



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Dale, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East

I stated in the last Trestleboard that “It’s the small things that make this fraternity so wonderful.” I said it then and I am saying it again, “It is the small things that make this fraternity so wonderful.” The annual Bar-B-Que is behind us and it will be a couple of weeks before we know just how successful it ended up being.

It goes without saying, however, I will say it anyway; the backbone of the entire event was that loveable guy who hangs out in the office. WB Mikel White. This year’s event was truly a family affair. Mikel’s wife Emily was posting pictures and comments on Facebook during the Bar-B-Que to entice more people to come out and join us. Their daughter Katy (Osama Bin Laden) and 40, yes that is four zero, of her Cibola Choir members helped from selling drinks to assisting to serve food and even stood outside near Avenue A with signs pointing people in the right direction. These young people were so seamless in coming and going that I didn’t know there were so many. Both of Mike and Emily’s sons Mathew and Johnathan were running food and whatever else they could handle during the entire Bar-B-Que.

Mikel and Emily were instrumental in getting 25 vendors to come out and display and/or sell their wares. All of the vendors, from the Girl Scouts selling cookies to those selling jewelry to those just displaying their wares hoping to drum up more business had nothing but positive things to say about the Bar-B-Que. All of the vendors bought tickets and thoroughly enjoyed the meal.

Very special thanks goes out to our Canadian family members who assisted WB Dale Kreiger in cutting the meat and getting it ready to be served. Malcolm Farrel, Jim Trehern and Bill Dixon were right there until the last tri-tip was cut. Then stuck around until the last bit of beef juice was cleaned up and the kitchen was inspection ready. Jeff Grimes and Jose Ramirez kept the supply of cole slaw flowing and anything else that would happen to pop up. Benjamin Hinderer and Mark Jones kept the bean supply warm and the serving line supplied. Ben even dabbled in heating tortillas so that Brad Hamner could take a break. A special thanks to Brad for finding a new supplier for the tortillas, saving us over half of the traditional cost of tortillas and finding the best tasting tortillas we have ever had.

For all of those that enjoyed the meat, we have Harold Hass to thank along with his son Mike and Mike’s friend. (Any complaints can be taken with the complaint department secretary Helen Waite.) Harold was unable to do the actual cooking due to health issues but as true brothers often do ensured that the meat was purchased, on hand with all the right spices, and cooked to perfection. We are blessed to have brothers like these and their friends.

Some of the hardest workers were those on the serving line. They all performed the seamless task of interacting with the customers and seeing that their needs were taken care of immediately. We had the “Blind Man” Rick Butler ensuring that the tickets were collected and a clean plate was passed to be filled. I still can’t figure out how he counts them without Braille on the tickets. Diane Farrel, also from the Canadian north and wife of Malcolm Farrel, piled on the meat. I suppose meat

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STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

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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.

Our travelling Brethren from the "North country" are slowly starting to filter back in. Welcome back! Let's see if you can bring in a few other visitors with you as well.

We have been off to a somewhat slow start in the lodge this year. Partially because of appendant body functions which many of us were/are involved with, and of course our Annual BBQ. Also due to funerals for some of our brethren who have moved on to the Celestial Lodge.

Thank you to all who assisted with the funeral programs, degree work and BBQ.

The current and up and coming line officers have been practicing to polish up our floor work for the lodge. Hopefully, we will have some degree work coming up so that our new line officers can show off their work!

The jugs for collecting donations to paint the building are in place on the

stage and near the Tyler's table on the second floor, every little bit can help. If anyone has any additional ideas for fund raisers, please let them be known.

The "Sherman L. Allen - Bikes for Books program" will be wrapping up soon as well as the scholarship program. If anyone knows of any school/teacher that could benefit from a classroom grant, have them submit an application. With the increase number of bicycles being delivered this year, I'm sure we can use assistance delivering the bicycles and it would be nice to see some brothers who would be willing to help and see the results of program as well.

Lift up your voices in prayer for those Brothers who are unable to make it to Lodge due to sickness and distress. Pray that the Great Architect of The Universe returns them to the Lodge safely and quickly.

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

Fraternally,
Brother Michael A. Kofta



BY THE PLUMB

By Dale Kreger, Junior Warden

We had a great turnout for the Barbeque. Thanks to all who helped out. That's what makes this a special place to be part of. The praise we got was outstanding, everyone seemed to be satisfied. Thanks to all of our Ladies we could not do this without your support.

We have lost a few brothers, that have left a hole in our hearts. This is a fact of life; this means that they had an effect on us. Not to be sad but remember the fun and brother hood we shared. We have our Senior Deccan having surgery on his back. Keep him in your prayers.

Our winter visitor will be going back soon. Wish them safe travels. We

are looking for anyone that wants to be a part of degrees by learning a part (charges are always needed). You will get what you put in to it. It's always nice to have someone come up and say you're the one that did this or that. This is what it is all about helping each other. Even just moral support is a big thing (it does help).

Hopefully we are going to have some work coming up. It has been busy these past few weeks with all that has gone on here at Lodge.

Hope to see all in Lodge.

Yours In Faith,
Dale Kreger, PM



SECRETARY'S TABLE

by Mikel White, PM, DDGM

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runs in their family. She has been helping at each years Bar-B- Que for some where like forever. She was assisted by Betsy Ramirez and several of the 40 Cibola Choir girls. Near the end of the line was Anterro Trujillo with the all-important task of asking "HOT or MILD".

Your Senior Warden Mike Kofta started his day bright and early along with Mark Jones assisting me with the beans. Mike was our food runner getting whatever food was needed to keep the line moving. He was instrumental in cleanup and getting items back to the lodge after it was all over. Your Treasurer WB Jack Frost did an amazing job selling over 200 tickets at the door and keeping the donation money and the ticket money from co-mingling.

Congratulations and thank you to WB Bob Dennis who was very successful with his Masonic memorabilia. I'd like to pass on a special thank you to Don Hawkins for taking the time and effort to display the numerous pictures and for keeping the history of our lodge alive.

Brother Mike McLaughlin seized the opportunity to jump on the Facebook bandwagon for us and used his gift of gab to go forth and get some advertising for us. Thanks brother for getting the word out even though it was

the wrong day initially. You set them straight.

It was a job well done by all. This Bar-B-Que would not be as successful as it was without all the assistance that was so freely given. You all deserve more than these words can say but thank you for all your hard work in keeping this tradition going. If I missed anyone by name let me know and I will buy you a soda from the refrigerator.

Keep Brother Sean Godfrey and his wife Mary in your prayers. He is recovering from back surgery. I for one miss him deeply and pray for a speedy recovery.

After reading "How do you know yourself to be a Mason" again, I want to give a Worshipful Master shout out to WB Tim Williams. You know what you did and you definitely are a Mason as are all those who assisted in making this year's Masonic Bar-B-Que a huge success.

There is not much work coming to the lodge in the next couple of months. I want to continue to hold practices on Thursday nights. We have some young ones that need our assistance and we must keep ourselves sharp with the degree work. We may have a first degree after March's stated meeting.

There is Road Side Cleanup on March the 28th. All are invited to meet at the corner of Fortuna Road and Highway 95 at 0800. Please bring a friend and be careful out there.

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Highway Clean-up
Saturday, March 25th, 8 am to 10 am.

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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.

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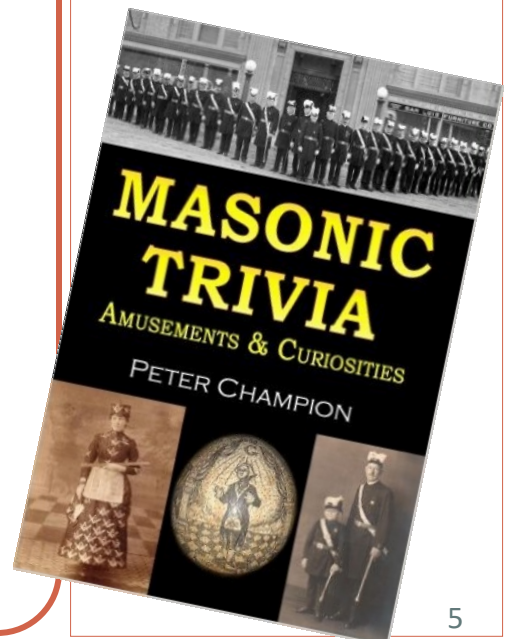
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Meetings: Second Monday at 7:00 pm.

Yuma Shrine Ladies Lunch

Third Tuesday at 11:30 am.



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Applications must be received by April 15, 2017

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- Or, is a full time student attending one of the above mentioned educational facilities.
- Have maintained a 3.0 GPA in the previous year of school attended.
- The student **MUST** have a Masonic sponsor.
- The completed application, along with the following information must be received by April 15th of each year accompanied by:
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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.

Prospective members may inquire by calling Quaid Smith at (928) 782-0319

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HOW DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF TO BE A MASTER MASON?

When that question was asked of you during the work of the First Degree, did it register as being of great importance? To most candidates it doesn't. Usually it appears to be just a question that occurs in the process of instruction, and the answer seems to be very simple. In statement it is simple, of course, but as the student of Masonry progresses, he discovers that even the simplest of thoughts in Masonry have deep meanings attached to them. Very little occurs in the work of the Craft that is of small significance.

All of us have noted certain Brethren in our own and in other Lodges who seem particularly apt to learn and express themselves Masonically. These men are sure to be found at the head of Lodge activities. They are moving spirits. They know the work and they know how to get things done. Moreover, they appear to be eager to advance in the interest of their Lodges. They think up things to do, or rather observe things that need doing. Sometimes their energy even grates a little on other Brethren. Once in a while criticism may be heard, the burden of which is likely to be that these Brethren are a trifle too ambitious.

One knows himself to be a Mason when he begins to view truth, honor, justice, and charity not as abstract principles, but as practical everyday virtues which he must practice and exemplify in all of its relationships with his fellowmen. When within him burns an intense desire to protect and advance the welfare of his Brethren and with a constant care, that no harm or injury comes to them through acts of his, a man may know he is developing the Masonic spirit.

Such a thing may occur once in a while to be sure, but not often. As a rule the active Brother is one who knows he is a Mason, why he is one, and how he got that way. To such a Brother the question of how he knows he is a Mason is a sort of challenge. He knows very well the simple answer in the ritual isn't all of it by any means. It is only the beginning. He knows the ceremony whereby he was brought to light was merely the lighting of the lamp. By it he was able to enter the Lodge, to greet the Brethren Masonically, but so far as actual work was concerned he was verily an Entered Apprentice. The light illuminated his own character and revealed to him obligations owing to his fellowmen. It was then he began to understand knowing a few of the secrets of the Craft is now what makes him a Mason. It is true that many good men feel these same things without being Masons. But any understanding Mason knows such men would accomplish more and find greater joy in their service, if added to their natural goodwill, they had the encouragement, fellowship, and inspiration of a great Fraternity wholly dedicated to the same high aspirations.

You know yourself to be a Mason first by understanding the eternal principles upon which the Craft is founded and then upon feeling in your own heart a clear response to their call. When, gradually, the new Brother learns of the glorious history of the Fraternity and begins to feel kinship with the legions who went this way before him; when in the events of the past he is able to discern the fine handcraft of brothers and fellows, tracing out their beneficent influence in the progress of mankind; then he knows himself to be a Mason in spirit and in truth.



STAR IN THE EAST

By Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron

Hello to all our Sisters and Brothers:

Well it's been a busy few months for Eastern Star. Christmas time gathering bags of clothes for the safe house, and soaps & shampoo. January had 50's night. Remember when? We fixed the Masonic dinners for January; February.

On February 11th we had our Official Visit. There were about 90 people at the OV. We were honored by the visit of the Grand Family of the Grand Chapter of Arizona. Sister Billie Bradfield, Elective General Grand Chapter Officer, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. Also the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Ellen O Malia and Brother Randy Ahrens Worthy Grand Patron and many more. Karen Wallman made a great lunch. Brother David Gills our Grand Sentinel was honored by a

special program. Also the Worshipful Brother Mike White District Deputy Grand Master of the F&AM The Worshipful Master Mike Dale.

On Sunday the 12th we had a Memorial for brother George Roach, it was a very nice service. Delivered Flowers on February 14th one of our big money maker. Thanks to everyone that delivered.

March is almost here. Meeting on 14th, wear Green for St Patrick, Meeting on the 28th of March is wear Hawaiian. Then comes April 11th meeting wear Spring for Easter time. "Let's GO Country" Western wear. Meeting on the 25th. End of April lets walk for Cancer. Relay for Life. May 9th meeting Election of new officers. Meeting on May 23rd farewell and Memorial for all members that have passed away 2016-2017. Lets all so remember our Service Men and Women that are in Harms way. Lets bring them home safe. God Bless all of you!

Star Love,
Carolyn Simson, WM and David Gills, WP





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