Yuma Territorial Lodge 17, F&AM



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TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

Hey Brothers, how's it been going? It's been a little bit since we were able to get a trestleboard out but here we go. MWB Mike Dale is officially a Past Grand Master – congrats Brother! During your year as Grand Master, you did a lot of great things for the craft, but we mainly want to say – welcome home Brother. I was appointed as the Grand Pursuivant at our last Grand Lodge, which means I get to announce people when they come into Lodge. Boy this is going to be fun!

By the time this trestleboard gets out I'll be home from working in New Mexico for a whole month. While I was there I was able to have coffee and doughnuts with some Brothers up in Ruidoso at their Lodge. I also attended a stated meeting, which was interesting because the ritual is definitely different but still the same for the most part. They had an event at the end of October that I tried to make but as you guys know work comes first. My daughter Brooke is officially a Rainbow girl with the Casa Grande assembly and so far she enjoys it. We are working with our OES Chapter and the Supreme Deputy of Arizona Rainbow to get an assembly going again in Yuma, so we look forward to adding Rainbow back into our Lodge.

Here's a little article that a Brother sent me and since baseball season has just ended, it seems like a good time for it.

Brotherly Love,

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

"The Mason who drew a diamond" Alexander Cartwright (1820–1892)

Cartwright, born in New York, worked as a bank clerk and volunteer firefighter. But it was in 1845 when, along with his Lodge and clubmates, he laid out a field of the first organized rules of what we know today as baseball. He was a member of Lebanon Lodge #191 and took Masonry with him to Hawaii, where he lived his final years. There he was a respected citizen, helped the community, founded libraries, and promoted sport as a way of discipline and fraternity.

In symbolic key, the baseball diamond—four bases in perfect geometry—recalls the harmony of squad and compass, the search for balance between game, rules, and community. When he introduced his baseball rules to New York, a Masonic Brother commented: "Brother Cartwright, you have charted not only a game, but a field of harmony where free men meet in equality." A symbolic phrase attributed to Masonic sports lodges: "Baseball is not just a game, it's a ritual of brotherhood in motion."



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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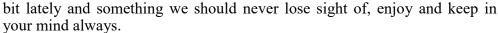
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VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the West

Welcome back Brethren, feels good to be back from being dark and getting back to our Masonic work. Look forward to seeing you all for the rest of this year's work. I have shared something that has been on my mind quite a



The Origins of the Square and Compasses

Few symbols are as closely linked to Freemasonry as the square and compasses. It is perhaps one of the most recognizable symbols to the public, with strong associations to our craft. It proudly adorns our lodges and the Masonic regalia and artifacts of our fathers, grandfathers, and uncles who were members of our fraternity.

The square and compasses have a rich history dating back to our stonemason ancestors during the Middle Ages. While we cannot pinpoint precisely when it became an official symbol of the Free and Accepted Masons, these Masonic working tools are integral to our rituals. When combined, the square and compasses symbolize the ethical and moral ideals at the core of our fraternity, embodying our timeless traditions and values.

Where did the Square and Compasses Originate?

The exact date when the square and compasses were first used as symbols of Freemasonry has yet to be known, as their origins are shrouded in the historical mists of time. Freemasonry has its roots in the traditions of stonemasons and builders' guilds from the Middle Ages, and these tools were part of the working tools used by operative stonemasons.

These instruments were essential for stonemasons in their construction work: the square, used to test the accuracy of angles and corners, and the compasses, to draw circles and arcs. Over time, as speculative Freemasonry emerged from operative Masonry and began to adopt symbolism and rituals, these tools came to symbolize moral and ethical principles within the fraternity.

It is most likely that the square and compasses were officially adopted as Masonic symbols gradually as Freemasonry developed during the late 16th and early 17th centuries. By the 18th century, these symbols had become deeply integrated into Masonic ritual and symbolism.

It's important to note that the square and compasses, as Masonic symbols,

differ from their use as practical tools in stonemasonry. Their symbolic significance in Freemasonry, representing moral and ethical principles, evolved over centuries as Freemasonry transformed from a guild of craftsmen into a philosophical and fraternal organization.

What is a Square?

Considering the square has been a vital geometrical and architectural tool for centuries, it's no surprise it has entered our vernacular. Terms such as "getting all squared away" or "getting a square deal" are commonly used. Nobody can describe what the square means within our fraternal ritual better than renowned Masonic author Albert Mackey, who wrote the following:

"In the operative stone mason era, the 90-degree angle of the square was a necessary tool used to test the accuracy of the sides of a stone to ascertain that the stone's angles matched the square's 'true' right angle... in speculative Freemasonry, the square is a symbol of morality."

The Use of "Compasses"

Operative stonemasons used compasses as one of their tools in building and layering stone structures. Compasses were essential for drawing circles and arcs, ensuring precision in their work. As speculative Freemasonry emerged from operative Masonry, the tools of the trade, including the compasses, were retained as symbolic elements within the fraternity.

In Masonic ritual, the compasses symbolize several important moral and ethical lessons. They are often associated with circumscribing one's desires and passions, keeping them within due bounds. This symbolism emphasizes self-discipline, temperance, and the importance of living a balanced and virtuous life. Just as the compasses are used to draw a circle, Masons are encouraged to draw a moral boundary around their actions and behaviors.

It is worth addressing the term "Square and Compasses" itself, as there is often confusion around whether "compasses" is correct. Many believe it should be referred to as the singular "compass," but in Masonic Ritual, the proper usage is, in fact, "compasses," as cited on page 162 of the Combined Ritual. Further, on page 173 of Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (1929 edition), the entry under compasses reads:

"In Speculative Masonry, this important implement symbolic of that even tenor of deportment, that true standard of rectitude which alone can bestow happiness here and felicity hereafter. Hence are the compasses the most prominent emblem of virtue, the true and only measure of a Mason's life and conduct. As the Bible gives us light on our duties to God, and the square illustrates our duties to our neighborhood and brother, so the compasses give that additional light which is to instruct us in the duty we owe to ourselves – the great, imperative duty of circumscribing our passions, and keeping our desires within due bounds."

Brad Hamner Senior Warden



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Yuma Territorial Lodge 17

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

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

Trustees' Meetings: 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

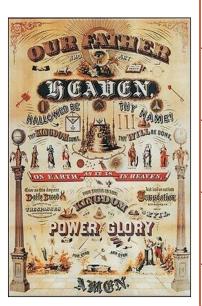
Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at **7:00pm**. (Dinner preceding meetings at **6:00pm**.)

Yuma Shrine Club

Meetings: Contact Michael Kofta for meeting day/time



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November 2025											
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT					
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9	10	VETERANS DAY	12	STATED	14	0UTDOOR DEGREE					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22					
Imperial Installation (3pm CA time)	24	25	26	THANKS- GIVING	28	29					
30											

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Degree Work/Practices – Check with Line Officers

December 2025										
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT				
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7	8	9	10	STATED	12	13				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27				
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE							



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Submitted by Hector Aponte

Building Community Amid Fragmentation

Across the country, communities are facing challenges of division and disconnection. Freemasonry, with its emphasis on brotherhood and unity, offers a counterbalance. Lodges remain one of the few places where individuals from diverse backgrounds gather not to debate, but to build—literally and figuratively. Whether through charitable outreach, mentorship, or fellowship, Masons continue to serve as quiet architects of community resilience.

Education and Enlightenment in Uncertain Times

Recent national conversations around misinformation and civic literacy have underscored the importance of critical thinking and lifelong learning. These are cornerstones of Masonic philosophy. Our commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, and to the pursuit of truth through reason and dialogue, positions Freemasonry as a sanctuary for thoughtful discourse and intellectual development.

Responding to the Call for Transparency

Modern institutions are under increasing scrutiny, with calls for transparency and accountability echoing across sectors. Freemasonry, often misunderstood due to its esoteric nature, has an opportunity to engage with the public more openly sharing our values, history, and contributions to society. Many Grand Lodges across the U.S. have embraced digital platforms to demystify the Craft and invite respectful inquiry.

Renewal Through Tradition

While membership trends have fluctuated over the decades, there is a growing interest among younger generations in organizations that offer depth, meaning, and a sense of belonging. Freemasonry's timeless principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—continue to resonate. By honoring our traditions while adapting to contemporary needs, we ensure that the Craft remains not just relevant, but vital.

As we prepare for another quarter of Masonic work, let us remember that our ancient landmarks are not relics—they are guideposts. In a world that often feels unmoored, Freemasonry offers direction, dignity, and the enduring promise of light.

Fraternally Yours, Hector Aponte Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Grand Lodge was a huge success for Masonry in Arizona! Congratulations to Past Grand Master Michael A. Dale for a phenomenal year of leading Masonry in Arizona over the past year! Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Master MWB Leigh Creighton and best wishes for a successful year as well. WB Douglas W. Arps, Jr. "DJ" was appointed as the Grand Pursuivant, WB Mikel K. White was re-appointed to be our District Deputy Grand Master, WB Michael A. Kofta remains as District Deputy Grand Lecturer for District 6 and Chairman for the Grand Lodge Widow's Program.

The results of the Grand Lodge legislation were read at our stated meeting in June. The results should have been emailed or put as a post for everyone from Grandview and the recap was read again in September. The legislation and budget approval went very quickly and smoothly at Grand Lodge again this year, we have an increase in Per Capita.

Sadly, there were no awards for Yuma Territorial Lodge this year for Master Architect or Master Builder. Hopefully, we can get back on track with the requirements to earn those awards again. We did, however, manage to get the award for Trestleboard again. Thanks to our wonderful editor Sabrina.

Lodge of Instruction on the Ritual Supplemental Section was held on August 2nd at Havasu Lodge #64 in Lake Havasu City. BBQ lunch was provided for by generous donation. Grand Chapter for OES, Arizona Grand Session for York Rite, the Colorado River Fall Festival for York Rite, and Fall Ceremonial for Scottish Rite were all held at various times over the last few months. Information on these can be obtained through the local body Secretaries or Officers.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE (continued)

You especially do not want to miss out on our Outdoor Degree on Saturday, November 15th. If you need a ride, please call a Brother near you or call me the week prior (not the night of) so that I can contact someone near you to assist in getting you to the location. We have the location, we have a candidate, now we need Brothers to step up and let the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or myself know where you would be willing to help. Setup, tear down, meal, or parts in the degree.

There are still four Brothers who need to pay their dues for 2025. Please get those in as soon as you are able.

Looking forward to continued visits to other Lodges and visiting Brethren from other Lodges to our own. There are numerous Outdoor Degrees coming up in a hurry, including our own. You need to get signed up and registered and let others know where you are going so that we can carpool.

Brothers, it is imperative that you keep your information in Grandview updated so that our Lodge's information is accurate and up-to-date. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know. There have some Brothers who updated their information and I am not aware of it. Grandview is the future but, we still need to keep our database current as well. So please log in and update your information.

We continue to recognize our members with longevity awards, birthday cards, and provide widows with a Widow's packet from Grand Lodge. Please keep our older Brothers and our Widows in mind. We can use help with being able to reach out to them as well as any Brothers that are sick or in distress.

Please stay on top of your ritual and proficiency work over the summer so that we can continue our stride in the fall. If you need any assistance in general, or with practicing or proficiency, feel free to contact me.

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

RICE



Congratulations to Brother Anthony on being raised to the sublime degree and Arizona's newest Master Mason. Also thank you WB Kevin for making it out from Illinois to be part of this degree for your buddy/brother. It was a pleasure to finally meet you!



A few Brothers from Yuma went over to Imperial Masonic Lodge in Imperial, CA for a 2nd degree. Afterwards we all went out for some lunch and fellowship. It's always a fun time with our brothers from California!



Congratulations to Brother Linus Bowden, Yuma's newest FC! Linus is the grandson of Brother Gene Bowden, who is also a Past Grand Patron in Arizona for Eastern Star.



STATED MEETING



Our June stated meeting was a little light on Brothers but it normally is right before we go dark for the summer.







What a great way to start off from being dark for the summer! Our September stated meeting was also the OV of our Deputy Grand Master RW Roger Biede. We also had visitors from two Lodges, Pinal Lodge #30 and Mohave Valley #68. Last but not least, we had the honor of presenting Hospice of Yuma with a donation in appreciation for all they do for Yuma.





GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Leigh Creighton









Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officers for 2025–2026



Congratulations to WB DJ Arps who was appointed Grand Pursuivant



GRAND COMMUNICATIONS



It was an honor to use all the paraphernalia from our Lodge room at Grand Communications this past June. It made the sessions all the more special. We were excited to receive the Trestle Board Award again this year (thanks Sabrina!). At the Grand Master's Banquet, several Brothers presented MWB Michael Dale with gifts to remember his time as Grand Master. The girls from Arizona Rainbow even did a presentation to show the link between the Masons and Rainbow organizations and how we are all a family. It was a wonderful Grand session with lots of fellowship and creating lasting memories! Congratulations again to MWB Mike on a stellar year. You did Yuma proud!











First Responders Breakfast























What an awesome turn out for this year's First Responders Breakfast! There were not as many people who stayed to eat, but a lot of plates went out to the First Responders who were working in the area. Thank you for your service. We also want to give a special thank you to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association for riding by for breakfast. They presented the Lodge with a plaque for serving breakfast for one of their poker runs. Thank you for also being brothers.

Bilkes for Books









In May we had the honor to give out some bikes at Dateland Elementary School for the Bikes for Books program. We also presented them with a check for their new half court basketball court on behalf of Brother James Cooley. RIP Brother.

Law Enforcement Memorial







In May Yuma Lodge once again volunteered to pass out water to those who attended the yearly Law Enforcement Memorial. This event honors all the men and women in law enforcement who have passed. As the Sheriff of Yuma County is a Brother, this is one event we are honored to serve.

Traveling Men



WB DJ Arps was able to take time while he was working in New Mexico to visit with Brothers from Ruidoso Lodge. WB DJ has been able to build strong bonds with our Brothers from New Mexico, showing that are Brotherhood has no boundaries!

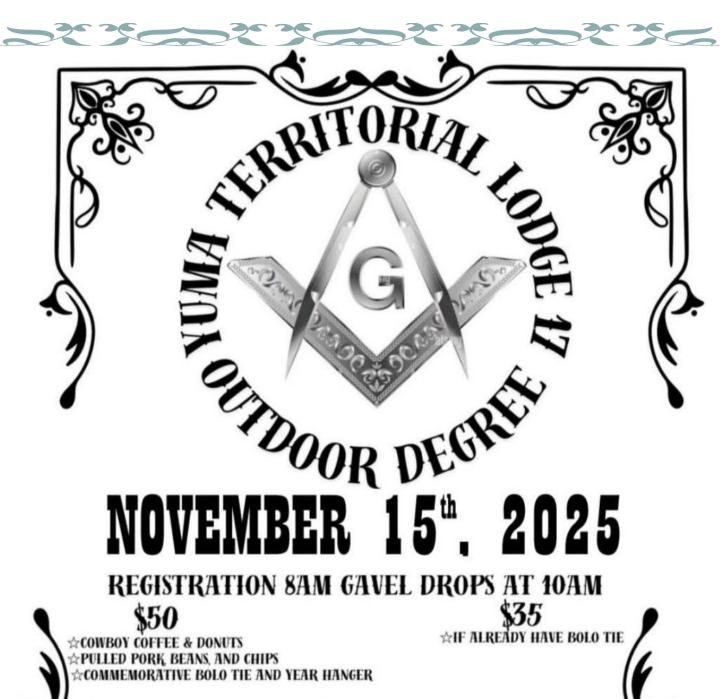




YEARS OF SERVICE



Congratulations to Brother Wade on his 50-plus years of service to Masonry. Thank you to MWB Leigh Creighton for coming down to present this award. This was truly a wonderful night for Brother Wade!



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By Linda Neal, PM, Associate Matron

Greetings Everyone,

Yuma Chapter has been very busy over the last few months! In May we held our Installation of Officers for the 2025–2026 Chapter year. Congratulations to Sister Linda Neal, installed as Worthy Matron, and Brother Michael Kofta, installed as Worthy Patron! Sister Linda invited several members from her Pennsylvania Chapter to be her installing team and boy, what a group they were! They were all so wonderful, friendly,

and you could see their love for our Order. We hope they will be able to visit us again – they were a hoot! We look forward to another fun-filled year with Sister Linda and Brother Michael leading the way!

In May we also honored two very special members of our Chapter. We had the honor and privilege of getting a plaque for Brother David Gillis, PGP, and Brother Michael Dale, Past Grand Master and PP, which were put up in the Armed Forces Park here in Yuma. We are proud not only of their service to the Masonic Family, but their service and sacrifice to our country. Thank you Brothers for all that you have done for our Chapter, our Masonic family, and for our country.





We also want to extend a very hearty congratulations to Brother Michael Dale on his outstanding year serving the Grand Lodge of Arizona as Grand Master. Your hard work and dedication to the Craft is something all Masons should aspire to do and your support for all Masonic organizations during your year and beyond was immeasurable. We are so proud of you and all the work you did, but we are equally glad to have you back home in our Chapter!

We have also been busy helping our Power Paws Assistance Dogs, a service dog organization that is near and dear to our hearts. Because of our hard work doing flower deliveries for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, we were able to donate \$700 worth of gift cards, plus dog bowls, leashes, and various other pet accessories! Elaine Starks, Executive Director, came to

Grand Communications in June to make a presentation to the Ladies Program and we presented her with our donations there!

Another Grand Chapter is written in our history book. What a Grand Session it was! We were honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and their General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments join us in Tucson. Sister Candace Leininger, Past Grand Matron and Brother Doug Steele, Past Grand Patron, did superbritualistic work and running the business meetings. Kudos also to their Grand Officers for their excellent work. Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers for 2025—2026. We wish the best for Sister Donna DiCola, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Gil Marriott, Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of officers. We are extremely proud of Sister Ruth Wilmot, Associate Grand Matron; may the love and support from Yuma Chapter help you in the busy year ahead! We are proud to have Brother DI Arms appointed as Grand Representative



in the busy year ahead! We are proud to have Brother DJ Arps appointed as Grand Representative of Missouri. Congratulation also to Sister Sabrina Arps, PM who was named our District Instructor. We extend many congratulations to all the committee appointments from our Chapter.



We were also excited that our sponsored scholarship recipient, Lane Hoefler, was able to come to Grand Chapter to receive his scholarship from Grand Chapter! Lane attends Manchester University in Indiana and is majoring in business management and finance. He is hoping to continue his education by going for his Master's Degree in finance after his four years. Yuma Chapter hopes to continue to sponsor him throughout his education journey.

Yuma Chapter is continuing their support of The Cubby, a non-profit organization with Arizona Western College that provides food, clothing, and personal care items to students and their families at no cost to them. Our members donate all the items to The Cubby to help keep

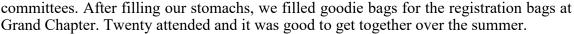
YUMA CHAPTER NO. 14, ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

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.

their shelves stocked so the students can focus on their school work and fuel up for those late night study sessions! We try to do deliveries at least once a month and The Cubby is grateful for all we do for them! We hope to continue this partnership for years to come.



We had a very enjoyable meal at a local restaurant in July for Stars Night Out. We reviewed the proposed changes to regulations and the letters of intent for the election of officers and



The annual Wii Bowling Tournament was another success for our

Chapter! The Bearded Ladies took first place in the team competition and Brother DJ Arps got the award for highest score. We look forward to the Wii tournament every year and hope to bring the first place trophy back to Yuma next year!

We are super proud that our Masonic family has expanded to Rainbow! We are pleased to announce Brooke Arps, daughter of Sister Sabrina Arps, PM and Past Grand Worthy Advisor in Arizona, and Brother DJ Arps, PP, was initiated into Casa Grande





Assembly #58 in July. Several members of our Chapter were able to go to the initiation to share the day and we look forward to supporting her in her journey. Brooke was also recently named Grand Page to the Supreme Deputy. Needless to say, she is diving head first into her Rainbow career and is loving it! We are currently working with the Supreme Deputy of Arizona Rainbow and Yuma Lodge #17 to get an assembly restarted here in Yuma. This is something we have been working on for awhile and we look forward to working with Rainbow girls again – they are the future of our organization!

In September we came back from being dark over the summer and are going full steam ahead! We are continuing to provide the meals for the Lodge stated meeting nights, we made a donation to Wreaths Across America and hope to help place wreaths at gravesites of veterans in December, and we are amping up for our Official Visit in January!

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Brother Quaid Smith, PP. He always came to Chapter with a smile on his face and helped out whenever he could. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. RIP Brother Quaid – you will be missed!

Past and Upcoming Birthdays:

- JULY BJ Dale, PM (9th); Carolyn Simson (12th); Johnnie Bowden, PGM (17th); Lou Strahm (31st)
- AUGUST David Gillis (3rd); Marge Schaefer (4th); JC Reece (21st); Marlene Evans (30th)
- SEPTEMBER Sandi Bennett, PM (9th); Beth Ann Prather, PM (11th); Beverley Treherne (11th); Curtis Cloud (21st); Ruby Kofta (25th); Emily White (26th); Marvel Leader, PGM (27th)
- OCTOBER Teresa Nunnaley (19th)
- NOVEMBER Sabrina Arps (19th); Molly Beaton (23rd); Jerry McAdams (26th); Norma Trujillo (27th)
- DECEMBER Annette Casey (4th); Jack Prather (5th); Betty McAdams (8th); Linda Neal, PM (8th); Cathy Sutter (10th); Don Beaton (15th); Jimmy Seals II (16th); Patricia White (16th); Mary Callen, PM (17th); Sally McKay (18th)

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 Linda Neal at (928) 200-8843 (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!



Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

JULY AUGUST

William Adams William Creech Phillip Davis Keith Parsels

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Anthony Bowen
Jackson Cox
James McKinley
Robert Dhu
Jack Puckett
James Schultz
James Schultz
Jimmy Seals
Richard Hyatt
Victor Wallner
Larry Keyes

NOVEMBER

DJ Arps, Jr, WM Edd McDaniel Sam Azar Anthony Milanes, PM Raymond Bell, Jr. Jay Milstead Justin Blue John Phipps **Brett Cale** Russell Pool, Jr. Stanton Cohen Perry Schuman Larkin Cox Terry Smith Carlos Teran Michael Dale, PGM Virgil Glass, PM Ernest Wallner Thomas Hazen Tim Williams, PM Douglas Holbert Roy Wright Donald Holloway

DECEMBER

Hector Aponte Sean Godfrey Lauro Gonzalez Jeffrey Grimes, PM Brad Hamner Carldon Hawkins William Hobart James McKnight Michael McLaughlin Kevin Nakasawa James Tench Grant Veile

ATTENTION

Deadline for the January/February 2026 Trestleboard is

DECEMBER 20TH, 2025

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, MWGM

Masonic Relief

Worshipful Master

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Michael A. Dale, PM, MWGM Timothy W. Williams, PM, DDGM

Wives, Widows, and Orphans

Michael Kofta, PM

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

Michael Kofta, PM

Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

Birthday Cards

Benjamin Hinderer

Facebook

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Mason of the Year

SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress

Antero Trujillo

Telephone Calling

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