



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

I'd like to start off with how it's been my pleasure to serve as Worshipful Master this past year. Honestly I couldn't have done it without the support of you Brothers. There were some more learning curves to figure out but really I think as Masons we are always learning.

We have some degree work we're going to get through before we go briefly dark for the holidays. We also have our BBQ coming after the New Year. It's not quite set in stone but we're looking at possibly February 16th, 2025. We are looking at what's going on in Yuma so we don't clash with a big event. Installation of Officers will be December 21st at 1:00pm. It is an open installation so families and friends are more than welcome.

MWB Mike and I walked in one of the Veterans Day parades in Phoenix on November 11th. It was quite fun. The Fiesta Bowl Parade is coming up on December 28th; if you're interested in attending and walking let us know and we can get some type of carpool going. Here's a little something I found on Saint John the Baptist.

Saint John the Baptist and John the Evangelist are known as the patron saints of Freemasonry. But why?

By John L. Cooper, PGM

Freemasonry has many unexplained mysteries in its ritual, one of which is the reference to the "Holy Saints John." It comes in the monitorial lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. Candidates are told that Masonic Lodges are dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. Together, they represent the patron saints of Freemasonry.

To this day, Masons all around the world continue to recognize these two figures as the patron saints of Freemasonry. In fact, the closest thing we have to a Masonic holiday are the feast days of the two saints. St. John the Baptist's feast day is celebrated in the summer (June 24), and St. John the Evangelist's is in winter (December 27). Masons and Masonic Lodges mark these days with their own celebratory dinners or other events. They are two of the most important dates on the fraternal calendar.

The reasons for this connection go back centuries—and remain shrouded in mystery. What we know for certain is that it isn't strange that there would be a patron saint of Freemasonry. During the Middle Ages in England and Scotland, many societies and guilds were dedicated to a particular saint. That figure received special devotion from the members of the society and, in turn, he would offer its members special protection and favor.

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STATED MEETING

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

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Thursday at 7:00pm

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VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner

FREE MASONRY IS A FRATERNITY

Freemasonry is the oldest, and by far, the largest fraternal order in the world. Its Lodges stretch around the globe, and like the British Empire, it might well be said that the sun never sets upon the Masonic Lodge.

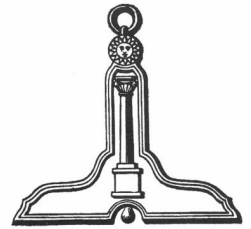
Fraternity means an association of Brothers, and that is exactly what Freemasonry is – a society of friends and Brothers. The origins of Freemasonry date back to the dawn of civilization. The Egyptians practiced many of the philosophies known to modern Freemasonry, and men practiced many of the operative skills as guilds formed in Europe during the Tenth Century. Written records of modern Freemasonry have been kept since 1717 with the formation of a general governing body called a Grand Lodge in England.

It is not a secret society in that its Temples are openly marked and almost everyone in the community knows where they are located. The Grand Lodge publishes a roster of the members of every Lodge in the jurisdiction. Many of the Lodges have individual bulletins or newsletters which carry the names of the officers and members, as well. Thus it is, in the strictest sense of the word, a society with secrets, and these are limited to its obligation, its modes of recognition, such as passwords and grips and certain parts of its ritual.

It is religious in character, but is not a religion. It is founded upon the basic principle of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and everyone who comes to its Lodges must express a particular belief about God, for this is the privilege of each individual and is not infringed upon by our Fraternity.

Freemasonry practices selective charities, founded on the principle of Brotherly need which is not applicable in all cases that appear similar. No member has a specific claim upon the society for its charity, for this is not a right acquired by becoming a member of the society, rather it is a privilege.

Brad Hamner
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Submitted by Hector Aponte

It is November 3rd as I write these lines, just two days before a particularly important event in the history of free nations. As we approach this day, an amazing and beautiful Masonic monument comes to mind. The Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial which is erected at the Gettysburg National Cemetery in the state of Pennsylvania. This monument depicts the "Armistead-Bingham Incident" in which Union Army Captain Henry H. Bingham assisted wounded Confederate Brigadier General Lewis Addison Armistead, both Freemasons. This event occurred after Pickett's Charge, a famous Confederate infantry assault during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, which marked the climax of the Battle of Gettysburg.

The monument has a plaque that reads: "This monument is presented by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and dedicated as a memorial to the Freemasons of the Union and the Confederacy. Their unique bonds of friendship enabled them to remain a brotherhood undivided, even as they fought in a divided nation, faithfully supporting the respective governments under which they lived."



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (continued)

This great nation is unfortunately seeing a lot of divisiveness right now, but it is particularly important to remember that more things unite us in the brotherhood than they divide us. If two soldiers who took arms against each other were able to remember that they were still brothers, we should do the same when our only issues are just differing opinions. Never forget your Obligation. May the blessings of The Great Architect of the Universe rest upon all of us, and upon this great Nation.

Hector Aponte
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Our winter visitors from the North (aka “snowbirds”) are arriving slowly. If there is anyone needing a ride, please let others know so that you can carpool.

Our Annual Outdoor Degree was held on Saturday, October 12th. Many thanks to Brother Leon and Sister Ruth for the use of their property for the venue. Congratulations to Brother Steven Houll on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Colorado River Fall Festival was held by the York Rites of California, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to Sir Knight Benjamin T. Hinderer on his becoming a Knights Templar! The Fall Ceremonial for Scottish Rite in Tucson on November 2nd and 3rd will have been completed by the time you are reading the Trestleboard.

Our annual Election of Officers was on November 14th. Trustees and Trial Commissioners were also voted on as well. If you would like to help with any of the committees that the Lodge has in place or would like to help in any other areas such as prospect management, please speak with the Committee Chairman that is listed in the Trestleboard, the Worshipful Master, or myself.

Dues notices will be coming out shortly if you have not yet received them. Dues cards will be electronic this year. I checked my virtual card, and it is just a plain dues card, there is no indication of Past Master or Perpetual Membership. In addition to you now having an “electronic” dues card, you have the option of printing one off on your own, with a QR Code which anyone with a smart phone can verify that you are currently in good standing. As the Secretary, I can also print one off and apply the Lodge seal. There is no area for either member or Secretary signatures. If you have a picture that you would like to have attached to your profile in Grandview, you can either upload it yourself or send it to me so that I can upload it.

It is imperative that you keep your information in Grandview updated so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up-to-date. If you have any information that needs to be updated in our Lodge database or in Grandview and do not know how, please contact me so that I can update it. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know. Please log in and update your information.

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

Fraternally,
Michael A. Kofta, PM
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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**.)

November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28 THANKS GIVING	29	30

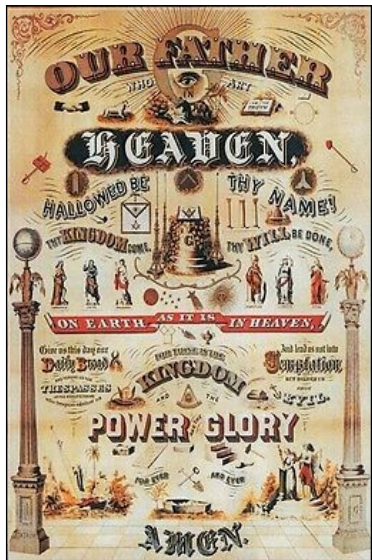
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work/Practices – Check with Line Officers
Imperial Installation of Officers – January 25, 2025
Annual BBQ Fundraiser – February 2025

Yuma Shrine Club

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

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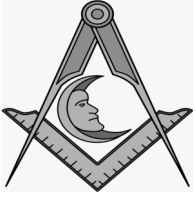


December 2024

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15	16 Yuma Commandery Christmas Program	17	18	19	20	21 Yuma Installation of Officers 
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY			

THE IMPORTANCE OF SYMBOLS

Submitted by Benjamin Vik, Junior Deacon



In Freemasonry, we are known for our use of symbolism. Items we present and wear have deep meaning, which the rubric of our ceremonies explain in great detail as one progresses. But what, in its essence, is a symbol, and why has human civilization been so drawn to their use since the dawn of history?

Merriam-Webster offers several definitions of the word: **1:** an authoritative summary of faith or doctrine; **2:** something that stands for or suggests something else by reason of relationship, association, convention, or accidental resemblance : a visible sign of something invisible; **3:** an arbitrary or conventional sign used in writing or printing relating to a particular field to represent operations, quantities, elements, relations, or qualities; **4:** an object or act representing something in the unconscious mind that has been repressed; **5:** an act, sound, or object having cultural significance and the capacity to excite or objectify a response.

Language is a symbol. Spoken words bring life and solidity to the thoughts and emotions that range through our heads, communicating them from the darkness of our minds into the light of another person's perception of them, and they in turn consuming the symbols into the darkness of their own mind to be processed. Words spoken create pictures in our minds. If I say "lion," your mind automatically generates a picture of a lion, along with the appropriate emotional response that image produces. If you are asked to create a drawn image, most of us could render a reasonable facsimile of a lion, from the simplest stick-figure to an impressive sketch; and while these images are immediately recognizable as a lion, they are not in fact one. But when we see this symbol, our mind's eye generates an image of a real one. Merriam-Webster's statement that it is "a visible sign of something invisible" resonates strongly here.

Written language as well conjures the same mental imagery, as each word is a symbol. Each letter of the alphabet is of itself a symbol, each as strong in its symbolic energy by itself as it is being juxtaposed and linked together to form words. For example, think of the opposing mental imagery and emotion conjured by your child telling you they received either an "A" in a subject or an "F." Even the symbols of punctuation can evoke the same imagery. The 1981 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records recounts the following: "The shortest literary correspondence on record was that between Victor Marie Hugo (1802–1885) and his publisher, Hurst and Blackett, in 1862. The author was on holiday and anxious to know how his new novel *Les Misérables* was selling. He wrote "?". The reply was "!"

Symbolism and religion are intrinsically intertwined. Carl Jung, in his great book *Man and His Symbols*, makes the compelling statement that "It is the role of religious symbols to give a meaning to the life of man."

The earliest written tales, whether of Egyptian hieroglyphs or Sumerian cuneiform, are depictions of the God or Gods of that civilization, and their interaction with those peoples. Carved depictions of the Gods show innumerable symbolic representations of their divinity, from rays of light, to birds, fish, pomegranates, and pine cones. The Norse runes were believed to be magical symbols, given to men by the hand of the God Odin himself. The ancient people seeing these symbols would have no doubt as to what they represented, and would mentally conjure up the image of the deity. Even today, as we look to the Cross, the Star of David, a depiction of a Crown of Thorns, or the Crescent of Islam, we immediately receive a flood of imagery relating to the deity each symbol represents.

Though Freemasonry is not a religious organization, our symbolism is inextricable from the teachings of the Holy Bible. Even our buildings, the Lodges that we meet in, are symbolically modeled on the Great Temple of King Solomon. Here you will find brazen pillars, surmounted by lilies, network and pomegranates. Here you will find sheafs of wheat, corn, wine, and oil, and an Altar holding a Holy Book. Each of these symbols purposefully evoke imagery of spiritual significance in your mind, of struggle, of reward, of birth, life, and death, and of the ultimate promise of Eternal Life that awaits.

Finally, in terms of powerful and important symbols; when I look at my right ring-finger I see a ring covered in symbolic representations of the working tools of masonry. On this particular ring, they are all there: A Square with Compasses, a Plumb, a Level, and a Trowel. If you have not gone through the degrees, the symbolic depictions evoke at the very least the mundane usefulness of the tools. To the uninitiated as well, the image of the Square and Compasses alone represent both the known (the bearer is a Freemason) and the unknown (the mystery of the Lodge). But to me, the powerful images and thoughts that these symbols evoke within my mind remind me to be vigilant against the darker urges and desires that plague the hearts of men, and rather to square my actions, circumscribe my desires, and meet with, act toward and part from my brethren, always governing myself under the blessing of Heaven.

VIEW FROM THE EAST (continued)

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

In the calendar of the medieval church, there were two saints named John who were associated with Jesus. One was the “forerunner” of Jesus, John the Baptist. The other was the apostle John, the brother of James. He is commonly known as John the Evangelist because of his supposed authorship of the Gospel of John in the New Testament. At some point, these two saints became known as the patron saints of Freemasonry. When and where that happened remains a mystery.

Now, Freemasonry isn’t and has never been a religious organization. It has always been open to members of all religions and faiths. However, the world into which it was born, in Enlightenment-era Europe, was a largely Christian one. As a result, many of the symbols of Freemasonry reflect Christian iconography—including the connection to the two Saint Johns in Freemasonry.

Duality and the Two Saint Johns

From the Masonic perspective, we can understand the balanced dualism of John the Baptist on one side and John the Evangelist on the other. Together, they represent two sides of a coin: the passionate zeal of the Baptist and the knowledge of faith of the apostle. A Masonic Lodge dedicated to the two patron saints of Freemasonry can be seen as a space to both reflect on and channel our passion. Taken as an abstract compilation of symbols, they represent a well-balanced path toward enlightenment. Even more, their feast days are closely associated with the summer and winter solstice—underscoring the symbolic duality of the two figures.

But why are St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist associated with Freemasonry in the first place? How did they become the patron saints of Freemasonry? Masonic scholars claim that the custom came from the practice of new Masons taking their obligations on a Bible opened to the first chapter of the Gospel of John. The “John” who was the supposed author of that gospel was, of course, John the Evangelist.

St. John Masonry

The opening words of the Gospel of St. John are: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* We know that in the 17th and 18th century, the “Mason Word” was a very important secret given to the newly obligated Mason. The “Mason Word” gave members of the fraternity access to all the privileges of Freemasonry. For “operative” stonemasons, that included access to work. The Gospel of St. John may have been chosen for the obligation because of the symbolic connection between the “Mason Word” and the “Word” in the opening verse of the gospel.

This connection was so important that Masons in that era were sometimes referred to as “St. John’s Masons.” In some tilers’ registers from the 18th century, visitors would put “St. John’s Mason” after their name. From that, we can extrapolate that the connection to the “Holy Saints John” in the Masonic ritual originated with St. John the Evangelist. And we can assume that the reference to St. John the Baptist as the second patron saint of Freemasonry came later. None of this can be proven, of course.

These “St. John’s Masons” did not leave us any records about why they adopted that name, or why they adopted the two Johns as the patron saints of Freemasonry. But I think this is as good a guess as any.

Brotherly Love,

Douglas W. Arps, Jr. “DJ”, WM



DEGREE WORK

Yuma Lodge held their annual Outdoor Degree on Saturday, October 12th. Congratulations to our new Master Mason, Brother Steven Houll! We were also able to help Brother Leon fix up his old west town. A small price to pay for him letting us use his house and yard for the outdoor degree! Thank you to all the Brothers who came to visit and bared the heat with us!



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

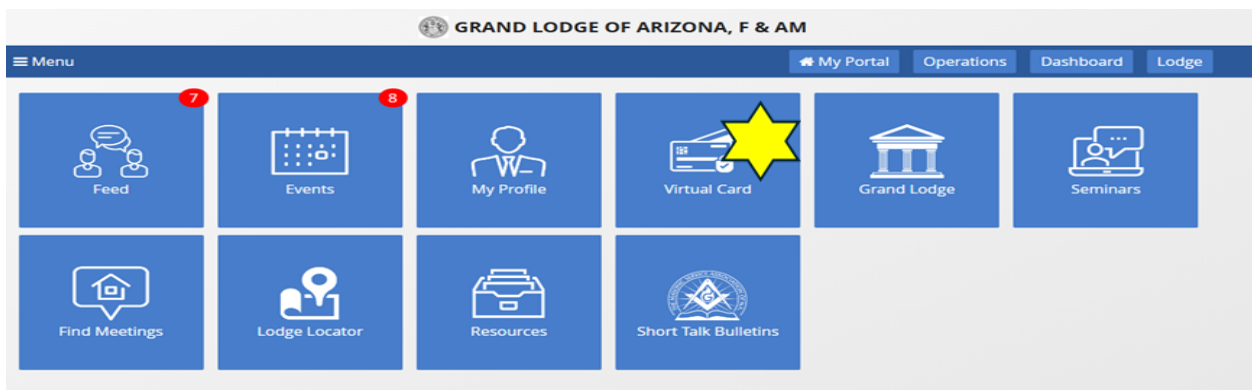
Brethren,

There is an old saying that states that there is nothing more constant than change. To that effect we have just gone through two changes with Grand View, the 2.0 revision, and the Grand Lodge of Arizona has implemented the use of electronic dues cards.

Your first step is to register for an account on Grand View by logging in from the Grand Lodge website:



Once you have an account you will be able to see your Masonic records, events, resources and your Virtual Dues card.



Your dues card will have all the pertinent information to prove you are a Master Mason in good standing.



Please note the QR expiration time. It is only good for a few minutes but if it does expire you can re-open Grand View and access the dues card anew and continue with business as usual.

Other changes to contend with will be election and installation of lodge officers. Although this change affects all members of a lodge it especially affects the lodge secretary, continuing or new.

Secretaries, remember to log all new officers into Grand View, remembering the trial commissioners which are an important part of the new year record.

Finally, secretaries and treasurers, remember to upload and report your year-end financial reports and data.

The Grand Lodge Office Staff wishes you a great new masonic year and as always should you have any questions or concerns or need help please contact the Grand Lodge Office at your earliest convenience.

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Traveling Men



WB Michael Kofta and Brother Doc Trujillo attended the Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Degree in September. It looks like they had a good time!



A few Brothers from Yuma Lodge attended an Exaltation Ceremony at Imperial Lodge in Brawley, CA. This was an important event for Imperial Lodge and the Masons from Baja California!



MWB Mike Dale was invited to walk in one of the Veterans Day Parades in the Phoenix Area. WB Doug Arps, Jr. was originally there to show support with his family, but he ended up walking in parade with him! Thank you to all veterans near and far for your sacrifice and service!





STAR IN THE EAST

By Linda Neal, PM, Associate Matron

Greetings Everyone,

We have enjoyed welcoming our Sisters and Brothers back with us from the North. It's always great to see all of our chairs filled with the smiling faces of our Sisters and Brothers. We are also excited to get a new piano for our Chapter! Our old organ holds lots of memories, but like with us, time has aged it. We look forward to lots of wonderful music from Sister Sally and Sister Eileen!



Several members were able to attend General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, SC. It was a great time of fellowship, getting to meet members from around the world! Brother Mike Dale attended representing the Grand Lodge of Arizona as Worshipful Grand Master and was invited by Sister Billie Bradfield to speak. Speaking of Sister Billie, the highlight of the event was seeing her installed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron! She will work hard over the next three years growing our Order and continuing to support the work we do around the world. Arizona Grand Chapter will do all they can to support Sister Billie and we can't wait for General Grand



Chapter to come to Arizona! The "desert is heaven in '27!"

We recently welcomed Brother Doug Leader as a new affiliated member to our Chapter. Brother Doug is the son of Sister Marvel Leader, Past Grand Matron and Brother Richard Leader, Past Grand Patron, both of Utah. Brother Doug has been coming down with his parents for the last several years and we are excited to have him become a member.

On Sunday, November 17th, several of our members attended the Installation of Officers at Imperial Chapter in California. We have enjoyed getting to know this Chapter and hope to continue our friendship in the future! Congratulations to all their new officers!

We honored our Veterans at our November 12th meeting, preceded by a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Thank you to all our members who have served. We then served the Yuma Masons with a Thanksgiving dinner two evenings later. We have many wonderful cooks in our Chapter! We are planning to deliver flowers for The Flower Mine, our local florist, the day before Thanksgiving to raise money for our Ways and Means. We love bringing cheer to residents of Yuma! The smiles and joy we see make all the driving worth it! Our Christmas meeting will be December 10th at 7:00pm, with dinner before at 6:00pm. Please join us and wear your best red and green! With the start of 2025, we will have our stated meetings on January 14th, 2025 and January 28th, 2025. We will then be having our Official Visit Saturday, February 1st, 2025. We look forward to honoring our Grand Officers and our friends from near and far.



Upcoming birthdays:

- NOVEMBER – Joyce Brown (13th); Sabrina Arps (19th); Molly Beaton (23rd); Jerry McAdams (26th); Norma Trujillo (27th)
- DECEMBER – Annette Casey (4th); Jack Prather (5th); Linda Neal, PM (8th); Darrell Fischer (13th); Don Beaton (15th); Jimmy Seals II (16th); Mary Callen, PM (17th); Sally McKay (18th)

Until next time, 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 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.

YORK RITE HAPPENINGS

YUMA COMMANDERY #10, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Submitted By Benjamin Vik, Eminent Commander

Brothers all,

If you have not considered the York Rite of Freemasonry, I encourage you to apply as a candidate for the conferrals. This year at the 33rd annual Colorado River Fall Festival, many brothers (to include our own Past Master Benjamin Hinderer!) were conferred the Degrees and Knighted! To be exact, 36 brothers were conferred the Chapter (Red) York Rite degrees, 39 were conferred the Council (Purple) Cryptic degrees, and 42 took the Orders of the Temple (Knights Templar). The Festival is an amazing experience, requiring an immense amount of work and dedication, voluntarily staffed by some of the hardest-working masons I have met, all dedicated to furtherance of the craft, and all fun-loving individuals as well.

WB Michael Kofta, High Priest of Cochan Chapter #10 (York Rite) did great work in registration and overall volunteering this year! Meet us next year in the Hospitality Room, WB Hinderer made a great host! If you are considering joining this wonderful appendant body, and participating in the fun and fellowship of the conferrals, I encourage you to ask any current member for information, and inquire of Secretary Quaid Smith for dates and paperwork.

Fraternally,

Ben Vik, Eminent Commander

Yuma Commandery #10



Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

NOVEMBER

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Edd McDaniel
Anthony Milanes, PM
Jay Milstead
John Phipps
Russell Pool Jr.
Perry Schuman
Terry Smith
Carlos Teran
Ernest Wallner
Tim Williams, PM
Roy Wright

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Lauro Gonzalez
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William Hobart
James McKnight
Michael McLaughlin
Kevin Nakasawa

James Tench
Grant Veile

***** ATTENTION *****

Deadline for the January/February 2025 Trestleboard is

DECEMBER 20TH

***** ATTENTION *****

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Our meeting rooms are a little fuller now, thanks to our winter visitors. The meetings are nicer when our seats are full and we have more sideliners! The weather has also been cooler and, I don't know about you, but I am relishing the cool weather! But it also means the holidays are here and I hope you all have a happy holiday season 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 the Yuma Lodge Facebook page. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps



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Worshipful Master

Budget

Worshipful Master

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Funeral

Worshipful Master

Grievance

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FUNDRAISING

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Brad Hamner

Barbeque

Brad Hamner

Trustees

Midnight at the Oasis

Worshipful Master

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bikes for Books

Brad Hamner

Public Schools

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Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards

Benjamin Hinderer

Facebook

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Mason of the Year

SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress

Antero Trujillo

Telephone Calling

Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

Trestleboard

Sabrina Arps, Publisher

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Website

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Wills and Bequests

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