Latest news and bulletin updates

From the East

We lost a great brother and man during the month of January. This has caused serious and melancholy reflection but as I am most certain Brother Bob would desire we should look forward to the spirit and soul of the man which will live forever. This lodge continues to grow and prosper in our community and in our work within and outside of the Lodge. fundraising assistance so very much needed for Billie. It is an impressive total and well worthy of admiration.

On February 24th we will pause to celebrate the life and remember our brother who gained admission to the Celestial Lodge. The Grand Lodge will open at 11:30 in our Lodge room. Please be present in dark suits if possible. We will go to refreshment and proceed to the Mohave Valley United Methodist Church for the services. Afterward we will proceed back to the Lodge for refreshment and for the Grand Lodge to close. I want to give a huge shoutout and hug to our sister Linda Hattrick who has coordinated the fundraising assistance so very much needed for Billie. It is an impressive total and well worthy of admiration.

We are soon to have some Master Mason degrees so please prepare yourself for that and come to practice as we can use your help and support. If you have not attended Lodge recently, please come on out and give us a try again.

Each Monday we have Bunco and on the last Friday of each month we have foodie Friday both of which benefit the Lodge financially. Please assist as these are both undertakings which require labor. In March we will kick off our 2024 Firearm Raffle which will go through December. Please buy and assist in selling tickets. Thank you so much to everyone who makes this lodge active and successful.





From the West

Rob Stewert, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

I really don't enjoy starting off on a somber note. But, as all have heard, we have lost a great man and brother. I have looked up to Bob since I first started my journey in Masonry. He has always been supportive and willing to help. He will be greatly missed by all.

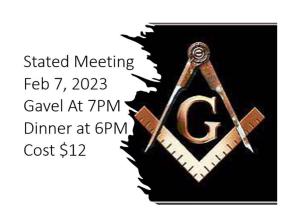
We have been extremely busy lately with degrees and events. I want to thank all that have made time to come support and assist. Degree work will be happening almost every Wednesday for the foreseeable future. Whether it be practice, or actual ceremony. If able, please "follow" or "friend" the Mohave Valley 68 Facebook page. Events and degrees are posted continuously as they are planned, And again the day of the event. Also, full calendars for the month are posted around the event center.

Robert Stewart





Feb 4 - Visit to Valley of the Sun DeMolay



Valentine's Day February 14





Trevor Long's Second Degree

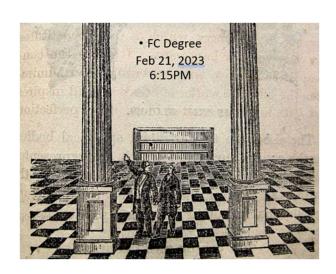
Garrett Prado's First Degree

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Feb 1 William Jones	Feb 2 Michael Manusia 14 Yrs
Feb 2 Garrett Prado	Feb 8 Matt Kelly 1 Yr
Feb 8 Michael Canright	Feb 16 Michael Newcomm 13 Yrs
Feb 26 Prosper Patton	Feb 16 Allen Stout 13 Yrs
	Feb 16 Jeffrey Wileman 22 Yrs
	Feb 18 Tom Givens 42 Yrs
	Feb 18 James Harbison 54 Yrs
	Feb 25 Ernest Wilson 33 Yrs
	Feb 26 Michael Grubbs 17 Yrs
	Feb 27 John Shepherd 16 Yrs
	Feb 28 Dave Husband 46 Yrs

February 19 President's Day







From the South Charlie Smith, Junior Warden

This past month has been bittersweet for our lodge. We have started new brothers on their Masonic journey and furthering the knowledge in others. However, the passing of Most Worshipful Bob Bradfield is going to leave a hole in our lodge and our hearts. He has touched all our lives in one way or another. We couldn't have asked for a better mentor to us inside the lodge, and he would be the first to joke and poke fun at you outside the lodge. It was all in brotherly love with him.

Knowing Bob though he would want us to keep going on and making new Masons and bettering our lodge. So that is what we will do, we have many upcoming degrees to keep our little lodge busy well into the summer. Teaching our up-and-coming brothers, continuing our community events, fundraising and helping each other in our journey inside and outside the lodge. We will look to the future and continue to honor and cherish our brothers who are here and who are no longer with us.

From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of January 1, 2024:

108 Master Mason5 FellowCraft5 Entered Apprentice1 Prospects

Calendar
Feb 4 Visit to DeMolayFeb
Feb 7 Stated Meeting
Feb 21 Degree to be named
Feb 23 Foodie Friday

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. The lodge now accepts Zelle. Please zelle to chuckprobst@yahoo.com or use the QR code below. If you need the QR code please reach out.

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

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Sunrise Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star brings you greetings for the month of February.

February is an exciting month, filled with celebration. Starting off, we have Super Bowl Sunday and then Valentines Day. These special days bring us together in friendship and family and we hope that you enjoy your special times!!!

Our meeting on February 13, 2024, is our "Celebrating Valentines" meeting. We will all be dressed in red and will pay homage to those special people in our lives. We will have our bring your own dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us for dinner. We are excited to be balloting on three potential new members for the degrees and look forward to welcoming them into our Chapter.

We will be joining our Masonic Brothers in the Celebration of Life for Brother Bob Bradfield on February 24, 2024. Brother Bob was not only our brother, but a mentor and valued friend to us all. He will be dearly missed, but we can all be grateful to our heavenly father for putting Bob in our lives. Happy Valentines Day to our Brother who inspired us to do good and showed us the meaning of true friendship.

Our Chapter looks forward to continuing our good works along with our Masonic Brothers.

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





From One Location to Worldwide Reach

The members of the <u>Shriners fraternity</u> have always shared a desire to help those in need. In the late 1910s, as a polio epidemic swept across the United States, it was apparent that many children were going without appropriate care. So the Shriners established a children's hospital to meet this need.

On May 12, 1922, thousands gathered to witness the placing of the cornerstone of the first Shriners Children's hospital, in Shreveport, Louisiana. The first patient – a little girl with clubfoot – was seen on Sept. 16, 1922, in a remodeled home adjacent to the Masonic temple while construction of the permanent hospital was underway.

What began as a single hospital is now a world-renowned and beloved healthcare system with hospitals, outpatient clinics, ambulatory care centers and outreach locations across the globe. We are now providing hope and healing to more children in more places.

For most of its history, our health care system has been known as Shriners Hospitals for Children. As we adapt to current nationwide trends in health care, especially the emphasis on outpatient care, and some locations become clinics or outpatient centers, we have introduced the phrase "Shriners Children's." It is shorter and more definitive – clearly stating who we are and what we care about. We are Shriners and our commitment is to Children. In today's fast-paced world, this short phrase helps to succinctly and clearly define us.

Today, Shriners Children's offers care for a range of orthopedic issues, as well as care for burn injuries, craniofacial conditions, spine care and spinal cord injuries, colorectal and gastrointestinal care, and sports medicine. Our experienced, innovative and dedicated teams work together to provide treatment to help each patient meet their goals and reach their full potential.

At Shriners Children's, we are grateful for the vision of the Shriners that led to the creation of our healthcare system. We look forward to a second hundred years of changing and improving the lives of children.



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Mohave York Rite Bodies
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Kingman, AZ 86402-3742
MYRB1989@gmail.com
928-716-7618 - Leave a message

King Solomon Chapter #22 RAM

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 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 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.

NOTICE - next meeting:

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

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 - 7:00 PM

Other meetings:

Sat, Feb 10: Don Van Brunt's Memorial at Kingman Lodge #22 @ 10:00 AM.

Sat, Feb 17: RA Degrees at 345 W Monroe - Phoenix.
Tue, Feb 20: King Solomon Chapter #22 RAM (Red).
Sat Feb 24: CM Degrees at 345 + SEM & Ish Sodi.

Sat, Mar 16: Grand York Rite Mid-Year meeting in Sun City.

Tue Mar 19: 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.

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!

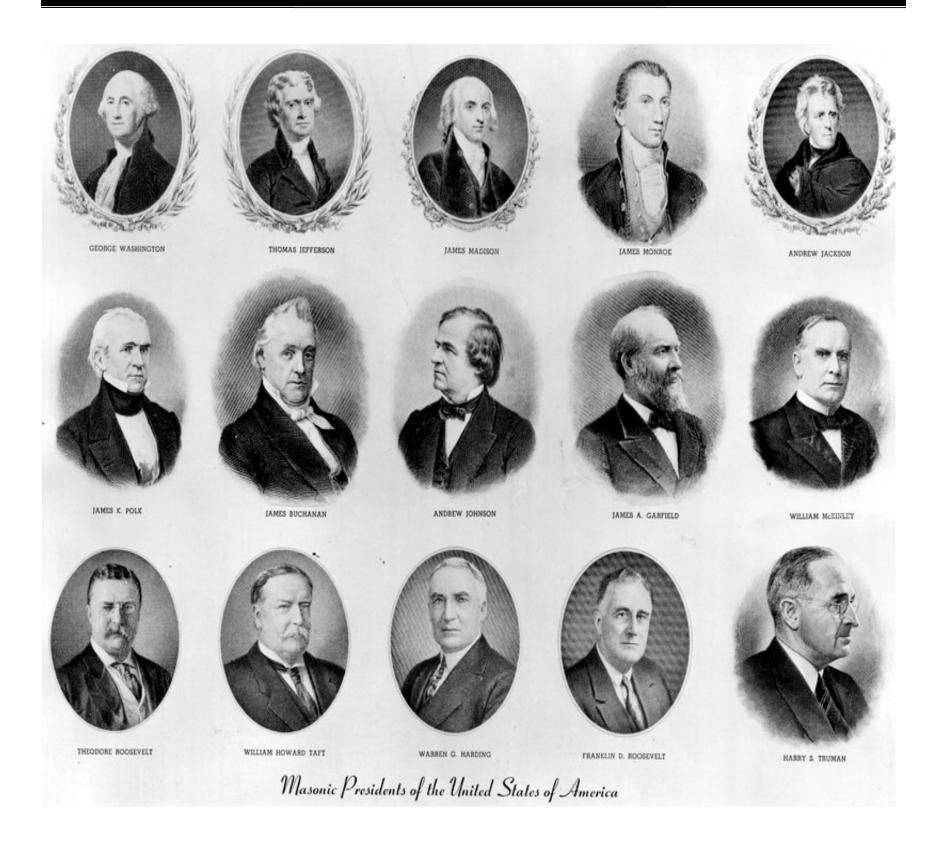
Websites:

Arizona Grand York Rite: www.azyr.org/
General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons: www.azyr.org/

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons: www.crypticmasons.org/
Grand Encampment Knights Templar: knightstemplar.org

Colorado River Fall Festival: <u>crff.org</u>





In honor of President's Day being observed on February 19th this year we want to recognize the 15 US Presidents who are known to have been Master Mason's.

George Washington - Fredericksburg Lodge #4 in Fredericksburg VA
James Monroe Williamsburg Lodge #6 in Williamsburg VA
Andrew Jackson Harmony Lodge #1 Nashville TN
James Polk Columbia Lodge #31 Columbia TN
James Buchanan Lancaster Lodge #43 Lancaster PA
Andrew Johnson Greeneville Lodge #3 Greeneville TN
James Garfield Magnolia Lodge #20 Columbus OH
William McKinley Hiram Lodge #21 Winchester VA
Theodore Roosevelt Matinecock Lodge #806 Oyster Bay NY
William Taft Kilwinning Lodge #356 Cincinnati OH
Warren Harding Marion Lodge #70 Marion OH
Franklin Roosevelt Holland Lodge #8 New York City NY
Harry Truman Belton Lodge #450 Belton MO
Gerald Ford Malta Lodge #465 Grand Rapids MI

In addition to these Lyndon Johnson was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in Johnson City Lodge #561 Johnson City TX and did not advance further. Ronald Reagan was made an honorary Mason on February 11, 1988 in recognition of his support of charitable causes in both the Shrine and Masonry. There is speculation without proof that Thomas Jefferson was also a Mason. No records have been located to prove this.



Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons



Greg Vasquez, PGM Grand Secretary P. O. Box 2059 Gilbert, AZ 85299-2059 Phone: (480) 639-7723 (c) E-Mail: azgnd_sec@azmasons.org

Date: November 9, 2023

To: Lodge Secretaries.

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

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

Dear Brother Secretaries,

Please read this message at your next Stated Meeting:

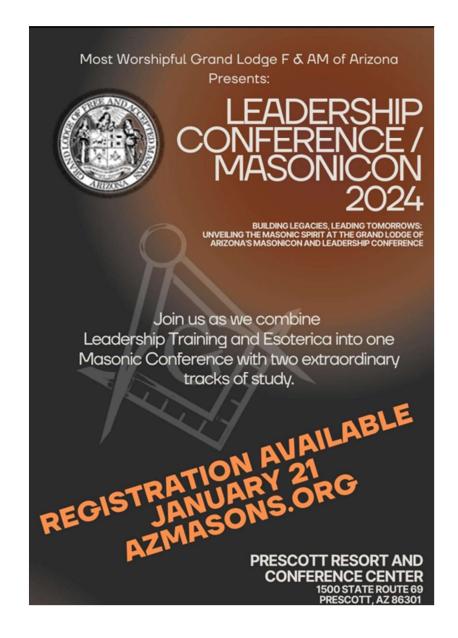
If you have specific interests or expertise in an area related to a committee or you would like to assist lodges or the Grand Lodge, go to the Grand Lodge Website https://azmasons.org/, click on the "Volunteer" button at the top of the page and enter your information.

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



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.
- Lodge has a program to contact nonattending 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

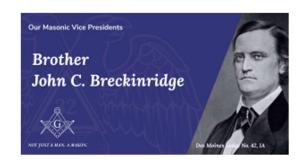
- 1. At least 2 Lodge Officers attend the Grand Lodge Education Conference (Masonicon Arizona).
- 2. At least 3 members of the Lodge attend the 2024 Grand Lodge Communication (2 must be the WM, SW, and/or JW).
- 3. At least 4 members of the lodge attend a meeting of a Masonic Youth Group (where possible) 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.















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LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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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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