



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Douglas Arps, Jr., Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

What's up Brothers? I would like to thank everyone for an awesome year last year. Last year I had the honor to be appointed the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Free And Accepted Masons of Arizona. While I was in New Mexico for work I was able to attend a few Masonic functions and build some new friendships. I encourage all Brothers that are in any type of travels try to visit a lodge during your travels. You'll never know who you will meet and what type of life-long friendships you will make.

On March 21st we hosted an open house at the lodge. This was a great opportunity to inform the community about who we are and what we do. We had many visitors, some of whom came to check out the architecture of the lodge, but several visitors who became prospects. We also had members from Eastern Star represented, as well as my daughter Brooke who spoke to a few people about Rainbow.

We had another great turnout for the Midnight at the Oasis (MATO) car show. Members from the lodge and Star chapter checked IDs and handed out wristbands again. Just another way for us to get out into the community and show everyone who we are!

Brotherly Love,

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

Freemasonry and the American Revolution (from Mt. Vernon Website Database)

Why would a colonial American want to become a Freemason? Freemasonry was a phenomenon that was growing in Scotland, England, and Ireland through the 1680s, 1690s, and more specifically 1710s and 1720s. The first Grand Lodge of England formed in the 1720s. And then more specially the publication of the first constitutions of Freemasonry published by James Anderson in 1723, basically gives the means to spread the fraternity throughout the empire. And throughout Europe as well.

So it became a social phenomenon to join. Men of good character, men seeking to rise in society, men in the colonial, all walks of life, was a thing to do. The fraternity early on attracted high aristocracy and even members of the royal family, so that just attracted more and more men who might want to join but on a very personal level or individual level. Especially somebody like Washington who is on the edge of the frontier, who is in the wilderness in some sorts, but he comes from a well-to-do family. This is one more means for him to gain entrance into society. When he joined when he was 19 years old, I believe at that time in his life he presumed at some point that he



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would go to England, socialize in London, and potentially be received in court. He certainly at a young age aspired to get a king's commission.

What Lodge does George Washington join in 1752?

There are only two or three lodges in the area. There is a lodge in Annapolis, Maryland. There is a lodge down in Norfolk, Virginia. There are lodges in Philadelphia of course, in Boston and elsewhere. But the lodge that is forming in Fredericksburg, Virginia, we're not really sure when it formed. The first known minutes are from August of 1752, just a couple months before Washington joined. Fredericksburg was a commercial port. It was founded in large part by Scotsman, especially Scots tobacco merchants who were seeking to get Virginia tobacco planters to ship their tobacco to Scotland, rather than to Bath or to London. So the Scotsmen, who had been Freemasons and Freemasonry is part of Scottish culture going back to the 1600s, even to the 1500s. It was just a natural, cultural thing that they would bring along with them, like a Presbyterian church or a whiskey distillery. But it was really a group of maybe 15 or 20 men who were Freemasons mostly from Scotland already, who were meeting in a tavern and having a club meeting essentially. There was very little regalia. There wasn't any aprons, masonic aprons or other things. It was again a startup in the same way that any kind of other organization, think of a one-room schoolhouse out on the prairie in the 1750s, right? Same thing.

How did someone who was not a mason learn what occurred at meetings?

So specifically for George Washington, we know that the first Masonic book published in the colonies was Benjamin Franklin's reprint of Anderson's constitution in 1733. And Franklin sent copies of that book to Boston where his family is from and also down to the Carolinas for sale. We also know there were Masonic orations and sermons being published in the colonies in the 1740s, 1750s, including two in Annapolis in 1751. But as far as the actual private work, the secret work of Freemasonry, the rituals? Those were being exposed in the 1720s in newspapers and then there were several books of pamphlets published in the 1720s and 1730s that were by Freemasons or lapsed Freemasons who actually went through and gave you everything. And they were very, very prominent by the 1750s. So, for example, we don't know exactly what ritual Washington received when he joined in 1752 but there were exposures of those rituals in 1760 that were very, very close.

Did Freemasonry influence the American Revolution?

It is ridiculous to think that Freemasonry had a role in the American Revolution. Individual Freemasons yes. And this is always true. We always have to delineate between the institutions and the individuals. So, you could argue that any particular government is good or bad but there are good and bad politicians, right? So it's the same thing. You could argue that a corporation is good or bad but there are certainly better or worse executives in corporations. So Freemasonry, there are many men who were Freemasons during the War for Independence such as Benjamin Franklin and George Washington. But for every significant one, there was one that wasn't. Thomas Jefferson wasn't a Freemason. Alexander Hamilton wasn't. And even men when you think they were Freemasons such as Major General Henry Knox, there is no record of him being a Freemason until well after the revolution. So you have to, like anything else, get down to the facts. Just

because somebody is listed as a Freemason, doesn't mean that they meant anything to them.

The men who supported Freemasonry and the men who tended to join Freemasonry in Washington's generation were men who believed in self-determination, believed in Republic virtues, believed in peaceful assembly of people, freedom of the press, freedom of religion. Very radical ideas especially in continental Europe. There are many reasons why the Roman Catholic Church and kings and emperors went after Freemasons in places like France, Bavaria, Italy, and Spain because they directly challenged the authority of the church and of the crown. So there was a revolutionary aspect to Freemasonry, because yes, it actually upholds human dignity and human rights.

How did this popular misperception of a connection between Freemasonry and the revolution form?

Well, some of that is Masonic pride. Freemasons like to talk about the Founding Fathers. And so it's one man's traitor is another man's patriot. I think Ronald Reagan said that. So, since the revolution was successful and we gained our independence, these were all the pantheon of our heroes. If we had lost, they would all have been traitors. But more specially, the French Revolution is the real issue here. The French Revolution, of course, went from relatively peaceful kingdom in 1788 to the storming of the Bastille in 1789 and by 1792, within three or four years, you're getting into the Reign of Terror where thousands of people were being executed by Robespierre and other people. The rise of Napoleon and the destruction of the Catholic Church in France. The destruction of monasteries. So whole scale slaughter of people, which horrifies Europe and still horrifies people today. There were several books written and led people to believe that Freemasons were behind it. There's a very famous one by a Scotsman called John Robinson called The Proof of Conspiracies which was published in 1797 and others which allay all these shocking revolutionary things that defeat the shadowy organization called The Illuminati which infiltrated Freemasonry and attempted to infiltrate Freemasonry in the United States as well. The best summation of all that revolutionary paranoid idea I think comes from the novelist Umberto Eco who wrote in one of his books called Pendulum, in the absence of a supreme being that you believe is governing the universe and has a plan, in the absence of belief of that, when something weird and strange happens, human beings chock it up to some sort of conspiracy right? So when anything strange happens, like the French Revolution or the Russian Revolution or the 1929 stock market crash, you name it, we find a conspiracy. The conspiracies are usually the Illuminati or the Freemasons.



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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

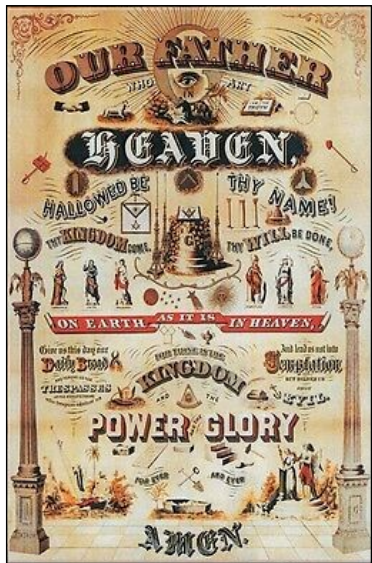
Meetings: Contact Michael Kofta for meeting day/time

May 2026						
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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 	13	14 STATED 	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23 Veterans/ First Responders Breakfast 
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 	27	28	29	30
31  Yuma Installation 1pm Lunch 11am						

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Degree Work/Practices – Check with Line Officers



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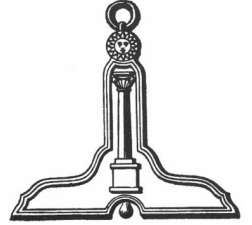


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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Brad Hamner



Fraternal Greetings from the West

We are well into 2026 and have had a busy season so far! We had our annual BBQ, MATO kept us busy again, some prospects, a few candidates, and of course lots of practice on our ritual. I would like to ask you all what would you like to see out of your Lodge this year? You can tell me, WB Ben, WM DJ, WB Kofta, or the whole lodge at a stated meeting, please come and spend time at the lodge. That's what I would like to see this year. Cheers to a good year and look forward to seeing everyone soon. I'll close with this:

“To Await a Time with Patience” (Good Read)

This phrase is one of my favorite lessons in Masonry. It reminds me that patience is not merely waiting, but enduring with understanding. That discipline is formed not in moments of action, but in moments of restraint. And that humility is learned when we accept that not everything unfolds according to our own timetable.

In Masonry, I have come to realize that great things are never achieved through rashness. What is forced is often fragile; what is hurried is often incomplete. True progress whether in character, knowledge, or purpose requires time, preparation, and quiet perseverance.

“To await a time with patience” has taught me to trust the process, to labor on myself even when no immediate reward is visible. It reminds me that silence can be instructive, delay can be deliberate, and waiting can be a form of growth. The most meaningful doors open not to impatience, but to readiness.

This phrase continues to guide me as a reminder that when the time is right, it will come not because I rushed it, but because I became worthy of it.

In my own reflection, this lesson is further affirmed by a verse that resonates deeply with me:

“When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen.”

— Isaiah 60:22

It reminds me that while I labor, wait, and prepare, there is a higher order at work, one that unfolds in its proper time.

#Freemasonry

Brad Hamner
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Submitted by Benjamin T. Hinderer, PM



Good Day Brethren,

This year I would like to promote the history of Masonry. We have a rich history which many of us know very little about. There is plenty to learn and if you're not learning you're not living. There are plenty of historical references throughout our ritual if you need somewhere to start.

“The origins of Freemasonry are obscure. The creation of the Craft (as it is also called) occurred over time between the first recorded gentleman joining an Edinburgh stonemasons' lodge in 1599 and the 1721 publication in London of The Constitutions of the Free-Masons by Scots Presbyterian minister James Anderson.

Freemasonry is fundamentally a self-improvement, volunteer association that teaches moral, intellectual, and spiritual lessons through three initiation ceremonies. Freemasonry's three degree are modeled after a craftsman's progress: Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. Freemasonry was, and remains, open to all men of good reputation who profess a belief in Deity (referred to in lodge as The Supreme Architect of the Universe). By the 1750s a variety of Christian and non-Christians, European, and non-European men, and a few women, were members.

Freemasonry grew popular within cities as political, commercial, and intellectual elites gathered within a lodge. With aristocratic, and later royal patronage, Freemasonry evolved into the pre-eminent fraternal organization of the eighteenth century. The earliest records of American Masonic lodges are in Philadelphia. In 1732, Boston's St. John's Lodge was duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of England and remains the



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (continued)

Submitted by Benjamin T. Hinderer, PM

oldest lodge in North America. Interwoven with the British Enlightenment, Masonic lodges formed throughout Europe and the Americas. The network of Scots, English, and Irish Lodge helped knit the British commercial empire together. Although American elites initially joined the Freemasons to keep pace with genteel English behavior, the fraternity contributed to the spread of the ideas and ideals behind the American Revolution. During the revolutionary era, Masons of note included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Otis, and Paul Revere. While individual Freemasons actively participated in the American Revolution, Freemasonry, as an institution as well as its local lodges, remained politically neutral.

Washington joined Freemasonry in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was 20 years old when he received the first degree of Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752. He paid the lodge two pounds and three shillings to join. Ten days after turning 21, on March 3, 1753, he was passed to the second degree of Fellowcraft. On August 4, 1753, he was raised to the third degree of Master Mason. The lodge's surviving minute book records Washington attending only two more meetings: September 1, 1753, and January 4, 1755.

Many of Washington's brothers in the Fredericksburg Lodge later served within in the Continental Army or Virginia Militia, including Hugh Mercer, George Weedon, and Thomas Posey. Washington's "Mother Lodge" was renamed and numbered as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 after the creation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1778. It continues to meet today.

Beginning in 1778 and through the remainder of his life, Washington was a frequent participant in Masonic ceremonies. On June 24, 1779, for example, Washington attended American Union Lodge's celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist. That lodge comprised officers and enlisted men within the Connecticut regiments. He also visited King Solomon's Lodge in Poughkeepsie, New York, on December 27, 1783.

After the war, in 1784, Washington accepted the invitation of his friends and neighbors to attend a June banquet at Alexandria Lodge No. 39, where he was elected an honorary member. Four years later he agreed to be charter master of the lodge when it transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. In 1794, the lodge commissioned William Williams to paint Washington dressed in Masonic regalia. After Washington's death the lodge changed its name to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.

As president, Washington exchanged letters with many Masonic local lodges and state grand lodges. He also met delegations of Freemasons during his visit to Rhode Island in 1790 and his 1791 tour of the southern states. His most significant Masonic activity, however, occurred on September 18, 1793. Acting as grand master pro-tem, he presided at the Masonic ceremonial laying of the United States Capitol cornerstone.

At Washington's 1799 funeral, brothers of Alexandria Lodge performed Masonic rites. After Martha Washington's death the lodge acquired many valuable items from the estate, including a Masonic apron sent from France in 1793. With these items and many curiosities, the lodge opened a museum in 1812.

In 1910 the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was formed. Then in 1932 the Association dedicated its great Masonic Memorial to Washington in Alexandria, Virginia. Today Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 displays many of its valuable Washington artifacts and continues to meet there. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial welcomes the public seven days a week to view its many exhibitions and enjoy the spectacular view for the top of its 333 foot tower.

Washington himself best articulated his membership in, and relationship to, Freemasonry when he replied to the brethren of King David's Lodge in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1790:

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.

Mark A. Tabbert Director of Collections George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association"

Source: <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/freemasonry#:~:text=The%20origins%20of%20Freemasonry%20are,Scots%20Presbyterian%20minister%20James%20Anderson.>

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM



Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to our newly Installed Officers! Let's make 2026 and our 125th year one for the record books.

I would like to thank the Senior and Junior Warden on their selection of me as the Mason of the Year for Yuma Territorial Lodge 17. I will continue to put forth my best effort for the Lodge.

It was with great sadness that we had two of our Past Masters passed to the Celestial Lodge above at the end of the year. WB Quaid Ellis Smith and WB John "Jack" Raymond Prather Jr. Jobs well done good and faithful servants! The Lodge conducted Masonic services, and the Yuma Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star conducted Services for WB Quaid, while the Yuma Commandery conducted Knight Templar Memorial Services for WB Jack.

The year was off to a busy start as usual with our Masonic BBQ, MATO and other happenings. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for MATO and who worked at the BBQ.

We have revamped, or rather updated, our Prospect Management program. Make sure that you greet these new gentlemen when you see them around the Lodge. Let us make sure that we are doing our part in guarding our West gate.

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

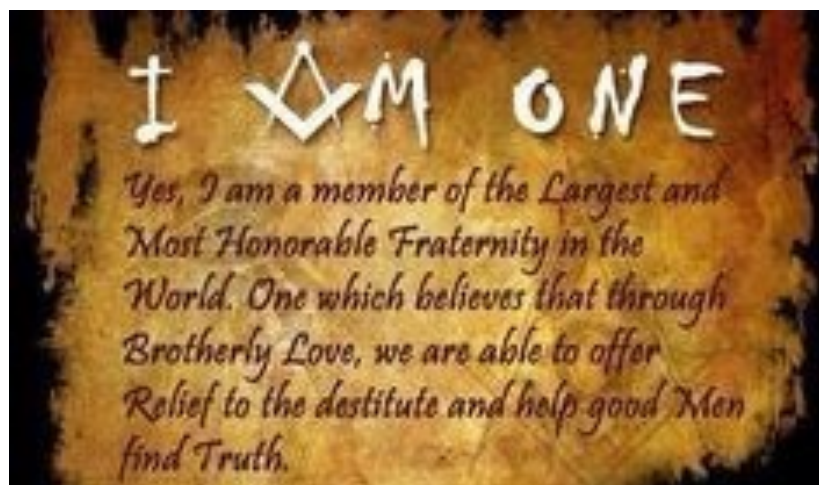
It is imperative that you keep your information in Grandview updated so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up-to-date. If you have any information that needs to be updated in our Lodge database or in Grandview and do not know how, please contact me so that I can update it. If you make any changes in Grandview, **please let me know.**

There are still a few Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2026.

Please stay on top of your ritual and proficiency work so that we can continue our initiating, passing, and raising new Brothers.

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

Fraternally,
Michael A. Kofta, PM
Secretary



STATED MEETING



November Stated Meeting – thank you to all our veterans and congratulations to our new 2026 line officers.

December Stated Meeting – Merry Christmas Brothers!



First stated meeting of the new year in January.



At our February stated meeting, we presented Cheryl Hefner with a check from our Teacher Assistant Program. Also, Marge Shaffer presented the Lodge with framed cross-stitch she made that her late husband always said it looks like Masons and belongs at the lodge. We also thank Senior Grand Deacon Reed Houge for coming down with his lovely wife. Thank you for hanging out with us!

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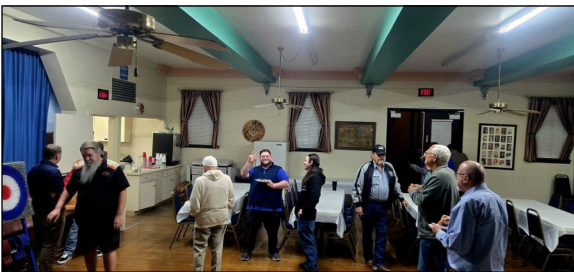


At our March stated meeting, we had some Brothers visiting from Montana and Washington and had a total of three sitting Masters!

Another great turnout for our April stated meeting!



Brothers in Fellowship



In January, we had a great turn out for our prospect/fellowship night. We had a few games and really great conversations about the Craft. We were able to connect with some awesome future candidates!



Installation of Officers



Congratulations to Worshipful Master DJ Arps and the 2026 elected and appointed officers! It was a great day that we shared with all our friends and family. Congratulations go to WB Michael Kofta on being named 2025 Mason of the Year! Brother Michael has worked tirelessly keeping our lodge informed and running! Thank you to the installing officers and thank you to everyone who was able to attend!

DEGREE WORK



In November we held our annual Outdoor Degree. Congratulations to Brother Linus Bowden, Arizona's newest Master Mason! Thank you to all the Brothers for making it out for this special day. Sorry for the rain but it was still a great time. And thank you, as always, to Brother Leon Wilmot for the use of his property!



Congratulations to Brother Sebastian on becoming Arizona's newest EA in December. It was our honor to come up and be part of this special evening for you and your dad (now Brother) Chris Chavez.



Congratulations to Brother Matt Gentry on being Yuma 17's newest E.A. in March. We are excited for you (and your wife!) to join the family!

MASONIC BBQ



Another successful BBQ fundraiser is in the books! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our annual BBQ fundraiser this past February. We greatly appreciate you all and hope you enjoyed the food! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. Thank you to 3 Bougie Chefs LLC for smoking all the meat, Team Ramco transmission for your generous donation, and Quail Corp for the traffic control. We had a lot of traffic from the signs alone!

Community Service



It was another great year for the annual Midnight at the Oasis car show March 6th–8th. The Masonic family and friends had a fun time doing ID checks and passing out wristbands and enjoying the Yuma Community! The concerts were fun and the beautiful cars made for some great scenery. 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!



Community Service



It was a great day for a highway cleanup in March! We even had a few of our prospects come out to help us. Thank you to everyone who came to help keep our part of the highway clean!



100TH BIRTHDAY

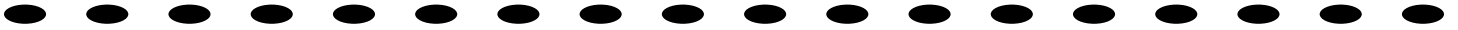


It was truly an honor as some of our Brothers helped Brother Ray Evans celebrate his 100th birthday on April 24th! Congratulations Brother Ray on reaching this incredible life milestone! Thank you for your years of service to the Craft. You are a true inspiration to us all!

Traveling Men



A few Yuma Boys and a Rainbow girl, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, Gila Valley No. 9, Saguaro Chapter of Demolay, and the Masonic family was at the 93rd Annual Junior Parada parade in Florence, Arizona!



MWB Mike Dale visited with Shively Lewis Parkland Lodge on his travels to Kentucky.



YORK RITE HAPPENINGS



York Rite held their annual Christmas Service at the Lodge in December. They always put on a beautiful ceremony and is one of the highlights of the year.



Yuma Commandery attended the annual Easter Observance at Christ Redeemer Anjelican Church.



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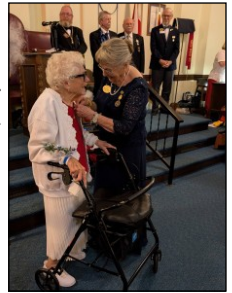


STAR IN THE EAST

By Sabrina Arps, PM

Greetings Everyone,
Happy New Year! We hope the new year has brought you and yours many blessings and happiness.

The new year brought us “snowmen, snow globes, and hugs” as we held our Official Visit on January 24th, celebrating our Worthy Grand Matron Donna and Worthy Grand Patron Gil. We even had a special visit from “Gru” (WGP Gil), “Kevin the Minion” (WGM Donna), and a couple other minions who learned some fun facts about Yuma. As a reward, they helped make it “snow” in Yuma! (Yes, we got to toss snowballs again!) The day was extra special with our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Billie Bradfield in attendance, who helped recognize two special members for their years of service. Sister Marvel Leader, PGM-Utah, was recognized for EIGHTY YEARS of service to our Order, as well as Sister Carolyn Simson for 25 years of service. We love you both and are blessed to have you in our Chapter! It was a great day of fellowship, food (thanks to our Past Patron’s “Arizona famous” pulled pork!), and of course, FUN!



We are continuing our support for The Cubby, a non-profit organization at AWC that provides food, toiletries, and necessities to students free of charge so they can focus on their studies. Not only have we been able to donate items to them, we were also able to present them with a monetary donation to help further their cause. We look forward to continuing our support for this wonderful organization!

It was time for our annual “fundraiser” delivering flowers in and around Yuma for Valentine’s Day! This is one of our favorite events of the year, bringing smiles to all the “valentines”. We had an amazing group of drivers going all over Yuma over three days, raising over \$1,000! We also delivered flowers for Mother’s Day and Mexican Mother’s Day, making many mothers in and around Yuma County very happy and feeling loved!



We are very excited to announce that we recently welcomed a new member to our Chapter. Welcome Sister Laura Rodriguez! She is the daughter of one of our longtime members, Sister Theresa Nunnaley. Sister Laura hit the ground running with our Chapter, helping us out with flower deliveries for Mother’s Day before becoming an official member! We are excited to have her and hope she comes to love our Order as much as we do.



We have been working at getting together more outside of our regular meetings, to continue building on our fellowship with each other and deepen the love we have for our Chapter and members. Several of our ladies were able to get together for lunch at The Garden Café, but they couldn’t help but get some work done while having some fun! They discussed ideas for a basket to raffle off at Grand Chapter in August and came up with some really fun items to add to the basket. Can’t wait to see what the final result is!

Our Chapter is deeply saddened by the loss of two members – Brother Jack Prather, PP and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona, and Sister Bert Wagner, Warder Emeritus of Yuma #14. Please keep their family members in your thoughts and prayers. RIP dear Sister and Brother; you will be missed!

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.

Past and Upcoming Birthdays:

- JANUARY – “Doc” Trujillo (3rd); Myrtle Bazzell (16th); Barbara Gier, PM (19th); Linda Gillis, PM (19th); Dianne Grider, PM (26th)
- FEBRUARY – Cynthia Johnson (2nd); Abbey Bowden (7th); Michael Dale, PP (7th); Doug Leader (9th); Cynthia Ray (18th); Tim Williams (24th); DJ Arps, Jr., PP (27th)
- MARCH – Tommie Leadlove-Misner (12th); Lella Daniel, PM (13th); Karen Shields, PM (13th); Pauline Roach, PM (26th)
- APRIL – Ginger Wright, PM (6th); Grant Veile, PP (14th); Mikel White, PP (17th); Richard Leader, PGP (26th)
- MAY – Shannon Seals, PM (11th); Ruth Wilmot, PM (14th); Heather Gentry (24th); Zoe Hawk (27th)
- JUNE – Betty Williams (4th); Michael Kofta, WP (6th); Carol Cloud, PM (21st); Sandra White, PM (21st); Molly Veile, PM (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 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!

YOUTH CORNER



Casa Grande Assembly #58 recently had their Official Visit for AnnaMaria Delgado, Grand Worthy Advisor. Brooke Arps, granddaughter of MWB Mike Dale and daughter of WB DJ Arps, was Drill Leader for the event, which means she had the pleasure of introducing her grandfather at the Official Visit! She also got to introduce her mother, Sabrina Arps, as a Past Grand Worthy Advisor. It was a special day for Rainbow Girls, but it was extra special for the Dale-Arps family!



Masonic Anniversaries

When you became a Master Mason

JANUARY

Donald Beaton
Ernest Cunningham
Vernon Dugan
Carl Greenwell
David Johnson
Mark Jones
Jay Learn
David McBride
Mark Melton

Wilbert Orem, Jr.
Menelaos Patsiouras
Robert Payne
Maurice Peters
Gary Stigall
William Treherne
Jeremy Voorhies
Leon Wilmot

FEBRUARY

Jesus Barraza
Chris Dempsey
Bob Dennis, PM
Randall Gaetz
Robert Gordon III
Glen Harris
Harold Hawes
Travis Kniss
Robert Lehl, Jr.

Kelly McDowell
Freeman Mitchell, Jr.
Richard Ruzanka, PM
Merritt Thomas
Daniel Weddle
Mikel White. PM

MARCH

John Armour
Saleh Bahati
Harold Bradshaw, PM
Phillip Durbin
Patrick Ferguson
David Fitzpatrick
Frederico Gomez
William Hamner
Kurt Harrison
Gregory Hyland
Albert Jarvis

Jerome Leckrone
Chy Luy
William McKinley
Donald Oehmke, PM
Christopher Offutt
Shawn Price
Herbert Townsend
Antero "Doc" Trujillo
Benjamin Vik
John Wavada, III

APRIL

Fernando Balderrama
Alan Bowman
Stephen Bradberry, Jr.
Raymond Evans
William Fain
Darrell Fischer
James Heard, Jr.

Ira Hearen, Jr.
Dale LeMond
Russell Leonard
James London
John Mercer
Luther Moorehead
Jack Prather, Jr., PM

MAY

John Adams
Jacob Casey
William Coddington
James Cooley
Dennis Dalton
Martin Freeman
David Hofferbert
Karl Koenig
Michael Kofta, PM

James Lakey
David Lara
James Malone
Cristobal Perez
Jose Ramirez
Robert Sant
Steven Shippee
William Wiseman II

JUNE

Miguel Alvarez
Castellanos
Michiel Beckett
William Clark II
Ralph Cline
Darin Davenport
Frank Donald
Jack Frost, PM
Roberto Garcia

Wade Holland
Scott Laverty
Michael Lee
Rich Marderos
David McHone Jr., PM
Daniel Misenhimer Jr.
Russell Pool, Sr.
Duane Russell
Matthew Stang

***** ATTENTION *****

Deadline for the July/August 2026 Trestleboard is

JUNE 20TH, 2026

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

Master's Advisory

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

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Mason of the Year

SW & JW

Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

Sickness and Distress

Antero Trujillo

Telephone Calling

Michael Kofta, PM

Trestleboard

Sabrina Arps, Publisher

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

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Wills and Bequests

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