



# TRESTLEBOARD

## VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers,

I want to congratulate Brother Hector Aponte on a job well done on his first First Degree. He had the honor to bringing his former boss into Masonry and can now call him a Brother. It was a very special night. Also, thank you to the line officers and sideliners for your support.

We have a few events coming up. First up is our Pancake Breakfast for Veterans and First Responders on May 19th from 6:30am–11:30am at the Lodge. Contact WB Ben Hinderer for more information. Then on May 15th at 7:00pm, we will be passing out water bottles for the Law Enforcement Memorial. For more information contact myself or WB Mike Kofta.

Grand Communications will be June 6th–8th in Mesa. This will be a special event this year because “if elected”, our own WB Mike Dale will be installed as the Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, so let’s show him our support from Yuma. For more information on this, contact myself or WB Mike Kofta. Information is also on the Grand Lodge website at [www.azmasons.org/annual-communication](http://www.azmasons.org/annual-communication).

We’re getting close to our months that we go dark but that doesn’t mean we need to step away from Masonry or Fellowship. I would like to still do things during those months so keep that in mind. I’m going to sign off with this article I found about the widow’s son.

Brotherly Love,  
Douglas W. Arps, Jr. “DJ”, WM

### Who is the Son of the Widow?

Perhaps most well known as a Masonic motorcycle club, the origin of the term “Widow’s Son” is actually quite old and deep in Masonic Lore. What is the significance of this term, why is every Mason considered to be a Widow’s Son? As with so many other aspects of Freemasonry, the mystery of the Widow’s Son is part of a multi-layered living tapestry of myth which is both investigated, discovered, passed on, and reconstructed over time by each Mason individually, and all Masons collectively.

As always, this writing is not an expression of the official views of Universal Co-Masonry, but simply the reflections of one Co-Mason.

### Biblical Lineage?

As even non-Masons may be aware, Freemasonry takes as its primary mythological framework various aspects of Biblical history, particularly King Solomon, and of course the central figure of the architect which he chose to  
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## VIEW FROM THE EAST (continued)

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

build the Temple of God during his reign, Hiram Abiff. One line of investigation into the term Widow's Sons speculates that the title refers to a literal genealogical lineage, a vine whose fruits include Jesus, Solomon, David, all the way back to Enoch, and Adam, the biblical first human. As you might imagine, Masonic grail Bloodline theorists have a heyday with this interpretation.

The reason this lineage is referred to as Widow's Son is that one of its early maternal ancestors is the biblical character of Ruth. She was a Moabite, a people descended from the incestuous episode with Lot and his daughters after Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. However, Moab was also a nephew of Abraham. Therefore, Ruth was a member of this somewhat "tainted" yet still royal branch of the Israelite family, and was particularly righteous because of her loyalty to her husband (from Judah), even after death. For this, she was eventually blessed by becoming husband of another Judean, Boaz, and eventually, Great Great Great...(30 generations' worth) Grandma to Jesus.

Does being a Widow's son, in the sense of being a Mason, have some connection to biblical genealogy? Given that there's no particular genealogical or genetic analysis when you become a Mason, this is doubtful, although we can't say there's not some way in which it might be relevant. I can't even begin to touch any sort of thorough investigation of this topic within the span of this short article, but some related Goggling can no doubt lead you down a deep rabbit hole, if your heart so desires.

On the other hand, it's probably more likely that the meaning is more symbolic, perhaps having to do with bringing Lost Children of God back into the fold, or in an internal sense, aspects of the self which have gone astray back into alignment with the internal divinity. As with just about anything, you can also interpret it in a Jungian fashion. In that vein, another line of reasoning says that the Widow's Sons are actually the children of matter who are separated from the spiritual paternity of God the Father, with the Widow, in this case, being the feminine aspect of God, as manifested in the material world.

This would make the "Widow's Sons" those who have lost their connection to their divine origin, God the Father, resulting in a clinging to Mother Nature, but seeking to find that paternal divine connection again. Interestingly enough, one etymological interpretation of Hiram Abiff means "the king that was lost". Of course, this also has relevance to the Egyptian origins of the story, and the mythical deceased God-King.

### The Orphan Hero Archetype

One archetype you may have noticed about the various stories that have captured the popular imagination is that of the Orphan Hero. If you've never thought about it, take a moment to consider how many heroes and villains of fiction are orphans of one kind or another, a list which includes notables ranging from some of the most popular superheroes like Superman, Batman, or Spiderman, to various fantasy protagonists like Frodo Baggins or Harry Potter himself. What is it about the Orphan Hero that speaks so strongly to the collective mind?

It's a well-known psychological fact that fatherless children are at greater risk of a variety of mental health issues, and general life problems, and this may be why many villains are also orphans. However, as we see played out in our fictional orphan heroes *ad infinitum*, that risk may actually represent

merely one half of a potential to go farther in either direction than in otherwise normal person would, simply by virtue of facing the harsh truths of life so early on. Perhaps there is a reason that Freemasonry is known for caring for widows and orphans, and taking the literal widows' sons under their wing in traditional male Freemasonry. Certainly widows and their sons are some of those most in need, but perhaps are also known to possess some unique potential, due to the psychological consequences of their situation?

It doesn't require much imagination to see how such an event as the early loss of one or more parents might jumpstart the consideration of the larger questions in life, a dark night of the soul long before most people ever have to confront such things, at the very least. An analysis of the orphan archetype reveals that it contains both perils and potential. However, given that actual orphans are relatively few and far between, compared to the vast majority of relatively normal family situations, why does the orphan hero play such a prominent role in popular mythology?

### **Diamond in the Rough Ashlar?**

Indeed, if we look carefully at the orphan hero archetype, the personality traits the characters exhibit are often those of the type of person drawn to Masonry. Think about the common orphan heroes: Harry Potter, Peter Parker, the young Clark Kent, Bruce Wayne, or even Cinderella. Their dire situations in life set them apart from the herd, and make them more reflective, serious, and possessing some extra quality, which may be fictionally manifested as intelligence or some kind of magic, edge, or latent superpower; however, they are also often lacking in certain key skills like confidence, decision-making, discipline, and leadership, things ideally learned from a father. The hero's journey they undergo is typically about learning these aspects by facing their fears and embarking on a quest of facing the darkness of life, at first with some assistance from wise helpers, but ultimately on their own.

Why this "something extra"? In the realm of personality, what you do is what you become. If an early major crisis prevents you from easily relating with your peers, and also compels you to seek greater meaning in life, then much of the energy that would normally be spent on "normal" socially-driven activities will be spent on something else, and what often manifests from this is an increase in other skillsets mostly unrelated to social activity, such as creativity, rationality, philosophy, and insight. By virtue of being somewhat detached from the primate dynamics of normal human social hierarchies, such people are more likely to develop things like wisdom and intellect early on.

The Widow's Son is ultimately something we all find relatable and significant, whether or not destiny has literally foisted an early dark night of the soul upon us.

On a more symbolic level, from Horus to Luke Skywalker, we can all see a bit of ourselves in the many iterations of the Orphan Hero, perhaps because of the symbolic disconnect from the mundane world, and sense of some higher purpose to be discovered. The challenge which is faced by us all is to learn the inner tools necessary to manifest the potential within us, and that is exactly what Freemasonry is designed to do. The end result, when properly executed, is leader or "Kings" in society who are not simply common, beastly people playing the dominance hierarchy games of human society purely to fulfill their own base desires, but thoughtful and wise leaders, who may have otherwise never risen to the occasion, had they not undergone the learning, healing, and strengthening necessary to play the role.

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Lodge members welcome.

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## Order of the Eastern Star

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

# May 2024

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19 <b>Veteran's &amp; First Responder's Breakfast</b>	20 	21	22	23	24 <b>Fallen Soldiers Memorial</b>	25
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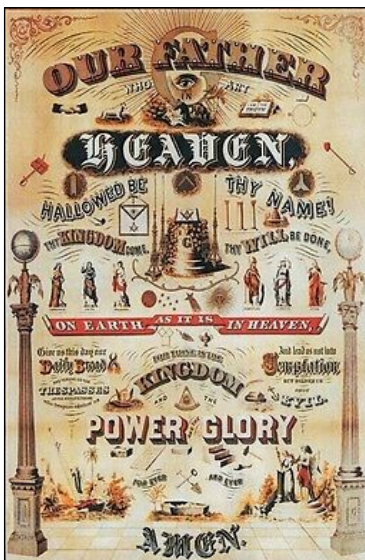
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## Yuma Shrine Club








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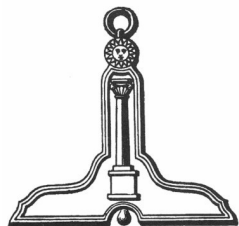
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## VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner

### FREEMASONRY IS A FRATERNITY

Freemasonry is the oldest, and by far, the largest fraternal order in the world. Its Lodges stretch around the globe, and like the British Empire, it might well be said that the sun never sets upon the Masonic Lodge.

Fraternity means an association of Brothers, and that is exactly what Freemasonry is – a society of friends and Brothers. The origins of Freemasonry date back to the dawn of civilization. The Egyptians practiced many of the philosophies known to modern Freemasonry, and men practiced many of the operative skills as guilds formed in Europe during the Tenth Century. Written records of modern Freemasonry have been kept since 1717 with the formation of a general governing body called a Grand Lodge in England.

It is not a secret society in that its temples are openly marked and almost everyone in the community knows where they are located. The Grand Lodge publishes a roster of the members of every Lodge in the jurisdiction. Many of the Lodges have individual bulletins or newsletters which carry the names of the officers and members as well. Thus it is, in the strictest sense of the word, a society with secrets, and these are limited to its obligation, its modes of recognition, such as passwords and grips, etc. and certain parts of its ritual.

It is religious in character, but is not a religion. It is founded upon the basic principle of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and everyone who comes to its Lodges must express a particular belief about God, for this is the privilege of each individual and it not infringed upon by our Fraternity.

Freemasonry practices selective charities, founded on the principle of Brotherly need which is not applicable in all cases that appear similar. No member has a specific claim upon the society for its charity, for this is not a right acquired by becoming a member of the society, rather it is a privilege.

-- Author Unknown

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Submitted by Hector Aponte

Fraternal Greetings from the South,

“The innocence of a Mason is his gentleness, his chivalrous determination to do no moral evil to any person, man or woman, or babe.

The lambskin apron presented to the initiate during his Entered Apprentice Degree should be for all his life a very precious possession, the outward and visible symbol of an inward and spiritual tie.

Our Masonic Aprons are a shield against the vices and impurities of life.

While we physically wear them when we are in Lodge, from the minute we are presented with the Apron in our Entered Apprentice Degree, we symbolically wear it every minute of our lives.

It is intended that your Apron, both real and symbolic, be forever spotless and pure as an ever present and conscious reminder of your conduct as a Mason.”

*Reflection on the Masonic Apron and a Mason's Character*

*From Davey Crocket Lodge No 1225 AF&FM Masons Texas. Newsletter, Nov 2018*

One of the most important parts of the initiation of a candidate, besides the Obligation, is the Apron Presentation. In my last article, I wrote about the Masonic Ring, and how this was a way for people from the outside to know who you are. I also said that this ring is not given or required; it is completely optional.

The Masonic Apron, on the other hand, is an item that is mandatory when in Lodge. Without it, a Mason is not “properly clothed”. The Apron should always be worn with a sense of pride, as it identifies you as a member of this great Brotherhood and fraternal organization.

Hector Aponte  
Junior Warden





## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Safe travels to the last of our snowbird Brothers and Sisters as they return to their homes in the great white North. May your travels be safe and may you return safely in the Fall.

The first reading for the legislation that will be voted on at the Grand Communication was read at the April meeting. If you were not present, you may be able to read them on Grandview. If not, contact me and I will send them to you.



Grand Communication will be the first weekend in June. If you are planning to attend and have not registered, git-r-done.

Bikes for Books is fast approaching and it looks like we will only be working with Dateland school again this year.

We will be initiating a new member this month and may have a few other degrees ready to go soon. It is never too early to start practicing your parts for the Outdoor Degree which will be held at Brother Wilmot's house again on October 12 (dispensation is pending).

We will be having our Annual Pancake Breakfast for First Responders and Veterans on May 19th from 6:30–10:30am at the Lodge. We will also be passing out water again at the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 15th at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex.

There are still a few Brothers who 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 e-mail letting me know when you have updated your information.

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

Fraternally,  
Michael A. Kofta, PM  
Secretary  
DDGL, District 6



## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BILL ROBERTSON, PM, GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

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



Almighty and everlasting God, we were deeply saddened by the departure of the Very Worshipful Brother, Wilbur "Bill" Robertson.

Brother Bill will be remembered for his purpose-driven life, and his vocation of service, committed to the destiny of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Oh Lord, in your goodness, you endowed our Brother Bill with a clear conscience, which enabled him to understand and profess the spiritual principles of the Chain of Union that represents Free Masonry.

Grant him the enjoyment of your glory, through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



# THE SUBTLE ALCHEMY OF LODGE ATTENDANCE

Submitted By Benjamin Vik, Junior Deacon

I stand before you all, guilty. I have missed stated meetings and I have missed ritual practice. If you are looking for an example of a perfect Mason, I would advise you to look...further. Sometimes life and family got in the way and once I overslept (midnight shift does you wrong sometimes). Every time, though, I felt a hit, and not just because I felt obligated to go for any particular reason. I felt a loss of Brotherhood, one that you and I both sought out in the beginning of this Masonic journey. Many of the Brothers who welcomed us then are still there, but some have passed to the Celestial Lodge above in the interim. And how wonderful are the memories of them that Brothers still speak of in fellowship! Memento Mori indeed, not of sadness, but of joy and humor.



Our lives are constantly shifting and changing. Good and bad meet and merge, sometimes on the same day, impelling us and pressing us, making our decisions for us. Joy and horror. Chaos and peace. Mortality and new life. Loss. Gain. Dissatisfaction. Vindication. We all, at some point, find ourselves at a crossroads in life. Lines have been crossed, promises broken, partnerships dissolved. Death itself, sometimes, has reached out from beyond the grave and stolen our hope from us. Our very souls have been betrayed and thrown on a dunghill.

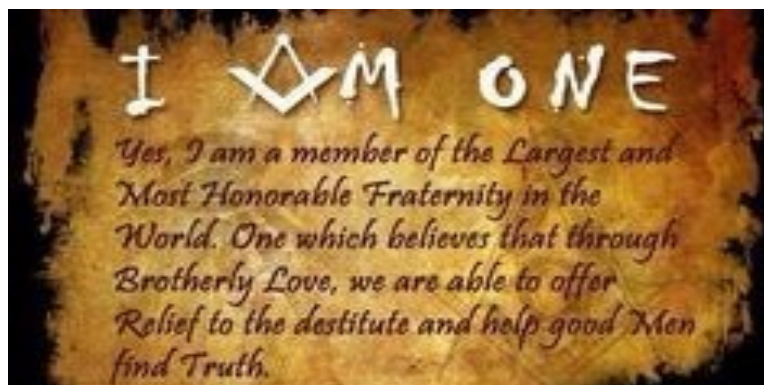
With our ship's rudder broken, which way can we turn? What port of refuge to limp into, under our limited power and dangerously low on fuel? Where to, when the darkness has closed in and the deep black of an endless night enfolds our lives.

On an island before the ancient sea port of Alexandria, there was erected a mighty lighthouse whereon a mighty bonfire blazed each night, which guided ships to the safety of the deep waters of the port and away from the danger of the rocks. This lighthouse was called the Pháros and was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The George Washington National Masonic Memorial, with its stepped tower, is directly modeled on the Pháros of Alexandria, and serves to illustrate that the Fraternity of Freemasonry still stands as a light, guiding all Brothers to a place where they can find the tools and the mentorship to become better, to feel better, and to BE better, overcoming all the obstacles and adversity that life may inflict.

And so, I stand before you flawed. More of a taker, really, than a giver; someone who appreciates and soaks up all of the guidance Brothers can offer, while offering little in return. But I will say, everything that I have gained was gained by being there, in a place where knowledge was to be found, and Brothers stood ready to instruct.

All to say, we miss you. To weigh the Lodge membership roster against the number of empty seats makes for hard, cold figures, and no one likes that kind of math. We all hope to see all of you in Lodge soon – the second Thursday of each month is the Stated Meeting: Dinner at 6:30pm and Lodge at 7:00pm. Pretty much every Thursday is a ritual practice as well, come by and hone your skills. Hope to see you then.

In Brotherly Love as always,  
Vik





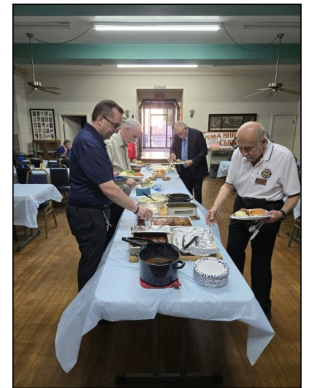
# STATED MEETING



Another strong showing from our Brothers at the March Stated Meeting ! It has been great seeing some of our Brothers attend who have not been able to for awhile!

## SPECIAL STATED MEETING

Our April Stated Meeting was a special meeting, as it was FINALLY the Official Visit of the Deputy Grand Master, our own WB Michael Dale. The Eastern Star Chapter made a special meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and peas, which happens to be the DGM's favorite meal!





# Traveling Men



Brothers Ira, Tony, and Gary Cowan went to Mexicali for a Lodge of Instruction. They went over the First Degree and between Mexico, California, and Arizona, it was an eye opener for sure. But in the end we discovered, we are ALL Brothers.



DGM Michael Dale traveled with Grand Master George Rusk and several other delegates from Arizona to New Mexico Grand Lodge from March 13–14. It is always a great time visiting with our Brotherly neighbors in New Mexico!

# DEGREE WORK



On March 7th, Brother Steven Houll was raised to the degree of Fellow Craft. Congratulations Brother!



Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Anthony Porvaznik.

## Community Service



WB Mike Kofta was on-hand to accept a donation from the Caballeros de Yuma for volunteering at the Midnight at the Oasis car show in March. Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 was one of many organizations that received part of over \$59,000 in donations!

A few of our Brothers went to the local cemetery to do some clean-up for our Brothers who are no longer with us.





# YORK RITE HAPPENINGS

## YUMA COMMANDERY #10, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Submitted By Benjamin Vik, Eminent Commander

In the middle ages pilgrimages to the Holy Land were common, and those who went on these journeys were often beset by evil men who would rob and murder the innocent pilgrims. In order to protect these traveling worshippers, the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ were formed, and grew into a formidable fighting force.

The members of this fraternity were deployed to the Holy Lands during the Crusades, and took up residency on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, becoming known as the Order of the Temple, or simply Knights Templars. Their stature and wealth grew during this time, as they established a system of banking based on trade from the middle east.

This may have proved their ruin, for in the year 1307, King Philip IV of France, who was deeply in debt to the ancient Templars, launched a campaign of slander, torture, imprisonment and execution against them, which led to their dissolution and demise as an official catholic entity. In the following years, some of the few remaining made their way to Scotland, where they notably allied with Robert the Bruce.

The Knights Templars of the York Rite of Freemasonry draw lineage from these surviving vestiges of holy Knights, and while Freemasonry is by and large an ecumenical order, the Knights Templar are distinguished by being fundamentally based in the Christian faith. No longer situated on the Temple Mount, the Knights Templars of today have ad their foundation that Temple, not made by hands, which the Lord prophesied would be torn down and in three short days, rebuilt.

On Easter Sunday, I was deeply honored to represent my brothers and fellow Sir Knights of Yuma Commandery #10 before the congregation of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Yuma, Arizona. I am deeply grateful to the church and the Reverend Doctor, Father Austin Mansfield, for welcoming our Order and permitting us to co-celebrate Easter Services with them.

On that date, as we celebrated the blessed hope of redemption and the promise of eternal life that Easter represents, I was also honored to represent a fraternity that was fortunate to have as a member our brother, Sir Knight Douglas Lee Holbert, who was also a member of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church.

Doug passed to the Celestial Lodge above on April 16, 2024, and his wisdom and instruction are sorely missed. He led a rich and varied life; a literal rocket scientist and mathematician, Doug was the most intelligent person most of us will ever meet; yet humble, full of good humor, and rich in brotherly love. We will always remember our friend and mentor Sir Knight Doug Holbert, who has entered into the holy communion of all saints who have gone this way before.

Oh eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life. Shed forth upon your whole church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort, and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served you here and are now at rest, may enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy, through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen. ~Book of Common Prayer, "Prayers for Readiness to Live in the Light of Eternity," Prayer #60

Sir Knight Ben Vik, Eminent Commander, Yuma Commandery #10, Knights Templars



*Photos provided by WB Mike Kofta*



## STAR IN THE EAST

By BJ Dale, PM, Treasurer

Greetings Everyone,

Yuma #14 is saddened by the loss of Brother Gene Bowden, PGP. Everyone remembers Gene's infectious smile and his zest for life. Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 did a beautiful Masonic funeral service and our Chapter did the Eastern Star service, both at the request of the family. Rest in peace Brother, until we meet again.



March was a busy month for Yuma #14! We started March out by volunteering with Yuma Territorial Lodge #17 at the Midnight at the Oasis car show. We did ID checks and handed out wristbands to the community. This was our first year volunteering as a Chapter (some of the wives help out every year), so this was a great way to help strengthen the bond between the Chapter and Lodge! It's also a great way to get out in the community and meet people! We also had an initiation! Welcome Sister Abbey Bowden! This was a special initiation, as Sister Abbey is the granddaughter of Sister Johnnie Bowden, PGM and Brother Gene Bowden, PGP. Sister Johnnie served as Conductress for initiation and we held initiation shortly after Brother Gene's passing, so this served as a nice tribute to the family.



April brought us two new members by way of dual membership and affiliation! Sister Sally McKay came to visit our Chapter and loved it so much she decided to join our Chapter! She originally joined Eastern Star in Japan and also plays piano, so we are VERY excited to have someone else help Sister Eileen bring beautiful music to our meetings! Sister Mary Callen has been a visitor to our Chapter for many years and pro-tems wherever we need her! We are so excited she has decided to officially affiliate with our Chapter! We also had some new visitors from Canada (who are winter visitors to Yuma), so our sidelines have been fuller than usual!

In May we will do our yearly flower delivery for The Flower Mine for Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day. We absolutely love delivering flowers to the moms in and around Yuma County. Seeing all the bright smiles and happy faces makes the miles of driving all worth it! We will also be holding our elections and have our installation for the 2024-2025 Chapter year. Sister Sabrina and Brother DJ agreed to do another year so no one had to "jump the line", so if elected, hopefully the second time will be the charm! (Just kidding, they did a great job leading us this year!)

Several of our members plan to attend the Installation at Grand Communication in June. If elected, our very own Brother Mike Dale will be the next Most Worshipful Grand Master for Masons in Arizona! This is a huge honor and we are tremendously proud of him! We know he will do a wonderful job leading Arizona Masons into the future.

Throughout the months, we have continued supporting Andale's Pantry at AWC by donating non-perishable items and household items for the students. They are always so appreciative of everything we give to them and how we continuously keep their shelves stocked, so we hope to continue this partnership in the future. Who knows, there may be some future Masons and Eastern Star members at the college! 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 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.

### **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.





We are also looking to make a donation to Power Paws Assistance Dogs in Scottsdale in the near future. They are always looking for gift cards to give to new owners, as well as slow feeder bowls for the puppies in training. Power Paws is another organization that is near and dear to our hearts and anything we can do to help those in need of assistance dogs, we will do it! If you would like to donate, either with 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.

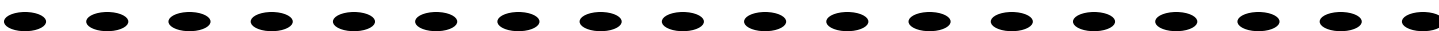
Upcoming Events:

- Flower Delivery for Mother's Day/Mexican Mother's Day May 10th-11th.
- Stated Meeting (Elections Night) on May 14th at 7:00pm.
- Stated Meeting (Closed Installation) on May 28th at 7:00pm.

Upcoming birthdays:

- MAY – Quaid Smith, PP (9th); Shannon Seals, PM (11th); Ruth Wilmot, PM (14th); Zoe Hawk (27th)
- JUNE – Mike Kofta (6th); Carol Cloud, PM (21st); Sandra White, PM (21st); Molly Veile (22nd)

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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# Masonic Anniversaries

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## MAY

John Adams	James Lakey
Jacob Casey	David Lara
William Coddington	James Malone
James Cooley	Cristobal Perez
Dennis Dalton	Jose Ramirez
Martin Freeman	Robert Sant
David Hofferbert	Steven Shippee
Karl Koenig	William Wiseman II
Michael Kofta, PM	

## JUNE

Miguel Alvarez	Scott Laverty
Castellanos	Michael Lee
Michiel Beckett	Rich Marderos
William Clark II	David McHone, Jr., PM
Ralph Cline	Daniel Misenhimer, Jr.
Darin Davenport	Russell Pool, Sr.
Frank Donald	Duane Russell
Jack Frost, PM	Matthew Stang
Roberto Garcia	
Wade Holland	

\*\*\***ATTENTION**\*\*\*

Deadline for the July/August 2024 Trestleboard is  
**JUNE 20TH**

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## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

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

Benjamin Hinderer, PM

### **Cemetery Clean-up**

Trustees

### **Facilities Maintenance**

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM

### **Funeral**

Worshipful Master

### **Grievance**

Michael A. Dale, PM

### **Library/Archives**

Benjamin Vik

### **Masonic Education & Ritual**

Mike Kofta, PM, DDGL

Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM

Michael A. Dale, PM

### **Masonic Relief**

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### **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

### **Telephone Calling**

Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

### **Trestleboard**

Sabrina Arps, Publisher

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### **Website**

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### **Wills and Bequests**

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