

Yuma Lodge  
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# TRESTLEBOARD

## VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Mikel White, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

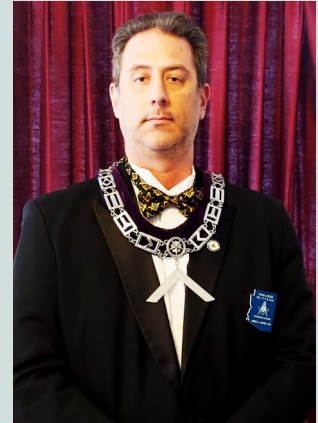
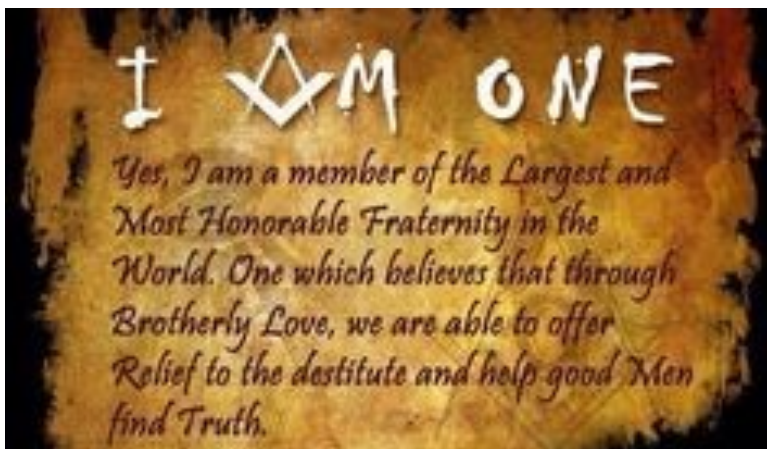
I will start by saying the Lodge operations are 100% active. We are doing degree work, stated meeting dinners, and out of town travels to visit other lodges. I would like to thank Brother DJ Arps and his band of cooks starting the Lodge meals back up with a big success. The Lodge officers just finished up line officer training in Prescott with the rest of the Arizona Lodges. We learned a lot and communicated with our counterparts in the state on how to make our Lodge better.

The Lodge just finished reading the over 30 resolutions being voted on at Grand Communication. Please get with our Lodge secretary about the resolutions and talk to the line officers about your concerns before we go up to Grand Communication.

Please contact Brother Mike Dale, PM if you would like to join him on any of his Official Visits around the state. It helps him and shows the rest of the state we support our Grand Lodge officer making his trip to the Grand East.

If you have any concerns or ideas about the Lodge please contact me

Fraternally,  
Mikel K. White, PM/DDGM  
Worshipful Master



### STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,  
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

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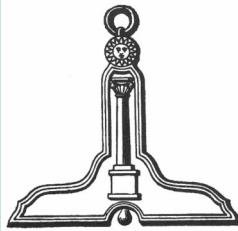
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## VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Benjamin Hinderer

Good Day Brothers,

The view from the West is great. I am very happy to be your Senior Warden and if anyone needs anything or has any questions about what is going on in the Lodge, do not hesitate to ask. It is a pleasure to be your Senior Warden and I look forward to moving to the East next year if you all will allow it. It is up to you and I hope that I can prove to be as great of a Worshipful as the previous ones.

Masonicon (Leadership Conference) was a great turn out and an awesome opportunity for fellowship. The way it was structured this year was outstanding and I look forward to attending many more in the future. It was a better platform for learning and improving ourselves, rather than just sitting and listening to people talk. We had to engage our minds and break some people out of their comfort zones. However, by doing this we were able to get many different view points on the talking points that Grand Lodge had set out for us. Many of them built on each other like many things do in our Fraternity.

My wife and child made the trip with me and it allowed her to see the other side of Masonry, other than just Lodge every Thursday. She got to experience all the fellowship and meet many different Brothers from around the state. I might even go so far as to say she might have had fun and enjoyed the trip. I am planning on bringing her and Walker with me to future events (fingers crossed).

I think it would be a good idea for the lower chairs to attend Masonicon in the future. It is nice to see how other Lodges around the state manage some of their committees and which committees they have active. Many of the Lodges had different spins on the same committees and functions that we do here in Yuma. Your Junior Warden and myself are looking into implementing some of the different ways of doing things.

The light is bright in Yuma Lodge!

Benjamin Hinderer  
Senior Warden

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the SOUTH,

Hey Brothers, how is everyone doing? I hope well since we are able to have dinners at our stated meetings now, getting some normal back to the Craft. The end of March was pretty cool; I was able to attend Masonicon up in Prescott with my Brothers throughout Arizona. The way the event was put on was very educational. It was nice to hang out and have some cold "drinks" with Brothers I haven't seen in awhile due to COVID. Every line officer and MM should really try to go to Masonicon at least once.

Now Grand Communication is coming up soon which will also be held in Prescott. From what I hear, it sounds like it's going to be a great turn out. It's an honor to represent Yuma #17 and get our Lodge known even better throughout Arizona and build relationships.

The gun raffle turned out great. We were able to sell the tickets fairly quick and now we're in the process of putting on another one. This is really going to help on repairs that pop up and any other things that need



## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (CONTINUED)

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

to be done. If you have any ideas for future raffles please let myself, Dale, or Brad know and we will look into it. I'll be running up to Pioneer #82 on May 3 to help with a 3rd Degree that they are putting on. I think it's pretty awesome to get to help another Lodge besides ours. If there is anyone that would like to go, let me know; I plan on leaving around 2:00pm.

A few weeks ago Brother Roy had a cemetery clean-up; he received a donation from Karl Duncan who was looking for information on his great uncle. His great uncle was a member of Yuma #17 in the late 1800s/early 1900s and passed away in 1902. We were able to find his final resting spot during clean-up. Thank you to Brother Luis Arroyo, as he's been going out there every weekend since then cleaning up on his own with his son.

Brotherly Love,  
Douglas Arps, Jr. "DJ"  
Junior Warden



## SECRETARY'S TABLE

By WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

There are still a few Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2021. Instructions for logging into Grandview were mailed out with the new dues cards. I haven't gotten any feedback yet from the line officers on their having assisted Brothers with their logins.

Some current Grandview stats: Of 182 Portal Users for Yuma #17, only 17% (32) have registered. Only 49% of the records have a valid email address, 4% with a listed home phone, 53% with a mobile phone and 97% with validated addresses. Brothers, this information was a direct download from our Lodge database with updates made from returned dues payments. It is imperative that you update your information in Grandview so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up-to-date. Grandview is the future, so please log in and update your information.

WB Vernon McGee provided the Lodge with a picture book of Brother Don Young's services. It is available for viewing currently in the Lodge Office.

The first reading of the resolutions for Grand Lodge were read at our last stated meeting, as well as a first time reading for another proposed by-laws change.

If you need any assistance in general or with practicing or on proficiency, feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,  
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### Yuma Lodge No. 17

Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at **7:30pm** (Dinner preceding the meeting at **6:30pm**)

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 **7:00pm**.

### Order of the Eastern Star

Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at **7:00pm** (there will be no dinner preceding meetings 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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## May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 Pioneer #82 3rd Degree	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Mt. Moriah meeting	12	13 STATED DGM OV Dinner 6:30pm	14	15 Hualapai Outdoor Degree
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Hunters Paradise (Phx) OV	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day (Observed)					

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Degree Work – Check with Pedestal Officers

## June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 GRAND COMMUNICATIONS	5
6	7	8	9	10 STATED Dinner 6:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Wit Tournament (Sun City)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





## CIRCUMAMBULATION

By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

The origins and evolution of this ancient procedure which is part of our ritual of initiation in the Masonic Lodges is study by the Masonic authors. We are going to present part of this work.

By his circumambulation of the Lodge, the Candidate is being ceremoniously but very effectively presented to the Brethren. This long word, from the Latin, means “walking all round”.

Of all religious rites, circumambulation is one of the most ancient and made its mark upon popular, probably thousands of years ago. Circumambulation always proceeded sun wise, that is, in the direction assumed to be taken by the sun.

In the mysteries and religions of all ages, there has been the formal procession three times around a sacred place or object, and always sun-wise, that is, with the devotee’s right side on the inner side of the procession.

It was inevitable that, in the course of time, the stately rite of circumambulation should be adopted by the Christian Church. Everywhere the Church still observes it.

Whether, therefore freemasonry took the rite front the religion of either ancient or medieval days, we recognize in the circumambulation of the candidate and element of or all the mysteries, stretching back, probably, to before the dawn of civilization. (1)

Psalm 133 has had Masonic resonance and meaning for more than a millennium, having been traced to elements of early Templar initiation rites (ca. 100). For centuries, Psalm 133 has been the biblical text generally associated with initiation in the first degree of masonry. (2)

(1) Bernard E.Jones: Fremasons’Guide and Compendium, Cumberland House, Nashville, Tennessee, 1982.

(2) Sir Knight Jonathan P.Park PGC, Knight Templar Vol. LXIV January 2018 No. 1



## MUSINGS FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR GRAND DEACON

By WB Michael Dale

I hope all is well with my Brothers. Much has happened since last we met. Masonic education has come and gone. New Masons have been created and old ones have gone to the Celestial Lodge above. And yet we still survive. The lessons we are taught in Masonry are as alive today as they ever have been. Keep trucking along.

### THE HIDDEN LESSONS FROM RITUAL WORK

by Michael Mayer

So many times we seem to look at Ritual Work as not being that important, and that it doesn’t have to be done that well. We feel that we just need to have more Masons for our Lodges. If we fail to share the teachings properly, who do you think loses?

I would like to have you think back to that first night, it could have been a warm or cool night, that we all share. That night when we were so apprehensive, or for the sake of better words, confused as to what was going to happen. Those first words you heard said at the Lodge door, asking questions and wanting answers of you, and how you were treated was only the start of your Masonic life. That life that leads most of us on a continuous journey of Masonic travels the rest of our lives.

For some of us, who had to memorize the Degrees and Obligations, we share something that no one else can understand. This task of learning the Degrees and Obligations that we choose to do, and we did. This struggle teaches us what we all can do with hard work and a true desire to accomplish things.

So many times I have listened to the lectures, and still I find them as interesting as the first time I heard them. Every time I hear them, I find a new perspective that I have missed before. I fear for those that do not choose to listen to them in this way, as they will never find the lessons that are taught there in Masonry.

And as for those that give those grand long lectures, they learn as well. They learn how it feels to give that perfect lecture and also when they don’t get it perfectly right! Just stop for a moment to think or to take a breath, I think we can all learn hidden lessons here too. How we should overlook everyone’s little mistakes that we all make in life. Also to remember sometimes the best intentions go wrong by accident.

# YORK RITE HAPPENINGS



Yuma Commandery #10 of York Rite  
shared a special Easter Ceremony on  
Easter Sunday

WB Michael Dale attended the KYCH  
Ceremony on March 22nd



## DEGREE WORK



Brother Steve Bradbury received his Second Degree on March 4th  
(left) and his Third Degree on April 22nd. Way to go, Brother!

*Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps*



# MASONICON



Masonicon (also known as Leadership Conference) was held in beautiful Prescott on March 26th and 27th. This was the first opportunity for all Brothers from around the state to get together for fellowship and to learn how to make themselves and their Lodges better. A great time was had by all and even the Masonic Ladies were able to get together for fun and fellowship!



*Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps*



# Traveling Men

WB Michael Dale, Senior Grand Deacon, visited several Lodges for Official Visits in March and April. Visiting other Lodges is a key ingredient to building relationships with fellow Masons and strengthening bonds in the Fellowcraft.

*Photos provided by B.J. Dale, wife of WB Michael Dale*



Winslow #13 on March 8th (above); SGD Mike Dale channeling his inner Eagle, standing on the corner of Winslow, AZ (right)



Sy Harrison #70 in Payson on March 9th



Central Arizona #14 in Cottonwood on March 10th



# Traveling Men

An impressive turnout at  
Sun City #72 on March 11th



Wilcox #10 on April 8th



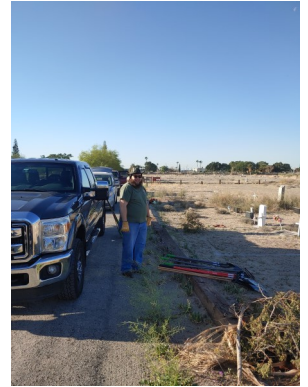
Wayfarers #50 in Phoenix on April 13th



Williams-Grand Canyon #38 in Williams on April 14th



# Serving the Community



Some of the Brothers doing cemetery clean-up on April 3rd

Another group of Brothers doing cemetery clean-up on April 24th



The final resting place of Karl Duncan's great uncle, past member of Yuma #17. Rest in peace Brother.

*All photos provided by Brother DJ Arps*



## STAR IN THE EAST

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



Things are starting to return to some sense of normalcy for Yuma Chapter #14. Or as normal as Yuma can be (hee, hee). COVID numbers remain steady and on the decline, so we are seeing more and more Sisters and Brother coming to meeting. Again, slowly but surely, normal is coming back!

We are putting the final touches on our Fundraiser/Service Project in support of the MWGM's Service Dog project. We are working with Power Paws Assistance Dogs where people "sponsored" cinch sac bags that we will fill with feeding/water bowls, grooming items, and gift cards for new service dog owners. We are excited to deliver these bags to Power Paws and help disabled persons and veterans lead a comfortable life with their service companions.

We are looking forward to participating in flower deliveries for Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day. This is one of our favorite service projects and we can't wait to bring smiles to the many mothers in our community!

We are so pleased to announce we initiated two new members this past March: Brother DJ Arps, member of Yuma Lodge #17, and Sister Tommie Bonow, granddaughter of Sister Dona Smith and Brother Quaid Smith, also a member of Yuma Lodge #17. We also balloted and elected to receive Sister Sandra White from California for dual membership with our Chapter.

Yuma #14 is extremely proud of Sister Marvel Leader. She received her 75-year membership pin this past March. Sister Marvel is a Past Grand Matron of Utah and a truly valued member of our Chapter. Congratulations Sister Marvel!

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to our upcoming birthdays:

- MAY: Veronica Reece (5/9), Quaid Smith (5/9), Ruth Wilmot (5/14), Zoe Hawk (5/27)
- JUNE: Mike Kofa (6/6), Carol Cloud (6/21)

Until next time, please keep all of our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. If you know someone that is not 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) at (928) 247-5962 (or any Chapter member) to let her know. We hope to see all of you soon. Take care and be safe!

Carolyn Simson, Worthy Matron

Michael Dale, Worthy Patron

AND NOW ABIDE TH

Faith, Hope, Charity

these three; but the greatest of these is

CHARITY

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

**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. Due to the current pandemic, refreshments before and after the meetings have been suspended until further notice. Meeting begins promptly at 7pm. 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*



## MAY

John Adams  
William Coddington  
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Dennis Dalton  
Martin Freeman  
Michael Hawes  
David Hofferbert  
Karl Koenig  
Michael Kofta

David Lara  
James Malone  
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Robert Sant  
Steven Shippee  
William Wiseman

## JUNE

Gene Bowden  
Miguel Castellanos  
Clair Clark  
Ralph Cline  
Darin Davenport  
Frank Donald  
Jack Frost  
Roberto Garcia  
James Heard

Wade Holland  
Michael Lee  
Frederick Little  
David McHone  
Russell Pool  
Duane Russell  
Matthew Stang  
David Wayman  
Lawrence Williams

**"There is no doubt in  
my mind that Masonry is  
the cornerstone of America."  
Bro. Dave Thomas  
(founder of Wendy's)**

## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Yuma temperatures are rising, which means summer is just around the corner. Yuck! Thank goodness Grand Communication is in Prescott this year! The cooler weather will be a nice break. I can't wait to go visit with the Masonic Ladies from around the state and see the Brothers get together in Fellowship. It is truly amazing to see the love all the Brothers have for each other and how much they enjoy being with each other.



OES is winding down their year and getting ready to go dark for the summer. It's a little bittersweet, as we have to say "see you later" to our current Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. But there's excitement as we get ready for our next Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, as well as a new set of officers. For myself, going up the line is both exciting and terrifying! Yuma Chapter doesn't know what they are getting themselves into! LOL! But having the support of so many people makes the anxiety less and the excitement amp up!

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 see any corrections that need to be addressed, please let me know those as well! 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



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Mikel K. White, PM, DDGM

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