Latest news and bulletin updates

#### From the East

March was another fantastic month for Mohave Valley Lodge. We raised 2 Master Masons, started our next raffle, held bunco events, hosted the Arizona Military Degree team, saw a new organization started in our family, had another great food truck event, and most importantly practiced charity and fellowship. What a great month and we have another great one coming in April.

We will raise 2 more Master Masons, likely read a petition, go over upcoming amendments to the AMC, have another great month of fundraising to support our charitable endeavors, and have a lot of fun along the way. For those that have not been out to the Lodge recently I am inviting you to come give us a chance.

We need every member of the Lodge to help with raffle ticket sales. We are running an aggressive raffle this year. There will be three winning tickets with each receiving a Radical Firearms AR15. Please buy some tickets and sell some tickets. We will have them at all events of the Lodge. Please see Rob or myself if you need tickets.

We are still looking for additional sponsors for our bikes for books program. 100 dollars is the cost. This will get you 1 year of free ad space in the trestleboard and a great feeling inside that you personally encouraged youth literacy.

I would like to congratulate the ladies of the shrine who were officially made members during the month of March. Please welcome this new organization and support them in any way that you are able.

Marcus Hensley





#### From the West

Rob Stewert, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

March was an eventful month for all organizations. Thank you to everyone that was able to join us and assist in our MM degrees. We still have a couple more to go, so keep it up.

We have an entirely new organization in the building, LOS. These ladies recently went through the ceremonial in phoenix. They're excited and motivated to be involved in our community and Masonic family.

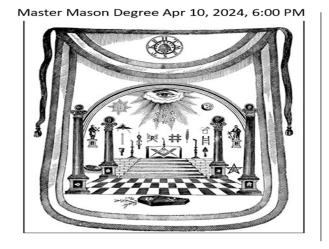
I'm sure this is going to be mentioned multiple times in this issue, but our gun raffle is back! This time we have 3 AR style firearms. The drawing will be in December, but don't wait til the last minute as tickets are limited. Same prices as before, 1-\$20 or 3-\$50.

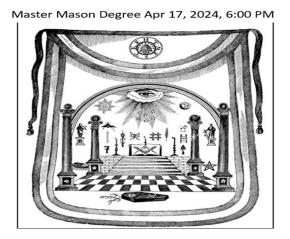
Bikes for books is still looking for donations. If you would like to sponsor a bike for this program contact Chuck McCune, Marcus, or myself. We do have tax paperwork if you would like to sponsor under your company name. All sponsored bikes will have a sign attached and photos taken, shared on social media, and sent directly to the sponsor if desired.

Robert Stewart













Birthdays

Apr 3 Chuck McCune

Apr 4 Ernest Wilson

Apr 13 John Shepherd

Apr 14 James Pendergraft

Apr 16 Mark Kelsey

Apr 17 Michael Grubbs

Apr 25 Marvin Morrison

Anniversaries

Apr 1 Marke Turner 7 Years

Apr 5 George Starr 10 Years

Apr 9 Ronald Thompson 37 Years

Garrett Prado's Master Mason Degree

Apr 11 Thomas Clark 17 Years

Apr 11 Jerry Erb 40 Years

Apr 13 John Casson 41 Years

Apr 15 James Pendergraft 28 Years

Apr 15 Mo Torrey 5 Years

Apr 19 John Kearns 1 Year

Apr 21 Rodney Hall 20 Years

Apr 22 Phillip Oliver 50 Years

Apr 24 Armando Cobarrubio 5 Years

Apr 24 Aurele Gagne 48 Years

Apr $24\,\mathrm{Jason\,Jennings}\ 5\,\mathrm{Years}$ 

Apr 25 Scot Wheeler 15 Years

Apr 26 Robert Hazelgrove 1 Year







#### Charlie Smith, Junior Warden

I would like to start by saying congratulations to our newly raised Master Masons. You took a big step in your masonic journey and it's only the beginning. I look forward to seeing you all in the lodge and expect great things from both. Thank you to all the brothers who showed up from Kingman and Havasu lodge for the help during the third degrees we did we greatly appreciate the help. It's always exciting to see new members start out their journeys and see where they head to, and to see their progress through the blue lodge. We learn something new every meeting, or something we didn't notice to a degree. It is an ever-evolving matter, something I enjoy hearing from Masons who have been in our fraternity for extended periods say they learn something new each time. I think that goes with what we teach and how we become a better person in our everyday lives as well as improving in Masonry. We can learn something from our new brothers as much as they learn from us. That is the beauty of our fraternity and what sets us apart from other groups.



# AASONC TEMPLE

#### From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of April 1, 2024:

110 Master Masons5 Fellowcraft2 Prospect

Calendar Listing:
Apr 3 Stated Meeting
Apr 10 Master Mason Degree
Apr 17 Master Mason Degree
Apr 24 Degree Practice
Apr 26 Foodie Friday
Every Monday Bunco



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Freemasonry in the Community April 23, 2024, 7:00pm till 8:30pm 345 W Monroe Street, Phoenix,

Light refreshments provided.

AZ 85003

Attendance is for anyone to know more about the history, significance and benefits of the ancient craft.

Free tours of the 100-year-old historic Phoenix Masonic Temple and The George Roskruge & S. Barry Casey Masonic Memorial Library & Museum.



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

We hope that all had a Blessed Easter and enjoyed the holiday with family and friends.

Jesus rose on Easter Day,
The stone by his tomb was rolled away.
He conquered death upon that day,
And He lives again to show us the way.

At our last meeting in March, we stuffed 150 bags of school supplies for our Kindergarten Roundup project. The bags were delivered to local schools to give out to their kindergarten students at the beginning of the new school year. We had so much fun stuffing the bags and look forward to doing it again next year.

Our next meeting, "Taxes are Due" will be held on April 9, 2024. We will also be having a surprise honor night for someone very special to our Chapter. As usual, we will have our bring your own dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us. We will supply dessert.

On April 13, 2024, we will be hosting our Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Arizona. It will be a Hands Across the Border with Nevada in Arizona and we will be honored to have the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers from Nevada in attendance. On the next day, we will all pack up the cars and head out for Henderson, Nevada, for the Hands Across the Border with Arizona in Nevada. The weekend will be fun, as it is always nice to get together with our Sisters and Brothers from other jurisdictions.

Please mark May 4, 2024, on your calendars for our Annual Derby Day. The event will begin at 1:00pm with a luncheon for \$12.00 and then followed with a Derby hat contest, 50/50 drawings, the Sunrise #60 Derby race, and to complete the day, we will watch the Kentucky Derby on the big screen in the Dining Room. This year we have two new entries in the horse race, one from the lodge and one from the shrine. We are so excited to have our brothers participating.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to our Secretary, Rick Tanner, at rktanner1@gmail.com or 702 370-4952.

On April 27, 2024, we will be having our community trash pickup day. Sunrise Chapter has adopted two areas in Bullhead City that we clean twice a year. We will be meeting at the shrine at 9:00am to sign in and pick up our equipment. You are welcome to participate. After the cleanup, we will be meeting at the Laughlin River Lodge in the coffee shop for lunch. Hope to see you there.

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

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



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to our organization, Ladies Oriental Shrine, along with their new members. We are delighted to have you join us and express our gratitude for your contributions to the club, including your volunteer efforts in bartending on Wednesdays. Witnessing the collaboration of various Masonic organizations under one roof for the betterment of our community is truly inspiring.

Currently, the Shrine Club is hosting a Meat Raffle. Each ticket is priced at \$20, or you may purchase three tickets for \$50. The fortunate winner will receive a brand-new deep freezer stocked with premium meats, such as steak, pork, roasts, etc. Proceeds from the raffle will be allocated towards the repair costs of our well. The significance of maintaining our building's functionality and upkeep cannot be overstated, and your participation in the raffle is greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets are available for purchase from the bartender or any Shriner.

We encourage all organizations to participate in our monthly Foodie Friday event, held on the last Friday of each month from 5 pm to 9 pm. If your organization is interested in securing a booth or volunteering for the event, please reach out to Jon Connaughty (Shrine), Marcus Hensley (Masons), or Jennifer Wood (LOS).

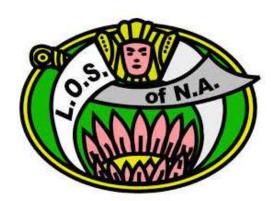
Excitingly, we are actively expanding our Shrine Club membership, with four petitions for new Shriners currently in progress. We eagerly anticipate welcoming them into our fraternity.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended Rod & Sultana's Car Show and fundraiser in Oatman on March 27th. Supporting our Shrine Brother in his fundraising endeavors is a testament to our strong sense of camaraderie and community spirit.

The Mohave Shrine Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Fellowship begins at 5:00 pm, followed by the gavel at 6:30 pm. We look forward to your participation in our upcoming meetings and events.



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Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOS)

We are pleased to announce that our ladies have achieved official status! This past month has been a period of excitement and growth for our members. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have embraced us warmly into the masonic family. It is a privilege to become part of this expanding community.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Mohave Shrine Club for generously providing us with space within their building and for their gracious support as we acclimate to our new roles. A significant milestone was reached as we journeyed to Phoenix for our Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOS) induction ceremony on March 16, 2024. We proudly welcomed eight new members, with one additional member submitting her petition for membership. During the trip, our spouses and partners accompanied us, fostering invaluable bonds within our Masonic family.

Exciting initiatives are underway within our club. Firstly, we extend an invitation to all Masonic affiliates and their families to join us in celebrating Easter. We are organizing an Easter potluck dinner and egg hunts on Easter Sunday at our club. Attendees are encouraged to contribute a dish to share, and we will host egg hunts across various age groups, including one for adults. Those interested in attending are kindly requested to RSVP to Jessica at 928-296-0748, specifying the number of adults and children attending, along with their ages and the dish they will bring.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to announce our inaugural fundraising event, a Tea Party scheduled for Sunday, April 28th, from 11 am to 1 pm. Admission is \$30 for adults and \$25 for individuals under 21. The event will feature a traditional afternoon tea with a selection of sandwiches, pastries, desserts, a mimosa bar, and, of course, tea. Adding to the ambiance, local musician Charles Neuzil will provide live jazz music. Proceeds from these tea parties will support the purchase of materials for crafting blankets for patients at Shriners Children's Hospital. Tickets for the event are available through any of our LOS members.

Our club convenes on the last Tuesday of each month. All individuals interested in learning more about LOS and our activities are welcome to join us for fellowship starting at 5:30 pm. The meeting, commencing at 7 pm, is exclusively open to LOS members.

The Mohave Valley Lodge #68 grateful extends a hearty and heartfelt thank you to the Rad Stop Ride shop for their sponsorship of a bike for our Bikes for Books.



#### Update on Bike for Books

We started the Bikes for books program with a goal of providing bikes and helmets to 24 students. As of 3/28/2024, we have 5 sponsors. We still need 19 sponsors. It is \$100 to sponsor a bike with a helmet.

Currently, we are putting together a "fun"d raiser for the July Foodie Friday. .



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 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:**

Tue, April 16: Agaman Council #12 CM (Purple).

#### 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 Apr 6: KT Orders at 345 W Monroe - Phoenix

Tue, Apr 16: Agaman Council #12 CM (Purple) (Election of 2024/25 Officers)

Thr, May 9: Ascension Day Observance

Sat, May 18: Kingman Lodge #22 Annual Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Tue, May 21: Agaman Council #12 CM (Purple)

Jun 7 & 8: Grand Lodge of Arizona Annual Communication

Tue, Jun 18: Agaman Council #12 CM (Purple)

Sat, Jul 13: Kingman Lodge #22 Annual Outdoor Picnic Aug 8, 9 & 10: Grand York Rite Annual Communication

Oct 20, 21 & 22: Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin > our next conferrals

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#### 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:

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons:

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons:

Grand Encampment Knights Templar:

Colorado River Fall Festival:

www.azyr.org/
www.ggcrami.org

www.crypticmasons.org/
knightstemplar.org
crff.org





### 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 <a href="https://azmasons.org/">https://azmasons.org/</a>, 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



#### Brethren,

Flagstaff Lodge No. 7 will be hosting a School of Instruction on The Esoteric Quadrivium: Living in an Enchanted Universe, on Saturday April 13th, 2024, starting at 1:00pm. Each of the four sections of the quadrivium will have a 10-15 minute presentation followed with a q&a session. The schedule is as follows:

- 1:00pm Brother Justin Nelson will present on Arithmetic
- 1:15pm Brother Jake Trayer will present on Geometry
- 10-15 minute break
- 1:45pm Brother Kevin Prier will present on Music
- 2:00pm Worshipful Brother Jaime Lamb will present on Astronomy

This event should be finished by 2:30pm. Brethren are welcomed to stay for good fellowship following the presentations at Flagstaff Lodge and join in a dinner at Fat Olives at 5:00pm. Please RSVP by April 6th so we can make accurate dinner reservations. This event will be open to Entered Apprentices through Master Masons. Dress code is business casual.

Location: Flagstaff Lodge No. 7: 107 E Birch Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Date/Time: Saturday, April 13th, 2024. Starts at 1:00pm

RSVP: Contact Brother Justin Nelson at jackfrost27@gmail.com by April 6th, 2024, for 5:00pm dinner reservations at Fat Olives.

You are receiving this email because you are a member of a Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Arizona. If you wish to un-subscribe from future emails, you can update your Communication Preferences by logging into the member portal.

# SUNRISE #60 INVITES YOU TO DERBY DAY!



Saturday, May 4, 2024
Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Mohave Shrine Center
2580 Miracle Mile
Bullhead City, AZ

#### Luncheon

\$12.00 Donation

Croissant Chicken Salad Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Lemonade, Iced Tea & Alabama Sweet Bread Cake for dessert.

Please RSVP to Debbie Tanner at ricksdink@gmail.com or 702 378-5490

Prizes!

Contest for Best Fancy Derby Hat so wear your finest!

Bet on a horse race! Top pick - Sunrise Chapter's very own "3 Nags Loll" The returning Grand Champion "Punsanator" will be defending his Championship

> Watch the actual Kentucky Derby together!



Come spend the afternoon with us for fun, fellowship, and good times!!!

#### 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

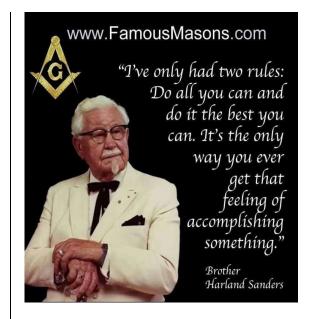
- 1. Lodge hosts a tyled meeting with another Masonic Lodge.
- 2. Lodge issues a newsletter a minimum of 8 times during the year with submission to Grand Lodge for Trestleboard recognition.
- 3. Lodge must have a website that is updated monthly with submission to the Grand Lodge for recognition.
- 4.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

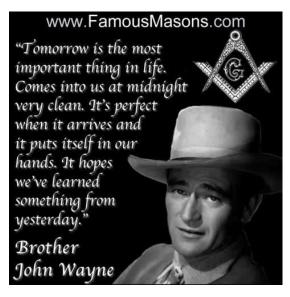
- Lodge shows an annual increase in Membership of at least 1 Master Mason
- 7. Lodge has a Masonic Funeral Team (WM, SW, JW, Chap) and conducts a minimum of 1 practice or funeral ceremony.
- 8. Lodge has a Long-Range Planning committee that meets a minimum of once every 3 months. The committee must have 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).

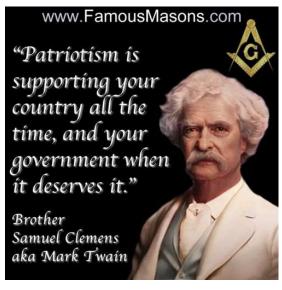
#### **D.** Lodge Representation Component

- 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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