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VIEW FROM THE EAST

Yuma Territorial Lodge

No. 17, F&AM

By Benjamin Hinderer, Worshipful Master

Good day to all,

We recently completed the Annual Masonic BBQ, which was a great turnout. I would like to thank all who showed up and assisted in making this years BBQ a success. We received many compliments on the food and vendors. The beans were adequate as always thanks to RW Mike Dale (LOL, he knows they were excellent).

Our newer Masons are making big waves in Masonry and showing us new light which we have previously not seen. This is what makes Masonry so great because you get people from all different walks of life. They are always bringing different perspectives which you might have not thought about and it is great to see.

We have a lot of work to do this year in Masonry and I am looking forward to it.

Your Worshipful Master, Benjamin Hinderer

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE BBQ VENDORS:

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 - t A GNE Ves, I am a member of the Largest and Most Honorable Fraternity in the World. One which believes that through Brotherly Love, we are able to offer Relief to the destitute and help good Men find Truth.



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Second Thursday of each month, September through June.

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VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the West,

Hey Brothers! Our annual BBQ turned out not to bad considering there were other events that were happening at the same time. I would like to thank all that were able to make it out and lend a hand and also

to all of our vendors that came to show off all their products. Next year the plan is to move back to the Lodge and do a drive-thru like we did last year.

The next event we're doing is helping out with Midnight at the Oasis (MATO) from March 3 to 6. For those who don't know, MATO is an annual car show the Caballeros de Yuma put on for the public at the Civic Center. We will be there assisting in checking IDs and giving out wrist bands.

It is that time of the year – Grand Lodge is putting on the Annual Masonicon from March 25 to 27. Visit the Grand Lodge Page for more information. I've been going to this event for awhile and so far the best one I have been to was last year in Prescott. The way they put that one on was awesome. There was more interaction between the Brothers, rather than having guest speakers just talking. My understanding is that they are going to do the same thing. This is a good event for the line officers or any Master Mason to attend; so much knowledge is put into a short weekend, so I hope to see you guys there.

We have some Third Degree work coming up soon. As many of remember when you became a Master Mason, this is very special to the candidate so if you are able to part of these events please join us.

For our senior Brothers or any Brother, if you need a ride to the Lodge for any reason, reach out. I'm willing to come pick you up and if I can't I'll find someone who can. We all would really would like to see you at the Lodge.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the South,

2022 has started off in a hurry, can you believe it's already knocking on March's door? We have been busy at Lodge, with events, raffles, and lots of practice! We have a few candidates and Brothers ready to move up to their perspective degrees and we could all use your support and fellowship. If you need a ride, or any type of assistance getting to Lodge, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself. Brother DL or the Worshipful Master. We miss all of you! Als



myself, Brother DJ, or the Worshipful Master. We miss all of you! Also if you have any special requests for a dinner on Stated meetings feel free to let me know. Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Brad Hamner Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

By WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Our New Year is off to a great start! The Annual BBQ has already taken place. If you received tickets, please submit your donations for the tickets. The Annual BBQ is currently the

main fundraiser for the Lodge and your support is necessary. We have just wrapped up the work for the Annual BBQ and it will still be a short while before we can figure out the proceeds.

Midnight At the Oasis (MATO) is just around the corner and another opportunity to receive donations to benefit the Lodge. Please see the Worshipful Master to sign up for helping at MATO.

Also, we currently have an on-going raffle. See your Line Officers and Fundraising committee for tickets.

There are still a few Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2022. Grandview is the future, so please log in and update your information. Once you do, please call me or send me an email letting me know that you have updated your information.

Information for the upcoming Masonicon 2022 has been published on the Grand Lodge website. If you are planning to attend, get your reservations in and I hope to see you there.

Our degree work is starting to come together and our new Masons are eager to further themselves in Masonry.

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

Fraternally,

Michael A. Kofta, PM Lodge Secretary

Charity

For Freemasons, Charity means many things; first, it is the highest of the Cardinal Virtues. Second, it is something to be practiced among brothers; the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was formed in 1886 to aid Masons who were travelling away from their homes

and families and from their own Lodges. Charity is something to be practiced in the context of wider society. In Europe the winter of 1789 was very severe – French Freemasons undertook to provide relief for those suffering from the situation, as it is said: "Good Deeds unite the Citizens of the World from one Pole to the other". Freemasons have long been associated with hospitals and medical charities. In 1922 the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (called Shrines) founded their first hospital to care for children with orthopedic problems. Today, in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, 22 Shrines Hospitals provide orthopedic, burn, and spinal-cord injury care as a charity to children under the age of eighteen.

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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** (Dinner preceding meetings at **6:00pm**)

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UPCOMING EVENTS: GRAND COMMUNICATIONS – JUNE 2–4 Degree Work – check with Line Officers

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THE DAY OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP (VALENTINE'S DAY) EL DIA DEL AMOR Y LA AMISTAD

By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

In the month of February we celebrate the day of love. An attribute of human beings that we as Masons believe to have divine origin, God loves us, we were made in his image and likeness (Gen 1:27) with the ability to love, this ability has no limits and manifests itself in different ways. We love God, our parents, our wives, our children. On this day we should also include love for our planet, for that little dot in the sky called Earth. Let us reflect on the following report:



In 1977, NASA launched the Voyager 1 probe into space, with the mission of locating and studying the limits of the solar system. In 1990 when the probe was 6,000 million kilometers from Earth, beyond the orbit of Pluto, Carl Sagan proposed to orient the probe towards Earth to take a last look at our planet. Voyager 1's last look yielded the farthest image ever taken of Earth.

We will make a summary that Carl Sagan's reflection made when observing it:

"That is here, that is our home, it is us. In it are all the human beings that have existed, with all their concerns, their hopes, their ideologies and their doctrines. Every young couple in love, every mother and father, every inventor and explorer, every politician, every saint and sinner in the history of our species, has lived there, on a speck of dust suspended in a ray of sunlight. Earth is a very small stage in a huge cosmic arena. There is the illusion that we have a privileged position in the universe, we are just that point of pale light in the enormous and enveloping cosmic darkness. There is no indication that help will come from anywhere else to save us from ourselves, at the moment the Earth is the only known world that is known to harbor life, there is no other place at least in the short term where it can migrate our species, visit, or settle down? Not yet. Whether we like it or not, for now the Earth is the place where we can survive."

This great astronomer urges us to think about the responsibility we have to treat ourselves and to better preserve and care for that pale blue dot, the only home we have ever know.

We, imbued with our Masonic ethics and morals, should become aware of the great responsibility of caring for and preserving with great love our beloved little blue dot that is the Earth.

God Bless, Antero "Doc" Trujillo

A DOSE OF MASONIC EDUCATION NON PLUS ULTRA

By Ben Vik

On maps of the ancient world, these were the words which marked the location of the Pillars of Hercules (now known as the Straits of Gibraltar). The words literally mean "Nothing Else Beyond;" and served in that literal sense to warn the ancient sailors of the Mediterranean of the supposed dangers that awaited the foolhardy soul that dared to pass beyond. Of course, we now know that statement to be patently false, and that the whole of modern western civilization swelt beyond those portals awaiting discovery by the passage of brave men, but in Plato in his retelling of the story of Atlantis. One can also imagine this statement sadly inscribed in the mind of the atheist, facing the darkness of his final hour on this earth, bereft of the hope of any continued existence beyond.

In this short paper, I would like to present some insights on the symbolism and philosophical natures of the brazen Pillars of Masonry, and end with an allegory drawn from what I believe is one of the most initiatory books of the Old Testament, the book of Ruth.

Let us consider the Pillars, now, as they stand in the West. The Pillars are two in number, the number of unity, of friendship, of coming together in matrimony, of togetherness. Two is a deeply human number, as man has two eyes through which we observe and navigate Life, two ears through which we receive instruction, warning, and praise, two hands with which we create, comfort, or destroy, and two feet on which we travel, whithersoever Life leads us to go.

This twofold nature expresses itself not only physically, but also as an expression of the duality of the nature of man, the inner workings of the mind. On the capitals thereof, we see globes which serve as the geographic (continued on page 6)





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By Ben Vik

representation of the earth at daytime on the left, and on the right a representation of the Zodiac of the nighttime sky. This interplay of light and darkness, of knowledge and ignorance, of good and bad, true and false, right and wrong; this continually presents itself in the overt actions of men, the victory or the capitulation of our warring inner selves. That these two stand together nakedly before us like Adam and Eve before their Maker, is a testament to that maxim written over the Oracle at the temple of Apollo at Delphi, "Know Thyself." This serves to teach us not to turn a blind eye to the potential darkness within, but recognize and accept that it is there, and in so knowing, overcome.

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together; our virtues would be proud if our faults whipt them not, and our crimes would despair, if they were not cherished by our virtues." – William Shakespeare, *All's Well that End Well, Act 4 Scene 3*

In 1 Kings, Chapter 7, Verses 15–22, we read the description of the mighty brazen Pillars commissioned by King Solomon to stand before the Temple of the Lord at Jerusalem. These colossal monuments, not only being twofold in number, also contained a representation of that duality in their very nature. Being cast in bronze, an alloy of copper and tin, they held in their essence a mingling of day and night; the copper being red and right as the Sun which rules the day, and the tin white as the silvery Moon which holds court over the darkness of the night. These two of the three Lesser Lights of our glorious tradition of Freemasonry working in harmony, their influence seen in every molecule and movement of this planet and the solar system in which we abide.

The space between the Pillars is by its very nature a threshold; a liminal space, a door or portal beyond which lies the unknown. It is there, in the unknown, that the thrill of discovery awaits; the "undiscovered country," the secret, the keys to the progression of Mankind. But beyond that threshold may lie Danger; and in the knowledge of this resides Fear. For even in the Temple of the Lord, unworthy men were known to be struck down, and put to death for their trespasses. But is not overcoming that fear and resolving fully to step forward the very best expression of Courage in the hears of Men?

"For I say also this, I do not think the forest would be so bright, nor the water so warm, nor love so sweet, if there were no danger in the lakes." – C.S. Lewis, *Out of the Silent Planet*

For only through Courage, an undying thirst for knowledge, and a willingness to seek out that knowledge, can we pass through the gates of any unknown door to view and absorb the mystery beyond.

"But how about my courage?" asked the lion anxiously. "You have plenty of courage, I am sure," answered Oz. "All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty." – L. Frank Baum, *The Wizard of Oz*

Every great and important undertaking begins with a passing through; an infant at birth must pass through the womb to experience the first breaths of Life, a man must leave the door of his parent's house and cleave unto his wife and family, and in the final winter of his life, accept that the final door to eternity awaits and in due time step through to the World beyond. The Pillars are indeed the point of no return, a leap of faith forward into the darkness of the unknown. For the Pillars are an expression of progress, of movement, an impelling force which carries the man both forward and from. This is their nature and this is their purpose. This is also why there must always be two; twin beacons, beckoning us to the future, through that space between and the Mystery beyond; For a single Pillar is closed, and without passage. No longer a portal of opportunity, a single pillar instead stands a monument, a stele, an obelisk, a stone commemorating actions and activities performed and completed in the distant past.

The Pillars also stand as a place of covenant. In 2 Kings, Chapter 23, we see King Josiah stand before the brazen Pillars of the Temple, and renew the covenant of his people with the God of Israel. He did this before entering the sacred space, on the lintel. In the same manner, the decision to take that preliminary step through the Pillars represents a promise to one's self to follow through and press on. Without this decision, and the accompanying movement, the portal is essentially closed, becoming a monument as stated before to a glory that could have been. As a Freemason, it is necessary in order to proceed to take an obligation, a covenant with yourself and the Lodge. This covenant, binding and true, must be taken in order to make that first step, that preliminary leap of faith. You cannot enter and then decide to obligate. This is done on the threshold, and





only then can that first step be taken toward the welcome of the brotherly love of the Lodge and acceptance.

But can we look back and renew our covenant at the Pillars? I believe we can, for the Pillars, once entered, do not go dark and dim in our distant memory. If fact, looking back, I see the Pillars in the near distance shining event brighter in the Light revealed. I believe we can return to those gleaming Pillars in re-dedication at any time we wish, and in reflection and meditation, renew our covenant just as King Josiah did on that day.

And may I also say: In my vision of that day, I can discern a third column rising in the midst of the twin brazen Pillars; a spiritual middle pillar of Man himself, also composed of three individual parts. The first is the High Priest, the spiritual guide of Man, who shows the way that one must go, guiding, and offering good counsel. The second is the King, the will of the leader within a man reborn, with his eyes now opened, seeing the path that he must take like King Josiah on that day. The third is the Spirit of man, that which embraces the immortal soul and ever seeks the Divine. This spiritual middle Pillar I see rising, and passing between, as strong and resilient as those two brazen Pillars established in strength on the realm of this physical world.

And now, from the Book of Ruth:

Who loved Naomi, the Israelite woman from Bethlehem, more that Ruth, her daughter-in-law, the Moabitess? One could argue that only one did, but that comes later in the story. The tale begins with grave tragedy and death; three deaths, leaving three childless widows. What does it say about the character of the widow Naomi, when she gave her widowed daughters-in-law leave to return to their families, that both their hearts were broken, and both wept? But Orpah went back and Ruth chose to abide, and travel to Judea with her. Standing at the portal of that decision, Ruth covenanted one of the most beautiful covenants recorded, stated thusly: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: they people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, there will I be buried: the Lord do so unto me, and more so, if ought but death part thee and me." – *Ruth* 1:16–17

With this obligation, and under the penalty of this obligation, did Ruth step forth through the gates of the city, and traveled willingly to the unknown country of Bethlehem of Judea. In Bethlehem, there lived a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Naomi's late husband. His name was Boaz. Ruth, who wished to feed her beloved mother-in-law, asked her permission to go to the fields at harvest, and throw herself on the mercy of the harvesters, gleaning the scraps left behind. This request fills my heart with sadness, at the destitute condition of these twin widows. Widows are mentioned throughout the Bible, in parables and in recount. Was not the craftsman who created the brazen Pillars the son of a widow? Were not the widows mites more to be reckoned than the gold of the merchants? Did not the Lord raise the son of the widow of Nain, and charge the holy St. John the Evangelist with the care of his own widowed mother?

And so she stepped forward, and went to the fields. Then Boaz arrived and saw Ruth working thus. He asked about her, and the answer he received showed him that he was the widow of his kinsman. With this knowledge, he extended the hand of charity and protection to her, fed her, and instructed his workers to leave portions of the harvest to her. When the harvest was done, Naomi instructed Ruth in a ritual of humility and succession. And so she stepped forward, doing as she was told, entering at night, and laying at the feet of Boaz in the dark of the threshing floor. This was an act of virtue, a request to be considered a member of the household of her kinsman. He too was humbled, and blessed her for considering him above all the younger kinsmen. But in all this, the strength of Boaz was shown in his unwillingness to defraud; for there was another relative, closer in blood, who bore the ultimate right of succession, and deserved to be informed of her presence before he could take her in. Then he instructed her to leave before dawn, so the gossips wouldn't have fuel to disparage her virtue.

Then Boaz himself went to the gates, to covenant with his kinsman. To offer him the first choice, of both the land of the widow Naomi, and the hand of the widow Ruth. The kinsman could not redeem either, being bound to a separate inheritance, so Boaz and he covenanted before the elders of the town. Removing one show, standing there neither barefoot nor shod, Boaz obligated himself to take the line of succession. Ruth and Boaz married then, and she bore him a son, named Obed. Obed loved his grandmother Naomi as well, and she even served as nurse to him when necessary; the people of the town even nicknamed him the "son of Naomi." When Obed was grown, he had a son named Jesse, and Jesse had a son named David, who became King of Israel; and his son, King Solomon the Wise, built the Temple at Jerusalem.





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As a postscript, the two final chapters of 2 Kings are arguably the saddest in the Bible. They outline the destruction of Jerusalem, and the carrying away of all the furniture of the Temple, including the brazen Pillars, to Babylon in the land of Chaldea. No one knows what happened to the Pillars thereafter. But about 500 years later, three Chaldean visitors, one young, one middle-aged, and one elderly, came to Bethlehem of Judea because the stars had told them that a Great King had been born. These were called "Magi," which etymology indicates possibly meant "priest" in Persian. Who were these fellows, who came from the land where the Pillars rest? No one knows for sure, but we can be sure that they travelled as brethren, seeking the light.

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We had an awesome turnout for our February Stated Meeting. Thanks to all the Brothers who were able to join us!







On February 26, the Brothers from Imperial Lodge #390 in Imperial, CA invited members of Yuma Lodge and their families to dinner to celebrate George Washington's birthday. A great time was had by all – we hope to have more visits with our Brothers from California!























It was back to normal as our annual Masonic BBQ was back at the Civic Center. We may have had to compete with Super Bowl Sunday on February 13th, but we still had a great turnout. No one could resist our fabulous pit barbeque! It was all-hands on deck as several Brothers started in the wee hours of the morning preparing the food. We had several vendors come out to sell their wares (see the shout-out on the cover page for all the amazing vendors who came out). It was a great time of food and fellowship and a great way to get in touch with our

community!









We were also able to have a very special presentation at the BBQ. Brother Donald Skaggs was presented with his 50-year pin. Congratulations Brother Donald, that is an amazing achievement!

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STAR IN THE EAST Submitted by B.J. Dale, Associate Matron (Linda Gillis, Worthy Matron)

Greeting Everyone! On Sunday, February 13th, our Chapter provided pies for the Masonic BBQ held at the Convention Center. The meal consisted of pit BBQ, beans, and tortillas. We want to

thank everyone that donated the delicious pies. They were a hit with the patrons. Yuma Chapter #14 also had a craft table at the BBQ that went over very well. A huge thank you to everyone who donated items. We also had a craft table at Fiesta Day on March 5th at Sun City Lodge in Phoenix to beln raise more money for the C



Day on March 5th at Sun City Lodge in Phoenix to help raise more money for the Chapter.



On Monday, February 14th, we assisted the Flower Mine again with their Valentine's flower deliveries. This is a huge fundraiser for our Chapter. We had six drivers and five helpers that went with the drivers. It's amazing and so rewarding to see all the smiles and making someone's day. Our Chapter has also been asked to help deliver flowers for Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day. The delivery dates as of right now will be: Mother's Day – May 6th, 7th, and 8th; Mexican Mother's Day – May 9th and 10th.

The first weekend in March, a few of our members helped our Lodge guys at the Midnight at the Oasis car show, as well as a few extra friends. This gave both the Lodge and the Chapter an avenue to get our name out there while helping out in the community. It was a great time!

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 9th. We will be hosting our WGM, Moira Carlton, and WGP, Jim Hurd, at our Official Visit. We will have a brunch starting at 11:30am, pictures at 12:30pm, and the Official Visit will start at 1:00pm. We hope to see many friends, old and new, for a fun-filled afternoon.

Brother JC Reece is still collecting donations that help him provide bags to the homeless. Some of the items that he puts in the bags are water, hats, gloves, snacks, and toiletries. If you have any of these items to donate, please let JC, VeronicaAnn, or one of our Chapter members know.

We hope to see more people at our upcoming meetings on March 8th (honor Star points), March 22nd (Mardi Gras theme), April 9th (our OV for our WGM and WGP), April 12th (stated meeting), April 26th (honor Masons), May 10th (Elections/Mother's Day), and May 24th (last stated meeting). As of right now, our next Installation of Officers is scheduled on June 11th at 1pm. We hope you all are able to attend. We are only serving dinners on the 2nd Tuesday of the month before our meeting.

Upcoming Birthdays:

- MARCH: Gene Bowden, PGP (12th), Tommie Bonow (12th), Lella Daniel (13th), Karen Shields (13th), Pauline Roach (26th), Kathryn Erwin (30th)
- APRIL: Joyce Snay (4th), Ginger Wright (6th), Grant Viele (14th), Mikel White (17th), Richard Leader (26th)

Upcoming Official Visits:

- MARCH: 18th Horizon #69, Tucson, 19th Saguaro #48, Tucson, 25th Acacia #9, Avondale, 26th Peoria #59, Sun City
- APRIL: 2nd Arcadia #9, Safford, **9th Yuma #14**, 23rd HOMECOMING, Kingman #17, Kingman, April 29th–May 1st Four Corners, Prescott

Until next time, please keep all of our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. If you know someone who isn't feeling well, would appreciate a phone call or card, or may need assistance running errands, please call Linda Gillis (Worthy Matron) at (928) 580–4403 (or any Chapter member) to let her know. We miss seeing all of you and we hope to see everyone's smiling faces at our meetings. Take care and be safe!

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. Our Worthy Matron plans to restart dinners and refreshments when we return in September. 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

MARCH

Stewart Bradshaw Richard Butler Jacob Casey Phillip Durbin Patrick Ferguson David Fitzpatrick Frederico Gomez William Hamner Kurt Harrison Albert Jarvis James LakeyRobert WrightJerome LeckroneChy LuyShawn PriceEarl RobertsMerritt ThomasHerbert TownsendAntero TrujilloDonald WashumJohn Wavada

APRIL

Fernando Balderrama Alan Bowman Raymond Evans William Fain Darrell Fischer Gregory Hyland Dale Le Mond Russell Leonard James London Luther Moorehead Harold Neece Donald Oehmke Jack Prather David Sears Ward Seibel Joseph Sullivan Reece Taylor John Willen David Woods Scott Zender



Deadline for the May/June Trestleboard is

APRIL 20TH

*****ATTENTION*****

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

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 so they can be corrected. 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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Committees

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Audit Michael A. Dale, PM

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, DDGM

Funeral Mikel K. White, PM

Grievance Michael A. Dale, PM

Library/Archives Roy Wright

Masonic Education & Ritual Mikel K. White, PM Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM Michael A. Dale, PM

Masonic Relief Worshipful Master

Master's Advisory Michael A. Dale, PM Dale L. Kreger, PM Timothy W. Williams, PM, DDGM

Wives, Widows, and Orphans Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Candidate Instruction Michael Kofta, PM

Officer Instruction Mikel K. White, PM

FUNDRAISING

Chairman – Dale Kreger, PM Co-Chairmen – Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ" Brad Hamner Barbeque Mikel K. White, PM Balloon Glow Dale L. Kreger, PM Midnight at the Oasis Mikel K. White, PM

Raffle & Other Venues Stewards

PUBLIC SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bikes for Books Brad Hamner Law Enforcement Memorial Hector Aponte Roadside Clean-up Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Scholarship/Classroom Grants Hector Aponte Dale L. Kreger, PM Roy Wright

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards Benjamin T. Hinderer

Facebook Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Mason of the Year SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH Antero Trujillo

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