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# TRESTLEBOARD

## VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

Brothers and Sisters, Season's Greetings. What a blessed year we have had!

I would like to thank all the Officers from the 2018 line for their hard work this year. All that we accomplished was through your hard work.

Thank you to the Brothers and Sisters that helped out with the Annual BBQ, the Law Enforcement Memorial, the Highway Clean up, the Balloon Glow and all the other events that brought us opportunities for good work in the community.

The Inaugural Outdoor Degree for Yuma Lodge was held on December 8th in memory of WB Sam Oppenheimer, PM, with 43 Brothers in attendance. There were Brothers from: North London, England, El Centro & Imperial California, the current Worshipful Master from Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and most of the Canadian Provinces were represented as well as Grenada, Caribbean Islands by our own Brother Sam Azar. In addition to the Grand Lodge Officers from our Lodge, we were visited by R.W. Randy Jager, Junior Grand Warden and WB Brian Pilz, Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Arizona. Thank you all for attending and making it an AWESOME Inaugural degree.

Brother Hector Aponte's comments resonated with recognition for all, of a job Well Done, that his degree made a lasting impression on him, and I am sure on a lot of us as well.

Many thanks to WB Jack Frost for being the Worshipful Master for the degree. Thank you to all the Brethren and visitors for making it spectacular.

A special thank you to Brother Wilmot and his wife Ruth for allowing us to hold the degree at their residence.

To the Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star, thank you for your friendship and nourishments throughout the year.

To the Brothers in the line for 2019, Congratulations on your elections and appointments. Take due and timely notice that the bar has been raised, at least a notch for this next year.

Brothers and Sisters, if you have any problems or concerns for the lodge please let me know. My phone number and Email address are in the Trestleboard. 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

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Degree work most every  
Thursday at 7:00 pm.

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## STAR IN THE EAST

By Ruth Wilmot, Worthy Matron

Eastern Star members enjoyed a Stars Nite Out in November and even had Masonic spouses join us. We will plan another one for the spring.

December found us with friends from Phoenix and California enjoying our Old Fashioned Christmas Friendship Night.

We have 2 initiations and an affiliation that we hope to do in January if we can get everyone well and here!

In January and February, our meetings will also include winter and Valentine celebrations. We will also be selling desserts at the Masonic BBQ. We hope to see everyone there.

Each meeting, we are collecting for the Yuma Community Food Bank. There is a box on the stage if anyone

wants to help us, feel free to bring cans and put them in the box at any time. You may also buy a bag to fill on your own. The money from the sale of the bags goes to the food bank as well as the cans you collect. We are also setting up volunteer days there, so if you wish to join us, contact the Lodge secretary for dates and times.

We are still collecting stuffed animals for local law enforcement. These will be given to Cocopah Tribal Police, Somerton PD and US Border Patrol. If you would like to contribute, please give them to Mikel White.

We would love to see any Eastern Star members at our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Please invite your friends and neighbors who are here for the winter.



## PUBLISHER'S NOTES

By Jack A. Frost, PM

**This will be my last Trestleboard.** I have enjoyed bringing you this award winning publication for the past three years and I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to its success. I am proud of what we have accomplished. I will be doing some traveling out of the country for the next two years, which will make publishing a newsletter too difficult.

I particularly enjoyed bringing color to the Trestleboard and hope that those brothers who have provided the Lodge with their email address enjoyed their electronic or "e-Trestleboard." And for those readers who still don't have a computer, or prefer not to have their electrons floating around cyberspace, I'm sure the U.S. Postal Service thanks you for keeping them in business and the second half of the Wizard of Oz looked OK in black & white too ☺.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Antero Trujillo

### SPECULATIVE MASONRY

The extensive vision and description of the Masonic Doctrine based in the symbols, has been defined and interpreted in different forms. Recent publication "Contemplative Masonry" of brother C.R. Dunning, Jr., describe the contemplative thinking which is synonymous of meditation, which permit the focus of the conscious to internalize and understand the Masonic principles better.

At this time we present a small part of this interesting book related to the definition of Speculative Thinking.

#### SPECULATIVE THINKING

Our tradition teaches that we are engaged in Speculative Masonry rather than Operative Masonry. While we have ritual instructions on this distinction, it is also worthwhile to simple consider the meaning of "speculative". To be a speculative is to ask and try to answer questions such as these:

- What might a particular thing symbolize or mean other than what is superficially or literally apparent?
- If we consider something to have a particular meaning or explanation, how might that affect the possible meanings or explanations of other things?
- Where are the gaps in our explanations, knowledge, and understanding, and what possibilities might fill in the gaps?
- What other explanations are possible for the way things are?

Our tradition illustrates that for centuries, Speculative Mason have applied these kinds of question to the tools, methods, and customs of stonemasonry. Our ritual clearly engages this process by regarding almost everything we experience or do in the lodge as emblematic, symbolic, or allegorical of something related to virtuous and moral living. Masonic esotericism does not assume that all the speculative thinking in Masonry has already been done for us by the early ritualist, or that our only duties are to learn and perpetuate what they found. In fact, the ritual and monitorial instructions of many jurisdictions encourage us to always seek more light, Masonic esotericism therefore takes the ritual's explanations as a common foundation while also answering its call to attain new insight, understanding.

#### References:

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

Trustees' Meetings: Second Monday 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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# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10  Stated	11	12
13	14  	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 	30	31		

***Masonic Barbeque  
Sunday, February 17th, 11 am to 3 pm.***

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11  	12 	13	14  Stated	15	16
17  BBQ	18 	19	20	21	22	23
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 Jacky Pettigrew  
 Philip Schrier  
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 William Treherne  
 Leon Wilmot

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Dale Kreger, PM

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Hector Aponte

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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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