

# Trestle Board

## LATEST NEWS AND BULLETIN UPDATES

## From the East

Brethren,

Our Second Annual Masonic Family Picnic has come and gone, and what a day it turned out to be! Last year was a wonderful start, but this year we managed to raise the barmore brothers, more families, more food, and yes, even more sunscreen. It's proof that when we come together, we don't just build Lodges, we build memories.

Of course, no picnic would be complete without a little healthy competition. Congratulations Brothers Marcus and Trevor, who pulled off the impossible and defended their title in the Cornhole Tournament. That's two years in a row, gentlemen. At this rate, we may need to start drug-testing the beanbags or checking backyard for professional-level training facilities. The rest of us clearly have some practicing to do before next year.

As we close the book on summer, it's time to get back to work. Stated Meetings will resume Wednesday, September 3, and continue monthly

thereafter. I look forward to seeing everyone back in Lodge; refreshed, recharged, and ready to labor together in harmony.

Thank you to everyone who made the picnic a success: the cooks, the organizers, the families who brought their laughter and energy, and each of you who showed up to make it bigger and better than last year. This is what Masonry looks like when it's lived out; fellowship, fun, and brotherhood that extends far beyond the walls of our Lodge.

Fraternally, Robert Stewart Worshipful Master



Next Stated Meeting September Stated Meeting Sep 3, 2025 Dinner @ 6PM Gavel @ 7PM



# From the West

I truly hope everyone had an amazing summer. I know that Heather and I did. I want to start with some recognition and please forgive me when I miss half the things that are getting done. It is because so many noteworthy things happen in our little community that I am truly proud of and not because I mean to slight anyone. Great work to the LOS for their collections and gifts made to the Salt Lake Hospital, I know the Shriners that went on that trip were moved and honored. Great work ladies. Our OES and Blue Lodge along with the rest of the community have continued the great work being done for Meals on Wheels and we continue to remain on track to meet our very lofty goals for this year.

Each organization continues to grow with the Lodge continuing the degree work, LOS receiving several petitions, OES holding initiation in both August and September, and the Mohave Shrine club receiving new members. The continued growth shares our way of life with more members of our community and inspires more work to be done for the many philanthropies that we are able to support.

I know everyone able to make it to our Hualapai retreat this year had a great time. I really appreciate our campfires as well as the picnic and games. Thank you to each person who organized the various tournaments, brought all of the equipment, setup, cleaned up, made the food, served the food, and all of the other million things that make these events happen and so fun to attend. This is why I am honored to call each of you family.

Welcome back to the business meetings and I look forward to our many events in the fall. These include the Shrine OV, Food Truck, Cornfest, Halloween, Snowball fight, and new for this year we are looking at doing a holiday party.

Thank you so much to everyone who participates in Masonry in Mohave. You are great!

Marcus Hensley PM, Senior Warden





# Southern Skies

My Brothers,

As the sun is rising in the east we will be coming back from the dark to the light. I hope you all had a good summer and are ready to resume our labors. We have been working the on second degree in our practices and will start working on the third degree after the stated meeting on Sept 3rd. I would like to thank the Brothers that took time this summer and showed up for our practices and would like to see as many officers as possible at future practices which are ever wed at 6 pm except our regular stated meetings and scheduled degrees. Our lodge has come along way and we can keep our momentum by working on our craft. Our lodge is only as good as our Degree work. We will need more Brothers to get proficient and prepare to move up in their station and the best way is to show up for practice.

We can all learn something new at every practice. It's the best time to ask questions and get answers to those things we do and why we do what we do.

We all need to work on ritual not just the officers but even Sideliners will learn something new. Thanks to all the Brothers that have helped me on my masonic journey and am looking forward to getting back to work.

Fraternal yours Howard Martin Jr. Warden





# Mohave County Masons at Work













## From the Desk of Chuck Probst Secretary's Report September 1, 2025

93 Master Mason

4 Fellowcraft

3 Entered Apprentice

7 Prospects

## Calendar Listing:

9/2 Shrine Club Meeting

9/3 Stated Meeting

9/5 Purse Bingo

9/6 Oatman @ Noon, OV @ 6

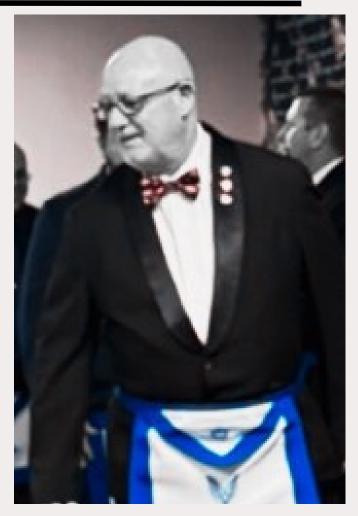
10/1 Stated Meeting

Every Monday BUNCO Every Thursday 3 Ball & Trivia Please pay your dues!

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Erik Vincent 7/2 Issa Solomon Deebes 7/2 Frank Gilbert 7/10 Ronnie Cole 7/12 Tommy Daffron 7/17 Richard Figueroa 7/27 Vic Ayala 8/2 Terry Loll 8/13 Michael Thomas Newcomm 8/13 Robert Hazelgrove 8/17 Lawrence Crummey 8/26 Frank Charles Osdoba 8/26 Robert Stewart 9/1 Scott Wheeler 9/1 Michael Joseph Manusia 9/7 Jon Connaughty 9/8 George Michael Starr 9/11 Joshua Brandon Bussdieker 9/12 Charles Edward Dowler Jr 9/12 Mike Lueck 9/18 Gianni David Chiero 9/21 Dave Doermann 9/25

Thomas John Clark 9/29



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ricky Christopherson 7/9 44 years
Chuck McCune Jr 7/12 2 years
Timothy Russell Uebele 7/13 9 years
William Ray Jones 7/29 39 years
Christopher Anderson 8/20 3 years
Howard Martin 9/5 5 years
Frank Charles Osdoba 9/14 54 years
Robert Allen Richardson 9/16 28 Years
John David Squier 9/20 8 years
Casey Case 9/22 15 years
Lawrence Shawn Phemister 9/22 15 Years
Greg Alan Perrin 9/23 26 years
Kevin Don Richins 9/26 13 years



## Greetings from the officers and members of Sunrise Chapter #60 in Bullhead City

Sunrise Chapter held a special meeting on Saturday August 30 to initiate our newest member Linda Crawford. The meeting was beautifully done and well attended. Many of our officers could not make it for the initiation and our Eastern Star sisters and brothers from Las Vegas came and supported us where needed. A special thank you to them for their assistance.

Tuesday the 8th of September, we will have our first meeting after being dark for the summer. There is a lot of business to discuss, so stay tuned for more regarding information our updates. activity We'll be scheduling our first trash pickup day for the first half of this year, Sister Tori Loll will spearhead that, making plans to help with the Halloween trunk or treat the Masons put on annually, Brother Marcus Hensley will speak

regarding that activity, we want to have another snowball fight with our Masonic family this year and possibly a Christmas party to end the fight, Sister Heather Hensley will speak more on that, we will have Sister Linda Hattrick speak about Bunco and if there is anything we need to further assist her with, and we will probably be balloting for new members, which will require some discussion on when to have another initiation. Other than that, it's business as usual!

Brother Mark and I hope this year brings joy and camaraderie to our members and Masonic sisters and brothers. We meet at 5:30 for a bring your own dinner and socializing. The meeting starts at 7pm.

Fairy Kisses and Star Love,

Mary Kelsey, WM

# From the Uarry



by: Garrett Prado

"Know Thyself"; It is a maxim we have all heard at some point throughout our life. We, practicing as Masons, however, see this as a challenge. For knowing thyself gives one the ability to master themselves, and mastering oneself is at the very core of what it means to be a Mason.



Hello, brothers, and affiliates, and may the Grand Architect in Heaven bless our lodge another year. The Quarry continues into another season,

searching for footing as it works towards becoming a foundational part of the Masonic landscape. So, what is the Quarry? For those of you who do not know it is a men's focused group understanding mental health. Last season, we attempted to organize personal gatherings centered on a specific topic in men's mental health. Although personal meetings did not attract the desired participants, we will try to meet via Zoom this season. There will also be a stronger emphasis on providing useful and engaging articles on our monthly trestle board, which will cover matters on men's mental health and their applications in Masonic growth. I hope that these articles will encourage and intrigue my brothers enough for

them to want to join our Zoom meetings and engage in mutual learning.
With that in mind, I have decided upon a theme

which I will use as the for cornerstone our meetings. This season, the theme is "know thyself", which was inscribed upon the Temple of Apollo in the ancient Greek precinct of Delphi, and which traditionally had been attributed to the God Apollo himself. However, it likely originated from one the original seven philosophers of Greece, such as Thales of Miletus. While the history of the matter is fascinating, the meaning is much more profound.

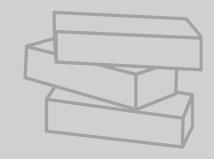


As Masons, we learn about meanings behind esoteric powerful symbols, but not every Mason understands the implications of such wisdom. The Quarry offers environment where Masons can learn to implement our sacred philosophies into our lives in ways that help us grow both individually and as a group. Take, for instance, our symbol for industry and what it means. The value of this wisdom is evident in Vygotsky's theory developmental education. which posits the existence of Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) that restricts our ability to learn and grow independently. This theory dictates that with "scaffolding" (support), individual can accomplish much more than they could alone. This Masonic principle, which is embedded in our symbology, is not only found

in Stoic philosophy and current psychology but also aligns with Biblical wisdom. **Proverbs** 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron" (NIV). The universality Masonic wisdom is not a result of happenstance, but rather result а meticulous work done over time. and therefore, believe learning the deeper of meanings our symbology is a worthy endeavor for all Masons. As we can see, knowing oneself means recognizing one's limits, which in turn can help someone understand others better, but it also means so much more! I hope that as a group, we



strengthen continue to bonds with our one and with another our community and continue to grow both individually and as a unit, and I hope to see many of you at our first Quarry meeting of the season, which will be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm. Thank you, and God bless.



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



As summer winds down, we want to thank everyone who has supported the Ladies of Mohave through a season full of service, fellowship, and community.

Over the last few months, we've been busy! We hosted a successful Community Garage Sale, participated in Billie's Longest Day Fundraiser, continued collecting for the Anderson Family fundraiser, delivered donations to Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City, and lent hands to the ongoing Shrine Club bar renovations. Each of these efforts was made possible by the time, heart, and generosity of our members and candidates.

Our Summer Iced Tea Party was a hit! Huge thanks to everyone who purchased tickets, decorated, donated, served, or simply showed up to enjoy the day with us. Your support helps us continue to grow and give back.



We also had a fantastic time at the Masonic Family Picnic in the Hualapais—thank you to everyone who came out! It was a weekend full of laughter, games, and great food. Save the date for next year: August 22, 2026, with camping starting August 21st. Trust us—you'll want to be there! Details will be out for this in the next couple months for you to plan ahead.

## Looking ahead, we're excited to host our next event:

<u>Purse Bingo</u> – September 5th at 6:30 PM See any Lady of Mohave for more info or to grab your tickets—it's going to be a fun night of games, prizes, and good company!

In September, Jessica Tary and Jennifer Wood will represent us at the Western Area Organized Unit Meet, continuing to spread the LOS sisterhood and bringing back new ideas to share.

As always, the Ladies of Mohave meet the last Tuesday of every month. Fellowship begins at 6:00 PM (open to all ladies!), followed by our Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM (members only). We'd love to see you at fellowship, whether you're a longtime member or just curious to learn more.

With love, laughter, and sisterhood,

Jessica Tary

President, Ladies of Mohave









## Traditions Growing, Projects Building, and Football Season Ahead

This summer has been a busy and rewarding one for our club, filled with service. fellowship, and fun. We had the honor of accompanying the Ladies of Mohave on a trip to Salt Lake City, where they delivered toys, gift cards, and stuffed animals to the children. This was a wonderful outreach put together by the Ladies, and we were proud to stand alongside them in support of such a meaningful cause. We also completed the first phase of our bar remodel, which included fresh paint, carpentry, electrical, and plumbing. A huge thank you

goes out to Rob, Jordan, John, Trevor, Jessica, April, Jennifer, and anyone else I may have missed. It was a big project and we managed to complete it with only minimal injury to ourselves —so we'll call that a win!

Looking ahead, fall is right around the corner, which means football season is here! We invite all members to join us for our weekly football pool and to enjoy the games at the club. We'll also be hosting our Super Bowl Party again this year, so be sure to mark your calendars. In addition. September brings our Official Visit weekend, and we have a great lineup of events planned.

On Friday, September 5, the Ladies of Mohave will host Purse BINGO. On Saturday, September 6, we will meet at noon in Oatman to visit with Brother Rod Hall and enjoy his famous Gun Show, followed by lunch. That same evening at 5:00 PM, we'll host A Week at the Mohave Shrine Club, our special gift to the Divan as they come to visit for our OV.

As always, I encourage everyone to come down and see what's happening around the club. Your presence makes all the difference.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to text me at 928-219-1597. I'd love to see and hear from you.

Fraternally yours,

Jon



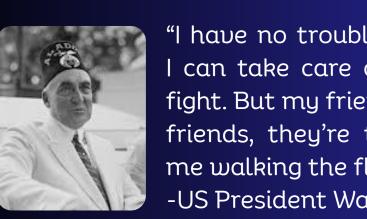
"If I thought about it, I could be bitter, but I don't feel like being bitter. Being bitter makes you immobile, and there's too much that I still want to do." -Richard Prior



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"I have no trouble with my enemies. I can take care of my enemies in a fight. But my friends, my goddamned friends, they're the ones who keep me walking the floors at night!" -US President Warren G. Harding





















#### 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.





















