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TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Benjamin Hinderer, Worshipful Master

Good day Brothers,

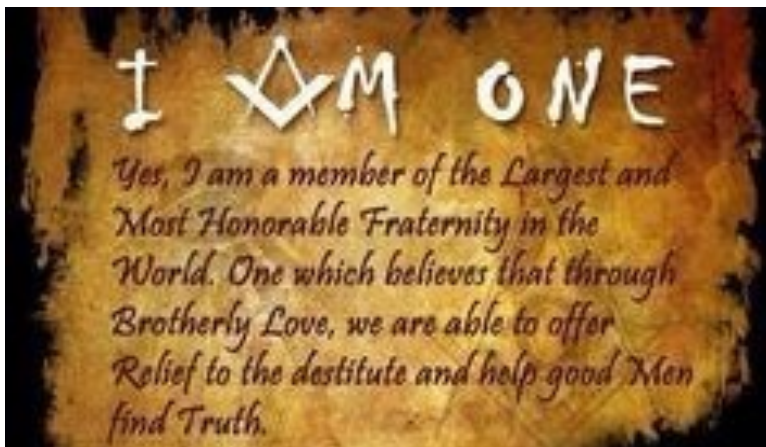
Even though we are dark in the months of July and August does not mean there is nothing Masonic happening. If any brother would like a practice to happen over the summer, reach out and we can get the line officers to show up.

We are planning on going to Acacia Lodge #42 on August 16th for an Entered Apprentice Degree and to pick up our banner which we let them "borrow" after Grand Lodge. We would like to get as many brothers to go with us not only to show support from Yuma Territorial Lodge #17, but also to show support for the new Mason who will be made that night. I am working with Marion McDaniel Lodge to come and pick up their banner the same night. I have also been in touch with other Brothers to try and make this one of the best Entered Apprentice degrees.

There will also be the Initial ALL Marine Corps Degree happening over the summer which should be amazing as well. This will be going down August 13th at Arizona Lodge #2.

If anyone has ideas the Yuma Territorial Lodge can do for you, feel free to let us know.

Your Worshipful Master
Benjamin Hinderer



STATED MEETING

Second Thursday of each month,
September through June

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

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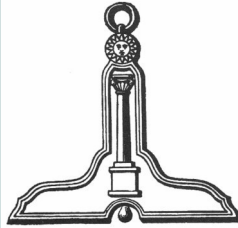
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VIEW FROM THE WEST

By Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the West,

I had the pleasure to represent the Brothers from Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 at the 140th Annual Communication for Grand Lodge F&AM of Arizona. This has always been a great time since the first time I started going as a new Master Mason till now, sitting as Senior Warden. I've said it before, but I seriously encourage all Master Masons that have never been before to go at least once. It might be intimidating to hear the words at Grand Lodge, but it's not; those Brothers that are in those positions took the same obligation like we have and at the end of the day we are all on the level. So if you are ever in the Phoenix area, give Grand Lodge a call and stop by. They are a great group of Brothers.

During the weekend it was nice to see Brothers that I haven't seen in awhile and to meet up with the Brothers in great fellowship. I would like to thank MW Brother Randy Jager for an awesome year and to congratulate MWGM Jim Baker on his installation. I can't wait to see what you have in store for us this year. And we can't forget about Yuma's own Right Worshipful Senior GrandWarden Mike Dale, WB Tim Williams, DDGM, and WB Mike Kofta, DDGL, District 6. Congrats Brothers!

We brought back home the Trestleboard Award for medium-size lodges. I would like to thank my wife Sabrina for all the hard work she puts into it. Keep the articles coming Brothers!

A few of us went up to Kingman for the Outdoor Degree a while back and we had a blast. I gave MWB Jeff Carlton a hand in cooking for the event. Most of you know that I sure like to cook from my Facebook posts, so I was glad to help out. The Brother who was raised that day has been waiting for a long time and it was nice to see a Brother not give up.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

By Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the South Brethren,

Just got back from this year's Annual Communication and it was a great event! For those who have attended many of these before, they said it was one of the best to date. It was inspiring and lots of great fellowship fired us up again. That's tough timing being that we are "officially" dark for the next couple months...well, the Lodge is dark but we will still be holding practices, brainstorming how to get everyone coming back to Lodge, and preparing for our Outdoor Degree in October.

Speaking of October, we also will have a very special guest and presentation to the Lodge during the Stated meeting, as well as some entertainment so mark your calendars! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer, stay cool, and as always please feel free to reach out to me if there is something I can help you with.

Brad Hamner
Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

By WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Grand Lodge was a huge success for Masonry in Arizona! Congratulations to PGM Randy Jager a successful year of leading Masonry in Arizona over the past year. Congratulations to our new MWGM Jim Baker and best wishes for a successful year as well. Lest we not forget, congratulations to our newly-elected RW Senior Grand Warden Michael A. Dale – look well to the East my Brother.

The results of the Grand Lodge legislation were read at our Stated meeting in June. The legislation and budget approval at Grand Lodge went very quick and smoothly.

Looking forward to continued visits to other Lodges and visiting Brethren from other Lodges to our own. RWB Michael Dale read his schedule for the next visits at the Stated meeting.

It is imperative that you update your information in Grandview so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up-to-date. If you have any information that needs to be updated in our Lodge database or in Grandview, please contact me so that I can update it. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know. Grandview is the future, so please log in and update your information.

There are still 10 Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2022.

*** **Mark your calendars!!!!** ***

You do not want to miss our October 13th Stated meeting, as we will have some very special presentations that evening and we will also be having some entertainment. If you need a ride, please call a Brother near you or call me the week prior (not the night of) so that I can contact someone near you to assist in getting you to the Lodge. Please let either one of the pedestal officers or myself know if you are planning to attend. We want to make sure we have enough meals and chairs in the Lodge.

Saturday, October 15th will be our 3rd Outdoor Degree. We have the location, we have a candidate, now we need Brothers to step up and let the Worshipful Master or myself know where you would be willing to help out – set-up, tear down, meal, or parts in the degree.

Please stay on top of your ritual and proficiency work over the summer so that we can continue our stride in the fall.

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

Fraternally,
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Yuma Territorial 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

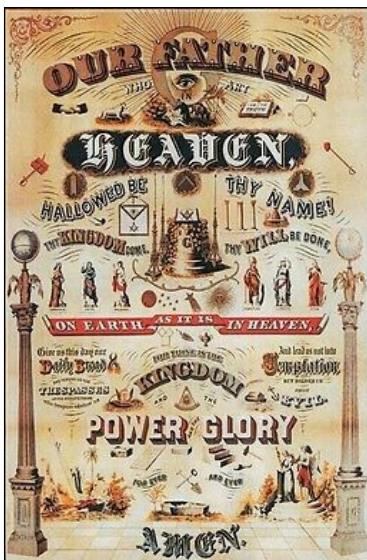
Meetings: Second and fourth
Tuesdays at **7:00pm**.
(Dinner preceding meetings at
6:00pm.)

Yuma Shrine Club

Meetings: Second Mondays at
7:00pm.



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July 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8	9
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work – check with Line Officers

August 2022

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The Lamb and the Lion Death, Immortality, and the Soul of Man

By Brother Ben Vik

“When I hear that trumpet sound, I’m gonna rise right out of the ground, ain’t no grave can hold my body down.” – Johnny Cash, Ain’t No Grave

Our brief sojourn in this universe teaches us several immutable truths – that life is cyclical in nature; birth, maturation, and death continue over and over, a spiral spinning outward from a primary impetus. Beginning, evolving, ending; the ancients saw this in totality, and in their observations, they recognized that there must be a grander design to our existence than the blind vagaries of fate. In short, that there must be a purpose to Life; that the purpose of Life must be meaningful, and that beyond the Gate of Death the Soul continued.

For example, and ancient Egyptians had a strong belief in immortality and the afterlife. They conceived of the Soul of Man having several holistic parts. Not surprisingly, regarding the abundance of mummies found in Egypt, their holistic view of the Soul and the Afterlife also included the physical body. The physical remains were an accompaniment to the immortal soul on its journey to the afterlife, albeit remaining in the tomb where it was laid. This explains the meticulous preparation and care they showed the remains of the departed.¹ The writings in the Egyptian Book of the Dead continually reference the body of the deceased as “the Osiris,” in reference to the god Osiris and the story of his death and resurrection.²

“Those who have lain down in death rise up to see thee, they breathe the air, and they look upon thy face when the disk riseth on the horizon.” Prayer to Osiris, Papyrus of Ani, Egyptian Book of the Dead.³

The ancient Sumerians as well believed in the immortality of the soul. They believed that the soul would pass on to an underworld of shadows, call “Kur,” and would be awarded status in the land of the dead by virtue of their status on Earth, number of heirs left behind, and the sacrifices their family had made to the gods on their behalf. Interestingly, they also believed that since the food in the afterlife was dry and tasteless, libations should be poured over the grave in order to offer the dead something to drink; a tradition that has persisted in one form or the other to this day.⁴

I’ve personally made my peace with mortality, the reality of death and dying, long ago. Throughout my career in law enforcement, Death has been a constant companion. Death waits silently, in the vast and trackless deserts I patrol, for the unwary who succumb to thirst and exposure. Death flows relentlessly in the depths of the rivers and canals which criss-cross the landscape. Death rolls toward me, swift, metallic and brutal, on the side of every highway; one fraction of a second of human error away at any time. Death also rests grimly on my hip, heavy and cold, always prepared for and anticipating a moment that I fervently hope will never come.

Peace with mortality can be found in many ways. I would like to avoid a discussion of religion, but I will say that my personal path toward finding this inner peace involves spirituality, study, meditation, communion with the Divine, an strong belief in the immortality of the Soul, and an equally strong belief in Purposeful Existence in this world. In a nutshell, that may describe every world religion in the most basic terms.

But if I believe the Soul is immortal, existing forever, a spiritual imprint and personality that has not and will not die; but will continue on to a completely spiritual existence...what is the point of the soul even existing in the material world at all? I believe that above all else, the soul is here to experience Purposeful Existence in this life. We are here to do something, and I believe that it is meant to be something pretty darn good. I believe the Soul is refined by its time here through experiencing trials, both of adversity and success; and by the whole gamut of human experience. I believe we should be honored by the experience, this forge and crucible of Life. What a pity and a shame to waste our precious give of Time on spiteful and penurious treatment of our fellow man! How much better to strive to uphold the Masonic ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth during our short sojourn here.

In all discussions of immortality and the afterlife, the story of Jesus of Nazareth will always be prominent. A son of the tribe of Judah, a descendant of Boaz, King David, and King Solomon⁵, he is considered by many to be the Son of God, a physical emanation of the spiritual union of mankind and the Divine. Put to death as the ultimate sacrifice, a propitiation for the sins of all mankind; he returned from the dead in physical form, and appeared to many of his followers before returning to the spiritual realm of Heaven.⁶ *Agnus Dei*, the blameless and sinless Lamb of God, Jesus of Nazareth made the ultimate sacrifice in order to fulfill a destiny set in motion at the beginning of time, when the Word was the God, and the Word was God.⁷

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GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jim Baker



Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Officer, Right Worshipful Michael Dale, also lovingly nicknamed Right Worshipful Papa!



Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers for 2022–2023!



The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters



Once again, we brought home the Trestleboard Award for medium-sized lodges!



The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturers

STATED MEETING



We had a decent turnout for our June Stated meeting before going dark. Even though we are going dark, we will do our best to stay in touch! Have a safe summer Brothers!

Photo provided by Brother DJ Arps

The Lamb and the Lion Death, Immortality, and the Soul of Man (continued)

By Brother Ben Vik

But Jesus is not only referenced as a Lamb, but also as a Lion. The lion was the symbol of the tribe of Judah, ever since Jacob referred to his son as the “young lion” in Genesis 49:9. And being of the tribe of Judah, and the lineage of Jacob, Jesus is referenced as the “Lion of Judah and the Root of David” in Revelations 5:5. The lion is also a symbol of kings, and is often referred to as the King of Beasts. The depiction of Jesus in this role depicts his authority, his mastery and royalty, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords; and the promise of life eternal to all who believe.⁸

Our physical body will indeed pass away. This is a given. No man is strong enough to escape the ultimate fate; like a gentle lamb, we will succumb to our final physical destiny. But our immortal soul, which has no beginning or end, will continue on regardless. This is the strength of the Lion, the unshakeable conviction of eternal life and the passage home. Not to be feared or cowered before; this is the courage of the Lion which uplifts us with hope and promise, carries us forth and places us lovingly in that spiritual realm, the Holy of Holies beyond the Veil, the Celestial Lodge of eternity.

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Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps

Traveling Men



Several Brothers traveled to Kingman for their Outdoor Degree, which is always an awesome event! Kingman Brothers treated everyone to a steak dinner, as well as amazing fellowship. Brothers DJ and Grant even helped MWB Jeff man the grill, putting DJ right in his element!



Several Brothers traveled with RW Michael Dale to Eloy Lodge #46 in Eloy for their Official Visit on June 20th. It was great visiting with the Brothers from Eloy and seeing their beautiful Lodge!



Brothers Mike Kofta traveled with RW Michael Dale to San Pedro Lodge #55 in Benson for their Official Visit on June 27th. It is always a great time visiting with the San Pedro Brothers!

Traveling Men



Brothers Brad Hamner and Ira Hearen, Jr. traveled to the Lodge in Coachella, California on June 25th to witness a double First Degree. It was interesting to see the difference between the Arizona Ritual Work and California Ritual Work. The Ritual Work may have been a little different, but the fellowship is always the same!

Community Service



A few Brothers were on-hand with several other organizations to receive a donation check from the Caballeros de Yuma for volunteering at the Midnight at the Oasis car show.

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The Templar Rule Today

By Sir Knight Andrea Marocchi, Knights Templar



Templar History is shrouded in legend, obfuscated by unending controversy. Questions persist. Chief among them is the motives of the King of France and of the Pope of Avignon in disbanding the order.

These questions remain subject to conjecture. In contemplating them here, I would like to first remember Archbishop Rinaldo da Concorezzo, the brave and righteous man who had the courage to acquit the Knights sent to him for trial and who was beatified by Pope Pius, IX on August 18, 1852.

We must also consider the world view of our medieval predecessors. Dante Alighieri had a guide who led him to the higher spheres of Heaven, Saint Bernard de Clairvaux, and we, too, will follow him.

Saint Bernard de Clairvaux wrote *De Laude Novae Militias* (In Praise of the New Knighthood), wherein he explained the principles of a new monastic order, The Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon.

According to scholars, Bernard also wrote the first version of the Templar Rule, the protocol that governed the Templars' lives. If we are to be Knights Templar, then the teachings of these parchments should govern our lives too. The documents were written in Latin, and since few Knights were familiar with Latin, they were translated into medieval French to be more easily explained to the New Brothers.

Saint Bernard's instructions are not just moral or spiritual. His words regard many practical matters, but today, how many of us own a warhorse, and who has fought his enemies in armor, with sword in hand? Today, we live in a different world, but the spiritual principles remain unchanged.

Dante Alighieri wrote in a letter that medieval text has several levels of interpretation, the literal (which is clear to any reader), the moral, the allegorical, and the symbolic. We must penetrate beyond the reading of everyday medieval life and try to understand the superior, eternal meaning.

In the Middle of the Middle Ages

To understand Saint Bernard's support of a military crusade and why he wrote the first Templar Rule that theologically resolved weapon-wielding monks, we must first understand the political and ideological milieu of the Middle Ages and a very different vision of society, religion, and man's place in the world.

The Old World

The known world of the tenth century was clearly divided into three parts: Catholic Christian Western Europe; Eastern Europe and Asia Minor, which was shared between the Orthodox Christian Roman Empire and the part of the world ruled by the Islamic governments; and the remaining part of the Mediterranean, including most of the Iberian Peninsula, which was also Islamic. Portugal was colonized by Arab Muslims from 711 to 1249 AD, the same year that Christopher Columbus raised the Americas.

Defining the Mediterranean by religion may seem historically inaccurate or even politically incorrect today, but in the Middle Ages, there was no clear division between politics and religion. God was the fundament of society and the justification for political power in the Christian and in the Islamic Worlds. It wasn't until the seventeenth century that Roger Williams, founder of the first Baptist church in America, popularized the principle of a separation of church and state, a fundamental tenet of any modern democracy.

The Battle of Poitiers in October 732, called the "Battle of the Highway of the Martyrs" by the Arabian chronicles, arrested Islamic expansion into the Frankish kingdoms in modern day France, but Muslim armies were still overwhelming parts of Europe. Spain, except the northern area close to the mountains, was still under Muslim rule. Southern France was ravaged by Arabian armies, with many strongholds in the south of France; Sicily was not conquered by the Crescent until 999 AD, and even Rome, in its suburban estates, had been sacked twice.

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The Templar Rule Today (continued)

One hundred years before the first Crusade, Arabian raiders breached the snowline in the Alps, destroyed the old Novalesa monastery, and put the friars to the sword because they refused to convert to Islam. From this perspective then, the promotion of the Crusade by St. Bernard can be seen as a defensive reaction to preserve Christendom, not an imperialistic move intent on conquest as some historians prefer today.

Islamic tradition, on the other side, contemplated military conquest to diffuse the “true religion of the believers.” It did not accept that a land, once ruled by believers, could return to secular governance. Once risen, the Crescent remained on the horizon.
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Royal Arch Grand High Priest's Message



STOP THE PRESSES! Looking for take-charge gentlemen willing to learn new jobs. Guys wanting too learn to be a better man and who are not afraid of taking chances!

Do you think out of the box sometimes? Apply to your nearest Grand Chapter member for a job. We have plenty of positions open for you. Educator, Stage Setup, Major parts, Minor parts, Event Organizers, Registration Desk, writing a newsletter, creating an insert for national publication, working on webpage development. Are you shy and

timid...no problem – we have NON-speaking parts.

Grand Chapter is open for business again. The General Grand Chapter is flooding us with valuable education topics, ideas, and projects. Need help raising money...send an email for ideas to our very own General Grand Scribe, Chad Burks. Why raise fees? Produce more! Raising fees, like raising taxes, reduces revenue even more. Produce your way to more money. Think big! Is it better to have two \$20 bills or four transactions that bring you \$19.95 each? Math is funny in many people's eyes. We will spend \$19.95 for something but not want to spend \$20.00 for an item. Stop the Debbie Downer talk! Start production talk, learn to sell outside Freemasonry. It is a big world of money out there.

This is just the beginning as we work to Renew, Rebuild, and Reinvigorate ourselves starting anew in 2022. Renew, bring back yourself, your friends, and family as we continue the task after COVID-19 of the Rebuild. Remember to Reinvigorate yourself before each meeting, each degree, and most of all as you meet new Masons for the first time. Be sure what that is behind you stays there as you Renew, Rebuild, and Reinvigorate.

What is Rebuild, Reinvigorate, and Renew?

Rebuild: Oh, not another catchphrase to listen to! Now, more than ever, while it's only been four months, lots has happened to pull us back down into the quagmire of muck we seem to always drive ourselves to. Why is this? We seem to have elected leaders with NO COMMON SENSE – much like many HOAs, PTAs, and a long list of other alphabetical initial organizations where this happens. Our Past Grand Master of Arizona Bill Garrard tried teaching leadership skills for oh, so many years. His efforts fell on deaf ears, mine included. To me, a leader cannot be trained – you must be born with that skill. While I believe that is still a fact, I overlooked one glaring fault to that statement. We have people in a leadership role all the time who do not knowhow to lead. Notice how many businesses fail because new owners do not know how to run a business, organize a schedule, make a payroll, overturn an election by their neighbors, friends, colleagues, and community. These are just a few examples of failing to train our leaders before they get in a position where they will fail because of us.

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Another issue in many of our bodies is the issue of leadership by default. We are short members at elections, in place of having your list made and worked out for your officers into positions. You put ill-prepared members in positions they are not yet ready for, simply because they are in attendance. We are guilty of not having real elections – we are too busy trying to finish the meeting to take the time required to do our elections with the respect and honor of the election process itself. Train and groom your members for those positions. If need be, ask people to help by sitting in a position for a year or so that a new member can learn from them. Train your members and your leaders. It will pay big dividends in their Masonic careers.

Reinvigorate: Why is this here? We have been doing the same old stuff for 50 years, so why change? I might ask you why you have not changed. Our membership failures should be a PowerPoint package for the whole world to see how a company fails. Failure to change? You only have to look at our retail markets. What happened to K-Mart, Sears, JCPenny, Enron, MicroAge, and so many more? Stuck in a rut, doing the same thing year after year. Not cleaning up their house, not trying new ideas suggested by the members and employees. These are the paths so many follow. Are we on the left path or the right path? Who knows the answer? How is your membership doing? Remember, there is an old device that is used from the past called the telephone. Talk to your members and colleagues personally from time to time. Ask them why you have not seen them. Are they well? Try spicing up your degrees to shock the candidates (not in their first degree). I hope you remember your first degree! That was shock enough, but perhaps you can add some items to the second and third degrees. Costumes, fake trees, low lighting, or outdoor degrees are great. Use your head – I am sure many ideas will pop up. Together we can reinvigorate the Brothers and make them grow.

Renew: Lastly, our focus should be on gaining the respect Masonry had many years ago. We built huge, beautiful buildings, had great parades and big social events for just the members along with social events for the public. Who has held an open house in the past five years? Have we added any new improvements to our costumes and props? Cut the grass, added grass, cleaned the parking lot, painted anything? Just more ideas.

Nothing New Here – Rebuild, Reinvigorate, and Renew are the three key words.

The last question: how are your Mark Master degrees coming along? Northeast has had two plus conferring all the Chapter Degrees by themselves. How about you? Sun City and Kingman have performed several. Phoenix York Rite has at least three degrees scheduled.

Remember, we are a long way from 200. Focus on what we can control in our Lodges and within our state. Walk tall and proud! You are part of the great, long legacy of Freemasonry.

Fraternally always,
Hamilton T. “Zach” Zachary
Grand High Priest of Arizona



As many of you may know, DeMolay was started over 100 years ago for the betterment of young men who had lost their fathers in WWI. This small idea that began in Kansas City, Missouri, eventually spread like wildfire reaching Arizona, where this flame has burned for the last 101 years. Since then, this Grand Lodge has played an integral part in many young men’s lives, helping them attend college, enter the workforce, and achieve their dreams. Our continued cooperation has provided an environment for young men to better themselves.

It may surprise some of you to learn, and with no exception, a DeMolay Chapter is required to be sponsored by a group of Masons, three of whom are necessary to be on the Advisory Council of a Chapter. Our very existence is tied to this concept. Our ability to change the lives of young men in communities across Arizona is limited when

DeMolay and a Masonic Lodge are not working in unison to make both better young men and better men.

The single most important way you can impact DeMolay today is to sponsor a DeMolay Chapter. Hunter’s Paradise Lodge has recently committed to sponsoring a Chapter, and Scottsdale Lodge has been

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contemplating. But, we still need more support in Southern Arizona in the City of Tucson and as far away as Wilcox and Sierra Vista. The same is true in the North in areas like Flagstaff and Cottonwood/Sedona, and in the Northwest in Kingman and Bullhead City.

This relationship cannot be and is not one-sided. We have a responsibility to each of you. DeMolay continues to provide for Masonry in multiple ways. Our Chapters offer many Masonic Service events to benefit their sponsoring bodies; it is even a required event in a Master Councilor's term plan. The most significant advantage is the fact that we also generate membership for these Lodges. Frequently, fathers of DeMolays will join Masonry as they were first introduced to it by their involvement in DeMolay. Not to mention the young men (the DeMolays) themselves that join. Over the last year, we have seen four DeMolays join Masonry, with myself being one of them. Over 40 fathers and DeMolays have joined Arizona Lodges over the past few years. We will continue to provide you with our full support and continue to share a special bond.

Over the past eight years, DeMolay in Arizona moved from the 27th largest jurisdiction in the world to the 15th. We produced two International Presidents, as well as an International Vice President. We hosted three International Conferences in Arizona and a fourth will be when 750 DeMolays and Advisors from around the world step foot in Arizona in June of 2023 for our International Congress and Session. DeMolay in Arizona is on the move and is a highly respected jurisdiction that is constantly consulted for ideas on infrastructure and programming.

None of these accomplishments could happen without the support of all of you. Annually, many Lodges support DeMolay financially through our Convention Yearbook Program, which helps defray the costs of attendance for our young men at the biggest event of the DeMolay year. We see it and sincerely thank you for this support.

Today, we offer special thanks to those Lodges who currently sponsor, co-sponsor, and support our existing Chapters. Yavapai, Valley of the Sun, Glendale, Phoenix, Chandler, Saguaro, and Arizona would not be successful without your help. To those who also serve on our Advisory Councils and help mentor our young men and the next generation of Masons, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I can assure you that the most significant impact you can ever make in this world is to mentor a young person and watch as they grow into their adulthood; from middle school to high school to college. One day, they will come back as adults and "thank you" for being a crucial guiding light in their life journey. Perhaps they will return the favor by joining your Lodge or one wherever they might land.

I leave you hopefully sitting on the tip of your seat, waiting to jump in with both feet. Thank you, and God bless our fraternities and concordant bodies.

Alexander Hulstrom
State Master Councilor, Arizona Demolay

It is a great honor to bring greetings on behalf of Arizona Rainbow and to share how familial bonds are forged between Free and Accepted Masons and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls from my personal perspective.

But before I share my story, why don't we travel back in time for a bit. Just 100 years ago, the Order of the Rainbow was founded by Reverend W. Mark Sexson. He paved the way for young girls, with or without Masonic affiliation, to prosper under the mentorship of adults who live in grace, honor, and truth, just as the Masons of today.

It was the establishment of this organization that opened doors for me to create familial bonds and paint memories with kind-hearted individuals from not only Rainbow, but from the Free and Accepted Masons as well. One specific mason that made an impact on me was someone who I consider to be my Rainbow Grandfather: Mr. Ray Tidwell. Despite having no girls in Rainbow as blood



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relatives, he and his wife were unconditionally supportive to all members of Fidelity Assembly #46 in Lake Havasu City. He even accepted the position as my Rainbow Dad during one of my terms as Worthy Advisor and it was through his and the assembly's support that we were able to host a successful Patriotic Dinner Fundraiser. I hope that he is proud of where I am today and I am so grateful to have crossed paths with this most wonderful man. He was so full of love to give and without Rainbow, I would have never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Tidwell and the other inspiring members of the Free and Accepted Masons.

Not only did Rainbow open up doors for me, but for my father as well. Being the first individual in my family to join a Masonic group, my father only knew that Masons were people that used stone to build...and knew nothing about the Free and Accepted Masons. It was through his active participation in countless Rainbow functions, both locally and throughout the state, that my father was exposed to Masonry and their values. It was not long after I was initiated into Rainbow that my father officially became an Entered Apprentice Mason on October 25, 2016 and became brothers with those who shared the same core values. He quickly learned the traditions of the Blue Lodge and became a Master Mason on January 24, 2017. Now I am happy to share that my father is currently the Worshipful Master of Havasu Lodge #64 and has become a part of an extended family just as I did with Arizona Rainbow.

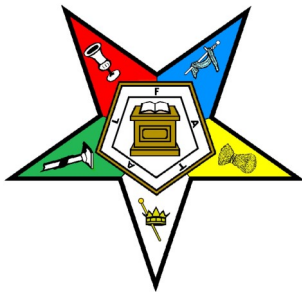
That being said, we are not two separate families. Instead, we are one big Masonic family working together to grow and prosper. Without the active participation of the Masons in Arizona Rainbow, I would never have been able to create a bond with a distinguished Mason and my father would have never been able to become brothers with those who share the same moral truths. I hope this encourages you to support us with not only monetary donations, although very much appreciated, but to donate your time as well in any of our Rainbow activities. Who knows? There is a possibility you can change a young girl's life or help your organization grow by finding a possible Brother. You are the reason we are able to grow and thrive and I hope that we are able to help you to achieve the same goals as well. Thank you for your continuous love and support to all the youth organizations and I hope that we can continue to help each strive for greatness and make the world a better place. Thank you.

Chanelle Fernandez

Grand Worthy Advisor in Arizona

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls





STAR IN THE EAST

By B.J. Dale, Worthy Matron

Greetings Everyone,

Time really does fly when you're having fun as we closed out one term year and are gearing up for another fun-filled year. We hope that everyone is staying cool as our weather heats up. For those of you in cooler weather, enjoy it for us.

We started out in June with our Installation of Officers on June 11th.

Although it was the hottest day of the year (so far), we had an impressive turnout. The support was greatly appreciated as we welcomed family and friends from Yuma, Phoenix, Tucson, and California. Again, we want to thank our own Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 Masons for showing up to support our chapter. We look forward to working with them in the upcoming year. We missed our members and friends that were unable to make it, but we want to thank you for the text, cards, and words of support. We want to congratulate all of our new officers and look forward to our other officers and members coming back soon. We want to thank our Installing Officers: Tori Loll, Past Grand Matron, Mitzi Loughridge, Associate Grand Matron, and Carolyn Simson, Past Matron.



The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron – B.J. Dale, Worthy Patron – Michael Dale, Associate Matron – Sabrina Arps, Associate Patron – DJ Arps, Treasurer – Mikel White, Associate Conductress – Linda Neal, Ruth – Molly Veile, Esther – Beth Ann Prather, Electa – Joyce Snay, and Sentinel – Grant Veile. We held our first meeting of the term and last meeting before going dark on Tuesday June 14th. We had just enough officers present to hold our meeting and get down to business.

The weekend of June 18th, two teams from our Chapter were gearing up to participate in the 8th Annual Wii Bowling Tournament in Peoria. Unfortunately, only one team was able to participate. The Bearded Ladies have placed in the last three years. The first year, they took home a 3rd place trophy, last year they came back to Yuma with a 2nd place trophy, so this year they were determined to bring home the 1st place trophy and with grit and determination, they did! They also brought home a trophy for best bowling outfits. We would like to congratulate our Associate Matron Sabrina Arps, Associate Patron DJ Arps, Brittney Dale, and “little” Brooke Arps on their win and thank them for representing YUMA and our Chapter so well.



In July, the members voiced that they would like to get together for dinner and then go over the Proposals and Amendments before we head off to our Grand Chapter Session on August 3rd. The Worthy Matron will also be planning a ZOOM get-together to check in with anyone that would like to say hello to everyone.

In August we will be heading to our Grand Chapter Session that will be held at the Wild Horse Pass Resort August 3rd–6th. It will be fun to see who our new Grand Officers will be in the coming year. We would like to congratulate Moira Carlton, Worthy Grand Matron, and Jim Hurd, Worthy Grand Patron, on an amazing year. We wish Mitzi Loughridge, Worthy Grand Matron-elect, and Jim Wadley, Worthy Grand Patron-elect, a fun, exciting year with a Broadway theme. We look forward to making fun memories with you both!

Upcoming birthdays:

- JULY: B.J. Dale (9th), Carolyn Simson (12th), Johnnie Bowden (17th), Mary Godfrey (17th), Howard Whitmore (29th), Lou Strahm (31st)
- AUGUST: David Gillis (3rd), Marge Scheafer (4th), J.C. Reece (21st), Marlene Evans (30th)

Until next time, please keep all 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 Worthy Matron B.J. Dale at (760) 960-9037 (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 have dinners and refreshments when we return in September. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the Lodge at (928) 783-7993.

Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

JULY

William Adams
William Creech
Phillip Davis

AUGUST

Keith Parsels

*** **ATTENTION** ***

Deadline for the September/October Trestleboard is

AUGUST 15TH – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

The publisher will be on a TIGHT deadline to get the next issue out by August 30th, so please plan accordingly to get your articles in on time!!!

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Another Grand Communications has come and gone and once again, it was an amazing time! Congratulations to Randy Jager on an incredible year and congratulations to Jim Baker on his ensuing year. I can't wait to see what you bring to Arizona Masons!



I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to my dad, Mike Dale on his election as Senior Grand Warden. This journey has been incredible and I am so excited for what the future may bring! The girls and I are so immensely proud of you and I am just in awe at what you have accomplished thus far! I also want to congratulate my mom, B.J. Dale, on being elected Worthy Matron of our OES Chapter. We took this ride together and I'm glad you get to do it first! LOL You are going to be an amazing leader...trust me, I have 40+ years of experience watching you lead our family!

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 the Yuma Lodge Facebook page. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps

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Co-Chairmen – Dale Kreger, PM

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

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Bikes for Books

Brad Hamner

Law Enforcement Memorial

Hector Aponte

Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen

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Hector Aponte

Dale L. Kreger, PM

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