Scottsdale Lodge #43 F&AM



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Welcome to the new Trestleboard for Scottsdale Masonic Lodge #43

Ages ago the Trestleboard was the means by which masons received their daily jobs and information. Here in this modern Trestleboard we will continue to inform our brothers of masonic insights from our pedestal officers, what the lodge has been doing and what the future activities are. You can see who's celebrating a Masonic Birthday



activities are. You can see who's celebrating a Masonic Birthday, any Brother's that have moved on to the Celestial Lodge above and photos of special activities, celebrations and much more.

Remembering Our Brothers who died defending our country from its beginning.

Memorial Day May 30th

Revolutionary War

Civil War

World War I

World War 2

Korean War

Vietnam War

and the wars in the Middle East



From the East

Brethren,

As Masons, we are custodians of ancient wisdom and symbolism, drawing inspiration from the natural world around us. In our journey, let us pause to recognize and appreciate the divine essence of womanhood and motherhood, mirroring the nurturing embrace of Mother Earth herself.



In our rituals and teachings, we often invoke the imagery of the

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From the West

As we celebrate the month of May, it is fitting to pause and reflect on the significant role that the feminine plays in our lives, both within our personal relationships and in the natural world around us. As Freemasons, we recognize the importance of balance and harmony, and the feminine is an essential part of that equation.



First and foremost, we must acknowledge and honor the women in our

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Greetings from the South,

Brethren, for this month of May, we are making tribute to the feminine in our lives and in nature, and we will see this manifested in our Ladies Night on Friday, May 3rd @ 6pm at the Lodge. Please bring the Ladies in your life so that we may be able to honor them with a won-



derful dinner and entertainment. It will be a beautiful and important evening, as the Ladies of our lodge play a critical role in us maintaining





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nurturing Earth, symbolizing fertility, growth, and abundance. Similarly, we honor the women in our lives who embody these qualities, whether as mothers, wives, sisters, or daughters. Just as the Earth provides sustenance and life, women enrich our existence with their love, wisdom, and strength.

Reflecting on the cycles of nature, we see how womanhood parallels the seasons. Like the blossoming of spring, women bring forth new life and possibilities. In their nurturing embrace, we find warmth and shelter, akin to the summer sun. And just as autumn leaves gracefully surrender, women guide us through times of transition with grace and resilience.

In our lodges, let us cultivate an atmosphere of respect and appreciation for the feminine aspect of creation. Let us honor the women who have shaped our lives and our fraternity, recognizing their invaluable contributions to our journey. May we strive to uphold the principles of equality and inclusion, embracing the diversity of talents and perspectives that women bring to our midst.

As we walk the path of enlightenment, let us remember that true wisdom embraces both the masculine and feminine energies of the universe. Just as the compass guides our actions, so too does the heart illuminate our path. Let us cherish and celebrate the sacred bond between man and woman, recognizing that together, we are stronger and more complete.

In closing, let us extend our heartfelt gratitude to the women who enrich our lives with their love, wisdom, and grace. May we always walk hand in hand, united in our quest for truth, enlightenment, and brotherly love.

Fraternally,
Michael D. Valecourt
Worshipful Master 2024



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lives – our mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, and friends. These remarkable individuals offer us unwavering support, love, and guidance, and their contributions to our personal growth and happiness cannot be overstated. It is our duty as Masons to treat the women in our lives with the utmost respect, compassion, and appreciation.

Beyond our personal relationships, the feminine is also deeply ingrained in the symbolism and teachings of Freemasonry. The concept of Mother Nature, for example, represents the nurturing, life-giving force that sustains us all. In Masonic symbolism, the moon is often associated with the feminine, representing intuition, empathy, and the cyclical nature of life.

Furthermore, the virtues of compassion, beauty, and loving-kindness are often associated with the feminine principle. These qualities are essential to the Masonic pursuit of personal growth and moral uprightness. By cultivating these virtues within us, we become better men and better Masons. The Cardinal Virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice are also traditionally expressed as feminine, with the virtuous wisdom of man flowing from the feminine of the species.

As we go about our lives this month, let us take a moment to express our gratitude for the feminine influences that shape our world. Consider reaching out to the women in your life to let them know how much you appreciate them or take part in activities that celebrate the beauty and power of Mother Nature.

By embracing and honoring the feminine, we not only become better men but also better Masons. We strengthen our connections with others and deepen our understanding of the complex tapestry of life.

Fraternally,
David Earney
Senior Warden





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SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43



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and growing our fraternity. As I reflect on this year so far as Junior Warden of Scottsdale 43, it is abundantly apparent the role the ladies in my life have played in making this year as successful as it has been in the Kitchen and in the Lodge. Not a Thursday in the kitchen has gone by where I have not reflected on my childhood and my Mom cooking dinner for her six children, plus all the family holidays where the attendance in our family could easily exceed seventy-five people. Prior to being elected Junior Warden, I had often cooked for my family of four and the occasional party of 10 or so, but never had I experienced cooking for large groups of hungry people. My mother's experience and wisdom in how much food to purchase and prepare for a large event has directly influenced my approach to preparing our meals, as well and most importantly, her calm, steady, and joyful manner in which she went about the business of feeding a full household.

We refer to our home Lodge as our Mother Lodge, not only is it where we are birthed into this life of Masonry, but it is where we are first nurtured, raised, and loved as we learn to stand just and upright in all our doings. It is here where we find the much needed patience to persevere, and the guidance and inspiration to expect more of ourselves - that through our work in the degrees, we discover that we are capable of doing much more than perhaps we had ever thought possible of ourselves. Not only does the expectations arise within and around us as we take on more and more responsibilities in our Lodge, but also does the nourishment, sustenance, and encouragement we need to realize those aspirations. Our Mother Home Lodge prepares us for the journey ahead, in all the directions it may take, and yet she is always here for us to return with meals, hugs, and words of wisdom. There is an important responsibility in there for us though: Not only must we honor our Mother Lodge - we must remember that she needs us too. Our continual presence and participation in her life gives her exactly what she needs to thrive with joy and wisdom our love and dedication keeps her flame burning and the light's on for whenever we need her.

Have a wonderful month of May, and I look forward to seeing you and your ladies on Friday, May 3rd!

Fraternally, Brian Zeman Junior Warden Congratulations to our newly raised **Brother Nate Mays** and with some of the MM Brothers who were at the Degree.









What Makes A Mason?

What makes you a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the dueguard, nor is it the sign, It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast, It isn't the apron in which you are dressed, It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip, Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip, Nor yet the possession of that mystic word, On five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine, They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligation are true- Tis, that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust, With lodge and with brother be honest and just, Assist the deserving who cry in their need, Be chaste in thought, in your word and deed, Support him who falters, with hope banish fear, And whisper advice in an erring one's ear. Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine, And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try, The gavel to vices with courage apply Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb, On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come The book of your faith be the rule and the guide, The compass your passions shut safely inside The stone which the Architect placed in your care Must pass the strict test of His unerring square, And then you will meet with approval divine, And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

From Brother George Free

From the Secretary's Desk:



Brothers,

The following list are the names o brothers who have not yet paid their 2024 dues. This list is being published as a reminder to you, especially if you did not receive or lost your dues notice.

Please contact your lodge secretary if your name is on this list so we can check update your current contact information. When you pay your dues on time, it makes it easier for the Master to work his plans for the year. Contact the secretary via email at

secretary@sxottsdalelodge43.com, of (480) 946-1072 if you have questions or concerns.

Fraternally, Jim Rowan, PM/PGM Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk:

Arnett, Jeffrey Lynn

Augone, Salvatore John

Barksdale, Joseph Brandon

Barksdale, Joseph David

Bonanno, Steven Brian

Booth, Kevin Allen

Brookler, George Joseph

Burns, Christian Paul

Castenada, Charles Alberto

Corgan, Jeremy Andrew

Craft, Truett, George

Cuciti, Anthony Michael

Curran Timothy Brian

Davis, Richard Nicholas

D'Emilio, Jonthan Edward

Donato, Michael Joseph

Easton, Erik Allen

Garcia, Daniel Paul

George, Louay

Goldinov, Frederick Harry

Gross, Marc Charles

Hardiman, Jerry Dennis Jr.

Harvey, Duncan Stewart

Heidbreder, Gregg, James

Hein, Gregory Clayton

Hess, Robert

Jaramillo, Jesus Alfredo

Khalsa, Dashmesh Singh

Kovacs, Brian Christopher

Lueder, Steven, Joseph

Markham, Harry Edward

McCusker, Willima Edward Jr.

Meredith, James Warner

Minderman, Erik Richard

Nelson, Gary Patrick

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Nelsom, James Michael Osman, James Arland III Pickering, Rowan Jay Pierce, John Michael Poth, John Anthony Riggins, Stephen Frederick Ruew, Lucas Michael Sanford, Gary Robert Sawaged, Shawn Peter Scarpino, Timothy Charles Smith, Prescott Raymond Tan, Chanchhaya Taylor, Justin Keith Titular, Christopher Dohn Gomez Tupas, Clynton Fabella II Vass, Frank Vendredi, Paul Thompson Wilkerson, Weston Lee Wilson, Ryan Johnathan

NOTE: If your name is on the list and you already paid your dues or have a lifetime membership, please contact the Secretary, so the database can be updated.









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.

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We all have license plates on our vehicles, but do you have a MASONIC PLATE on yours? For only \$25 per year ADOT will issue you a Masonic Plate and a portion of that goes to the Arizona Grand Lodge.

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 Thought

FREEDOM

When we think of freedom, our first thoughts are about the country that shelters us, the liberty it provides, the security it extends to comfort us, the nationalism that makes us proud. We have different views among us about the extent, value, and availability of these freedoms, even sometimes the reality.

Apart from the expressed freedoms, other freedoms do exist. Our minds and thoughts are free to choose joy, happiness, even negativity and pain. These are free to interact with each other as in recovering from pain, experiencing an event that multiplies our joy, and positive actions that reduce negativity. We can embrace the freedom to make mistakes, and to improve our choices.

There are freedoms around us that we may not recognize. That blindness of not knowing them often results from fear of the unknown. Your vision will clear as we believe in ourselves, and expand our horizons. Fear can be transformed into into freedom of thought and expression, two great freedoms.

Freedoms usually have questionable shelf life. Use your freedoms to advantage, appreciate them, know them, and protect them from extinction.

David Woodland, PM

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



Masonic Education

Forget-Me-Not



The small blue forget-me-not flower was first used by the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne in 1926, as a Masonic emblem at the annual convention in Bremen, Germany.

In 1938, a forget-me-not badge, made by the same factory as the Masonic badge, was chosen for the Nazi Party's Winterhilfswerk, the annual charity drive of the National Socialist People's Welfare (the welfare branch of the Nazi party).

This coincidence enabled Freemasons to wear the forget-me-not badge as a secret sign of membership.

After World War II, the forget-me-not flower was used again as a Masonic emblem in 1948 at the first Annual Convention of the United Grand Lodges of Germany in 1948.

The badge is now worn in the coat lapel by Freemasons around the world to remember all who suffered in the name of Freemasonry, especially those during the Nazi era.







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





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 Spring to all! Kinishba Court has just had their elections and are excited to see Honored Lady Dianne and Sir Knight James Callahan be installed at our next installation on May 22nd at 7:30 pm. We would love to see you there. We do thank HL Alicia and SK Roddy De La Cruz for their leadership this year- it was a great time.

May is also the Grand Court of Arizona where we will watch our own Russel Sayre perform his duties as Grand Royal Patron. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments this year. We look forward to celebrating with him. We are also looking forward to July 4th, when Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer assumes the International Throne as Supreme Royal Matron in Pittsburgh PA. We are proud of all our members and their accomplishments at the local, state, and international level!

We hope that all the mothers out there have a fabulous Mother's Day.

Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer Supreme Associate Matron



May 2024 Masonic Anniversaries Celebrating Another Year in the Light

	Michael Friend Bohlman	2003-05-17	William Nate McLemore J	r1960-05-31	Michael Simonson	1986-05-22
	Michael Frank Dorffi	1997-05-08	Gregory Kristin Miskovsky	2011-05-12	Floyd Lyle Smethurst	2008-05-08
	David Harry Dudley	2000-05-06	Mark Kent Moore	2000-05-06	Christopher W.Stelzer	2010-05-20
	Gary Edward Giss	2008-05-08	Jerry Wayne Moran	1994-05-26	Charles Richard Sykes	1974-05-23
	Robert Lee Hancock	1965-05-26	John Kirk Nail	2000-05-09	Matthew H. Teusink	1999-05-27
	Seth King Hartsock	2023-05-25	Leo Guy Paletta	1973-05-24	Jacob W. Thompson	2021-05-13
	Duncan Stewart Harvey	2002-05-09	Jeremiah Joel Reyes	2015-05-14	Johnny M. E. Walters	1973-05-31
	Jerald Lee Hill	1979-05-31	Bill Howard Sampson	1976-05-04	Rex Trussell Ward	2005-05-19
	Michael James Livingston	1981-05-28	Shawn Peter Sawaqed	2019-05-08	Edward R. Whitlow	1999-05-27
	Bradley Andrew Manhoff	2013-05-16	Russell Raymond Sayre	1975-05-29		
	Joseph John Martoccia	2007-05-26	Jeffrey J Schwarz	2007-05-22		
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Pancake Breakfast

Including Bacon, Eggs and
Hash Browns
Saturday, May 18th
From 9am until 11am





Scottsdale #43 Masonic Lodge Building HAVING A SPECIAL EVENT? - WE WELCOME RENTALS

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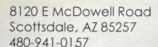
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Senior Warden, David J. Earney
Junior Warden, Brian David Zeman
Treasurer, Brian D. Blodgett
Secretary, James Rowan PGM
Senior Deacon, A Steven Agee

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

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 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

**May Events **

- Wednesday, 5/01 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 5/2 Lodge Meeting (Stated Meeting) Gavel@ 7:00 pm / Dinner @ 6:00 pm
- Friday, 05/03 Ladies Night Dinner & Program @ 6:00
- Tuesday, 5/7 Coffee & Donuts @ 9:00 am
- Thursday, 5/9 Lodge Meeting Gavel @ 7:00 pm/ Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Please watch for Email updates and additions.

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
Term Expires: 2027
Term Expires: 2026

MEETING LOCATION

Term Expires: 2026

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**.

Steven Wall