

Yuma Lodge
No. 17, F&AM



March/April

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.

We have really gotten off to a good start for the new year. We have already raised a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, Brother Jeremy Vorhees. Also Brother "Flash" Sharrar, who we were doing courtesy work for Hunter's Paradise, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason as well in his Mother Lodge. We already have another third degree scheduled in March.

We have been asked to do courtesy work on a Brother from Colorado who is down for the season and should be doing his second degree soon.

We just voted on a petition at February's stated meeting and should have conducted a first degree by the time you receive your Trestleboard.

I am pleased to see that during our practices, the officers are becoming proficient in not only their positions, but the chair above them as well; kudos to all.

Worshipful Brother Jack Frost, who has been our Treasurer, was recognized for his contributions by being awarded the title of Secretary Emeritus. Worshipful Brother Jack, congratulations again and thank you for all that you do for the lodge. Worshipful Brother Jack Frost has also served as our Website Director and Trestleboard Publisher and will be stepping down from those positions.

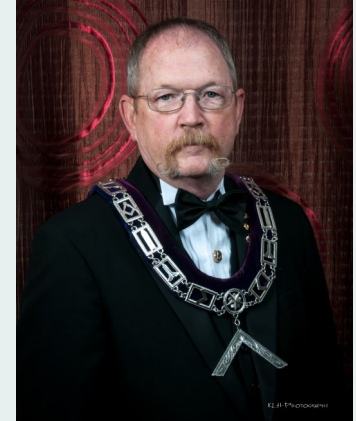
Welcome aboard to our new Trestleboard Publisher, Sabrina Arps. Thank you very much for stepping in and taking over as our publisher. I am sure that you will continue in the high, award-winning standards of your predecessor!

We had a fantastic turnout for our February stated meeting which was also our "Shriner Appreciation Night". The meeting coincidentally fell on Valentine's Day and thank you to our Sisters from the Eastern Star for the wonderful dinner and roses for our valentines!

A Tremendous Thank You to Worshipful Brother Bill Nixon from Saskatchewan, Canada for presenting Yuma Lodge with an Arizona State Flag for the Lodge from the Brothers of his Saskatchewan Lodge. Coincidentally, it was the 107th Anniversary of Arizona's statehood.

The Annual BBQ will be this weekend and I hope that our advertising pays off and brings forth the diners. For all the Brothers that were selling tickets, thank you for all of your efforts. I hope you all enjoy our BBQ. Thank you to our Chairman, Mikel White, and his army of minions for all of their lead in work to make this a special event.

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 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 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

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STAR IN THE EAST

By Ruth Wilmot, Worthy Matron

In January and February, our meetings included winter and Valentine celebrations. We sold desserts at the Masonic BBQ and had a great time. Our members and friends enjoyed another Stars Night Out in February at The Crossing Restaurant. We had such a fun time; we will plan another one for later in the spring.

We have two new members and an affiliation to welcome to our family. We are so pleased to have you there and hope to see you at many meetings! Anyone who is a Star member and is visiting for the winter is welcome and encouraged to come to our meetings.

Coming up in the next couple of months, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Easter at some of our meetings.

Many of the local chapter members and friends have been traveling with

Brother David Gillis who is Worthy Grand Patron of Arizona this year. If you would like a schedule of his Official Visits, please contact an OES member.

We are still collecting stuffed animals for local law enforcement. If you would like to contribute, please give them to Mikel White, Yuma Lodge #17 Secretary. We are also still collecting for the Yuma Community Food Bank. Please put any donations in the box on the stage.

We would love to see any Eastern Star members at our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Dinner (\$5.00) is at 6pm and the meeting is at 7pm.



VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Michael Dale, PM

A story that reminds us of what's important. We each have our stronger points and strengths in Freemasonry. One of the great things about brotherhood and unity is the mutual advantage we take from each other's talent.

WHAT KIND OF MASON AM I?

You have asked the recommendation of a friend to be made a Mason; that request was granted. You sought admission: you knocked at the door of Freemasonry and it was opened unto you. You have been Initiated, Passed, and Raised. You have been poked with petitions to become a Scottish Rite Mason and York Rite Mason and Templar Masons and Chapter Masons and Council Masons and...what kind of Mason are you? Are there other kinds of Masons?

Yes! There are a great many kinds. But there are seven others that stand out more prominently than others. These are Masons that you cannot join. You become one, or are made one, or grow into one.

There is the King Solomon Mason. He thinks that everything that Solomon did as a Mason is right and everything he didn't do is wrong. To him Masonry was conceived, born, and grew up in the shadow of King Solomon, and every word of the legend is literally true, much like the man who refuses to believe the earth is round because a verse in the Bible refers to the "four corners of the earth!" The King Solomon Mason lives his Masonry according to his light; perhaps it is not his fault it is so dim.



VIEW FROM THE WEST (CONTINUED)

By Michael Dale, PM

There is the Ritual Mason who believes the importance of Masonry is in the form of its words. A good mason in his belief is one who can repeat a lecture from end to end without a slip. A man may do battle, murder, or cause sudden death, commit arson or run away with a neighbor's wife; if he knows his ritual letter perfect, it "was all a mistake!" The man who doesn't know his ritual letter perfect is not, in this man's eye, a good Mason, even though he gives to charity with both hands and he carries love for his fellow man both in his head and in his heart.

There is the Practical Mason who looks at life from a utilitarian standpoint. He prefers electricity to candles for Lesser Lights because they are simpler and prefers candles to electricity because they are cheaper. He thinks a choir is impractical because it produces nothing permanent, and would rather spend money for printed material or a new carpet. He is at his best when raising money for a new temple and at his worst when asked to express himself on the spirit of Masonry. His hand is in his own pocket for charity, but never for entertainment. He is usually on the finance committee and recommends a budget in which the money spent on rent or heat and light are bigger than money spent on relief.

There is the Heart Mason which is the opposite of the Practical Mason. He is full of impractical schemes. He wants to start a new temple which will never be built. He talks about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, but is nowhere to be found when the hat is passed or when the finance committee needs a few people to go out and gather funds for upcoming projects. The Heart Mason is the Lodge yes man; he usually seconds any motion to spend any amount of money for flowers or to aid a brother in his distress and always makes a heartfelt speech about fatherless loved ones.

The Business Mason belongs because he thinks it helps his job or business. He sits next to the business men in the lodge and likes to tell people what he does. If he is a Past Master, he never comes to lodge on time, so he can get a special welcome at the Altar. His favorite speech is about the man who tried to advertise his business in lodge and how evil it was and he always mentions his own business during his speech. He wears extra-large sized pin and prints wears and compasses on his own letterhead.

The Belly Mason who is most faithful in attendance at lodges where there is a meal served. He will gladly spend money and a long evening at the lodge as long as it is preceded with a meal. If there is to be a sit-down meal, he will gladly ensure that he is there on time. If there is an affair in another lodge and an admission ticket is required, he will spend hours trying to find someone who has a ticket and doesn't want it. He usually manages to cross the lodge room for freebies and take two freebies. If the crowd is small, he is the last to get the freebies. If the crowd is large, he is among the first to make sure he gets his share.

Last but not least is the Regular Mason – the brother who does his best with the time and brains he has. He is the great bulk of the fraternity. He pays his dues and fills the chairs and does the work. He is seldom a fine ritualist, but he is an earnest one. He is not very practical and would spend more than we have if it wasn't that he is too sentimental to permit the charity fund to be robbed. He assists at all the meals and functions, and if there is any left he gets his, but he doesn't care so long as the event is a success. He isn't a student, but something in the heart of Masonry has reached deep into his heart and he comes to lodge and does his best. He is not learned, but he is not stupid. He is not unwilling to change, and yet he is conservative. He loves his lodge, but not so much that he cannot see her faults. He is most of us.

What kind of Mason are you?

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

Trustees' Meetings: Second Monday at 6:00pm. Lodge members welcome.

York Rite Bodies

Stated Meetings: First Monday at 7:30pm.

Practice: Third Monday at 7:30pm.

Order of the Eastern Star

Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00pm, preceded by dinner at 6:00pm.

Yuma Shrine Club

Meetings: Second Monday at 7:00pm.

Yuma Shrine Ladies Lunch

Third Tuesday at 11:30am. Call Betsy Ramirez at (928) 210-8740 or Shirley Hettervik at (928) 210-0717 for location.



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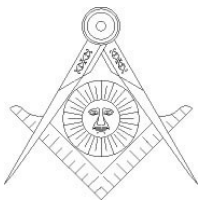
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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Dale Kreger, PM

We are off on another year. By the time this is out the barbeque has come and gone. We have to start looking to the future as far as the progressive line goes. Many of the lower chairs are coming along very well. Times are going to get better, I've Faith. One thing I myself would like to see is more of the our Brothers coming back to the lodge. If you know someone that has been missing, let them know we would like to see them back. If you know someone, ask them to come; maybe they may need a ride or some other reason. Times are changing – the world is moving much faster than before. We have to make time for so many things. Need to remember why we are in this fraternity. Every brother has something to offer. It can be as simple as a friendly handshake. Together we stand tall and are stronger. Hope to see you back where we all started from together again.

Yours in Faith
Dale Kreger, JW



Dear Brethren,

This is your beloved Senior Deacon. I was born and raised here in Yuma, only got out for four years when I went and joined the Marine Corps. I love it here and never plan on leaving. My sisters were in Rainbow and people tried to get me into DeMolay when I was young, but I was not interested. I was told that it is a good thing I never joined because most of them never go on to join the Masonic Lodge. I have enjoyed this Lodge and all the new friends that I have met since joining. One day I am planning on joining the York Rite, so I can become a Knights Templar. I love that

when I travel I can go into any Lodge and feel welcomed. That is one of the best things about being a Mason – feeling welcomed anywhere.

The last thing I will leave you with is, if you have a Masonic ring, which way do you wear it and why? Just something to ponder. I have asked many people this question and I get a different answer every time.

Thank you,
Brother Benjamin Hinderer

Greetings Brethren, I want to introduce myself to all. My name is Hector Aponte and I am one of the most recently raised Master Masons of Yuma Lodge #17. I am very proud to say that I was the candidate for Yuma Lodge #17's very first Outdoor First Degree and what an experience that was. As they say, once I was raised to the Sublime Degree, I made eye contact with the Worshipful Master and "voilà", I was installed as the Junior Steward for 2019. It is an honor to have been given this responsibility and I have quickly learned that the masonic term "The Work" really means "THE WORK". We have been very busy, meeting, practicing and just enjoying the company of great men, who I can now call Brothers.



I am looking forward to the year ahead, to participate and contribute to Masonic Education, and to give to this community as much as I can.

As the saying goes: "I am proud to be a Mason".

Hector I Aponte
Junior Steward

PUBLISHER'S NOTES

Hello all! I am very excited to work with Yuma Lodge #17 as the publisher for the Trestleboard. I will do my best to make it as amazing and award-winning as it has been. All I ask is you bear with me as I navigate through the system to make sure you get all the information you need!

If you have any suggestions on how to make the Trestleboard even better, please feel free to send me a message and I will work with the Worshipful Master to see about incorporating any changes. I hope we all have a great working relationship to keep the Trestleboard going on the right path!

Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps





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