

Trestle Board

LATEST NEWS AND BULLETIN UPDATES

From the East

Our lodge made big strides in May. A big congratulations goes to Paul Schuster who was raised to Master Mason. Also, I have to mention how much everyone's practicing really showed! You all brought your A game and were on point.

Bikes for Books was a success again, with Desert Valley, Diamondback, and Sunrise Elementary schools participating. Next year we look to add more schools. It was nice to have so many Masons getting involved to see this project to completion. The return of Foodie Friday's turnout was great and everyone's help made it happen.

Grand Lodge will be the first week of June, so adjust your calendars as our next stated meeting will be on June 11 (one week later than usual/2nd Wednesday). This will be our Aloha meeting before going dark in July and August. So remember your Hawaiian shirt and sun hat.

Lastly brothers, remember those beautiful ideas of brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



Next Stated Meeting
June 11

Dinner @ 6PM

Gavel @ 7PM

July & August - Dark
September Stated
Meeting

Sep 3, 2025

Dinner @ 6PM

Gavel @ 7PM





From the West

May is one of my favorite months of the year as it is the culmination of Bikes for Books. The sheer joy for the kids and teachers is such a rewarding feeling to know why we do the work that we do. The food truck event was a great success for everyone, and I want to thank all that helped with that. For our August Mohave Picnic in Hualapai, we are selling event shirts. The shirts are 25.00 and all profits will be returned to the organizations to offset the cost of the picnic plus it is a fun way to commemorate the event.

I encourage attendance at Grand Lodge as you are able to. Also please consider attending the Lodge Leadership summit in August. This is a great opportunity to learn about lodge operations. We will be having a new online learning system coming out which will be previewed at that event as well.

Congratulations to Paul on being raised a Master Mason. He is a great addition to our lodge.

Marcus Hensley
Sr. Warden



Southern Skies

Brothers as the sun is in the west as we prepare to go dark for the summer we can look back on a job well done by all of you in your many achievements so far this year. Thank you to all of the officers that have stepped up in a big way. Our degree work is improving every practice. As we prepare to confer degrees this summer keep in mind that our practices not only give a strong impression on our candidates, but make us stronger in the craft and as a result better men and masons. We will be working on the 2nd degree in our next practices so we can confer Bro Jordan with his 2nd.

Lets all have a great summer.

Fraternally yours
Howard Martin
Jr. Warden





From the Desk of Chuck Probst

Secretary's Report - June 1, 2025

94 Master Mason

5 Fellowcraft

3 Entered Apprentice

5 Prospects

Calendar Listing:

6/2 - 7 Grand Lodge

6/11 Stated Meeting

6/21 LOM Garage Sale

July & August Lodge is DARK

Every Monday BUNCO

Every Thursday 3 Ball & Trivia

Please pay your dues!



ANNIVERSARIES

C.W. "Bill" Burrows Jr. 6/2 7 years

James A. Rexroad Jr. 6/8 57 years

J.F. "Frank" Gilbert 6/18 28 years

Mark Collins 6/24 16 years

Charles E. A. Smith 6/24 10 years

Dave Doermann 6/25 52 years

Stephen Fields 6/25 11 years

Dave Lipinski 6/29 17 years

Gianni David Chiero 6/30 15 years

BIRTHDAYS

Charles McCune 6/5

Seamus O'Steele 6/7

Don Rice 6/16

Mark Collins 6/20

Joey Merrigan 6/21

Ricky Jacobson 6/24

Casey Case 6/25

Bill Justice 6/25

Kaven Allen Snyder 6/30



Sunrise Chapter enjoyed a fun farewell meeting with lots of laughter. I would like to thank everyone in our Masonic family for making this a wonderful year. From the publishing of the Trestle Board, weekly Bunco, Masonic Picnic, Derby Day and all of the wonderful fellowship, you all made this a very special year for everyone.



This Saturday, May 31st we will celebrate the Installation of Officers and the change in leadership at Sunrise Chapter. Please join us at 3pm to ring in a new year. There will be a meal following the installation. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon full of tradition and fun. Good luck to Sister Mary Kelsey, Worthy Matron-elect and Brother Mark Kelsey, Worthy Patron-elect and their corps of officers.

Hope to see many of you there.

Fraternally,
Tori Loll
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From the Quarry



by: Garrett Prado

Masonic Service

One thing that sets Masons apart as a group is our ability to support one another in bringing ideas to life. Furthermore, if these goals of our brothers are in alignment with Masonic values, we embrace them and help to manifest them into reality.



Of course, Masons don't stop there when it comes to brotherly love and support. We also genuinely care about each other's well-being and when one of us is faced with a challenge, we stand united against it. I wrote an article last month about my desire to feed low-income families and the poor in our community, tressing the importance of

helping those in need. It would be wrong, however, not to acknowledge the fact that this goal that I have is not a new idea for our lodge, but rather an expansion of what we already do.

Like the homeless and poor in Bullhead, seniors also suffer from an inability to afford or prepare food for themselves and if left uncared for, can and do die from starvation and malnutrition. Unlike the poor and homeless, there is an established program for the seniors that first began in England in 1943 in response to the effects of WWII and the seniors who were left starving and in need. Those humble roots sparked a movement, and ten years later in Australia, Doris Taylor founded Meals

on Wheels and began serving out of the Port Adeliade kitchen.

In America, Meals on Wheels officially took root in 1960 in Baltimore Maryland because of the efforts of Ernestine McCollum of the Maryland Home Economics Association and Beatrice Strouse, who represented the Baltimore Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. Today the program flourishes in various countries around the globe but they are each independently operated, and funding sources have changed over the years for each program. Some of these programs have faced financial challenges throughout the course of their existence and if not for organizations like ours, who are willing to stand up and sacrifice for the good of humanity, meals on wheels and other programs like it

would be lost. Here in Arizona, Meals on Wheels was faced with just such a challenge and in response, Masons banded together and helped to save it from faltering, possibly saving the lives of many who would have been left to fend for themselves in the process.

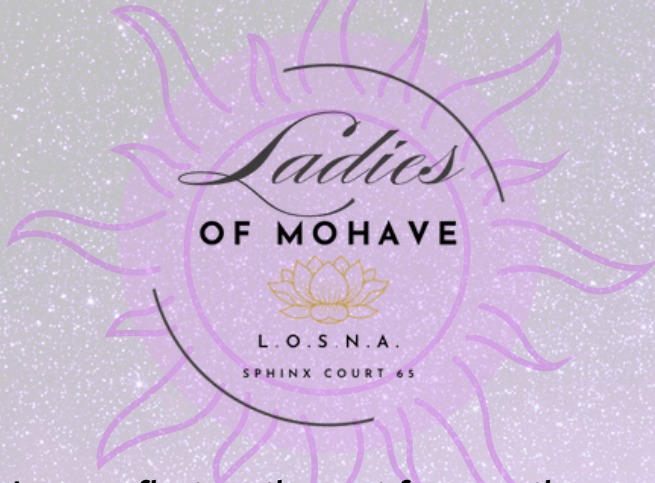
This brings me to the topic of this article: Service to our community is tantamount to being good Masons and no matter what the obstacle, as a group, we can overcome any challenge and succeed in making a real difference in the community. As our lodge is about to go dark in one month, I would like every Mason to ask themselves what they are willing to giving us a new purpose that is righteous and worthy of our attention, and I pray that when we sacrifice for the greater good and are they complacent with what we do now. What we are doing for

Meals on Wheels, in my mind, is the greatest undertaking since I became a member of Mohave Lodge 68 and that we are truly doing God's work by serving those who are in desperate need.

This is why I became a Mason. Not for power, money, or selfish gains, but to give back to and serve the communities that we love. So, I want to personally thank John Kearns, a brother of this lodge, for bringing this issue to our circle and return next season to lodge, that we come with open hearts, open minds, and both a willingness, and a desire to continue serving Bullhead City and greater Arizona in ways that create real change. The success of a Masonic lodge is not found in how much money it has saved in its coffers or how well a lodge is run like a business. The success of a

lodge is based on how much good it has done for those in need, and with that truth in mind, I pray that, next season, we are able to focus on our service to people and what further we can do to help create actionable solutions to the problems facing our city. What we as Masons are doing for Meals on Wheels by setting a yearly goal of \$12,000 dollars in support of its mission has opened the door to this question; What more can we do as Masons to help serve and support the people in Bullhead who are suffering? My personal view is that when we come together under the banner of a great and glorious cause, Masons can accomplish anything! Thank you and God bless.

If you would like to donate to Meals on Wheels, please visit: www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org



As we reflect on the past few months, we are filled with pride and gratitude for all that the Ladies of Mohave have accomplished together. April and May have been a wonderful season of growth, fellowship, and service.

On April 29th, we had the great honor of welcoming our High Priestess and Court members to our Stated Meeting and Installation of Officers. We are especially thankful to the many ladies who traveled from Phoenix to be part of this meaningful day. We are proud to share that Jessica Tary was once again installed as President, alongside Jamie McCune as Vice President, April Stewart as Secretary, and Jennifer Wood as Treasurer. We are honored to continue serving and leading such an extraordinary group of women.

On May 2nd, we hosted a special Ladies Night Mixer that featured a complimentary wine tasting, appetizers, and light-hearted fellowship games designed to help women in our community connect and have fun. This relaxed and welcoming event was simply

meant to bring women together — and it did just that! We were thrilled to welcome 17 new faces from the community and even more excited to have received 6 new petitions to join Sphinx Court that evening

Volunteering

In the month of April alone, our members volunteered 192 hours in support of both the Shrine Club and Ladies of Mohave initiatives. What makes this especially impressive is that this incredible number was achieved by just 9 active members. That's the power of dedication and heart!

Philanthropy

As we enter June, our club will go dark for the summer, but the work doesn't stop. Behind the scenes, we'll continue planning and preparing for the exciting events ahead. This is also the final month to donate to our drive for Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City. Several of our members will be visiting the hospital in July, where they will deliver stuffed animals, toys, and gift cards to the patients and their families. Our goal is to collect \$1,000 in gift cards, and we are proud to report that we have already received over \$800! We are especially in need of new children's toys and teen items, and a full donation list is attached for anyone wishing to help us cross the finish line.



Upcoming Events

Then, in August, we'll come back strong with two amazing events:

- Join us on Friday, August 9th for our Summer Tea Party, featuring a refreshing Iced Tea Party with a beachy theme! Enjoy flavored teas, delicious fare, and relaxing summer vibes. Tickets are available online at ladiesofmohave.com or through any Lady of Mohave member.
- On Saturday, August 23rd from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, we'll host our annual Family Fun Day in the Hualapais — a tradition that brings together our members, families, and friends for a full day of food, fun, and fellowship in the fresh mountain air. Many members are planning to stay the weekend, so if you'd like to reserve a campsite, please contact Hualapai Mountain Park directly to secure your spot.

To all our members and supporters: thank you. Your time, energy, and compassion are what make this group so special. As we move into the summer months, let's continue to support one another, stay connected, and find new ways to spread kindness and joy in our community.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Let's keep building something beautiful — together.

With gratitude and sisterhood,

Jessica Tary

President, Ladies of Mohave



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SHRINE CLUB

Mohave Shrine Club Newsletter- June Edition

Kicking Off Summer With Success!

June is here, and we're already off to a strong start! Last month, we hosted another unforgettable Food Truck Fest featuring live music from local favorite Tyler Halsey, five fantastic food trucks, indoor and outdoor vendors, and friendly games of cornhole and beer pong. It was a great evening filled with energy and community spirit. Events like this don't happen without a strong team behind the scenes, and we want to give a huge thank you to Jessica Tary, Jennifer Wood, and Marcus Hensley. From organizing

vendors to managing the crowd and handling cleanup, their dedication made the entire night a smooth success. Thank you for everything!

Looking ahead, we're using the summer months to focus on a few much-needed improvement projects around the club. Our top priorities include remodeling and painting the bar, as well as running all new communication lines throughout the event center. These upgrades will help us continue to provide a welcoming and functional space for all our future events and gatherings.

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SHRINE CLUB

In addition to those projects, don't forget to mark your calendars for the Mohave Masonic Families Picnic in the Hualapai Mountains on August 23rd. This is always a fun and relaxing day for the whole family. We'll be providing the food, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do—we'd love to get an accurate headcount and make sure everyone is +well fed.

As always, while the Shrine Club will be dark during the summer, the doors are still open. If you feel like stopping by, sharing a story, or just spending time with good friends, we're always at the Club.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the Shrine. Here's to a productive, refreshing summer and even more great things ahead!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Connaughty
President, Mohave Shrine
Club





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 (Masonicon 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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Residential and Commercial Installation and Service:
Smart Home
Indoor and Outdoor Audio Visual Equipment:
Alarm Systems
Wifi Systems
Event Rentals of A/V Equipment



Saturday, August 23, 2025
11:00AM – 7:00PM
Hualapai Mountain Park Rec Area 3



**Cornhole
Tournament**
 Hosted by LOS



**Horseshoe
Tournament**
 Hosted by Lodge



**Giant Connect
Four**
 Hosted by OES

All Masonic bodies within the Mohave Shrine Club and their families are invited! Meat will be provided – please bring your favorite side dish to share. Enjoy games, great company, and a full day of laughter and memories. Many are staying the weekend in cabins, RVs, or tents – contact Hualapai Mountain Park to reserve your spot. Let's make it a weekend to remember!

Contact Jessica, Jon, Rob, or Mary for information.

RSVP: Text 928-296-0748 w/name, organization, and # to attend

*Trivia
Night*

THURSDAY'S | 6:30PM
MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER
2580 MIRACLE MILE
\$5 PERSON | TEAMS 2-6

&
Events



LADIES OF MOHAVE PRESENT

Iced Tea Party

AUGUST 9, 2025

12.00PM - 2.00PM

MIRACLE MILE EVENT CENTER

2580 MIRACLE MILE, BULLHEAD CITY

\$25 UNDER 21 \$35 OVER 21

SPECIALTY DRINK INCLUDED WITH ADULT TICKET

SCAN ME



PURPOSE:

ENJOY ICED TEA WITH SPECIALTY FLAVORS AND SYRUPS, SANDWICHES, FRUIT, PASTRIES, & DESSERTS! GIFT BASKET OPPORTUNITY AND DOOR PRIZES. PROCEEDS FROM EVENT TO BENEFIT CHILDREN AT SHRINER CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.



KARAOKE

Sundays



EVERY SUNDAY | 5-9PM



Karaoke with Martin Music
Everyone welcome
Drinks and food available for purchase.

2580 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City



NEEDS DRIVE

for Shriners Children's Salt Lake City!

Help Bring Smiles To Kids Undergoing Treatment



Help bring comfort and joy to the brave kids at Shriners Children's Salt Lake City! Each month through June, we're collecting new, much-needed items to support patients and their families.

🧸 April: Stuffed Animals

📺 May: Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Target, iTunes, Smith's)

🎮 June: Toys & Activity Items (Must be new, unwrapped, latex-free)

💵 Cash or check donations are also welcome and will be given directly to the hospital.

Thank you for helping us make a difference—one smile at a time! 🌟

Drop-off Location:

**Miracle Mile Event Center at the Mohave Shrine Club
2580 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City**



NEEDS DRIVE

for Shriners Children's Salt Lake City!

Help Bring Smiles To Kids Undergoing Treatment

Most Requested Items

Dolls (Disney princess, Barbie)

Toy cars and trucks (Hot Wheels)

Action figures (Star Wars, superhero)

Art supplies (coloring books, crayons, markers)

Bluetooth speakers and headphones

Play-Doh

Sewn and Knitted Items

Legos (smaller sets)

Items for teens (card games, adult coloring books, nail polish, advanced craft kits)

Gift cards (Amazon, iTunes, Target, Walmart, Smith's)

Gift Cards

Shriners Children's accepts donated gift cards to various stores and restaurants. Gift cards may be given to patients for completing their therapy session, bravely enduring a procedure, and special occasions, like birthdays.

Gift cards are also available for patient families from out of town who need necessities while their child is at the hospital receiving care. Some of our most requested gift cards include Amazon, Target, Walmart, iTunes and Smith's.

Restrictions

Due to strict infection control precautions, we can only accept donations that are new in original packaging and recently purchased.