

From the East

I want to start off by thanking the Brothers of Mohave Valley 68 for the opportunity of being Master for the ensuing year. I hope to continue our Lodge growth and involvement in our community. With everyone's help and commitment I know we can achieve our goals.

Our Sunday morning breakfasts have been ongoing. We did adjust the times to 9-12 due to attendance. We have earned money for our education fund that will greatly help us expand the bikes for books program this year. Thank you all who have been putting in the time and giving up their Sunday mornings to help.

Robert Stewart



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From the West

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope that you are doing well and enjoyed some family Holiday time.

Congratulations to the 2025 Elected and appointed officers. I am looking forward to another incredible year of growth, community involvement, degree work and anything else that our new Master has planned.

Thank you for the incredible amount of support that each of you provided to me during the past 2 years as Master of this phenomenal lodge. I am very proud to call each of the members of the lodge my brothers and all the members of each organization family. Together we grew.

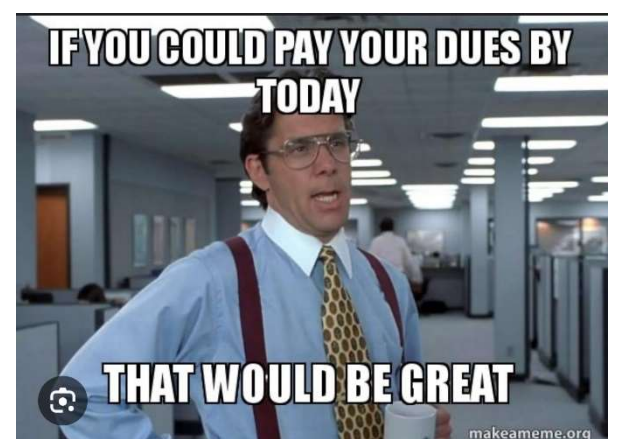


INSTALLATION IS COMING



Jan 4, 2023, At 4:00 PM

Stated Meeting
Jan 8, 2024
Gavel At 7PM
Dinner at 6PM
Cost \$12





Paul Shuster's Second Degree

Birthdays

- Greg Perrin 1/6
- Jason Jennings 1/8
- Lawrence Phemister 1/8
- James Harbison 1/18
- Jovan Donathan 1/21
- Tom Givens 1/26
- Hans Krahl 1/27
- Mo Torrey 1/31

Proud Supporter of Rainbow Girls



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Stated Meetings, first Wednesday of every month

Anniversaries

- 1/26 Lawrence Crummey 20 Years
- 1/26 Terry Loll 20 Years
- 1/27 Robert Krause 15 Years
- 1/27 Edward Wessler 69 Years
- 1/27 Marcus Hensley 8 Years



Howard Martin, Junior Warden

As we start a new year, I am looking forward to working with many of our new brother who have become officers and are ready to bring our new brothers through the degrees of masonry. Let's make this a great year for our lodge.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped me get to the South. I will do everything in my power to live up to the confidence you have shown me. I will always be ready to help all my brothers to grow in our craft and continue to build a strong Mohave Valley Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Howard Martin



Meals on Wheels Donation

From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of Jan 1, 2025:

- 91 Master Mason
- 5 Fellowcraft
- 3 Entered Apprentice
- 2 Prospects

Calendar Listing:
1/8 Stated Meeting
1/28 Quarry Night

Every Sunday Breakfast to support education
Every Monday Bunco

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Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope this finds you and your families enjoying what 2025 brings each of you.

Our December meeting was a wonderful gathering for our annual Friendship Night. There were many friends in attendance including our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Candy and Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie. Lots of laughter was shared with one another.

Our January stated meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7pm. Join us before at 5:30pm for a "Bring Your Own Brown Bag Supper". Remember friendships are grown in the dining room. Come have a fun evening with Sunrise Chapter.

Stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally,
Tori Loll, Worthy Matron
702-202-7512



Welcome to the New Year!

As we step into 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible accomplishments we've achieved together over the past year. Your dedication and participation have made a real impact on our community and the causes we support. Here are some highlights from the past 12 months:

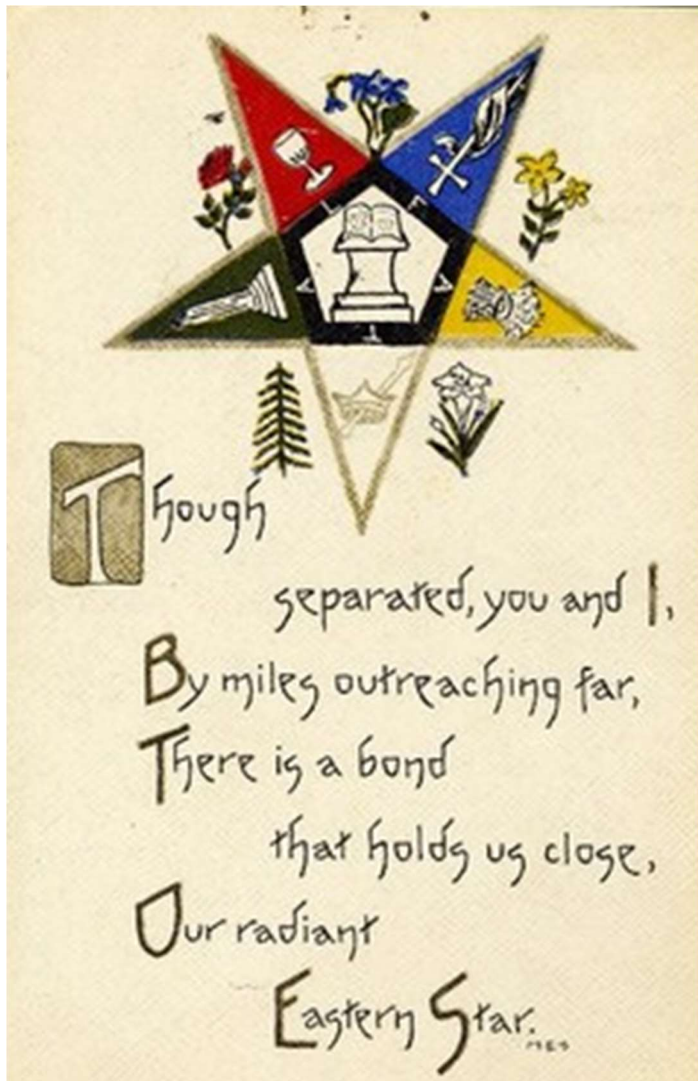
- **A Gift of Mobility:** We were honored to donate a new wheelchair to one of our Shrine Kids, providing greater independence and support to a deserving child.
- **Sunday Funday Success:** Our Sunday Funday events have seen record-breaking attendance this year, bringing together families and friends for fun, connection, and camaraderie.
- **Renewed Partnerships:** Thanks to the amazing collaboration with Blue Lodge, our weekly Sunday breakfasts have become a cherished tradition and a way to strengthen fraternal bonds.
- **Bunco Mondays:** These lively evenings have become a staple of our monthly calendar, drawing new faces and familiar friends alike for a night of fun and fellowship.
- **Hoppin' Halloween Success:** Our Trunk or Treat and Haunted House were nothing short of spectacular! The turnout exceeded our expectations, creating a safe and spooky space for the community while supporting our mission.

Programs like these demonstrate the strength of our local engagement and the passion we share for making a difference. Together, we've not only built a stronger community but have also made continued contributions to support Shrine Hospitals and their life-changing work.

As we enter this new year, let's continue building on this momentum. Your involvement makes all of this possible, and we are excited to see what we can achieve together in 2025.

Thank you for your support and commitment. Here's to another amazing year!

Fraternally yours,
Jonathan Connaughty
President, The Mohave Shrine Club
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Ladies of Mohave (L.O.S.N.A.)

The holiday season is a time of reflection and love, and the Ladies of Mohave are reminded of the true meaning of this time of year: gratitude, giving, and community. As we look back on Thanksgiving and Christmas, we cherish the fellowship, service, and love of our extended Masonic family.

November was a fulfilling month for LOM. On November 15th, we traveled to Phoenix to visit El-Zaribah Temple and attended the Super OV with the Mohave Shrine Club. It was a wonderful day spent in fellowship with our brothers and sisters at the Temple. The next day, November 16th, we were honored to welcome Gevey Vaughn into the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America during her ceremonial. We are thrilled to have her join us and look forward to her contributions to the Ladies of Mohave.

LOM took on another improvement project at the Mohave Shrine Club. This time, we focused on the Event Center entrance, giving it a much-needed refresh with a new coat of paint, sprucing up the kitchen and exterior lodge doors, replacing the colorful lights around the Event Center, and more. Special thanks to Kim Kearns for heading up this project and to the incredible team of Kim & John Kearns, Jamie & Chuck McCune, Jon Connaughty & myself, and Trevor Long for their hard work and dedication.

In December, we spread holiday cheer by visiting a local hospice home. LOM delivered goodies, a decorated Christmas tree, and heartfelt cards to the residents. It was a moving reminder of what truly matters during the holiday season—bringing joy to others and showing kindness to those in need. Thank you to Jamie McCune for heading up with project as our philanthropy chair.

Our members volunteered 105 hours at the Shrine Club in November and an incredible 130 hours in December. These hours included bartending, cleaning, and working on various improvement projects. The reason we dedicate so much time is to support the Mohave Shrine Club. If the club had to pay an employee \$15 per hour, our combined efforts in November and December saved the club approximately \$3,525! This contribution allows the Mohave Shrine Club to allocate funds where they are needed most and to help keep the doors open, and we are proud to play a role in this support.

On December 15th, we ran Sunday breakfast at the Shrine Club and look forward to taking on another Sunday in January. This was a great time for our ladies to get together in fun and feel like a part of our Masonic community.

Looking ahead, don't forget to mark your calendars for January 11, 2025, for our Mad Hatter Tea Party! Tickets are \$40, with proceeds going toward purchasing Molding Helmets for Shriners Children's Hospitals—a cause close to our hearts. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute, donations toward the molding helmets are greatly appreciated. The Mohave Shrine Club is generously matching our donation of helmets, allowing us to help even more children in need.

As we close out the year and look forward to 2025, we are filled with gratitude for our members, supporters, and the opportunities we have to serve our community. Together, we make a difference.

In service and sisterhood,

Jessica Tary

Save the Date: Tea Party - January 11, 2025

Our next Tea Party is set for January 11, 2025. We would love to see members from other Masonic bodies join us for this event in support. Funds raised at our tea parties will go towards supporting our special projects. Mark your calendars and come support a great cause!



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.

What's Happening



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 | 2580 MIRACLE MILE, BULLHEAD CITY | REGISTRATION OPEN AT: 5:30PM | GAME START AT: 06:30PM

MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER
At The Mohave Shrine Club

MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER AT THE MOHAVE SHRINE CLUB

SUNDAY FUNDAY

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
8AM-12PM
\$15 ADULTS
\$10 KIDS

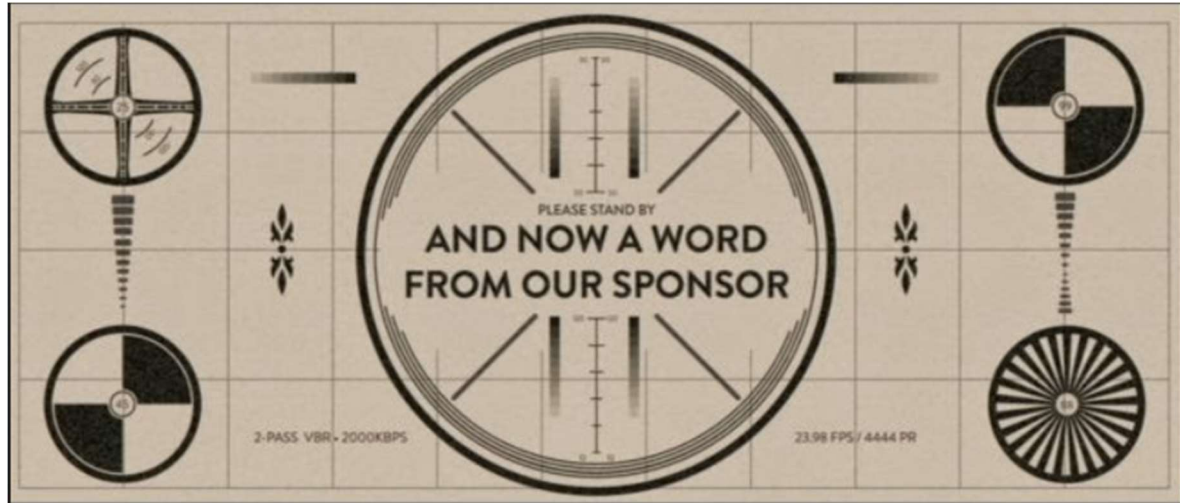
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\$1 OFF ALL DRINKS

NFL SUNDAY TICKET
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KARAOKE
5-9PM

KITCHEN OPENS AT 1PM FOR LUNCH

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- 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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Life's most persistent and urgent question is,

**what are
you doing
for
others?**

