Yuma Lodge No. 17, F&AM



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TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

May the Great Architect of the Universe carry you safely to all of your summer destinations and just as safely back to the Lodge in the fall.

WOW!! Brothers, we have been extremely busy trying to tie up loose ends before we went dark. Grand Lodge, stated meeting, a Second Degree, and a Fellowship day with the ladies from the Order of Eastern Star all in a week and a half! I hope you all enjoyed our times together.

Bikes for Books was a smashing success as usual. Thank you Brother Brad Hamner for ALL of your work at bringing everything together for this year's program. Thank you to all the Brothers that showed up to help pass out the bicycles. A last minute pledge of a donation ensured that there was a helmet for every bike given away.

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory A. Vasquez!

The 137th Grand Lodge Annual Communication went very well. Yuma Lodge was awarded the Master Architect Award. This was the first in a long time. Thank you Brethren for all your hard work and efforts! Keep up the good work.

Our Lodge banner was taken hostage by Downtown Lodge 86 from Tucson. Two banners from other Lodges just happened to end up back in Yuma. Downtown Lodge 86 and Peoria Lodge 31 will be coming to visit us soon. Another banner had started its journey to Yuma but returned home early. Apparently, there will be visitation from those three Lodges and a reciprocal visitation from Yuma Lodge in the very near future.

We also brought back this year's Junior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona – Worshipful Brother Mike Dale. Congratulations and best wishes for your journey to the Grand East. I was appointed as the Grand Sword Bearer for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. Brother Mikel White continues as our District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. He was also appointed as president of the "Mike Club" and presented with the hat of his position by the Junior Past Grand Master.

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STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month, September through June.

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

Degree work most every Thursday at 7:00pm.

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STAR IN THE EASTBy Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron

Our chapter did their annual delivery of flowers for Mother's Day in May. It was a great success! Thank you to all the members who helped deliver flowers and brighten up many days!

May was the last meeting of our now-Past Matron and Patron, Sister Ruth Wilmot and Brother Mikel White. I thank them on behalf of the chapter for a tremendous year. There were so many wonderful memories and lots of fun and laughter was had by all! We look forward to working with you as our new Secretary and Treasurer!

In June we installed our new officers for the 2019–2020 year. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for our chapter. I have lots of fun activities planned for our members. I also look forward to working with Brother Michael Dale as our Worthy Patron. Let's make this year great!

Some of our members attended the annual OES Wii tournament up at the Sun City lodge. Yuma had an amazing turnout with eight members! Congratulations to Sisters Sabrina Arps and Mary Godfrey, Brother Sean Godfrey, and our Masonic Brother DJ Arps for placing third! We hope more of you can join us next year!





Our "Friendship's Precious Memories" Grand Chapter will be held in late July/early August where we will say goodbye to our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David Gillis. We have loved traveling around the state with you and supporting you and look forward to doing the same at Grand Chapter!

If you have any questions about Eastern Star, please feel free to contact any of our Star members. We will be going dark in July and August as well, so we hope to see you back in September!

In Star Love.

Carolyn Simson



VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Michael Dale, PM

Greetings from the West:

Here we are again getting ready to go dark for the summer. Grand Lodge has ended with some great and happy news for the lodge. Your Worshipful Master,

Worshipful Brother Michael Kofta, was appointed as the Grand Sword Bearer. Worshipful Brother Mikel White was appointed as a District Deputy Grand Master, "again". I was appointed as the Junior Grand Deacon. Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Michael and Worshipful Brother Mikel and Worshipful Brother Michael and congratulations to all of the other elected and appointed Grand Officers for the 2019–2020 Masonic year. Our new Grand Master is Most Worshipful Brother Greg Vasquez. Our new Deputy Grand Master is Right Worshipful Brother Boyd Robertson. Our new Senior Grand Warden is Right Worshipful Brother Randy Jager. Our new Junior Grand Warden is Right Worshipful Brother Jim Baker. Our new Senior Grand Deacon is Worshipful Brother George Rusk. Our new Senior Grand Steward is Worshipful Brother Leigh Creighton. Our new Junior Grand Steward is Worshipful Brother Roger Biede. If you would like to familiarize yourself with these brothers, visit Grand Lodge website vou can the (www.azmasons.org) and read their biographies.

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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Dale Kreger, PM

Greetings from the SOUTH,

Well, Grand Lodge has come and gone, we are about to go dark for the summer. Enjoy yourselves and be safe. If you are going to travel, stop in a Lodge and visit. Not all Lodges go dark. I myself have done this; you may be surprised what you can learn. We have an older Lodge but there are many that are much older. Even if you can't make a meeting, just looking you can see some amazing thing

with the symbols that adorn the building. There are many Lodges all around the world, some you may never see but if you get a chance do it. We have been to other outdoor degrees, hopefully some of the brothers will join us when we have our next one. Be safe in your travels.

Yours In Faith, Dale Kreger, PM



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Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at 7:30pm, preceded by dinner at 6:30pm.

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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July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Globe OV
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 0ES Crand Chapter			

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Funeral for PGM MW Brother Nelson – Aztlan Lodge #1, Prescott, AZ Fain Ranch Outdoor Degree – September 14th, 10am, Dewey, AZ Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Degree – September 21st, 10am, St. David, AZ

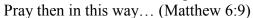
August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 OES Crand Chapter	2 OES Crand Chapter	3 OES Grand Chapter
4	5 Tombstone OV	6	7	8	9	10 Funeral (see above)
11	12	13	14 York Rite Session	15 York Rite Session	16 York Rite Session	17 York Rite Session
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

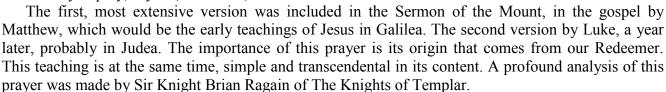
THE LORD'S PRAYER

By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

Freemasons pray to the Supreme Being in all our rituals and in our daily life. The most excellent prayer is the one taught to us by Jesus Christ. In the New Testament are two mentions of Christ's message:



When you pray, say... (Luke 11:2)



Our Father who art in Heaven – We here address our Heavenly Father, just as we address one another. This may have been a precursor to the death of Christ, when He became the ultimate sacrifice and tore down the traditional pathway to God, thereby informing his disciples that they may speak directly to God. This must have been very new to them. They were following the Son of God but He was directing them to speak directly to the Father. Who art in Heaven signifies where God resides and displays His glory. This teaches us to look upward in prayers, to the place where heavenly mansions are prepared for the faithful followers.

Hallowed be thy Name – The unspoken name of God, His name is so powerful that we are not permitted to know it. When Christ died and the veil was torn, we no longer needed to appeal to the high priest to talk to God but now had the ability to appeal to God through prayer. We were each given the power contained in knowing the unspoken name of God, whether we realize it or not.

Thy kingdom come – We are asking God to reign over our hearts and minds. We are anxiously waiting for the day when the "mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the tops of the mountains" and the world is filled with his glory.

Thy will be done – We are declaring that the will of God will be performed. Just as we are taught "may we so faithfully serve the Master, that having passed through the portals of the grave we may receive from His hand the crown of victory", while we exclaim "not unto us, oh Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory." We are committing to obey the law of God and to keep his commandments.

On earth as it is in Heaven – This petition states that we know that the reign of the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation will become universal and eternal. This also intertwines with the teaching of "as above, so below." We are quick to forget that we have a direct pathway to God through the power of prayer. Heaven will be revealed to us soon, but we must strive to live a Godly life here on Earth.

Give us this day our daily bread — "Man cannot live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." We do not need anything except that which God grants to us. He promises us plain fare and pure water because that is all we need. Manna was a gift of God to the Israelites in the wilderness and supplied their every need. We too must remember that what we sow, we will also reap. When we get tired of waiting and proceed to apply our own knowledge to the situation and "force" God's hand, we may get what we were asking for but not in the manner we intended. We were given the ability to use our faith to move mountains, but Moses showed us that when we decide to beat rocks, the consequences are not always favorable.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors – This one verse is very powerful. We are asking forgiveness for breaching our obligations, just as we are to forgive those that have breached theirs. This can mean that we are to forgive our debtors as we are forgiven our debts, or that we are to be forgiven our debts, or that we are to be forgiven in the same manner that we forgive others. What a difference one little comma makes. Remember the sentiments uttered by the Pilgrim "I now declare in truth and soberness that I entertain no enmity or ill will against a soul on earth that I would not freely reconcile should I find in him a corresponding disposition." (continued on page 11)



MASONIC FAMILY NIGHT

Yuma Lodge #17 got together with our OES Yuma Chapter #14 members for a night of fellowship, fun, and FOOD!!!











This wasn't even HALF the food we had! There was something for everyone, so if you didn't eat, it was your own fault! Ms. Ruby Kofta even made some homemade lumpia...yum!!!

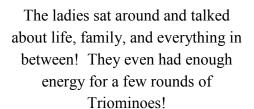








The men alternated between watching TV and hanging out back on the porch.

















The kids got in on the action with some water play...even the dogs got to play in the pool!





Yuma Chapter #14 Installation

Congratulations to the 2019–2020 Yuma Chapter #14 officers! Special congratulations to Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron, and Mike Dale, Worthy Patron!





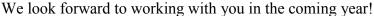


























Our brothers traveled to Dateland on May 17th for the Annual Bikes for Books program. Twenty children were given brand new bikes for participating. Congratulations to all the children who received bikes and great job reading all those books!

GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Greg Vasquez







Congratulations to our newly appointed Grand Officers from Yuma Lodge #17

Junior Grand Deacon, Brother Michael Dale



Grand Sword Bearer, Brother Michael Kofta



District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Mikel White





Thank you to all our family and friends who came out to support our brothers!

YUMA TERRITORIAL LODGE NO. 17 OUTDOOR 3RD DEGREE

Saturday, October 26,2019

Registration 8am * Lodge Opens IOam

* I5775 S. Avenue 4-I/2 E Yuma, AZ *

\$35

Cowboy Coffee & Doughnuts

BBQ Lunch Carnitas, Tortillas Beans, and Chips

Commemorative Bolo Tie

Casual Outdoor Attire

Aprons Provided

Current Dues Card Required

Directions

* Take Ave. 3E South to 60. 16th ST., Turn Left to Ave 4-1/2 turn Left.

OR

- * HWY 95 South To Co. 14th St., Turn Right
- * Turn Left On Ave. 4E To GO. 16th ST.
- * Turn Left To AVE. 4-1/2E, Turn Left

Pending Dispensation

Advance RSVP can Be Made At. WWW.YUMALODGEI7.ORG

VIEW FROM THE EAST (CONTINUED)

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Legislation that was covered were the Grand Masters Recommendations:

- 2019–01 to establish membership in the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America.
- 2019–02 clarification on presentation of longevity awards.
- 2019–03 election requirements for the Office of Grand Secretary.
- 2019–04 clarification on dealing with the completion of Master Mason proficiency requirements.
- 2019–05 addition to the Ritual Supplement authorizing the optional substitution for terminology "Holy Bible" and "Volume of Sacred Law" when candidates are of other than the Christian faith and the use of a Book of Holy Writings other than the Holy Bible for obligation.
- 2019–06 clarification on expulsion only being authorized by the Grand Master and the final decision being made by Grand Lodge.

All of the Grand Master's Recommendations passed.

Other legislation:

- 2019–02 Resolution officially recognizing the Riders of the Third Degree Masonic Riders Association passed
- 2019–03 Resolution regarding seal, by-laws, and reports failed
- 2019–04 Resolution regarding Ritual clarification referred to Ritual Review
- 2019–05 Resolution to clarify conferral or exemplification of degrees carried over
- 2019–06 Resolution regarding candidate explanation of Obligation failed
- 2019–07 Resolution clarifying/simplifying Grand Lodge voting procedures passed
- 2019–08 Resolution regarding printing of name in by-laws book passed
- 2019–09 Resolution regarding re-instatement from suspension from NPD when Lodge no longer exits passed
- 2019–10 and 2019–11 Resolutions regarding housekeeping changes in the Arizona Masonic Constitution and Statutes passed
- 2019–12 Resolution to change of age to submit Petition for Degrees failed
- 2019–14 Resolution of changes to Spanish Ritual held over

Carryover Recommendations: Grand Master Recommendation 2018–03 Deputy Grand Master automatically elected Grand Master – did not pass

Carry Over Resolution 2018–03 Election of Trial Commissioners – approved

We are still looking for as much assistance as possible for our upcoming Outdoor Degree in October. Let me know how you are available to help.

The fellowship get together between the Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star chapter was a smashing success! A great afternoon and evening of food and family fellowship, check out the Lodge's Facebook for photos.

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.

Fraternally,

Michael A. Kofta Worshipful Master



VIEW FROM THE WEST (CONTINUED)

By Michael Dale, PM

Starting this year, I will have to visit 11 different Lodges around the state from Nogales Lodge #11 in the southeast to Williams-Grand Canyon Lodge #38 in the North and elsewhere around the state. If anyone is interested in traveling with me, just let me know and I will inform you of the destination and we will travel.

I would like to thank the Yuma entourage that attended the installation of officers at Grand Lodge. I believe that it was the largest group at Grand Lodge. I know it was the most regal group with all of the different Masonic bodies in attendance. It meant the world to me. As far as I could tell, all enjoyed themselves and I hope they will return next year!

As the "dog days" of summer hit you, think about your lodge and what you can do to make it better. Dust off that ritual book, open it and look at something that you have not seen in a while, read it and learn from it. Come back in September with some newly obtained knowledge and demonstrate your understanding.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (CONTINUED)

By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

And lead us not into temptation – Just as Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver, we should be reminded that our need for penitence has not and will not end, and that "should temptation assail you, should misfortune befall you, should all the world seem to forsake you, still remain faithful to your vows of Knighthood."



But deliver us from evil – Christ died that we might live. "...our blessed Savior, after suffering the pains of death, descending into the place of departed spirits; that on the third day He burst the bands of death, triumphed over the grave, and in due time ascended with transcendent majesty into Heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of our Heavenly Father, a mediator and intercessor for all those who have faith in Him." Just as we help the widows and orphans by helping them over the rugged paths of life. Christ gave his life that we may be delivered from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever — We are making a public declaration of the cause in which we are engaged. We are acknowledging the Deity; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the death, burial and resurrection; the years of pilgrimage through the kingdom, or the power of warfare and penance toward glory. It is He that will afford us consolation in the gloomy hour of dissolution and secure our ineffable and eternal happiness in the world to come.

The prayer closes with an acknowledgement of God primacy over all, for all time. All is His, what is "ours" is only temporary.

Amen

Ref: Knights of Templar, Volume LXV, May 2019, No. 5 Brian Ragain is eminent commander of Lawton Commandery 18 and Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.



Masonic Anniversaries



JULY

AUGUST

William Adams Richard Cook William Creech Gene Engelbrite

Keith Parsels

PUBLISHER'S NOTES

Greetings Masonic family and friends! I don't know about you, but the last two months have been BUSY! Between Eastern Star happenings and Masonic events, our house has been on the go-go-go! The highlight was going to Grand Communications and celebrating with our Yuma family. The ladies had a great time with other ladies from around the state and supporting all of our men! Congratulations to all the Grand appointments, but I have to give a special shout-out to my father, Michael Dale. Seeing his journey in the Masonic brotherhood fills me with such pride!



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. Until next time!

Sincerely,

Sabrina Arps









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