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TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

Brothers and Sisters, Greetings.

What a busy year we have had so far!

Most of our visiting Brothers from the North have made their pilgrimage to Yuma for the winter. It is good to see you all back.

OES was recognized during the dinner at the stated meeting on January 9th. They did a fantastic job with the meal and had a rapid turnaround for their OV on the following Saturday.

The Annual Masonic BBQ was a first run for Brothers Rusty Pool Jr. and Roy Wright at the grill pretty much on their own. Brother Harold Hawes did an outstanding tutelage and there were many comments of high praise for the tri tip. WB Mike Dale did another outstanding job as usual with the beans. Thank you to Brother Hector Aponte for coordinating for the “south of the border” tortillas. There was a lot of other behind-the-scenes efforts by many of the Worshipful Brothers and Brothers from inside the lodge, as well as our visiting Brothers. Our Lodge officers really stepped up to make it happen. Thank you to all the Brothers and Sisters that helped out with the Annual BBQ – all of your efforts are greatly appreciated. It will be a little while before we find out the final financial results.

The Shrine Appreciation evening on February 13th resulted in 47 officers and visitors in the Lodge, which is the largest in some time. The meal that was prepared by WB Mikel and Sister Emily White was scrumptious. The Sisters from OES returned to the Lodge and performed the “Pink Lodge”. It was a smashing success with the officers as well as our visiting nobles and guests. Thank you all for attending and making it an AWESOME evening. To the Sisters and Brothers of OES, thank you for your continued friendship and support.

We conducted two visits with WB Mike Dale (three if you count the calendar hiccup) when he was conducting his OVs to Pioneer Lodge #82 and Prometheus Lodge #87.

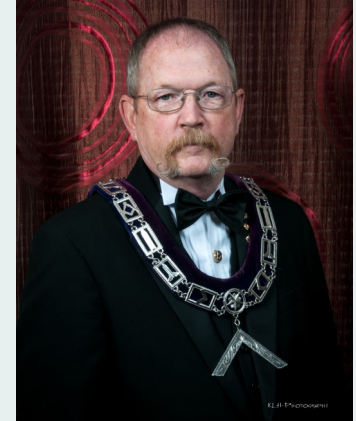
Brothers, we have been invited to check IDs for Midnight At The Oasis; please see WB Mikel White or WB Dale Kreger to sign up.

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



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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VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Sean Godfrey

Becoming Operative in the Craft

In my last correspondence I ended with the affirmation to you of picking up these working tools and laboring in these quarries we have been called to serve in and throughout our everyday lives. As Speculative Masons we are taught many teachings of the craft. However, the everyday principle application and uses of these – Tenets, Virtues, Symbols, and Instruments of great importance – unfortunately goes without deeper knowledge and understanding, in many of us uninitiated into its esoteric teachings.

From instruction comes knowledge, from knowledge comes awareness, of himself and of the world around him, and from the application of knowledge comes wisdom.

The very word *Speculative* translates to: *Engaged in, expressing, or based on conjecture rather than knowledge.* Conjecture, of course being: *An opinion or (a) conclusion on the basis of incomplete information.* So are you then, in turn, solely engaged in and/or expressing Masonry simply through conjecture alone, or rather are you taking up a life's work and study into its ancient arts and practices, for the true and proper application it was intended and designed for?

As Speculative Masons we work on refining that stone for the ethereal building "above" as our operative counterparts do each day in the "real world". Masonry, whether being practiced Operatively or Speculatively, is an ancient art form that requires expertise and daily devotion of practice. From which the use of these insurmountable tools and symbols of purification and perfection, and by the proper application and deeper knowledge and understanding of their uses, one is able to erect such magnificently beautiful edifices. I came across a poem recently entitled "The Perfect Ashlar" that I would like to share with you and end with.

The Perfect Ashlar

By: Lightlife

Born to this world rough hewn and jagged,
a stone as yet poorly shapen and ragged.

Helped to grow by kindness of others,
shown our errors in whispers from Brothers.

With this and the aid of the Common Gavel,
sharp edges soon turn to discarded gravel.

With Further Light, we explore new tools,
working with Fellows to uncover more Jewels.

With Plumb, Level, and Square we hearken to hear,
sacred guidance known to the Attentive Ear.

To More Light we then are led,
that Brotherly Love be widely spread.

VIEW FROM THE WEST (CONTINUED)

By Sean Godfrey

With our Ashlar true (good work and square),
soon comes the time we must repair.

With Trowel in hand, Ashlar polished and square,
we depart this world and all we built there.

Leaving behind in the hearts of our Brothers,
the tools to teach, lead, and love others.

[Poem from: Myfreemasonry.com/forums]

May you all be guided by the *Light* which emanates from the center of
all well governed Lodges. God bless you all and may the G.A.O.T.U.
continue to be with you and your loved ones.

Fraternally yours,
Sean R. Godfrey
Senior Warden

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Benjamin Hinderer

Greetings from the SOUTH,

We are off on another year. The barbeque has come and gone. The barbeque went off without a hitch. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we might have gotten a new prospective candidate out of it. We have to start looking to the future as far as the progressive line goes. Times are going to get better. I have Faith in the fraternity. One thing I myself would like to see is more of the our Brothers coming back to the lodge. We have to make time for so many things. We 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 all back in the Lodge!

Benjamin Hinderer
Junior Warden



**"The mystical bond of brotherhood
makes all men brothers." - Thomas Carlyle**



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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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

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 	3	4	5	6 Midnight at the Oasis	7 Lost Dutchman Outdoor Degree
8 Midnight at the Oasis	9 	10 	11 Nogales OV 	12 STATED 	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20	21 Midyear York Rite Conf.
22	23	24 	25	26	27 Leadership Conference (Casa Grande)	28
29 LLC (Casa Grande)	30	31				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4-6 – Grand Communications (more information to follow)

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Highway Clean-up
5	6 	7	8 Williams-Grand Canyon OV 	9 STATED 	10	11
12	13 	14 	15 	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 	29	30		



THE MAGI

By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

According to Christian tradition, there are three important wise men known as The Magi. They appeared after the birth of Jesus, they arrived from the East to worship him, following a star that guided them and announced the arrival of the Savior. We are summarizing and giving a brief commentary of an article by Sir Knight Michael Costello, III that first appeared in the Knight Templar Magazine, Vol. LXIII No. 12, published in December 2017.

It starts presenting the Gospel of Matthews, which is the only one canonical gospel to tell the story of The Magi in Chapter Two. It then goes on to describe the etymological significance of The Magi. The word Magi is plural from the Latin Magus, derived from the Greek Magos, which means this word comes from Old Persian, particularly from a group of priests, the priests of Zoroastrianism, who paid particular attention to the stars. They were famous for astrology practices and were known as Magi.

WHO WERE THEY?

In the western Christian Church, they were considered saints and were known as Melchior, Caspar (also Gaspar or Jaspas), and Baltazar. Their ages are believed to have been 60, 40, and 20 years, respectively.

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

The author mentions Matthew, who affirms in the Gospel that the Magi came from the East. Traditionally, it is believed they were Babylonians, Persians, or Jews from Yemen. In the American tradition, we believe that Baltazar was an Arab, Melchior came from Persia, and Gaspar from India.

THE GIFTS

The author mentions Matthew again, who claims the gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There are different theories that explain the significance and symbolism of these presents. The author stays with two of these theories. First, the three gifts are ordinary offerings and gifts given to a King. Myrrh has been commonly used as anointing oil, frankincense as a perfume, and gold as a valuable. Second, the three gifts have spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of Kingship on earth, frankincense as a symbol of deity, and mirth (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death. This second theory can also be interpreted as “gold, as to a King; myrrh, as to one who was mortal; and incense, as to a God”.

THE STAR

The author mentions several of the astronomical events that may have coincided with the appearance of “The Star of Christmas” that guided the wise men to Bethlehem. In [a previous] article, there were literal explications that the author believes explains better the appearance of this star. Exceptionally bright planetary conjunctions occurred in 2, 6, and 7 B.C; among these, the likely candidate for the holy star was the triple conjunction of Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn in 6 B.C.

The theory I like best is the conjunction of Jupiter and Regulus in the constellation of Leo. Here we have the “three kings” in one. First, you have Jupiter, the “king of the planets”. Second, you have Regulus, the “king star.” Third, you have the constellation of Leo, the lion or “king of the beasts.” Through the use of sophisticated astronomical software, archeo-astronomers can date the conjunction to around 4 B.C. This fits in closely with the date that modern historians say that Christ was born.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the author believes this paper sheds a little more light on the wise men or Magi. And the author hopes your interest is sparked and perhaps leads you to do some more research.



Traveling Men

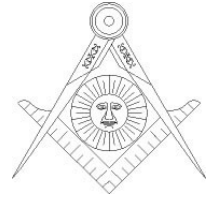


Brother Douglas "DJ" Arps travelled with WB Michael Dale, Junior Grand Deacon, to Pioneer Lodge #82 in Peoria for his Official Visit on January 20.



WB Michael Kofta, WB Mikel White, and Brother Brad Hamner travelled to Prometheus Lodge #87 in Gilbert on February 5th for the Official Visit of WB Michael Dale, Junior Grand Deacon

Hey Brothers, our new website for the lodge is up and running; check out www.yumalodge17.org. It's similar to the old one but easier to navigate through. If you have any questions about it or would like something added on there, contact me and I'll get it done.



I had the pleasure to visit Pioneer Lodge #82 back in January with WB Mike Dale where WB Zack did an awesome masonic education on the Forget-Me-Not Lapel. I'm looking forward to a few things that are coming up. Participating at the Midnight at the Oasis Car Show in March should be a very good thing for the lodge and hopefully we can continue to support them in the future. Once again Leadership Conference is approaching and I encourage all Brothers that can attend to go. There's a lot you can learn from it and there are things planned for the ladies as well. For any questions, contact WB Mikel White; he should have the details. Last note, let's make an effort on not trying to rush through things just so we can go home faster. Enjoy the craft and remember what brought us here in the first place.

Brotherly Love,
Douglas W. Arps, Jr. (DJ)
Senior Deacon



FROM THE DESK OF THE JUNIOR GRAND DEACON

By Michael Dale

Our lodge has a number of good men in it and I am proud to know them.

Are you aware of the sacrifices that go on in the Lodge? The only – only – sacrifices are time and money. You are expected (not forced, but expected) to attend Lodge one or two evenings a month and to pay lodge dues. Those dues are set by the Lodge budget. They pay for rent, utilities, amortization of Lodge furniture, etc. There are functions that the lodge participates in for the betterment of the Lodge and its members. Your only “skin in the game” for these functions is your time. We are all taught how to divide our time. Is your time so precious that you cannot afford to give a little to your brothers? There is talk from time to time about goats and sheep in the Lodge, however there is no sacrifice of any living thing period.

We all serve a master that is the Great Architect of the Universe and no other. We feel that a man's beliefs are entirely between the man and the deity. It is not our place to get between them or to direct how they should relate to one another (as if we ever could...). Masonry encourages members to attend the church of their choice. Freemasonry does not teach theology, does not promise salvation, and has no Masonic deity. Our meetings include prayers, but these are ecumenical, much like those said at the opening of a town council meeting.

There are some words which sometimes confuse people. These words come from the language of when Freemasonry started. The head of the lodge is called the “Worshipful Master”, but it is archaic language from centuries ago. “Worshipful” has nothing to do with religion. In context, it means “honorable”; some places still address mayors as “Your Worship”. Similarly, “master” just means the boss, what most clubs would call the “president”. Think “scoutmaster” or “bandmaster”.

The benefits of joining Freemasonry are sometimes hard to answer, because each man gets different things from it. Masonry above all is a system or philosophy of morality, using a great deal of symbolism and allegory. For instance, the square used by the old stone masons reminds you to treat everybody “squarely” – fairly (think “square deal”). A man wanting to be a better member of society may find it easier when surrounded by other men with the same wishes. There is a social aspect, of course. There is the chance to help others. Some would say it helps build the individual to become a better man.

The benefits that Freemasonry gets from the individual vary greatly. Each individual brings their own uniqueness to Masonry. They have brought friendship, support, laughter, common sense, wisdom. They all help to give the other members a better understanding of the world around us.

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MASONIC BBQ



Our Brothers warming up the delicious, authentic tortillas



Time to get our grub on!



Keeping things clean for the next round of meat!



How do you spell delicious?



M-A-S-O-N-I-C
B-B-Q!!!



The sisters and brothers from Eastern Star rocked it again with their desserts tables. They also sold homemade wreaths to raise money for their various charities.



We even had face painting for the kiddos!



A huge THANK YOU to Emily White for getting all the salsa donated for the AMAZING salsa bar!



The Grand Lodge of Arizona



Announces a weekend retreat open to all Arizona Masons.

It is said that inspiration comes from doing, but often doing can only begin with inspiration. If your flames of Masonic inspiration are not burning brightly, they cannot effectively spread to others. Join us for a weekend of inspiration, fellowship, and rekindling our personal flames as we plan to be:

Tending the Flames of Masonic Inspiration and Motivation

Featuring Two Workshops with: The Very Reverend, Dr. John M. Hinck

Workshop 1 - Storytelling for Leaders

Stories have the ability to make us laugh, smile, think, or cry. Through the use of storytelling, practical lessons come to life based on the leadership, character, and values learned from your family, profession, and other life experiences. You will learn key elements of storytelling, understand how values influence your story, and practice delivery techniques appropriate for your personality. Each participant will begin work on a personal story that reveals a genuine life lesson worthy to share in any situation. All will depart with a powerful story that highlights a moment in their life that can be used to motivate, influence and move others.

Workshop 2 - Building Organizational Commitment:

Used by corporate leaders, nonprofits, chambers of commerce, and individuals from across the globe, this popular session on organizational commitment examines the top three reasons why people stay in organizations and dedicate themselves to something greater than themselves. Why you join an organization is not the same reason as why you stick around and commit to an organization's purpose. This interactive and educational session demonstrates the importance of making a difference in a meaningful way that leads to a deeper and longer-lasting organizational commitment.



Dr. John M. Hinck serves as the Assistant Professor of Leadership for Air University. John entered the Masonic fraternity in 1983 when he joined the Order of DeMolay in State Center Chapter in Fresno, California. John has held numerous leadership positions in DeMolay, culminating as the 22nd International Master Councilor. He joined Masonry in 1989, and is a member of Fresno Lodge #247, San Diego Lodge #35, San Diego Chapter 61 Royal Arch Masons, San Diego Council 23 Cryptic Masons, and the Fresno Scottish Rite. John served as the Grand Chaplain (Very Reverend) for the Grand Lodge of Masons in California in 2015-2016. John is a former Army Colonel with 22+ years of service. He received his PhD in leadership studies from the University of San Diego. He is a professional speaker, board certified executive/leadership coach, and a consultant (specializing in leadership development, organizational leadership, coaching, and communication/conflict resolution). He works with the U.S. Air Force's Eaker Center for Leadership Development in designing and delivering the Leader Development Course for Squadron Command. He has published books and articles on leadership, coaching, communication, and designing leadership development programs. John is a graduate of the Moller-Burns Learn to Lead Program, University of Cambridge, England, and invited faculty at the Hansen Summer Institute for International Peace and Cooperation where he teaches leadership and problem solving to international fellows from 22 participating countries.

Conference Details:

Dates: March 27-29, 2020

Price: \$120 per Mason
(includes G/L of AZ padfolio)

Schedule:

Fri 03/27: 3pm-7pm – Registration
7pm-8pm – Dinner (patio)
8pm-?? – Fellowship

Sat 03/28: 8am-5pm – Event
7pm-8pm – Dinner
Ladies Luncheon
(further details to follow)

Sun 03/29: 9am-12pm – Event

Hotel Details:

Room rates \$109.00 plus tax
(includes breakfast both mornings)
Group code: AZ Masons Conference

Make reservations directly through:
Holiday Inn Casa Grande
777 N. Pinal Avenue
Casa Grande, AZ 85222
casagrandehi.com
520-426-3500

Registration forms will be available soon, so watch the G/L website:

www.azmasons.org

The weekend will also feature:

- Masonic speakers from around Arizona
- Plenty of Masonic activities and fun
- Plenty of opportunities to enjoy fellowship with Brethren
- The opportunity to speak with the Grand Lodge Leadership 1 on 1

So the only question that remains is...will it also feature YOU?

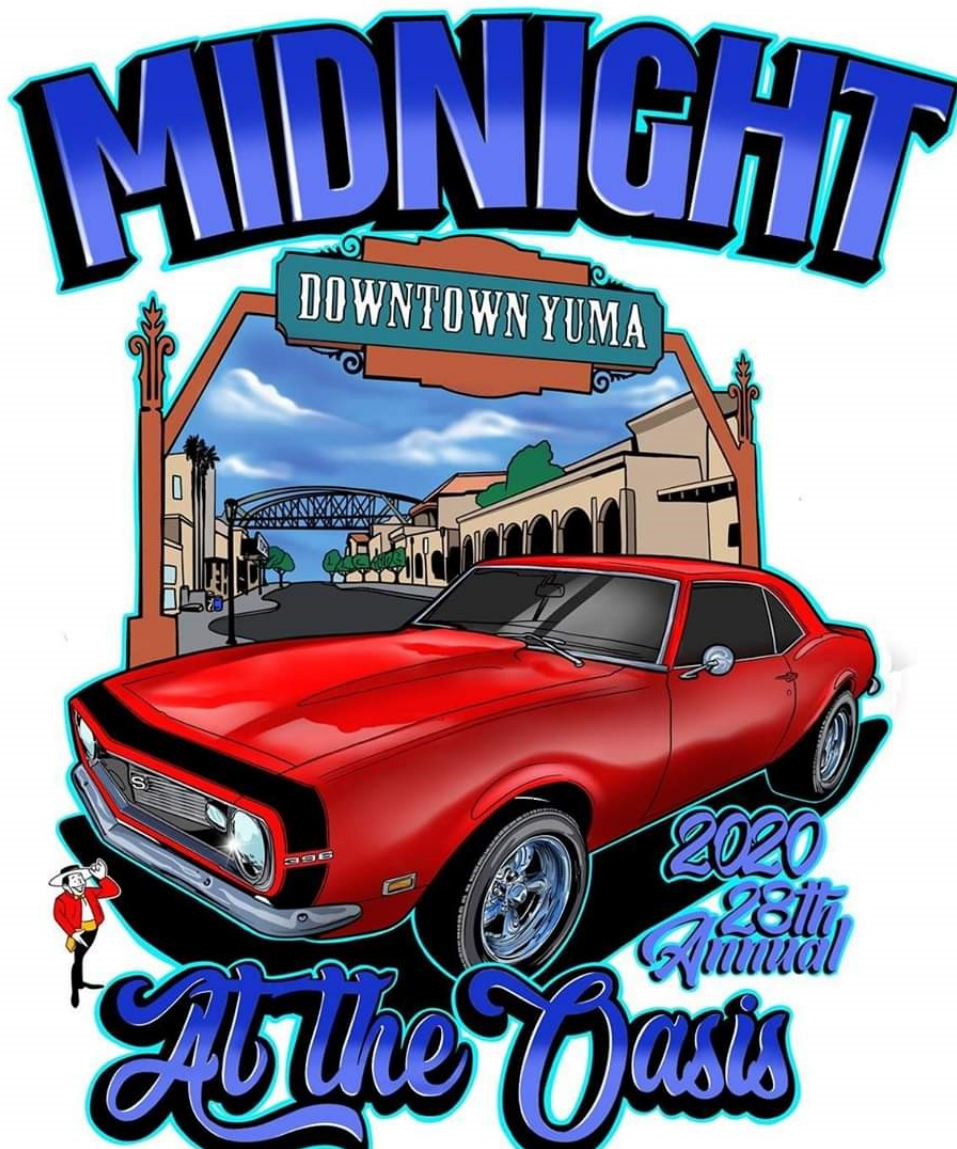
For more information or to register online, go to:
<https://www.azmasons.org/leadership-conference>

FROM THE DESK OF THE JUNIOR GRAND DEACON (CONTINUED)

By Michael Dale

We all take the same obligations. These obligations certainly descended from the medieval British stone-working masons, although its precise history is lost in time. In those rude times, punishments were harsh and bloody. Today, the worst the Masons can do to a member who has misbehaved is to expel him from the Craft, but the old obligations (explicitly referred to as symbolic) are retained as traditional and especially to remind the new Mason about how he should feel if he were ever tempted to break his word.

You can quit being a Mason at any time by simply writing a note saying so. It is expected that if you owe the Lodge dues, that he as a man of honor will pay those, but there is no mechanism to either force him to or to stay against his will.



Yuma Lodge has been asked to help check IDs and hand out wristbands for the Beer Garden at Midnight at the Oasis March 6th through 8th. If you would like to help volunteer, please contact WB Mikel White or WB Dale Kreger.



Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons



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Dear Brother Secretary,

October 1, 2019

Enclosed are Application forms for Grand Lodge Scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please **destroy** any old applications you may have. You may obtain additional applications from Jack Bender – Chairman or the Grand Secretary.

Please familiarize yourself with the information on the application so appropriate answers can be given to those filling out the forms. Please note three important dates:

1. **The applicant must return the completed application to you with required documents no later than April 1, 2020.**
2. **You, as Lodge Secretary, must send the completed Scholarship Packet to me not later than May 1, 2020.**
3. **Determination of scholarship recipients will be after Grand Lodge in mid – July.**

May I suggest the following as a story to run in your Trestle board or Email, as it is a primary means to inform the brethren of the scholarships:

Applications for 2020 – 2021 Grand Lodge scholarships are now available from (Lodge Secretary's name), announces Worshipful Master (Master's name).

The deadline for completing the application – along with other required documents – is April 1, 2020. The completed application and other documents are to be submitted to the Lodge Secretary by that date.

Applications will be reviewed, forwarded to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee, which will consider the applications and notify the successful recipients in mid-July of 2020.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: be the son, daughter, grandson, of granddaughter of an Arizona Master Mason, or be an Arizona member (or and Arizona senior/majority member) of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters. The applicant must use the scholarship monies to attend a school of higher learning within the State of Arizona, unless the major course or discipline of study is not offered within the State of Arizona. Then and only then, can the scholarship monies be used toward attendance of an out-of-state institution of higher learning. Must be a **full time student in an undergraduate program** (carry and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours).

Inasmuch as considerable work must be done by applicants to complete the application and compile the necessary documents, it is urged that applicants not delay in doing the necessary paperwork. (I will email you this notice if you request at (jackeb8@msn.com).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or concerns about the application process.

Fraternally,

Jack Bender, Chairman

**For more information, contact the
Lodge Secretary.**

Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____
Last First Middle Soc. Sec. No. (required)

Permanent Address _____ E-mail (required) _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Permanent Phone No. _____ DOB _____

Father's Name _____ Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Mother's Occupation _____

Grandfather's Name (if Masonic Sponsor) _____

Father's/Grandfather's Arizona Blue Lodge Name and No. _____

Are you a member of DeMolay _____ Job's Daughters _____ Rainbow _____ None _____ if so, give name and number of organization years and offices held on a separate piece of paper.

High School Attended _____ Year of Graduation _____

Class Ranking _____ High School Grade Point Average _____

Are you attending a College, University or Community College _____ Which One? _____

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ College Grade Point Average _____

Please list either your High School or undergraduate (whichever you are attending) honors, clubs, sports, activities and extracurricular activities on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application. **Note: DO NOT list both high school and college activities/honors.**

Please attach a transcript of all your High School and undergraduate (whichever you are attending) grades. **This should be your fall semester grades as well as your Cumulative GPA.**

List on a separate sheet of paper any church and/or civic activities that you have participated in during the last two years and attach to this application.

List on a separate sheet of paper any work history during the last two years and attach.

Please state on a separate sheet of paper why you feel you need assistance in pursuing your undergraduate studies.

Arizona College, University or Community College for which this scholarship will be used _____

Have you previously received a Grand Lodge Scholarship? _____ If yes, what years? _____

Parents' approximate annual income \$ _____ your approximate annual income \$ _____

Any brothers or sisters attending College, University or Community College? _____ If yes, how many _____

Have you been awarded any **2020-2021 scholarships and/or tuition waivers**? YES _____ NO _____

If so, **please list them**, with their value, on a separate sheet of paper.

PLEASE CHECK the above to make sure you have answered each question to the best of your ability and knowledge. Then sign the application below and have the application delivered to Secretary of the Masonic Lodge sponsoring you by April 1, 2020

See Back for Additional instructions

Signature of the Applicant

2019 1101

Scholarship Rules and Additional Instructions

1. The applicant must be an Arizona resident.
2. The applicants must meet one of the following criteria: be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of an Arizona Master Mason, or be an Arizona member (or an Arizona senior/majority member) of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters.
3. The applicant must use the scholarship monies to attend a school of higher learning within the State of Arizona, unless the major course or discipline of study is not offered within the State of Arizona. Then, and only then, can the scholarship monies be used toward attendance of an out-of-state institution of higher learning. Must be a **full time student in an undergraduate program** (carry and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours).
4. The applicant should read and fill out the reverse side of this form. It should be done with care, forethought and neatness. The applicant should remember the impression he/she is giving the committee. Be concise and accurate in all answers, but be sure to give all the information requested. If there are any extenuating circumstances in any area, be specific and state them.
5. After completing the form, sign it, and attach it to the form with all other requested information and see that it is delivered to your local Masonic Blue Lodge Secretary by **April 1, 2020**.
6. The **Lodge Secretary** will verify that the form is completely filled out and that the requested information is attached. He also will validate Rule 2 above.
7. The **Lodge Secretary** will then sign this side of the form, signifying that their Lodge is your sponsor.
8. The Lodge Secretary will then mail your "Scholarship Packet" to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee by **May 1, 2020**. The current chairman is Jack Bender, 16116 E. Glendora Dr., Fountain Hills AZ 85268, Email: jackeb8@msn.com
9. The Committee will review the applications, and successful applicants will be notified in **mid-July**.
10. The new Grand Lodge Scholars may be asked to participate in a Masonic Recognition Program honoring them. If there are any questions about this, the successful applicant should discuss it with the Lodge Secretary or Scholarship Chairman.
11. Application packets are not returned but may be given to other Masonic groups who have Scholarship programs.
12. One half of the scholarship is awarded for the Fall Semester. The other half of the scholarship will be mailed after the Scholarship Committee Chairman receives the Grand Lodge Scholar's first semester grades. Grand Lodge Scholars are expected to have a first semester grade point average of 2.50, complete at least 12 hours, and be registered for at least 12 credit hours for the Spring Semester in order for the remainder of the scholarship to be awarded.
13. Applicants may apply every year, as **each year is independent of the preceding year**.

NOTE: Brother Secretary, your signature acknowledges that your Lodge is sponsoring this applicant and that you have read Rules 6, 7 and 8 above. Also, if a member of your Lodge is named on the reverse side of this application, your signature certifies the named individual is (or was, if deceased), a member in good standing in your Lodge.

Sponsoring Lodge Secretary's Signature (see note above)

Lodge Name and Number

Date

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STAR IN THE EAST

Submitted by B.J. Dale, Conductress
(Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron)

January and February proved to be very busy for our chapter, starting with our Official Visit for our Worthy Grand Matron Susan Warren and Worthy Grand Patron E. Dean Powell. The Chapter room was filled with visitors and guests from around the state, as well as from other Jurisdictions including several states and Canada. There was a lot of smiles, laughter, and a good time had by all. Our Worthy Matron, Carolyn Simson, Worthy Patron, Michael Dale, and the entire Chapter did a wonderful job and their hard work paid off.

February was even busier gearing up for the Masonic BBQ held on February 9th. Even though that was the Rodeo weekend as well, the Lodge and Eastern Star fared well. Many thanks to all who were there to help serve and provided all the delicious pies, cakes, and other desserts.

We continued the fun with our Masonic Brothers when the women of our Chapter put on the “Pink Lodge” before the stated meeting on February 13th. Now, if you’ve never seen a Pink Lodge, you’re missing out! It is a skit that the women put together to show the men what we “think” they do at their meetings. I don’t know who had more fun – the women pretending to be the men or the men laughing at the skit! Thank you to the Worshipful Master, Mike Kofta, and all the members and visitors of Yuma Lodge #17 for indulging us and sharing in the laughs!

The week of fun was capped off when several members delivered Valentine flowers for a local florist, The Flower Mine, who donates a portion of their profits back to our Chapter. It was a lot of fun and a great feeling to put a smile on so many faces.

Our Chapter also held a Pizza Takeover at our local Round Table Pizza. Many thanks to all the members that showed up to help serve, bus tables, and greet customers. We greatly appreciate all our members and friends who showed up to support our Chapter and ate some delicious food. A special thanks to Emily White for arranging everything. **We have another Round Table Takeover planned for Wednesday, March 25th from 4–8pm.** You can eat in or order take out. Just let them know you are supporting OES and a portion of the proceeds go towards the various community charities we support (Catholic Community Services, Safehouse, First Responders, etc.). We hope to see you there!

On **Tuesday, March 10th**, we invite everyone to join us for **Friendship Night**. Dinner will be served at 6pm before our scheduled meeting starting at 7pm. We hope you can join us and don’t forget to wear green to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day! Some of our Chapter members also plan on attending a few Official Visits coming up around the state.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Friday, March 20, 2020

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Friday, March 27, 2020

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Friday, April 17, 2020

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Valley of the Start #62, Mesa

Havasu #61, Lake Havasu City

Kingman #17, Kingman

Desert Star #54, Tucson

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Ponderosa #62, Payson

Mizpah #57, Show Low

Queen Esther #22, Phoenix (HOMECOMING)

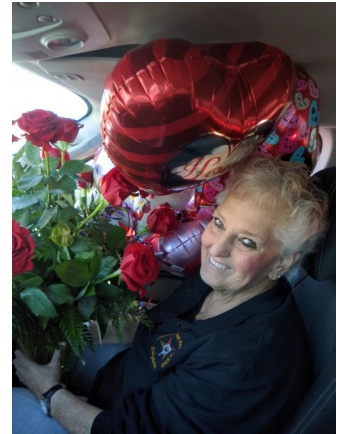
Please keep all of our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. If you know someone that isn’t feeling well, could use a home visit, or may need assistance getting to appointments or to the store, please call WM Carolyn Simson at 928–247–5962 to let her know. We hope to see everyone’s smiling faces at our dinners and meetings. If you need a ride, please contact WM Carolyn Simson or any Chapter member.



Left to Right: Worthy Grand Matron Susan Warren, Worthy Matron Carolyn Simson, Worthy Patron Michael Dale, Worthy Grand Patron E. Dean Powell



Our Chapter officers before our Official Visit with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron



WM Carolyn Simson helping to deliver a HUGE bouquet of flowers



The ladies from our Chapter getting ready for the "Pink Lodge". Baby Preston was there to lend an adorable hand!



A fun time was had by all at our Round Table Pizza Takeover! We served food, bussed tables, and greeted guests. The food and fellowship added to a great evening!



YUMA CHAPTER NO. 14 ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

The meetings are held the SECOND AND 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) 783-7993.





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2020 is in full swing and boy, is EVERYONE busy!!! Between Eastern Star and the Lodge, we are all working hard to support our community and getting our names out there. Keep up the good work!

If there is anything you would like to see in the Trestleboard or have any suggestions, please feel free to let me know! If you attend an event, don't forget to take pictures and submit them, either to me or on Facebook. Let's show off Yuma Lodge #17!

Sincerely,
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you've yet to meet." – Dave Thomas**

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