

From the East

After a busy summer of conducting degree work, we have really amped it up already for the fall. So far we have scheduled a party to host local children for Halloween, gotten our Child Identification program started with our first event scheduled for October 20th, re-started our bikes for books, continued our fundraising efforts through Bunco and raffles, and started our school supply collection to benefit schools in our local community. Wow that is a lot of stuff going on and it is all because the members of this Lodge and the families who are putting in the effort and participation to make all of this happen. We can truly accomplish anything when we work together.

All of that and I didn't even mention the ritual work of the Lodge. We have our newest members getting involved with Ritual work and participating in the degree work. This is such a strength of our Lodge. We have scheduled ourselves to perform all three degrees of the Blue Lodge in a 7-day time period this month. This is an incredible accomplishment that I am confident we will complete with impressive results. Our membership is soaring and most importantly we have members that want to be involved and participate as shown by our attendance at the September stated meeting. For anyone that has not been to Lodge in some time, please come back out and check out everything this Lodge has going on.

We are continuing to do cooperative events with the Eastern Star and the Shrine club for the good of our community. I encourage all who can to attend the Eastern Star trash cleanup event on the 6th of October as they work to improve Bullhead City. Recently I had the pleasure to attend by invitation the official visit of the El Zaribah Divan to our Mohave Valley Shrine Club. It was an incredibly fun event and I want to congratulate Brother Jon and all of the Shrine officers on their successful year. I know they have elections this month and I am sure the newly elected officers and members will continue the fabulous work of this club. Speaking of elections, ours will be held in November with our annual installation of officers to be held on November 18, 2023. If you would like to be a Lodge officer next term please come and let me know your interest.



September Stated Member 26 Brothers in Attendance

From the West

Charles Smith, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

I look forward to the future and the events we have, getting the bike for books program and the child identifications program, we haven't had these programs in many years and for us as a lodge it is building the brotherly love within our organization and with the fellow organizations as well like the Eastern star and Shrine club. We are building relationships even within our community and when they see what we are doing will look at us and see how we operate as one unit. We also just had the Shrine official visit and the murder mystery the Divan was able to see the improvements we have made within a years' time and got to see how close we became and out newest member, also congratulations to the newest Shriners; Charles Mccune, John Kearns, Robert Hazelgrove, Rob Stewart. They took the next step in their masonic journey.



Stated Meeting
Oct 4, 2023
Gavel At 7PM
Dinner at 6PM
Cost \$12



Entered
Apprentice
Degree Oct 11,
2023 6:00 PM



From the South Rob Stewart, Junior Warden

Not a whole lot to say this month.

I want to express my continuous appreciation to Eastern Star for the help with our events.

Welcome to our newest brother Erik. I'm proud of you and what you have done for, and with, us.

Also, we are doing great with the school supply drive, but still have a long way to go. If anyone would like to help with donations (supplies or monetary) please do!! I will even come to you.

Keep it up brothers. Don't lose this momentum. I'm enjoying how close we are with each-other more than ever.

Thank You!



From the Desk of the Secretary From the Desk of the Secretary

Jon Connaughty

Secretary's Report as of April 1, 2023:

Mohave Valley Lodge has 106 members.

Presently the Lodge has 1 petitioner for degrees, 1 petitioner for affiliation, 3 prospects, 1 Entered Apprentice, and 3 Fellowcrafts. That totals 8 new members in the "works"!

The upcoming meetings are:

Oct 4 Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

Oct 11 First Degree 6:00 PM

Oct 13 Third Degree 6:00 PM

Oct 14 Visit to Yuma Outdoor Degree - See Flyer

Oct 18 Second Degree 6:00 PM

Oct 20-21 Child ID at Corn Fest

Oct 27 Food Truck With Child ID 5:00 PM

Oct 29 Setup For Halloween Party

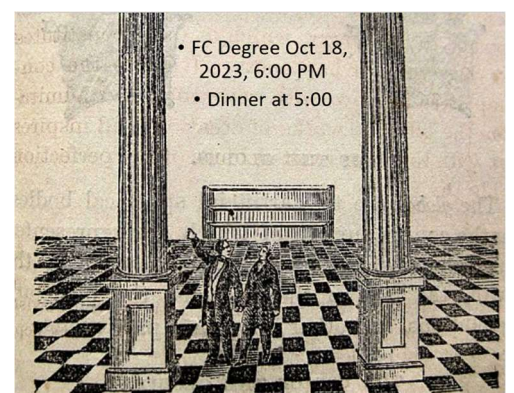
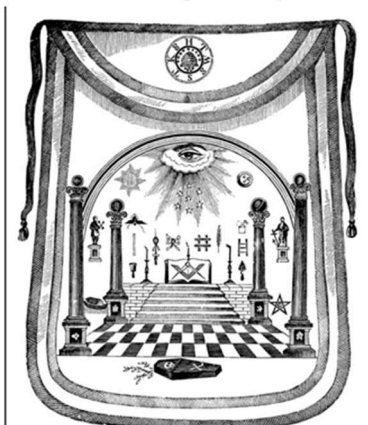
Happy Birthday

- Wendel Saye 10/3
- Chuck Probst 10/5
- John Trusler 10/10
- Chris Anderson 10/12
- James Kelly 10/13
- Timothy Uebele 10/15
- Charles Tabor 10/20
- Bruce Shaphran 10/26
- Howard Martin 10/27
- Jerry Erb 10/29
- Rodney Hall 10/30
- John Squier 10/30
- Clint Stevens 10/30
- Steve Helm 10/31

Happy Anniversary

- Jovan Donathan 10/8 65 Years
- Ricky Jacobson 10/8 9 Years
- Charles Dowler 10/22 10 Years
- Keven Snyder 10/22 1 Year
- Lawrence Mullins 10/24 11 Years
- Michael Canright 10/25 17 Years
- Todd Carroll 10/25 17 Years
- Brant Shaw 10/26 7 Years
- Gerald Rosen 10/27 46 Years
- Alton Larson 10/28 20 Years

Master Mason Degree Oct 13, 2023



• FC Degree Oct 18, 2023, 6:00 PM
• Dinner at 5:00



Happy October from The Mohave Valley Shrine!

Greetings from the Officers and Members of Sunrise Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star! We would

like to share some of our upcoming events and invite you to participate with us!

□ We continue to work with our brothers weekly on the Monday evening Bunco nights. They are so much fun and bring in community involvement. What a great opportunity to introduce our organizations to them by building good reputations, providing education, and possibly an avenue for building membership.

□ On October 7, 2023, at 9:00am, our Chapter will be meeting at the Shrine for our bi-annual highway cleanup. We have two locations to pick up trash and would love any assistance you could give. It is a lot of fun as we compare the best finds of the day. After the cleanup, we will be meeting at the Laughlin Lodge for lunch. All are welcome!

□ We look forward to assisting Mohave Valley Lodge with their Child ID Program at the end of this month and wish them much success!

□ Our Sister Heather Hensley is chairing a "Snowball Fight" event to raise money for charities which involves the Shrine, the Lodge, and our Chapter in a friendly competition. More to come in the next issue.

□ Please join our Chapter on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm pm for a "bring your own dinner" event. We will furnish dessert and promise a wonderful time of socializing.

□ Our next meeting will be on October 10, 2023, at 7:00pm. We will be having our Halloween meeting. It will be a lot of fun as we are all dressing in our finest Halloween attire!

If there is anything that you need our assistance with, please do not hesitate to let us know! We appreciate being part of the Mohave Shrine Club Building family!!!

Looking forward to a fun and productive year!

Fraternally,

Debbie Tanner, Worthy Matron

Dave Hattrick, Worthy Patron

Rick Tanner, Secretary

What a month September was. On the 16th we made four new Shriners down in Phoenix: Rob Stewart, Robert Hazelgrove, John Kearns, and Charles McCune Jr. Good times were had down there by all. (you should see the new couch at The Mohave Shrine Club!)

Then we had our Official Visit from El Zaribah on the 23rd. To quote Darrell Mandrel (the High Priest and Profit) "I can't ever remember an O/V or other Shrine event that was as much fun as last night!"

The Mohave Shrine Club had twenty-one people travel up here from Phoenix all participate in our Murder at the Speakeasy Murder Mystery.

Coming up in October we have a few big events, including BUNCO, the Friday Food Truck Fest, Halloween, just to name a few of the events. I would like to invite you all out to participate. Bring your friends and family out to see the amazing things happening at The Mohave Shrine



Erik Vincent's First Degree

The TRESTLEBOARD

Latest news and bulletin updates

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High Priest

William "Bill" Burrows 928-897-8442

Agaman Council #12 CM
Illustrious Master

Keith J McCormack 928-453-2310

Mohave Commandery #13 KT
Eminent Commander
Mohave York Rite Bodies
Secretary/Recorder

Edward J Soroko 218-969-7061

Peter M Stronge 928-716-7618

The Mohave York Rite Bodies meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 PM, Kingman Lodge No. 22, 212 N Fourth Street, Kingman, AZ.

All York Rite members - both ours and visitors - are cordially invited. There are no dinners scheduled. Need a ride....contact one of the above.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE YORK RITE?

Contact any one of the Officers for additional information.

We will be conferring the Degrees and Orders at the Colorado River Fall Festival in October.

Are you a member somewhere else...we can fix that! We want you!

NOTICE:

All York Rite Masons: You are especially invited to our meetings!

Meetings are in-person at Kingman Lodge #22 F&AM - 212 N Fourth Street - Downtown Kingman, Arizona

Tue Oct 17: Mohave Commandery #13 KT Stated Conclave (Class A uniform or Dark).

Tue Nov 21: Mohave Commandery #13 KT Stated Conclave (Class A uniform or Dark).

Other Upcoming Events:

Sat, Oct 7: 4 Corners Royal Arch Festival / Farmington, NM

Sun/Mon/Tue Oct 22-24:

Colorado River Fall Festival / Laughlin. Registration at: crff.org

Websites:

Arizona Grand York Rite:

www.azyr.org/

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons:

www.ggcrami.org

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons:

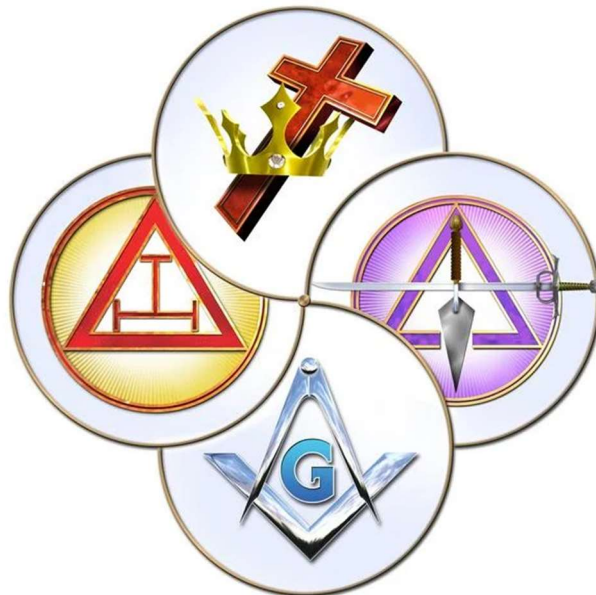
www.crypticmasons.org/

Grand Encampment Knights Templar:

knightstemplar.org

Colorado River Fall Festival:

crff.org



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.

Well done on earning our Master Builder award last Masonic year. This year we have our sight set on the:

Master Architect Award

A. Ritual Component

1. A minimum of 3 members provide 3 different lectures in a tyled lodge, (Lectures are EA, Staircase, MM).
2. A member of the Lodge must be able to give the Apron Presentation, 'G' Lecture, King Solomon part, and Hiram, King of Tyre.
3. Lodge must exemplify all 3 Degrees during the awards year with a minimum of 6 parts performed by lodge officers.

B. Masonic Education Component

1. A minimum of 3 masonic education programs are held by the lodge (other than at a Stated Meeting, may be at lodge or virtual).
2. Lodge must have a masonic education presentation before, during, or after a minimum of 6 Stated meetings.

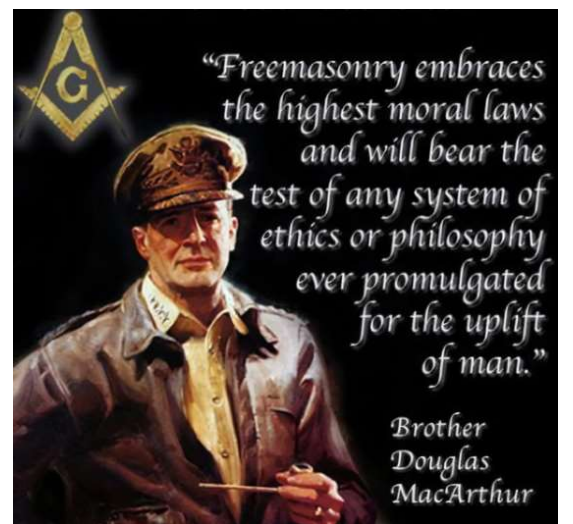
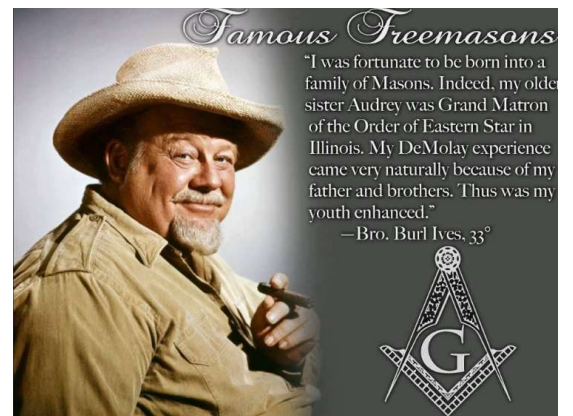
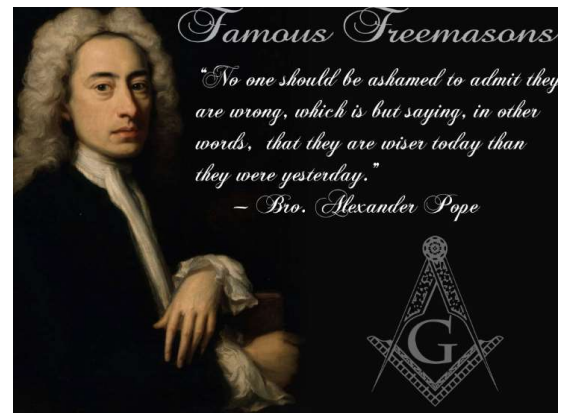
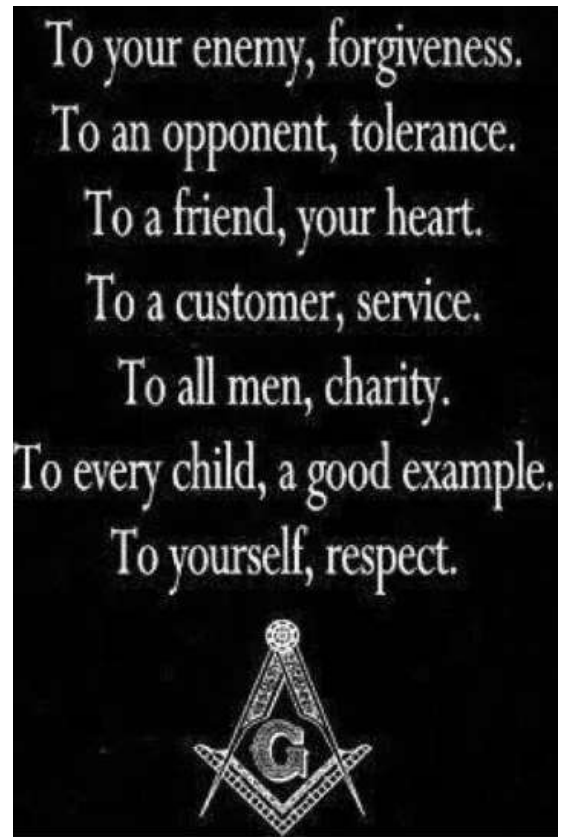
C. Lodge Operations Component

1. Lodge hosts a tyled meeting with another Masonic Lodge.
2. Lodge issues a newsletter a minimum of 8 times during the year with submission to Grand Lodge for Trestleboard recognition.
3. Lodge must have a website that is updated monthly with submission to the Grand Lodge for recognition.
4. Lodge hosts an informational session open to the general public.
5. Lodge has a program to contact non-attending members and members in jeopardy of Suspension for NPD.

6. Lodge shows an annual increase of GrandView portal users by 5%.
7. Lodge has a Masonic Funeral Team (WM, SW, JW, Chap) and conducts a minimum of 1 practice or funeral ceremony.
8. Lodge has a Long-Range Planning committee that meets a minimum of once every 3 months. The committee must have established goals and objectives.
9. Lodge has a membership recognition program (Mason of the Year, with lodge winners submitted to Grand Lodge for statewide recognition).

D. Lodge Representation Component

1. At least 2 Lodge Officers attend the Grand Lodge Education Conference (Masonic Arizona).
2. At least 3 members of the Lodge attend the 2023 Grand Lodge Communication (2 must be the WM, SW, and/or JW).
3. At least 4 members of the lodge attend a meeting of a Masonic Youth Group (where possible) or an Eastern Star or Amaranth open event (2 must be the WM, SW, and/or JW).
4. Lodge must be active in a recognized Local community activity.
5. Lodge attends a minimum of 2 other Masonic Lodge's meetings (stated or called) with a minimum of 6 members attending (2 must be the WM, SW, and/or JW).
6. Lodge has a program for Bikes for Books, CHIPS, Public Schools Essay contest, recognition of community organizations and or individuals First responders, schools and teachers.
7. Lodge must host a fund-raising activity for a Masonic Youth Group (or a recognized local youth group if there is no local Masonic Youth Group in the community). This cannot be substituted for the local activity noted above.
8. A minimum of 4 Master Masons (2 are non-Lodge Officers) attend a Lodge of Instruction (LOI) conducted by/under the auspices of the Grand Lecturer.





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August 16, 2023

To: All Constituent Lodges, Grand Lodges Officers, DDGM's and DDGL's

From: George R. Rusk, Grand Master

Subject: Edict No. 2023-01 National Education Week 2023

Brethren,

The following Edict No. 2023-01 is to be read at the next Stated meeting of every Constituent Lodge in Arizona.

Edict No. 2023-01

All Lodges and Masons under the jurisdiction of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F & AM of Arizona shall observe the spirit of National Education Week (November 13-17, 2023) by participating in and/or supporting special activities which recognize the Public Schools of Arizona during the month of November 2023.

Issued under my signature this 16th day of August 2023.

Fraternally,

George R. Rusk
Grand Master 2023-2024
The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F&AM of Arizona

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Donate school supplies for our community schools!!

Notebooks, pencils, loose leaf paper, dry erase markers, highlighters, colored pencils, crayons, markers...etc.

Drop off donations to:
Mohave Valley Lodge #68
Miracle Mile Event Center



**INDOOR
TRUNK OR TREAT
HAUNTED HOUSE**

31
OCTOBER

5:00 - 8:00 PM
FREE ENTRY

**COSTUME
CONTEST**
5:00 - 5:30 PM
(UP TO AGE 12)
**SCARY-OKE
SINGING**
5:30-8:00PM

**2580 MIRACLE MILE, BHC
MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER**

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR #60
MOHAVE VALLEY BLUE LODGE #68
MOHAVE SHRINE CLUB

Yuma Territorial Lodge 17 Outdoor Degree

Saturday October 14th, 2023

Registration 8am Gavel Drops at 10am

Location:

15775 S. Avenue 4-1/2 Yuma, AZ

\$50

Cowboy Coffee
& Donuts



BBQ Lunch
Carnitas, Tortillas,
Beans, and Chips



Commemorative
Bolo Tie and
Year Hanger



\$35

If Already
Have Bolo Tie

Casual Outdoor Attire



Aprons Provided



Current Dues
Card Required



Master Masons
Only

Thoughts from the Newest Master Mason....

As the newest Master Mason (but not for long) in Lodge #68, I wanted to express a few words to the Brethren. In my short time, I have experienced an abundance of Brotherly Love. The acceptance into our great institution has given me cause to express my enjoyment with actions and encouragement to our fellows.

Within the time I have spent with you all, I have had the opportunity to hear of your travels and obstacles. Those gracious moments I have spent with you improved my masonry and I thank you for taking that time with me. I also want to encourage you to continue this. To us younger brethren of the craft, these interactions are far more valuable than you may recognize or remember from your years past. They are binding and applicable lessons that leave a far reaching impression.

It is those small moments in passing that keeps a continual connection with each other. I understand we often have fewer of these moments while the toils of life keep us busy working with our tools away from the lodge. However, please don't underestimate how important those quick and wise interactions can be. This is true to the younger brethren as well, as our elder brothers need that freshness of spirit you provide.

Lastly, I implore you all to make appearances to our laborious events when possible. Those moments when we see and interact with each other provide a quenching Relief. And more often than not one heck of a good laugh!

Bike For Books

The Bikes for Books committee will be holding their next meeting on October 3 at 5:00

MOHAVE VALLEY LODGE #68 BIKES FOR BOOKS 2023-2024

September 12, 2023 - Initial planning meeting.

Attendance:

Committee Chair - Ricky Jacobson, Heather Hensley,
Marcus Hensley, Robert Hazelgrove, and Chuck McCune

What was discussed:

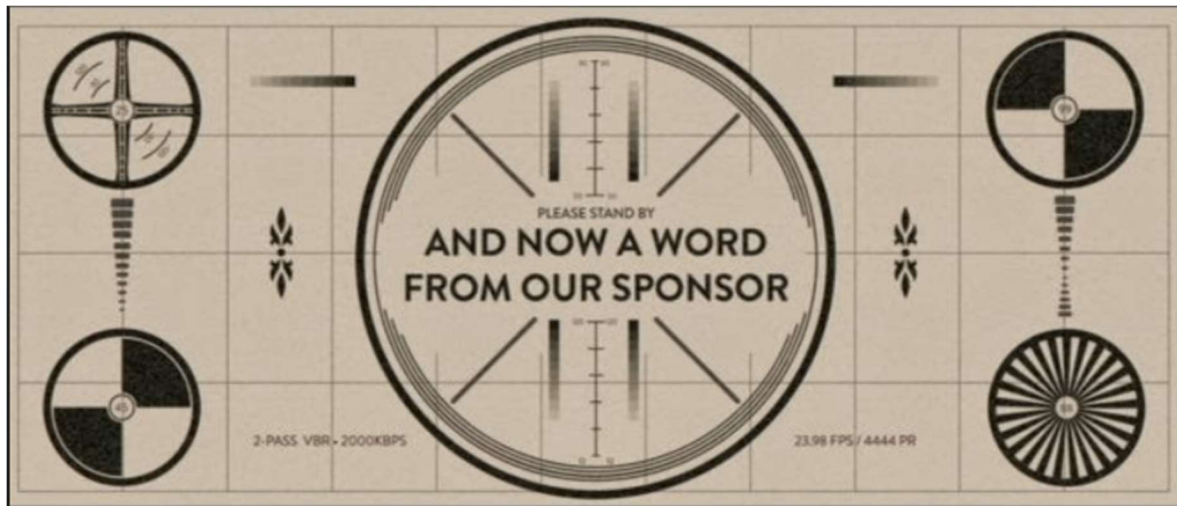
1. Six schools in BHC with grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd equals 36 bikes - **This will need to be verified.**
2. Coyote Canyon School - special needs - **Chuck will check with district director about what can be done for these students.**
3. Price for 18" Bikes are around \$80 before discount - **Ricky Jacobson will check with his contacts for official price.**
4. Kindle option and pricing - **Ricky Jacobson will check on these prices officially.**
5. Check with BHCDFD Lori Viles about safety gear (helmets)
6. What are we going to do with the students who do not have parents that will help their child succeed with the program? Can we have a different standard that teachers can navigate at their level/involvement?

Fundraising:

- .Pancake Breakfast?
- .Dispensary Donations
- .Other Donations?

Next Meeting:

Undetermined



**ADVERTISE
HERE**

- 1 year for \$100 or \$10.00 per month for a business card front and back.
- This is a great way to advertise your business to local customers and support the lodge.
- Please contact Marcus Hensley or Jon Connaughty to place your ad.
- Note the year is from January to December
- All ads expire each December.

**Mohave Valley
Lodge Gun
Raffle**

June 7 – December 2
 Tickets are \$20 Each or 3 for \$50

Prizes
 2 12 Gauge Pump Action
 1 S&W 380 EZ Handgun
 See any Mohave Valley Lodge
 Member to Purchase Tickets
 Proceeds benefit Mohave Valley 68



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