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From the East



Welcome to the new year Brethern! First, I would like to apologize for my hectic schedule my vocation entails, thus making me less available within the building. I would also like to thank everyone for filling in when & where needed. With the new year come the closure of goals set forth the previous year. One of those goals we set last year was to help fill the gaps of our local Meals on Wheels program, by raising money to donate. We set a large goal of $12,000 for the year. Between OES and MV Lodge #68, we raised $12,140.00 locally. Through grants from Masonic Charities of Arizona and The Eastern Star Foundation, another $9,000 was donated. That gives us a total of $21,140 donated to Bullhead City Meals on Wheels. Thank you everyone for your hard work!

Eastern Star Most Worthy Grand Matron Bill Bradfield celebrated 60 years in Eastern Star. Billie is also, over Eastern Star of the whole world. This requires her to visit every OES lodge worldwide. Mohave Valley Lodge #68 was able to donate $500.00 to help her cover her travel expenses.

We do have an Entered Apprentice degree scheduled for the end of the month. If you are part of this particular degree team, or an officer, please try your best to make it to practices. I will also be at the next practice on Feb 11th at 6pm

Robert Stewart
Worshipful Master

From the West

As we begin a new year we have great things to look forward to this year, we have a new brother to be initiated next month and have had some good practices over the last month . We are looking at Feb 18th as the date for his 1st degree. That being said we will have a practice on February 11th at 6:00pm. All installed officers are required to attend, so please arrange your schedule around that date and the degree date. We need to tighten up a few things so we can give our candidate a great experience in his first time in open lodge. Hope to see all of you at our stated meeting on February 4th.



Fraternal yours,

Howard Martin
Sr Warden

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Southern Skies



As we gather for our first meeting of the month, we are reminded that each opening of the Lodge is both a continuation of our ancient work and a fresh opportunity for renewal. The turning of the calendar invites us to reflect on the progress we have made individually and collectively, measuring our actions by the working tools of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. May this meeting serve not only to conduct the necessary labor of the Lodge, but also to strengthen the bonds of fellowship that unite us as Masons. Let us approach our work with humility, purpose, and a renewed commitment to improving ourselves and supporting one another, so that our Lodge may continue to be a light to our members and to the community we serve. We should take pride in the many positive efforts underway within our Lodge. From the dedication shown in our degree work and education programs to the quiet acts of charity and support extended to our brothers and the community, these labors reflect the true spirit of Masonry. Such accomplishments are made possible through the time, care, and commitment of our members, and they strengthen the reputation and harmony of our Lodge. As we move forward into the coming weeks, we wish every brother and their families continued health, happiness, and peace. May the Great Architect guide and protect each of you. May we meet again in friendship and goodwill

Charlie Smith
Junior Warden

From the Desk of Chuck Probst



Secretary's Report
February 1, 2026
91 Master Masons
4 FellowCraft
2 Entered Apprentice
1 Candidate
1 Prospect

ANNIVERSARIES

James Harbison - 2/18 - 56 years
David Husband - 2/28 - 48 years
Thomas Givens - 2/18 - 44 years
Ernest Wilson - 2/25 - 35 years
Michael Grubbs - 2/26 - 19 years
John Shepherd - 2/27 - 18 years
Jeffrey Wileman - 2/16 - 17 years
Michael Manusia - 2/2 - 16 years
Michael Newcomm - 2/16 - 15 years
Allen Stout - 2/16 - 15 years
Matthew Kelly - 2/8 - 3 years

BIRTHDAYS

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

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Order of the Eastern Star

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

Sunrise Chapter held their Friendship Night in January. We enjoyed a dinner beforehand with dishes made by many loving hands of chapter members. We had special visitors show up for dinner. Corrections in the Community is a charitable organization we as Sunrise Chapter started supporting whole heartedly in December. This organization was brought to our attention from Sister Heather Hensley.

Sister Billie Bradfield MWGM attended our dinner and meeting and a few of the Blue Lodge and Shrine officers attended the dinner to present her with personal monetary gifts for travel purposes, or whatever else she made need in these next three years. The Lady's of Mohave Shrine came and cleaned the dining room and kitchen while we were in our meeting. A huge heartfelt thank you to those beautiful ladies and sisters of a different Masonic group. The meeting was very well attended with lots of introductions of many distinguished guests including Brother Michael Berry MWGP. Brother Mike did the honors of pinning Sister Billie's 60 year pin on her. Sister Billie had other gifts and accolades presented to her by the General Grand Officers and all who attended. February meeting will be Valentines theme, please wear red or whatever color makes your heart pitter patter. We are getting ready for our Official Visit , which is April 17th at 7pm (It's a Friday night) and then Saturday will be full of fun with our traveling sisters and brothers from Nevada as we are hosting Hands Across the Border this year. Sunday will be the Official Visit of Park Chapter 26 in Las Vegas. Sister Debbie Tanner is the Worthy Matron of that chapter and we're sure she would love to see a full chapter with her beloved sisters and brothers supporting her. There is a lot to discuss and get ready for and I will need as much help as possible from our members.

We also need to discuss our trash pickup and put that on the schedule, Sister Tori will be in charge of that. Sister Linda Hattrick is our liaison for Bunco, she won't be in attendance this meeting, but she works her hiney off at Bunco and we appreciate her. Thank you Sister Linda. 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 7 pm.

Fairy Kisses and Star Love,

Mary Kelsey, WM

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Ladies of Mohave

The Ladies of Mohave have had a busy and rewarding month marked by fellowship, service, and continued progress toward the establishment of Mohave Court.

Recently, the Ladies of Mohave proudly hosted an Official Visit, welcoming visiting ladies and leadership for an afternoon of connection, discussion, and shared vision. During the Official Visit, our annual awards were presented to recognize the dedication, leadership, and service of our members.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Legacy Builder – Jessica Tary

Pillar of Strength – Megan Lindemanis

Heart of Sisterhood – Marchell Olsen-Wilson

Above and Beyond – Lindsey Alverson

Rising Star – Ashley Keller

Creative Spark – Honey Chaney

Unsung Sister – Kim Kearns

Lady of Distinction – April Stewart

Lady of the Year – Jessica Tary

We also congratulate Lindsey Alverson, who was honored as Lady of the Quarter.

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In support of the Sphinx Court Associate Princess Hospital Project, our ladies donated 127 handmade pillowcase bags, benefiting Shriners Children's Hospitals. Special recognition is extended to our Sewing Committee Chair, Barb Zarzycki, for their dedication & outstanding work in making this project a success.

The Ladies of Mohave invite everyone to join us for our upcoming Fairy Garden Tea Party fundraiser. Tickets and additional information are available through any member of the Ladies of Mohave. We also look forward to hosting a Ladies Night Beauty Bingo on March 27th and invite all to attend for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Please note that our February Stated Meeting has been moved from the usual last Tuesday of the month to February 17th. Fellowship will be held from 6:00–7:00 PM and is open to all; however, the meeting itself is closed to members only. New elections will be held at this meeting, and a change in club officers will take place following the election.

Ladies of Mohave continue to make steady progress toward the establishment of Mohave Court. Membership continues to grow, required documentation is being prepared, and leadership remains in regular communication with Grand Council representatives as we work toward a Fall institution, pending approval and scheduling.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Jessica Tary
President, Ladies of Mohave

MOHAVE SHRINE CLUB

Happy New Year to All Masonic Families,

With the New Year brings in a new "El Jefe". I look forward to continuing the work my predecessor has started in building our Shrine Club. I am focused on increasing our business with new "fundraisers" to bring in more clientele.

With the increased "fundraisers", we have many items of need that we need to accomplish in improving the Club. Yes, change will happen, it's the nature of increased business!

But the number one reason for wanting the increased clientele is to get people in and asking questions, WE WANT TO MAKE MORE MASONS!

So, if you see a new/old event going on, please come up, help out, you never know if your conversation with a new person results in a new fellow Brother or Sister. Looking forward to strengthening our bonds and having a great year.

Thankfully,

John Kearns
President, Mohave Shrine Club

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The Quarry

Know Thyself: Masonic Integration and Identity



As Masons ascend through the degrees from apprentice, to fellowcraft, to master, there are lessons given and stories told which inculcate upon the mind the wisdom of those noble and virtuous souls who undertook great and glorious tasks to glorify God. These offerings of deeper knowledge are not meant to be taken lightly, but rather, it is hoped and intended that all Masons will see the utilitarian aspects embedded within and use those truths as tools to enrich their lives emotionally, socially, biologically, and spiritually.

So how can Masons integrate Masonic wisdom into daily life?

Before addressing how to integrate Masonic values, there must be a little understanding of the why. Masons need to understand two basic truths about Masonry which are necessary if one wishes to get the most out of what Masonry offers.

First, Masons must understand that they are the rough ashlar that is always at work to hewn themselves into perfection. Masonry posits that through the work done by Masons, and the knowledge they are privileged to have had bestowed upon them, they can continue to grow as individuals. As Manny P. Hall said, “A Mason is a builder of the temple of character. He is the architect of a sublime mystery- The gleaming, glowing temple of his own soul.” How many Masons reading this have taken this truth to heart?

If you haven’t, don’t feel bad. Many who join the ranks of Masonry are accomplished and/ or respected individuals who have much wisdom of their own to share. Some live very happy and peaceful lives and it may not be easy for these individuals to accept that they have still more to learn or grow, especially those who are in the later stages of their life. According to Masonic wisdom, however, the journey of a Mason does not end until the day they join that great lodge in the sky and any moment from now until then can be a moment of reflection, growth, and learning.

The second truth that must be understood by Masons is that Masonry has profound esoteric wisdom that can transform Masons for the better. William Howard Taft said Masonry cultivated the social side of man, exciting in him, feelings of love and charity. George Washington called

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Masonry a benevolent force of good for mankind, and Carl H Claudy said "Masonry is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols because these are the surest ways by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. When a Mason sees Masonry for all that it encompasses, it become not just a fraternity of caring men who come together in brotherhood to help people and communities, it becomes a philosophy of how to live our best lives, a road which leads us closer to understanding and working in tandem with God and His plan for us as Masons and as individuals, and a psychoeducational group which disseminates social, moral, and psychological wisdom for self-growth.

Once a Mason understands these two things to be true, they begin to build their Masonic identity, strengthening both their faith in the value of Masonry and conviction to keep its teachings close to the heart, and this is how one begins to integrate Masonry into their life, through authentic love and respect of the Craft.

The Benefits

When an individual lives Masonry, they embrace Masonic social and ethical values, hold dear the oaths they swear to, and promote brotherly love, relief, and truth, which instill charity and kindness towards others. They move ever closer toward God, aligning themselves with His plan, becoming a conduit for His grace and selflessness. In doing this, the Mason becomes more socially connected to community, more spiritually connected to the divine, more emotionally self-aware, and ultimately more able to mitigate stress and approach life in a positive and progressive manner. May all Masons and their families be blessed.

Garrett Prado
Jr. Deacon, Mohave Lodge 68.

