

From the East

First let me say thank you for the confidence expressed by the Lodge in electing me to be the Master once again. I truly appreciate the opportunity to continue serving this Lodge and I look forward to our next term. I am very proud of all the members of this lodge that contributed to so many incredible accomplishments in the past year. We grew masonry as we conducted 18 degrees which equates to raising 6 new masons. We created an income stream enabling us to do the great work of masonry. We created public interaction drawing more interest to our craft. We worked together to make each of ourselves better men. Well done to each of you. As I was writing this story I received a call from our brother secretary advising that we were contacted by a worshipful brother from Illinois who knew of a daughter of a mason who through several circumstances not well thought out ended up stranded in our little corner of the world. We had an opportunity to practice charity and assist this Masonic daughter in her journey to get herself and child home. Well done Chuck in getting her a room for the night, a card for purchasing groceries and some gas money to start her journey back to Illinois. This is an example of putting our virtues into action. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon, hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season, and again thank everyone involved in this area for their constant work and contributions. to make all of this happen. We can truly accomplish anything when we work together.



From the West

Rob Stewart, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

I want to congratulate all the upcoming officers of 2024. The installation was a wonderful experience. Thank you to everyone who came and showed their support.

As a reminder, Bunco happens every Monday night, sign ups at 5:30. This is a family friendly event, so don't be afraid to bring em all. We also have Monday night football on multiple screens for those who don't want to miss it.

Robert Stewart



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



Entered
Apprentice
Degree Dec 20,
2023 6:15 PM



From the South Charlie Smith, Junior Warden

Congratulations to all the newly installed officers of Mohave Valley #68; we have come a long way in a year. We continue to grow as a lodge every week and show that in our work inside and outside the lodge. I look forward to what our lodge will do in the coming weeks and months. I expect greatness from all of us and how we show brotherly love, relief, and truth... This I hope and know we will pass on to our newly made masons and future masons joining our great fraternity and something they can be proud of being a part of. We are a part of a great lineage of men who have shown us how to walk, act, and talk like a mason. Many of our great past masters not only show this in their everyday lives but show the younger masons how to do the same. Something all of us can learn from and grow every day. I also want to wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Charlie Smith

From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of December 1, 2023:

Mohave Valley Lodge has 108 members.

Presently the Lodge has 2 prospects, 1 Entered Apprentice, and 3 Fellowcrafts.

The upcoming meetings are:

- Dec 6 Stated Meeting
- Dec 13 Second Degree
- Dec 20 First Degree

Subject to Change – Please consult Lodge Website, Email Announcements and Lodge Facebook Page for Current Information every event.

Every Monday Bunco at 5:00 PM For Setup**Please participate. This is a good fundraiser for all three organizations.

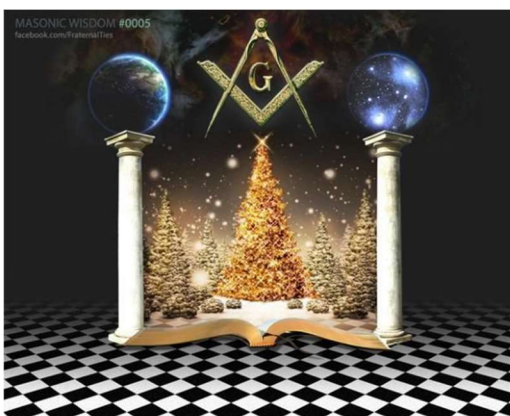
Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

**Subject to Change - Please consult Email



Anniversaries

- Alfred Abramian 12/7 10 Years
- Richard Figueroa 12/7 8 Years
- Daniel Reynolds 12/9 29 Years
- Charles McCune 12/12 45 Years
- Bruce Shaphran 12/13 51 Years
- John Trusler 12/16 42 Years
- Robert Schoen 12/17 43 Years
- David Yoder 12/23 69 Years





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

With the coming of the Holiday Season, we would like to share this poem with each of you entitled “Star of the East” written by Eugene Field. This poem has a very special meaning to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star as well as all who celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above that Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out to-night, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all and me.

Star of the East! show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!! And look forward to another prosperous year for the Masonic Bodies.

Fraternally,
Debbie Tanner, Worthy Matron
Dave Hattrick, Worthy Patron

Shriners Hospitals is a system of 22 children’s hospitals supported by the Masonic Shriners International fraternity. This year marks the 100th birthday of its original Shreveport, Louisiana, location – the Oak Park Avenue location in Chicago opened in 1926. It provides all medical care, testing, treatment and therapy for patients up through 18 years old regardless of ability to pay.





MOHAVE COMMANDERY #13 KT

Edward J Soroko, Eminent Commander
PO Box 3742
Kingman, AZ 86402-3742
November 9, 2023

RE: **Mohave Commandery #13 KT Christmas Observance**

To our Masonic Family:

On **Tuesday, December 19, 2023**, Mohave Commandery #13 KT will hold the annual Christmas Observance at Kingman Lodge #22 F&AM located at 214 N Fourth Street in down town Kingman, AZ. This is not a party, it is a solemn observance of Christmas and one of the required activities of Commandery.

You, your family and your friends are cordially invited to attend our Observance. Other members of our Masonic Family are especially invited to attend.

Sir Knights will wear their Class A uniforms with chapeaus and swords if available. Black or dark coats and ties if not. Ladies are requested to wear a dress. Please, no shorts or tees.

At 5:00 PM we will have a fraternal/social dinner at Calico's Restaurant (order off the menu) located at 418 W Beale St in Kingman, AZ.

We are limited to 25 participants – for **reservations**, please contact us before December 17:

Phone: Peter Stronge 928.716.7618

Email: MYRB1989@gmail.com

At 7:00 PM we will begin the Christmas Observance at Kingman Lodge Hall. The Observance should not last longer than an hour (no reservations).

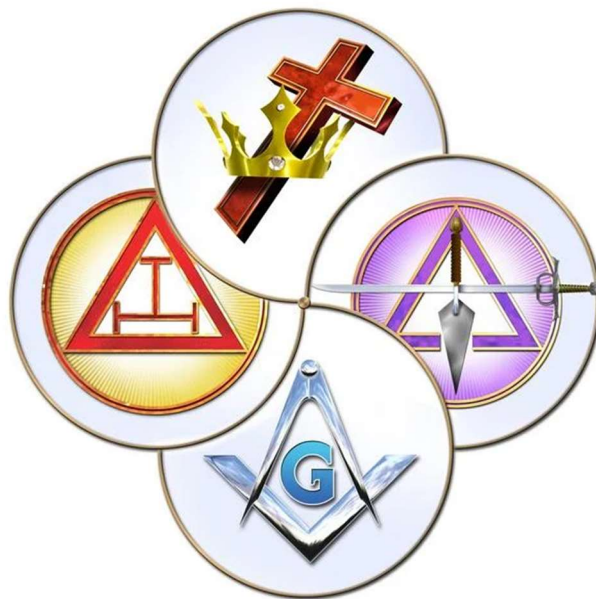
There will be light refreshments to follow the observance.

In addition, we are planning to present an award for 50 years of continuous membership in the York Rite to Companion and Sir Knight Frederick C Grigg, Past Commander of Mohave Commandery #13 KT.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at the following numbers:

Phone: (928) 716-7618 (leave a message)

Email: MYRB1989@gmail.com





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George R. Rusk
Grand Master 2023-2024
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Date: October 23, 2023

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

Subject: Edict 2023-02 Open Ritual Books in Lodge

The following Edict No. 2023-02 is to be read at the next Stated meeting of every Constituent Lodge in Arizona.

Edict No. 2023-02

Brethren,

The AMC identifies the ritual work we are allowed to use and the procedure of its use in lodge in Section 2-101 – Ritual. It is clearly understood that the only open ritual book allowed while a lodge is “in session” will be that of a designated prompter.

This edict defines “in session” as the time the lodge is opened until the lodge is closed. During the second section of the third degree the lodge is still “in session” and the only open ritual will be that of the prompter.

Fraternally,

George R. Rusk
Grand Master 2023-2024
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Date: November 21, 2023

Subject: X posting of Ritual

TO BE SHARED WITH THE CRAFT

Brethren,

One of our members has posted on social media videos of our ritual. This is a breach of trust and a violation of his obligation to the craft. He took an oath and could not keep it. The information he posted is not unknown to the internet, a simple search will find something similar. But his posting did expose him as someone who cannot be trusted more than it exposed our Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge is investigating this incident and will act upon the results according to the Arizona Masonic Code and legal advice from Grand Counsel. I request that you refrain from spreading any rumors, but if you have direct information about the posting send it to the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

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



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2023–2024 Grand Lodge Public Schools Programs American Education Week November 13-17, 2023

MWGM George Rusk has issued an Edict proclaiming November 13-17, [2023](#) as Public Schools Week in conjunction with American Education Week

- All Lodges are to observe Public Schools Week
- Lodges are encouraged to plan activities to include Public Schools

Student Community Service Award Criteria

In response to feedback provided by lodges, the essay contest has been replaced by the Student Community Service Award. The intent is to recognize students who are making a difference in their school or community.

(Please add your Lodge contact information to the Student Service nomination form and send with a cover letter explaining the program for distribution to the schools for use by school personnel)

- Students in grades 3 through 8 may be nominated for the [award](#)
- Nomination forms are to be submitted to the Lodges no later than December 15, 2023
- Winning nominations at the Lodge level are to be submitted to the GL Public Schools Committee no later than January 12, 2024 (Please mail selected nomination form to the above listed address for Brian Hanne)
- Lodges may submit their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade level for Statewide [judging](#)
- Monetary awards for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades: 1st place \$100, 2nd place [\\$75](#) and 3rd place \$50
- Monetary awards for 6th, 7th and 8th grades: 1st place \$125, 2nd place [\\$100](#) and 3rd place \$75
- Certificates for all winners
- The committee will deliver or mail the state awards to the lodges no later than February 23, 2024
- Each lodge will be asked to present the Grand Lodge Awards (GL Public Schools Committee will try to be present at all award presentations if possible)
- Each lodge will be responsible for local awards and asked to inform the GL Public Schools Committee of the date and time of their event as soon as possible.
- Judging: Each participating Lodge will be asked to select one Brother from their lodge to be on the [Statewide](#) judging committee.
- Nomination forms for all grade levels will be scanned and electronically sent to all judges for their selections.

Classroom Grant Criteria

(Please add your Lodge contact information to the Classroom Grant Guidelines document and Grant Request form for distribution to the Schools for Classroom Teacher use)

- Grants are intended to be for the classroom and used by the Teacher and students to aid in learning such as: programs, books, classroom supplies, computer aids, etc.

- K through 8th grade Classroom Teachers are eligible
- Only one grant request per Teacher
- Each Lodge may submit two grant requests
- Grants are available up to \$350 maximum
- The number of grants awarded will depend on the amount of each grant. Total budget is \$2,425.00
- Grants awarded will be evenly distributed around the State.
- Lodges will be asked to present the GL Classroom grants (GL Public Schools Committee will try to attend all local presentations)

Lodge Year End Recap Form

- Each participating Lodge will be asked to submit a year end recap form of their Public Schools Program
- Recap form will be distributed to the participating Lodges by March 1, 2024
- Recap forms are due to the GL Public Schools Committee no later than April 15, 2024

Please submit Community Service Award Nominations, Grant requests and Recap form to:

Brian Hanne, Chairman
GL Public Schools Committee
7354 E Dewberry Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85208

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.

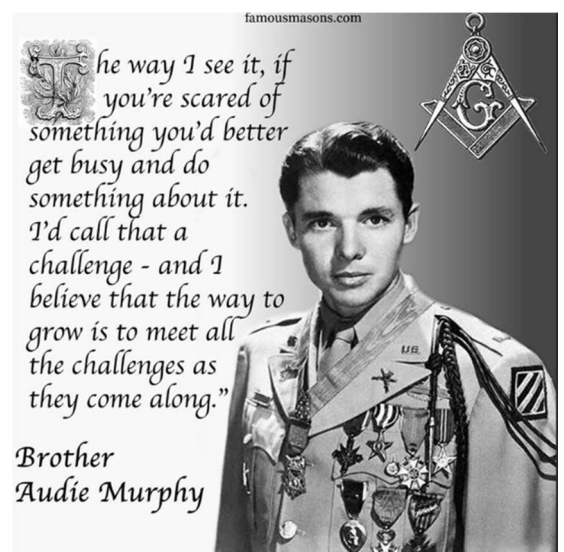
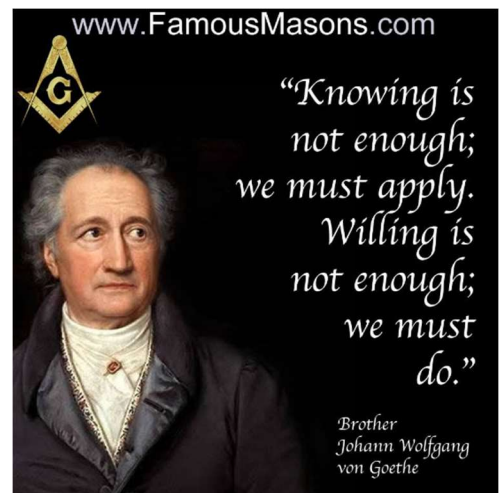
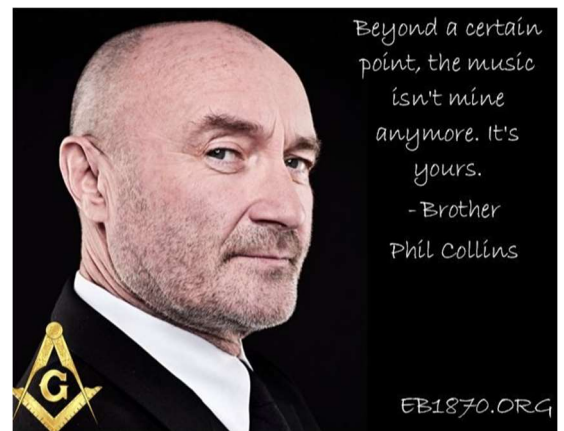
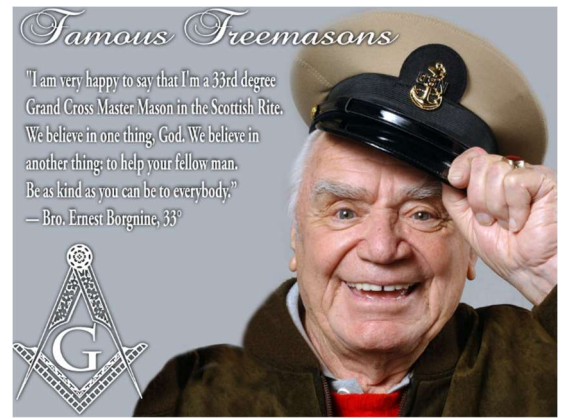
C. Lodge Operations Component

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 (Masonicon 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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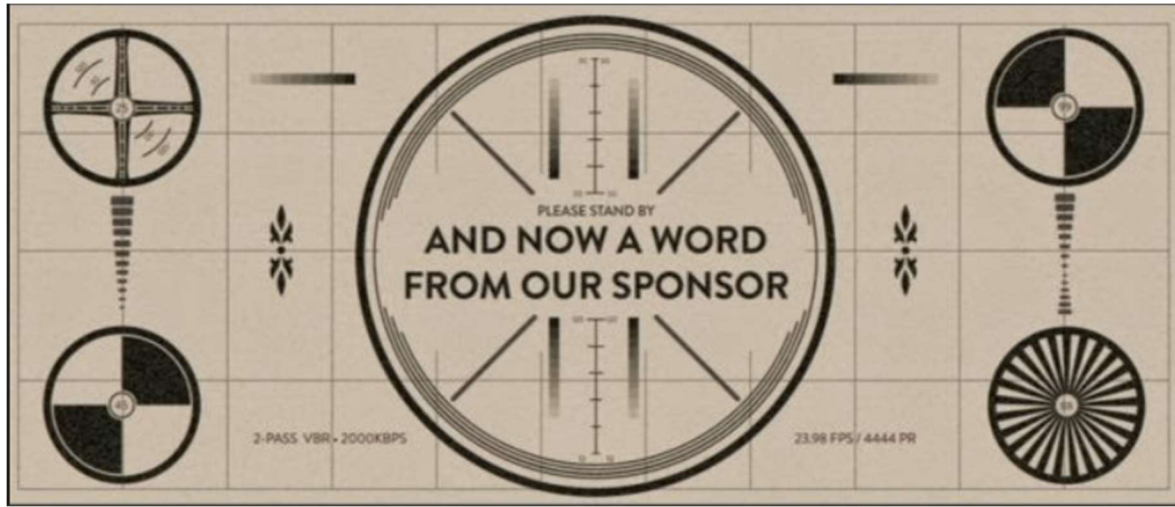
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

9:00am - 2:00pm Lunch Provided
Organize and catalog - no hard labor!

RSVP to Secretary Bo Buchanan
rfb321@gmail.com or 630-846-4663

09 A.M
10
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**AT THE
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345 W. MONROE
PHOENIX, AZ 85003



**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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