

December
2022

Mohave Valley 68 TRESTLEBOARD

Issue
#1

Latest news and bulletin updates

From the East

Worshipful Master Charles
Smith

We learn in the first degree that should we ever meet a brother in destitute condition to help them. I believe that this means more than just a physical type of help, but one also of spiritual help and even mental help. The holidays can be tough for some, especially those who no longer have a family. This brings to mind that during this holiday season that our brothers may need our help. It may not be monetary, or physical help, but perhaps someone to spend time with them, or just a conversation. Our brethren who have been in this fraternity for extended periods of time would greatly appreciate this gesture. For some this fraternity is all they have family wise and something as simple as a phone call could make all the difference in their day or even week. So please check in on your brother you haven't heard from in a while. Give a helping hand if possible and be there for a brother.

As we look to the future of our fraternity and the future of our lodge remember we are all one family and together we can make a difference united instead of divided. I look forward to our future and seeing our lodge return to its former glory and exceed that. With all of our collaboration this is possible and we can make Mohave Valley lodge a beacon of Masonry.



The Lodge welcomed two new Entered Apprentice Masons on November 16, 2022

From the West

Edward J Soroko, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

Greetings to all my brothers at Mojave Valley 68,

I hope all of you had a Great Thanksgiving! This is our first Trestleboard, and it is hoped you will find it useful and informative. We will soon be at the threshold of a new year- a time of celebrations, a time of cold, a time of more darkness and a time when we can reflect on the past year and to look forward to what lies ahead. I ask myself a question that maybe on the minds of many of our brothers. How have we grown in the past year? We have come to a point in our lodge with many unknowns. We have had obstacles and challenges put in our path with opportunities for examination on how to handle difficulties and change. We have had to step out of our comfort-zones

to hopefully help us grow in understanding of what things are important and the contributions we each should make. I hope we can cultivate those understandings to make our work more enjoyable, more productive and provide growth in all we do.

In December, we will install a new slate of officers for the ensuing year. Please show them the support and respect they are due. Transitions sometimes are not smooth, nor are they consistent through time or across lodges and brothers, but we must never lose sight of our Masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. May all of you have a joyous and safe holiday season, and the love of our Supreme Architect always be in all our hearts.

Stated Meeting
Dec 7, 2022
Gavel At 7PM
Dinner at 6PM
Cost \$12



Grand Lodge of Arizona
Grand Lecturer
Lodge of Instruction
December 14, 2022
6:00 pm
EA and above welcome
Mohave Valley Lodge No. 68
2580 S. Miracle Mile.
Bullhead City, Arizona

Subject is "Ritual in Masonry"
There will be a dinner prior to the event which will start at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$10.00 per person.
Attire is business casual, no shorts

"To set the Craft to work and give them the necessary instructions whereby they may pursue their labors."

More Information
Charles Smith
kickass1260@gmail.com

Fellowship starts at 5 pm, the Lodge of Instruction will begin at 6 pm.

INSTALLATION
IS
COMING

Dec 17, 2022 At 10:00 AM
With Lunch Following

From the South

Rob Stewart, Junior Warde

Hello Brothers,

Welcome to the new Masonic year!

First let me say a sincere thank you for expressing confidence in electing me to be the Junior Warden. This is an honor that I truly appreciate and do not take lightly.

The stated meeting will be on the 7th and we will enjoy another delicious menu prepared by our newest Entered Apprentice Masons, Robert and John. The menu will be bourbon brown sugar ham, au gratin potatoes, and mixed vegetables.

If you have specific or general requests for meals, I would love to hear them.

Please reach out to me for any assistance you may need and I look forward to another great year in this great Lodge.

The Human brain
is an amazing
organ. It
functions
24 hours a day
from the day we
are born and only
stops when we
are performing
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The Lodge welcomed a New Entered Apprentice Mason on November 30, 2022

Masonic Anniversaries: Jon Connaugty 11/30, Tommy Daffron 11/30, Mike Lueck 11/30, Charles Phemister 11/30, Alfred Abramian 12/7, Richard Figueroa 12/7, Daniel Reynolds 12/9, Charles McCune 12/12, Bruce Shaphran 12/13, John Trusler 12/16, Robert Schoen 12/17, David Yoder 12/23

Happy Birthday to the Following Brothers: Ronald Thompson 12/3, Robert Goble 12/4, Armando Cobarrubio 12/5, Wesley Smith 12/7, Phillip Oliver 12/14, David Ackers 12/14, David Yoder 12/17, Thomas Thate 12/20, David Husband 12/23

From the Desk of the Secretary

Jon Connaugty

Secretary's Report as of December 1, 2022:

Mohave Valley Lodge has 115 members.

Presently the Lodge has 4 Entered Apprentices and 2 Fellowcrafts. That totals 6 new members in the "works"! This totals a potential membership of 121.

The upcoming meetings are:

December 7 – 7:00 PM – Stated Meeting

December 14 – 6:00 PM – Entered Apprentice Lodge of Instruction

December 17 – 10:00 AM – Installation of Officers

**Subject to Change – Please consult Email Announcements and Lodge Facebook Page for Current Information

2023 Dues bills will be sent out on December 7, 2022. Keep an eye out for them and please pay your dues as soon as possible.

Stay healthy, Brethren!

Notes from the Editor:

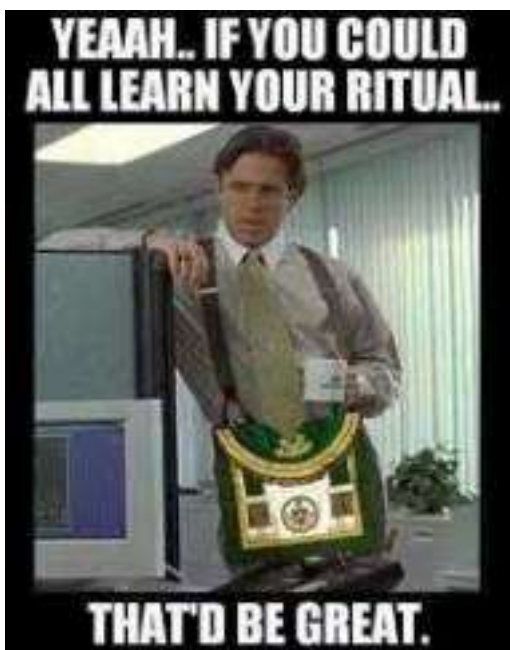
Brethren,

If anyone has any content to share for the next Trestleboard, please submit it to mohavevalley68rsvp@gmail.com. This can be short stories, Masonic Humor, Masonic Trivia or any other items shared for the good of Masonry in general or this Lodge in particular.

As mentioned at the November stated meeting our goal is to achieve a Master Builder Award for our Lodge. Below are the requirements so that we can all work towards this goal. If you have ideas how we can meet any of these please bring them up to the Master of our Lodge. This Award submission must be in the hands of the Grand Lodge no later than April 15th, 2023.

Ritual:

A minimum of 3 members provide at least 2 different lectures in a Tyled Lodge and the Lodge must exemplify all 3 degrees during the awards year.



Masonic Education:

A minimum of 3 masonic education programs held by the Lodge at an event other than the stated meeting (Can be virtual or in person)

Lodge Operations: (4 of 7 must be completed)

Lodge hosts a Tyled meeting with another Lodge

Lodge issues a newsletter a minimum of 4 times during the year

Lodge hosts an information session open to the public

Lodge has a program to contact non-attending members of members in jeopardy of NPD

Lodge shows an annual increase of Grand View Portal users by 5%

Lodge has a Masonic Funeral Team and conducts 1 practice or ceremony

Lodge has a member recognition program

4 Master Masons attend a Lodge of Instruction (Scheduled for 12/14)

Lodge Representation: (4 of 6 must be completed)

At least 2 Lodge officers attend Masonicon Arizona

At least 3 members attend the 2023 Grand Communications (2 Pedestal Officers)

At least 4 members attend a Masonic Youth Group or Eastern Star or Amaranth open event (2 pedestal)

Lodge participates and is recognized in local community activity

5 Lodge members visit another Lodge's tyled meeting (stated or degree) (2 pedestal)



What does a Tycoon, a Senator, a Magician, and a Composer have in common?

Answer: Freemasonry

Henry Ford - I think most realize that Ford revolutionized not only the automotive industry but also the production line industry in general being the first person to bring assembly line concepts to life instead of one person putting everything together on an item. Did you know he is also the originator of many worker's rights we still enjoy today such as the 40 hour work week, fair pay, and paid vacation. He was raised in Zion Lodge number 1 of Detroit Michigan

Davy Crockett - Frontiersman and Politician Davy Crockett was a Freemason. Although he is from Tennessee he was raised in Washington DC while serving in Congress. On his way to explore Texas he gave his Leathern Apron to Weakly Lodge of Tennessee where it still remains today. A fire during the civil war destroyed the original Lodge however his apron survives. Sadly he was killed by Mexican Soldiers in Texas before becoming affiliated with any Lodges there.

Harry Houdini - The great illusionist and magician was born in Budapest Hungary and was raised a Master Mason in St. Cecile Lodge #568 in New York City on August 21, 1923. Just weeks prior to his death he became a Shriner in Mecca temple. He was also a Scottish Rite mason and gave a benefit performance in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New York City raising thousands for Masonic charities.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Back in time for this one but the prolific and influential composer of the classical era was made a Mason in Vienna, Austria at the age of 28 years old and has written 8 pieces of music for Masonry as well as more than 60 pieces of music for the Catholic church despite being deemed in a state of grave sin and not allowed to receive communion by the Pope in 1738.

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LODGE**

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CUSTOM BUILT AR-15**

**SECOND PLACE:
SMITH & WESSON 380 EZ**

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 **Mohave Valley Lodge No. 68** 

is honored to host...

The Arizona Military Degree Team

**who will confer the
Second Degree of Masonry at
Mohave Valley Lodge No. 68
on January 21, 2023.**

**2580 S Miracle Mile Rd,
Bullhead City, AZ 86422**

**Gavel drops promptly at
10 a.m. Lunch immediately
following, \$10 per person.**

**Veterans and Active-Duty Military Brothers from All
Countries are encouraged to attend in uniform.**

**to RSVP for lunch, or contact for questions,
email Marcus Hensley at**

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