



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Dale, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East

This has been a long and arduous year. Sometimes I feel as though I was traveling a rough and rugged road and was beset by ruffians from time to time. We lost 6 brothers to the celestial lodge above and my first duty as your Worshipful Master was to preside over a funeral ceremony for a brother which was made a bit harder by me having a personal connection to this great man. With all the help from the Brethren, we made it through the ceremony. I thank all of the officers and members of this Lodge for giving me good and timely council when I needed it and a hearty hand shake when I did well. A hearty thank you goes out to all of our winter visitors who helped in any way, no matter how small. It's the small things that make this fraternity so wonderful.

We gained 4 new Master Masons, 6 Fellowcraft and 4 Entered Apprentices. We still have a lot of work before us. We need any and all mentors to light the torch and bring these brothers back to complete all of their degree work. I'm counting on you to make it so. We have been doing some wonderful degree work over the past few months. We have been working some strange hours. Coming in on Wednesday, Thursday and even a Friday to help Brother Blue get raised and even to complete his third degree proficiency. He left for Japan the same week he completed his proficiency. Good luck to brother Blue in all of his future endeavors. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the brothers who assisted in making this happen. We even found the time to initiate Brother Allen before he had to go back to his ship in San Diego.

The Official Visit went extremely well with Right Worshipful Brother Scott Thomas Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona gracing us with his presence. A special thanks to Brother Rusty Pool for sitting in for the Junior Deacon. He performed admirably as always. RW Brother Scott was impressed with the Lodge as many are in their first visit to the lodge. He stated that it appears that Yuma Lodge #17 is doing some fine work here in the far recesses of the Southwest corner of the state. Now if it only wasn't so darn far to get here from anywhere else in Arizona, we would probably get more visitors.

My installation as Master (again) went very well. A big thank you to Brothers Tim Williams, PM, Installing Officer, Mikel White, PM, Installing Marshall and Jim Trehern, PM, Installing Chaplain. The food served was outstanding and was so good the WB Jack Frost said it was even better the next day for breakfast. A big thanks goes out to my wife BJ for all the preparation and planning that went in to the ceremony. I don't know what I would do without that woman. After forty years, I think I'll keep her.

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Congratulations Don Hawkins, Mason of the Year



STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June.

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Meeting at 7:30 pm

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ON THE LEVEL

By Michael Kofta, Senior Warden

Brothers,

I pray that the Great Architect of The Universe continues to bless you and your families.

For the year end message, many thanks are in order..

Brothers, to all of you, I would like to extend to all of you a very heartfelt Thank You for 2016. You had elected me to represent you as both a Trustee and your Junior Warden for the past year and now as a Trustee and your Senior Warden for 2017, I am truly honored and humbled with the trust that you have given me. I hope that I can serve you in the new capacities to your fullest expectations.

Thank you to the Line Officers that helped to make it such a challenging and fun year. Thank you to all of the Brothers who stepped up and jumped in to assist with and do the degree work, you made a big difference. Your dedication and selflessness to step in and learn the work is awe inspiring! Thank you to all of our participants and sideliners for your assistance and support.

We have done a lot of good degree work this year! In addition to our steady regulars, we had a lot of new Masons step up and jump in with both feet assisting the degree teams in preparing our new Masons. Thank you to

all who stepped up for your hard work, determination and professionalism. I pray that the Great Architect continues to guide us all in our future endeavors.

We have had some improvements done to the Lodge itself that we can be thankful for; the new floor in the kitchen and the new carpeting being the most notable. We need to help fill the coffers in order to continue the improvements and upkeep of the lodge.

A special Thank you is in order for Worshipful Brother David McHone and his wife Lisa. Thanks to vision and drive of W.B. David, we have closed out the year with a truly AWESOME fundraiser for the "Sherman L. Allen - Bikes for Books" program. A job WELL DONE by W.B. David McHone and his wife Lisa! I would be remiss without including a Thank You to Brother Menelaos "Mike" Patsiouras for the meal and Michael McLaughlin for his assistance and auctioneer skills as well.

With the Annual Barbeque coming up, as much help as you can to assist would be greatly appreciated.

Let us, with the help of the Great Architect of The Universe, strive to make 2017 another successful year.

Fraternally,
Brother Michael A. Kofta

UNIFORM CHANGE

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On Friday, December 9th, the Lodge hosted the First Annual Sherman L. Allen Bikes for Books Dinner and Auction. Dinner was eaten by all and the best was yet to come. Thanks to WB David McHone and Brothers Mike McLaughlin and Brad Hamner for putting on a great after dinner bidding war. A special thanks to Brother Mike for cooking the dinner. The money raised will make this the best Bikes for Books Program in a few years. Keep your calendars open for the upcoming dates for the bike give-away here in town and the one over in Dateland. You will appreciate all the hard work that goes in to this program. Can't wait to see what happens at the Second Annual fundraiser.

In keeping with a long standing Masonic tradition, I have decided that the uniform for line officers for next year will

be tuxedos for all degree work; dark suites for those young line officers that have not purchased a tuxedo as of yet. Stated meetings will be conducted in dark business suites. I like to dress up for solemn occasions. Any complaints may be filed in triplicate with the Complaint Committee secretary Helen Waite for consideration.





SECRETARY'S TABLE

By Mikel White, PM, DDGM

Good Morning Brothers,

It has been a busy year in the lodge. First, all dues notices have been sent out and I have sent out 122 dues cards that have been paid for out of 199 members. If you do not have anything, your address is wrong or the dog ate your notice. There is a new officer line voted for 2017. Worshipful Master Michael Dale, Senior Warden Michael Kofta, Junior Warden Dale Krieger PM, Senior Deacon Sean Godfrey, Junior Deacon Matthew Stang, Senior Stewart Russell Pool Sr., Junior Stewart Benjamin, Marshall Jurail Simpson, Tyler Quaid Smith PM, Chaplin Antero Trujillo, Treasurer Jack Frost PM, and last Secretary Mikel White PM.

There will be members assigned by the Master of the lodge to take over Committee chairmanships for all committees. If, you would like to be one

please contact are Worshipful Master. I instructed the Master well on Volunteering members. The lodge needs your help!

The trustees for Yuma lodge 17 starting on January 1, are in the column to your right. If you need something done in the lodge please contact your trustee.

The Yuma Lodge 17 BBQ will be February 19, 2017 at the Yuma Convention Center from 11am – 3pm. Please mark your calendars. Tickets will be mailed out in January to the members. Please buy them or sell them to your friends. This is the biggest fundraiser we have for the lodge. I will be selling tables to vendors to sell there items to everyone. If you need tickets please contact Mikel White 928-503-4356.

PETITIONS FOR DEGREES AVAILABLE IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

WHY THE BLACK & WHITE CLOTHING?

By Richard Num, 30 August 1999

The following was compiled in response to a question by a Prince Hall Brother on the Internet asking why freemasons wear black and white.

This has been the custom for over two hundred years. In the 1700's freemasons did not wear black and white. In an old masonic catechism of that time there is a question asking about the Master's clothing - "yellow jacket and blue breeches" forms part of the answer. This was an allusion to the colors of a pair of compasses and a square, perhaps. There is a painting showing the Scottish poet Robert Burns in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh (Scotland) on his appointment as lodge poet laureate - members of the lodge wear variously colored coats, breeches and stockings, not black and white. This event was supposedly on 1 March 1787; the painting (by Brother Stewart Watson) was produced in 1846. Blue and gold were certainly recognized as the official colors of freemasonry in the 1720's - nowadays these colors are used as the edging on aprons of Grand Lodge Officers and on

their collars; private lodge officers use light blue collars and have light blue trimmings on their aprons.

A quick Internet search on the history of men's formal wear yielded two useful sites.

From one site it seems that black formal wear was invented by an English writer. The idea of wearing black for evening wear was, according to the English clothing historian James Laver, first introduced by the nineteenth-century British writer Edward Bulwer-Lytton, who utilized it "as a romantic gesture to show that he was a 'blighted being' and very, very melancholy." And it was Bulwer-Lytton who gave further impetus to this notion of black as the color for formal wear by writing, in 1828, that "people must be very distinguished to look well in black." Naturally, the moment this statement was noted by would-be dandies, the style became decidedly de rigueur...or "cool" in modern parlance.

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8	9 	10 	11	12  Stated	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Masonic Barbeque
Sunday, February 19th, 11 am to 3 pm.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 	7  Trustee	8	9  Stated	10	11
12	13 	14 	15	16	17	18
19  BBQ	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 				

Yuma Lodge No. 17

Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at 7:30 pm preceded by dinner at 6:30.

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

Trustees' Meetings: First Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Lodge members welcome.

York Rite Bodies

Stated Meetings: First Monday at 7:30 pm.

Practice: Third Monday at 7:30.

Order of the Eastern Star

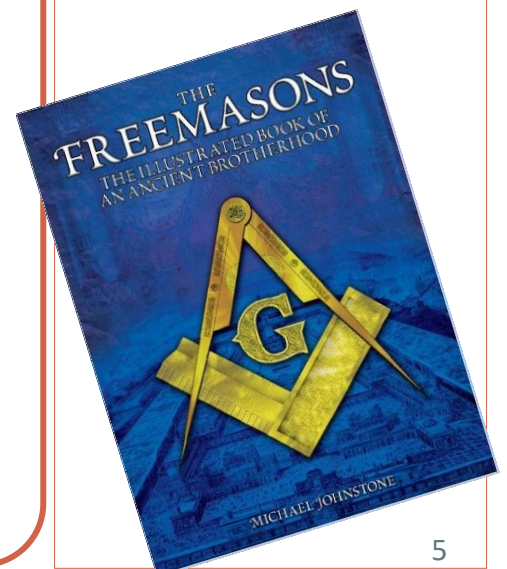
Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 pm preceded by dinner at 6:00.

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Meetings: Second Monday at 7:00 pm.

Yuma Shrine Ladies Lunch

Third Tuesday at 11:30 am.
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Antero A. Trujillo

The materialism of our time has had influence on Freemasonry. According to the author, the ethics and moral values of Freemasonry are current and it is up to us, the Freemasons, who must keep the principles and values, not just for ourselves but to motivate newer members.

This fragment of the article which was published, is by Sir Knight Philip Buchholz, PGC, written when he was Grand Master of Masons in Wyoming in 2004. Published in Knight Templar, Volume LXII, number 10, October, 1016-Page number 13-14.

"Builders are those brothers with vision, energy and enthusiasm; those who have plans to grow as freemasons,

to erect a Masonic edifice in their heart; those focused on the value of Freemasonry, the building of our fraternity from within; those truly concerned about making themselves better men, morally, ethically and spiritually, those brothers who truly believe and understand that our fraternity must first be "value" based; those brothers who exhibit pride in their work within this fraternity; those who demand the best from themselves and expect no less from others; those brothers who have a real desire to share with others, to pass on their knowledge and experiences and to teach and to enroll others into our great fraternity.

Those, my brothers, are builders."

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This was probably a reaction to the sartorial excesses of men during the time of the English Prince Regent (later Brother King George IV) when dandies such as Beau Brummell wore more splendid apparel than females.

The original dinner jacket was "invented" by Brother King Edward VII then Prince of Wales. He was also the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in the last quarter of the 19th Century. He certainly made the dinner jacket fashionable, and no doubt this is why the vast majority of freemasons in Australia and some other countries wear dinner jackets (some WMs and Grand Lodge folk wear white tie and tails).

From the other site - the tuxedo was "invented" by Pierre Lorillard IV, a wealthy man of Tuxedo Park in New York State, in 1896. His son and friends wore the first tuxedos to a white tie and tails ball. The cummerbund and bow tie (popular with many freemasons in Australia) were later additions to the "tux" outfit.

In the more tropical parts of Australia, masons wear

white mess jackets rather than the somber dinner jacket or tuxedo or tailcoat. Members of daylight lodges here wear day clothes such as a business suit or perhaps a formal sports jacket.

Frequent attenders at lodge take their freemasonry fairly seriously, and wearing formal clothes perhaps helps to set the mood. Furthermore, the "uniform" of black-and-white might mean that we pay more attention to the man than his clothes - the reverse might occur if we wore catwalk "gear" to lodge!

In many parts of the world, at least a portion of the lodge floor is black and white. As to how long these checkered or black-and-white mosaic pavements have existed in lodge, maybe someone else can answer that question. I would suspect that these pavements became fashionable in permanent lodge rooms, when chalk marks on the floor or floor coverings were no longer required to be laid out by the Tyler in temporary accommodation such as taverns and hostels. As an aside, there is a vogue in Australia for some new lodges to meet in temporary accommodation such as clubs, so the rolled up masonic carpet (afghan) is making a comeback. Such carpets are mainly comprised of black and white squares arranged in a mosaic pattern.

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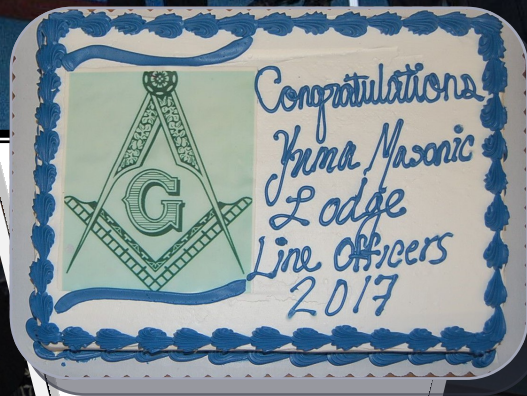
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The officers and members of the Yuma Chapter 14 of the Order of the Eastern Star cordially invites all members of the order to attend meetings each 2nd and 4th Tuesday, September through June. A light dinner is served at 6 pm with the meeting at 7 pm.

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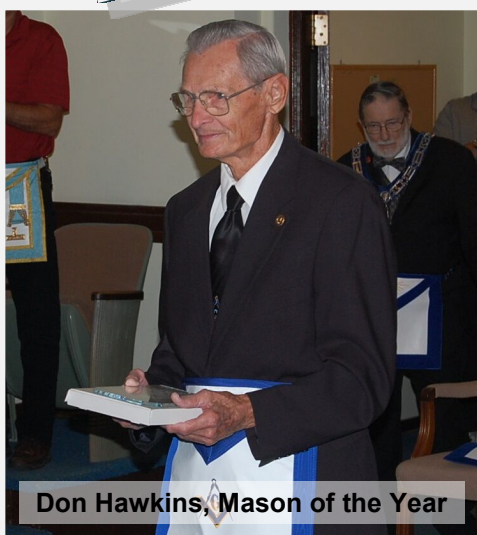
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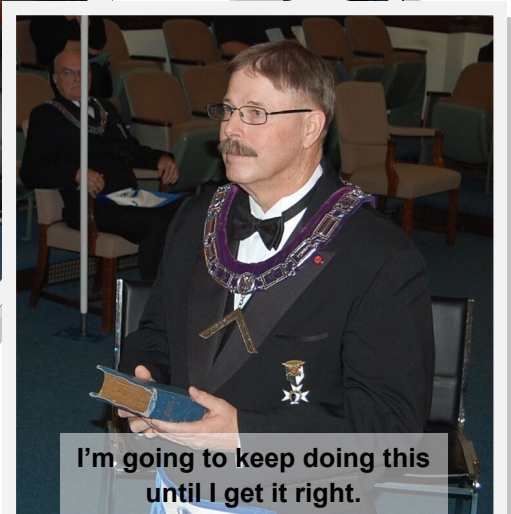
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Don Hawkins, Mason of the Year



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