

## From the East

Looking back on 2023 I think we all should be very proud of the progress and accomplishments of this Lodge. In looking towards 2024 I am very excited about the members we added last year, the new members we will add this year and the participation in Lodge events and activities we see from every brother that comes on down to the Lodge. If you have not been to the lodge in a while please come down and see what we have going on. It is a very exciting and rejuvenating time to be here. I think this is a time to be thankful to our bothers from our neighboring lodges for their work in assisting us, our Eastern Star chapter for partnering on many joint ventures, manner as we work to continue the Masonic journey for Brother Dennis and Brother Trevor and to bring Morgan and Garret into our awesome fraternity. We will be working closely with the Shrine on Food Truck Friday on the last Friday of each month and we have representation on the committee from both the Lodge and the Shrine in this joint venture. We are continuing to partner with the Eastern Star and Shrine on Bunco Mondays. We had several great events last year which we are looking to make annual events including the Halloween party and Snowball fight. Speaking of the snowball fight I want to congratulate the Lodge on winning the snowball fight and thank the Star and the Shrine for their participation. Truly no one lost as a great local charity will soon receive a donation of a bit over 800 dollars. This is an impressive number to collect in only three weeks. We will make the donation in the name of the Mohave Valley Masonic Family and invite each of the organizations to be represented when we make our donation. The organization will be decided at the January stated meeting.

In closing, the momentum of this family is amazing and please continue to practice our ideals in and out of the lodge



## From the West

Rob Stewert, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

Welcome to 2024! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

I'm proud of the work everyone put in over the past year to make us what we have become. I look forward to the continued support of all organizations to continue this trend.

We have constant events and fundraisers coming up. Be sure to watch the Mohave Valley 68 Facebook page, as well as Miracle Mile Events Center Facebook. Bikes For books is a big one for the children of our community. If anyone is willing to sponsor a bicycle for a child, please contact us.

This month is loaded with degree work. It would be amazing for these men to see the true support of our



Stated Meeting  
Jan 3, 2023  
Gavel At 7PM  
Dinner at 6PM  
Cost \$12



Entered  
Apprentice  
Degree Jan 10,  
2023 6:15 PM



Entered  
Apprentice  
Degree Jan 17,  
2023 6:15 PM





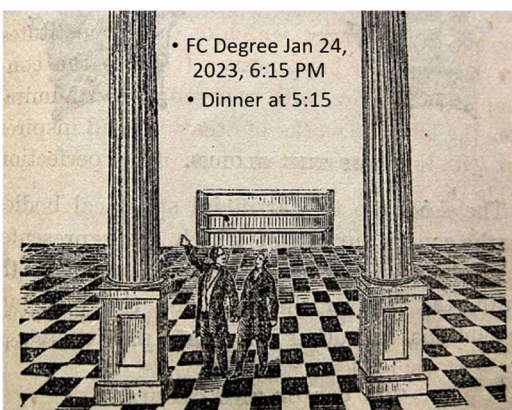
Figure 2 Dennis Harp's Fellowcraft Degree



1 Trevor Long's Entered Apprentice Degree



Birthdays	Anniversaries
Jan 6 Greg Perrin	Jan 22 Frederick Stilt Jr 20 Years
Jan 8 Jason Jennings	Jan 26 Larry Crummey 19 Years
Jan 8 Lawrence Phemister	Jan 26 Terry Loll 19 Years
Jan 18 James Harbison	Jan 27 Bob Krause 14 Years
Jan 21 Jovan Donathan	Jan 27 Edward Wessler 68 Years
Jan 26 Tom Givens	Jan 28 Marcus Hensley 7 Years
Jan 27 Hans Krahl	Jan 28 Ed Soroko 40 Years
Jan 29 Philip Gunnels	
Jan 31 Mo Torrey	





## From the South Charlie Smith, Junior Warden

I want to wish all of our Masonic families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday with their loved ones and gets the well-deserved rest.

I'd like to congratulate Dennis on his second degree as well as Trevor on his first degree and taking the first step in our fraternity and the rich history we have to offer.

Every day our lodge gets closer and closer to each other. We really are practicing the tenants of Freemasonry. More so brotherly love. Our future is looking brighter and brighter with each new member who joins our fraternity, like a puzzle and each new member is a piece that was missing. We all mesh together perfectly and have become a closer unit.

I again want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and please be safe out there.



## From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of January 1, 2024:

108 Master Mason  
4 FellowCraft  
1 Entered Apprentice  
2 Prospects

Calendar

Jan 3 Stated Meeting

Jan 10 First Degree

Jan 17 First Degree

Jan 24 Degree to be named

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.

Everything besides the Stated Meeting is Subject to Change  
- Please consult Email Announcements and Lodge Facebook Page for Current Information



### Results of the Snow Ball Fight

Our Masonic Family raised 805.09

1. Mohave Valley Lodge #68  
-6469 points
2. Eastern Star Sunrise Chapter #60  
-8452 points
3. Mohave Valley Shrine Club  
-22659 points

We look forward to doing this again next year. Start saving your pennies now!



Happy New Year from the members of Sunrise Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star!!! We hope that all had a wonderful Holiday Season!!!

Our Chapter is off to a great start for 2024. Our meeting on January 9, 2024, is Friendship Night. This is where we invite all our counterparts from other Chapters to join us for a meeting filled with fun and fellowship. We are having a soup and salad dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30pm and would like to invite you to attend the dinner with us. Please let our secretary Rick Tanner know if you will be attending. His email is rktanner1@gmail.com.

We had a fun time participating in the "Snowball" fight between Star, Lodge and Shrine. We are pleased with the results and look forward to finding out which charity the Lodge has chosen to support with the winnings! Hopefully, this will become an annual event.

Please mark your calendars to attend Derby Day on May 4, 2024, at the Shrine. This is one of our annual fundraisers and is a lot of fun. More information will be forthcoming.

We are pleased that the Bunco nights have been such a tremendous success. We are so happy to be able to participate.

Our Chapter looks forward to another year of working together with our Masonic Brothers and again, wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

Fraternally,

Debbie Tanner, Worthy Matron

Dave Hatrick, Worthy Patron



Happy 2024!

I would like to start off this year with a rundown of a couple of key events in 2023.

In March we started hosting a food truck fest with a coalition of food trucks in the valley. The event was a huge success from the start. Since then the coalition has disbanded but most of the food trucks still wanted to hold the event at the Miracle Mile Event Center so we have formed a committee to see that this event continues. With the help of Blue Lodge and their ladies the Shrine is very excited to say we are continuing with the Final Friday Food Fest ( working on the name ).

Also, BUNCO has been a big boost for all the bodies. The support from our community has been amazing. With that the Shrine is excited to be bringing back Taco Mondays. Starting January 8, you can come down and get our Award winning tacos!

And finally 2024 is starting off with something new...a new body! A Ladies of the Oriental Shrine Court is going to be formed! This is a huge step in a forward direction for Masonry and our Masonic families.

I hope your new year is as amazing as our last year was!

Jon Connaughty

# The TRESTLEBOARD

Latest news and bulletin updates

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Agaman Council #12 CM  
Illustrious Master Keith J McCormack 928-453-2310

Mohave Commandery #13 KT  
Eminent Commander Edward J Soroko 218-969-7061  
Mohave York Rite Bodies  
Secretary/Recorder Peter M Stronge 928-716-7618

The Mohave York Rite Bodies meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**NOTICE - next meeting:**

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 Jan 16: King Solomon Chapter #22 RAM (Red).

Tue Feb 20: King Solomon Chapter #22 RAM (Red).

**NOTICE - Mid-Year meeting:**

The annual Mid-Year Grand York Rite meeting will be held at Sun City Lodge on Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 AM.

All Officers should [attend](#) and all members are encouraged to attend.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

To all those participating in our annual Knight Templar Christmas Observance.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING [THE YORK RITE?](#)**

Contact any one of the Officers for additional information.

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

**Websites:**

- Arizona Grand York Rite: [www.azyr.org/](http://www.azyr.org/)
- General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons: [www.ggcrami.org](http://www.ggcrami.org)
- General Grand Council Cryptic Masons: [www.crypticmasons.org/](http://www.crypticmasons.org/)
- Grand Encampment Knights Templar: [knightstemplar.org](http://knightstemplar.org)
- Colorado River Fall Festival: [crff.org](http://crff.org)









## Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons



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Grand Secretary  
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E-Mail: [azgnd\\_sec@azmasons.org](mailto:azgnd_sec@azmasons.org)

Date: November 9, 2023

To: Lodge Secretaries.

From: Very Worshipful Brother Greg Vasquez, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Subject: Message from our Grand Master, MW George R. Rusk.

Dear Brother Secretaries,

Please read this message at your next Stated Meeting:

If you have specific interests or expertise in an area related to a committee or you would like to assist lodges or the Grand Lodge, go to the Grand Lodge Website <https://azmasons.org/>, click on the "Volunteer" button at the top of the page and enter your information.

Thank you for freely giving your time and labor for the benefit of the Craft.

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

Fraternally,

*Greg Vasquez, PGM*  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Arizona



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F & AM of Arizona  
Presents:



## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE / MASONICON 2024

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**Notes from the Editor:**

Brethren,

If anyone has any content to share for the next Trestleboard, please submit it to [mohavevalley68rsvp@gmail.com](mailto: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.

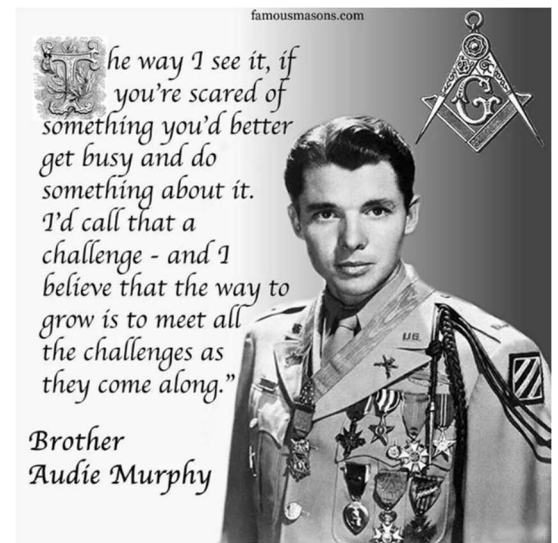
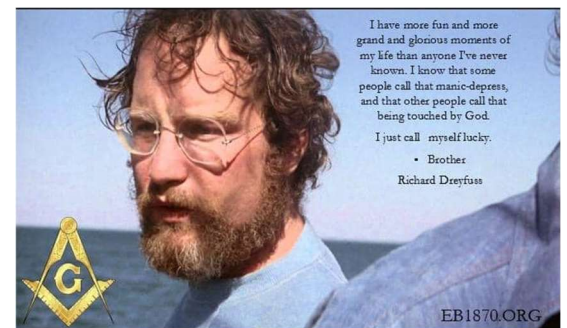
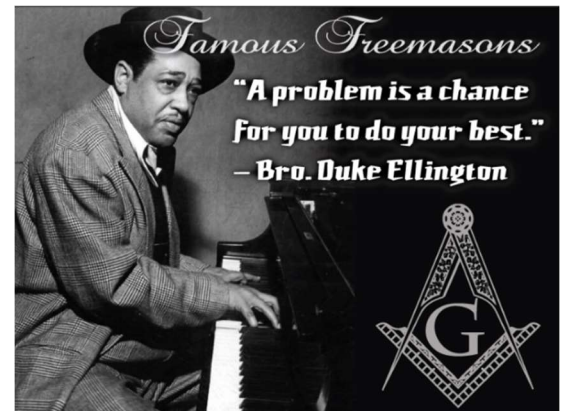
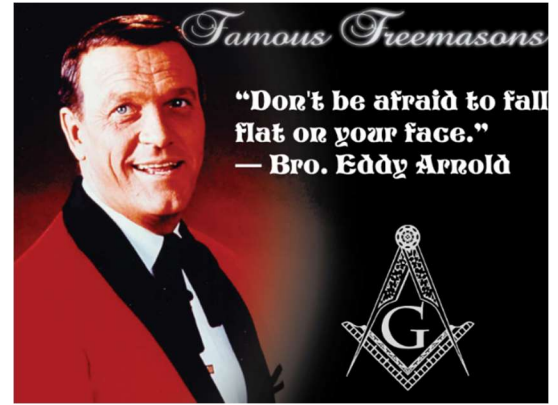
**C. Lodge Operations Component**

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 2024 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.





# What's Happening

**FOODIE FRIDAY**



**JAN 26**  
**5-9PM**

**FOOD TRUCKS | VENDORS**

**ENTERTAINMENT** CORNHOLE  
BEER PONG TOURNAMENT  
SPORTS | MOVIES | MUSIC

**LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



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REGISTRATION OPEN AT: 5:30PM  
GAME START AT: 06:30PM

MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER  
At The Mohave Shrine Club



**Mohave Valley Lodge No. 68**

is honored to host...

**The Arizona Military Degree Team**  
on March 2nd, 2024

who will confer the  
**Second Degree of Masonry at  
Mohave Valley Lodge No. 68**

2580 S Miracle Mile Rd,  
Bullhead City, AZ 86422

Gavel drops promptly at  
**10 a.m. Lunch immediately  
following, \$12 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

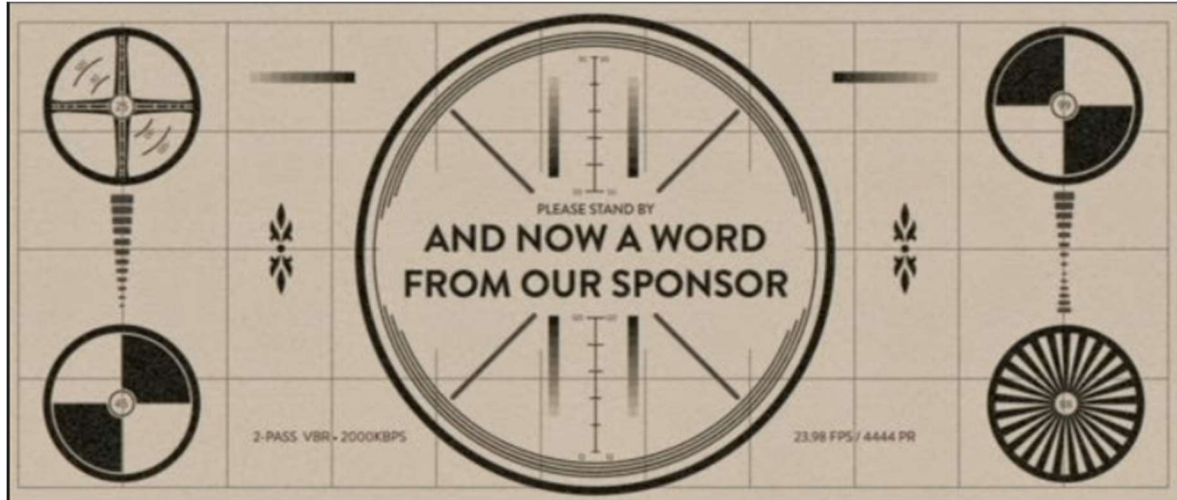
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Happy New Year!







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- 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.

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