



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

Brothers and Sisters, greetings. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bestow his many blessings upon you.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Finally, we have been able to see each other again, live and in the Lodge. The stated meeting for August was attended by nearly all of our line officers and a few sideliners. We still have a little rust and dust to knock off in our ritual. We will be resuming our practices on our ritual work every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Congratulations to Most Worshipful Brother Boyd Robertson on being installed as our Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona for the 2020–2021 year. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you with divine guidance for you to lead us in this challenging time. Congratulations to all of the other elected and appointed officers as well.

Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Michael A. Dale on being appointed to the position of Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona for the 2020–2021 year.

Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Mikel K. White on his appointment as our District Deputy Grand Master for 2020–2021.

Yuma Lodge was awarded the Master Architect Award for our submission to the Grand Lodge. We also received the First Place Trestleboard award for a medium-sized lodge as well. Please congratulate and thank our editor Sabrina Arps on a job extremely well done! Let us continue to keep up the good work and shoot for the Master Builder Award for next year.

I was honored to present Brother Royal K. Thomson, a Master Mason from Gate of the Temple Lodge #422 in Missouri, with a 50-year certificate and pin. WB Michael Dale and Brothers DJ Arps and Roy Wright were able to share in the presentation. Brother Royal shared that his grandfather and father were also 50-year Master Masons from the same Lodge and that he has a memento from his Grandfather having been one of the original 13 members of his Lodge.

Brothers and Sisters, your health and well-being remain of the utmost priority. If there is anything either myself or the Lodge can do for you please do not hesitate to ask. Please continue to observe the safety guidelines and precautionary measures from the Center for Disease Control, the last Trestleboard, and the Opening Plan posted at the Lodge so that we can all remain healthy.

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STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month, September through June.

There will be no dinner preceding meeting until further notice

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

Degree work most every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Call (928) 783-7993 or visit www.yumalodge17@gmail.com for schedule.

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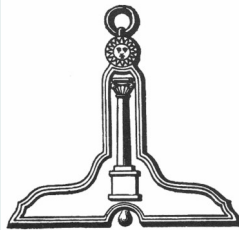
VIEW FROM THE EAST (continued)

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Brothers and Sisters, please reach out to our other members who you have not been able to sit with in Lodge, Temple, or Chapter to ensure that they are still doing well and are not in need of anything.

Until we meet again, please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay connected to one another.

Fraternally,
Michael A. Kofta
Worshipful Master



VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Sean Godfrey

Flags, Fireworks, parchment(s), and silver signs

Our annual family vacation to the East coast (often referred to as the right coast) was both exciting and as always, short-lived. It began shortly after arriving with a three-day non-stop celebration of the birth of this great and glorious nation. Each day the event was held at a different venue of a prominent member of a small rural community, with each moment, person, and mortar round more beautiful than the next. The excitement leading up to the grand finale which glistened across the Chesapeake Bay on the third day was far more spectacular to any I have ever seen.

In our travels I was also fortunate enough to meet for lunch with the Junior Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It was a well-enjoyed visit and also an immense historical lesson on the forming of their Grand Lodge and of the rich-soaked history in the soils of that region, in the building and founding of the continental United States. He said to me, "I often tell people, if you didn't like history or seafood, you were liable to be deported from where I'm from."

The following day we were warmly greeted outside of Lancaster Union Lodge #88 A.F.&A.M. by their long severing secretary WB Linwood Spears, 32°, and were given an extended tour and history of their Temple and of their more than 200+ years of service to the Craft, outstanding.

I know you must be thinking how could it have gotten any better than that, well, it did: in contemplation, leaving those events, men, and meetings, as I drove around the heart of the Nation, I was left with a deep pondering of understanding for the Great Men who had *gone before us* to take on such monumental tasks, that lead to even much larger and greater achievements. Thomas Jefferson, one of the founding fathers who drafted the Declaration of Independence and later went on to secure the Louisiana Purchase, thus extending the territories of the United States; the great Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower, who connected the union by the diverse integration and implementation of the National Interstate highway system and created NASA along with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, literally putting us on the map; the great Franklin D. Roosevelt, who made miraculous progress for the Nation and was the only president to have been elected to four consecutive terms in office and died suddenly very early into his fourth term as president. There are so many more I could spend days writing about listing their goals, *visions*, and achievements they overcame and executed that helped shape and develop this great nation.

The point I am trying to make to you is you cannot drive 10-12 miles in any direction in the Great Commonwealth of Virginia or any other coastal state in the eastern union without passing a *silver sign*: a miniature plaque

VIEW FROM THE WEST (continued)

By Sean Godfrey

on the side of the road/highway, dedicating a monument of something of some great historical significance which took place there.

My welcome back message to you is this: as we resume our labors and work(s) as Masters of the Craft in full force, I encourage each and every one of you to start working on your *silver sign* design if you have not yet done so already. One day, hopefully after you have held true to your steadfast devotions and obligations and after your toilsome journey has ended, a large group of members of the commonwealth will come down and plant an everlasting monument in their soil in the remembrance of the monument you had placed in theirs years earlier of your time spent here. And yes, it may be placed by the side of the road or highway where the average passerby might not notice it or ever stop to read it, but to *he who seeks, always finds*, and greatness always lies hidden in plain sight. Your life's work and achievements will inspire the lives of many. Lastly, take Sir Roger Gilbert Bannister's life into account: he was a British middle-distance runner who later went on to become an accomplished neurologist. In 1954 he became the first man to run a "sub-4-minute mile" (3 min., 59.4 sec.), which gave birth and rise to *The Roger Bannister affect*; the old adage "if he can do it, I can do it [better]".

As Masters of the Craft, we are always looking for ways in which we can build, impact, inspire, and affect the lives of many, as well as to instill greatness in all along the way, by erecting such magnificent everlasting monuments. What does your monument look like and what will it read?

God bless you all, so glad to be back in full force! *May each and every one of you be guided by the light in which emanates from the center of all well-governed lodges.*

Fraternally yours,
Sean R. Godfrey
Senior Warden



WM Mike Kofta and WB Mike Dale presenting Brother Royal K. Thomson with his 50-year membership pin
(Brothers DJ Arps and Roy Wright were also in attendance)
(Photo by Brother DJ Arps [not pictured])

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Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at 7:30pm (there will be no dinner preceding meeting until further notice)

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

Trustees' Meetings: Monday prior to Stated Meeting 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 (there will be no dinner preceding meeting until further notice)

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 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY (Holiday)	8	9	10 STATED	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Tentative	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

NO UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 STATED	9	10
11	12 COLUMBUS DAY (Observed)	13 Tentative	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Tentative	28	29	30	31



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Benjamin Hinderer

Greetings from the SOUTH,

Coronavirus sure has everything in the world in an upheaval. Everyone needs to remember to stay safe, wear your mask, and stay home if you feel sick. Remember, you're not just doing it for yourself, but also for the rest of the Brothers and their families.

We need to remember our core values of what makes us Freemasons in these trying times. It seems like the world, more especially the United States, is coming to a crossroads. Remember that while not all of the brothers may share the same political beliefs or ideology, we all believe in a higher power, which brought us together under the same roof.

It was great to be back in open lodge with so many brothers. Our brother Lauro did an amazing job showing his proficiency during the meeting. Probably the best Entered Apprentice proficiency I have ever seen. I know this young Mason has a bright future in our fraternity and I look forward to seeing what accomplishments he makes in the way of the Craft.

Benjamin Hinderer
Junior Warden



MUSINGS FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR GRAND DEACON

By WB Michael Dale

Professionalism



The definition of professionalism by Merriam-Webster is “the conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a profession or professional person”. Professionalism is being an expert and specializing in the knowledge of one’s professionalism of their practice. A Mason is measured by his ability to do his job successfully, tactfully, and professionally. Being a professional at everything you do will help you succeed in every aspect of your life. Freemasons are considered professionals. How we learn, subdue our passions, and even improve ourselves in Masonry make us the elite fraternal force we are.

Professionalism is about being highly motivated and doing what is asked of you and following through with whatever is asked of you to do, showing up early and being on time, in the right uniform (for your lodge), or look like you are ready for whatever task may be assigned to you, as well as looking up to and following Masonic Values at all times no matter what the situation. Being professional also means that you are being in the right place at the right time, doing exactly what is right physically, morally, as well as ethically. Being a professional in the Masonic Fraternity means that everything is done by first impression, to the way you work, the way you handle yourself, and the way you handle different situations that may arise.

Professionalism also has to do with your motivation and how well you perform the tasks at hand and the different jobs that need to be completed; it is also knowing what you are doing and how things need to be done when it comes to the task at hand and in other circumstances. Professionalism also means that one is able to be emotionally intelligent as well as highly observant; some individuals need to pay attention and be well aware of what is going on around them and their lodge. Professionalism also means having the ability to be an active listener and multi-task at the same time – when you are doing one task that needs to be completed and someone else needs your advice, help, or opinion, you are able to actively listen to what is being asked and act upon it.

In any profession there are many attributes accompanied with professionalism. In the Masonic Fraternity, like all professional jobs, in order to be successful, experience, communication, and moral ethics will make any individual succeed. Experience can help save time and effort. Learning from one’s past mistakes and accomplishments can be very valuable in any lodge setting. Being able to effectively communicate is key. As a Mason, knowing what to say and how to get into people’s minds can prove to help a great deal in a Lodge setting. Ethics is knowing the difference between right and wrong, from good from bad; this is what being a professional is. Every single person’s morals and values of life are different. To me professionalism means to lead by example, to try your best and give it your all no matter who is watching, to put in the time and effort, to act on your best behavior, and to get any task presented to you done and giving one hundred percent. These are all traits of what professionalism means to me. No matter if you are an Entered Apprentice or a Past Grand Master, being a professional within the Masonic Fraternity is the standard we all should live by.



MORE MUSINGS FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR GRAND DEACON (continued)

By Michael Dale

Masonic Trivia – Past Master Symbol

The Past Master symbol is an often seen but not so frequently explained Masonic Symbol. It commonly consists of the Compass, Sun, and Quadrant (or Protractor), and in most jurisdictions a Square.

The Compass has a familiar interpretation, for it is by the Compass that a Mason is reminded to keep his actions within due bounds. The Square also has a familiar meaning, for in acting on the Square a Mason conducts himself honestly, with morality and virtue. The Square is the Master's Jewel (a reminder of how he should govern) and is a part of the Past Master's symbol as a reminder of the office he held.

The Quadrant is the arc that the Compass rests upon, either below or in place of the square on the familiar symbol of the fraternity. The Quadrant shows what angle the Compass is opened at. Symbolically, as every Mason is supposed to use the Compass to keep his actions within due bounds, it is the Quadrant that measures those due bounds and it is the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge to ensure that Masons under his jurisdiction are making proper use of their own Compass. The Quadrant also shows the Compass to be open to 60 degrees or the angle of an equilateral triangle, which is a symbol of balance. The Compass paired with the Quadrant could also be seen as a Sextant, a navigation tool used to measure altitude. The Sextant also signifies that the Past Master has observed the sun at meridian height (the South), setting (the West), and rising (the East).

In some jurisdictions around the world, the 47th Problem of Euclid suspended by the Square is used as the Past Master Symbol. The 47th Problem of Euclid (also known as the Pythagorean Theorem) is used to prove a square, a vital skill to ancient builders. Suspended by the Square, the symbol represents the knowledge and wisdom a Past Master has gained from his service to his Lodge and Masonry in general.

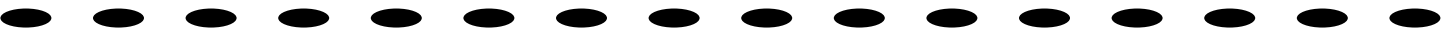
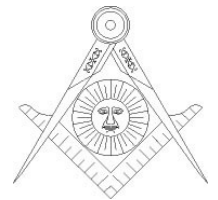


What's up brothers,

Let's start off with some good news – we're back! We just had our first stated meeting in Lodge since this whole COVID-19 happened. And now it's time to put the work in and do some degree work. (Hopefully we don't get shut down again.)

I also had the pleasure in going to a Brother's house with WM Mike Kofta, WB Mike Dale, and Brother Roy Wright to present to him his 50-year pin. He was super excited to see some brothers at his door step. That showed me brotherly love and why I became a Mason. Being a Mason is not just a title that you turn on or off. For me, it is something that came into my life and will always be there.

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



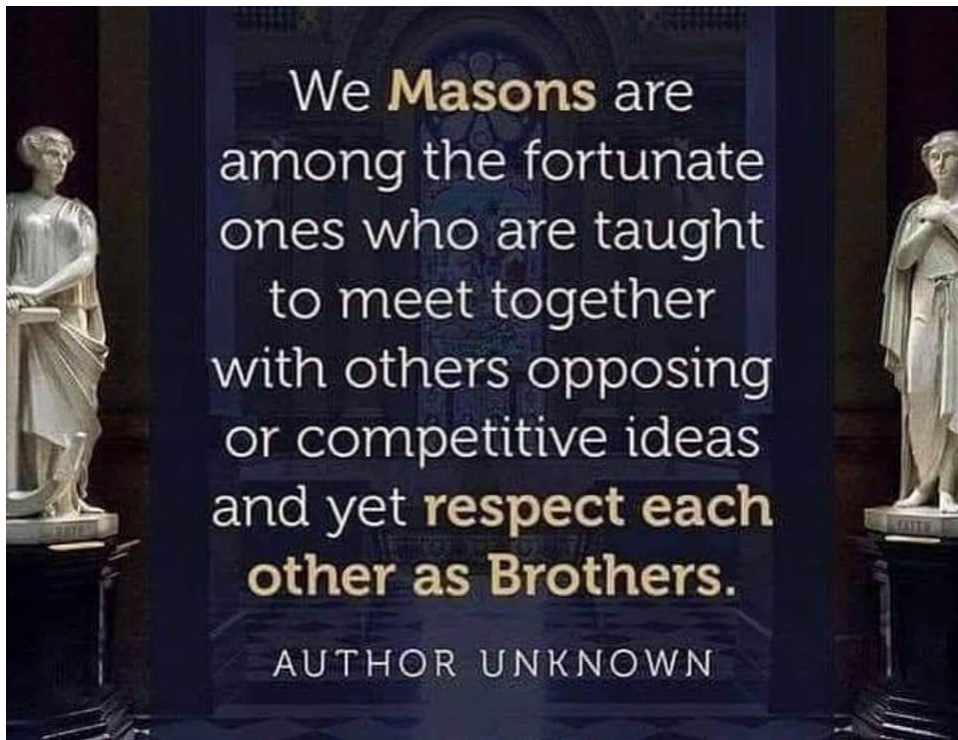
A MESSAGE FROM YORK RITE



Edict No. 1 from Grand Chapter and Grand Council allows us to fully meet with Ritualistic Opening for meetings. It also allows us to open and conduct meetings in Zoom or other media platforms. It also allows us to open and conduct meetings in Zoom or other media platforms. Illustrious Master Quaid Smith, Excellent Companion Sean Godfrey, and Eminent Sir Antero Trujillo have come to the consensus that due to the average age and health concerns of our membership that we will continue to meet via Zoom. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, September 7, 2020 opening at 7:30pm for Chapter
- Monday, October 5, 2020 opening at 7:30pm for Council
- Monday, November 2, 2020 opening at 7:30pm for Commandery





Submitted by Brother Roy L. Wright,
Junior Deacon

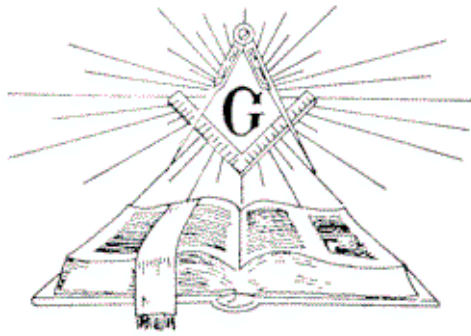


WE'RE BACK!



Yuma Lodge #17 officers and brothers reporting for duty!
(Photo by Brother DJ Arps [not pictured])





FROM THE UNKNOWN MASON

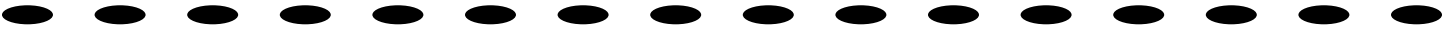
Have you ever wondered why the North East is the position of the Corner Stone and therefore the new Entered Apprentice?

The reason for this comes from Operative Masonry where the first stone of a building is placed in the North East. I did say traditionally the North East is the site of the first or foundation stone.

As a matter of fact this particular stone is not always placed in that corner. When such is the case, symbolically, the location of that stone in the building is the North East corner. Why you may ask? Building operations require good light to properly lay the stones and our ancient brethren did not have the advantage of the electric light. They were required to make the best use of the sunlight while it lasted. The stones in the corner had to be laid with great exactness and since, in the civilized world of that day, the sun rose in the north east, that corner would be the natural place to begin. This corner was the only place where the early morning sun would shine on both of the outer walls of the stone and permit accurate placing by sunlight. Of course, this was in the Northern Hemisphere.

It can be noted here that in all the traditions and legends about this corner, it represents the source of the dawn, the place of beginning where the sun's rays first strike the stone and therefore it symbolizes the Entered Apprentice beginning his Masonic life.

We are taught Masonically that the North is a place of darkness and represents the non-Masonic world, while the East as the source of light represents the Lodge. The Corner Stone in the North East corner has one side towards the North and the Other towards the East. The Entered Apprentice in that corner, therefore, represents one that has just emerged from the darkness of the North but has not wholly left it.



STAR IN THE EAST

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

Greetings everyone!

Unfortunately, this article still finds everyone pretty much still in quarantine. We continued our "social gathering ZOOM meetings" through the summer just to check in and keep in touch with everyone. It has been really nice seeing everyone's faces. Everyone that we have checked in with seems to be handling this pandemic in the best way possible. We would love to see more people on, but we know that life sometimes gets in the way. Several people in the Chapter have been calling and checking up on members that have not been getting on the ZOOM meetings. We want to make sure that everyone knows that we are all thinking about them.

In case anyone has been wondering about the Stars Over Arizona subscription newsletter that goes out several times a year, the last several issues have been postponed due to the lack of news, Official Visits, and meetings around the state. Hopefully when activities, meetings and events resume, we will see the newsletter going out again to everyone soon.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our upcoming birthdays:

- SEPTEMBER: Sandi Bennett (9/9), Beth Ann Prather (9/11), Beverley Treherne (9/11), Curtis Cloud (9/21), Myrtle Gunlock (9/25), Ruby Kofta (9/25), Emily White (9/26), Zoe Hawk (9/27), Marvel Leader (9/27), LaQuita Allison (9/29)
- OCTOBER: Nancy Southard (10/4), Teresa Nunnely (10/19)

We hope you're able to spend your special day with loved ones!

I am including the last correspondence from the Most Worthy Grand Matron (see next page). If you would like to read a correspondence that has gone out from the MWGM, you can go to <https://oesstrong.org/>. There is other information, facts, and questions that you may be interested in.

Until next time, please keep all of our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. If you know someone that isn't feeling well, would appreciate a phone call or card, or may need assistance getting to appointments





or to the store, please call Carolyn Simson (Worthy Matron) 928 247-5962 (or any Chapter member) to let her know. We miss seeing all of you and we hope to see everyone's smiling faces when we are able to start up with our meetings again. Take care and be safe!

Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron
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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
Order of the Eastern Star
Established November 1876

TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

July 27, 2020

My Sisters and Brothers,

I am disappointed, and I bet you are too, to know that for the most part the coronavirus has increased across the land. It was my hope to greet you with the exciting news of safer conditions for the return of Eastern Star closer to what we would like it to be, but the health and safety guidelines specified by the health experts and national and local governments have not been lifted (with some exceptions).

We all are more than ready to have our Star return to "normal," but the virus doesn't care! The risk to the health and lives of our members—our older members in particular because most of them are high risk—is still there. I urge you to refrain from placing our members in the difficult position of doing what is right for their health or doing what they feel obligated to do, which is to attend scheduled OES meetings, functions or activities. Please consider these circumstances could possibly endanger the well-being of all members. Every manner of precaution and effort to safeguard the health and lives of all of our cherished members is necessary until the pandemic is under control—a timeline that is impossible to know. Please wear a face mask, maintain social distancing and wash your hands often no matter what!

There is concern that Eastern Star will struggle to return when we can safely gather together once again. I do not share in this concern because I know that Eastern Star will return. I believe we will return even better and stronger than before, especially if we view this time as an opportunity to improve! I am proud of the successful efforts of keeping our members virtually connected together socially. I realize virtual connections are not like seeing each other in person and getting a warm hug, but it is the safe and right thing for us to continue to do at this time.

We're hanging in there tough and we need to remain vigilant for as long as it takes. We're not an organization that crumbles at the first sign of challenge or we would have been gone a long time ago! "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."
-- Richard Bach.

In friendship and love,
Marianne Shenefelt
Marianne R. Shenefelt
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP
Alma Bane, RWGS

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 the lodge at (928) 783-7993.





Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason



SEPTEMBER

Roger Christiansen
Daivid Conaway
Ralph Ferree
Benjamin Hinderer
John Mitchell
Welton Phillips
Eddie Straws

OCTOBER

Edward Collins	James McKinley
Jackson Cox	Jack Puckett
Robert Dhu	James Schultz
Kevin Hawkins	Jimmy Seals
Aaron Hawkins	Jurail Simpson
Richard Hyatt	Quaid Smith
Larry Keyes	Victor Wallner
Jacques Koeckes	Ernest Wallner
Dale Kreger	
Jerry McAdams	

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Summer is almost over, which means we can (hopefully) get back into fellowship mode! Our Lodge brothers have started their stated meetings, so I have my fingers crossed Eastern Star will be able to follow suit! We have been having Zoom meetings twice a month, but it's not the same as physically seeing people and talking to them.



Congratulations to the Lodge for the various awards and congratulations to all the newly appointed Grand Officers. I am proud and humbled to have contributed to the Trestleboard award for the Lodge. I hope to continue to help you all show how incredibly awesome Yuma Lodge #17 is!

Please continue to practice social distancing and self-quarantine if you need to. Stay at home unless absolutely necessary! Yuma's numbers are still a bit high, but if we continue to follow guidelines we can make Yuma safe again! Even though we should refrain from being with one another, that doesn't mean we can't talk to one another. Reach out to your Brothers and Sisters, check in on them, make sure they are okay or see if they need anything.

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. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps

"Brotherhood isn't just a word, it's TOTAL dedication to each other or your club, not just when it's convenient. Many people say it but very few live it" – Unknown

Committees

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Audit

TBD

Budget

Worshipful Master

By-Laws

Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

Hector Aponte

Cemetery Clean-up

Roy Wright, Chairman

Facilities Maintenance

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Timothy Williams, PM

Funeral

Mikel K. White, PM

Grievance

Michael A. Dale, PM

Library/Archives

Mikel K. White, PM

Masonic Education & Ritual

Mikel K. White, PM, DDGM

Timothy Williams, PM

Michael A. Dale, PM

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Worshipful Master

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Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

Brad Hamner

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Candidate Instruction

Quaid Smith, PM, KYGCH

Antero Trujillo

Officer Instruction

Mikel K. White, PM, DDGM

FUNDRAISING

Chairman – Dale Kreger, PM

Co-Chairmen – Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Brad Hamner

Barbeque

Chairman – Mikel K. White, PM, DDGM

Trustees

Balloon Glow

Dale Kreger, PM

Raffle & Other Venues

Stewards

PUBLIC SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bikes for Books

Brad Hamner

Roadside Clean-up

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Law Enforcement Memorial

Hector Aponte

Scholarship/Classroom Grants

Chairman – Sean R. Godfrey

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards

Benjamin T. Hinderer

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Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Mason of the Year

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