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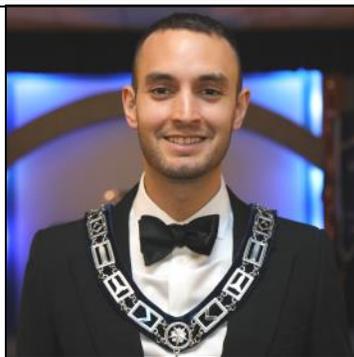
## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM

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### The Start of a Fun Filled Holiday Season

#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Another Month has come and gone and here we all are only two months out from a new year. November and December is all that remains before we welcome in 2022 and what a year it has been. While many challenges have come and gone and assuredly many await us in the future, I wanted to reflect on a core statement of our Fraternity, The statement that we take good man and make them better. What does that really mean? Well I recently read Dan Brown's book *The Lost Symbol* and I think from reading that book it led me down a rabbit whole to understanding. It is centered around the mysteries of Freemasonry and has a great reflection of the reasons why we are all here. I'm sure some of us are just here for the politics, coffee and donuts, and yearly picnics, but deep down I believe the reason we all joined this fraternity is deep rooted in it's mysteries.

In the *Lost Symbol* they focused recurring attention to the fresco painted above the capitol building titled "The Apotheosis of Washington" by the artist Constantino Brumidi. This in itself is a divine reflection of what we are looking for inside. Apotheosis means the elevation of someone to divine status; deification. To take a good man and make him better. To better understand this I want to share an excerpt from one of our very own.

*Apotheosis of Washington*

By: **Russell Donathan, 32°**

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



This is a brief introduction in to The 47th Problem of Euclid. We hear about in the third degree, but who was Euclid, and what was The 47<sup>th</sup> Problem?

To non-Freemasons, the 47th Problem of Euclid may be somewhat mysterious. It's represented by what appear to be 3 squares. The 47th Problem of Euclid, is also known as the "Pythagorean Theorem".

Euclid was a Greek mathematician born about 325 BC in Tyre, or Megara, and died about 265 BC. He is referred to as Euclid of Alexandria, and taught at Ptolemy's university in Alexandria, Egypt. Euclid was known as "the most prominent mathematician of Greco-Roman antiquity."

We are told that Euclid, (the Father of Geometry), who lived several hundred years AFTER Pythagoras, worked long and hard to solve the 3:4:5: ratio puzzle. A 3-4-5 right triangle is a triangle whose side lengths are in the ratio of 3:4:5. In other words, a 3-4-5 triangle has the ratio of the sides in whole numbers called Pythagorean Triples.

Euclid's *Elements of Geometry* (a series of 13 books) is one of the most influential works in the history of Mathematics, particularly Geometry. Euclid's *Elements* (c. 300 BCE) presented a set of formal logical arguments based on a few basic terms and axioms, provided a systematic method of rational exploration that guided mathematicians,

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The statue of Washington as Zeus was placed in the Capitol Rotunda from 1841 until 1843, when it was moved due to public outcry. That statue now resides in the Smithsonian complex.

The deification of Washington was not yet finished, though. The Capitol dome, was not completed until 1863, twenty years after the Washington-as-Zeus statue was moved. In 1865, Italian artist Constantino Brumidi painted a massive fresco, “The Apotheosis of Washington,” 180 feet above the floor of the rotunda.

It helps to put the dates in perspective. When the Capitol dome was completed in 1863, the Civil War was raging and the Union was suffering many defeats. The war ended in April 1865, and Lincoln was assassinated just a few days later. Brumidi began his painting at the beginning of 1865, just before the end of the war.

The painting depicts George Washington becoming a god, which is the meaning of *apotheosis*. There is rich symbolism in this painting. The painting is a circumpunct, that is, a point within a circle. The circumpunct is an ancient symbol and has many meanings, including Ra, the Egyptian God; the Sun; Divine Order; the Eye of God by Early Christians; and Keter or Primary Will, the chief Sephirot from the Kabbalah.

In the center, Washington is flanked by the goddesses Victory and Liberty. Forming a circle around these three are thirteen maidens, each representing one of the thirteen original colonies. Some of them have their backs turned to Washington, representing those colonies which had seceded from the Union. At the top, two of the maidens are holding a banner reading “E Pluribus Unum” (out of many, one).

Composing the outer ring are six scenes. Beginning directly beneath Washington, and moving clockwise, they are War, Science, Marine, Commerce, Mechanics, and Agriculture.

In War, the woman Freedom, with a shield of our national colors and a sword and assisted by a fierce eagle, is fighting and trampling Tyranny and Despotism.

Similar symbolic details are in the other scenes which include the gods and goddesses Minerva, Neptune, Venus, Mercury, Vulcan, Ceres, and Flora as well as American scientists and industrialists. And thus it is, as Washington is ascending toward the heavens, toward Olympus, he is surrounded by his peers, gods, and goddesses.

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Remember that one bad man can do more harm to the

From the East Continued

fraternity that 100 good men can overcome. Remember to circumscribe your desires, becoming the central point of the circumpunct, the divine order, and never forget that we are all here as good men seeking to elevate ourselves, to become better. Out of Many, One.

Elevate yourself and those around you and thus the world shall be illuminated,

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

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philosophers, and scientists well into the 19th century. It has influenced all branches of science but none so much as mathematics and the exact sciences. The Elements have been studied 24 centuries in many languages starting, of course, in the original Greek, then in Arabic, Latin, and many modern languages.

Euclid understood that building a logical and rigorous geometry depends on the foundation. —a foundation that Euclid began in Book I with 23 definitions (such as “a point is that which has no part” and “a line is a length without breadth”), five unproved assumptions that Euclid called postulates also known as axioms, and five further unproved assumptions that he called common notions.

In Euclid’s great work, the Elements, the only tools employed for geometrical constructions were the ruler and the compass—a restriction retained in elementary Euclidean geometry to this day.

The essence of The 47th Problem of Euclid is about the importance of establishing an architecturally true foundation based on use of the square.

To a Mason, The 47th Problem of Euclid teaches one to square themselves when their square gets out of square.

Here is a great article with more details about The 47<sup>th</sup> Problem of Euclid:

[http://phoenixmasonry.org/47th\\_problem\\_of\\_euclid.htm](http://phoenixmasonry.org/47th_problem_of_euclid.htm)

**Fraternally,  
Tim Scarpino  
Senior Warden**



**From the South**

Brethren,

As we near the end of another very fast year, let us reflect upon the goals that we wanted to accomplish at the beginning of 2021. Have we reached any of those goals? Did we stop trying after just two weeks? What are some goals that we can reach together as Masons? What can you do as a Mason that will have a deep and long lasting impression on that other person?

Please enjoy an article from Brother Randy Sanders on "Wisdom"

A good friend and Brother Joe Stewart just handed over the reins for the second lodge in two consecutive years to other strong leaders, and I want to spend a few moments to call out the achievement and scale. Worshipful Brother Joe Stewart was installed as Master of Missouri's Naphtali Lodge #25 in 2019 while installed as Senior Warden of Wentzville Lodge #46. Just after the 2020 Naphtali installation, Worshipful Brother Joe was installed as Master of Wentzville Lodge #46 and served a very successful year in each Lodge. You read that correctly: two consecutive terms leading the craft as Master in each of two different lodges. All the while he was active in DeMolay and Rainbow youth organizations at Wentzville, active in Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of St. Louis AASR, Chapter, Council, AMD, and active within his family.

He deserves some time to cool down, and I hope he takes it. However, I know Brother Joe as one of my best friends, and I know his dedication to the craft. I admire his focus and dedication to making the most of his 24-inch gauge. It will be difficult for him to sit on the sidelines, and I know it's only a matter of time before the offers come pouring in for him to assist here, take the helm there, and be active in whatever is next on his horizon.

There are some lessons we can learn from Worshipful Brother Joe, and observing his work I can only hope to pass these lessons along. Worshipful Brother Joe understands what it means to do what you can and that much of what happens is beyond your control. Sometimes that is frustrating, but putting your best foot forward still accomplishes goals. Maybe the goal wasn't exactly what was planned, but success follows accomplishment. That's my paraphrasing, but WB Joe embodies the spirit of getting things accomplished. He won the very first Craftsman Of The Year award our lodge decided to give annually.

Approach life with humor. WB Joe is quick with humor, makes the most of situations, and on the very few times I've ever seen him down, he had already started the process of climbing out of the hole of darkness. He had already refocused on the light and how to get back to making the best of the situation. Humor is an attitude,

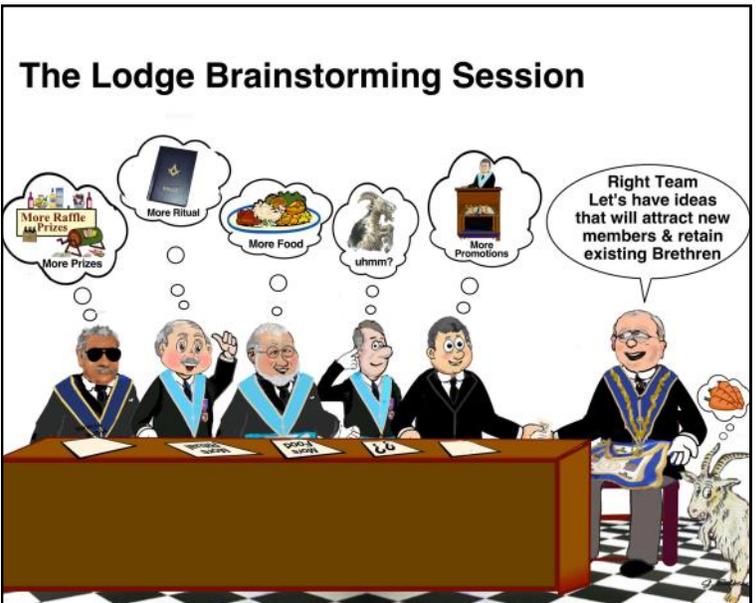
how it applies to you will be different in every situation. My lesson from my Brother Joe is to find the way to levity, even if only a short distraction, in order to keep everything in perspective.

Live within the chaos. We all have chaos in our lives, and WB Joe's lesson here is understanding that everything has chaos, find a means of structure, and build on it. Maybe the lodge reconstruction isn't exactly the most organized with tools and materials scattered, but a quick break, a good look around, and tracking down where that hammer went can go a long way toward creating your own mental structure of how that project is progressing. I witnessed Bro. Joe take charge through the chaos many times.

Celebrate your successes. It seems to me to be a natural, but many people don't stop to celebrate the successes no matter how small the success, nor how small the celebration might be. Worshipful Brother Joe can take a 5-minute breather and celebrate the progress made, and it inspires others around to get more done.

We can all take a moment, as leaders in this fraternity, to understand the above. Many of us already do much of the same in our own ways, and many of us, me included, can benefit from a bit of work toward our attitude and how we approach projects, the lodge, the brethren, and our lives. Be like **Fraternally**,

**Shawn Hunter**  
**Junior Warden**



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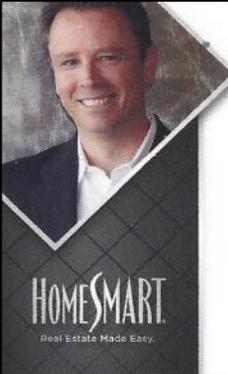
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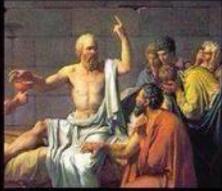
What my mom thinks I do



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What I think I do



What I really do

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speak  
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positive affirmations throughout the  
day...  
Today I am an instrument of Gods  
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can hear your voice clearly throughout  
this day doing your will while bringing  
glory to your name.

- Master Mason

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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](mailto:eispro@leaders-view.com) with your email address and phone number. Call him with questions at 480-946-5390. Thank you!

**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.

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<http://www.azmasons.org>

Fraternally,  
Tom Burke,  
Secretary

Elections are not far away.....

Brothers, do you have what it takes to be a Lodge officer in Scottsdale Lodge.....

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Your Brothers will be there to assist you in learning the position.

Committees are another way to assist our Lodge. Let the pillar officers know of your interest.



**From Eastern Star**

We had a wonderful Luau last week with great food and camaraderie. We will be having another fund raiser dinner on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Save your culinary skills for another day and join us. This is a special event since we will be honoring Veterans and Masons and then also at our meeting. Please RSVP to Linda Sayre at 480-9987018 or [rlsayre@cox.net](mailto:rlsayre@cox.net) to join us. We'd love to have you!  
Scottsdale Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star meets on the second and fourth Mondays in both October and November. Our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was very eventful, as we initiated 3 new members. We will be celebrating our Worthy Patron's birthday, Brother Russell Sayre, on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Halloween

Fraternally,

Janet Mielke, Past Matron

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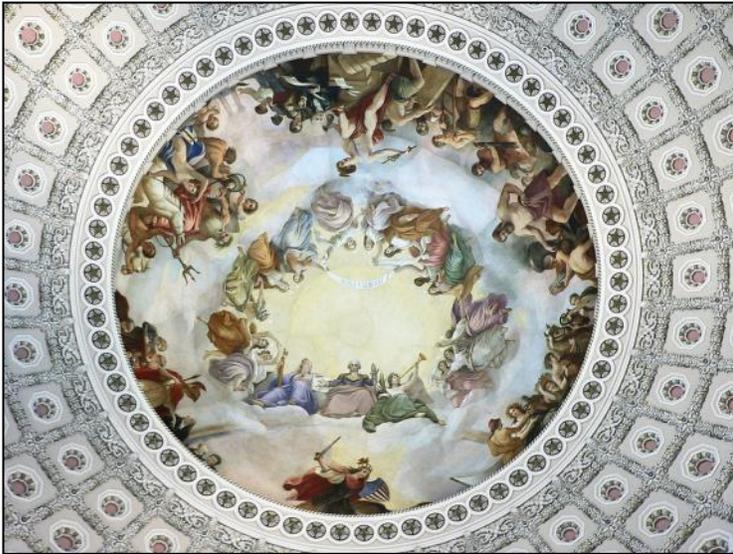
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Tucson Lodge #4 is trying to find a brother of their lodge, **Jack Roland Statler**, age 92. Brother Jack's last known location was in Scottsdale, but he moved from a care facility and there is no forwarding address. If any brother in Scottsdale Lodge knows Brother Jack, please contact the Secretary at [secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com) or (480) 946-1072.



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Welcome to our new Brother EA Ernie Gomez

**SCIENCE**

The science of today is the technology of tomorrow. Consider it a way of thinking more than a collection of knowledge. Science is a system of organized knowledge, while wisdom is organized life, but why would science get a higher position? Sometimes science gives itself all the reasons life exists; i.e. Life exists because science says so. Wisdom says it doesn't need reasons, and often religion agrees.

Scientific questioning is really ignorance of certain knowledge necessary to obtain answers to oblique questions. This mystery gives us reason to delve into what we call science. If something seems to coincide with something already known, we call it a discovery.

We also tend to define cognitive actions and thought as science when it is really logical reasoning, the right preparation, patience, and lots of luck. Writing this essay for example, is not science. Help comes from recognizable sources, preparation, practice, and some luck.

Perhaps we see science described as being somewhere between faith and curiosity, expertise and creativity, experience and imagination, arrogance and conviction.

And so we leave it like that, unrequited definition. Science; smart or lucky, important or unnecessary, constructive or ridiculous, real or theoretical. Who knows?

**Dave Woodland, PM**  
**Organist**



**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

*November 2021 Masonic Anniversaries  
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Lynn Bowen	11/29/1973	Michael John Ozee	11/11/2000	Stephen Owen Clarke	11/14/2013
Ronald Dale Jackson	11/19/1981	Murray Michael Venus	11/27/1972	Gregory Randall Gaskill	11/9/2017
Robert Weldon Martin	11/26/1968	Jerry Dennis Hardiman Jr	11/29/2007	David James Earney	11/9/2017
Jon Charles Shawl	11/6/1980	Vincent James Watson	11/29/2007	Thomas Arthur Burke	11/22/2003
William G. Solomon	11/29/1973	Lionel Hayes UhlmannIII	11/11/2004	Michael W. Hernandez	11/8/2018
Elmer LeRoy Gilbert	11/25/1958	Anthony John Darin	11/15/2000	Jonathan Edward Bauman	11/8/2018
Alfred John Hagan	11/12/1987	Frank Vass	11/14/2013		

**From the Editor**

**Your Light**

Did you ever walk into a darkened room and light a single candle? The room would then have a gentle but dim glow all around, yet the light it shed fades away into the corners. As more candles are lit the light in the room gets brighter and the shadows fade and even the darkest corners get brighter.

A lodge is like the dark room before the each brother brings his light, like a candle into it. The more brothers contributing to the light the brighter the lodge gets. Their added light once brought into the lodge for all to share, remains even after they have left us.

As you look around our lodge room, reflect on the many brothers that have come and gone in the over fifty years Scottsdale #43 has existed. The lodge always encourages each man to be a better man then before he sought light and became a Mason. The light from our past brothers still shines in our lodge. It became brighter because of them. May your light added to theirs continue to lead us all to be better men in our daily lives. May the memory of our departed brothers continue to brighten our lodge.

**Fred LaBell, 32°**

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**Masonic Education**

Paul Revere

Born on January 8, 1735, the child of Huguenot parents who fled France to avoid religion persecution, Paul Revere was educated in Boston and followed in his father's footsteps to become a Gold and Silversmith.

He was an inventor, a colonel of artillery, and a patriot who fought in the American Revolutionary War.

When the Continental Army acquired cannon for which there were no available carriages, Revere invented a new style of carriage to get the cannon into the field and usable for the fight for Independence. When the Continental Navy needed a better solution for the hull of the ship that came to be known as Old Ironsides, Revere invented a new process for stamp rolling copper sheeting.

He was known for casting church bells, many of which are still in existence. He made silverware that is still in use in many northeastern families to this day.

His skills in scrollwork and other forms of inscribed metal work are well known and famous still.

He was made an Entered Apprentice Mason in St. Andrew's Lodge on September 4, 1760 and was the first Entered Apprentice made in that Lodge. In 1784 he was a founding member, and the first Master of Rising States Lodge. He made the Jewels for this Lodge and engraved and printed certificates of memberships and other notices for the Lodge. He served as Grand Master of Massachusetts from 1795 to 1797 and assisted in the laying of the Cornerstone of the Massachusetts State House on July 4, 1795.

Fraternally,

**David Earney**

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<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday November 3</b>
<b>Stated Meeting ELECTIONS</b>	<b>Thursday November 4</b>
<b>Shooting and Workshop</b>	<b>Saturday November 6</b>
<b>Annual Lodge Picnic</b>	<b>Sunday November 14</b>

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Meals will be served at 6 PM on all meeting nights

\*ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

will be updated by weekly email announcements.

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