



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers,

Hello Brothers. We are officially dark for the summer. I hope you all enjoy any vacations you have planned. While we're dark we will still be holding practices to get ready for our Outdoor Degree on Saturday, October 12th, but not every week so we don't burn people out over the summer. Summer is supposed to be fun even though Masonry is also fun; you get what I mean.

Well we have a new Grand Master of Arizona and his name is MWB Michael Dale, a member of Yuma Territorial Lodge 17. It's a great honor to have him in that type of role. His travel was long to get there but now it's our turn to make his year the best it can be. In the months to come I'll be reaching out to the Brethren about assisting in anything we can do to help at next year's Grand Lodge.

I know some of the Brothers in Imperial have some plans of traveling through California during the summer. If you would like to go with them reach out to WM Tony or Brother Ira for more information.

Family Game Night was pretty fun. Even though it was hot outside we had a good time inside. I'm hoping we can have more people the next time we do this but I think the next time might have to be when its cooler outside. Maybe do it at a park and have a BBQ – stay tuned!

I'll be traveling to Chandler Thunderbird Lodge as Worthy Patron on Saturday, July 13th to try to take back 1st place trophy in the annual Wii Bowling Tournament for OES. Honestly it's a pretty fun event. It might be a cool thing for the Masons of Arizona try to hold a tournament of their own but this tournament is open to anyone.

On a serious note, I'm not sure if you all have been watching the news, but Ruidoso, New Mexico has two fires surrounding the town, which now they have some of it contained but a lot of homes and land are gone. Some of you know that is the town I stay in when I'm TDY for work. In my travels over there I've had the pleasure to meet some awesome Brothers during that time. When I found out about the fires I reached out to one of the Brothers up there to see how things were going. He gave me an update and said that all Brothers were accounted for. He was very appreciative that a Brother from Arizona took a minute to check in on them. As a Mason it is our duty to help fellow Masons whenever we can, no matter how dispersed we are, as far as we can do so without serious injury to ourselves. As this fire gets more under

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STATED MEETING

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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VIEW FROM THE EAST (continued)

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control these Brothers might need some help and I'll keep in touch with them and maybe we can help them in some way.

Well I think that's about all I have to say right now. I hope everyone is able to enjoy this summer with your families and make great memories.

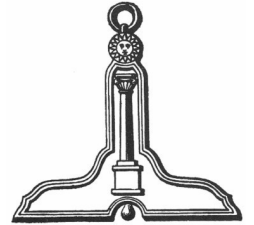
Brotherly Love,
Douglas W. Arps, Jr. "DJ", WM

VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the West,

Is there anywhere to start other than congratulating our very own Most Worshipful Michael A. Dale on his recent appointment by the Brethren of Arizona to the highest honor of our great fraternity as the Grand Master of Arizona! We love you Brother and look forward to your leadership for this year, having no doubt it will in fact be a great year.



Grand Communication was pretty special this year largely in part to the obvious, but also was great to see and have fellowship with all the Brothers that we have met and built relations with during our travels. I also left there with some new personal goals and positive messages which I took as a challenge. Most Worshipful's "theme" this year is to Circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds, something that I know I personally need to work on – how about you? And we will do this through Honor, Courage, and Commitment. "Honor your obligations, have the Courage to discuss Masonry to any person at any time, commit yourself to your Lodge and become the Mason that all want to emulate." I implore all my Brothers to look at Most Worshipful's words and truly understand what he is asking us to do. I have also been doing some light research on the sustained challenge of retention, so I will leave you with an article written by Albert Mackey:

Masonic retention is a word upon the lips of every Grand Lodge, subordinate Lodge and its many Freemason members, today, across the world.

It may surprise you to know that Masonic retention was on the mind of Albert Mackey, Freemason Researcher and Historian, when he wrote Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry over 130 years ago. Here is what he wrote:

Parrot Masons

"One who commits to memory the questions and answers of the catechetical (sic: Relating to or consisting of asking questions and receiving answers by rote rather than by understanding) lectures, and the formulas of the ritual but pays no attention to the history and philosophy of the institution; is commonly called a Parrot Mason, because he is supposed to repeat what he has learned without any conception of its true meaning.

In former times, such superficial Freemasons were held by many in high repute because of the facility with which they passed through the ceremonies of a reception, and they were generally designated as Bright Masons.

But, the progress of Freemasonry as a science now requires something more than a mere knowledge of the lectures to constitute a Masonic scholar.”

--Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Vol. 2, Page 752, Albert Gallatin Mackey, 33°, published by The Masonic History Company, Revised ed. copyright 1929, Original copyright 1873.

Masonic Retention

Memorization without understanding will only take a person to the end of his memorized work...much like memorizing a geometric equation does not prove truly useful unless you understand its components.

Example: If I asked you to tell me the equation to measure the area of a circle, the answer quickly coming from your lips may very well be πr^2 ...and I would applaud your knowledge.

But how useful is that knowledge if you do not know that:

π = the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle; approximately equal to 3.1415926..., or 3.1416 if you round it off.

r = Radius of the circle...the measurement from the center-point to its perimeter or boundary.

r^2 (Squared) = the radius times itself.

Therefore, your quick answer of πr^2 (the equation with which you may perform the task) was absolutely correct, but if you cannot understand each component of the equation, you cannot “do the math”, and therefore your journey ends.

Memorization of ritual is important within Freemasonry, however without learning the biblical, symbolic and historical components within Freemasonry's depths, your journey, too, will end without your actually finding Freemasonry's true light.

True Masonic retention is obtained when both ritual and Masonic knowledge are balanced with one another.

Masonic education is the only means with which the fraternity can both retain its current membership and produce new members to carry on Freemasonry's proud traditions.

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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Submitted by Hector Aponte



Fraternal Greetings from the South,

Fourteen years ago, I was at a local pet store in Yuma with my wife. This store has a pet adoption section, and me and my wife ventured in it fully knowing the possible consequences of this seemingly simple decision. We are walking around, uttering a lot of “awws” and “how cute’s” and at one point, me and my wife separated inside the room. Next thing I see is my wife giving me “the look” and she said...“you must see this guy”. I walked over with her, looked inside the cage that she pointed out to me, and there he was. The cutest puppy ever. His given name was “Lucky”, and the literature attached to the cage stated that he was found wandering around in the Somerton area. We looked at each other, and we both knew we were meant to be together. And that is how “Max” ended up in our lives. My son, who was 12 at the time, wanted to call him Max, so... Max it was.

Max saw my son graduate from high school and go into nursing school. He also celebrated my retirement with me. Well, a fourteen-year-old dog is an

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Yuma Territorial Lodge 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: Some Mondays prior to Stated Meeting at **6:30pm** (check with WM).
Lodge members welcome.

York Rite Bodies

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

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

Order of the Eastern Star

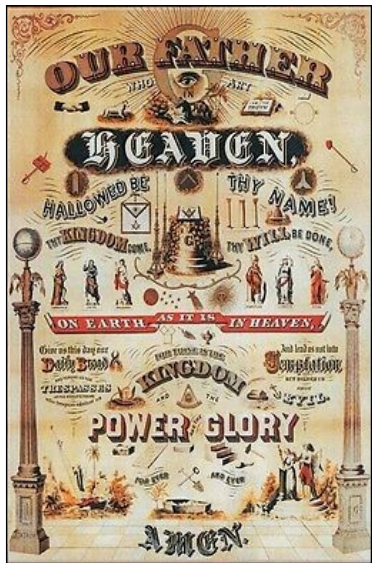
Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at **7:00pm**.
(Dinner preceding meetings at **6:00pm**.)

Yuma Shrine Club

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



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July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				INDEPENDENCE DAY		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Degree Work/Practices – Check with Line Officers

August 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				GRAND CHAPTER (Wild Horse Pass) Installation of Grand Officers Saturday Night		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Camp Cornerstone Outdoor Degree (Flagstaff)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Looking forward to continued visits to other Lodges and visiting Brethren from other Lodges to our own. There are numerous Outdoor Degrees coming up in a hurry, including our own. You need to get signed up and registered and let others know where you are going so that we can carpool.

I recently completed uploading all pertinent information from the hard files at the Lodge into Grandview for our active membership. Brothers, it is imperative that you keep your information in Grandview updated so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up to date. We recently had a member of more than 50 years pass away and his record (both Lodge file and Grandview) did not include any of his family members. He became a Mason while he was in college. All we had in his file was that he petitioned, became a Mason and showed his proficiency.

It is also very difficult to stay in touch with Brothers when the mailing address is a P.O. Box, phone number is left off, disconnected or an old work phone. If you have any information that needs to be updated or changed in our Lodge database or in Grandview and do not know how, please contact me so that I can walk you through what we need to do to update it. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know, there have some Brothers who updated their information and I was not aware of it. Grandview is the future but, we still need to keep our database current as well. So please log in and update your information.

We continue to recognize our members with longevity awards, birthday cards and provide widows with a Widow's packet from Grand Lodge. Please keep our older Brothers and our Widows in mind. We can use help with being able to reach out to them as well as any Brothers that are sick or in distress.

Please stay on top of your ritual and proficiency work over the summer so that we can continue our stride in the fall.

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

Fraternally,
Michael A. Kofta, PM
Secretary
DDGL, District 6

STATED MEETING



A strong showing at our May Stated Meeting on May 9th, getting ready for Grand Communication

Photos provided by Brother Douglas Arps, Jr.

Traveling Men



MW Michael Dale, WB Michael Kofta, and WM DJ Arps attended the Jeff Carlton Memorial Outdoor Degree in Kingman on May 18th. Brother DJ had helped Brother Jeff grill the steaks before he passed away, so the Brothers of Kingman asked if he would continue the tradition. He was more than happy to oblige and the men who attended were more than satisfied with the results!



WB Tony Milanes and Brothers Steve Dagdag, Carlos Bejarano, Juan Andrade, and Ira Hearen (also a member of Yuma #14) of Imperial Lodge visited our Brothers in Palingenesia #46 in Mexicali, Mexico, showing the bonds of Brotherhood have no borders!

Photos provided by various Brothers

GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Yuma's very own, Most Worshipful Michael Dale



Congratulations to WB Michael Kofta, who was appointed as DDGL for District 6



Congratulations to WB Mikel White, who was appointed as DDGM for District 6



Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officers for 2024–2025

GRAND COMMUNICATIONS



It was another stellar weekend of fellowship, brotherhood, and family. Grand Communication is always a highlight of the year and this year was extra special for our Lodge. Congratulations again to all the Brothers and most especially to our own MW Michael Dale. Here's to another great year!



Photos provided by various Brothers

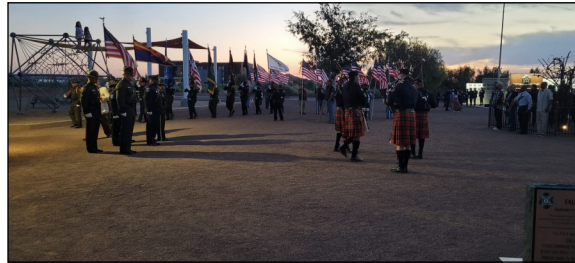
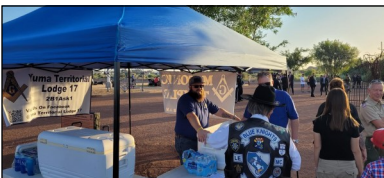
Community Service Bikes for Books



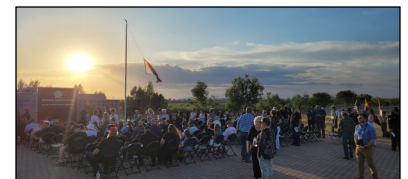
Our annual Bikes for Books campaign was a rousing success again! Working in conjunction with Dateland Elementary School, our program encourages children to get out and read! Those who participated were eligible to win a brand new bike and helmet. Our Brothers love putting smiles on kids' faces and the kids love a chance to win!



Law Enforcement Memorial



The annual Peace Officers Memorial Service was held on May 15th. The Yuma Police Department hosts this event every year to honor the dedicated men and women who served in law enforcement and made the ultimate sacrifice. Our Lodge has attended for many years passing out waters to everyone. It is an honor to be a part of this event in any way we can.



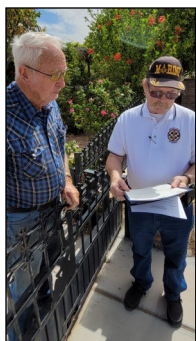
Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 also held the Third Annual Veterans and First Responders Pancake Breakfast on May 19th. This is our way of showing our appreciation to the men and women, and their families, in recognition of their dedication and sacrifice to our community.

YEARS OF SERVICE

Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 had the honor and privilege of handing our several pins for years of service to the Fellowcraft.



WB John Willen received his 25-year pin



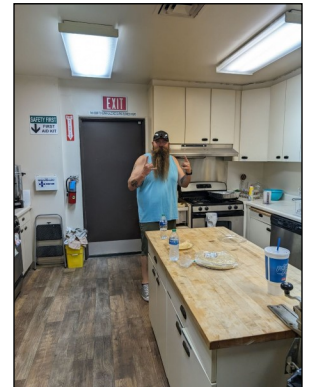
Brother Ralph Cline received his 25-year pin



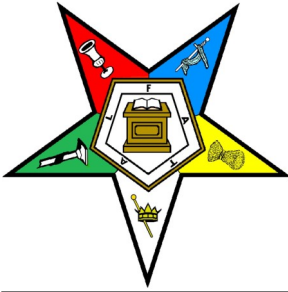
Our Brothers had the privilege and pleasure to present Brother Merritt Thomas with his 50-year pin and apron. Special thanks to Reverend Dr. Austin Mansfield from Christ Redeemer Anglican Church for making our Brother's day

Photos provided by WB Mike Kofta

Family Game Night



On June 15th, the Brothers of Yuma Lodge held a Family Game Night. We invited all Brothers and their families and the members of Eastern Star and their families. It was a great night and fun was had by all – we even had a cornhole game in the dining room! We hope to have more family nights in the future, especially when the temperatures cool down!!!



STAR IN THE EAST

By BJ Dale, PM, Treasurer

Greetings Everyone,

Our year has come to a close but we went out with a bang! In May we did our yearly flower delivery for Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day. Over three days, we delivered over 150 flowers to the mothers, grandmothers, and everyone in between in and around Yuma. Our hard work was rewarded when The Flower Mine gave us a donation of over \$1,500! PGM Johnnie Bowden started this operation many years ago and we look forward to continuing this endeavor in the future! In May we also held our elections for the 2024–2025 year. Congratulations to our newly elected officers for next year – Worthy Matron Sabrina Arps, Worthy Patron DJ Arps, Jr., Associate Matron Linda Neal, Associate Patron Michael Kofta, Conductress Annette Casey, and Associate Conductress Carolyn Simson. Next year is looking to be another amazing year! We were also excited to bring in a new member by affiliation; welcome Sister Betty Jane



Williams! Sister Betty Jane came to us through one of our other new members, Sister Sally McKay!

We cannot express how much pride we have for our Brother Michael Dale. In June, he was elected and installed as the Grand Master of Masons in Arizona! He is a valued member of our Chapter and a true example of what Masonry is all about. Congratulations to Brother Michael! We know he will continue to lead Arizona Masons into the future and will do a stellar job! While we were at Grand Communications, we were able to present our donations to Power Paws Assistance Dogs. We invited Elaine Starks, Executive Director, to the hotel, where we presented her with \$500 in gift cards to give to new owners, as well as a case of slow feeder bowls to help train new dogs. Our Worthy Grand Matron Pat Peterson was even on-hand to help share in this special occasion. Power Paws is very near and dear to our Chapter and we look forward to doing more for them in the future!



We are excited for the “Ark of Friendship” Grand Chapter Sessions on August 1st through 3rd at the Wild Horse Pass Casino. We would like to congratulate our Worthy Grand Matron Pat Peterson and Worthy Grand Patron Gary Horn on an amazing year. We look forward to the coming year with Sister Candace Leininger and Brother Doug Steele as the embark on THEIR Grand year. Our Chapter will be well represented at Grand Chapter, as we will also be their to support our own Sister Ruth Wilmot, Associate Grand Conductress!

Upcoming birthdays:

- JULY – BJ Dale, PM (9th); Carolyn Simson (12th); Johnnie Bowden, PGM (17th); Mary Godfrey (17th); Howard Whitmore (29th); Lou Strahm (31st)
- AUGUST – David Gillis (3rd); Marge Schaefer (4th); JC Reece (21st); Marlene Evans (30th)

Until next time, please keep all 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 Worthy Matron Sabrina Arps at (928) 246–6580 (or any Chapter member) to let her know. We miss seeing all of you and we hope to see everyone's smiling faces at our meetings. Eastern Star members are welcome to visit our meetings, so if you know of some visiting, please invite them! 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. A light meal is served at 6:00pm, followed by our meeting promptly at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the Lodge at (928) 783–7993.

Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

JULY

William Adams
William Creech
Phillip Davis

AUGUST

Keith Parsels

***** ATTENTION *****

**Deadline for the September/October 2024 Trestleboard is
AUGUST 20TH**

***** ATTENTION *****

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

I wanted to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Brothers of Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 for their support for my dad over these last several years. I am touched by the outpouring of support you showed him at Grand Communications this year, as he was installed as Grand Master. Our family has been anxiously awaiting this year and what it all entails, but having you all supporting Dad and our family and helping with whatever you can whenever you can is something we cannot thank you enough for. We love you all and are thankful for each and every one of you; we are so blessed to call you family!



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 the Yuma Lodge Facebook page. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps

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Worshipful Master

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Bikes for Books

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Public Schools

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Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

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