

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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### This Month: Elections, Lodge Picnic and Much More

#### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Think back to that day you became an Entered Apprentice. You had waited with patience – perhaps for months, perhaps not exactly so patient – for this big moment. You knew you had a long way to go in your journey, but you, the man they finally addressed as Brother, were now a Freemason. You stood before the Master of the Lodge among your Brothers, knowing you were a part of things... accepted... perhaps you even had a small sense of accomplishment.



Then, it all momentarily fell apart. You were asked for something you could not produce, and all of those warm, positive thoughts evaporated into a hopeless, empty feeling. You were the new guy. You wanted nothing more than to please your new Brothers. You saw an empty hand stretched out. You wanted to comply. You couldn't. Now what? Were they going to expel you for this? As your mind reeled, the Master explained what this was all about. You just received, in a graphic way, one of your first Masonic lessons.

Freemasonry being, as we are instructed, a progressive science, this is not the end of your lesson in charity. Elsewhere in our Masonic journey, we learn Relief is one of the great tenets of our craft. We in the United States and even the Western world are privileged in most cases to have the means to support ourselves and our families, but even here there are those who cannot do so. So we, as Freemasons, do what we can, both as Lodges and individuals.

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#### FROM THE WEST

As the crisp autumn air finally embraces us and the leaves begin their graceful flutter to the ground, we find ourselves in a season of reflection and gratitude. This time of year holds a special significance for me, as we emphasize the importance of gratitude and thanksgiving for the progress, lessons, and blessings of the past year. These principles are not only deeply rooted in our Masonic teachings but also resonate with the changing seasons and the Wisdom that comes with aging.



The falling leaves and the waning warmth of our Sun directs our attention to the cyclical nature of Life. Just as the seasons change, so too do the phases of our own existence. As Masons, we recognize that each season of life, like each season of the year, has its own unique gifts and challenges. It is during this autumnal season that we focus on the concept of gratitude, acknowledging the divine endowments we have received and the growth we have experienced.

Wisdom, often associated with the silvered hair and experience that comes with aging, is further intricately tied to gratitude. In our Masonic journey, we understand that Wisdom is not solely a product of age but rather a reflection of one's capacity to learn from life's experiences. It is through this gratitude that we gain a deeper understanding of the lessons, which life imparts, and thus endorses the approach of each new day with an open heart and an eagerness to learn.

Thanksgiving, as a Masonic precept and as an integral facet of our precious Cardinal Virtues, is not confined to a single day but rather extends throughout the year. Inasmuch as it is our duty and our happiness to recognize the hand of our maker in all our efforts, and to give genuine thanks for the lessons and blessings we've received, the friendships we've forged, and the opportunities to better

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*From the East continued*

It is a never-ending task. The Shriners Hospitals, for example, have an immense impact on humanity with their charities and, with support, have the means to do it. We, as individuals and smaller Lodges, do not operate on the same level, but the spirit of our contributions is no less significant.

Most of our Brothers are individuals who would be generous to those less fortunate anyway, but it does not hurt to have that Rite of Destitution gnaw at us as a reminder that practicing the great tenet of Relief is the duty of every Freemason.

**Fraternally,**

**Shawn Hunter, Worshipful Master**

**F&AM Scottsdale Lodge 43**

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ourselves and society. This season serves as a distinct reminder to practice this virtue daily (not merely as we approach the night season), to consider, recognize and remember our infinite blessings, and to embrace an utmost gratitude for the Light that our journey has brought into our lives.

In our Masonic ritual, gratitude is symbolically represented much like "our desire for knowledge" - which results in the expansion of our intellectual faculties. It is a discrete yet potent thing. Inasmuch as the growth of our desire is inexorably fixed to the hope of a future result, reason therefore indicates that we have must have a predicate for these efforts. Or in other words, only by recognizing our incremental progress thus far, can we maintain this hope of the future blessings and therefore every effort we make is a testament to all of previously rewarded efforts.

Our ceremonies and degrees are superfluous with symbolic gestures, concepts, and words that express our appreciation for the lessons and Wisdom bestowed upon us. It is a powerful reminder that gratitude is not just a sentiment but an action, a commitment to live out our values with each and every breath.

Our Masonic teachings have come down to us through countless generations, and they acutely emphasize the importance of recognizing the Wisdom in our journey and the gratitude which results in our hearts. Much like the reflection of Nature - as we age, growing more varied and deep in our own proverbial colors, we too, become part of this legacy - imparting the Wisdom we have gained to those who follow, and encouraging them to embrace the Spirit of gratitude in their own Journey.

As we gather together in the warmth of Masonic brotherhood during this season of aging and reflection, let us remember that Wisdom and gratitude are intimately intertwined. Let us not only give thanks for the past but also realize that each effort of tenacity, and Faith on our part represents a previous blessing of Light and an opportunity to raise our songs of praise to that great Conductor of All things.

Brethren, let us embrace the future with the knowledge that our journey as Masons is one of continuous growth and enlightenment. May this season be a time of renewal for us all, a time when we each give thanks for what has been, and look forward to the Wisdom and gratitude that will continue to illuminate our path.

**Sincerely and fraternally,**

**Michael D. Valecourt,**

**Senior Warden**



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**From the South**

Dear Brothers,

As November approaches, I find myself reflecting on the changing colors of the leaves outside and the important Masonic tradition that this month holds for us - the election of our lodge officers. It's a season of transition, much like the changing of leaves in autumn, and it carries with it a deep significance for our fraternity.



Just like the falling leaves pave the way for new growth, November signifies the end of one Masonic year and the beginning of another. It's a time when we, as brothers, come together to choose the leaders who will guide our lodge in the year ahead. This process is a testament to our commitment to democratic principles and our belief that leadership should be entrusted to those who can best uphold the values and traditions of our Craft.

You know, the Masonic ballot is more than just a vote; it's a symbol of secrecy, impartiality, and trust within our brotherhood. Each of us casts our votes in strict confidence, ensuring that the selection of officers remains free from bias or influence. This commitment to fairness and transparency is a cornerstone of Masonic elections, highlighting the importance of justice and equality within our ranks.

Leadership within a Masonic lodge carries a profound sense of responsibility. Those who are elected are entrusted with the welfare of our lodge, its members, and the continuation of our Masonic teachings. It's a duty that requires leading by example, upholding the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. So, when we gather for these elections, let's remember that leadership in Freemasonry isn't about power; it's about service and devotion to the Craft.

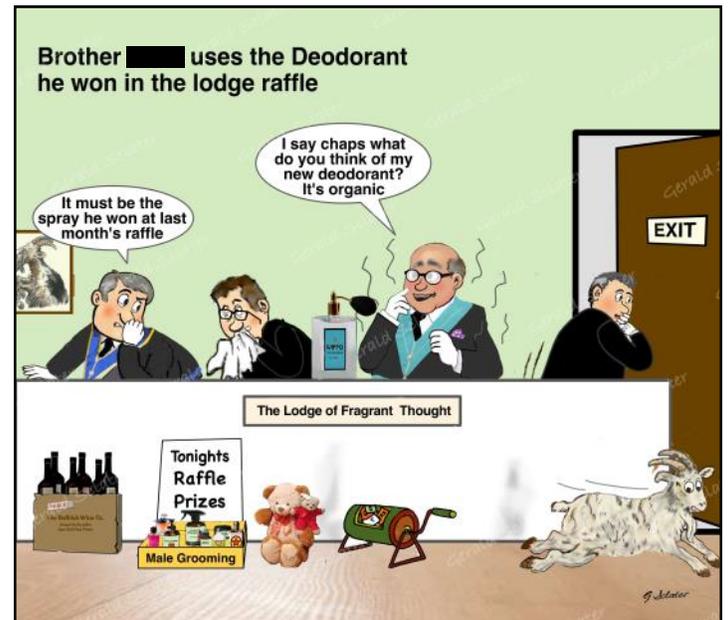
Moreover, November's elections underscore the concept of continuity. Outgoing officers pass the torch of leadership to their successors, ensuring that our lodge's traditions and values are not only preserved but also advanced. This continuity allows for the steady progress and growth of our lodge, as each generation of leaders learns from the past and looks to the future.

In the spirit of the changing seasons, November's elections offer a chance for reflection and renewal. As we transition to new leadership, we should contemplate the accomplishments and challenges of the past year. We should renew our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry and strive for self-improvement. Just as nature prepares for the cold of winter, we prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

So, my dear brothers, as we gather to conduct our Masonic elections this November, let's keep in mind the importance of this ritual. It's a time of change, a time to entrust leadership to those who will guide our lodge in the coming year. It's a demonstration of our commitment to democratic values, fairness, and transparency. Most importantly, it's a reminder that leadership in Freemasonry is a sacred duty, a responsibility to uphold our principles and advance our beloved fraternity.

Just like the seasons change, so too does leadership in our lodge, ensuring that the light of Freemasonry continues to shine brightly.

**Fraternally,**  
**David Earney**  
**Junior Warden**  
**Scottsdale Lodge 43**





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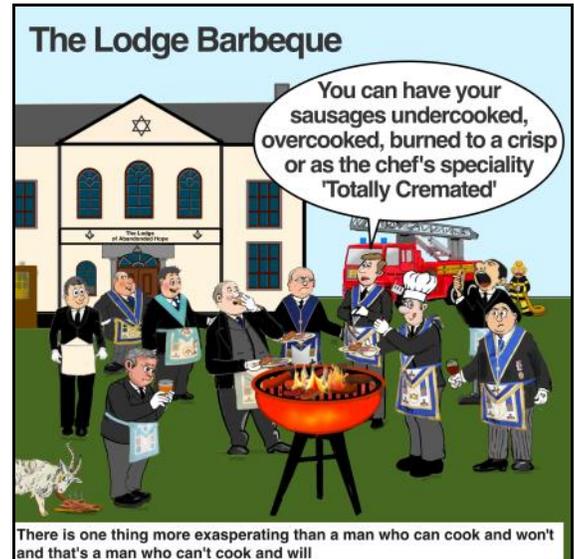
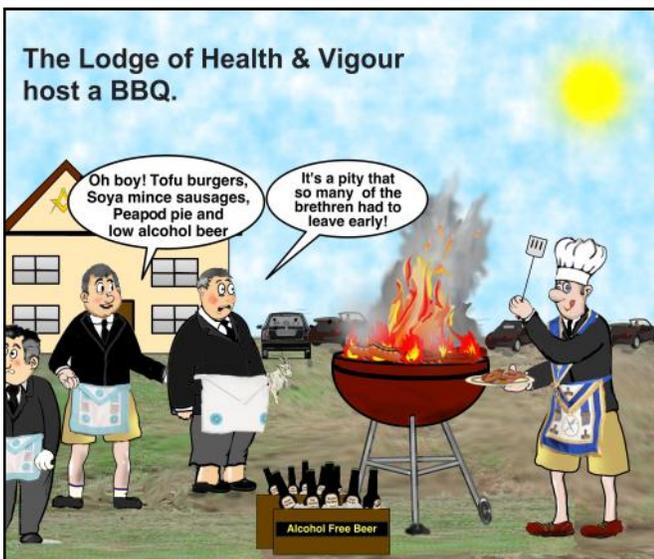
November 18th

Bring the whole family, and join  
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Start: 10:AM

Lunch: Noon

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**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 Working With Brothers**

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.

**Masonic Education**

**HISTORY**

History...Just what is it? You might accept a tongue in cheek example "It is yesterday's and tomorrows mystery, but today's gift called the present". It is often said that history is a palpable written text, a true novel of ancient events. In reality, history is as new as what is occurring right now. The good and the bad of the past, successes and failures we know about, are wells of learning. In effect, all formal teaching is but utilizing the past to bring it forward.

Recorded history ranges from architecture's relics, cave drawings, folklore, the written word, and the electronic revolution. Most important, what has been transmitted, by whatever means, has been remembered. Education's goldmine.

History is but the echo of the past, a comparative to now and the future. History cannot predict the future with certainty, but learning from the past is a surety. History reveals that ignorance has never exceeded the value of knowledge gained from the comparisons. Jefferson once said "Dreams of the future are better than the history of the past". Not so, as history has taught us. From the past, we learn that moral progression results from the trials and confusions of difficulties. Ignoring the lessons of history is complacency, and the impetus of repetition.

**David Woodland, PM**

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

**From the Secretary's Desk**

Brethren all,

**We are fast approaching the end of the year and at the Stated meeting for November, we will be suspending the members who have not paid their 2023 dues.**

Dues notices were sent out in October 2022, and the return envelopes contain requested information so we can update your personal records i.e. address, city and state, email address, and phone numbers. To date, we have **twenty three** brothers that haven't paid their dues.

Please contact the secretary via email ([secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com](mailto:secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com)) or phone (602-377-7883) to pay your dues. You can pay by check, Zelle, MasterCard, Visa, or cash. Unfortunately, payment trough the website is not available.

Also, the 2024 Dues Notices will be mailed out shortly.

Brothers, the cost to belong to your lodge is Four (\$4.00) Dollars per week. We don't want to lose any of our brothers. I sincerely hope that you will take this opportunity to remit your dues .

Thank you for you cooperation.

Fraternally,

**Jim Rowan, PM, PGM  
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**Kinishba Court #6, Order of the Amaranth**

Kinishba Court has had a wonderful fall season. In October we welcomed the Grand Royal Matron, Barbara Wunder, and the Grand Royal Patron, our own Russel Sayre for their Official Visit to our court.

We had a wonderful meal of potluck soups and salads. We had many visitors from the other courts around the state and everyone had a good time.

This past summer the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation surpassed the 18 million dollar mark for donations to the American Diabetes Association. The ADF is the longest and largest not-for-profit partner of the American Diabetes Association. The ADF sponsors specific grants that they pick from a narrowed down list of premiere scientists. One of our projects this year is to support Dr. Judith Agudo, PhD from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute who is working on a true cure for Diabetes type 1 to protect insulin producing Beta- cells from being attacked in the body by 'cloaking' them. It is very exciting work.

Kinishba Court wishes everyone a Happy Halloween and we look forward to seeing our Scottsdale Masonic Family in the fall.

**Bizzy Herbolsheimer,  
Supreme Associate Matron**



**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 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**



**IMPORTANT**

**STATED MEETING  
and ELECTION OF  
2024 OFFICERS  
NOVEMBER 2nd**

**His favourite tune**



**SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43**

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

Jonathan E. Bauman	2018-11-08	James A. Gilmore	2022-11-10	Jon Charles Shawl	1980-11-06
Lynn Bowen	1973-11-29	Alfred John Hagan	1987-11-12	William G. Solomon	1973-11-29
Thomas Arthur Burke	2003-11-22	Jerry Dennis Hardiman Jr	2007-11-29	Lionel H. Uhlmann III	2004-11-11
Stephen Owen Clarke	2013-11-14	Ronald Dale Jackson	1981-11-19	Frank Vass	2013-11-14
Anthony Joseph Darin	2000-11-15	Robert Weldon Martin	1968-11-26	Murray Michael Venus	1972-11-27
David James Earney	2017-11-09	Michael John Ozee	2000-11-11	Vincent James Watson	2007-11-29
Gregory Randall Gaskill	2017-11-09	Anthony M. Pagliuca	2022-11-10		



The whole Lodge watched with nervous anticipation as the visitor sat where Brother Ebenezer had sat for the last 49 years

**Visiting Brothers**

This is the time of year when we receive and welcome Brothers visiting from all over the country and the world.

Let's remember to introduce them around the tables during dinner, It's also our time to learn about other Lodges.

The Tyler will verify their membership

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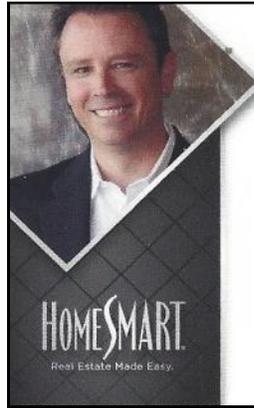
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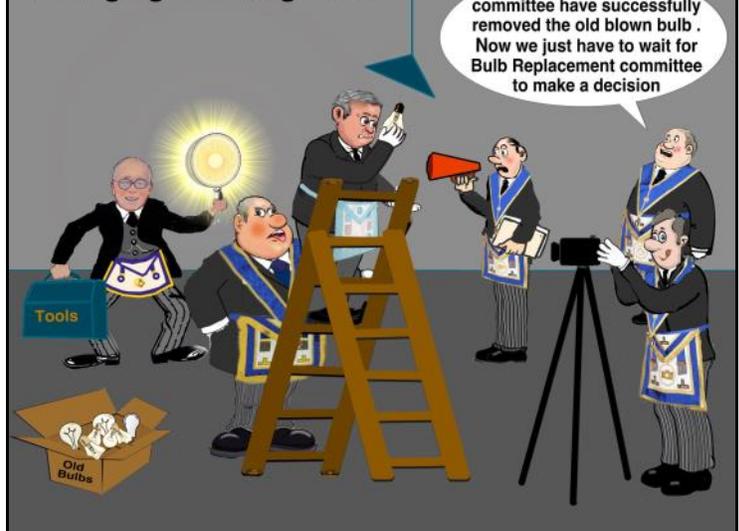
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Jonathan Edward D'Emilio	Term Expires: 2025
Eric Marble	Term Expires: 2024
Stan Sparrow	Term Expires: 2024
Tim Scarpino	Term Expires 2026
Steven Wall	Term Expires 2026

### 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](http://www.scottsdalelodge43.com).

### **\*\* November Calendar of Events \*\***

*Diner is served at 6 PM before every meeting. Lodge at 7 PM*

- November 2** - Stated Meeting and Election of Officers
- November 9th** - Entered Apprentice Degree
- November 16th** - Boys and Girls Night Dinner prepared by DeMolay and Job's Daughters
- November 18th** - Lodge Picnic at Eldorado Park
- November 23rd** -Thanksgiving Day.....Lodge Dark
- November 30th** - Master Mason Degree

There is also the Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts social gathering.