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TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

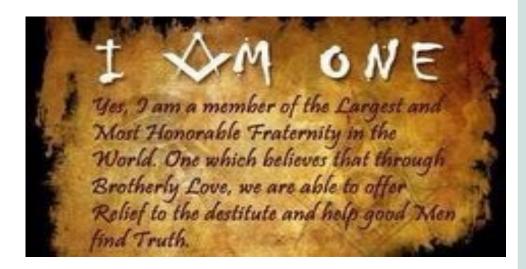
By Benjamin Hinderer, Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren,

The Lodge was dark (or "grey" as my wife says) for the summer. We will be getting back into the swing of things around the Lodge. We already have two degrees planned and look forward to more hopefully. We also need to finish some of our proficiency work. I am not worried though as I know everyone has been spending time studying over the summer and is ready to knock it out of the park.

While we were dark, I had the honor of attending a 3rd degree up in Scottsdale for a fellow Marine. It was a great time and I was even able to help fill in a part and had a blast doing it. If you have not been to Scottsdale Lodge for a degree, I highly recommend it. Traveling is one of the best things you can do as a Master Mason.

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

Degree work most every Thursday at 7:00pm

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VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the West,

I've had a few things that have happened since the last Trestleboard. First, my wife Sabrina and I were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Yuma Chapter #14, Order of the Eastern Star. This is the first time for

both of us in the East and we are honored that we are able to represent Yuma. Second is we also attended Arizona Grand Chapter of OES. Big congratulations to Sister Ruth Wilmot for being elected as Associate Grand Conductress. Her journey to the Grand East starts here for her and we look forward to supporting her in her journey.

A few weeks ago, RW Deput Grand Master Mike Dale and I attended an outdoor degree up in Flagstaff for the first time. For those who were not able to make it, I encourage you to try next year. I've been wanting to go to that outdoor degree for awhile but due to the timing I was not able to make it until now. The fellowship was awesome and camping out the night before was fantastic, especially to get out of the Yuma heat. Next year I will be attending it again and if any Brothers want to go, please let me know. I plan on camping the night before again.

The summer is winding down and it's now time to get back to work. We have some Brothers who are ready for further light in Masonry and I can't wait to shed some more light on those Brothers. Also, we have an Outdoor Degree coming up in October, which I'm sorry to say I won't be able to attend due to me having to go out of town to New Mexico for work. But I hope that in my travels over there I will be able to meet some Brothers and sit in a few Lodges.

I'd like to leave you with something Brother Roy Wright sent me.

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

The Master's Apron By Robert Burns

Ther's mony a badge that's unco braw; For wealth and honor, pride and power

Wi' ribbon, lace and tape on; Let kings an' princes wear them a' Gie me the Master's apron!

The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at hame, or roam afar,
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly afar,
'Gin he but wears the apron!

Are crumbling stanes to base on;
Eternity suld rule the hour,
And ilka worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.

Then, brithers, let a halesome sang Arise your friendly ranks alang! Guidwives and bairnies blithely sing To the ancient badge wi' the apron string That is worn by the Master Mason!

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (continued)

Submitted by Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the South

Hope everyone has had a good summer and managed to stay cool one way or another! As we come out of darkness we are hitting the ground running! We have a busy remainder of the year with degrees, the outdoor degree in October will be here before we know and we can use some help, and then it'll be election time, I encourage all of you to come get involved in your Lodge. I look forward to seeing you all soon for some fellowship and brotherly love.

Brad Hamner Junior Warden

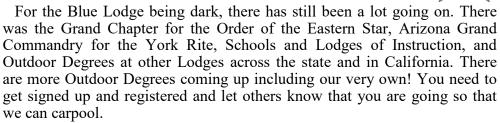


FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is almost over and we are gearing up for an end of the year push.



There are still a lot of other events coming up soon. Corn Festival for the Shrine Temple, the Grand Lodge Golf Tournament, the Colorado River Fall Festival for York Rite, and Fall Ceremonial for Scottish Rite. Information on these can be obtained through the local body Secretaries or Officers. If you are interested in joining any of the other Masonic bodies, ask one of them for a petition.

We are looking forward to continued visits to other Lodges and visiting Brethren from other Lodges to our own.

*** Mark your calendars!!!! — You do not want to miss out on our Outdoor Degree on Saturday, October 14th. 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. Set-up, teardown, meal, or parts in the degree. I recently checked and there was only one person signed up for the Outdoor Degree through the Lodge website!

If you need a ride to Lodge or the Outdoor Degree, please call a Brother near you or call me the week prior (not the night of) so we can contact someone near you to assist in getting you to the location.

It is imperative that you keep your information in Grandview updated 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 (continued on page 5)



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Yuma Territorial Lodge 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

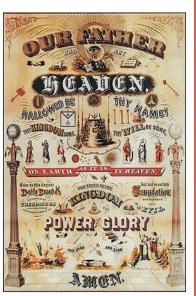
Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at **7:00pm**. (Dinner preceding meetings at **6:00pm**.)

Yuma Shrine Club

Meetings: Second Mondays at **7:00pm**.



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September 2023									
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT			
					1	2			
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 Safford #16 OV (Safford)	6 Huachuca #53 OV (Sierra Vista)	7	8	9			
10	11	12	13	14 STATED	15	Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Degree (St. David)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	Fain Ranch Outdoor Degree (Prescott)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work – check with Line Officers

October 2023									
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT			
1	2	3 Camelback Daylight #75 OV – 10:00am (Mesa) Peoria #31 OV – 7:30pm (Peoria)	PVST #29 OV (Phoenix)	5	6	7			
8	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11	STATED	13	YUMA #17 OUTDOOR DEGREE			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN							



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE (continued)

By WB Michael Kofta, PM

Grandview and do not know how, please contact me so that I can update it. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know. Please log in and update your information.

We are down to six Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2023. September is coming fast!

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

If you would like to help out with any of the committees that the Lodge has in place, or would like to help out in any other area such as prospect management, please speak with the Committee Chairman that is listed in the Trestleboard, the Worshipful Master, or myself.

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

INVOCATION FOR MWB JEFF CARLTON

Submitted By Antero "Doc" Trujillo, Chaplain, Very Reverent Grand Chaplain



Heavenly Father, it is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our Most Worshipful Brother, Jeffery S. Carlton.

Lord, in your greatness you gave life to this special spirit, with great moral and intellectual virtues, and with humility and ability to forgive.

His beneficial influence will be present in many areas of our Masonic Order.

Almighty God, Father of Mercy, we are hopeful that our respected Brother's soul has a place in that Spirit Temple in the eternity of heaven.

For all of the above, we ask you Lord, to listen to our prayers for the Most Worshipful Brother Jeffery, in the name of your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.













Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps



Submitted By Saleh Bahati, Senior Steward

Mental Preparedness

Being mentally prepared is an essential element of being "Duly and Truly Prepared". Mental preparedness means being prepared to learn and understand the teachings of Freemasonry. It requires an open mind, a willingness to learn, and a desire to grow. This will help you gain a deeper understanding of the teachings and principles of the craft. Additionally, attending Lodge meetings and participating in discussions can help you develop a better understanding of the teachings and how they apply to your life.

Personal Benefits

When you are duly and truly prepared, you will experience several personal benefits. For instance, you will learn to be humble and to put the needs of others before your own. You will also learn to be patient and to persevere in the face of challenges. In addition, being duly and truly prepared will help you to develop a strong moral character. You will learn to be honest, trustworthy, and to have integrity in all your dealings. These traits will not only benefit you personally but will also make you a valuable member of society.

Benefits to the Lodge

Being duly and truly prepared is not just important for the individual but also for the Lodge as a whole. When members of the Lodge are duly and truly prepared, they bring a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. This, in turn, creates a vibrant and active Lodge that is focused on the betterment of its members and the community. Moreover, when members are duly and truly prepared, they are more likely to participate in Lodge activities and to take on leadership roles. This helps to ensure the continued success of the Lodge and the fraternity.

Benefits to Freemasonry as a Whole

Being duly and truly prepared is a fundamental principle of freemasonry. It is what sets the fraternity apart from other organizations. When members of the fraternity are duly and truly prepared, they bring a level of commitment and dedication that is unmatched. This commitment helps to ensure the continued growth and success of Freemasonry. Furthermore, when members are duly and truly prepared, they are more likely to be positive ambassadors for the fraternity. They will share their positive experiences with others and help to dispel any misconceptions about Freemasonry. This, in turn, will help to attract new members to the fraternity and ensure its continued success for generations to come.

Reference: Find, M. (2023, May 28). What does "duly and truly prepared" mean in freemasonry? MasonicFind. https://masonicfind.com/duly-and-truly-prepared-meaning





MOSES

Submitted By Antero "Doc" Trujillo, Chaplain, Very Reverent Grand Chaplain

The Prophet of Sinai, whose influence endures to this day. His birth and youth occurred in Egypt in the time of the pharaohs, the details are related in the biblical passages (Exodus 2:1–23). His parents belonged to the oppressed people of Israel, who, in an effort to save him from the sentence imposed by Pharaoh on the firstborn Israelites put the child in a reed basket and left him on the banks of the Nile, where he was found by the Pharaoh's daughter.

Moses in his youth enjoyed the privileges of the Egyptian nobility, being initiated into the mysteries of Isis and Osiris, which placed him far above the common man. At the height of his power, an incident occurred in which Moses killed an Egyptian policeman for mistreating a defenseless Hebrew. The priests of Osiris who committed murder were judged severely, so Moses decided to go into voluntary exile.

He went into the desert and reached the land of Madian, beyond the Red Sea and the Sinai Peninsula. The place extended like a green strip between the Gulf of Elami and the Arabian desert (1). In this place there was a Temple dedicated to Osiris, but the sovereign God was also worshipped with the name of Elohim, venerated by the nomadic inhabitants of the desert. The high priest of the Madian, Jethro, considered a great sage according to his contemporaries, possessed treasures of science in his memory and in the stone libraries of his temple. He had a reputation as protector of the men of the desert (1).

Moses came to this place seeking asylum on behalf of Osiris and Elohim. He was received with great joy by Jethro, this exile would last more than 40 years, time in which he married the daughter of Jethro named Sepphora. On his arrival in exile, the crime he had committed weighed on Moses because of his condition as initiate of Osiris. To atone for his crime and regain his inner light Moses underwent a second initiation whose trials bordered near death. By succeeding in them he recovered his moral condition, and his conscience returned to the peace of the initiated priests. He emerged from these trials a totally changed man, Egypt had ceased to be his homeland. He looked at the mountain of Elohim on the horizon and for the first time the idea of his mission passed before his eyes – "To lead a fighting people that would represent the Law of the Supreme and only God (1)."

One of his biographers says: That day to mark the new era that began in his life Hosarseph (as he was called in Egypt) took the name of Moses which means the Saved from the Waters (1). It had been 40 years since Moses arrived in Madian, one of his routine tasks was to graze the family's flocks. On one occasion fulfilling this task he ascended to the summit of Mount Sinai, also called Horeb by the inhabitants of the desert. A wild and desolate place sometimes covered by a ring of clouds. Arriving in the vicinity of the summit of the mountain, Moses observed a burning thicket but in burning was not consumed (Exodus 3:1–23). He wanted to see the phenomenon up close. Suddenly he heard a voice coming from the fire and said:

Moses! Moses!

He replied.

Here I am!

Do not approach here, take off your sandals from your feet, because the place where you are is sacred ground.

The Holy Scriptures relate this first dialogue in which God imposed on Moses the mission of delivering the people of Israel from Egyptian oppression and leading them to the promised land (Exodus 2:23–25, 3:1–22). This dialogue ends when Moses asks the Lord for the name by which he should present God and a voice resounded on the horizon "I AM WHO I AM." Moses fulfilled the imposed mission and returned to Egypt after 40 years. What happened next is Moses' monumental work of mobilizing an entire people towards their destiny. The Egyptian initiate, the prophet of the desert carried out a gigantic work, wrote the first five books of the Bible known as THE PENTATEUCH: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

The work of Moses as a whole gave rise to one of the great Monotheistic Religions that was the fundamental basis for the advent of Christianity.

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Traveling Men















RWB Mike Dale and Brother DJ Arps traveled up to Flagstaff for their Outdoor Degree on August 12th. Many Brothers from around the state went up the night before and camped out at one of the local camping grounds. It was a great night of fellowship and reconnection amongst the Brothers. The Outdoor Degree was also a great experience. Nice job Flagstaff Lodge!









RWB Mike Dale, DGM traveled to Flagstaff #7 for their Official Visit.

Top photos provided by Brother DJ Arps; Bottom photo provided by RWB Mike Dale

Traveling Men



RW Mike Dale, DGM traveled to Tucson for the Official Visit of Epes Randolph Lodge #32 on August 9th.

Brothers Mike Cooper, Brad Hamner, and Ira Hearen, Jr. traveled to Eloy Lodge #46 for a Second Degree on August 19th.





DDGL WB Mike Kofta conducted a Lodge of Instruction for Glendale Lodge #23 on July 27th.



Top/Middle Photos provided by RWB Mike Dale; Bottom Photos provided by WB Mike Kofta

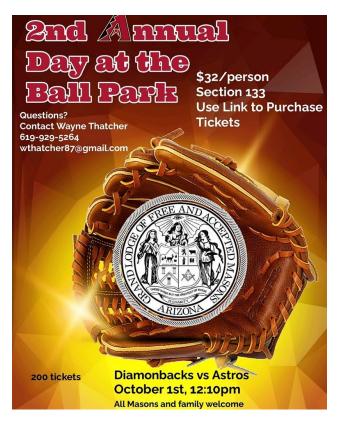
SPECIAL STATED MEETING



Brothers DJ Arps and Ira Hearen, Jr. traveled to Mexicali for the Stated Meeting of Palingenesia Lodge #46

Photo provided by Brother DJ Arps

• YORK RITE HAPPENINGS









Several of our York Rite Brothers attended the 130th Annual Grand Conclave in Mesa August 17th–19th

Photos provided by Brother Antero "Doc" Trujillo

Brothers in Fellowship







Several Brothers from the Lodge got together for some much needed fellowship outside the Lodge. It's always nice to get together and learn about each other.

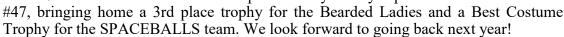
Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps



By BJ Dale, PM, Treasurer

Greetings Everyone,

Even though we were dark for the summer, that didn't stop our Chapter from having some fun. In July, two teams participated in the 9th Annual Wii Tournament sponsored by Sunnyslope



In August several members attended the 2023 "Lights, Camera, Action" Grand Chapter sessions at the McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale. We want to congratulate our members who received Grand Chapter offices and appointments:

- Ruth Wilmot, Past Matron Associate Grand Conductress; Blue Book Committee; Charters and Bylaws Committee; Fraternal Relations
- Molly Veille, Past Matron District Instructor, District #14; Personal Grand Page to the Associate Grand Conductress; 1st Vice President, International Grand Representatives Association
- Grant Veille, Past Patron Escort of the Associate Grand Conductress
- Sabrina Arps, Worthy Matron Elections Committee; Membership Committee; Stars Over Arizona Co-Editor
- Michael Dale, Past Patron Assistant Grand Sentinel; Fraternal Relations Grand Lodge
- BJ Dale, Past Matron Protocol Guidance Committee; Stars Over Arizona Co-Editor
- Linda Gillis Triennial-2024
- Carolyn Simson, Past Matron Chair, Service Dog Committee; Chair, Artificial Flowers; Banquet Committee; Stars Over Arizona Reporter

We are especially proud of our very own Ruth Wilmot being elected to Associate Grand Conductress. We are also excited that our Chapter Marshal, Mike Dale, was elected as Deputy Grand Master at Grand Communications in June. Our Chapter has a lot of work ahead of us these next few years. We are very proud of all of our members!

Look for us on Facebook at Yuma Chapter #14, OES. We try to keep up with our events and have even connected with some former members that have moved away from Yuma.

This year our Worthy Matron looks to continue our work with Andale's Pantry at AWC, providing food, toiletries, and bedding items for students living in the dorms, as well as working with Power Paws, a service dog organization, in conjunction with our Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter. These two organizations are very near and dear to our Chapter, so if you would like to help us, contact any Star Chapter member for information.

Upcoming birthdays:

- SEPTEMBER Sandi Bennett (9th); Beth Ann Prather (11th); Beverley Treherne (11th); Curtis Cloud (21st); Myrtle Gunlock (25th); Ruby Kofta (25th); Emily White (26th); Marvel Leader (27th); Laquita Allison (29th)
- OCTOBER Teresa Nunnaley (19th)

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 Sabrina Arps at (928) 246–650 (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, please invite them! 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. 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.



Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

SEPTEMBER

Roger Christiansen David Conaway Ralph Ferree Benjamin Hinderer John Mitchell Welton Phillips Eddie Straws

OCTOBER

Anthony Bowen
Jackson Cox
Robert Dhu
Aaron Hawkins
Kevin Hawkins
Richard Hyatt
Larry Keyes
Jerry McAdams
James McKinley
Jack Puckett

James Schultz Jimmy Seals Quaid Smith, PM Victor Wallner

ATTENTION

Deadline for the November/December 2023 Trestleboard is **OCTOBER 20TH**

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

I don't know about you, but I can't WAIT for the cooler weather! Fall and winter are my favorite seasons – time to break out the hoodies and jackets, eat chili, and drink cocoa. And snuggling with loved ones! This summer was a beast, so anything below 80° is perfect in my book!



Time to step out of the "dark" and enter the light! The Lodge is coming back from being dark, as well as OES. Time to go back to work for our Lodge and helping out in the community. The Sisters and Brothers of Yuma Chapter #14 are always here for our Masonic Brothers and we look forward to working with you in the coming year. Let's continue to build our MASONIC 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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Mikel K. White, PM

Midnight at the Oasis

Worshipful Master

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Brad Hamner

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Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

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Special Message



Thank you in no way covers the act of a couple of our Brothers. I received a call from my neighbor saying that there were a large number of shingles coming from my roof in Yuma. Yuma was located in the path of Hurricane Hillary and the damage was being caused by the heavy wind. I contacted a friend who advised that there was extensive shingle damage. Knowing he was not able to assist in repairs I reached out to my Masonic Brother Mike Dale and advised him of the situation. He said that he would contact Brother DJ Arps and would contact me once they were onsite.

I later got a call showing me the "before" picture (left) of all the missing shingles. They then purchased tarps and other supplies needed to protect my home from future rain during the hurricane. Upon

completing the repair, the "after" picture (right), they called to report that the immediate danger was over. Oh, by the way, I am on vacation in North Carolina to make all this more difficult. This is the action of two Brothers that take their obligations seriously. Thank you again my Brothers.

--Brother David Gillis





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