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VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Benjamin Hinderer, Worshipful Master

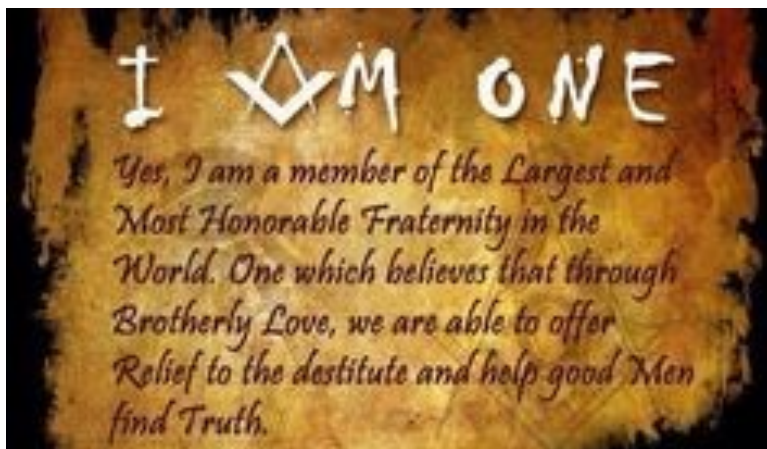
Good day Brothers,

All the new Masons we have joining the Fraternity are progressing along quite well. They are even teaching some of the Masons who have been in the Fraternity for quite some time new things or at least remind them of something they may have forgotten over the years.

We have a new event starting this May, which is our inaugural breakfast for First Responders. We are starting this because we want to show the community that we are still here and we support them. We will also be handing out waters and supporting the Officers Memorial. If anyone has an event they would like the Lodge to attend or maybe start, do not hesitate to bring it forward.

The only way to keep the Lodge from fading away into the distance is by keeping it in the forefront of everyone's mind. The best way to do this is to get out and show that we are still alive and active. This fall we will be hosting an open house for anyone from the community to stop by and ask us questions. Feel free to stop by and find out what your local Masonic Lodge can do for you. If you are in need of assistance do not hesitate to ask. We are a charitable organization here to help our community and to make good men better men.

Your Worshipful Master,
Benjamin Hinderer



STATED MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June.

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

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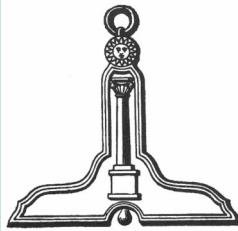
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VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the West,

Hey Brothers. Masonicon was a blast. We learned a lot in that short weekend. One of the main things I like about Masonicon is the fellowship before, between, and after sessions. Those are great times to catch up with Brothers you haven't seen in awhile and a great way to meet new ones. Masonicon is not just for line officers; it's open to all Master Masons. This year was great because there were a lot of first time visitors. I strongly encourage all Master Masons to attend at least once.

Now that Masonicon is over it's time for Grand Communications, this year being held at the Wild Horse Pass in the Phoenix area. This is also open to all Master Masons. If you would like to attend check out the Grand Lodge website for further instructions. I will be attending, so if you have any concerns on the resolutions for this year, let me know since I will be carrying one of the votes for the Lodge. I would greatly appreciate your opinion.

I would like to thank our newest Master Mason, Brother Ben Vik, on his article that was in the last Trestleboard. It was selected for the Copper Post to be shared with all Masons throughout Arizona. Way to go, Brother!

Brothers, there is a lot of work that needs to be done within the Lodge. We still need to show our proficiency plus there is a lot of maintenance that needs to get done. I will try to set some dates to let you all know but most of the time, I just do down to the Lodge when I have the time.

Coming up on May 28th, I will be heading up to the Kingman Outdoor Degree with a few other Brothers from our Lodge. If you are going or would like to go and would like to ride together, please let me or one of the line officers know so we can find out how many people plan to go and we can get a carpool together. This degree is very cool; it's in the Hualapai Mountains and the food comes from MWB Jeff Carlton. I hope you all will be able to attend.

Last thing, we are going dark soon. Please stay on top of your ritual work. If any Brother wants to practice over the summer, get in touch with your Brothers. We are all willing to help!

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

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the South,

We have been pretty busy in the Lodge practicing our current positions as well as learning our upcoming stations. We would really like for all Brothers to attend when they can and share the wisdom and light they have spent many years acquiring. We miss you all a lot! Thank you to all who have been putting in the time and effort to help us progress. It has been a good year so far, can't believe it's already May! Lots of work still left to do this year, going to have a few Third Degrees before the end of the year and could use some help. As always, if you need anything or have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Brad Hamner
Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

By WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Business is starting to pick up rather quickly. Grand Lodge is just around the corner. That being said, Grand Lodge Legislation and nominations for Grand Trustees are to be read at both April and May stated meetings. The full resolutions are available in the office if you want to read them.

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. I've had Brothers who have updated their info in Grandview and the Lodge database still has their old information.

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, with practicing, or on proficiency, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Michael A. Kofta, PM

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MUSINGS FROM THE DESK OF THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

By WB Michael Dale

"WHENCE CAME YOU and WITHER ARE YOU
TRAVELING"

The Oxford Language Dictionary tells us that travel can be a noun or a verb. As a noun it is the action of traveling or the range, rate, or mode of travel. As a verb it is to go from one place to another, typically over a distance of some length or to move, typically in a constant or predictable way.

Our ancient operative brethren were often required to travel. Their travels from town to town were to renew their employment as each building project was completed. A mason's experience in their craft would determine how often, how far, and how freely he was able to travel. This travel led to the formation of trade societies, known as Lodges. A means of identifying genuinely skilled craftsmen was developed to keep out the cowans and eavesdroppers to protect the integrity of those operative Lodges.

Today, to travel represents the journey from Darkness to Masonic Light. We ask candidates what they seek during the ceremony of initiation. Does that mean when we are raised to the sublime degree that there is no more light? Of course not. There is so much more light out there and all we have to do is travel.

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







May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 	11	12  STATED	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25	26	27	28 Hualapai Mountain Outdoor Degree
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice	31				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work – check with Line Officers

June 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2  GRAND COMMUNICATIONS	3 	4 
5	6 	7	8	9  STATED	10	11 Yuma Chapter #14 Installation of Officers
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20 JUNETEENTH (Observed)	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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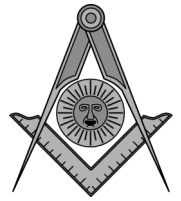
By WB Michael Dale

At some point in your Masonic career, it may be necessary for you to travel. You may travel just to only visit other Lodges. To travel Masonically is much more than just to visit. When you visit another Lodge you will receive information and understanding and from that comes knowledge, without even knowing it.

Visiting other Lodges is a privilege. All of us should want to visit other Lodges. If we stay in our home Lodge and never seek more light other than the light contained in your home Lodge, we become stagnant and narrowminded and help to create the “we’ve always done it that way” mentality. Masonry is ever evolving and to evolve is what all Masons should seek.

I have been doing some traveling. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed each and every Lodge I have visited. I have gained more light than I ever thought was possible. I have brought back things to my home Lodge and some have been adopted and some have not. I can honestly say that the brothers in my home Lodge are beginning to evolve and have gained some valuable Masonic knowledge. My travels around Arizona have totaled 7,619 miles to date and a travel time of 208 hours and 6 minutes. I am not done. There is more light out there and I am going to find it.

So get out there and travel. You never know what kind of light you may find!



THE MEANING OF INRI

By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

We are in the season of Lent, a propitious occasion to analyze and know the meaning of the mysterious inscription “INRI”.

The inscription placed on the top of the Cross was coined by Roman soldiers during the crucifixion. These initials mean in Latin: “IESUS NAZARENUS REX IUDAEORUM” (John 19–19). Said in English: “JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF JEWS”.



This interpretation is the one that the vast majority of Christians consider valid and denote the deep sarcasm to what Jesus Christ represents in that memorable moment.

What always happens, people who choose a life with virtuous and moral principles often suffer ridicule and misunderstanding. Albright remarks, “INRI here reminds Masons of the lessons in the Chapter Rose Croix to strive to be autonomous and thus resist poorly thought-out views, even if this goes against popular opinion and easy life.”

It is important to say that INRI is attributed many other meanings that differ from the one already described. Albert Pike in his classic book “Moral and Dogma” mentions five of them. Jesus Christ and his doctrine reign in the world despite the fact that in these times there is a materialistic tendency.

We end with a biblical quote mentioned by the Rev. Terry L. Plemoms:

Colossians 3:17 – “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

God Bless,

Antero “Doc” Trujillo

References:

1. Andy Albright 32: *Scottish Rite Journal*, 3–4–2022, pg. 12–13
2. Albert Pike: *Morals and Dogma: Knight Rose Croix*, pg. 291
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Traveling Men



On February 15th, 2022, Brothers Mike Kofta, PM, and Tim Williams, PM traveled with Junior Grand Warden Michael Dale for the Official Visit of Green Valley #71 in Sahuarita.

On March 8th, 2022, Brother Mike Kofta, PM, again traveled with Junior Grand Warden Michael Dale for the Official Visit of Chandler-Thunderbird #15 in Chandler.



On April 13th, 2022, Brothers Mike Kofta, PM working overtime, and Ben Hinderer, WM, traveled with Junior Grand Warden Michael Dale for the Official Visit of El Quixote #83 in Phoenix.

Photos provided by RWB Michael Dale

Fraternel Relations



(left to right) MWGM Randy Jager, PGM Bill Gerrard, Dr. Brother William Richardson, and RW JGW Michael Dale attended the Knights Templar Ball on April 30th.

Photo provided by RWB Michael Dale



You are invited to the
Installation of
the 2022-2023 Grand Officers
of Arizona's Grand Court
Order of the Amaranth.

The Installation will be held at
the Sheraton Crescent Hotel,
2620 W. Dunlap, Phoenix, AZ 85201,
at 7:00 pm on May 14, 2022.

H.L. Linda Gillis will be installed as Grand Royal Matron
and S.K. David Gillis will be installed as Grand Royal Patron.

We look forward to seeing you there.

MASONICON



Masonicon (also known as Leadership Conference) was held in Casa Grande on March 25th and 26th. It is always a great time for all the Brothers from around the state to get together for fellowship and to learn how to make themselves and their Lodges better.



Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps and borrowed from The Copper Post

STATED MEETING



We had a great turnout for our March Stated Meeting, thanks to our visiting "snowbirds". Hope you all had safe travels home and we can wait to see you again in the fall!

Photo provided by Brother DJ Arps



STAR IN THE EAST

Submitted by B.J. Dale, Associate Matron
(Linda Gillis, Worthy Matron)

Greetings everyone! We have continued to stay busy the last couple of months and you would think that with this term year winding down, things would start to slow, but not a chance. It's just getting started. First, I'll recap a bit on the last couple of months and then fill you in on our upcoming events.



In March, we hosted our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for our Official Visit on April 9th by brushing up on our ritual work, writing a short skit, organizing our brunch, and much more. Some of the Masons and OES took a day down at the Lodge to do maintenance and clean up. We had an excellent turnout for Official Visit with 51 guests from around the state. The brunch was delicious, the ritual work was beautiful, the introductions were fun, and the day was enjoyed by all. Our Chapter donated money to the Worthy Grand Matron's service project, the Square and Compass Children's Clinic, Scholarship, Service Dog Project, Rob Morris Assistance, and the Yuma Food Bank. Sister Ruth Wilmot presented the check to the Food Bank for our Chapter.



May will be a very busy month for our Chapter. Our first meeting on **May 10th**, we will be having elections. Now is your chance to run for the North and go through the line in Yuma! The men are doing the meal for that meeting to celebrate our Chapter ladies for Mother's Day. **May 24th** has NO meal and it is Linda and

David's last meeting of the year.

We will be gearing up to work with a local florist, the Flower Mine, to help deliver Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day flowers from May 6th to 10th. This fundraiser is such a fun and rewarding community project that we participate in and something our Chapter members always look forward too. We love putting smiles on many of our Yuma ladies' faces. We will also be celebrating our very own Worthy Matron Linda Gillis. She will be winding down her Star term and gearing up to get installed as Royal Grand Matron in Amaranth on Saturday, May 14th at 6:00pm. Their Grand Court Annual Session is being held May 12th to 14th at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 W. Dunlap, Phoenix, AZ 85021. I know a few of our Eastern Star Chapter members plan on attending Linda's installation to show our support.

As of right now, our next Installation of Officers is scheduled for **June 11th** at 1:00pm. We hope to see as many of our Sisters, Brothers, and friends to support our 2022–2023 Eastern Star Officers. This will be an open installation, so everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Birthdays:

- MAY: VeronicaAnn Reece (9th); Quaid Smith (9th); Ruth Wilmot (14th); Zoe Hawk (27th)
- JUNE: Mike Kofta (6th); Carol Cloud (21st); Molly Veile (22nd)

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



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*****ATTENTION*****

Deadline for the July/August Trestleboard is

JUNE 20TH

*****ATTENTION*****

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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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Balloon Glow

Dale L. Kreger, PM

Midnight at the Oasis

Mikel K. White, PM

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