



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

Grand Communications is right around the corner, June 5th through 7th this year. This will be MW Mike Dale's Grand Lodge so come on Yuma – rally up and show our support that weekend! MW would like to use the Lodge furniture, so on May 31st, after OES Installation of Officers that day, we will need some help loading up a trailer. Speaking of, the OES Installation is a open installation; if you would like to come and show your support, it starts at 1pm (there will be a light lunch prior at 11:30am). I will be traveling up Thursday morning before Grand Communications so we can get the Grand Lodge setup before the Grand Masters Banquet. I'm not sure what type of help we will need the rest of the weekend but if anything pops up I'll let you know. Also after Grand Lodge closes on Saturday, we will need a hand loading the trailer back up to bring everything home.

The weekend after Grand Lodge will be having are 4th Annual Veterans and First Responders Pancake Breakfast, a show of support and gratitude for everything they do. That will be on June 14th from 6:30am–10:30am; yes, it's the day before Father's Day.

The summer months are coming and it's going to get hot. Make sure to stay hydrated Brothers! After our stated meeting in June we will be dark till September. But if anyone wants to work on their proficiency during the break at the lodge or wherever, please reach out to Mikel White, DDGM, Michael Kofta, DDGL, or myself and we would be more than willing to work with you. Just want to say on your families vacations over the summer, stay safe and make everlasting memories. Lastly, I found this article...enjoy!

Brotherly Love,

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

Stonemasons and Operative Masonry Today

The early relationship between stonemasons and Freemasons has been extensively discussed and debated. Yet there is no doubt that there has always been a significant amount of respect and admiration for the men who shaped stones with their hands and built the world's cathedrals and other inspiring structures. It is reassuring to know that these stonemasons are still active and working among us.

For clarity, it should be noted that stonemasons carved rough-hewn stones into carefully designed blocks of different sizes and shapes to build the castles, mansions, and bridges in remote places, as well as the cathedrals, townhouses, and smaller churches in the cities. On the other hand, Freemasons have used the tools and practices of stonemasons as symbols of



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Meeting at 7:30pm

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VIEW FROM THE EAST (continued)

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how to live a better life, while developing bonds of brotherhood and mutual support in private meetings and activities. By custom, since stonemasons actually operated the tools of the craft, they are now familiarly known as "operative masons." As Freemasons reflected on the work of stonemasons, but did not personally hew stones, they have become known as "speculative masons."

With the general collapse of stonemasons' lodges in the late 1600s throughout England and Scotland,[i] the concept of operative lodges largely disappeared. Without those guiding centers, stonemasons basically became employees working alongside carpenters, glaziers, and others at the convenience of owners or the owners' representatives. Their operative lodges disappeared almost everywhere except at cathedrals or similar massive sites where on-going repairs or additions necessitated a virtually permanent lodge. Regretfully, these sites did not have the freedom of the independent stonemasons' lodges, where they could choose their own projects and enforce their own rules. The lodges at cathedrals, today as in the past, were kept for the convenience of the religious clergy, who gathered together as a Chapter, and set out the rules and guidelines for the lodge at their location.

Yet the stonemasons' work has persisted. Due largely to the need to repair and restore ancient buildings raised with stone, they still carve stones today, some cut from the same quarries as in days of old. They use the same mallet and chisel, square and rule, that were used in antiquity. This was clearly the case at York Minster in 2008 when I talked with stonemasons still plying their trade after all these years, and learned about the challenges and tremendous satisfaction associated with their work. On site, Master Mason John David oversaw the work being performed, and was especially helpful in explaining the current state of their craft.

The challenges faced by these stonemasons included the sheer immensity of their cathedral, with countless thousands of individual blocks making up the massive Minster in York. Each stone had its own individual shape due to the space available, the structural load which needed to be supported, and the artistry of the piece. Many pieces, especially on the outside of the Minster, became so eroded that the design, human face, gargoyle, or fluting which adorned it was partially missing. For these, the Master Mason would examine all the surrounding stones to find those similar in design, and then craft a full-size model of how the replacement stone was to appear. From that model, the apprentices and fellowcrafts would carefully carve an exact duplicate in stone. Much the same process had been followed in the original construction, with the added requirement of basic design.

One of the most impressive elements of the construction of our great cathedrals and our small parish churches, is that they were "designed" and set out using only three tools, a straight edge, compasses, and a square. Using these tools it is possible to create regular and irregular polygons. A fifteenth century account gives instructions on how to draw shapes, up to a dodecagon, to create arches of varying curve, and to find the center point of an arc. All of these practices could be taught without the need for specialized mathematical knowledge. It would appear that these geometric "secrets" were handed down through the generations by word of mouth, experience, and practice.[ii],[iii]

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VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the West

If you were able to attend the last stated meeting you know what a great meeting it was! We had the honor and privilege to present two very special awards of longevity, 50+ years! Congratulations Brother Alan and Brother “Doc” Trujillo! We had many Brothers in attendance to support these two Brothers and their years of service to the craft. It was great to have so many Brothers in Lodge, but also a little bittersweet as most of our traveling Brothers won’t return until late fall or winter, Safe travels Brothers.

The Lodge will stay busy as we have Brothers in various stages of Degrees so come down and see us any Thursday evening. Hope everyone had a blessed Easter and got to enjoy time with family and friends. Looking forward to Grand Lodge this year; it’s just around the corner and we have lots of things to prepare for in order to send Most Worshipful Michael A. Dale off with a bang. That’s all I’ve got for now so I’ll leave this with you

Five Points of Fellowship

By William R. Fischer

There are duties owing by every Mason to his brethren. By allusion to certain points of the body, we are taught “The Five Points of Fellowship.”

1. To serve
2. Pray for
3. Keep the secrets of
4. Support
5. Counsel

We must be constantly reminded of these points so we will not lose sight of them, once we leave the Lodge. More the brother who does not attend than he who attends regularly.

As always, we forgive the brother who does not frequent the Lodge. We should, because we know not the reason for his absence.

The five points of fellowship are a daily responsibility, and should become a habit. They should be so familiar to us, that we would act upon them with no more thought, than would be give to washing your hands or opening a door.

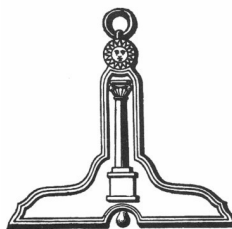
We constantly help, or serve our family, our brothers, our friends, and even strangers when we see the need.

We pray for others and ourselves, for strength and for peace.

We diligently keep the secrets from our detractors, from the ignorant, from the obsessed.

We support those who try to make life better, and we support those who fail. Then we counsel them, so they may have more knowledge, more understanding...more light.

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(Dinner preceding the meeting at
6:30pm)

Degree Work: Most every
Thursday at **7:00pm**.

Trustees' Meetings: Some
Mondays prior to Stated Meeting
at **6:30pm** (check with WM).
Lodge members welcome.

York Rite Bodies

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7:30pm.

Practice: Third Monday at
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Meetings: Second and fourth
Tuesdays at **7:00pm**.
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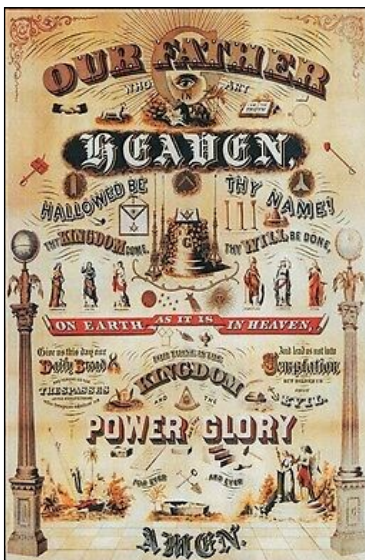
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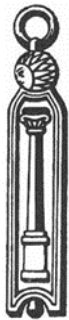


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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Submitted by Hector Aponte

Traveling Man in Masonry

By Brother Jeff Godwin

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry the masons were often required to move from job to job much as in our modern time. It was further explained that ancient master masons, just as 1st class masons of today, were more likely to travel great distances than those of lesser ranks (FC & EA). Due to their experience (and today, usually a membership in the labor union representing the craft) they could move freely from job to job. Those doing so were normally members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of (or recommend) another “traveling” mason.

In speculative masonry we as Master Masons may freely move from Lodge to Lodge (either visiting or moving membership) and upon proper avouchment or by testing be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. This is much the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Also, a Master Mason is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East. Because it is the source of light. Thus being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment). We “traveled” symbolically when we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Remember the words, “It will be necessary for you to travel”? and the condition of the road we would have to travel?

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.

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 already taken place. As you know, the Annual BBQ is currently the main fundraiser for the Lodge and your support is necessary. If you have not sent in your ticket donations, please do soon. We have not yet come up with our bottom line figures yet.

Midnight At the Oasis (MATO) just wrapped up and it was another opportunity to receive donations to benefit the Lodge. Thank you for all the Brothers, Sisters and candidates, and yes candidates that helped.

Bikes for Books is approaching an end for the year. If anyone has any contacts within Yuma Union School District One, we would like to get them back on track this next year.

There are still a few Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2025. Also, 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.

The 2025 Annual Masonicon Conference in Prescott was a very informative event with speakers on Chamber of Reflection, History of Prince Hall Masonry in Arizona by WMB John Miller, MWGL of PHA in Arizona, “Harmony in the Hive” by author WB Nathan St. Pierre, and author Shawn Eysers speaking on the overlapping purposes and benefits of Masonic Education.

Each of the topics at Masonicon were enjoyable and beneficial, I wish more of you could have attended.

Next up will be a Master and Wardens Conference with side bars for the Secretaries and Treasurers.

Our degree work is still a work-in-progress, and our new Masons are eager to further themselves in Masonry. We currently have three Entered Apprentices, one of which is ready for his Fellowcraft Degree. We also have one Fellowcraft that is nearly proficient so that he can move up as well. If anyone would like to assist in mentoring one of new Brothers, please let me know.

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VIEW FROM THE EAST (continued)

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Square, compass, and rule have continued to be used in this work. In addition, forms cut from sheet metal have been used which exactly matched each interface between the particular stone being replaced and the ones around it. The match had to be exact, because the surrounding stones could not be changed. When the work on each intricately carved stone was complete, the Master Mason examined it against the model and the old, damaged piece. If it was found to be a perfect match, a Mason's mark was carved onto one face of the stone which would not be visible to the public after it was installed. No stone could be placed into the Minster without the Mason's mark.

The object of all this work was to replace broken or eroded stones with solid pieces which exactly matched the load-bearing ability and design of its predecessor. If the work was done correctly, each person entering the awe-inspiring cathedral, with its vaulting arches and intricate designs, would never notice the replaced pieces. The visitor would only experience the same feelings which filled people when they first walked through the Minster 770 years ago. And if the work was done well, people would still be able to walk into this cathedral 770 years from now.

The York Masonic Hall stands in direct view of the Minster. It is easy to find, with the large words "AUDI, VIDE, TACE" inscribed above the upper windows. These words mean "Hear, See, and Be Silent," and are also found on the coat of arms of the United Grand Lodge of England. I was courteously invited in and made conversant with aspects of the long history of the Lodge and Hall by Bro. David Hughes.

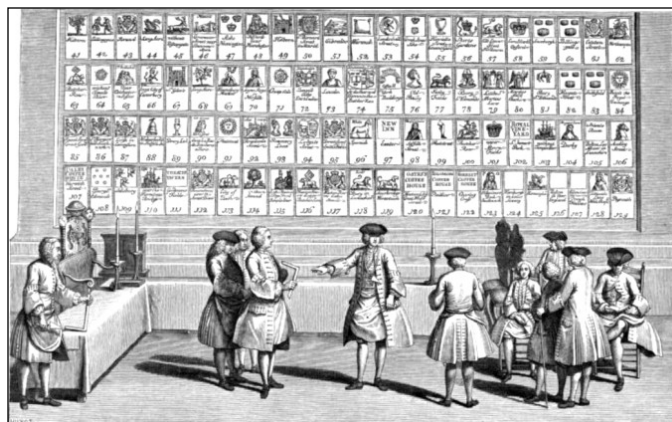
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[i] Harry Carr "Freemasonry Before Grand Lodge" in Grand Lodge 1717–1967 (Oxford: United Grand Lodge of England, 1967), pp. 36–41.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE (continued)

The Annual Hualapai Outdoor Degree is approaching on May 17th. One vehicle is nearly packed to capacity, we may need a 2nd vehicle.

Grand Lodge is rapidly approaching with MWB Michael Dale trying to keep up with how many days he has left. They are just running by fast with his schedule being packed.

Remember proficiencies for degree work as well as for the Line Officers is like Masonry in general "it is a progressive moral science." If you need any assistance in general or with practicing on your proficiency, feel free to contact me.

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

MUSINGS FROM THE DESK OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

Submitted by MWB Michael Dale



The Beehive: Industry, Unity, and the Spirit of the Craft

Among the many symbols in the Masonic tradition, few are as rich in meaning and as often overlooked as the humble **Beehive**. Tucked within the Fellowcraft degree and sometimes engraved into our tracing boards or artwork, the Beehive stands not merely as a nod to nature, but as a profound emblem of **industry, unity, and cooperative labor** — core principles of Freemasonry itself.

A Symbol of Industry

In the operative days of the Craft, the lessons of labor were tangible. Stonemasons carved and built with their hands; their work left a legacy in stone. Today, as speculative Masons, our work is more internal, yet no less important. The Beehive teaches us that **diligent labor is a virtue**, and that each of us has a duty to be industrious — not just in our professions, but in the building of our character.

Bees, each with a task, contribute tirelessly to the health and productivity of the hive. No one bee is idle, and none seeks glory for their labor. Likewise, the Mason is called to contribute faithfully, without seeking personal recognition. The hive thrives because of the **harmonious effort of many working as one** — a powerful lesson for our Lodges and our communities.

A Lesson in Unity and Brotherhood

The Beehive is also a lesson in **unity and cooperation**. Just as bees labor not for themselves alone but for the whole colony, so too do Masons labor not for individual elevation, but for the good of the Craft and for the betterment of mankind. The Lodge functions best when each brother brings his unique talents to the collective — when we “divide the work and unite in the effort.”

Consider what might happen if a bee were to hoard its nectar or ignore the needs of the hive. The system would collapse. So too can discord or selfishness damage the harmony of a Lodge. The Beehive reminds us that we are strongest not when we compete, but when we **collaborate**.

A Call to Purpose

Ultimately, the Beehive urges us toward **purposeful action**. It reminds us that time is precious, and that idleness is contrary to Masonic values. As Masons, we are charged to be ever mindful of our duties — to our families, our faith, our communities, and the Lodge itself. To build, to serve, to give — these are not optional for the true Mason. They are part of our spiritual labor.

The Beehive does not merely suggest that we work — it insists that we **work together**, guided by virtue, for a purpose greater than ourselves.

In Closing

The next time your eyes fall upon the Beehive, let it stir reflection. Ask yourself: *Am I laboring faithfully within the Craft? Am I contributing to the good of the whole? Am I doing my part to build the Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens?*

Let us strive to be worthy of the symbol. Let us, like the bees, work diligently, live harmoniously, and build something beautiful — together.

So mote it be.



PYTHAGORAS, THE PENTANGLE, AND THE POWER OF PHI

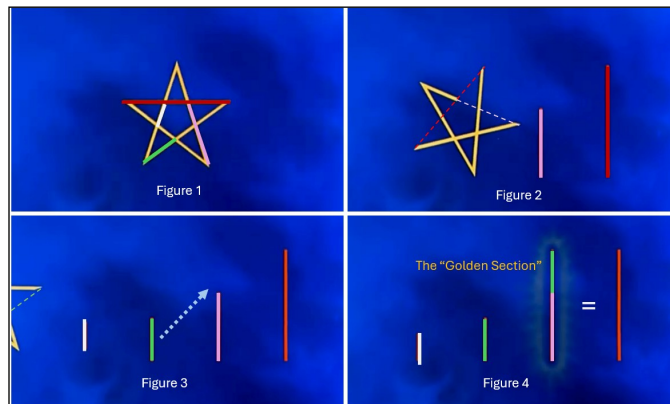
Submitted by Benjamin Vik, Junior Deacon

*"It is a symbol that Solomon once set in place
and is taken to this day as a token of fidelity,
for the form of the figure is a five-pointed star
and each line overlaps and links with the last
so is ever-eternal, and when spoken of in England
is known by the name of the endless knot."*

~ **Sir Gawain and the Green Knight**, translated by Simon Armitage, 2008

As a child, the pentangle/pentacle/pentagram or five-pointed star is one of the first complex geometric shapes we learn to draw. It can be easily created without lifting your pencil from the paper in five easy strokes; lending itself easily to be emblazoned on our notebooks, hands, shoes, and any other surface requiring starry embellishment. In Freemasonry, we recognize this symbol as the "Blazing Star," for reasons which are explained in the degrees. But did you know that this figure was once representative of the followers of the ancient Greek mathematician and philosopher Pythagoras, and represented the mathematical concept known now as the "Golden Section?" Let's talk about that.

All angles are divisions of a perfect circle, which is composed of 360 degrees. To find an angle, we typically use a protractor, which is a device consisting of one-half of a circle, or 180 degrees. The degrees of the angle radiate from the exact center of the half-circle or an angle of 90 degrees. The "point in the center of the circle" should feel familiar... In order to find the size (circumference/area) of a circle we multiply the diameter or width of the circle by an unimaginably infinite number, which we usually round up to 3.14, and call it "Pi." But to find the ratio of the angles of geometric figures, the "golden" or most symmetrical figures, we rely on the ratio of another infinite number; 1.618, or PHI. To find the golden section of a line, divide the total length by 1.618, then subtract that number from the length. The pentangle automatically does this in the bisecting of its lines!! Tough to wrap your head around? Maybe pictures will help; I know they help me. Here are screen shots of the 1959 educational Disney cartoon, "Donald Duck in Mathmagic Land," directed by Hamilton Luske:

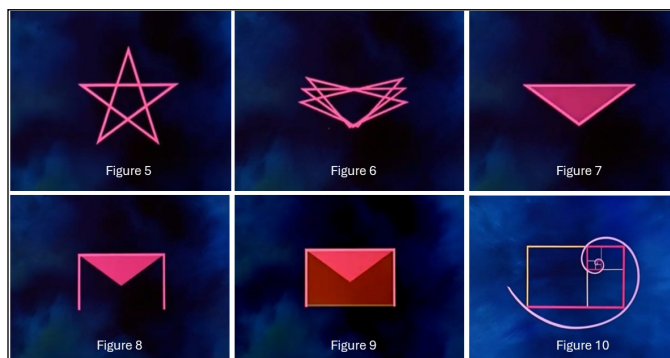


The pentangle contains every example of Golden symmetry. The figure is composed of an upside-down symmetrical pentagon, with symmetrical isosceles triangles extending out from each vertex. In Figure 1, we see the full-length line depicted in red, composed of two sides of the triangles and a side of the pentagon. Then a shorter line in purple, composed of one side of a triangle and a side of the pentagon. Then, an even shorter line in green, composed of one side of the triangle, and finally, one side of the pentagon in white. In Figures 2 and 3, we break each line away from the star, lining them up in Figure 4 to show that each of them joined in order are exactly the same size as the next largest, thus demonstrating the golden ratio throughout the star.

This was why the followers of Pythagoras made the pentangle the symbol of their profession, inscribing it on signet rings to show their dedication to this beautiful ideal, and the symbolic balance it portrayed.



But wait, there's more! The pentangle also holds the dimensions of the "Golden Rectangle," which it creates in a very interesting way.



From Figure 5 to Figure 7, we collapse the star into its inner obtuse triangle, which has two acute angles of 36 degrees and one obtuse angle of 108 degrees. With the length ratio of its sides being 1 to 1 to 1.618, this is also a golden triangle, even though it is upside down and obtuse. But we see in Figure 8, if we drop the two shorter sides down to angles of 90 degrees each, and connect them with another side at 90 degrees, we get a Golden Rectangle, personifying what Leonardo Da Vinci called the "Golden Section". In fact, Da Vinci is why we call this equation the "Golden" anything, as he coined that term. And we still keep using the term, despite astronomer Johannes Kepler and others choosing to call it the "Divine Proportion," and Pythagoras and Euclid choosing to use the term "Extreme and Mean," which seems more descriptive of political rhetoric than geometry. But I digress. The Golden Rectangle was believed by the ancients to be the ultimate measure of beauty and symmetry, and we can see evidence of it being applied in architecture and art, with the golden dimensions to be found in buildings such as the Parthenon and paintings such as Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa."

But wait, what is this I see in Figure 9? Perhaps a hint of something familiar to our eyes, the intimation that perhaps something deeper lies behind the everyday trappings of the Lodge? Food for thought, indeed. Figure 10, finally, shows us the infinite nature of the Golden Rectangle, with pairs of equilateral squares and smaller golden rectangles reducing along the ratio of 1.618 into quantum absurdity. Following them in a beautiful curve that evokes the glory of the Universe, the Golden Spiral (with its correlation to Fibonacci sequence and the Lucas numbers) swirls through the squares into the depths of eternity.

In the end, I realize this article only scratches the surface of the influence of Pythagoras on Freemasonry. We haven't even touched the 47th problem of Euclid, also known as the Pythagorean Theorem. But I hope the reader enjoyed this short treatise on the obscure, but still relevant topic of the Blazing Star, the ancient pentangle of Truth.

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WORDS FROM THE PAST MASTER

Submitted by Benjamin T. Hinderer, PM

Greetings all,

Our Grand Master MW Michael Dale's year is coming to an end. Planning for this year's Grand Communication are in full swing. If you would like to participate please reach out to any line officer or myself. We need to make sure to show up and support not only our Grand Master but one of our brothers from our Lodge.

Benjamin Hinderer, PM 2022 & 2023

"A CIVIL WAR STORY"

by John Hohenstein

Zerubbabel Lodge #15, Savannah, Georgia

It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag. It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

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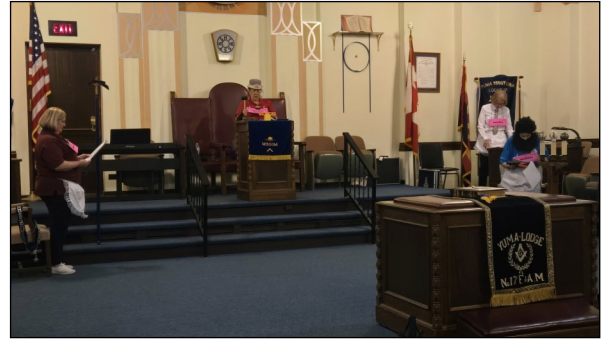
MASONIC BBQ



Our annual Masonic BBQ on February 23rd was another great success! We did a “drive thru” service at the Lodge, which everyone seems to really love. We even had a table of Girl Scout cookies set-up for an extra treat for patrons! Thank you to all the Brothers for their help in setting up, cooking, and putting together the dinners! We also appreciate all the help from our extra volunteers. Our annual BBQ is truly a “family affair”!



STATED MEETING



Our Stated Meeting on January 9th was also our Official Visit of the Deputy Grand Master, RWB Leigh Creighton. Since it was a special night, the ladies of Eastern Star put on their “Pink Lodge”, a skit on what the ladies *think* goes on in our meetings. It’s a pretty funny skit and the Brothers get a kick out of it!



Our February 13th Stated Meeting was a special night as well. Brother Ben Vik received a special pin from WB David Fierro for his Third Degree (if you know you know!). We thank all the Shriners who attended for Shiner Appreciation Night.



STATED MEETING



What a great Stated Meeting we had on March 13th! We had eight new visitors, which was awesome to have. There were about five different states represented by our visitors!

Another strong showing at our Stated Meeting on April 10th! It was a bittersweet night as it was the last meeting for our winter visitors. But, the good Lord willing, we'll see them again next winter!



YEARS OF SERVICE



Congratulations to Brother Alan and Brother "Doc" on your years of service to the Craft. Brother Alan also received a special fez from the Shriners. Thank you to all the visitors who came out!

DEGREE WORK



Congratulations to our newest E.A. Colton Houll Jr. Your journey has just begun!

Congratulations to our other newest E.A. Diego Vargas!



Combat Veterans Poker Run



Yuma #17 had a great time supporting the Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association with their poker run on February 1st. We made them breakfast before their run, which was delicious as usual! What a great turn out!



Community Service



It was another stellar year for the annual Midnight at the Oasis car show March 7th–9th. Yuma Lodge, along with the ladies of Eastern Star and friends, had a fun time doing ID checks and passing out wristbands, although one night was a bit chilly! Having some stellar entertainment, as well as all the classic cars, made the days worth it! Getting out into the community and interacting with everyone makes this one of our favorite events of the year. We look forward to continuing our work with the Cabelleros de Yuma!





STAR IN THE EAST

By Linda Neal, PM, Associate Matron

Greetings Everyone,

Hey, did you hear about the robbery in Yuma???? The outlaws stole money from Lute's Casino, the Quartermaster Depot, and San Carlos Hotel. Don't worry, Sheriff Candace (our Worthy Grand Matron) and Sheriff Doug (our Worthy Grand Patron) caught the robbers right

in front of the Yuma Territorial Prison! With all that excitement and a FULL Chapter room, what a great time we had at Yuma #14's OV. Thank you to our writer and director, Sister Sabrina, WM. And thank you to everyone for coming "way down to Yuma". And of course we need to thank the great chefs in our Chapter. We were especially honored to have Sister Billie Bradfield, Most Worthy Grand Matron spend the day with us. It was an honor to have her visit with us along with the Grand Officers of Arizona. We were very excited when Sister Candace and Brother Doug announced our new Grand Representative, Sister Sabrina as Grand Representative to North Carolina in Arizona!



Valentine's Day is always a fun time for us. We deliver flowers for the local Flower Mine to brighten the day for many ladies in Yuma. It is one of our big fundraisers for the year. We hope to be able to make a big donation to Power Paws again this year with part of our earnings. At our February 25th meeting, we were extremely excited and proud to present Sister Beth Ann Prather with her 50-year pin! Beth Ann is a Past Matron of Yuma Chapter, having served with her husband, Brother Jack Prather, and is a valued member. Congratulations Sister Beth Ann - we love you and are very proud of your years of service!



We are excited to be working with AWC for The Cubby, a "food pantry and closet" that provides food, clothing, and personal care items to students and their families FREE OF CHARGE! The Cubby was previously called Andale's Pantry and we loved working with them, so our members are excited to once again work to collect the items for students! We have been able to make several donations to help keep their pantry shelves stocked!



Sister BJ, Past Matron, and Sister Ruth, Grand Conductress, traveled to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada for their Grand Chapter. It was extra special for the Sisters and Brothers of Saskatchewan as it was also the Official Visit for Sister Billie Bradfield. Sisters BJ and Ruth made sure to bring the fun spirit of Yuma all the way to Canada!

In May we were back at the Flower Mine to deliver flowers for Mother's Day and Mexican Mother's Day. We spent Friday and Saturday before Mother's Day delivering the bouquets all over Yuma County. With all the new homes and developments, we definitely need to upgrade our GPS! We had another great time

bringing smiles to all the moms, grandmas, aunts, and everyone in between! We are also SO excited to announce two new members to our Chapter who were initiated in May! Welcome Sister Patricia and Sister Heather! We can't wait to share our OES family with you and walk with you on this journey!



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.

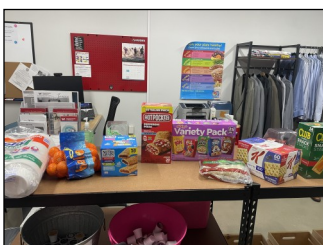
Mark your calendars, Yuma's Installation will be May 31st at 1:00pm, with lunch before at 11:00am. Sister Linda Neal, WM-elect, is very excited for it, as six Sisters and Brothers from her home Chapter in Pennsylvania, Triangle #483, will be here and doing the installation! Brother Michael Kofta will also be installed as Worthy Patron. Please join us!


As another year of Eastern Star comes to a close, Yuma Chapter thanks Sister Sabrina Arps, Worthy Matron and Brother "DJ" Arps, Worthy Patron, for their service for the past TWO years! We had beautiful ritualistic work and fun along the way. Another year is also ending for Brother Mike Dale, MWGM of Arizona. He will be presiding at the Grand Lodge of Arizona in June. He has also done a wonderful job and our Chapter is very proud of him.

Past and Upcoming Birthdays:

- MARCH – Tommie Bonow (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)
- 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, 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 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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On behalf of the AWC Foundation, we greatly appreciate your generosity and support of AWC students, staff and programs! Please complete this form and attach any supporting documentation. Upon completion please email documents to the AWC Foundation at foundation@azwestern.edu

Donation Date	3/4/25
Item Description	60 bar granola pack, 52 oatmeal pack, 12 pk salted crackers, 40 pack variety crackers, 12 pack mac & cheese, 24 Cup of Noodles, 20 Pudding packs, 20 Hot Pockets, 24 Popcorn packets, 8 canned corn, Canned Tuna 12, Bottled water 24
Total Estimated Value of All Items	\$500.00

Donor Contact Information	Name BJ Dale
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	Phone 760-960-9037
	Email bjd0057@yahoo.com

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YORK RITE HAPPENINGS

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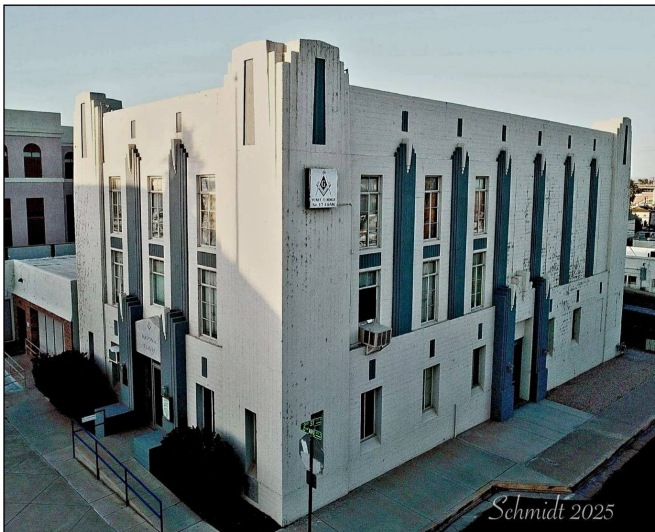
Please join me in a hearty welcome to Sir Knight Thomas R. Buhl, Jr., who received all of the degrees conferred by the York Rite of the State of Arizona on February 22, 2025. Even though the day went long, and the ceremonies pushed forward deeply into the late evening, our candidate held on strong and cheerfully accepted the Order of the Temple at the close of the day. May his sacrifice, and that of his fellow Knights on that day, be committed to the great Vault of Time, that all who in this future set foot on this same Path of Truth and Justice remember and value the dedication of all those who have gone this way before.

To Sir Tom Buhl, and to his fellow Knights of that day, do we doff chapeau and kneel to give thanks.

For though the way is narrow, and the sides are steep, clear and straight is the path to those that seek righteousness in His name's sake. To our newest brother, all blessings, world without end.

In the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Ben Vik
Eminent Commander
Yuma Commandery #10
Yuma, Arizona



WB Tony Milanes took some amazing aerial shots of our Lodge with his drone recently. Thank you Brother for sharing these shots! Our Lodge looks pretty awesome!

You are invited to attend:
Yuma Chapter #14
Order of the Eastern Star
Open Installation of Officers
Saturday, May 31, 2025
1:00 PM
Yuma Masonic Lodge
153 S. 2nd Ave
Yuma, AZ

Linda Neal
Worthy Matron
elect



Michael Kofta
Worthy Patron
elect

Light lunch 11:30am



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ON THE LODGE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH
0630-1030
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Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

MARCH

John Armour	Jerome Leckrone
Saleh Bahati	Chy Luy
Phillip Durbin	William McKinley
Patrick Ferguson	Donald Oehmke, PM
David Fitzpatrick	Christopher Offutt
Frederico Gomez	Shawn Price
William Hamner	Herbert Townsend
Kurt Harrison	Antero "Doc" Trujillo
Gregory Hyland	Benjamin Vik
Albert Jarvis	John Wavada, III

APRIL

Fernando Balderrama	John Mercer
Alan Bowman	Luther Moorehead
Stephen Bradberry	Jack Prather, PM
Raymond Evans	David Sears
William Fain	Ward Seibel
Darrell Fischer	Joseph Sullivan, IV
James Heard, Jr.	Reece Taylor
Ira Hearen, Jr.	Douglas Van Portfliet
Dale LeMond	John Willen
Russell Leonard	David Woods
James London	Scott Zender

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

*****ATTENTION*****

Deadline for the July/August 2025 Trestleboard is

JUNE 20TH

*****ATTENTION*****

COMMITTEES

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Audit

Worshipful Master

Budget

Worshipful Master

By-Laws

Mike Kofta, PM, DDGL

Benjamin Hinderer, PM

Cemetery Clean-up

Trustees

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Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM

Funeral

Worshipful Master

Grievance

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Benjamin Vik

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Michael A. Dale, PM, MWGM

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Timothy W. Williams, PM, DDGM

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Michael Kofta, PM

Brad Hamner

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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

Michael Kofta, PM

Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards

Benjamin Hinderer

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Mason of the Year

SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress

Antero Trujillo

Telephone Calling

Michael Kofta, PM

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