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Scottsdale Lodge 43 F&AM



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We have a lot of Masonic Education for you this month

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I hope everybody has enjoyed their summer, and spent some quality time with their families. The Lodge has remained busy as we completed some much needed housekeeping projects. You will see some changes as you immediately walk into the Lodge Room on the East Wall, along with some changes to our library. Please visit our library if you would like to check out a book! I would like to thank all the Brothers who put in the hard work to continue making this the best Lodge in Arizona!



While we were on break, the Lodge also assisted a Widow who was in need of moving some items that had been acquired over the years. I could not have been more honored to be joined by Brothers from other Lodges who assisted with supplying trailers in making sure we had the adequate equipment to move some large pieces of furniture. Not only was this a multiple lodge effort, we also had some men who are in our "Friend to Friend Program" give a helping hand. As Masons, we are obligated to help Widows who are in need of a helping hand. I was yet again reminded why it is a privilege to serve our Craft.

I look forward to the second half of the year with the ritual being performed by some Officers who will be advancing to another chair. We have plenty of fine men who will be submitting their petitions, along with Brothers who are awaiting to receive their Degrees. I also look forward to seeing you all on Thursdays for

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FROM THE WEST

The Tenet of Charity: Illuminating the Masonic Path

Brethren,

In our timeless journey along the intricate tapestry of Masonry, one principle that ceaselessly continues to shine evermore brilliantly is that of precept of Charity. As Master Masons, we stand as guardians of this virtuous tenet, entrusted with the responsibility of embodying its essence. Charity is more than mere monetary contributions; it is a profound reflection of our commitment to service, compassion, and the uplifting of humanity.



Charity in Action: Extending a Helping Hand

Charity, my brethren, transcends the boundaries of our Lodge and extends to the corners of our wider community. Our Masonic legacy is intertwined with the Spirit of benevolence, guiding us to lend a helping hand to those in need. Let us remember that charity is not solely about financial assistance, but also about the gift of time, knowledge, and sincere empathy. Through these acts, we can create lasting impacts that echo through the annals of time.

The Alchemy of Giving: Transforming Lives

As Master Masons, we are privy to the alchemical power of giving. When we give with an open heart, we partake in the profound transformation of lives. Our charitable endeavors have

the potential to break chains of adversity, bring hope to the downtrodden, and offer solace to the grieving. Just as a skilled craftsman refines raw materials into a masterpiece, our acts of charity refine the human experience into one of compassion and unity.

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some delicious meals, along with the great fellowship the Lodge has to offer.

Fraternally,

Shawn Hunter, Worshipful Master

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A Beacon of Light: Inspiring Others

Charity is a beacon of Light that not only illuminates the lives of the recipients but also inspires others to follow suit. Our actions serve as a lodestar, guiding those around us towards the path of altruism and empathy. By embodying the principles of Masonry through Charity, we become living examples of the transformative power of selflessness, fostering a ripple effect that extends far beyond our immediate circles.

Charity Begins Within: Nurturing the Inner Mason

Brethren, before we can bestow Charity upon the world, we must first cultivate it within ourselves. The act of giving requires us to exercise patience, humility, and selflessness. It is through these internal reflections that we truly grasp the essence of Charity and its profound connection to our Masonic journey. As we hone our character, we amplify the impact of our charitable endeavors, creating a harmonious resonance between our inner and outer worlds.

Charity as a Masonic Pillar: Strengthening Our Brotherhood

In closing, let us remind ourselves that Charity is one of the most significant foundations upon which our Masonic edifice is supported. It is not an isolated action but an integral part of our shared identity as Master Masons. By embracing Charity as a way of Life, we fortify the bonds of our brotherhood, enriching our Lodge with the timeless values that have guided our Craft for generations.

Brethren, let our charitable endeavors continue to be a testament to the light we hold within. May our actions resonate with the echoes of our Masonic forebears and inspire the Masons of tomorrow to follow in our footsteps.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Michael D. Valecourt,

Senior Warden

Scottsdale Lodge 43



From the South

Embracing the Beauty of Autumn: Wisdom in the Season of Aging

As the vibrant hues of autumn paint the world around us, we are reminded of the inherent beauty that lies within the passing of time. Fall, with its gentle transition from warmth to coolness, serves as a poignant metaphor for the season of aging in our lives. This month let's explore the profound wisdom and enduring beauty that can be found in embracing the autumn of life.

Just as autumn paints the landscape with an array of colors, the process of aging bestows upon us a kaleidoscope of experiences and wisdom. Like the leaves that gracefully dance to the ground, each year we shed the layers of youth, revealing the wisdom that comes with life's seasons. The beauty of fall lies not only in the changing scenery but also in the acceptance of change itself, recognizing that aging is a natural and inevitable part of the human journey.

As the years pass, we accumulate a wealth of experiences, knowledge, and insights. Autumn reminds us that just as the trees grow wiser with each passing year, so do we. The season of aging is an opportunity to reflect on life's lessons, to savor the wisdom gained from triumphs and setbacks alike. Embracing this wisdom allows us to navigate life's challenges with grace and resilience, illuminating the path for both ourselves and those who come after us.

Autumn is a time of introspection and self-discovery. As the outer world undergoes transformation, so does our inner landscape. With age comes the wisdom to appreciate the richness of life's tapestry, recognizing that true beauty lies not only in youthful appearance but also in the depth of character and the richness of the soul. Embracing our inner beauty, crafted by life's experiences, empowers us to find contentment and purpose in the autumn of our lives.

Fall brings people together in celebration of harvest and gratitude. Similarly, the season of aging fosters deeper connections with family, friends, and the Masonic brotherhood. The beauty of these connections lies in the shared experiences, the bonds of brotherly love, and the mutual support through life's challenges. Wisdom gained through the years allows us to cherish these connections and to leave a lasting legacy of love and fellowship.

Just as autumn is a prelude to the rejuvenation of spring, the season of aging opens the door to a new chapter of life. Embracing this period



with gratitude and acceptance allows us to harness the wisdom gained over time and savor the beauty that resides in every stage of life. As we navigate the autumn of our lives, let us remember that beauty is not confined to the passing of youth; it blooms and flourishes in the wisdom, experience, and connections nurtured along life's journey.

In the tapestry of life, autumn is a season to behold – a time when beauty intertwines with wisdom, and aging bestows its precious gift of knowledge. As we embrace the beauty of fall, let us also celebrate the profound wisdom that comes with age, cherishing the connections we forge along the way. May we find joy in the changing colors of our lives, knowing that the beauty of aging lies not in the years that have passed but, in the wisdom, and grace with which we embrace the future.

Fraternally,
David Earney
Junior Warden
Scottsdale Lodge 43

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren all,

This is a reminder that dues for 2023 are due and payable. For those of you have paid, thank you on behalf of the lodge. Your prompt payment is crucial to the running of the lodge. I would also like the perpetual members who have contributed to the lodge, above your perpetual memberships.

For those who have not yet paid, please remit your dues payments immediately, or if there is a problem, please contact the secretary at secretary@scottsdalelodge43.com. If you have the envelope that was sent to you at the first of the year, please update your contact information with your remittance (address, zip code, phone number). It is very difficult to contact you with invalid information.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Jim Rowan, PM, PGM
Secretary




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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.

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

Shriners have a well deserved reputation for having fun at conventions. The old scene is in a display at a New Orleans Hotel . Noble Fred LaBell took the photo



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A Phonetic alphabet for Masons?



OES News

Scottsdale Chapter #43 will have their annual Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 9.

Sheila Kelley will be WM and Bob Beer will be WP. Linda Sayre will be AM and Russell Sayre will be AP.

Our last meeting before going dark for the summer will be at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 12.

We look forward to joining with you for your Pancake Breakfasts during the summer.

Diana Hutchinson, Reporter



Birthdays are good for your health. Studies show those who have the most birthdays tend to live the longest

The Birthday Party



Masonic Education

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.

HELPING OUR BROTHERS

As Master Masons we have a life-long obligation to help our Brothers. It is something we all want to do and is part of what makes Freemasonry the greatest fraternity in the world. We all have an important purpose and that is to help make “good men better.” Each of us possesses certain “gifts” we can give to our Brothers. Perhaps it is the gift of tolerance, or patience, or knowledge. Our lives are filled with experiences that should be shared with our Brothers.

Our newer Brothers who just entered our fraternity in the past few years need our “gifts.” Sitting next to a new Brother at dinner and asking a few questions opens the door for your gift of knowledge. Questions can be as simple as, “What are you most proud of in your life?” or “What attracted you most to join Masonry?” Perhaps you ask, “What do you do for a living? What do you like most about it?” Each time we attend a Lodge meeting we have the opportunity to share. The knowledge and wisdom we possess may help one of our Brothers become a better man.

Another important thing we can do is wear a name badge. The Lodge has adhesive name tags that work fine. Many of us have trouble remembering names (among other things) and this is one way to help us all out. For our pre-petitioning guest and petitioning potential Brothers, it’s important that we know each other. How many times have you voted to bring a Brother into the fraternity and really didn’t know anything about him? Please wear a name tag at each meeting and if there are none laying out, ask for one!

We have about 500 members in our Lodge. Please Brothers, give your best effort to attend. Share the many gifts you have with the rest of us! Allow us to know you as a Brother. Let’s give our gifts to each other at each meeting. We are men of integrity and brotherly love. See you at the next Lodge meeting.

Brother Stephen Clarke



Editors Comment

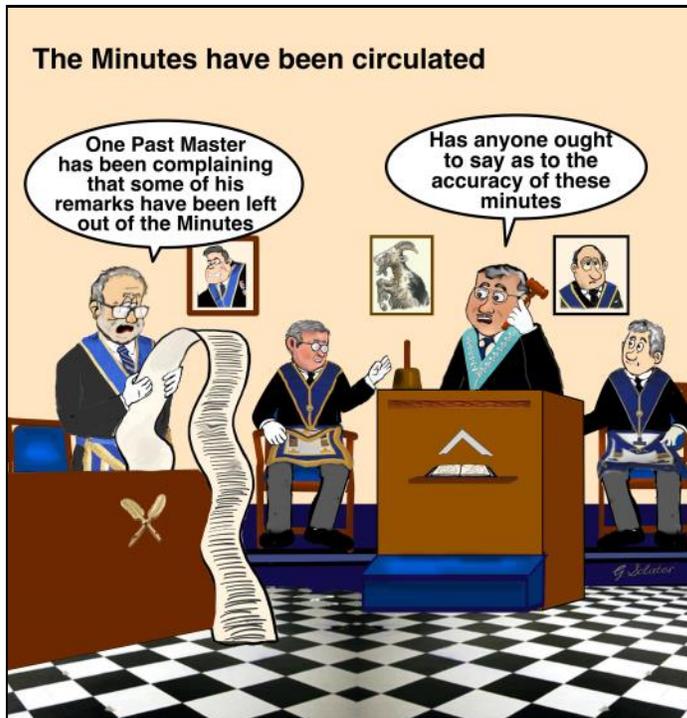
Your Light

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.

Brother Fred LaBell
Trestleboard Editor



CELESTIAL JOURNEY TEAM

Roll Of The Workmen - Br. Dave J. Woodland. PM

The roll of the workmen has been called, and one Master Mason has not answered to his name. He has laid down the working tools of the Craft and with them he has left that mortal part for which he no longer has use.

His labors here have taught him to divest his heart and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building – that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Strengthened in his labors here by faith in the Supreme Being, and confident of expectation of immortality, he has sought admission to the Celestial Lodge above.

Dave J. Woodland was born on June 19th, 1925 in Atlantic City, NJ. He picked up the working tools of Freemasonry when he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on February 6th, 1952 at Justice Lodge #285 in Linwood, NJ. He was Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 15th, 1952 and he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 21st, 1952. In February of 1987, Dave joined Scottsdale Lodge #43 in Scottsdale, Arizona, and in October of 2015 he also joined Oriental Lodge #20 in Mesa, Arizona. Brother Dave gave 71 years of service to the Craft.

He laid down the working tools of life on June 8th, 2023 in Scottsdale, Arizona.



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

*July, August, September 2023 Masonic Anniversaries
Celebrating Another Year in the Light*

Richard John Claridge	2018-07-05	Joseph David Barksdale	1983-09-28	James Eli Lewis	1998-09-17
Alan Scott Dye	1972-07-26	Peter R. Carpenter	1960-09-05	Taylor M. McMullen	2014-09-11
Andrew Charles Long	2021-07-13	Charles Alberto Castaneda	2009-09-10	Mark Tracy Messerly	1975-09-25
Michael Gordon Milmine	1981-07-30	Nanik R. Chandiramani	1975-09-15	James Garbett Miller	1973-09-27
Marquez P Pope	2005-07-07	Eric Arthur Christianson	2005-09-22	Fred W. Moore Jr PM	1974-09-26
John Anthony Poth	1989-07-22	Truett George Craft	1972-09-28	Jeffrey Vilas Morris	2000-09-28
William R. Bryant Jr	2013-08-03	David Allen Deere	2003-09-11	Dominador B. Oropilla	2022-09-15
Joseph Andrew Decker	2007-08-30	Barlas Demirciler	2011-09-08	Charles William Parker	2016-09-15
Caleb Michael Lash	2021-08-19	Carl F. Eschenbrenner	1972-09-21	Lucas Micheal Ruwe	2019-09-26
Eric Charles Marble	2012-08-09	Edward Thomas Hartnett	1967-09-28	Carlos Manuel Silva	2012-09-13
James Michael Nelson	2004-08-19	Gregg James Heidbreder	2019-09-17	Jeffrey C. Takoushian	1999-09-21
James Arland Osman Jr1	1969-08-21	Robert Curtis Hills PM	2008-09-11	Kenneth R. Von Hopf	2014-09-11
Chanchhaya Tan	2013-08-03	John Wayne Jacoby	2011-09-08	Bernard Louis Young	1975-09-25
Aaron Steven Agee	2022-09-15	Dashmesh Singh Khalsa	2015-09-10	Brian David Zeman	2021-09-16



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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

Masonic Education

Fraternity Operatives

In the Middle Ages and until about 1500 the Operative Masons were not organized as Speculative Freemasons are. The builders as a whole, including the numbers of special types of them such as Freemasons, wallers, setters, tilers, quarrymen, etc., were everywhere subject to the general laws of the gild system. In some periods and in some places they had a local gild of their own. If a cathedral (or abbey, or priory of large size) was to be built they formed their organization on the spot; a Master of Masons (called by different titles) would be secured by the foundation or administration behind the building enterprise, and he would sign an agreement; this done he would send out a call for workmen, so many of one sort, so many of another; if houses for them and their families were not available they would build them; they would build a lodge room or building for their own use, and also, in most instances, a second room or building in which plans were drawn, models were made, etc.

The Freemasons among the total number of workmen would have meetings in the Lodge room or building, when the need for one arose, or possibly at fixed times, their officers presiding. From then until the building was completed, in ten, twenty-five, or even fifty years, the Freemasons thus had their own local organization. There is no evidence of any national or general organization with a single center, but there is evidence in Masonic traditions and in the text of labor laws that a local organization would send delegates to assemblies, which appear to have been called only at need.

Yet there was such a thing as Masonry in general. Apprentices received everywhere the same training, same at least in general outline though it is known that in detail it differed an experienced Craftsman could tell a workman's origin by his use of a stone axe. The modes of recognition were such that any regular Freemason could prove himself to be one not only at any place in his own country but also in foreign countries.

If a workman came seeking work, a certain form of ceremony was used to greet him, to examine him, and to employ him; if no employment was to be had he was given hospitality for a night and received advises as to where work could be found. On the whole, and allowing for a certain flexibility in the word, Operative Freemasonry was a fraternity without a single, over-all organization and center. This held true even where local Freemasons became units in a local City Company and

where two or three other trades or crafts might be in the same Company; for in such organizations each member craft had its own customs, members, officers, meetings inside the Company. In the period between the dissolution of the guilds and the first Grand Lodge of Speculative Masons in 1717, permanent Lodges became established, each one a center for Freemasons who might work privately, not in organized groups, for shorter or longer period, over a surrounding area. Apprenticeship, the old rules and regulations and customs, modes of recognition, and ceremonies were the same in these separate Lodges, though they had no Grand Lodge. Operative Masons had in use a number of names for themselves, and might call themselves a brotherhood, "the lodge," a society, a company, an assembly, a fraternity, a modality, a corps, etc.; any one of these terms might refer to workmen of every type in architecture as a whole, or it might refer to the Freemasons only.

See *The Cathedral Builders in England*, by Edward S. Prior; Seeley and Co.; New York; 1905. This is one of the few non-Masonic books in which a historian of Masonry attempts to discover or to describe the general form of organization of the Craftsmen. He accounts for the extraordinary unity of Freemasonry in Britain and Europe together, by their training, modes of recognition, traveling, and believes that much working for the Benedictine Monastic Order also played a part. The unity of monasticism (he could have included the Orders of the Temple and of Malta) may have had a share, but it could not have been a large one because the dissolution of the monastic orders did not affect the unity of the Masonic fraternity.



SCOTTSDALE MASONIC LODGE #43

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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 (602) 839-6064 to arrange for a ride to and from at no cost to you (Valley area only).

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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.

**** September Calendar of Events ****

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

- September 7 September Stated Meeting -
- September 14 Awards night
- September 21 Third degree
- September 23 Fain Ranch (Outdoor third degree) Prescott Valley, AZ
- September 28- Third Degree

More information can be found on the Lodge website:
www.scottsdalelodge43.com

There is also the Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts