



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless you and your families and return you safely from your summer destinations and just as safely back to the Lodge in the fall.

I can't say enough about the feelings of joy that I had at our last degree on a Saturday and all of the family members that showed up to assist in welcoming our newest brother. I hope that all that were there enjoyed your time together in fellowship with the Masonic family as much as my wife Ruby and I did.

I was very pleased with the showing of our new Officers and Master Masons that stepped up to assist in putting on the last couple of degrees that we have done. I ask that you continue your momentum and assist as much as possible with our upcoming Outdoor Degree in December. Let the Senior Warden or myself know how you are available to help.

I hope that none of you are going to have to knock off too much dust from your ritual, because we will be hitting the deck at full speed when we return and there are still a few of you that need to show proficiency in a short amount of time.

I was pleased that my wife Ruby and I were able to travel to Phoenix for the installation of officers at the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter for Arizona. We would like to offer our Congratulations to Brother David Gillis for being elected as the Grand Worthy Patron and to Worshipful Brother Jack Prather for being installed as the Grand Warder for the Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star in Arizona. I am sure that you will both bring honor to yourselves and Yuma Lodge with your service to your Grand Chapter.

Ruby and I will be travelling again next weekend to attend the El Zaribah Shriner Corn Festival and Arts and Crafts show in Phoenix. Thank you to our good friend and travel agent Mrs. BJ Dale for getting us accommodations on short notice!

I still have not had the opportunity over the summer to go fishing but we still have a few more weeks before we come back from being dark. Hopefully, that big one is still waiting!

Brothers and Sisters, as always, if you have any problems or concerns for the Lodge please let me know. My phone number and Email address are provided elsewhere in the Trestle board. If you have any complaints, see our Grievance Committee chairman or his secretary. If you have any compliments or praise, please let those that did the work know and recognize them.



STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

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ON THE LEVEL

By Michael Dale, Senior Warden

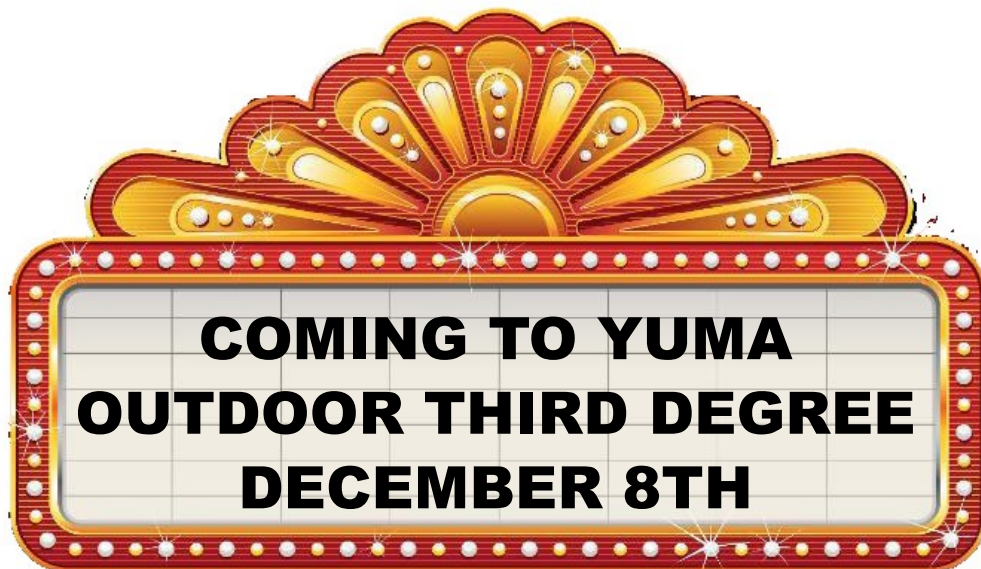
Greetings from the South.

All has not been quiet on the Western Front. I have been quite busy during the summer months. The Order of the Eastern Star held their Grand Chapter in Scottsdale August 1st through August 3rd. Our very own David Gillis was elected Worthy Grand Patron for the Order of the Eastern Star in Arizona. Top Dog! Along with the very quiet and personable Jack Prather being appointed Grand Warder for OES. For more information on others from our Chapter that received appointments see the Eastern Star article. The York Rite Annual Communication was held August 9th through the 11th in Mesa, Arizona. I was reappointed a Grand Guard for the Knights Templar. The Potentate for El Zaribah Shrine, Illustrious JC Reece spoke for all the appendant bodies. There was a common theme from all the speakers at both of these event and that is Family and membership. We are all the same family and need to assist each other in all our endeavors. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Arizona believes that membership is and will be on the rise because man is a social animal. We need to get out there and make ourselves known.

As we return from darkness, we will be returning to the work of the Lodge. I hope that all members who were given a task have been successful in their endeavors. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the stated meeting on September 6th. We have a lot of work to do before elections and installation in December. We will need all the help we can get to continue our work in making good men, better men.

On Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Dewey, AZ there will be an Outdoor Degree at Fain Ranch. Registration begins at 8:00 am. There is a \$25.00 fee with the Lodge opening at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served and a commemorative bolo tie will be given out. I be attending and if there is any other brother who would like to do the same feel free to inform me and we can make some sort of arrangements to travel together. There will also be another Outdoor Degree in St. David, AZ on Saturday September 15, 2018. Come see me perform in the second section. We are also having our own Outdoor Degree December 8, 2018. This is an all hands on deck performance for the Lodge. If you want a part let me know, otherwise you will be assigned.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and welcome back.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Antero Trujillo

MORALS AND ETHICS AND THEIR DIFFERENCE

Morals and Ethics are fundamental to Masonry. In western culture, Greek philosophers initiated discussions and stressed the importance of Morals and Ethics. As humanity evolved it became more and more important to know the meaning of these two subjects and to incorporate Morals and Ethics in the development of civilization.

Since then, multiple and diverse interpretations of the meaning and difference of Morals and Ethics have surfaced and evolved.

This is an opportunity to present general definitions and the possible differences most authors recognize for Morals and Ethics.

In future Trestle Board articles we will discuss the different philosophical tendencies in each of these subjects.

Definition of Morals

Morals are the social, cultural and religious beliefs or values of an individual or group which tells us what is right or wrong. They are the rules and standards made by the society or culture which is to be followed by us while deciding what is right. Some moral principles are:

- Do not cheat
- Be loyal
- Be patient
- Always tell the truth
- Be generous

Morals refer to the beliefs what is not objectively right, but what is considered right for any situation, so it can be said that what is morally correct may not be objectively correct.

Definition of Ethics

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that deals with the principles of conduct of an individual or group. It works as a guiding principle as to decide what is good or bad. They are the standards which govern the life of a person. Ethics is also known as moral philosophy. Some ethical principles are:

- Truthfulness
- Honesty
- Loyalty
- Respect
- Fairness
- Integrity

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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

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

The History of Freemasonry

From The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Conclusion

Freemasonry's purpose is to improve men so that they may improve society. Freemasonry explains the journey for perfection through the rough ashlar, symbolizing ignorance and barbarism, and the perfect ashlar, symbolizing knowledge and civility.

George Washington's own journey led him to perfection in service to his nation and everlasting honor. Although he made mistakes and had his own limitations, he never ceased laboring toward virtue.

Throughout its history, America and Americans have made mistakes and perpetuated and suffered great injustices. Yet, the nation "conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" continues to strive to be more just, free and prosperous. Generations of Freemasons, from Benjamin Franklin to Andrew Jackson, and from Harry Truman to today, have shared in this labor.

This series has given a glimpse into the history of Freemasonry in the United States and the lives of a few prominent American Freemasons. The American journey, like the Masonic quest, is never ending, but is always beginning. Just as a 20 year-old George Washington began his journey in the Masonic Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia, every American has the right to build a virtuous life and a better society. Freemasonry and the United States will continue so long as good men pick up the working tools of freedom and justice and labor to improve themselves as they improve their communities.



When in Washington, D.C., be sure to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va.

BEHAVIOR

By William R. Fisher

Masonic behavior is a subject, if taken into the Lodge for debate, could take up a lot of time. Behavior changes with attitude and the ever shifting social structure.

In the old charges behavior was divided into six sections:

1. Behavior in Lodge.
2. Behavior after Lodge with members who did not attend.
3. Behavior when brethren meet outside the Lodge.
4. Behavior in the presence of non-members.
5. Behavior at home and in your neighborhood.
6. Behavior toward a strange brother.

Behavior is generally affected by two means:

1. By those around you.
2. By age.

Normally, we are respectful of the people around us, more now than when we were younger. We also have much more tolerance, mainly because of those who tolerated and respected us.

Our behavior is a reflection of who we are and as a Mason this image either improves or taints our institution. To be a considerate member of the Lodge and our brethren is easy. To be a person of integrity to strange brothers, non-members, and even those who would seek to discredit the fraternity, is the most important act of brotherly love one could do for his Lodge and its members.

A Lodge is only as good as its worst member; therefore strive to be a better person.



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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.



STAR IN THE EAST

By Ruth Wilmot, Worthy Matron

Hello Everyone... We are gearing up to come back to Chapter from being dark for the summer, but there has been so much going on since our last meeting in May.

On June 2, 2018, we held our Installation of Officers. Our new officers for this term are as follows: Worthy Matron- Ruth Wilmot, Worthy Patron- Mikel White, Associate Matron- Carolyn Simson, Associate Patron- Mike Dale, Secretary – Carol Cloud, Treasurer- Linda Gillis (pro-tem), Conductress- Pauline Roach, Chaplain- B.J. Dale, Marshal- Antero Trujillo, Organist- Eileen Whitmore (pro-tem), Adah- Beth Ann Prather, Ruth- Mary Godfrey, Esther - Sabrina Arps, Martha – Beverly Treherne, Electa – Joyce Snay, War- der- Karen Wallman (recently deceased), Sentinel- Joe Strahm (pro-tem).

The Installing Officers: AGM Dotty Lou Cox, AGP David Gillis, Installing Marshal- Ellen O'Malia (PWGM), Installing Chaplain- Maggie McClure (PWGM), Installing Organist- Mitzi Loughridge (PM). They did a beautiful job and the Chapter appreciates everyone who traveled and spent the day with us.

August 1st-5th – many of our Chapter members attended the Grand Chapter Sessions held at the Scottsdale Resort. We were very proud to support our own Brother David Gillis who was installed as the new 2018-2019 Worthy Grand Patron in Arizona and Jack Prather who was installed as the Grand Warder. Several other Chapter members were elected or appointed to other positions or committees: Carol Cloud (District Instructor), Ruth Wilmot (Grand Page to WGM, Chairman of Wed. Night Banquet, Stars over AZ Reporter, Decoration Committee, Elected to AZ Eastern Star Foundation Committee), Carolyn Simson (Personal Grand Page to WGP, Banquet Committee, Distinguished Guest and Distinguished Guest Banquet, ESTARL), Pauline Roach (Personal Grand Page to GGCCM Linda Heberling), B.J. Dale (Crisis), Linda Gillis (Grand Escort to WGP, 50-75 Yr Member Committee, Pin Sales,

Chairman of the Quilt Raffle Sales), Beth Ann Prather (Grand Escort to Grand Warder) Curtis Cloud (Special Assistant to WGP, Stairmaster Committee), Antero Trujillo (Personal Grand Page to Grand Warder), David Gillis (Blue Book Committee), Mike Dale (Stairmaster Committee)

September 9th – There will be a practice for our Chapter Officers @ 2:00 pm at the Lodge.

September 11th : will be our first meeting for this term. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, meeting will start at 7:00pm. We would love to see you at any or all of our meetings. We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. If you need a ride, let us know.

SEND-OFF OFFICIAL VISIT for our very own Brother David Gillis (Worthy Grand Patron) will be held on September 15, 2018 at the Yuma Convention Center. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-9 am by the Sheriff's Posse, School of Instruction starts at 9 am, Lunch 11:30 (Roast Pork, salads, tea), Honor Programs 12:15 pm, Official Visit 1:00 pm. We hope to see many of our members there. If you would like to attend and need a ride, please contact any Chapter member or the Lodge (928) 783-7993.



MORALS & ETHICS

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Comparison Chart

BASIS FOR COMPARISON	MORALS	ETHICS
Meaning	Morals are the beliefs of the individual or group as to what is right or wrong.	Ethics are the guiding principles which help the individual or group to decide what is good or bad.
What is it?	General principles set by group	Response to a specific situation
Root word	Mos which means custom	Ethikos which means character
Governed By	Social and cultural norms	Individual or Legal and Professional norms
Deals with	Principles of right and wrong	Right and wrong conduct
Applicability in Business	No	Yes
Consistency	Morals may differ from society to society and culture to culture.	Ethics are generally uniform.
Expression	Morals are expressed in the form of general rules and statements.	Ethics are abstract.
Freedom to think and choose	No	Yes

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