Yuma Territorial Lodge #17, F&AM



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TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Benjamin Hinderer, Worshipful Master

Good Day Everyone,

We still have a lot of work ahead of us this year. Looking for participation by all Masons to come together and help one another out. There are some projects at the Lodge that need attended to. If you are willing to come down and help out let one of your local Lodge officers know. We have also been invited back to help out at Midnight at the Oasis this year and will gladly be helping out again.

In March at our stated meeting we will be having the annual Official Visit from Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master and we will also be having OES appreciation night. They will be doing their Pink Lodge for us before our stated meeting and if you have not been in attendance for one it is definitely something to see. At the April stated meeting we will be having York Rite appreciation. Come out and help us show our support for these amazing groups and for our future Grand Master.

Masonic Leadership Conference is at the end of March if you would like to go just register on the Grand Lodge website.

Your Worshipful Master Benjamin Hinderer

Yes, 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.



STATED MEETING

Second Thursday of each month, September through June

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

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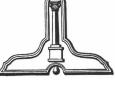
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VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the West,



We started a new year in Masonry, I've opened my home to the Brothers and had a Brother stop by for some good fellowship. I also had a Super Bowl party for the Brothers and families so we can get to know

each other outside of Lodge. Thank you to the Brothers who attended the event.

From my last article I kind of touched on our Annual BB! On February 26th. By the time you read this it will have come and gone, so I hope all Brothers enjoyed themselves and the community. Now next on our agenda is Midnight at the Oasis, or MATO. For those who don't know, MATO is Yuma's biggest car show. Tons of travelers come to show off their cars, and there's also great food and music. We volunteer to check IDs for the beer gardens. It's a great way to get out in the community and support the Caballeros.

Leadership Conference in coming up March 24th–26th. If you have not had the chance to attend I encourage you to try to make it. It is a great chance to meet Brothers throughout Arizona and maybe some other jurisdictions. Trust me, every time I have been it's always been a great time.

We also have Grand Communications for the Grand Lodge of Arizona coming up June 1st–3rd. For those that don't know, this is where all the Arizona Lodges get together with the Grand Lodge and go through business issues for Arizona and also elect the Grand Line of Arizona. It's open to all Master Masons throughout Arizona; if you get a chance to go, again I encourage you to try to go. When I was a new Master Mason I attended my first one and from the get-go I've had a blast.

For more information on what's happening in Yuma, please check out our Facebook page or just ask a Brother. We are more than welcome to assist you in any other matter.

Brotherly Love, Douglas Arps, Jr. "D.J."

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH By Brad Hamner

No article submitted



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 is ready to take 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.

Midnight At the Oasis (MATO) is also just around the corner and another opportunity to receive donations to benefit the Lodge. Please see the Worshipful Master or myself to sign up for helping at MATO. Also, we currently have an on-going raffle. See your Line Officers and Fundraising committee for tickets. Bikes for Books is fast approaching, and we will only be working with Dateland this year.

There are still a few Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2023. Please log in to Grandview and ensure that your information is up-to-date. If not, update your information and once you do, please call me or send me an email letting me know that you have updated your information.

Information for the upcoming 2023 Leadership Conference in Prescott 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 still a work-in-progress 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 Secretary DDGL, District 6



THOUGHTS ON THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEVEN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES By Antero Trujillo, Chaplain

In the process of Masonic Education an integral preparation is important (1). In this contest, the subject at hand is mentioned in the Masonic Ritual (2). In order to

expand this knowledge we will summarize and comment on the article published in Knight Templar whose author is Sir Knight James Lamb (3).

The seven Liberal Arts and Sciences belonged to the standard academic curriculum of universities in the Middle Ages (12th–13th Centuries AD). This pedagogical scheme was taught exclusively in Latin and represented the basic preparation of the sciences of the time and that enable the graduate to continue with studies of philosophy and theology that were the pinnacle of scholastic knowledge of that time.

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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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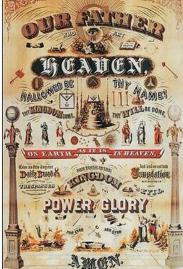
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work – check with Line Officers Grand Communications – June 1st–3rd

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LOVE THYSELF Submitted By Benjamin Vik, Junior Steward

These days, a lot of attention is paid to the concept of "self-care," but it always seems to be conflated with images that seem to have a commercial interest. That may be why we feel uncomfortable about the concept, thinking that someone will try to sell us yoga pants and peach scented candles. But let's keep our regular pants on for now, and discuss something that I believe addresses the root of true self-care.



A long time ago, someone whose opinions I respected came to me when I was hurting, and we

had a heart-to-heart conversation that has never left my thoughts. In my little existential crisis, which today seems silly but which was very real at the time, this person made a statement to me about my situation that impacted me deeply.

"I know you don't understand love right now," this good person said. "But to really and truly know what it is to love, you have to first love yourself."

When I heard this statement, it confused me. In my religious upbringing, I was taught that people who loved themselves were vainglorious and selfish persons. The advice didn't mesh with what I had been taught, that philosophy of virtuous selflessness and humility.

The internal dispute bothered me, and it challenged me, so I grappled with the concept until I realized that my approach had been wrong all along. What I needed to do was to get down to the bottom of what directly, and physically affected me; simplicity above all.

I had been asking what love WAS, when I should have been asking what love DOES. The correct question was, "What do you do, when you love someone?" Here are the five points distilled from that question:

- 1. You give time to the person you love;
- 2. You protect the person you love;
- 3. You provide for the person you love;
- 4. You uplift, encourage, and guide the person you love, and-
- 5. You are true, honest, and loyal to the person you love.

Then I applied each of these points as a self-checkup:

On the first point, are you providing time for yourself? Life moves quickly these days, and spending a few moments alone in quiet meditation and prayer can be of significant benefit. If meditation isn't your thing, try fishing.

On the second point, physical attack is not the only thing you need to be protected from. In this modern world, we are bombarded every day by negativity, doubt, and fear-mongering emanating from every electronic device we own. Do you ever walk away from any socialmedia session feeling like the time you spent was positive and worthwhile? Toxic people and attitudes are contagious; protect yourself and walk away.

On point three, how can you provide for yourself? Something I have always struggled with is feeling guilty for having good things. I don't know why I feel this way, but this is not uncommon. Whatever the root cause, it will sometimes go so far that I neglect doing things that I know are good for me, such as taking vitamins or exercising; namely, providing. I personally have to really push myself to do these things; still a work in progress.

Uplift, encourage, and guide. Words are powerful things, and the words we speak to ourselves have the greatest power of all, to edify or cut down. We can lose ourselves in a loop of deprecation and self-doubt. On this point, sometimes self-love requires seeking the wisdom of a trusted mentor; there is a great peace in the realization that you need to ask for help or advice.

Truth, honesty, loyalty. Stop making excuses for things that you know are not good for you. Never fool yourself into believing you are strong enough to get through everything on your own. And finally, if something opposes your personal ethics and values, never be afraid to oppose that thing... unless you are wrong. And if you're wrong, admit it.

One final thought before closing. I believe each person has value, and purpose. I also believe that though a person's value and purpose may not always be readily apparent to them, we can each be a mirror which reflects every person's worth. In the spirit of friendship and brotherly love.





THOUGHTS ON THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEVEN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES (continued)

The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences exerted great influence on the development of Western Culture. The basic concepts of this formalized curriculum as such, had its origin in the classical period of Greek and Roman cultures. With the development of a system then known as "enkuklios paideia" ("circular Learning") it consisted of an extensive curriculum with diverse disciplines such as poetry, mathematics, medicine, gymnastics, wrestling and social etiquette. His goal was the ideal of developing a complete harmonious personality in mind and body, it was the Homeric concept knows as earring.

The Seven Liberal Arts, appear as such in the Roman classical period (400 AD), in a literary work attributed to Martianus Capella, where he mentions the so-called the Septem Disciplines, or the "seven disciplines" whose sequence was similar to the curriculum developed in later years.

Examining classical education such as the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences in their already established sequence, begins with the basic unit of learning, such as the appropriate use of language for a coherent use of ideas and continuing with higher knowledge such as the physical sciences, finally reaching to deepen the universal knowledge of philosophy and theology becoming the metaphysical knowledge.

The curricular sequence of the Septivium (Latin; "seven ways") was established by subdivision as trivium and quadrivium. The Trivium (Latin; "three ways"), also known as the language arts, consisted of grammar, rhetoric and logic or dialectics. These three subjects were considered the preliminary education necessary to move to higher knowledge taught in the Quadrivium.

The mastery of the mentioned subjects prepared the student to understand literature, develop critical thinking, persuasion in discourse, recognize and dismiss fallacies, construct convincing arguments and elaborate hypotheses. We include a succinct definition of the scope of Joseph's trivium (4).

"Grammar is the art of inventing symbols and combining them to express thought; logic is the art of thinking; and rhetoric is the art of communicating thought from one mind to another, the adaptation of language to circumstance".

The Quadrivium (Latin; "Four Ways") or physical sciences consisted of the study of arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. The name is said to have been coined by the Roman senator Anicius Manilius Severinus Boethius (477–524 AD). The quartet as such seems to come from the seventh book of Plato's Republic.

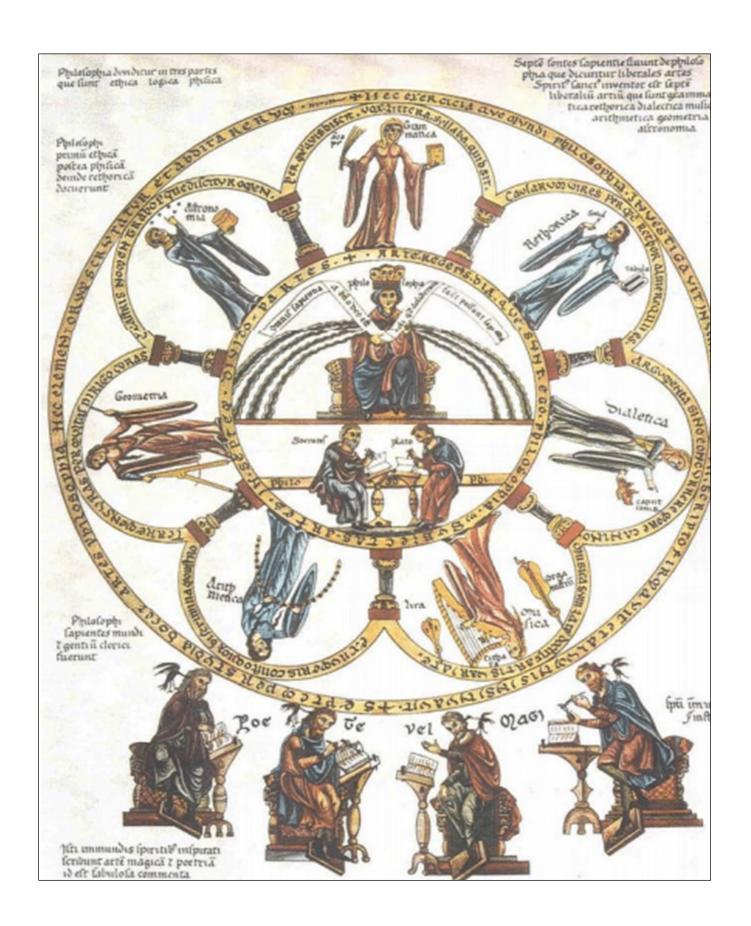
The Quadrivium as a curriculum was taught upon completion of trivium studies. This part of the curriculum is defined as a development of the Student's ability to elaborate abstract thinking through numbers (arithmetic). The application of these principles within a three-dimensional space (geometry). The expansion of the same principles in time (music). Finally, the extrapolation in space-time (astronomy).

The transcendence of the knowledge of the seven liberal arts in the Masonic field is eloquently described by Sir James Paul Lamb, quoting an article of 1772, in the following terms: "The Study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education, which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration; specially the science of Geometry, which is established as the basis of our Art, Geometry, or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine and moral nature, and enriched with the most useful knowledge; while it proved the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality."

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George Washingt







RWB Michael Dale, Senior Grand Warden, had the distinct honor to travel to Washington, DC with other Arizona Grand Officers and Brothers from around Arizona to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone laying of the

George Washington Masonic National Memorial. There was a parade honoring George Washington, with Brothers from around the country and the world. Arizona Grand Lodge also had the distinct honor to open Grand Lodge in Alexandria Washington Lodge #22 inside the

George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It was truly an inspiring weekend, having Brothers from all corners of the world come together to celebrate one of the greatest Masons and a great symbol of our Masonic



Fraternity.



Photos provided by RWB Michael Dale



























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We held our annual Masonic BBQ on Sunday, February 26th. We moved it back to the Lodge, doing a drive-thru like we did a few years ago. It was another success!

Thanks to all the Brothers who came to make this a success and to all the friends and family who helped us out as well! Special thanks to all the cooks – nothing but good comments were heard about how amazing everything tasted!







Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps

STATED MEETING



Thanks to our visitors and Winter Visitors, we had an awesome turnout for our January Stated Meeting! We enjoy having so many people sitting on the sidelines!





Our February Stated Meeting was also Shriner's Appreciation Night, so we had a great turnout! Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to our Shriner Brothers for all you do in the community!





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Congratulations to Jose Ramos, winner of the raffle for the 4-in-1 smoker!







STAR IN THE EAST By Ruth Wilmot, Secretary Greetings Everyone,

Yuma Chapter was busy in January preparing for our Official Visit on February 4th. We had a great time as "Wendy" (Worthy Grand Matron Mitzi Loughridge) and "Tinkerbell" (Conductress VeronicaAnn Reece) traveled around collecting loot while "Captain Hook" (Worthy Grand Patron Jim Wadley) wasn't far behind trying to steal the loot. We always enjoy having visitors come "all the way" to Yuma, so seeing so friends from around the state filled our hearts with happiness and joy

many smiling faces of friends from around the state filled our hearts with happiness and joy.

We have been busy collecting money and items for our Worthy Matron's service project this year, Andale's Pantry. Andale's Pantry is a designated "food bank" for Arizona Western College designed to meet the immediate food needs of students on campus by providing a variety of non-perishable food items and basic necessities to students and their families at NO COST to them. We recently took several boxes of food, toiletries, and various necessities and a check that included the coin march money from our Official Visit. Andale's Pantry is always grateful for whatever we can donate to them, so we hope to continue this partnership in the future.

We spent Valentine's Day delivering flowers for a local florist as part of our yearly fundraiser. Not only is it great fun, but you really get to learn your way around town! Bringing smiles to the many residents of Yuma is a highlight of this project and one that we look forward to every year. We will be doing it again for Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day in May!

We are still collecting gift cards to donate to Power Paws, a service dog organization in Arizona. We have helped them in the past and would love to help them out again. Power Paws is requesting gift cards to Petsmart, Petco, and Chewy.com to give to new owners to help with the cost of their new furry family members. Once again, we cannot thank our Brothers of Yuma Territorial Lodge enough for their generosity in helping with our fundraiser. Thanks to your "pass the hat", we will be able to donate EIGHT gift cards to Power Paws! Your support for our fundraisers is truly remarkable and THANK YOU will never be enough!!!

Upcoming birthdays:

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

Until next time, please keep all our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. We have had several members down with illness and disease lately. 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. Eastern Star members are welcome to visit our meetings, so if you know of some visiting for the winter, please invite them! Take care and be safe!

always stay _____ humble & kind

YUMA CHAPTER NO. 14 ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

The meetings are held the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY of each month, September through June. All members are welcome. A light meal is served at 6:00pm, followed by our meeting promptly at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the Lodge at (928) 783–7993.



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When you became a Master Mason

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ATTENTION

Deadline for the May/June 2023 Trestleboard is **APRIL 20TH**

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



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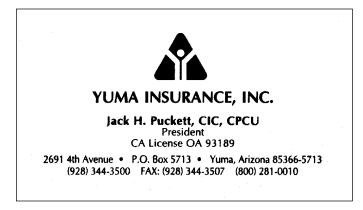
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