



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers,

I would like to thank everyone who made this year's BBQ happen. It was truly a team effort and it felt like everything kind of went smoothly. But you know, like everything, there's always going to be hiccups. I would also like to give a shout out to the Quail Corporation for putting out signs for us and to Jennifer Blackwell for having us on the radio.

On another note, we just got done helping out at the Midnight at the Oasis for the Caballeros de Yuma and I'm very happy how everything turned out. I'm 100% sure we will be asked to come back next year; they were very happy with us. Thank you to all the volunteers – I hope you all enjoyed the weekend.

Leadership Conference is coming up March 22–24. Like I have said before, if you haven't been to one yet, I encourage you to try. There is a lot of information you can take away from it and it is a great way to meet new Brothers.

Now...the big one...the 142nd Grand Communication will be held June 6–8 at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel. "If elected by the Brothers", our very own WB Mike Dale will be the next sitting Grand Master of Arizona. If you are able to attend, we will put out more information once it's available, but typically the Installation is held on Friday night and it's an open installation so family and friends are welcome. We hope you will be able to make it for this very special occasion.

We do have some degree work coming up in the near future. I can't wait to call a friend a Brother soon. Now that our big events are over, we will try to have some fellowship night with the Brothers, as well as some family nights. So think of some ideas you guys would like to do and let us know so we can make some plans. I'm thinking of some potlucks down at the Lodge and bringing some games to play. I know WB Mike Kofta's wife makes some awesome lumpia.

This year has been awesome so far and I can't wait to see how the rest of the year unfolds. Once again, thank you to everyone for your help and support.

Brotherly Love,
Douglas W. Arps, Jr. "DJ", WM



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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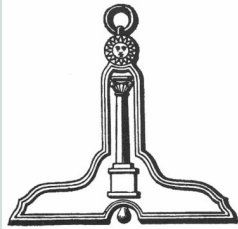
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VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner

THE SILENT SUMMONS

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his Brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the Brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my Brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

-- Author Unknown

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Submitted by Hector Aponte

Fraternal Greetings from the South,

The Masonic Ring

One of the most recognizable objects which identify Masons outside the Lodge is the Masonic ring. While I am far from being an expert on the subject, and realizing that opinions are varied regarding this, I want to answer some questions, as well as give my personal experience and significance of this beautiful object.

People ask if rings are "issued" once you become a Mason. Short answer is "no". Masonic rings (with some exceptions from appendant bodies) are purchased, or they are passed down from parents, friends, or other family members. Masonic rings are very personal, and the styles are countless.

What does the ring mean? There is no right or wrong answer to this question. It means different things to different Masons. I can tell you what it means to me. My ring means that I am part of a very special fraternal organization bound by Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It means that I must always strive to not only be a better man, but to help others reach the same objective. It means that I must be a better citizen and an example for others to follow. I could go on, but the constraints of time and space restrict me from doing so.

I want to leave you with an anecdote. As I already covered in the previous issue, I am a retired Border Patrol Agent. One day, we had a large group of Cuban immigrants at the station. There were men, women, as well as many



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (continued)

Submitted by Hector Aponte

children. The detention area was full, and some of these people were sitting on benches outside and on the floor while they waited to be processed. Seeing so many children, and being fluent in the Spanish language, I started making jokes and just talking to them.

These kids were tired and scared, and seeing them smile, and seeing their parents' faces of relief was very satisfying. At one point, I overheard a young mother telling her son in Spanish: "Do you know why that agent is so nice? Because he is a Mason." This mother saw my ring and little did I know, Freemasonry is huge in Cuba. I was overcome with emotion, to the point of having to go outside to "get some air". I remember telling this anecdote to my Brothers in Lodge, and it was very hard to keep myself together. I am proud to be a Mason, and my ring tells the world that I am one.

Until next time...

Hector Aponte
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Our New Year is off to a great start!

The Annual BBQ has taken place and was a great success. As you know, the Annual BBQ is currently our main fundraiser for the Lodge and your support was a huge help.

Midnight At the Oasis was another opportunity to receive donations to benefit the Lodge. Thank you to those who signed up to volunteer and thank you for helping bring in donations.

Bikes for Books is fast approaching, and we have some late bloomers this year.

There are still a few Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2024. 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 2024 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. We already have a Second Degree scheduled and a couple of Third Degrees should also be just around the corner as well. Remember proficiencies for degree work as well as for the Line Officers is just like Masonry in general "it is a progressive moral science."

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

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Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at **7:30pm**
(Dinner preceding the meeting at **6:30pm**)

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Trustees' Meetings: Some Mondays prior to Stated Meeting at **6:30pm** (check with WM). 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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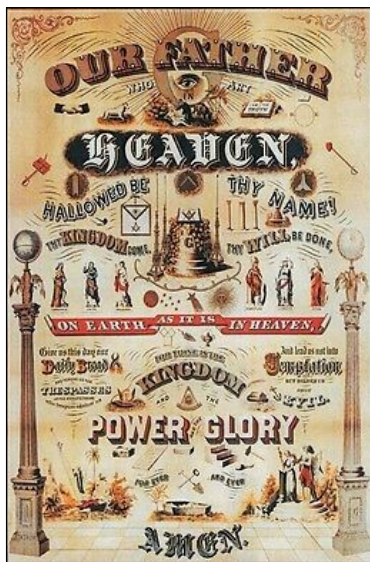
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17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 	19	20	21	22  Leadership Conference	23 
24 Leadership Conference	25	26 	27	28	29	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY						

Yuma Shrine Club










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

UPCOMING EVENTS:
142ND GRAND COMMUNICATION – June 6th–8th

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April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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THE MONSTER IN THE CAGE – A MEDITATION ON TRAUMA

Submitted By Benjamin Vik, Junior Deacon

(The following is a compilation of notes I made in 2021 while meditating on the nature and mechanics of trauma and the coping/healing mechanisms that may be employed. Disclaimer, I am not a medical professional, and this is not a substitute for clinical diagnosis and care.)



From the moment of birth, we are thrust unwillingly into a solid physical world of structure and strife. Movement is a chore. Our first glimpse of light is blinding. Our first breath of air is cold. From that point, as our child self settles in and pushes back against the solidity of Life, we strive, and as we mature we continue to strive, and further on everything in our adult life is accomplished by striving against that natural lattice of physicality, experiencing victories and defeats as they come.

Along this path of strife, every one of us will encounter some horrifying things that our minds were not prepared for. If you thought you were alone in this experience, think again; you are in good company with the whole of mankind in your experience of trauma. Some of these traumatic events happen to us, striking unaware, and some were caused to happen to us by flawed humans set in our path. Some were emotional traumas, which, like physical impacts or lacerations with the resulting wounds, stand as horrible things which left a wound in our mind as physical and painful as any done to our flesh. And if these traumas were compounded with physical wounds, long after our flesh and bones have healed the wounds in our mind remain, agonizing and fresh, with no remedy or healing recourse in sight.

Of course, no one wants to live in agony. The old adage is, “Time heals all wounds,” but in reality, if ignored the pain never dissipates. We can use things to cover it up, like constant stimulation, distracting ourselves, living vicariously through gossip and the constant retelling of the lives of others, or filling the void with substances that alter or change our perceptions. We can throw ourselves into service, or spite, or over-caring, causing emotional distress in others, or demanding perfection of ourselves and others that we know can never be attained.

All of this avoidance is a smoke screen, a self-deception and deflection, a camouflage hiding a monster that we fear. Filling the space between gives the illusion of safety, despite the occasional glimmers we see of the monster through the smoke. And when this happens we pour more on, hiding, obscuring the past in a cacophonous void of cellphones or video games, conflict with our loved ones, overindulgence in substances, garbage TV, social media, and just enough of a constant spackle of vacuous pop music to fill in the gaps between each form of external stimulation.

The only solution to this anguish is clear, and we need to muster all of our individual strength and stand forth on a field of battle to accomplish this.

Our trauma must be made a part of the mental furniture of our daily life.

Ignoring trauma, pushing it down, hiding it away, only squeezes the pain down, allowing it to ooze back out through other channels, to manifest in the darkness of violent human behavior, or sudden rage and spite. If you let the monster slip beneath the waters of forgetfulness, it will arise from those waters like some kind of vengeful Godzilla to attack you when you are most vulnerable.

The answer is clear. We must face our trauma. Despite all of our wishes and desires to the contrary, we are now in possession of a monster; a monster that resides within our memories, our mind’s eye, forever. Look at it, see it for the evil creature it is, and take ownership of this living entity that now resides within your mind.

Speak to it as master. Tell it in no uncertain terms “I know what you are, and I know where you came from. You might live here now, but I OWN YOU.” Look it dead in the face, and do not gloss over the ugliest parts. Recognize that this is the thing that has been discoloring your happiness, and darkening your decisions. This is the thing that has been subtly spiking your emotions and becoming an influence of fear in your life.

Recognize it, and place it in its proper place in your mental landscape: a cage. Not a box, with opaque walls, but a cage, with strong bars and grates, so you can keep your mind’s eye on it.

But as a warning; even though you are the master of this thing, it is not a pet, not to be played with and used as an excuse for harmful behavior. Treat it like a deadly viper; would you coddle a viper in your arms? Recognize it, be cognizant of it, keep it in the cage lest it strike you and envenomate your life.

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Recognize though, that there will be setbacks. This war on your own personal traumas will not be won by decisive victories, but rather by attrition. Alexander the Great conquered his empire one city and province at a time. Every day, every minute is an affirmation of your strength – the strength to say, “I am sad, and I have every reason to be sad, because of this monstrous thing that happened to me. I will not ignore this thing, nor will I let it have dominion over me; for though it is strong, I AM STRONGER.”

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

In Brotherly Love as always,

Vik



**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF OUR MOST WORSHIPFUL
BROTHER, ROBERT “BOB” BRADFIELD**

Submitted By Antero “Doc” Trujillo, Chaplain, Very Reverent Grand Chaplain

Heavenly Father, today we celebrate the passage through life of our Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother BOB BRADFIELD.

Our Brother Bob was initiated very early into the iniciatic principles of Freemasonry, which led him to an extraordinary spiritual and moral development.

This training allowed him to exercise great leadership in our Order, with the firm belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, in the immortality of the soul, in the love of neighbor, in the transcendence of the human being and in the knowledge of oneself.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we beseech thee for the soul of our Brother Bob, that he may enjoy the grandeur of your kingdom for all eternity.

All this in the name of Jesus our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

Amen



*Robert “Bob” Bradfield
Grand Master of Arizona, 2017*

MUSINGS FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

By RWB Michael Dale, PM

GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA



My wife and I arrived in Alaska on January 31st and we were met at the airport by WB John Shaffer, PM of Matanuska Lodge #7 in Palmer, AK. He texted me to look for the guy in jeans and a black coat. Do you know how many people run around the airport in jeans and a black coat? Upon turning the corner for the baggage claim, I looked far down the corridor and there he stood. You just knew he was a Mason. DGM Doug Studer assigned him to me to be my entertainment for the next couple of days. I was the keeper of a Masonic secret from John. RW Doug told me he was going to appoint John as a DDGM and John did not have a clue. Yes, I kept the Masonic secret.

Yes, it is cold in Alaska in February. I mean dang cold. Minus 6 degrees during the day and minus 19 degrees at night. Thank goodness, the Grand Lodge was not in Fairbanks where the temperatures were minus 45 degrees to minus 50 degrees. Fortunately, we only had to walk from the door to the curb, load luggage, drive to the hotel, and walk into the hotel. We did not leave the hotel until it was time to leave for the airport Friday night. Many areas throughout the hotel were very chilly to walk around in and required more than just a jacket. The fireplace in the lobby was only warm if you stood right next to it.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska only has about 2,000 members consisting of now 21 Lodges scattered around the state. A research Lodge was, by a vote of the Brethren, accepted as the 21st lodge in Alaska. Including all of the visiting Grand Lodges, there were maybe 100 to 125 Brethren in attendance. The formal opening of Grand Lodge was Thursday morning. Nineteen of the original 20 Lodges represented. At the opening, the call to order was conducted by the Brother who was raised the day before at a MM degree conducted by the Grand Lodge Officers. After the call to order, each Brother giving the call to order was invited to sit in the East for that particular session. One of the first orders of business was a 70-year Brother who was made an honorary Past Grand Master. A presentation was made of a Past Grand Master apron and jewel, then escorted to the East and given Private Grand Honors.

General Masonic business was conducted for each committee with each having a chairman that was a Past Grand Master. An actual wooden ballot box was utilized. The wooden box is brought in to the Lodge room by the Credential Committee Chairman, placed behind the Senior Grand Warden, and opened for elections. Whenever Grand Lodge is not in session, the box is locked. While Grand Lodge is in session, Brothers can get up and vote as they wish until all have balloted that are entitled to do so. Paper ballots are issued with names of those running for office at Credentials. Members just tore off the name they wanted to vote for and dropped in the appropriate slot in the ballot box.

The progressive Grand line starts at the Junior Grand Warden. Those who would like to run are required to submit a Letter of Availability, similar to a Masonic resume. Initially three letters were submitted early. A late comer to the picture was WB John Barnett who was “railroaded” by some Past Grand Masters into submitting his letter. I met John in Juneau when I was on a Cruise and he gave a tour of the surrounding area. John is also the Deputy of the Supreme Council for Alaska. Upon John’s submittal, two of the previous submissions were withdrawn. The GM put them both on the spot and gave them two minutes to campaign for themselves.

Thursday Lunch was most enjoyable. The guest speaker was an Olympic Gold Medalist in Nordic skiing, Kikkan Randall, who is also a cancer survivor. She spoke of her 10-year plan to be an Olympic medalist after being on skis since she was five years old. That 10-year plan for the Olympic medal turned in to a 16-year plan with many ups and downs and how she overcame the downs through leadership and teamwork. She started out as the only woman for the U.S. Nordic ski team and how difficult it was to train to get better by herself. Through working to reach her goal, the U.S. women’s team grew by talking to and training with women from other countries. Going to Norway to train with the number one woman skier in the world and then inviting her back to the U.S. to train. It did not matter if she finished in 10th place or 40th place. She would look at the big picture to find improvements that she made one step at a time.

During this time, she discovered how to make the U.S. team a more cohesive unit. Her techniques were through karaoke and doing team dances while videotaping them. Just having fun for the most part. Her experiences could go along with what Masonry stands for and tries to do through fellowship, unity, and teamwork, etc. Then after she thought she had won, the gold medal and all of her struggles were over and life

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was good, those skills came in handy in achieving another goal of surviving cancer by pulling her medical team together and making a plan for her survival.

She has been cancer free since the end of her treatment. I thoroughly enjoyed her talk and during the talk there were numerous times I was fighting back the tears. I do not know of anyone that did not enjoy her talk. Many people stuck around for pictures and the opportunity to hold an actual Olympic Gold Medal. They are a lot heavier than you might think.

Thursday dinner was an awards banquet for Brothers who were selected by their DDGM for district Mason of the Year. In addition, the Grand Master also hosted active-duty military members and their spouse. Each military member was awarded a certificate of appreciation for their service to the country. In fact, Alaska has more veterans per capita than any other state.

Friday was just more of the typical Masonic business with Installation of Officers held at the end of the day. When it came time for the Grandmaster-elect to speak, for some strange reason, his speech had disappeared from the podium. He winged a very short speech to everyone’s enjoyment. The outgoing Grandmaster gave his speech about how the microphone is always on and you need to be careful on how you speak to everyone.

At the reception Friday evening, my wife and I really enjoyed the fellowship during the reception. BJ and Maggie (John Shaffer’s wife) never left each other’s side and talked the entire reception about you know, Masonic wives stuff and life in general.

Overall, Alaska was fantastic. I do not think there was a single Brother whom at some time or another I did not have Masonic communication. They would come up and introduce themselves and then proceed to have a conversation as if you had been friends your whole life. Anytime you shook someone’s hand, they would look you in the eye and give you a hearty Alaska greeting. Grand Lodge of Alaska is a friendly, hometown atmosphere and without a lot of pomp and circumstance. As cold as it was outside, all around the hotel the Brothers of Alaska made up for it with their warm and friendly dispositions. It was as if I was not just a visitor from a foreign jurisdiction but a Brother at home. I will definitely return to this Grand Lodge in the future. If you ever get the itch to travel, this is the place to go.

STATED MEETING



Our January Stated Meeting was the first official meeting under the leadership of our new Worshipful Master, Brother DJ Arps. A strong showing from our Brothers, including some we have not seen for awhile!

Another strong showing for our February Stated Meeting! We were lucky to have our Deputy Grand Master in attendance as well – we know he’s busy helping to better Arizona Masonry, so any time he can be with us is a treat!



Traveling Men



RWB Mike Dale traveled to Apache #69 in Mesa for their Official Visit on January 11th



RWB Mike Dale, along with WB Mike Kofta traveled to Builder's #60 in Tucson for their Official Visit on February 14th



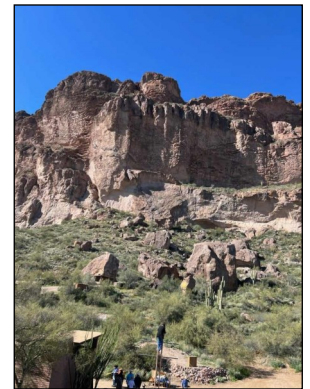
Brother Ira Hearan, Jr. visited Acacia #42 in Avondale for their stated meeting on February 6th



RWB Mike Dale, Deputy Grand Master, traveled with WB Eric Dupree, Senior Grand Deacon, and WB James Xie, Junior Grand Deacon, to Alaska Grand Lodge



Several Brothers from our Lodge traveled to Gold Canyon for the annual Lost Dutchman Outdoor Degree on March 2nd. The scenery and atmosphere make this a unique and special outdoor degree!



Photos provided by various Brothers

LONGEVITY AWARDS

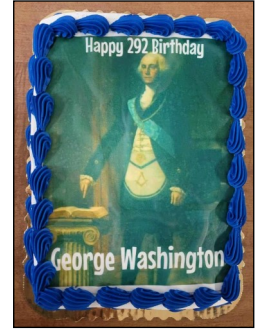


On January 21st, we had an awards luncheon for Longevity Awards. We handed out awards for 25 years, 50 years, 60 years, and 65 years of Masonic service. Congratulations to all our Brothers and thank you for your faithful years of service!

George Washington Dinner



Several Brothers traveled to Brawley, CA to attend the George Washington dinner on February 24th with our Imperial Lodge Brothers. Every year they have a dinner to celebrate the birthday of the Father of our Country and one of the most celebrated Masons of our Fraternity.



Community Service



The annual Midnight at the Oasis car show came to Yuma March 1st-3rd. Yuma Lodge, the Eastern Star chapter, and other volunteers were on-hand once again to do ID checks and pass out wristbands. We also get to look at some amazing antique and souped-up cars, plus enjoy some great entertainment at the concerts! We love getting out into the community and interacting with everyone. This is one of our favorite events of the year and we look forward to continuing our work with the Cabelleros de Yuma!

Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps, Jr.



STAR IN THE EAST

By BJ Dale, PM, Treasurer

Greetings Everyone,

Yuma Chapter would like to extend our deepest condolences to Sister Billie Bradfield and her family on the passing of Brother Bob Bradfield, PGP and Past Grand Master. He will be deeply missed.



We brought in the New Year with our first meeting in January, then got busy with final plans for our OV on January 27th. What an OV it was! We decorated the Chapter room to resemble a winter wonderland for an “arctic adventure”. We had an amazing lunch with the Worthy Patron’s “Arizona famous” pulled pork and all the sides and fixins’. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron then went on an arctic adventure through the “arctic tundra of Yuma”, collecting donations along the way.



Our visitors even participated by throwing snowballs! It was a great time for everyone and we truly appreciate all the visitors who came “all the way to Yuma” to help celebrate the day!



At our OV, our Coin March was designated to go to Power Paws Assistance Dogs, a service dog organization based in Scottsdale. Because of the generosity of our Sisters and Brothers in attendance, our Chapter matched the Coin March and were able to donate close to \$300! Sister BJ Dale delivered a check to Power Paws, along with some slow feeder bowls and nail grooming kits for the dogs. Power Paws recently moved to a new facility, so the director Elaine gave Sister BJ a tour of the new facility – it was quite impressive! They also received another grant from the Arizona Eastern Star Foundation, which they are extremely appreciative of. Our Chapter loves working with Power Paws and we hope to continue this partnership in the future.

February brought Valentine’s Day, where we all dressed in our best red outfits for our February 13th meeting. We then participated in our annual Flower Delivery with our local florist, The Flower Mine. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year and one of our favorites – delivering flowers to all the Valentines in and around Yuma and bringing smiles to everyone we deliver to! Due to the amazing work by our members, The Flower Mine donated over \$1,100 for our hard work! We plan on doing more deliveries a few days a month to help raise money for our Service Dog fund and Grand Officer fund. Then we have our big delivery of the year – Mother’s Day and Mexican Mother’s Day! We also celebrated Mardi Gras at our February 27th meeting, as well as the birthday of our Worthy Patron!



At our March 26th meeting, we will be having an initiation! This will be a special initiation, as the initiate is the granddaughter of Sister Johnnie Bowden, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Gene Bowden, Past Grand Patron. Sister Johnnie has asked to be Conductress for initiation, so if all goes well, this will be an extra special night for their family! We can’t wait to expand our Eastern Star family!

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.

We are continuing collecting food, clothing, toiletries, and other items for Andale’s Pantry which supports the students at AWC. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated; if you happen to go down to the Lodge, you can leave them on the stage. If you would like to donate and can’t make it to the Lodge or have any

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.

questions, please contact B.J. Dale at (760) 960–9037 or any Star member and we can make arrangements to pick any items up. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can mail it to the Lodge. Please include a note that you wish it to go towards Andale’s Pantry

We are also still supporting Power Paws Assistance Dogs located in Scottsdale, in conjunction with our Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter. Their mission is to provide highly skilled assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities. We have been supporting and donating to this wonderful cause going on four years now. If you would like to donate, either items or monetarily, please contact B.J. Dale at (760) 960–9037 or any Star Chapter member for information. Your charitable donations are tax deductible.

Upcoming Events:

- Stated Meeting on March 12th at 7:00pm.
- Stated Meeting/Initiation on March 26th at 7:00pm.
- Stated Meeting on April 9th at 7:00pm.
- Stated Meeting on April 23rd at 7:00pm.
- Flower Delivery for Mother’s Day/Mexican Mother’s Day May 10th–11th.
- Stated Meeting on May 14th at 7:00pm.
- Stated Meeting on May 28th at 7:00pm.
- June 1st will be our Installation of Officers for the 2024–2025 year.

As you know, Brother Mike Dale, your current Deputy Grand Master and a Past Patron of Yuma Chapter #14, will be “by the vote of the Brothers” the next Grand Master of Arizona Masons for 2024–2025. We look forward to attending the Installation at Grand Communications on Friday, June 7th in support of our Brother. Our Chapter is extremely proud of Brother Mike and we can’t wait to support him over the next year!

Upcoming birthdays:

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

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) 246–6580 (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!

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William McKinley
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Benjamin Vik
John Wavada, III

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***** ATTENTION *****

Deadline for the May/June 2024 Trestleboard is

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

Sincerely,
Sabrina Arps



COMMITTEES

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Audit

Worshipful Master

Budget

Worshipful Master

By-Laws

Mike Kofta, PM, DDGL

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Cemetery Clean-up

Trustees

Facilities Maintenance

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM

Funeral

Worshipful Master

Grievance

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Library/Archives

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Masonic Relief

Worshipful Master

Master's Advisory

Michael A. Dale, PM

Timothy W. Williams, PM, DDGM

Wives, Widows, and Orphans

Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

Brad Hamner

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Candidate Instruction

Michael Kofta, PM, DDGL

Officer Instruction

Michael Kofta, PM, DDGL

FUNDRAISING

Chairman – Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Brad Hamner

Barbeque

Brad Hamner

Trustees

Midnight at the Oasis

Worshipful Master

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bikes for Books

Brad Hamner

Public Schools

Brad Hamner

Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards

Benjamin Hinderer

Facebook

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Mason of the Year

SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress

Antero Trujillo

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