### The TRESTLEBOARD Latest news and bulletin updates

### **From the East**

This lodge has done an astonishing amount of work in and out of the Lodge Room in the past month alone. Although the same can be said for the entire year let's just highlight some of the past month. We welcomed a new member to the craft in brother Ray. We have received petitions on 2 prospects which we will be reading at the June stated meeting. I wish to congratulate brother Rob on obtaining his proficiency in the Master Mason degree and thank all those that assisted with this. We presented 24 bikes to three local schools with a very strong presence for

our Lodge in our local community revived by brother Ricky and spearheaded by Brother Chuck. Fundraising efforts were made at foodie Friday, Bunco nights, and a very successful concert put on which was led by Brother Erik. Several members attended and participated in the Hualapai Mountain outdoor degree. All of this illustrates the incredible strength of this lodge which I believe to be the humble willingness of many brothers and our family members to assist with every endeavor.

I want to recognize the Shrine club and LOS for their presentation of a new wheelchair to one of the local youths of our community on her graduation from High School. I am sure this will be a great asset to assist her in her next chapter. I also want to congratulate Sunrise Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, on holding their annual installation of officers. Thank you to Sister Debbie Tanner and Brother Dave Hattrick for their collaboration in working together over the past year and welcome to Sister Tori Loll and Brother James Pendergraft.

We have an incredibly rewarding and collaborative environment at Mohave Valley with all the organizations and it is because of the people we have here making it all work together. Thank you to each of you. We will take some breaks over the summer to recharge and spend time with family and friends. We are planning some social events, improvements to the Lodge, and will continue with fundraising. Also, the month of June kicks off our school supply drive so please drop school supplies off in the Bins provided by our Senior Warden so that we are able to present them to the schools during education week in November.

There are many pictures contained within this edition demonstrating the great works done. Please enjoy them and remember anybody can contribute content to the Trestleboard by emailing it to the Lodge email address.

### From the West

Rob Stewert, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

This month kicks off the start of our fundraising for our local education. The kickoff event is the June 1 concert. We are going to start with school supplies and teacher appreciation. The supplies along with our awards for the teachers will be handed out in later this year. We are always happy to take donations for any individual program you wish to support.

Over the past month, we have continued fundraising with the support of LOS, Eastern Star, and the Mojave Shrine club. Let's keep this ball rolling. I am extremely proud with the way we have all come together in the past couple of years.

Thank you to everyone for showing their continued support for what we all do. All organizations have made me proud to call myself a Freemason.

Robert Stewart















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#### Stated Meetings, first Wednesday of every month

Birthdays Charles McCune 6/5 Don Rice 6/16 Robert Schoen 6/17 Mark Collins 6/20 Joey Merrigan 6/21 Ricky Jacobson 6/24 Casey Case 6/25 Marke Turner 6/27 Anniversaries James Rexroad 6/8 56 Years John Gilbert 6/18 27 Years Mark Collins 6/24 15 Years Dave Doermann 6/25 51 Years Tracy Fields 6/25 10 Years David Lipinski 6/29 16 Years Gianni Chiero 6/30 14 Year

#### A note from the Editor:

This issue was late due the editor having to stop and pause to clear my eyes. I truly believe that my heart would swell with all the masonic love that I am blessed to be

documenting, forcing my eyes to leak tears and making the production of this difficult. I thank you in advance for your understanding.







### Charlie Smith, Junior Warden

With our coming year nearing the halfway point we are seeing our brothers step up into positions to challenge themselves and to show their hard work and dedication to the craft. The dedication these brothers have show is impressive and is something that everyone should and is proud of. Several of our brothers who are past masters consistently will tell not only the new brothers, but the current members that masonry is what you put into the craft you put out and I couldn't agree more with them. We are seeing that without brothers who have stepped up and shown their hard work. Next year's line is shaping up nicely and something that will ensure the future of not only our lodge but Masonry as well. Our presence in the community is also getting bigger and we are showing what Masonry is all about with our bikes for books program, the concert that is happening this weekend for our fundraising, as well as our other events that we do such as Bunco, and our raffle. Not to mention our child ID program is a hit and has shown that we are here for the families to make sure they are safe in our community. These are huge accomplishments that we should be proud of.



### From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of June 1, 2024:

111 Master Mason4 FellowCraft1 Entered Apprentice2 Prospects

Calendar Listing: Jun 5 Stated Meeting Jun 6-8 Grand Lodge Foodie Friday Next Schedule September 28 Every Monday Bunco



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Marcus Hensley leading the Precession of Grand Lodge Officers at the rededication of Sun City Lodge



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

"Our history makes us who we are today." Here we are at the beginning of a new term for Sunrise Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star. On Sunday, May 19th we celebrated with the installation of a new corps of officers. Thank you to the Blue Lodge members for visiting and taking care of the chairs during the ceremony. That was a big help and an honor to have you in attendance.

We held an initiation at our May stated meeting and welcome Robin to our Eastern Star family. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 11th at 7pm where we will ballot on 5 new members. Here we grow again. This is so exciting!







Greetings, Noble Shriners and Friends!

As we transition into the summer months, I want to share some exciting updates and important reminders from our vibrant Mohave Shrine Club.

Going Dark in July and August

First, please note that our club will be going dark for the months of July and August. This means we will take a short break from our regular meetings and activities. While we won't be gathering formally, it's the perfect time for us to recharge, spend time with our loved ones, and prepare for the busy months ahead. We will resume our regular schedule in September with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Volunteers Needed for the Kitchen

Our kitchen is the heart of many of our events, and we need your help to keep it running smoothly! We are looking for dedicated volunteers to fill four shifts per week. Whether you're a seasoned chef or a willing helper, your contribution is invaluable. Volunteering in the kitchen is a fantastic way to support our club, connect with fellow members, and ensure our events are a success. If you're able to lend a hand, please reach out to myself (Jon 928-219-1597) or Rob (702-767-5322)

Family Reunion Day - August 17

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Mark your calendars for a special event you won't want to miss! On August 17, we will be hosting a Family Reunion Day for all Masonic Bodies in the Hualapai Mountain Park. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, celebrate our shared heritage, and enjoy a day filled with fun activities, delicious food, and great company. It's the perfect occasion to introduce our families to the fellowship and camaraderie that make our club so special. More details will be shared as the date approaches, so stay tuned!

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication and support. Our club thrives because of members like you who give their time, effort, and enthusiasm. Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing everyone in September, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year with the Mohave Shrine Club. June, July, August 2024

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## The TRESTLEBOARD

Latest news and bulletin updates



Greetings to all our members and friends,

I am delighted to share the wonderful progress and activities the Ladies of Mohave (LOS) have accomplished this month. Our weekly volunteer efforts every Wednesday at the Shrine Club continue to be a great success. By bartending, we help the club save money and get to keep our tip money, which we reinvest into various club projects.

#### New Lights for the Club

One of our significant achievements this month is purchasing new lights for the front of the Shrine Club building. These lights are not just bright and beautiful, but they can also be changed to display fun patterns and designs. I encourage everyone to swing by and check them out—they add a delightful charm to our club's exterior.

#### Upcoming Bathroom Renovations

Our next major project is updating the bathrooms at the club. We are starting with replacing the leaky faucet in the ladies' room. Following that, we will be painting and touching up all the restrooms to give them a fresh and clean look. We are eager to see the transformation and know it will make a big difference for all our members and guests.

#### Supporting Shriners Children's Hospitals

In addition to our local projects, we are dedicated to supporting the Shriners Children's Hospitals. We are currently working on making blankets and have a stuffed animal drive planned for August. These items bring comfort and joy to the children and families who need it most, and we are proud to contribute to such a worthy cause.

#### New Fundraiser: Candy Sales

We are excited to announce a new fundraising initiative: selling candy behind the bar. Every candy bar purchased will contribute to our goal of purchasing shrine cars for parades. Your sweet tooth can now support a fantastic cause!

#### Masonic Family Fun Day

In the spirit of collaboration, we have been in discussions with other Masonic organizations about organizing a Masonic Family Fun Day in the Hualapais this summer. We are thrilled about this event and can't wait to partner with everyone to make it a memorable day for all.



The Shrine and Ladies of the Shrine presenting a new wheelchair to local youth

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



Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason. Benjamin Franklin

#### Going Dark in June

Please note that our club will be going dark in June. However, we welcome anyone interested in learning more about our club to reach out to any of our ladies for information. We are always happy to share what we do and how you can get involved.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we make a difference in our community and beyond.

Warm regards, Jessica Tary President, Ladies of Mohave (LOS)

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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, June 18: 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:**

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

#### **ANNUAL GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS:**

Will be held Aug 8/9/10 at the Hilton Double Tree in Mesa, AZ. Information and registration can be found at: www.azyr.org/

#### 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.ggcrami.org www.crypticmasons.org/ knightstemplar.org crff.org



For the 2023-2024 School year, Mohave Valley Lodge decided to partner with the 3 elementary schools located in Bullhead City to provide 8 bikes to each school for a total of 24 bikes. Students earned chances to win their bike by reading a book and writing a short book report. Each book was worth 1 chance to win with no limit to the number of books that an individual student could read.

Funds to purchase these bikes and helmets were raised in a variety of ways including business sponsorships from local businesses like Rad Stop bike shop, Desert Time Realty, and Smarter Home Resources, as well as private sponsorships from individuals and organizations like the Order of Eastern Star, and finally through fundraising at our weekly Bunco game held at the Miracle Mile event center each Monday.

Students were selected at each school from the pool of readers live at an assembly that each of the principals were amazing to organize. Each grade level 1-4 with a girl and a boy winner from each grade were awarded new bikes with helmets.

At Mohave Valley Lodge we are thrilled and honored to encourage reading and get involved with our community to assist in ways that we are able to. In addition to bikes for books we do a school supply drive each year from June until we deliver them the second week of November. We accept donations that can be dropped off at the event center located at 2580 Miracle Mile Road. We do a teacher appreciation gift that awards gift cards to teachers to thank them for the impact they have on our children's lives.

Bikes for books and supporting education is an important part of the Arizona Masonic Lodges and these programs are done across the state by many different lodges partnering with their local schools. Many lodges offer scholarship or grant programs for post-secondary education as well.

As the Master, of Mohave Valley Lodge I am very proud of the work of our membership to support our local schools and community. We practice Charity which is based on Corinthians 13:13 – "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity; but the greatest of these is charity"



Winners at Desert Valley with their bikes







# Hualapai Mountain Outdoor Degree



# Benefit Concert for Education Fund







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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. 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

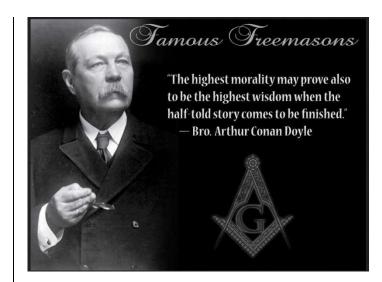
#### **A. Ritual Component**

- 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 equention 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-

- 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.
- Lodge attends a minimum of 2 other Masonic De Ige's meetings (stated or callba, with a minimum of 6 members attending (2 must be the WM, SW, and or JW).
  - 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.
- 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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"If you can keep your wits about you while all others are losing theirs, and blaming you. The world will be yours and everything in it, what's more, you'll be a man, my son."

> Brother Rudyard Kipling

attending members and members in jeopardy of Suspension for NPD.



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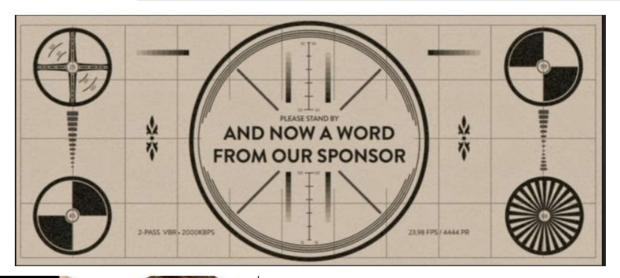


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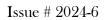


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