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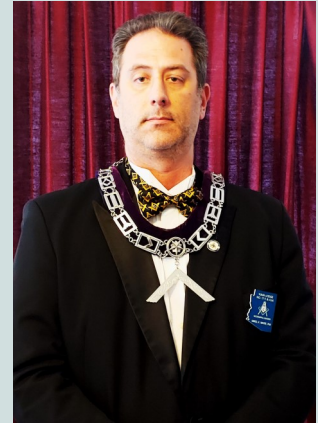
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VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Mikel White, Worshipful Master

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Second Thursday of each month,
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

Degree work most every
Thursday at 7:00pm.

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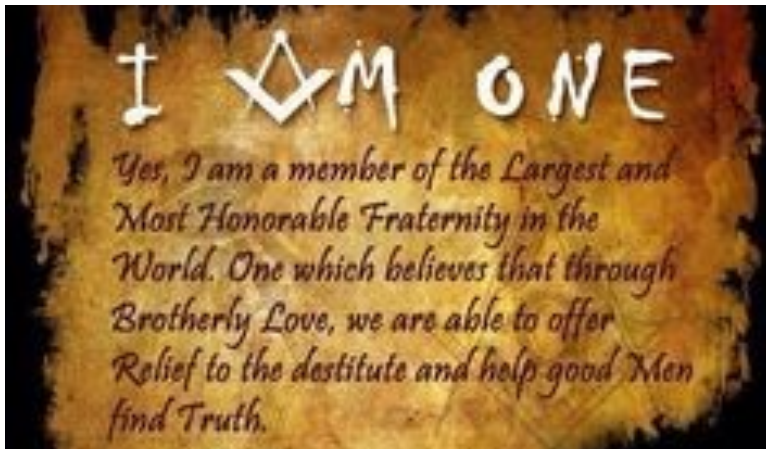
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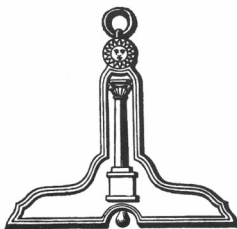
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VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Benjamin Hinderer

Good day all,

I am looking forward to being your next Worshipful Master and maybe one day Grand Master. There are many things myself and the other officers have lined up to hopefully bring brothers back into the lodge. We will need help by all willing. The future is bright for this Lodge and I would like to keep it that way.

I would like to find ways that we can get other Lodges involved in our activities way out here in Yuma. If anyone has any ideas please feel free to bring them forward to either myself or any other officer.

Benjamin Hinderer
Senior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the South,

We had the pleasure to take part in the Tacos and Tunes in late September. It was nice to see Yuma County enjoying life and having some good times during this event. I would like to thank the Caballeros de Yuma for inviting us to help and hope to do more events with them in the future. When I was there one night, a man came up to me and told me he just moved to Yuma a couple of months ago and was hoping to find a Lodge. Through our conversation I found out he is a Brother, so hopefully that brother will come down someday and become a part of Yuma #17.

I'm going to try to make it to Lodge as much as I can, but work has me on a different shift and I will be traveling out of town for work in late November. But on my travels I want to visit some Lodges.

If any Brothers need anything don't hesitate to reach out for help. There is always someone around who can help assist you. I'm going to leave off with some more masonic education, hope you guys enjoy.

JOHN WAYNE

John Wayne was a lifelong participant in fraternal societies. A member of DeMolay in high school, John Wayne would become a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Freemason, a Shriner, and receive several DeMolay honors before his death of cancer in 1979. All throughout his life he evidenced individual self-determination and strength of character, honoring himself and the craft by his conduct. A strong believer in equality, he once remarked that within the Lodge was the only place he felt that he wasn't being held up on a pedestal.

Born in 1907 in Iowa, he did not go by John Wayne until studio executives decided that his birth name, Marion Robert Morrison, clashed with the big screen. Their decision was a success and John Wayne's career took off. He became one of the most famous actors in America, making the Old West famous, and becoming a symbol of American confidence, ruggedness, and courage. These qualities were not restricted to the silver screen when World War II broke out; Brother John Wayne wanted to go and enlist to defend his country. However, he was too



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (CONTINUED)

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

valuable as a source of inspiration for the troops and starred in several war department films.

After the war, Wayne continued in his long and fruitful career as an actor, glorifying an independent and pioneering spirit, promoting the Masonic values of individual liberty and the perfection of humanity. He is rightly remembered as an icon of American culture, who helped build and shape the great American myth and dream.

Source: www.universalfreemasonry.org

Brotherly Love,
Douglas Arps, Jr. "DJ"
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

By WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Let it be known that we are now officially titled Yuma Territorial Lodge No. 17.

The Masonic year is winding down fast but will continue to maintain a fast pace. Proficiency, elections, degree work, and the installation of newly elected officers.

Dues notices are being sent out and will be received by you shortly. Please pay them promptly, preferably before the end of this year.

If you have any information that needs to be updated in our Lodge database, please contact me so that I can update it. It is imperative that you update your information in Grandview so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up-to-date. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know. Grandview is the future, so please log in and update your information.

We recently presented two longevity awards, one for 75 years and one for 65. Wow! That was AWESOME and a blessing for the Brothers who received the awards and an honor for us to present them.

Looking forward to continued visits to other Lodges and visiting Brethren from other Lodges to our own.

If you need any assistance in general or with practicing or on proficiency, feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,
Michael A. Kofta, PM
Lodge Secretary



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Yuma Lodge No. 17

Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at **7:30pm** (Dinner preceding the meeting at **6:30pm**)

Degree Work: Most every Thursday at **7:00pm**.

Trustees' Meetings: Monday prior to Stated Meeting at **6:00pm**. Lodge members welcome.

York Rite Bodies

Stated Meetings: First Monday at **7:30pm**.

Practice: Third Monday at **7:00pm**.

Order of the Eastern Star

Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at **7:00pm** (Dinner preceding meetings at **6:00pm**)

Yuma Shrine Club

Meetings: Second Monday at **7:00pm**.





Yuma Shrine Ladies Lunch

12 Noon, Second Monday of each month
September through April
Call Betsy Ramirez at (928) 210-8740 for location.



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November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Havas OV 	10	11 STATED VETERAN'S DAY 	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19	20 Degree in the Desert (Tombs stone)
21	22	23	24	25 THANKS- GIVING	26	27
28	29	30				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work – Check with Pedestal Officers

December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 	7	8	9 STATED DGM OV 	10	11
12	13	14 Nelson Bledsoe OV 	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25 CHRIST- MAS
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Traveling Men



WB Mike Kofta, WB Tim Williams, and Brother Brad Hamner traveled with Junior Grand Warden Michael Dale for the Official Visit of Aztlan #1 in Prescott on September 14th.



STATED MEETING



Another fine turnout for our October Stated Meeting!

DEGREE WORK



Brother John Brooks IV received his Second Degree on October 21st.



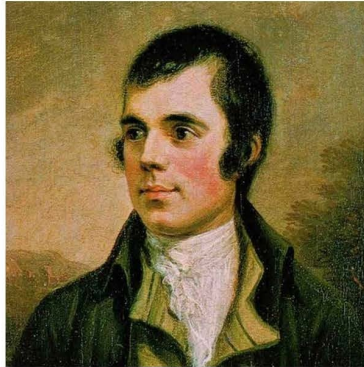
WM Mikel White and WB Michael Dale had the distinct pleasure of presenting Brother Ray Evans with his 65-year pin and award in Masonry from the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona. His wife Marlene was by his side for the presentation.



The Caballeros de Yuma invited Yuma Lodge to volunteer at the Tacos and Tunes festival in September. Thank you to all the Brothers who volunteered, as well as everyone else who volunteered! The weekend was capped off with an awesome concert from Michael Ray!



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STAR IN THE EAST

Submitted by B.J. Dale, Associate Matron
(Linda Gillis, Worthy Matron)

Greetings everyone! We hope that this finds everyone doing well and keeping busy. We are slowly seeing our members and visitors trickle in as we try to get back into a new normal for our Chapter. We miss everyone and look forward to seeing more and more people return to our meetings.

A few of our members have been able to travel to some of the Official Visits this year. They are enjoying traveling around the state bringing greetings from our Chapter to theirs. It looks like, from posted pictures on Facebook, that our WGM Moira Carlton and WGP Jim Hurd are enjoying themselves as they visit the Chapters and participate in all the fun activities that the Chapters planned for them.

Our Chapter did vote to only have a dinner prior to the meeting held on the second Tuesday of the month. We only have one meeting in November and December. Our November 9th meeting is our Friendship Night (Patriotic Theme) and we are having a potluck dinner prior to the meeting. Dinner starts at 6pm, meeting starts at 7 pm. Our Worthy Matron, Linda Gillis, will also be honoring Veterans.

Our Chapter has also enjoyed continuing to provide and help serve dinner to our Masons before their Stated meetings every month. For November, we will be serving a Thanksgiving meal. In December, we are looking forward to serving a Mexican meal; the men will be hosting the current Deputy Grand Master, Jim Baker, and his wife Shirley Baker.

Upcoming Birthdays:

- NOVEMBER: Joyce Brown (11/3), Sabrina Arps (11/19), Molly Erskine (11/23)
- DECEMBER: Jack Prather (12/5)

That is about all I have for now. If anything comes up, Ruth Wilmot, our secretary, will get information out to you as soon as possible. Until next time, please keep all of our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. If you know someone who isn't feeling well, would appreciate a phone call or card, or may need assistance running errands, please call Linda Gillis (Worthy Matron) at (928) 580-4403 (or any Chapter member) to let her know. We miss seeing all of you and we hope to see everyone's smiling faces when we start back up on the 4th Tuesday in September. Take care and be safe!

YUMA CHAPTER NO. 14, ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

The meetings are held the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY of each month, September through June. All members are welcome. Our Worthy Matron plans to restart dinners and refreshments when we return in September. Meeting begins promptly at 7pm. Hope to see you there. If you have questions please call the Lodge at (928) 783-7993.



Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason



NOVEMBER

Douglas "DJ" Arps, Jr.	James Floyd	Tim Williams
Husam Azar	Virgil Glass	Roy Wright
Raymond Bell	Thomas Hazen	Donald Young
Justin Blue	Douglas Holbert	
Brett Cale	Edd McDaniel	
Stanton Cohen	Jay Milstead	
Raymond Coker	John Phipps	
Larkin Cox	Russell Pool	
Michael Dale	Perry Schuman	
	Terry Smith	

DECEMBER

Hector Aponte	James Tench
Sean Godfrey	Carlos Teran
Jeffrey Grimes	
Brad Hamner	
Carlton Hawkins	
William Hobart	
James McKnight	
Michael McLaughlin	
Kevin Nakasawa	
Marvin Soreng	

*** ATTENTION ***

**Deadline for the January/February Trestleboard is
DECEMBER 20TH**

*** ATTENTION ***

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Another year is almost in the books and the holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone has a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year!

If there is anything you would like to see in the Trestleboard or have any suggestions, please feel free to let me know! If you see any corrections that need to be addressed, please let me know those as well so they can be corrected. If you attend an event, don't forget to take pictures and submit them, either to me or on Facebook. Take care and stay safe!



Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps



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Mikel K. White, PM

FUNDRAISING

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Co-Chairmen – Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Brad Hamner

Barbeque

Mikel K. White, PM

Balloon Glow

Dale L. Kreger, PM

Midnight at the Oasis

Mikel K. White, PM

Raffle & Other Venues

Stewards

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Bikes for Books

Brad Hamner

Law Enforcement Memorial

Hector Aponte

Roadside Clean-up

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Scholarship/Classroom Grants

Hector Aponte

Dale L. Kreger, PM

Roy Wright

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards

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Mason of the Year

SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress

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