a pause on dinners, limited sized meetings, and a backlog of candidates. Candidates by the way who are still coming and want to join our great fraternity. It is time that we come together as one, come back to lodge, and start up the process of making masons.



I want to address something that I've heard from many brothers. An overwhelming number of our brothers have told me that they do not want to come back as long as we are wearing masks. There are many ways to handle this situation that we are all subjected to, and as we all can understand these reasons and objections to the rules, I want to let everyone know that by taking a stand against the policy of mask wearing and no longer attending, the ones most affected by this are your brothers, the candidates, and the lodge. My biggest fear is that the number of brothers who decide to do this is going to increase and we will be left with the officers in attendance and not that many more.

We can conquer this thing and still be together, even if it means that we have to wear a mask during the time we meet in person, this is a small step to take to

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GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

To celebrate the recently completed 2020 NFL season there are two stories from football legends I want to share with you. The first is a well-known anecdote by Vince Lombardi. The second

is the personal mission statement of Merlin Olson, an original member of the L.A. Rams "fearsome foursome", and actor on *Little house on the prairie*.



I have no doubt that if you embody these stories your life will be filled with riches of friends, family, laughter, happiness, and success.

What it takes to be number one – Coach Vincent T. Lombardi

"Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do things right once in a while; you do them right all of the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.

There is no room for second place. There is only one place in my game, and that's first place. I have finished second twice in my time at Green Bay, and I don't ever want to finish second again. There is a second place bowl game, but it is a game for losers played by losers. It is and always has been an American zeal to be first in anything we do, and to win, and to win, and to win.

Every time a football player goes to ply his trade he's got to play from the ground up - from the soles of his feet right up to his head. Every inch of him has to play. Some guys play with their heads. That's O.K. You've got to be smart to be number one in any business. But more importantly, you've got to play with your heart, with every fiber of your body. If you're lucky enough to find a guy with a lot of

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protect those who may be vulnerable and to respect those who are concerned. It's a symbol and if more and more brothers decide to no longer participate, and no longer rejoin the lodge because of symbols then we are doing a disservice to the very thing we hold dear, brotherhood and our fraternity.

I'm writing this with the utmost respect of all of my brothers and respect for your decisions completely, but I ask you to consider one thing. If objecting to wearing masks is your stance please continue in your daily lives, I for one agree with many of you but consider.... Consider making the exception on Thursday nights at Scottsdale 43! We all want you back, and I think I can speak on behalf of everyone, we all would rather not wear the masks and be free to socialize without it, but until we are through this and Grand Lodge gives us their blessing, let's work together, come together, and continue to Make Good Men Great Again!

**Fraternally,
Jonathan D'Emilio
Worshipful Master 2021**

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head and a lot of heart, he's never going to come off the field second.

Running a football team is no different than running any other kind of organization - an army, a political party or a business. The principles are the same. The object is to win - to beat the other guy. Maybe that sounds hard or cruel. I don't think it is.

It is a reality of life that men are competitive and the most competitive games draw the most competitive men. That's why they are there - to compete. The object is to win fairly, squarely, by the rules - but to win.

And in truth, I've never known a man worth his salt who in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind, the discipline. There is something in good men that really yearns for discipline and the harsh reality of head to head combat.

I don't say these things because I believe in the 'brute' nature of men or that men must be brutalized to be combative. I believe in God, and I believe in human decency. But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour - his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear -- is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious."

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Merlin Olsen Personal Mission Statement

The focus of my life begins at home with family, loved ones and friends. I want to use my resources to create a secure environment that fosters love, learning, laughter and mutual success.

- I will protect and value integrity.
- I will admit and quickly correct my mistakes.
- I will be a self-starter.
- I will be a caring person.
- I will be a good listener with an open mind.
- I will continue to grow and learn.
- I will facilitate and celebrate the success of others.

**Tim Scarpino
Senior Warden**



From the South

Hello Brethren,

We are looking forward to opening lodge back up, and we are excited to start making good men better. Please refer to this article from WB Robert Johnson:

In our day to day lives, while just moving through our day, how many times would you say you stop and think about the outcome of a choice you're about to make? Perhaps the big decisions--sure, you think about them. But those everyday choices, the ones that don't seem so big--the ones that add up and have outcomes that seem to be just a part of daily living. Are we giving those decisions the thought and foresight we would when making other decisions?

When we think about the big decisions, we often think about how those outcomes will impact our lives first, and if we're extra mindful, we take the extra step of thinking about how those choices impact our friends and family. It's kind of like Chess. In Chess, you're always thinking about the next move. The best players think about the next several moves and the outcomes. I love Chess, but I'm terrible at it.

What makes choices easy? When we think about whatever choice we're going to make, we immediately



process the previous occasions we made similar choices. Our brains determine the probability that things will go the way they did previously. This gives us comfort in our decision. "This is just like last time. I'll make the same decision, and the outcome will be the same." A warm fuzzy blanket. Emotional complacency is born.

Rather than think about each choice we make and deal with the emotional and sometimes headache-inducing internal debate, we develop an easy road--scratch that--a lazy road. The lazy road allows us to develop an unwillingness to rationalize scenarios and outcomes and instead, always rely on similar situations we've experienced ourselves, or within our peer circles.

Not every choice needs this deep dive. But some of them, we may benefit from taking the time to calculate the outcomes. "I should water my plant. Well, maybe not. I didn't water it yesterday, and it's fine." We know where this leads. Get up and water the plant. "Extra tablespoon of sugar in my coffee today. Well, I'm supposed to watch the sugar. Nope. Just one tablespoon today." These are small decisions. But they have a measurable impact when we think about them and their long term or cumulative effect.

What does Freemasonry say about making choices? Well, it gives us a few virtues that give us some good insight. Fortitude allows us to stick to our guns once we've made a choice. In the classical sense, justice will enable us to weigh in on an outcome's equity—selfishness versus selflessness. Temperance allows us to remain moderate in our decisions. But Prudence--prudence is what we're talking about here. Prudence is deliberation. It means to take into account all possible perceived outcomes of a situation and make your choice based on the aim of the person making the decision. Do you want to affect the most people? The least people? The questions are innumerable.

My charge to you is to attempt to bring prudence back into your life by taking small pauses when you recognize that you're about to make a decision. Think about the outcomes. Maybe you do the thing you always do. Maybe, you change your mind. Remember, not every single thing needs a panic-inducing brain cloud. Just be mindful and try this out when you can.

Fraternally,
Shawn Hunter
Junior Warden

From the Organist

EDUCATION

Education is the road to the future, the bridge over the gaps of time, the passport of entry to what's to come. Those who prepare today, build the future, inhabit the future, and govern the future. Preparation is education, knowing the past, seeing the needs, eliminating doubt.

Recognition of these ingredients and finding more, is a constant process. Education itself is an open container with no limitations. We learn from successes, learning even more from failures. Recognize the value of persistence, as education is wasted unless realized as the core value. The firm foundation of useful education is that of persistence and determination. Our future well could be populated with a corps of educated derelicts. Use it, or lose it.

Education has been described as a function to teach us to think with intensity, and to think critically, have intelligence and proper character, having this the goal of well functioning education. Knowledge is power, education is the premise of progress. Aristotle said "The educated mind demonstrates the ability to entertain a thought without accepting it".

Fraternally,
Dave Woodland, PM
Organist



THANK YOU!

A heartfelt "thank you" to the many brothers who have made donations along with their 2021 Dues payments to help the lodge building fund. Many of our Perpetual Members have also donated to the building fund, and other brothers have donated in-kind goods and services. Your generosity is indicative of our strong fraternity and our deep bonds of brotherly love and friendship.

Sincerely,
Jonathan D'Emilio
Worshipful Master 2021



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2021 Dues are also due now.

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secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com

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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.



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BROTHERS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Brothers, if you haven't been receiving the Monday evening email blast from the lodge, we probably don't have a valid email address for you. Please update your information including mailing address with the lodge secretary at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com or call him at 480-946-1072. Thank you for taking care of this immediately!



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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.

<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,
Tom Burke,
Secretary

LODGE OFFICE HOURS

Regular Office Hours for the Secretary:

Monday 5PM-7PM

Thursday 5PM-7PM

**Sunday 6:30-9AM,
10:45-12 Noon**

As a reminder for meetings, you must follow the lodge protocols for COVID-19.

Do you know why we have these protocols? In addition to helping to keep everyone safe, we need to maintain a way to “contact trace” anyone who visits the lodge. If we learn that a visitor later tested positive for COVID-19, we need to be able to trace contacts to inform them of their possible exposure. This will help protect them and their family members in just such an occurrence.

REMINDER! Interested in attending lodge in-person or any other scheduled meeting or program? You must pre-register with the Secretary. You will be required to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

Questions? Contact the Secretary.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH TO GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO SIGN THE WAIVER (OR THE ATTESTATION SHEET IF YOU HAVE SIGNED A WAIVER), TYLER'S REGISTER, AND REVIEW THE PROTOCOLS AND SETUP.

CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM

*His work is done,
He has laid down his working tools*

Roy Eugene Sansom

BornMay 4, 1940
InitiatedDecember 10, 1970
PassedJanuary 22, 1971
RaidedFebruary 25, 1971
DiedJanuary 17, 2021



FROM EASTERN STAR.....

Our members have chosen NOT to physically meet during the month of March. At this point, very few of us have received the Covid vaccine. We are slowly getting vaccinated and perhaps, by April enough of us will have some immunity so that we can meet in person.

In the meantime, members can join our meetings by Zoom. In March, we will

have a Zoom meeting on the second Monday of the month. Diane Hutchinson

will be sending out the link. Contact her for more information.

Have a great spring. Good weather is coming our way!

Fraternally,

Janet Mielke, PM

Scottsdale #43

Order of the Eastern Star

Masonic Education

Three, five, and seven

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By Stan Shapiro MD, Grand Lodge Education Officer G.L. of MN

“If the firms that employ an increasing majority of the population are driven solely to satisfy the owner's greed at the expense of working conditions, of the stability of the community, and of the health of the environment, chances are that the quality of our lives will be worse than it is now.”--- Mihaly Csikszentmihaly

“I do not believe maximizing profits for the investors is the only acceptable justification for all corporate actions. The investors are not the only people who matter. Corporations can exist for purposes other than simply maximizing profits.”-- John Mackey

What can Masons do to influence the moral conduct in the business community?

No one is perfect. However, a business is directed by individuals who can choose to be ethical or unethical. Business ethics includes the business's effect on employees,

the community and the environment.

Our Masonic principles hold us to a high standard of behavior. Yet we have seen businessmen, some of whom were Masons, who have not always followed the ethical principles we profess.

Masons expect each other to maintain a high standard of ethical behavior. When we discover what appears to be unethical or dishonest behavior in other individuals or our community, it is our responsibility to stand up for the principles we profess. However, sometimes it may be difficult to confront our company for fear of losing our job or it is difficult to ascertain the truth about what took place because we do not have all the facts or what is reported is biased

It is easy for us to find fault or blame others in these difficult economic times. We hear reports about the fraud and injustice that some bankers or businessmen are alleged to have done. Often it appears due to greed or a desire for power but they rationalize it as the need for profit for the investors (in reality it is more for the owners or executives).

As Masons we strive to improve ourselves and our society when we model our concern for others and teach the moral principles we profess. We are obligated to recognize the uniqueness in every human being, protect them against oppression, be charitable, accord them justice and freedom and treat them as equals.

Our community would improve if businessmen would also adhere to these principles.

Words to Live By: “I believe, indeed, that overemphasis on the purely intellectual attitude, often directed solely to the practical and factual, in our education, has led directly to the impairment of ethical values.”-- Albert Einstein

“If you don't have integrity, you have nothing. You can't buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral and ethical person, you really have nothing” -----Henry Kravis

"Masonic life is not that which occurs in the lodge rooms alone, for that is but its allegorical picture, its tracing-board; but it is that which a Mason should do and be in all circumstances...." H.L. Haywood

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

March 2021 Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

Melvyn Lewis Arthur	3/22/1956	Vincent Paul Outcalt	3/27/1997	Matthew Donald Bowling	3/13/2008
Thomas Wesley Carroll	3/24/1983	Raymond Roger Wallage	3/11/1999	Anthony John Blunda	3/11/2010
Carl Dietrich	3/19/1981	William Lee Baran	3/10/1976	Michael Paul Haley	3/8/2012
George Richard Easter	3/26/1964	Glenn Lockwood Bezuyen	3/29/2001	Stanley Joseph Sparrow	3/14/2013
Donald Maxwell	3/29/1973	Richard George Saine	3/15/1977	William Edward Keim	3/11/1950
Terry Lee Zeiger	3/25/1976	James Arland Osman III	3/11/2004	Michael Joseph Donato	3/19/2015
Edwin Springston Earl	3/28/1985	Frank Paul Mendola	3/24/2005	Michael D. Valecourt	3/17/2016
Terance Lee Kelly	3/17/1992	Jason Scott Duey	3/24/2005	Jesus Alfredo Jaramillo	3/17/2016
Carson Arlo Hanks	3/22/1997	Robert Bonner Rye	3/24/2005	John Salvatore Favara	3/9/2017
Steven Eric Squires	3/20/1997	James Warner Meredith	3/29/2007	Cesar Maurico Diaz	3/12/2020
Scott Charles Squires	3/20/1997	Fernando A. Caraballo	3/29/2007		

Brother William Edward Keim 3/11/1950 is Celebrating 71 Years as a Master Mason

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Brothers Helping Brothers

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Please if your business can use more publicity at this time, notify the Lodge Secretary and he will see that it is distributed to the members who then, may seek you out for their needs.

Brothers try and help your Brothers whenever possible, within the length of your Cable tow. The Grand Hailing Sign is in view, please respond accordingly.

2021 LODGE DUES are Due

Reminder: 2021 Dues were due on January 1, 2021. If you have not paid your dues yet, you have several easy options to get this done. You can contact the Secretary at (480) 946-1072 to pay by credit card (\$192+\$6 processing fee=\$198), you can send a check in the amount of \$192 to Scottsdale Lodge #43 PO Box 486 Scottsdale AZ 85252-0486, or you can pay online using the zelle app from the lodge website: <https://scottsdalelodge43.com/zelle/>

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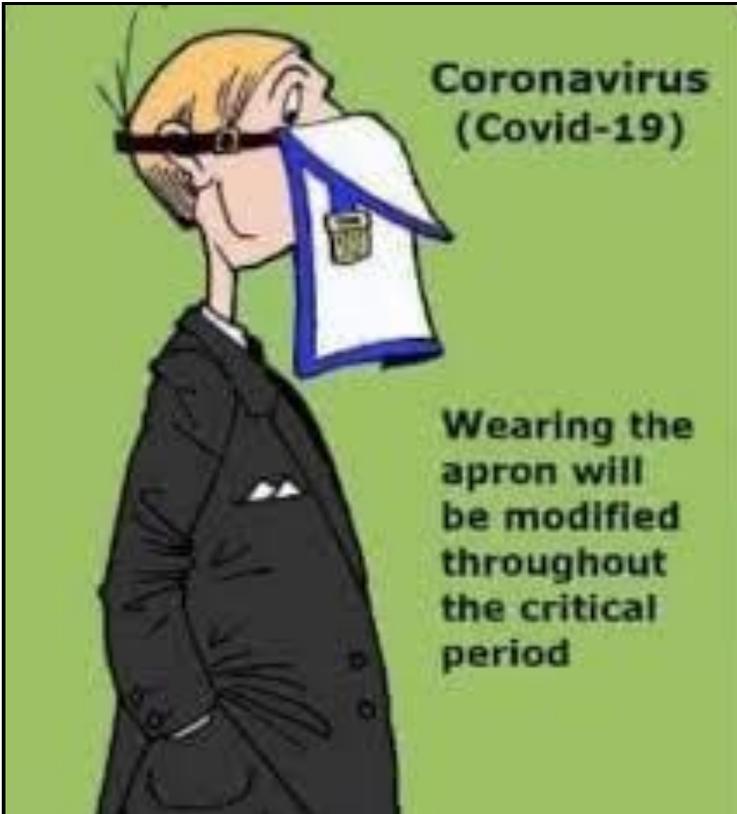
We are looking for current contact information for these brothers. Address, Phone, or Email. If you know the contact information for any of the brothers listed below, would you please contact the Secretary? Thank you!

- Melvyn Lewis Arthur
- Christopher Erich Bergeron
- Joseph Andrew Decker
- Gregory Joseph Gadel
- Marquez P. Pope
- Scott Burton Stemen
- Carl Bailey Warren
- Edward Russell Whitlow
- Bernard Louis Young

HELP FOR OR HEROS IS STILL NEEDED

Many brothers of Scottsdale Lodge have donated money to Chhaya Tan's "Donut Parlor" for donuts that we distribute to healthcare and first responders. Last week the last fifteen dozen donuts were delivered to healthcare workers. Donations from our brothers have stopped for the past month. Many of us have made sizable donations over the past six months to the point where we are "tapped out." If any of our approximately 383 brothers can donate it will be great, otherwise, the program to keep the spirits alive with our healthcare and first responders will need to stop. Please consider if you can help out with a donation. All you need to do is call Chhaya at [\(480\) 570-1900](tel:4805701900) and tell him how much you'd like to donate. As Masons and Brothers of Scottsdale 43, let's do what we can to keep this charitable effort alive for people who really deserve it!

Jonathan D'Emilio
Worshipful Master 2021



Masonry Through the Years

WB Dave Woodland & WB Fred Moore

Before the lockdown and masks.



**As of November 2021
Scottsdale Lodge Brothers**

65 Year Award
Jack Roland Statler

60 Year Award
Wayne Eugene Allen
William T. Gesswien
Paul Allen Manera

55 Year Award
Arthur Ridenous Turney

50 Year Award
Peter Rockefeller Carpenter
William Genthner
William Edward Keim
Stewart Devereaux Lanier
Gerald Harris Lankin
James Arland Osman, Jr.
Robert Kendall Smith

25 Year Award
Jeffrey Otis Amstutz
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Longevity Recognition....Brother Squires



Brother LaBell visiting Bust of Albert Pike



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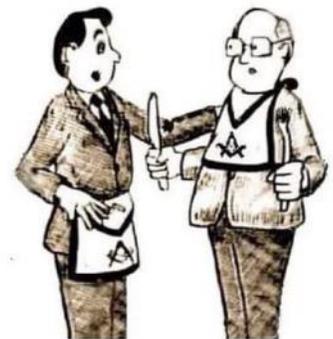
WANTED...RETIRED BROTHERS

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. Email Brother Steve Clarke eispro@leaders-view.com with your email address and phone number. Call him with questions at 480-946-5390. Thank you!

Tuesday Donuts & Coffee



Brother Stephen Clarke disinfecting the Lodge Dining Room for the Donut Tuesday morning gathering



"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ARE HERE"

SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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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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MEETING LOCATION

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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.

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** March Calendar of Events **

- March 3** Trustees Meeting 5 PM
- March 4** Stated Meeting 7 PM
- March 11** Military Degree. 7PM
- March 18**Honoring the Special Ladies in our Departed Brothers' Lives 7:00PM

NO MEALS during COVID

***ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

will be updated by weekly email announcements.

Watch for email updates from the Secretary

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