



Trestle Board

LATEST NEWS AND BULLETIN UPDATES

From the East

I first want to welcome our newest Mason to the Craft. Jordan, I am proud to call you a Brother. Stay tuned for more degrees coming up. We have a few gentlemen that are on the path towards becoming a Master Mason.

As I eluded to last month. I want to announce that our Monday Bunco crowd has really come together for a local program that helps the community in a big way. We have raised over \$2,000 for Meals On Wheels. I want to thank everyone for supporting them. We are going to continue this trend, and continue raising funds for this most important program.

Robert Stewart



March Stated Meeting
Mar 5, 2025
Dinner @ 6PM
Gavel @ 7PM

April Stated Meeting
Apr 2, 2025
Dinner @ 6PM
Gavel @ 7PM

Food Truck &
Gun Raffle
May 9, 2025

Fund Raising

We have many fund raisers and events coming up over the next couple months. Our gun raffle will be starting shortly. This will be our primary Blue Lodge fund raiser for Blue Lodge.



From the West

February went by in a blink but the good works of Masonry in Mohave continued. Congratulations to Jordan for joining our lodge. We are glad that you are now a member. Improvements have continued in the building as we strive to continue to make this a great venue for masonic and other events. The new chairs are awesome, and I want to thank the brothers who went up and picked them up saving a lot of money in delivery fees. Well done. The Superbowl event, cigar night, and the fellowship in the building we highlights for me. I am looking forward to March and continuing our work together.

Southern Skies

My Brothers,
 First let me congratulate Brother Jordan Junge on his first step in our fraternity, and also for an outstanding degree by all of lodge #68. Now we must prepare for the next step and practice so we can do the next 2 degrees as well as we did for Brother Jordan. We have our work cut out for us before we go dark for the summer. Thank you to all the brothers who showed up to help set up the lodge and move everything around to accommodate all the groups that share our lodge.
 Fraternally yours
 Howard Martin
 Jr. Warden





From the Desk of Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report - March 1, 2025

92 Master Mason
 5 Fellowcraft
 3 Entered Apprentice
 3 Prospects

Calendar Listing:

3/25 Quarry Night
 4/2 Stated Meeting
 4/2 Oatman High Noon Gunfight
 and Car Show, Oatman AZ 12pm
 Every Monday BUNCO
 Every Thursday 3 Ball & Trivia

Please pay your dues!



ANNIVERSARIES

Issa Solomon Deebes 3/8 28 years
 Joey Merrigan 3/9 14 years
 Marvin Eugene Morrison Jr. 3/9 31 years
 Bob Goble 3/12 17 years
 Trevor Long 3/13 1 year
 Ronnie Cole 3/15 2 years
 Garrett Prado 3/20 1 year
Don Rice 3/20 64 years
 Michael Partipillo 3/22 7 years
 Robert Stewart 3/25 10 years
 Wendel Saye 3/26 17 years

BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Phemister III 3/6
 Dan Reynolds 3/9
 Marcus Hensley 3/11
 Lawrence Anthony
 Mullins III 3/12
 Bob Krause 3/13
 Charlie Smith 3/19
 James Rexroad 3/21
 Ishmill Lett 3/23
 Dave Lipinski 3/25
 Dennis Harps 3/27
 Edward Wessler 3/27
 Trvor Long 3/31



DON RICE 64 YEARS!





Sunrise Chapter is off to a busy start for 2025. We continue to work with our Blue Lodge and Shrine Club on weekly community Bunco games every Monday. We have found that this type of Masonic family interaction grows and strengthens each organization.



The Mohave Masonic Family also worked together on the Second Annual Snowball Fight over the holidays to benefit the winning organization's local charity of choice. Sunrise was very excited to win the fight this year and presented the Mohave Valley United Methodist Church Food Bank with a check for \$1300.00. (see pictures attached). This organization was chosen as recipient by our chapter for the great works they do in our community and for the loving and they extend to the masonic family when we are in need for memorials. They have always welcomed us with open arms.



We are looking forward to initiating a new member on Saturday, March 15th. This initiation has been long coming after working with the jurisdiction of Nevada due to the petitioner living in Laughlin, NV. Violet is excited to join Sunrise. It has been wonderful to already get to know her as she has been attending our brown bag dinners prior to our meetings. I know she will be a great addition to Sunrise Chapter and the Eastern Star family in general.

We are busy preparing for our official visit on Saturday, March 29th at 1pm with a soup and salad bar lunch prior at 11:30am for donation. We hope to be able to welcome you to Bullhead City. More information to come on StarMail.



Our community work also continues with upcoming trash clean-up in our 2 areas. We look forward to the fun of seeing who finds the craziest items. Then we have Kindergarten Round-up for our littlest community members who are starting school. We will once again provide school supply essentials that they can practice with at home, to prepare for the start of school. On March 4th the expansion of our local senior center will be opening and a dedication of a tree for our Sister Kathy Bruck will be made. Before Kathy's passing, she was the original visionary and driving force to expand the center and growing the programs available to local seniors. Several of us will be attending the dedication and share time remembering Kathy's great works in our community.

The members of Sunrise wish you a safe and fun spring!

From the Quarry



by: Garrett Prado

There is one truth that shall forever be foundational to Masonry; No man who is an atheist, may be made a Mason. Yet, while Masons do not allow atheists, they in turn do not judge the path of spirituality chosen by our brother Masons. This begs the question; Why is spirituality so important? This month in Quarry, we tackled this very issue.



Freemasonry, with its rich history, symbolic rituals, and moral teachings, has always emphasized the significance of spirituality in the lives of its members. At its core, Freemasonry is more than just a social or charitable organization—it is a path toward self-improvement, inner peace, and moral growth.

Spirituality within Freemasonry is therefore vital, as it strengthens relationships, aligns members with deeper values, and fosters a sense of purpose, connection, and hope. Furthermore, while Masons have various religious paths they follow, they understand the interconnectedness of all religions and promote the idea that faith is a direct connection to the divine and religion is how faith is interpreted in their lives. This view of spirituality allows for a broader understanding of divine presence. It emphasizes the need to cultivate a spiritual relationship not just with the divine but with all people.

Like faith, hope is also a central aspect of Freemasonry's spiritual

teachings. As Skye Jethani, in his work with: *Reimagining the Way You Relate to God*, notes, "Hope is the opposite of despair". Freemasons are urged to maintain hope even when confronted with challenges. Whether one's career ends unexpectedly, or personal tragedy strikes, spirituality acts as a compass that provides guidance through hardship. It encourages Masons to remain steadfast in their commitment to growth and improvement, even when external circumstances might seem overwhelming. This kind of hope offers a source of strength, fostering resilience and determination on the journey toward moral development and self-mastery.

Faith in Freemasonry is not only an individual pursuit, however, but also a collective one. The shared spiritual commitment between Masons strengthens bonds of trust and brotherhood. Trust within the brotherhood is not only grounded in personal relationships but also in a shared belief in the transcendent. The moral and ethical teachings, rooted in spirituality, help Masons develop a deeper sense of empathy and compassion for one another. This also helps Masons to keep their passions within due bounds, for we understand that our actions matter not just in this life, but in the life that awaits us when our time here on Earth is complete.



One final important point is that spirituality within Masonry is not just philosophical, but draws parallels to modern theories of quantum physics, such as Dr. Robert Lanza's theory of biocentrism, which suggests that consciousness shapes reality. The belief that our perception of the universe plays a critical role in shaping our reality can help Freemasons understand how their spiritual mindset can transform their experience of the world.

Through spiritual reflection and alignment with higher values, Masons can transcend material limitations and embrace a more profound understanding of existence. This notion mirrors the timeless teachings found in many holy books including the Bible, such as in 2 Corinthians 4:18, which reminds us that what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all at the next Quarry.

Don't Miss It!

**The Next
Quarry Meeting:**

March 25th

Ladies of Mohave

The Ladies of Mohave continues to grow, and we invite all eligible women to join us in our mission of service and fellowship. Any lady, age 18 and older, is eligible to join the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA). To become a member, one must either have a family member who was a Freemason or be vouched for by two ladies in good standing with LOSNA. Those interested in joining would first become a member of Sphinx Court #65 in Phoenix. Once a member of LOSNA Sphinx Court, they are then eligible to apply to join the Ladies of Mohave. If you or someone you know is interested, please speak with any of our Ladies of Mohave members.

2025 Officers Election Results

We are pleased to announce that we have recently held elections for our 2025 Officers. Congratulations to Jamie McCune on being re-elected Vice-President, April Stewart on being re-elected Secretary, and Jennifer Wood for being re-elected Treasurer. I am honored to have been re-elected as President and look forward to another great year leading our amazing group of ladies.

Nobility Ball Recap

This past Valentine's weekend, several of our Ladies of Mohave members had the pleasure of attending the Nobility Ball in Phoenix. It was a wonderful experience filled with fellowship as we joined our Mohave Shrine Club and El Zaribah Shrine members for a beautiful evening. It's always a joy to gather in celebration and strengthen our bonds within the greater Shrine community.

Upcoming Toy Drive for Shriner Children's Hospital

We are excited to announce that we will soon be starting a toy drive for the Salt Lake City Shriner Children's Hospital. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children receiving care. If you would like to contribute, we kindly ask for donations of new toys. Keep an eye out for our donation box at the club in the near future. Your generosity will bring smiles to many young faces!

Continuing Our Volunteer Efforts

Our dedication to service remains strong as we continue putting in volunteer hours at the club. It's through these efforts that we can support our Shrine family and maintain the spirit of giving that defines us. Thank you to all of our members who give their time and energy to make a difference.

Let's keep growing, giving, and strengthening our wonderful sisterhood!

Jessica Tary

President of Ladies of Mohave



THE MOHAVE SHRINE CLUB

A Strong Start to 2025 Continues!

As we roll into March, we want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make this year's Super Bowl Party such a huge success! The turnout was fantastic, and the energy was even better. This event has given us a great foundation to build upon, and we look forward to making it even bigger and better next year!

Over Valentine's Day weekend, we had the privilege of attending the Potentate's Ball down at El Zaribah Temple. The fellowship and camaraderie were truly incredible, and it was great to connect with so many Nobles and their families.

On April 2nd, the Oatman Shrine Club will be hosting its annual Car Show & Shoot-Out! All Nobles are welcome to come out and enjoy the action, take in some amazing vehicles, and experience the legendary Oatman gunfight reenactments. It's always a great time, so don't miss it!

We may have a lighter schedule this month, but the momentum keeps going! Thank you all for your continued support and participation—it's what makes the Mohave Shrine Club such a strong and thriving part of our community.

Fraternally,
Jon Connaughty
President, Mohave Shrine Club



LOOKING AHEAD

- St. Patrick's Day Bunco – Come Hungry and Thirsty!
- Oatman Shrine Club Car Show & Shoot-Out

WHISKEY & CIGARS

FEBRUARY 28TH

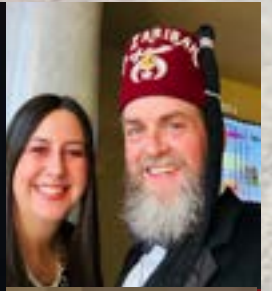
**First Friend of the Shrine
event of the year.**



**Stay tuned for the next
Shriner and Friends of the
Shrine (FOTS) Friday night
event.**



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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 architect award last Masonic year. This year we again 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 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 (Masonic Arizona).~~
2. At least 3 members of the Lodge attend the 2025 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.

The Freemasons Are the Oldest Fraternal Organization in the World

Freemasons belong to the oldest fraternal organization in the world, a group begun during the Middle Ages in Europe as a guild of skilled builders. With the decline of cathedral building, the focus of the society shifted. Today, "Freemasons are a social and philanthropic organization meant to make its members lead more virtuous and socially oriented lives," says Margaret Jacob, professor of history at the University of California, Los Angeles, and author of *Living the Enlightenment: Freemasonry and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Europe*. Grounded in the Enlightenment, the organization "still conveys [the era's] core values, religious tolerance, thirst for knowledge [and] sociability," says Cécile Révauger, a Freemason, historian of Freemasonry and professor at the University of Bordeaux.

While not a secret society, per se, it does have secret passwords and rituals that originate with the medieval guild, says Jacob: "In the original guild, there were three stages: Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons who oversaw everyone working on a site. Today, these degrees are more philosophical."

Did you know? The Regius Poem, or Halliwell Manuscript, contains the earliest reference to Freemasons and was published in 1390.




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BUNCO MONDAYS
MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER

Join us every Monday for BUNCO! We've got fun prizes, food, drinks, and good times!

MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER
2560 MIRACLE MILE, BULLHEAD CITY

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

MIRACLE MILE
EVENT CENTER
at the
Mohave Shrine Club



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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.