



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families.

WOW! Brothers, we have been extremely busy as a Lodge for being dark for the summer! Eleven of us went to visit Imperial Lodge #390 in El Centro, CA after they consolidated with the Brawley Lodge. Six of us went to Globe to visit White Mountain Lodge #3 and another six went to King Solomon Lodge #5 in conjunction with the Junior Grand Deacon WB Michael Dale's visitation schedule. There were also a few that attended the Grand Chapter for Order of Eastern Star. For all of you that have visited other Lodges so far, thank you and for those that haven't yet made a visit to another Lodge, there are more visits and a couple of Outdoor Degrees coming up.

We will have a visit by our Deputy Grand Master RWB Boyd Robertson at our first stated meeting after the summer on September 12, 2019. I would like to see as many Brothers show up that can to greet him.

There have been a few Brothers that were given assignments for different lectures and portions of degree work to prepare them for new positions/assignments for next year. If there is anyone needing to practice, let myself or our DDGM WB Mikel White know. Tick tock, time is running out.

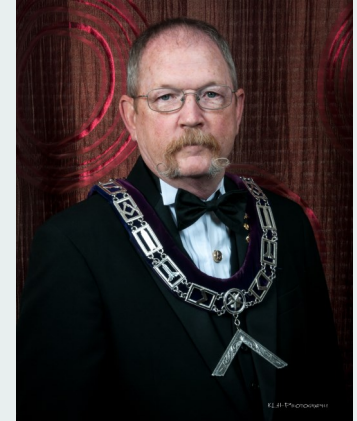
We are still looking for as much assistance as possible for our upcoming Outdoor Degree in October. Let me know how you are available to help. We will need assistance with set-up and teardown of the lodge, transporting lodge furniture and equipment, meal service, etc.

Please try to sell as many raffle tickets as you can to help raise money for the Lodge. The drawing is to be held at the Outdoor Degree on October 26th. If you want any tickets or need more tickets to sell, contact one of the pedestal officers.

Congratulations to Brother Sean Godfrey and his wife Mary on the birth of their son Preston.

If you have any pictures that you would like to share for either the Trestleboard or the website, please forward them to either our editor, Sabrina Arps, or Sam Azar.

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STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

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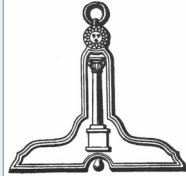
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By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

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 for their good work.

Fraternally,
Michael A. Kofta
Worshipful Master



VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Michael Dale, PM

Greetings from the West:

AND DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN

Adapted from Brother Sandy MacNabb

As Freemasons, we are very familiar with the phrase, "Erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John."

All of our Blue Lodges are so dedicated, yet we seldom hear much more about the "Holy Saints John."

In the ritual of the Entered Apprentice Lecture, you recall the following explanation: "Lodges were anciently dedicated to K.S., as it is said he was our first M.E.G.M. Lodges at the present time are dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were two eminent patrons of Masonry; and since their time, there is or should be represented in every well-furnished Lodge a certain point within a circle. This circle is supported by two perpendicular parallel lines representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and on its top rests the Holy Writings. In traversing its circumference, we necessarily touch upon the parallel lines and also upon the H.B., and while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed, it is impossible that he can materially err."

But this does not fully explain why operative Masons adopted these two particular Christian saints. Through history, we find that medieval tradesmen had a perceived need to place themselves under the protection of a patron saint. At least eleven trade guilds chose John the Baptist as their patron saint. Some may wonder why, since Masons were and are builders, they did not choose St. Thomas, who is the popular patron saint of architecture and building. There are many theories as to why this is, but the short answer is that we do not know.

Some Masonic historians have suggested that Masonry has descended from the Druids and other Celtic priesthoods of the sun whose festivals observed the summer and winter solstice. These historians have attempted to trace Freemasonry back to a possible relationship to the Druids and emphasize the significance of astronomy and the solstice. It is true that the feast days of these two saints were celebrated around the solstices, which were traditional feast days in the pre-Christian world. St. John the Baptist at the summer solstice fixed at June 24th, the longest day of the year, and St. John the Evangelist at the winter solstice fixed at December 27th, the shortest day of the year. (continued on next page)

Some historians suggest that the festivals of the two Patron Saints of Freemasonry, St. John the Baptist in summer and St. John the Evangelist in winter, are only a perpetuation of the feasts of the old fertility cult at the summer and winter solstices, and that similar cultural rites are found in many countries.

St. John the Baptist, the original Patron Saint of Masons, was a stern prophet of righteousness, a disapprover of kings, and a preacher of repentance and virtue. He met martyrdom rather than betray his trust. This is very much in keeping with the principles and teachings of Masonry.

John's life is told in the four Gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John). He was born six months before the birth of Jesus to St. Elizabeth and St. Zachary, a religious family. In his early youthful ministry, he is known for his often-repeated theme, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," and he baptized Jesus at His insistence.

In the course of John the Baptist's preaching, he denounced the Governor of Galilee for violating Jewish law by taking the wife of his half-brother Phillip, as his own wife. She had a 14-year-old daughter, who was also the niece of the Governor. These two women plotted to get rid of John and asked, as a reward for the daughter's dancing, that John be decapitated.

John left his mark as a holy man of uncompromising principle. The Jewish historian Josephus recorded his opinion: "He was indeed a man imbued with all virtue, who exhorted the Jews to the practice of justice towards men and piety towards God..."

St. John the Evangelist was the son of a poor fisherman and the brother of James the Greater. The two sons were originally fisherman and returned to that calling in later life. Tradition has it that John the Evangelist was one of the original twelve apostles. He lived near his birth home most of his life and died of old age, having not been martyred for his faith.

Many historians believe that he authored the Gospel of John and the Second and Third Epistle of John, as well as the Book of Revelation. However, many recent scholars dispute that John wrote any of the books attributed to him. St. John the Evangelist was the gentle prophet of love, which comes into sharp focus in the 15th Chapter of the Book of John:

- This is my commandment. That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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Yuma Lodge No. 17

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

12 Noon, Second Monday of each month
September through April
Call Betsy Ramirez at (928) 210-8740 for location.



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September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 Fain Ranch
8	9 Gila Valley #9 OV 7pm	10	11	12 STATED DGM OV	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 SW AZ Outdoor Degree
22	23	24 	25	26	27	28
29	30					

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grand Lodge Christmas Party – December 7th, 6pm, El Zhariba Shrine Temple

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10 STATED	11	12
13	14 Kingman #22 OV 5pm	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26 Yuma #17 Outdoor Degree
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

VIEW FROM THE WEST (CONTINUED)

By Michael Dale, PM

Some of the legends that relate back to the building of King Solomon's Temple, approximately 1,000 years before there was a St. John. The first legendary Lodge was said to be that of St. John, presumably meaning a Lodge at Jerusalem dedicated to St. John the Baptist and that St. John was the energetic forerunner of Christ and baptized Him in the River Jordan. In some places, John the Evangelist, also called the Mystic, was deemed more to be revered and was substituted. Throughout history, it was not known which was right, and it was not known why there should be any necessity for a choice. Not being able to choose, both were adopted as the Patron Saints and Lodges came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John and were supposed to be replicas of some Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem.

What is known is that operative Masons selected these two saints, centuries ago, that they survived the transition from Operative to Speculative Freemasonry, and continue as the Patron Saints to which our present day Lodges are dedicated.

Perhaps we should conclude from all of this that "when" and "how" they were selected is not too important. Rather we should focus on the fact that their selection was fitting and proper. John the Baptist, the preacher of repentance and virtue met his death rather than betray his trust, John the Evangelist constantly admonished his followers to love their neighbors, and in the symbolism and mysticism of his apocalyptic vision, he foreshadowed the symbolism that is so prevalent in modern Freemasonry. Taken together, the two Saints John epitomize Righteousness and Love, the two tenets that point out the entire duty of man and Mason.

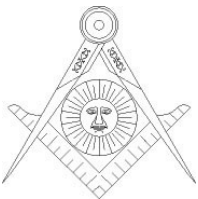
GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Dale Kreger, PM

Greetings from the SOUTH,

Welcome back, hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Several of us did some traveling to visit other Lodges. I myself enjoyed Tombstone Lodge, so much history there. Like us they are also a territorial lodge; it was very good with the brothers there showing pride. This is something I would like to learn about – our history. We know when, but the who and the why may be just as interesting. We are going to be having our outdoor degree coming up the end of October. There are a few other lodges in the state that are also doing outdoor degrees. If you have a chance, go see one. Talking with other brothers I've found that we all are having the similar struggles, both personal and within our lodges (participation, new members, etc.). I've also had some discussions about how to get out in the public eye, things our brothers are doing in these areas. I'm looking forward to the winter months to share with our traveling brother the things I have learned during my travels.

Yours In Faith,
Dale Kreger, PM
Junior Warden



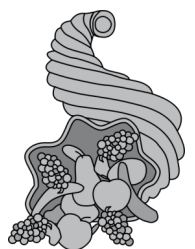
Good Morrow Brethren,

I hope you had a most excellent time being in the dark! However, it is that time to step back into the light. We shall make it the brightest light ever. I hope everyone is ready to move on and upwards – I know I am.

Your Senior Deacon,
Benjamin Hinderer

Hello brothers. I would like to say I am proud that, symbolically and realistically, I have traveled from East to West and from West to East again. I enjoy meeting new brothers and seeing new lodges and outdoor degrees. Traveling with brothers from the lodge I belong to is always a great experience for me. I hope to continue these adventures. Safe travels!

Roy Leon Wright
Senior Steward



TRAVELING



Brothers from Yuma Lodge #17 traveled to Aztlan Lodge #1 in Prescott to attend the funeral of PGM MW Brother Nelson in August.



Several brothers attended the merging of Brawley Lodge #402 with Imperial Lodge #390 to become Imperial Valley Lodge #390 in California in July.

Scholarship Award

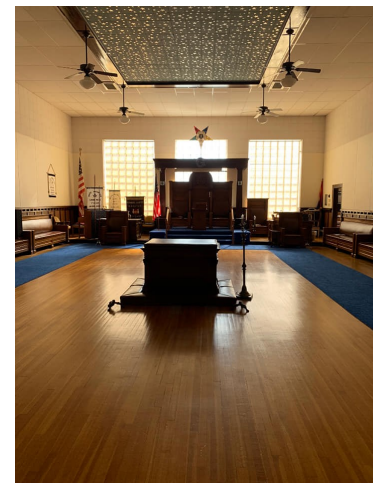
Our brothers presenting our annual scholarship to this year's recipient, Lexi Poole. A total of \$1,000 was given to help continue her education.



BROTHERS



In August our brothers headed to King Solomon Lodge #5 in Tombstone for the Official Visit of Worshipful Brother Michael Dale, Junior Grand Deacon. While there they were able to take in some of the sights of the Old West.



In July our brothers visited White Mountain #3 in Globe.



STAR IN THE EAST

Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron
Submitted by B.J. Dale

Welcome back everyone!! We hope that you had a good, adventurous summer and stayed cool. We would like to give you an update on what has been happening since our last May meeting. We had our beautiful Installation on June 1st. We would like to thank our wonderful Installing Officers that came from the Phoenix area to share our day. Installing Officer for the Women, PGM Juanita May; Installing Officer for the Men, JPGP Perry Casazza; Installing Marshall, JPGM Tori Loll; and Installing Chaplain, Carol Cloud. Our 2019–2020 Yuma Chapter #14 officers are as follows: Worthy Matron, Carolyn Simson; Worthy Patron, Michael Dale; Associate Matron, Linda Gillis; Associate Patron, David Gillis; Secretary, Ruth Wilmot; Treasurer, Mikel White; Conductress, B.J. Dale; Associate Conductress, Sabrina Arps; Chaplain, Ruby Kofta; Marshall, Mike Kofta; Adah, Emily White; Ruth, Carol Smith; Esther, Pauline Roach; Martha, Beverley Treherne; Electa, Joyce Snay; Warder, Mary Godfrey; Sentinel, Joe Strahm (pro-tem).

Our “Friendship’s Precious Memories” Grand Chapter was held July 31st – August 3rd. Our own Brother David Gillis retired his jewel as Worthy Grand Patron to make room for our new Worthy Grand Matron, Susan Warren and Worthy Grand Patron, E. Dean Powell. Yuma #14 appointments are as follows: Linda Gillis, Personal Grand Page to JPGM Dotty Lou Cox, District Instructor for Yuma Chapter #14, and Charters and By-Laws Committee; David Gillis, Escort to Dotty Lou Cox, JPGM and Protocol Committee; Carolyn Simson, Grand Representative to Illinois in AZ, Assistant Registration, Banquets, and Crisis Committees; Ruth Wilmot, Blue Book and Fiesta Day Committees; Jack and Beth Ann Prather, Distinguished Guests Committee; Curtis Cloud, Stairmaster Committee Chairman; Michael Dale, Stairmaster Committee; Sabrina Arps and B.J. Dale, Stars Over Arizona co-editors; B.J. Dale, SOA reporter for Yuma Chapter #14. Congratulations to all.

We’re gearing up to get our 2019–2020 year underway and hope that we will see many of you at our Send Off for our Worthy Grand Patron, E. Dean Powell. It will be held on September 21, 2019 at Hulet Elementary School, 600 W. Buffalo St, Holbrook, AZ 86025. If you would like any other information, you may look on the Grand Chapter website <http://azoes.mylodgehelper.com> or check out the Arizona Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Facebook page.



We would like to welcome a new addition into our Star and Masonic Family. The new parents, Mary and Sean Godfrey welcomed Preston Helmswith Godfrey on August 9, 2019. Although he was in a hurry and came a little sooner than expected, Preston weighed a healthy 7 pounds and is precious. Mom, Dad, and baby are doing great and can’t wait to meet everyone.

We hope to see you all at all of our meetings, but especially at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 24th. Dinner at 6:00pm with the meeting starting promptly at 7:00 pm.



YUMA TERRITORIAL LODGE NO. 17

OUTDOOR 3RD DEGREE

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Registration 8am * Lodge Opens 10am

* 15775 S. Avenue 4-1/2 E Yuma, AZ *

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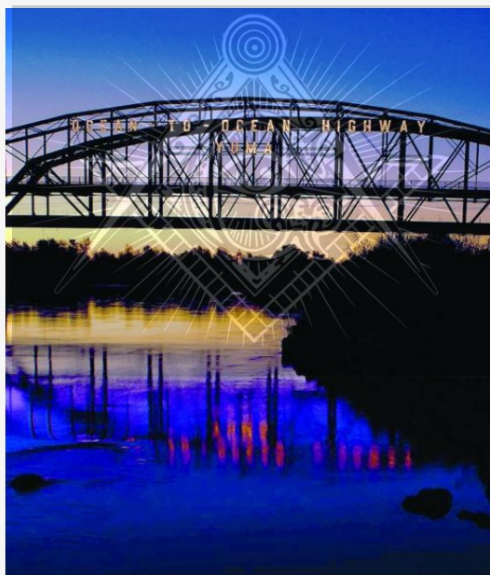
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Carnitas, Tortillas
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Commemorative
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Casual Outdoor Attire



Aprons Provided



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OR

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Turn Right
- * Turn Left On Ave. 4E To Co. 16th St.
- * Turn Left To AVE. 4-1/2E, Turn Left

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Daivid Conaway	Welton Phillips
Ralph Ferree	Eddie Straws
Benjamin Hinderer	

OCTOBER

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Aaron Hawkins	James Schultz
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Richard Hyatt	Jurail Simpson
Larry Keyes	Quaid Smith
Jacques Koeckes	Ernest Wallner
Dale Kreger	Victor Wallner

PUBLISHER'S NOTES

I have missed seeing my Masonic family and friends, so I can't wait to get back in the swing of things! My girls have missed going to Lodge on Stated Meeting nights, so they are very excited to see everyone...and pass out the salt and pepper shakers! I hope to see you all at either the Stated Meeting in September or at our first OES meeting in September!



Sincerely,
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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 a 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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