



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

We have been busy, as usual, at the beginning of the year with many events still to come.

Congratulations to WB David McHone on the Grand Opening of his new 3:10 Diesel shop. I have already had the privilege of visiting with him at new shop on a few occasions and wish him the best of success in the future of his shop, business and family. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop in to see him, his operation is pretty amazing.

Our Shriner Appreciation Night turned out extremely well, and we were fortunate to have our Illustrious Potentate J.C. Reece from El Zaribah Temple in Phoenix in attendance. I am looking forward to our upcoming Order of the Eastern Star Appreciation Night and wonder if we might have any distinguished visitors in attendance.

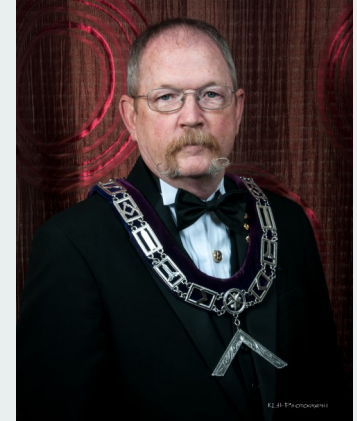
Our newly installed Officers are coming along exceedingly well proficiency in their ritual and new roles. I appreciate each and every one of them and their dedication to their duties and the craft. I also truly appreciate the eagerness in which our new Master Masons are stepping up and jumping in to assist with projects and committees. As always we can use the knowledge, experience and encouragement of our elder Brothers to guide us and assist us in our labors.

That brings us to the Annual BBQ. **WOW!** I know that it will take WB Mikel a little while to finish crunching the numbers, but from initial appearances, with the lack of leftovers and no one turned away, we should have done well this year. For all those that assisted, I can not thank you enough. There are many of you that work quietly behind the scenes each year to ensure it's success. I would have liked to "call the roll" of the workmen (and women) that jumped in to help with the BBQ to recognize you all. However, it would be inevitable that someone would be forgotten. Suffice it to say that you all contributed in making it an outstanding event and your hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated.

I would like to recognize our BBQ chairman, WB Mikel, his wife, Emily and his daughter, Katy (a.k.a. "trouble") for their masterful coordinating on the committee, vendors and crews. Mikel, you are still young and your hair will grow back, stop pulling it out! I would also like to recognize our "Grill Maestro" Brother Harold and his crew for another absolutely outstanding meal. I told him that I didn't know how he seems to improve it every year. Although it might be the anticipation of a great meal, he never fails to deliver. To our "Bean Master", WB Mike, your practice of "stirring the pot" which you do so well in the lodge, seems to pay off well when you took over the helm (and oar) with the beans. Keep up the good work.

Brothers and Sisters, if you have any problems or concerns regarding the BBQ or the lodge please let me know. If you have any complaints, see our Grievance Committee chairman or his secretary. If you have any compliments or praise, let those that did the work know and recognize them.

2017 financial statements are now available in the Secretary's office for Lodge members' inspection.



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
Thursday at 7:00 pm.

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ON THE LEVEL

By Michael Dale, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West. We are traveling on into 2018. By the time you read this the annual Masonic Barbeque will have been completed. I hope it was a good one. Our ranks are continuing to grow and occasionally we lose a brother to the Celestial Lodge above. This is life. I am happy to report that we have been having wonderful brothers come to visit our lodge. Many are returning brothers from faraway lands and many of them do not just visit but participate as if this was their home lodge. I have just a few words about your "Home".

The Lodge where you are a member is your home lodge. This should be the most familiar of all places for the relief of the day to day stress that one faces in the world. As a visitor, you should feel at home also.

The attendance and participation of each member shows the new and uninformed member how important it is to be a faithful and worthy brother. To be faithful, you must attend, and to be worthy, you must practice what you have learned in the lodge. The burden of teaching is on every member, and not the sole duty of the Lodge Education Officer.

To learn the history of the lodge, so you can pass it on to visiting brothers, is not only a matter of pride but one of honor. If you encourage a visiting brother to tell you of the history of his lodge, you will give him a chance to make a connection with all the brothers of both lodges. As you want to know them, they want to know you.

Practicing what you learn in the lodge is important. Through the practice of the principles of Masonry you become a better person. You also show the world that masonry works for the good of all and not just for its members.

When you visit another lodge, the usual questions are: What Lodge are

you from? How old is your lodge? Who is the Worshipful Master? How many members attend a meeting? How many members do you have? When do you meet? Do you do much work? Answer these questions, and then let them know, with dignity, how your lodge is moving forward. While you visit other lodges, be a frequent attendee to your own, because, "you must know home to be a traveler."

You have passed your third degree exam and now you are a Master Mason. So now what? You have several choices in front of you. 1. Become an officer. 2. Become proficient in ritual work. 3. Move on to the other degrees. 4. Join one of the many other organizations that only a Master Mason can join. 5. Or slowly fade away like so many do, never to be seen or heard from, except for dues time.

There are other options but these are the most prevalent. If you do the fifth choice in this list you will never know any more about Masonry than you know right now. You will never be of any use to the fraternity nor will the organization ever be useful to you. If you stay with one or more of the top four you will learn how a group can act as a team. You will see how much more the team can accomplish than just one person alone. This does not mean that we are not individuals. Masonry teaches free thinking and this can only be accomplished through self-sufficiency. A determination to be free from all types of restraints is preferred.

Free thinking will open up your thoughts, your hopes, and your aspirations. You will be able to express yourself by using your head and embrace those ideas with your heart.

What all of this means is that you should: speak with your head; listen to your heart; and always, always follow your dreams.



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Candidate Coaching and Education

At the election of a Candidate to receive the Degrees of Masonry two distinct processes start.

The first is the Candidate Education Course. This course was generated by The Grand Lodge of Arizona for all Candidates of its subordinate Lodges. It is required by the Grand Lodge that all Candidates complete this course.

The course consists of four chapters and a Mentor's section. The Mentor's section contain instruction on how to use the course, as well as answers to the course test questions.

The first of the four sections is an general information section titled: Approaching the Portals" It is to be given to the Candidate to read prior to his receiving the First Degree.

The next three sections are one section for each of the three Degrees of Masonry with test questions for each section. All tests are of the "open book" style.

The course can be taught either as an individual self-paced course, or in a classroom setting.

The next is that of Ritual Proficiency. The Grand Lodge of Arizona has published a "Clear Text Ritual" for use by its subordinate Lodges and individual Masons. In the back of the chapter for each degree is an authorized ritual proficiency examination. This is the one we use in our Lodge. The minimum proficiency by the Grand Lodge Constitution is the step, grip, and word of each degree. It is most desirable for the Candidate to learn the full proficiency for several reasons. First that if he plans to travel he may need more than the minimum proficiency to work his way into a foreign Lodge. Next, the memorization of the proficiency will more firmly instill Masonic principles; additionally it builds a sense of confidence and accomplishment for the Candidate. The Master of each Lodge determines who is proficient.

The reason for this piece in your Trestle Board is the need for a Coaching and Education Staff to work with Candidates. We cannot reasonable accept petitions for Degrees if we do not have Coaches Mentors to work with them through the Degrees.

Therefore those of you who want a fun, rewarding activity there is nothing better than helping Candidate work through the degrees and bind himself to the Craft. Get out your comfort zone and you too will grow and learn with the Candidate. Decide to be a part our team and contact myself, The Worshipful Master or Lodge Secretary.

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Three \$500 scholarships are available in 2018 for students who meet the criteria and requirements. Applications must be received by April 15, 2018.



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Yuma Lodge No. 17

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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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March 2018

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Highway clean-up, Saturday, March 31st southwest corner of Hwy 95 & Fortuna Road.

April 2018

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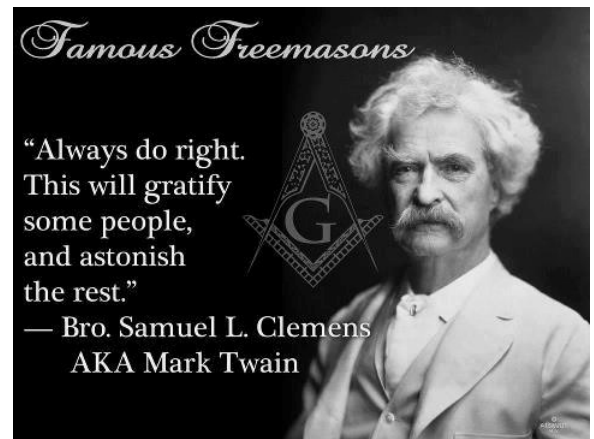
The History of Freemasonry

From The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Civil War and the Gilded Age

The American Civil War killed over 600,000 Americans and destroyed communities, factories and farms. In the midst of this suffering Freemasonry grew. On both sides, regiments supported Masonic Lodges and thousands of soldiers became Freemasons including future president William McKinley. The war gave new freedoms and opportunities to African Americans as well as European immigrants. The late 1800s witnessed the new Gilded Age of extreme wealth and expansion, but also poverty and hardship.

The middle class of the new age enjoyed a variety of leisure activities. Cities built museums, trolley lines lead to baseball parks, and every American enjoyed fairs and theaters. Freemasonry and other fraternal organizations became a part of every community and every families' lives. During this period Freemasons built magnificent buildings, supported new homes for widows and orphans, and established libraries and museums.



American Gilded Age era author, Samuel Clemens, - Mark Twain, who coined the term "Gilded Age", was a Freemason.

FREEMASONS OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA	
Lewis A. Armistead	Confederate General
Nathaniel P. Banks	Federal General
Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain	Federal General
Nathan Bedford Forrest	Confederate General
James A. Garfield	Federal General & US President
Andrew Johnson	US President
George B. McClellan	Federal General
George Edward Pickett	Confederate General
Winfield Scott	Federal General
Edwin M. Stanton	US Secretary of War
Robert A. Toombs	Confederate Sec. of State



Philadelphia Masonic Temple

Begun in 1868 and completed in 1873, the Philadelphia temple is considered by many to be the most beautiful in the country. The cost of construction was \$1.6 million and still serves as the headquarters for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



Chicago Masonic Temple

Between 1892 and 1896, Chicago's Masonic temple was the tallest building in the world. It was over 300 feet high and had 21 floors.

The Coffin

A new Worshipful Master in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting. The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty. Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, the person who was responsible for holding up the progress in the lodge was dead and it was everyone's duty to give him a decent Masonic burial. The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the Altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his Brethren to come forward and pay their final respect to their dead Lodge brother. Filled with curiosity as to who it was, all the Brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

Remember the obligation we all took. Attend and support your Lodge.



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Deadline April 15th.
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When you became a Master Mason



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Richard Butler	Willie Motley
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Phillip Durbin	Shawn Price
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Kurt Harrison	Donald Washum
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Jerome Leckrone	

APRIL

Fernando Balderrama	Donald Oehmke
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The meetings are held the SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY of each month, September through June. All members are welcome. A light meal is served at 6pm followed by meeting at 7pm. Refreshments are served after the meeting. Hope to see you there. If you have questions please call 928 726 6130.

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