

The TRESTLEBOARD

The Last Bulletins and Updates

Greetings Brothers,

January was a busy and exciting month for our Lodge. Starting out with our stated meeting, election of officers, and annual installation of officers we hit the ground running. Great work to all in putting in the work and effort needed to perform our upcoming Master Mason degree(s).

We hosted the Arizona Military Degree Team where Brother Ronnie and Brother Ismael were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Everyone who attended enjoyed excellent degree work put on by Military Veterans from all around Arizona Masonry and we also enjoyed visits from several other Lodges including our close brothers from Havasu and Kingman. Great brotherhood was had by all.

We welcomed a new brother to the craft in initiating Brother William Justice, an Entered Apprentice Mason.

We look forward to February where we will raise Brother Matt Kelly and pass Brother Robert Hazelgrove and John Kearns. Degree work takes all hands so please attend these events. The dates can be found within the advertisements and secretary's column in this edition of the Trestleboard.

If you have been unable to attend Lodge, please come back and see us. We are working hard and appreciate all who can make it. If I can assist in some way please reach out.

Fraternally, Marcus Hensley



Arizona Military Degree Team January 21, 2023

From the West

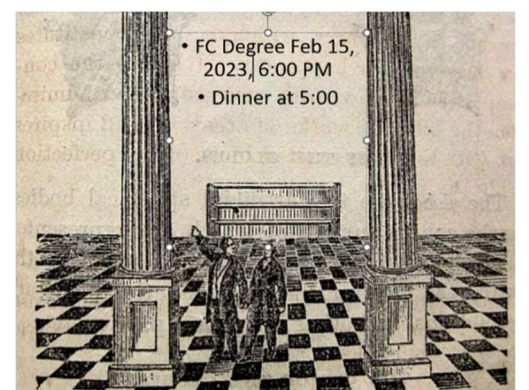
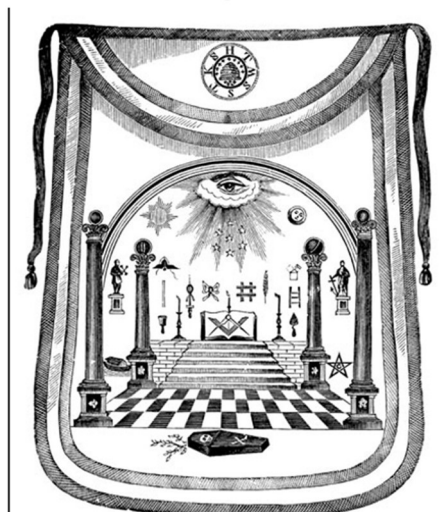
Charles Smith, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

I hope everyone had a safe January and kept warm during these cold and windy days. For those of you who could attend the Military Degree, I hope you enjoyed it. It was fun to see something different and I think it boosts moral to get to be a side-liner and relax while watching something that so many put together and do it for our enjoyment. I know it is something I look forward to seeing again. That is the beautiful thing about our fraternity is that we can see something done that we ourselves do, but see a spin on it and it re-energizes us to do that and be successful. I have faith that our current officers will exceed peoples expectations.



Military Degree, January 21, 2023

Master Mason Degree Feb 8, 2023



Stated Meeting
Feb 1, 2023
Gavel At 7PM
Dinner at 6PM
Cost \$12



From the South

Rob Stewart, Junior Warden

Brethren,

Let me begin by thanking the Arizona Military Degree Team for putting on a wonderful ceremony for Ismael and Ronnie. And thank you to all who came, it was an amazing turn out.

We have many degrees coming in the near future. Please try to join us in supporting these men and brothers as they further their knowledge, and experience the wonder and beauty of Freemasonry. From my experience, it's always a great feeling when the candidate is surrounded by the support of Brothers.

For those of you that do so, keep an eye on the Mohave Valley 68 Facebook page. Event reminders are updated frequently, as are the times and meal for the evening.



Senior Grand Warden's Official Visit

From the Desk of the Secretary

Jon Connaughty, Secretary's Report as of January 1, 2023:

Mohave Valley Lodge has 99 members.

Presently the Lodge has 3 Entered Apprentices and 5 Fellowcrafts. That totals 8 new members in the "works"! This totals a potential membership of 107.

The upcoming meetings are:

February 1 - 7:00 PM - Stated Meeting

February 8 - 6:00 PM - Master Mason Degree

February 15 - 6:00 PM - Fellowcraft Degree (double)

February 22 - 6:00 PM - Roundtable Lodge

**Subject to Change - Please consult Email Announcements and Lodge Facebook Page for Current Information

Masonic Fun Fact: The highest Masonic Lodge in the world is on top of Cerro de Pasco in Peru, 14,208 feet above sea level.



Entered Apprentice Degree Jan 25, 2023

Masonic Anniversaries: Earnest Wilson 32 Years, James Harbison 53 Years, Thomas Givens 41 Years, John Shepherd 15 Years, David Husband 45 Years, Jeffrey Wileman 21 Years, Allen Stout 12 Years, Michael Grubbs 16 Years, Michael Newcomm 12 Years

Happy Birthday to the Following Brothers: William Jones Feb 1, Michael Canright Feb 8, Prosper Patton Feb 26



Greetings Sisters and Brothers from the Officers and Members of Sunrise Chapter #60, Order of The Eastern Star,

Our Chapter is so excited that there will be a Trestleboard Communication for each of the Masonic Organizations so we may know how we may help one another in the Masonic Family. You only need ask us!

A little bit about OES:

Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Organization in the World to which men and woman may belong. Men must be Mason's in Good Standing and Ladies, have a relative Mason. We work together to support thousands of Community and Charitable Organizations along with helping to support our Appendant Bodies, when asked. Our motto for this term is "Have Courage, Be Kind" and general theme is God Bless America.

In our are a small but active group. Our stated meetings are held at 7m on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, dark July & August. Generally we have a 6pm "Bring Your Own Supper" Fellowship in the dining room.

We have pledged this year to support our Community by working to support through fundraising, Bullhead City Meals On Wheels and Kindergarten Round Up giving school supplies to less fortunate children. We participate a bi-annual trash pick-up day, always followed by a great Fellowship Breakfast. We donated 40 pounds of non-perishable foods to the Food Bank in December.

We support Youth Scholarship Programs awarded through Grand Chapter of Arizona, with many of our own Children and Grand Children having been recipients.

We support Grand Chapter of Arizona and the Special Projects chosen by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron each term. This year the chosen Charity is Alzheimer's. We support our General Grand Chapter project of Service Dogs. Our Chapter has an Elected Officer & many appointed Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, headquartered in Washington, DC. And, many appointees of the Grand Chapter of Arizona. Our own Officers travel from Peoria, Ft. Mohave, Kingman, Lake Havasu, Laughlin and Las Vegas. This diverse group alone shows how very special this Chapter is! We do have a lot of fun at our meetings. December found us at a soup and bread supper before the meeting. We had a "stuffed" sock exchange following the meeting. January found us at our Bring Your Own Supper with Petitioners joining us for fellowship.

We are working on many Affiliations and new members and reading petitions at each meeting. It is our hope that you will ask HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR? Just ask us!! Our Secretary Brother Rick, has petitions on hand. We are looking forward to celebrating Valentines Day at our stated meeting on February.

We are excited to have added to our Calendar a "clean up day" at the Shrine on Saturday April 29 9am-11am with a BBQ lunch to follow with our Brothers. We are bringing cleaning supplies and planning on work, fun and fellowship.

Right now, we are planning the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on Friday March 3. Beginning with dinner at 5:30 by donation, photos 6:30 and meeting at 7pm. Theme for the evening will be "South Pacific" the musical. So if you are in the building and see Polynesian and Hawaiian apparel, we are looking forward to having many visitors and lots of fun and great fellowship.

For your Calendar:

Saturday May 6, Annual Kentucky Derby Day, Lunch at 11:30 with games, Derby Hat contest, Horse Races, chances to win silent auction items, and purchase a Mint Julip or other drink in a Kentucky Derby Glass from the Fez Room bar.

Everyone is welcome to attend this fundraising event. RSVP for lunch to Debbie Tanner, Chrmm. 702-378-5490 ricksdink@gmail.com

If there are any questions we are happy to try to help.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Linda Hattrick, Worthy Matron
Bob Bradfield, Worthy Patron



From the Shrine Club

Jon Connaughty, President

As we enter the new year, we are welcomed with warm wishes and a special invitation from El Zarabah Temple in Phoenix. On March 4th, 2023, the temple is hosting a Shriner Ceremonial that marks the dawn of new beginnings. This Ceremonial celebrates the incredible work that the Shriners organization does to not only support their members, but also to benefit others in-need. Noted especially is their dedication to providing quality medical care at Shriners Children's Hospitals for children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. These hospitals provide expert care and state-of-the-art technologies so all children can receive the best treatments available to help them reach their greatest potential. We can be proud of our efforts towards making a difference by attending events like these Ceremonials that bring our communities together to make a lasting impact. I would like to invite all interested Freemasons to consider coming down to the Temple and seeing what being a Shriner is all about.



Notes from the Editor:

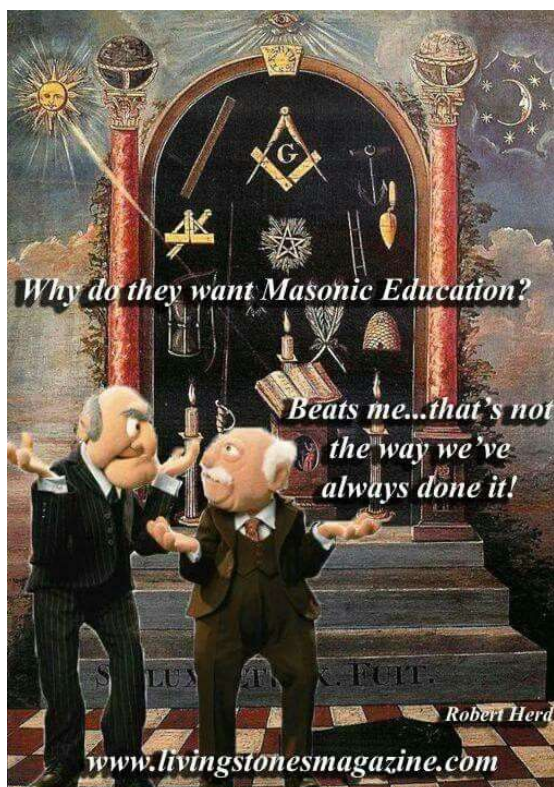
Brethren,

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.

As mentioned at the November stated meeting our goal is to achieve a Master Builder Award for our Lodge. Below are the requirements so that we can all work towards this goal. If you have ideas how we can meet any of these please bring them up to the Master of our Lodge. This Award submission must be in the hands of the Grand Lodge no later than April 15th, 2023.

Ritual:

A minimum of 3 members provide at least 2 different lectures in a Tyled Lodge and the Lodge must exemplify all 3 degrees during the awards year.



Masonic Education:

A minimum of 3 masonic education programs held by the Lodge at an event other than the stated meeting (Can be virtual or in person)

Lodge Operations: (4 of 7 must be completed)

Lodge hosts a Tyled meeting with another Lodge

Lodge issues a newsletter a minimum of 4 times during the year

Lodge hosts an information session open to the public

Lodge has a program to contact non-attending members of members in jeopardy of NPD

Lodge shows an annual increase of Grand View Portal users by 5%

Lodge has a Masonic Funeral Team and conducts 1 practice or ceremony

Lodge has a member recognition program

~~4 Master Masons attend a Lodge of Instruction (Scheduled for 12/14)~~

Lodge Representation: (4 of 6 must be completed)

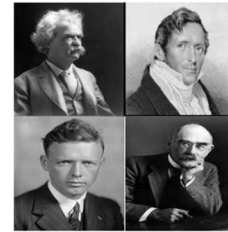
At least 2 Lodge officers attend Masonicon Arizona

At least 3 members attend the 2023 Grand Communications (2 Pedestal Officers)

At least 4 members attend a Masonic Youth Group or Eastern Star or Amaranth open event (2 pedestal)

Lodge participates and is recognized in local community activity

5 Lodge members visit another Lodge's tyled meeting (stated or degree) (2 pedestal)



We are all Masons first.

Rudyard Kipling certainly discussed Masonic themes in some of his poems and novels, such as *The Man Who Would be King*, a novel that captured the themes of the search for lost knowledge and the search for lost civilisations. Kipling also wrote a letter of goodwill to the Authors' Lodge in 1910. Kipling had been initiated into the Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, based in Lahore, India, in 1886, and went on to become an honorary member of the Authors' Lodge.

Mark Twain was a Freemason, and is best known for such excellent novels such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthurs Court*. The latter novel has themes of time travel, and features an attempt to alter the past, and is seen as an early science fiction novel. Twain had an interest in science and technology, but also had an interest in parapsychology, which echoes the interests of the writer and Mason Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Mark Twain was a member of the Polar Star Lodge No. 79, A.F.&A.M. in St. Louis, and became a Master Mason within a few months of joining. At one point suspended for not paying his dues, Twain was reinstated a short while later.

Sir Thomas Raffles founded Freemasonry in Singapore as well as the city and trading center that it continues to be today. The Masonic Hall in Singapore was built in 1879, and was known locally as the 'Haunted House' as the local people misunderstood the ceremonies that went on there. Such was the influence of Raffles that the local Lodge bears his name and coat of arms as their insignia.

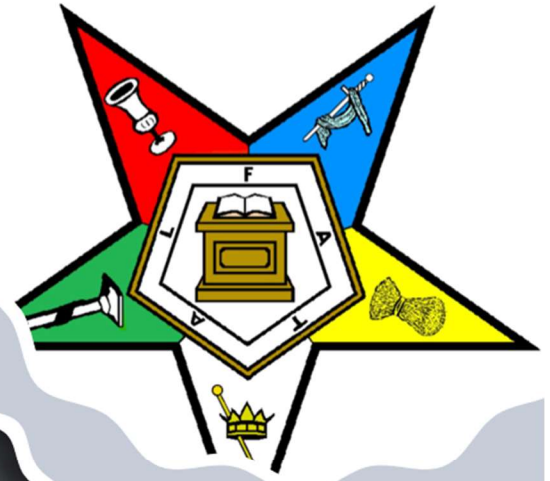
Charles Lindbergh - American aviator, military officer, inventor, explorer, and so many other things as well was also a Mason. He completed his degrees in Keystone Lodge #243 in MO. At the time he joined he was working on plans for his famous solo trans-Atlantic flight crossing non-stop from New York to Paris making him the first person to do so. He wore a square and compass on his flight and the plane had a Masonic emblem on it.

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Masonic Family Picnic

- The Mohave Valley Lodge #68, Mohave Valley Shrine Club, and Sunrise Chapter #60 Order of Eastern Star Cordially invite all Masonic members and their families to a Lodge picnic and Earth Day observance on April 29th
- 9-11 will be a cleanup effort to observe Earth Day
- Food will be served starting at 12:00 PM.



**ADVERTISE
HERE**

- 1 year for \$100 or \$10.00 per month for a business card front and back.
- 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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GOLD OR SILVER WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.

THE WAGES OF A MASON ARE EARNED
AND PAID IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH ONE
ANOTHER:

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KINDNESS BEGETS KINDNESS
HELPFULNESS BEGETS HELPFULNESS

AND THESE ARE THE WAGES OF A
MASON.

BY BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN 1706 - 1790

