



FROM THE EAST

I want to apologize for this issue of the Trestle Board for going out so late. 100% my fault for not submitting my article on time.

I want to thank the Monday night bunco crowd and volunteers. They have helped us make an amazing contribution to a local organization. More details will be in the March edition, after the public announcement has been made. Bunco remains a huge art of our fund raising, as well as a great time for fellowship. Thank you OES for all that you do.

We have a few degrees coming up in the near future. Dates and times for practice and ceremonies will be sent out via email. All are welcome to attend, as long as you have already received the degree we will be opening on. WB Dave Doerman will be assisting with floor work at practices. He has graciously volunteered his assistance and expertise.

Sunday breakfasts have really picked up recently. We have seen an increase in customers one the past month. All proceeds from this weekly breakfast go towards our education fund. And where else can you get a breakfast BUFFET for \$12?

P.S. Volunteers are always needed.

Thank you to our entire Masonic Family for everything you do in our building and Community.

Robert Stewart

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Starting off let me say I am very proud of the progress of this lodge and the endeavors that we continue to excel in. We have continued to do work allowing us to practice the greatest endeavor in Masonry which is charity. Our support for local youth has remained steadfast and now we have added some small level of support for our most vulnerable in showing some support for meals on wheels. The incredible achievements of this lodge and the whole family of organizations in this building are phenomenal. I want to express my congratulations and also my amazement at how much our Ladies of Mohave have accomplished in a very short time. They have joined an organization, figured out how to form their own club within it, gotten themselves chartered, contributed to the appearance of the building, raised a whole lot of money for the Shrine's overarching mission to help kids, and now have held their first installation and all of this in under a year's time. Very impressive and laudable.

On a very sad personal note this month a very good friend and brother was called to make entrance to the celestial lodge. He is one of the most selfless men I have ever known and it reminds me that we all are operating within a limited time. Our ritual mentions preparing for death as it is coming to us all eventually however it has no confirmation call and only death knows when. Live life to the fullest, give all you can to those around you, and make every moment count. Don't wait to make that call or text until it is too late.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our community, our family, and to all branches of masonry in general.

Marcus Hensley

Senior Warden

February Stated Meeting

Feb 5, 2025

Dinner @ 6PM Gavel @ 7PM

Entered Apprentice Degree

Feb 19, 2025

Dinner @ 5PM Gavel @ 6PM

March Stated Meeting

Mar 5, 2025

Dinner @ 6PM Gavel @ 7PM

SOUTHERN SKIES

My brothers:

We are off to a great start this year, and are improving every week. Let us continue our progress to give the best degrees possible. The best way to achieve this is with practice. Brother, Chuck McCune & I have been trying to practice on Wednesday nights. By practicing, we not only become better at our offices, but better Masons. Our ritual is written as a guide to not only bring our new brothers through the craft, but also as a guide to living a moral and upright life. We owe our candidates our best efforts in degree work, so please come to practice. If you already know your part, then come learn a new one or help a new brother by teaching him yours.

Let's keep moving forward.

Fraternally,

Howard Martin

Junior Warden



Birthdays

- 2/1 William Jones
- 2/2 Garrett Prado
- 2/3 Bill Burrows
- 2/8 Michael Canright

Anniversaries

- 2/2 Michael Manusia 15 Years
- 2/8 Matthew Kelly 2 Years
- 2/16 Michael Newcomm 14 Years
- 2/16 Allen Stout 14 Years
- 2/16 Jeffrey Wileman 23 Years
- 2/18 Thomas Givens 43 Years
- 2/18 James Harbison 55 Years
- 2/25 Ernest Wilson 34 Years
- 2/26 Michael Grubbs 18 Years
- 2/27 John Shepherd 17 Years
- 2/28 David Husband 47 Years

From the Desk of the Secretary Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report as of Feb 1,
2025:

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

Calendar Listing:

- 2/5 Stated Meeting
- 2/19 Entered Apprentice
- 2/25 Quarry Night

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Stated Meetings, first Wednesday of every month



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.

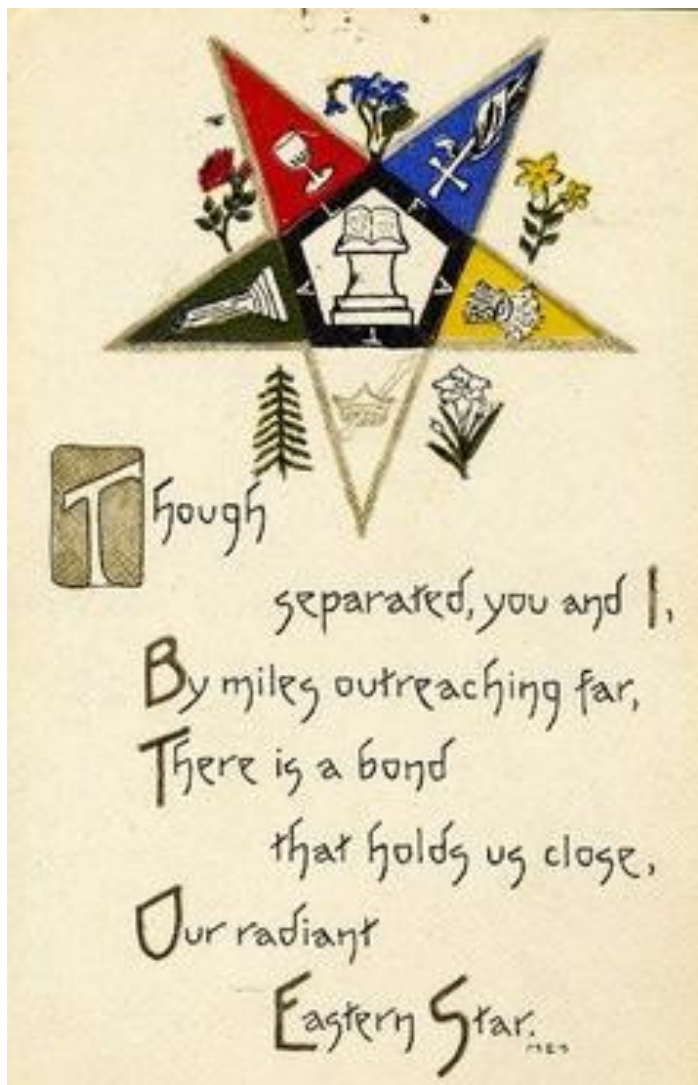
Programs like these demonstrate the strength of our local engagement and the passion we share for making a difference. Together, we've not only built a stronger community but have also made continued contributions to support Shrine Hospitals and their life-changing work.

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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Thank you to each of you for your continued dedication to our club. Your efforts are what make the Mohave Shrine





The holidays are over, and the Ladies of Mohave jumped into the new year with both feet!

As the festive season fades into the rearview mirror, the Ladies of Mohave have already hit the ground running in 2025. I'd like to begin by proudly acknowledging the official installation of our Ladies of Mohave officers! On January 25, 2025, Sphinx Court 65 honored us with a special visit to the Mohave Shrine Club to officially install our officers: President Jessica Tary, Vice President Jamie McCune, Secretary April Stewart, and Treasurer Jennifer Wood. Thank you to everyone who joined us in this wonderful celebration. Your presence made the event even more memorable!

Additionally, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Robert Stewart, who was installed as Mohave Valley Lodge 68 Worshipful Master on January 4, 2025. The Ladies of Mohave look forward to assisting you in your efforts and supporting the Lodge in the year ahead.

Another exciting milestone this month was our Mad Hatter Tea Party, held on January 11, 2025. What a hit it was! Thanks to the incredible support of our community and the generosity of donors, we successfully raised \$2,500. These funds will go directly toward purchasing five molding helmets for Shriners Children's hospitals, ensuring we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of children in need. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Mohave Shrine Club for their generous \$500 donation, which covered the cost of one helmet. Mark your calendars now for our next Tea Party, scheduled for August 9th—you won't want to miss it!

The Ladies of Mohave are more energized than ever as we look toward the future of our club. Growth is on the horizon, and we're eager to welcome anyone interested in learning more about LOSNA. Feel free to reach out to any of our members—we're always happy to share our mission and invite others into our circle of fellowship.

Our dedication to the Mohave Shrine Club remains steadfast. You'll find our members actively volunteering—whether it's bartending on Wednesdays, serving food on Thursdays, or hosting Sunday Fundays. Additionally, we're grateful for your continued support of our chips and candy sales, which help sustain our charitable efforts.

Looking ahead, we're excited to represent the Ladies of Mohave at the Potentate's Ball in Phoenix this February. It's sure to be a grand event and an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow members of our Masonic community.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to make a difference. Here's to an incredible year filled with fellowship, growth, and service.

Yours in Fellowship,

Jessica Tary
Ladies of Mohave President

FROM THE QUARRY



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The first Quarry meeting for Mohave Lodge 68 officially took place on Jan 28th, 2025, at 8 o'clock PM.

The Quarry is a men's mental health gathering amongst brothers which was built on the idea that checking in on our fellow Masons demonstrates one of our greatest tenets, that of brotherly love. Being given the privilege to facilitate these meetings here at Mohave 68 was an honor I took seriously and as a mental health

professional I wanted to create meetings that addressed men's health in ways appertaining to Masonry yet also staying aligned with proven psychological ideas and techniques studied and used for personal growth. Equally important was the need to keep this meeting light yet productive, I therefore tried creating an atmosphere of safety, openness and comradery, and I created a subject matter and opening question to begin dialogue amongst the brothers and keep our discussion on point.

This month, the subject was "What does it mean to be a man? What is Masculinity?". The group was asked to think of a time in their youth which they took with them into manhood, and which helped shape them as men. As we think upon Masonry, we must ask ourselves; What makes us good men? Furthermore, how does Masonry make us better? One clear answer is that through the progressive moral science of Masonry, the charges we swear to, and the oaths we give, we can see the importance of emotional intelligence and the role it plays in masculinity. Emotional Intelligence is the ability to understand our emotions and the emotions of others and the ability to control and mitigate our own emotions. It is also the ability to express emotions in meaningful and healthy ways.

Masons, being men who embrace ideas like love, fraternity, and charity, understand the importance of caring for others and the joy that it brings. This meeting highlighted the fact that making a lodge a place where brothers feel safe and accepted allows us to put into practice those great moral duties inculcated within our ancient wisdom. It also showed that within the words and symbols of our great order lie deeper truths that can lead us to further growth and insight. Finally, we saw through our conversation, the lessons of masonry allude to a need for emotional intelligence being practiced in our daily lives. It demonstrates that this is perhaps a key component to masculinity and that through this practice, we might better learn to subdue our passions and live happier, more fulfilling lives. I look forward to our next meeting and to seeing even more brothers join us!

Thank you.

Garrett Prado

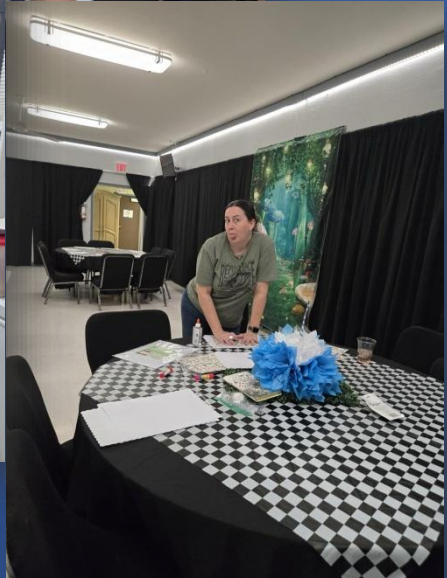
Next Quarry Meeting February 25, 2025 @ 8PM

MOHAVE VALLEY LODGE 68 INSTALLATION



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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.



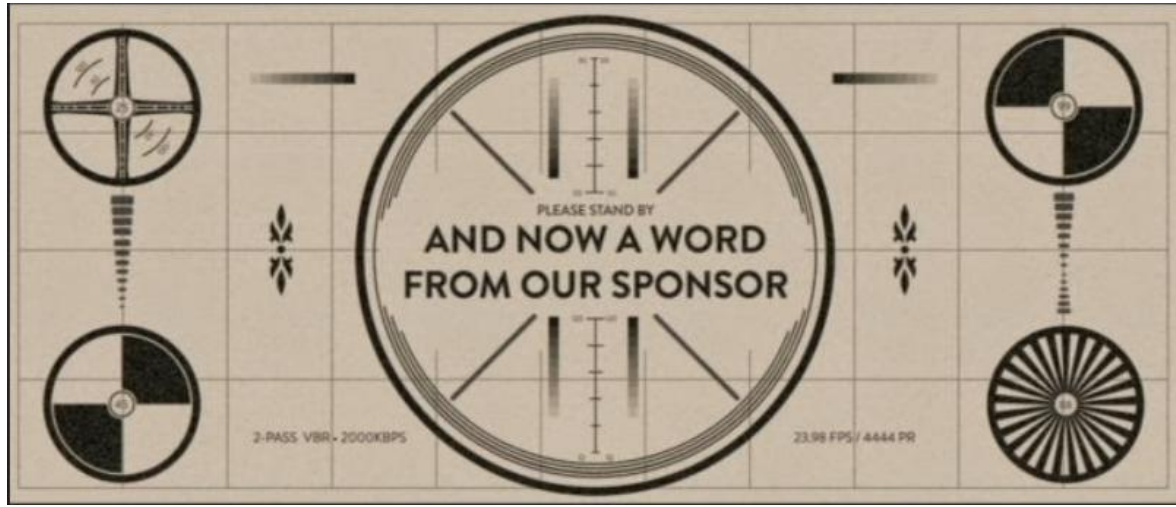


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- Note the year is from January to December
- All ads expire each December.