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# TRESTLEBOARD

## VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Dale, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East

We recently had our Official Visit from Right Worshipful Brother Craig Gross Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. It was an honor to receive him in his official capacity. The Lodge was opened in due form and the Brethren “clothed” themselves appropriately. If you are unaware of the “clothed” remark, then it has been far too long since the last time you attended a stated meeting or any other meeting for that matter. Craig and his wife Linda stated they enjoyed the visit immensely.

As your Worshipful Master, I have been doing some traveling around the state to bring Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth from Yuma to our Brothers throughout the state. I attended the outdoor degree at the Fain Ranch in Dewey Arizona which was not disappointing. WB Mikel White and your very own Senior Warden, Mike Kofta were present and we all learned something that we could incorporate into our lodge. I next traveled through beautiful downtown Benson, AZ to a wonderful little place called St. David, AZ for another outdoor degree. This lodge was located in a beautiful mesquite grove cut out to resemble a lodge with all of the wooden accessories made out of mesquite wood. Even the Marshall’s baton was a length of mesquite wood. This was due to the fact that the real one could not be located and there just happened to be located next to my chair a length of mesquite wood which I promptly handed to the Marshall. A good time was had by all at both of these events. I traveled to Kingman, AZ to the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Masonry and was treated to a history lesson from the Grand Orator and much was learned about the history of Masonry. Did you know that back in the day the fee to receive the degrees was as much as an entire month’s wages? I made the trip to Flagstaff #7 to celebrate the rededication of the cornerstone. This is a very interesting ceremony that is full of Masonic History. Thank you WB Mikel for all you did this weekend. If you would like to see a Cornerstone Rededication, come down to Nogales on November 11<sup>th</sup> and witness greatness. I will be traveling to more exotic places around the state and if you are able, you are more than welcome to come along with me. Just ask!

We have been doing some wonderful degree work lately and I would like to thank all of the Brothers who have come out to assist. I extend a hearty invitation for more of our Brothers to come to assist in some small way. It appears as though we will have a few 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees to be put on before the end of the year. All brothers are welcome at any time to come by and visit. You really don’t need an invitation, but just in case . . . I am sending out an invitation to all members of this Lodge, as well as out of state visitors, withersoever dispersed, to return to your roots and come back to attend a meeting or help in some degree work. You do not know what you are missing and we miss all of you being at the Lodge with us! We are also looking forward to seeing our out of state Brothers coming back. If you need a ride to the lodge, call us and we will come to assist. I just made the second move by sending the invitation (I sent the invitation in a previous Trestleboard). All you need to do is make the effort to attend. We need you and want to see you here in the Lodge.



### STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,  
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Degree work most every  
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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.

The lodge has been called from refreshment to labor again after the summer break. Our winter visitors have been slowly but surely returning from their homes in the "Great North." We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe guides even more of them here safely during their travels.

We had a fairly large attendance for our recent stated meeting and I would like to see the attendance rise at our degree nights as well. Let us endeavor to make all of our meetings a special occasion for all and come to show support for our new members joining our fraternity, and the Brothers doing the ritual work.

I hope you have been staying current with your rituals and have been practicing for any of the parts that you may wish to do in for the upcoming degrees as well. I have not had many calls asking for assistance with practice for degree work, ritual or lectures. I am always willing to help a Brother out in his studies.

If you have any unique talents or would just like to help out with any of

our many committees, please let someone know. Some of the positions only take a few minutes per week or month to complete and can have lasting results. This call is repeated from the previous Trestleboard since there were no takers of those who remained near the lodge over the summer and to remind our returning winter visitors.

There are still jugs for donations to "paint the building" on the stage and near the display case on the second floor, every little bit can help. "Bikes for Books" can also use your charitable donations to sustain the program. If anyone has any additional ideas for fund raisers for these or any other project or program, please let them be known.

The question from the previous TRESTLEBOARD was: In what famous city from the Holy Bible, and which still exists today was King Solomon's temple erected? Answer: Jerusalem.

Lastly, the drape for the North pedestal has been misplaced. If you run across it, please either place it on the North pedestal or the Tyler's desk. Thank you.

*Fraternally,*  
Brother Michael A. Kofta





## SECRETARY'S TABLE

By Mikel White, PM, DDGM



# PROCRASTINATION

The dog deleted my article  
and other fairy tales

## THE 47TH PROBLEM OF EUCLID, PART II

Continued from last month's Trestleboard

Here, you WILL be able to create a perfect square with only sticks and string, just as our ancestors did.

You will need 4 thin sticks which are strong enough to stick into the soft soil, 40 inches of string and a black magic marker. Actually, any length will work, but this size is very manageable. The larger the foundation which the Mason wished to build, naturally, the longer his rope (string) would have to be.

1. Place your 1st stick flat on the ground so that its ends point north and south.
2. Next, take a string (it's much more unwieldy if you use rope) and tie knots in it three inches apart. This will divide the string into 12 equal divisions. Tie the two ends of the string together (this is your 12th knot) . . . again . . . remember that from knot-to-knot must be 3 inches apart. The divisions between knots must be correct and equal or it will not work. Your string's total length is 36". After you've tied the end-to-end knot, you may cut off the excess 4" of string. If you have more than 4" of string left or less than 4" of string left, you need to re-measure the lengths between your knots. Your string is now circular in shape and has 12 knots and 12 divisions between the knots.

Note: The Operative Masons of old, used rope, however, because much of the length of the rope is within the knot, if you use rope, you must use a longer piece, measure each division, tie your knot, and then measure your next 3 inch division before you cut the length of rope, instead of marking the entire rope while it is lying flat and then tying your knots.

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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.








**Yuma Shrine Club**

Meetings: Second Monday at 7:00 pm.

**Yuma Shrine Ladies Lunch**









Third Tuesday at 11:30 am.  
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# November 2017

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***Installation of Officers  
Saturday, December 16th at 12:00 pm***

# December 2017

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# The History of Freemasonry

From The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

## United States 1785–1825

When President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in a Masonic ceremony in 1793, he symbolically established the country and embodied Freemasonry's preeminence. The Capitol would house the American states' representatives as the country grew into a great nation. Modeling itself after classical Rome, the federal government chose the Latin motto "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of Many, One). Legislators met in state capitols and were called senators.

From this political stability, the United States grew and Freemasonry flourished. The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 extended the nation's territory westward to the Rocky Mountains. Between 1800 and 1826, eight new states joined the Union, and the nation's population grew from five million to nearly eleven million. Yankee clipper ships carried American goods around the world, while keelboats and steamboats connected Pittsburgh with St. Louis and New Orleans. Industry and small farming grew in the North while in the South, slavery spread as tobacco, cotton and sugar plantations created a prosperous economy.

As the Constitution created the federal government, American Freemasons chose another path. Each state established independent Grand Lodges that encouraged greater unity and growth. For example, during Paul Revere's term as Grand Master of Massachusetts (1795-97), he chartered over 100 Lodges.

As land was settled, local Lodges organized under a new Grand Lodge as states joined the union. These frontier Lodges provided social activities and a sense of stability and legitimacy to what might otherwise be just a river landing or crossroads. In cities, Lodges were friendly sanctuaries from the uncertainty of commerce and at the same time portals to affluent society.



### *Washington With Allegory of Freedom and Justice*

Even before his death, Freemasons worldwide seized upon Washington as a laudable role model. This image first appeared in the 1790's and reappeared some 30 years later on dinner plates. The persistence of the image attests to Freemasonry's reverence for Washington.



The **Betsy Ross flag** is an early design of the flag of the United States, popularly – but very likely incorrectly – attributed to Betsy Ross, using the common motifs of alternating red-and-white striped field with five-pointed stars in a blue canton. The first documented usage of this flag was in 1792. The flag features 13 stars to represent the original 13 colonies with the stars arranged in a circle.

# EUCLID

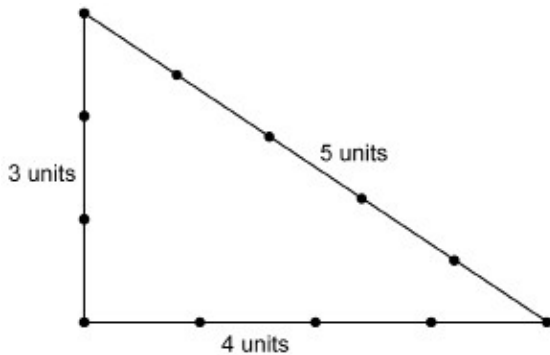
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3. Stab your 2nd stick in the ground near either end of your North/South stick and arrange a knot at the stick. Stretch 3 divisions away from it in any direction (9 inches) and insert the 3rd stick in the ground, then place the 4th stick so that it falls on the knot between the 4-part and the 5-part division (12 inches). This forces the creation of a 3:4:5: right triangle. The angle between the 3 units and the 4 units is, of necessity, a square or right angle.

4. Now, move your 3rd and 4th sticks until they become a right angle (90 degrees) to your North/South stick.

Congratulations! You now have not only the ability to square your square, but to lay a geometrically correct cornerstone for your new foundation!



However, usage of the 47th Problem of Euclid doesn't end here...

Here is the rest of the story...

## The Forty-Seventh Problem of Euclid in Today's World

With this simple geometric 3:4:5 ratio of how to create a 90 degree, Right Angle:

1. Man can reach out into space and measure the distance of the stars . . . in light years!
2. He can survey land, mark off boundaries and construct every single thing on Earth.

3. He can build homes, churches and buildings, and with the knowledge of this simple ratio...he can begin digging on opposite sides of a mountain and dig a straight tunnel through the center of it . . . that meets exactly at the center!

4. He can navigate the oceans and be able to locate himself in the middle of the water (with no land in sight) . . . AND is also able to calculate how far he has come and how much farther he must go!

The 47th Problem of Euclid, also known as the 47th Proposition of Euclid...or the Pythagorean Theorem teaches each of us to not only be general lovers of the arts and sciences, but to stand in awe of the God-given knowledge with which you can take a piece of string and 4 sticks...and be able to find your way home! . . . from anywhere on Earth, on the Sea or in the Heavens.



The 47th Problem of Euclid represents such a perfect symbol of Freemasonry...encompassing both art and science, that the simple knowledge of it demands a breathtaking awe to which we may only bow our heads in reverence at the perfection, the universality and the infinite wisdom of that which has been given to us by God.

With the knowledge of this simple geometric ratio, (provided by the 47th Problem of Euclid), the word "Eureka!" almost pails in expressing the fundamental powers which our Creator has bestowed upon us!

...AND it all begins by simply learning how to Square your Square.

Oh!..., and one last thing you have also learned (but may not have realized it) . . . This is why the old antique, wooden carpenter squares which you have seen or have heard about have one longer leg. Their "legs" were created using the "3" and "4" part of the 3:4:5 ratio (the 5 is the hypotenuse) using the 47th Problem of Euclid. Equal length "legs" on modern day (carpenter) squares are relatively "new" technology..

...And THAT is the Rest of the Story!



# OUT OF THE ASHES: WINSLOW LODGE NO. 13

By Jack A. Frost, PM

On the morning of October 10th, 2014, the brothers and sisters of Winslow Lodge No. 13 awoke to discover that their ninety year old temple building had been destroyed by fire. Three young men had strategically set several fires around the historic building along with two other buildings in the area. Early reports indicated that the men set the fires, "simply out of boredom."

While the Lodge was unoccupied when it was burned, many important and historical items were lost. Damage was estimated at approximately \$4 million, but most of the items and relics lost were irreplaceable. Those priceless items included original antique furniture, regalia from the 1800s, as well as regalia from



the Order of the Eastern Star and Commandery of Knights Templar along with irreplaceable documents, paraphernalia and so much more from their 120 year history. Those items will never be replaced, but fire-fighters were able to save many archives and records from the lodge, as well as photos and a display of first edition Bibles.

According to one of the Lodge officers with whom I spoke at the 2015 Grand Lodge Communication, police estimated that the arsonists had been in the building for two hours before they set the fires. He said that if only they had had a security alarm, the loss might have been prevented. This lesson was not lost on the Trustees of Yuma Lodge.

With only the front façade of the original building standing, the brethren of Winslow Lodge got to work rebuilding their temple.



The nearby Winslow Elks Lodge opened the doors of their own beautiful building to provide a temporary home not only for the displaced Winslow Lodge, but also their York Rite and Eastern Star bodies as well. As word spread throughout the country, Masons everywhere offered donations of money, aprons, furnishings, and other necessary items. Yuma Lodge donated \$500.



Two and a half years and \$1 million after a blaze, on May 27, 2017, the Masons conducted a rebirth and dedication cornerstone ceremony for the reestablished Winslow No. 13 by placing a new cornerstone and welcoming members back.



The three suspects were apprehended and arrested on charges of burglary, criminal damage and arson, and are currently serving prison sentences



# Masonic Anniversaries

*When you became a Master Mason*



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