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### **From the East**

Welcome back from the summer. Although we did not hold any meetings or degrees, we did accomplish a great deal. There are photos in this edition of the renovations completed as well as of the amazing family picnic held. Very much appreciated to the LOS for coordinating that event.

Please sell raffle tickets and/or buy them. Our lodge funds will need a boost so that we can go into next year prepared to do even more for charity. Also, if you have not paid your 2024 dues please do so before we move to the unhappy duty of suspending members for non-payment of dues which none of us want to see. If you feel that there are financial or medical reason why you are unable to pay your dues, please reach out to myself or the secretary so that we can assist with the right program. There are options.

Thank you to everyone who make this an incredible lodge to part of.

Marcus Hensley



## From the West

Rob Stewert, Senior Warden Mohave Valley #68

It's been a busy summer. Although we have been dark for the past couple months, many changes have been happening around our lodge. I want to thank all the brothers and family involved in "updating" the lodge room. Recently the relationships with our appendant bodies that meet in the building have blossomed. I see more cooperation, respect, and love of each other's company more now than I ever have in my almost 10 years in Masonry.

Our teacher appreciation and school supply drive are in full swing. If you're able to, please help out. We have bins in the building for supplies. We are looking for things like pencils, paper, dry erase markers, glue sticks, etc. Also, we accept monetary donations that will go towards rewarding a few teachers with gift cards they can use for themselves, or classroom supplies.

Thank you to everyone for what you do. Let's keep up this momentum!

Robert Stewart















Birthdays
Rob Stewart 9/1
Scot Wheeler 9/1
Michael Manusia 9/7
Jon Connaughty 9/8
George Starr 9/11
Josh Bussdieker 9/12
Charles Dowler 9/12
Mike Lueck 9/18
Alfred Abramian 9/20
Gianni Chiero 9/21
Dave Doermann 9/25
Thomas Clark 9/29

#### **Proud Supporter of Rainbow Girls**



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Stated Meetings, first Wednesday of every month

Anniversaries
Howard Martin 9/5 4 Years
Frank Montenegro 9/5 4 Years
Frank Osdoba 9/14 53 Years
Robert Richardson 9/16 27 Years
Jack Small 9/20 7 Years
John Squier 9/20 7 Years
Casey Case 9/22 14 Years
Lawrence Phemister 9/22 14 Years
Laurence Sheetz 9/22 42 Years
Greg Perrin 9/23 25 Years
Kevin Richins 9/26 12 Years







### Charlie Smith, Junior Warden

I'd to welcome back all our brothers from their time off. A lot in our lodge has changed. The new renovations have turned that place around. It feels like a new lodge. If you haven't had the opportunity to come check it out, please do. I know I am proud of the work that the brothers have done to our lodge. We have a lot in terms of degree work coming up, so I look forward to that. Again, I highly recommend coming and seeing the work that our brothers do. Don't forget we have our gun raffle still going on. That goes on until the tickets are sold or until December. If you haven't grabbed any I suggest you do. You can see any of our brothers for tickets. Bunco has been extremely popular so if you can come, play and have a good time. Our lodge is doing so well, and our future is bright. I cannot express how proud I am of the hard work that the brothers have done and of our direction.

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

Secretary's Report as of May 1, 2024:

- 111 Master Mason
- 4 FellowCraft
- 1 Entered Apprentice
- 2 Prospects

Calendar Listing: September 4 Stated Meeting September 28 Ceremonial in Phoenix Every Monday Bunco



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Welcome back to chapter everyone! We certainly hope you enjoyed your summer break.

Grand Chapter in August was exciting with the introduction of electronic voting. The new process was well received and met with a smooth transition. It was also lots of fun to meet with friends from all over. There was laughter in the air everywhere. Congratulations to our own Sister Beverly Farrington on her appointment as Grand Esther and everyone who received grand appointments. Enjoy this special year making lots of memories.

In August we gathered in the Hualipai Mountains for the Masonic family picnic. All of the organizations from our building shared a day of food, fun and fellowship. Eastern Star hosted Giant Jenga and everyone who played had lots of fun trying not to topple the tower. There was horse shoes, corn hole and tug of war along with delicious food. The weather was perfect and refreshing with the cooler temperatures. It was wonderful to visit and get to know our fellow Masonic family members. It was nice to learn what the other group's goals are. Planning for next years picnic will begin prior to our summer break.

Our September stated meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/10/24. The previously planned potato bar is being postponed until a later date due to unexpected health care commitments. Please keep Brother David and Sister Linda in your prayers as they travel for medical appointments next week. Let's meet for a brown bag dinner at 530pm, before the 7pm meeting, and catch up with each other.

When you return to chapter next week you will see many beautiful changes to the Chapter Room. Our Blue Lodge brothers did a major remodel of it over the summer and it turned out beautiful. One exciting improvement is the raising of the sideline chairs. They will be much easier to use. Thank you to everyone who helped with this wonderful project.

Looking forward to getting back into the swing of

things.

Tori Loll, Worthy Matron





Dear Noble Brothers, Family, Members and Friends, I hope this letter finds you well and that you all had a fantastic summer!

As we transition into the fall season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our summer events and extend a warm invitation for everyone to return to the Lodge after our break.

This summer has been an exciting time for our club, marked by a few significant construction projects. We saw the successful remodel of the Blue Lodge, creating a refreshed and inviting space for all our gatherings. Additionally, we installed three new TVs in the bar area, ensuring that we can enjoy our favorite events together in comfort and style.

One of the highlights of our summer was the family picnic, which brought together members from all our bodies. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and connection, and I am grateful for everyone who attended and contributed to its success.

As we look ahead, I want to remind everyone that on September 28, we will be having a ceremonial down in Phoenix. This is a fantastic opportunity to witness new nobles receive their fezzes, and I encourage you all to join us for this special occasion. It will also serve as the time for our official visit with the temple, making it a significant event for our community. I wish everyone a happy September and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events. Your support and participation are what make our club vibrant and engaging, and I am excited to continue our journey together. Warm regards, Jon Connaughty, 928.219.1597, Jon.connaughty@gmail.com



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# The TRESTLEBOARD

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Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOS)

The Ladies of Mohave have been busy and dedicated this summer, choosing not to go dark but instead focusing on various projects to improve our club and strengthen fellowship. We are excited to share some of our recent accomplishments and upcoming plans with you!

#### **Bathroom Remodel Complete!**

We're thrilled to announce that the bathroom remodel in the bar area has been completed. A special thank you goes out to Jamie McCune, April Stewart, Leaha Hazlegrove, and Jessica Tary, for all the hard work cleaning, painting, and bringing the project to life. Next up on our list are the bathrooms in the event center, which we aim to renovate in the near future.

#### Successful Masonic Family Picnic

The Masonic Family Picnic held in the Hualapai Mountains was a great success, filled with fun and fellowship. It was wonderful to spend time with members of other Masonic bodies, and we were delighted to host the inaugural Masonic Family Picnic Cornhole Tournament. Congratulations to Marcus Hensley and Trevor Long, our first champions! Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so enjoyable.

#### Weekly Bartending for Fundraising

Our commitment to supporting the Shrine Club continues as the Ladies of Mohave volunteer to bartend every Wednesday. The tips earned during these nights are directly used for ongoing renovation projects around the club. We deeply appreciate everyone who comes down to support us in these fundraising efforts. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

#### Snacks for a Cause

For those with a sweet tooth or craving a quick snack, the Ladies of Mohave have candy and chips available for sale at the bar. Chips are priced at \$1, and candy is \$2. The funds raised from this initiative will go towards purchasing Shrine Cars for our parades, adding a touch of fun and tradition to our community events.

We look forward to another month filled with fun, fellowship, and fundraising! Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in service,

Jessica Tary Ladies of Mohave Mohave York Rite Bodies PO Box 3742 Kingman, AZ 86402-3742 MYRB1989@gmail.com

928-716-7618 - Leave a message

King Solomon Chapter #22 RAM
High Priest William "Bill" Burrows
Agaman Council #12 CM
Illustrious Master Keith J McCormack
Mohave Commandery #13 KT

928-897-8442
928-453-2310

Eminent Commander Edward J Soroko Mohave York Rite Bodies

Secretary/Recorder Peter M Stronge 928-716-7618

We have updated several events coming up shortly for your calendar.

On Tuesday, September 17 will be our monthly Stated Communication, opening on Commandery.

The Dress is black or Class A uniform.

This is not open to the public and is a tyled meeting. We will meet at Kingman Lodge #22 - gather at 6:45 PM and start at 7:00 PM.

We have several Candidates for the Colorado River Fall Festival but are looking for more! Contact any of the Officers for details.

#### Other Upcoming Events:

Sat, Oct 5: 4 Corners Royal Arch Festival / Holbrook, AZ

Arizona is conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

TIME TO REGISTER IS NOW!

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Colorado River Fall Festival / Laughlin.

YOU CAN REGISTER IS NOW! crff.org

#### Congratulations to:

Jed Holley who received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH) at the annual Grand Sessions. Well deserved!\

King Solomon Chapter #22 RAM for receiving the Grand Lecturer's Award.

Agaman Council #12 CM for receiving the Barnabas Award. Mohave Commandery #13 KT for receiving Excellence streamer for our beauceant.

#### Websites:

Arizona Grand York

Rite: <a href="www.azyr.org/">www.azyr.org/</a>
General Grand Chapter Royal Arch
Masons: <a href="www.ggcrami.org">www.ggcrami.org</a>
General Grand Council Cryptic
Masons: <a href="www.crypticmasons.org/">www.crypticmasons.org/</a>

Grand Encampment Knights

Templar: <u>knightstemplar.org</u>

Colorado River Fall Festival: <a href="mailto:crff.org">crff.org</a>

Again, we are looking forward to seeing you and thank you for your continuing support. Remember....if you forgot or don't know the other members or are concerned with getting in - we will make it happen!



#### 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 nonattending 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 (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.

#### **Steve Wozniak**



Steve Wozniak is an American engineer, philanthropist, entreprer and programmer.

In 1976, he co-founded Apple Inc. with Steve Jobs and Ronald W.

Their notable work made them stand out in the technology revol world during the 1970s and 1980s, which earned them the title of 'prominent pioneers of the personal computers.'

His invention earned him a spot into the National Inventors Hall o Fame in September 2000.

Steve joined Charity Lodge No. 362, in California, in 1980 and is st member today.

#### **John Elway**



Former American Football Quarterback John Elway joined Freemasonry on June 28, 2002.









April 1 – December 2

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