

The Trestle Board

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Master's Message

Brethren,

For this Trestle Board message I would like to share with my Brothers a poem written by a relative of mine. My Great uncle P.M. Harrison (Gene) Thompson Sr was a man of many talents and wrote a book of poems Titled 'Wise or Otherwise'. When I became a MM his daughter (my Grandma's sister) sent me this book along with a letter of congratulations. Gene was a Past Master for the Masonic Lodge in Spirit Lake, Idaho. He became a member of the Libby Montana Lodge after moving there. He was a Past Patron of the Eastern Star in Priest River, DeMolay Dad Advisor, Past Associate Guardian of the Jobs Daughters and became a Scottish Rite member in the Valley of Missoula, Montana, Algeria Shrine. Gene passed away November 23, 2006 at the age of 87.

This Poem I would like to share with you is titled Plumb, Level and Square.

My sins are many, my virtues are few
On Sunday it's church my faith to renew
But in workday strife with it's wear and tear
Allow me to follow plumb, level and square

By walking uprightly, looking all in the eye
Speaking in truth, abhorring all lies
Strait as a plumb line, God wants me to be narrow
The path that is laid out for me.

Give me the square, this is the key
Doing to others as I would have them done to me.
In viewing the compass I will circumscribe
And will not step over and let desire to abide.

All these at the alter on bended knee
I swore to uphold these obligations you see
When he calls me yonder and they judge me up there
Just say that he followed plumb, level and square.

Thank you Brothers for reading this and I have many more where that came from. Let me know if you would like to hear more sometime.

Fraternally,
Justin Stevens
Worshipful Master

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From the West

Brethren,

2023 has begun and the Officer Line is excited for all that is to come! Make it a point to attend our weekly meetings to fellowship, learn and contribute to the experience of Freemasonry for our Brethren and Seekers alike. We all have unique experiences and abilities from which the Fraternity can benefit. I look forward to seeing and learning from all of you throughout this new year!

Fraternally,

Michael Harris
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren!



As we began 2023 with our newly installed officer line, a century ago Oriental 20 began the year with a new officer line as well. The Master of the lodge that year was an Irish immigrant that came to the United States through Ellis Island at the age of 24 in August of 1910. He listed his occupation as a carpenter and his destination was Arizona. Upon arriving in Mesa, it did not take long for him to put his trade talent into practice.

By the start of 1920, he was well known for his skilled craftsmanship. He built many notable homes for prominent figures in Mesa. He also built commercial and public buildings such as the old Mesa City Hall. His work is identified as that of a Master Builder.

The correlation of his life's journey and the life of a Mason seems to fit like a glove. In a profound way, it seems he fit directly into the essence of what Freemasonry is. Beginning a life anew in a foreign land, honing his God given talents, becoming well respected in his trade, and serving his fellow man by becoming a Master Builder.

As we begin this new year, I am humbled by the greatness of the men that have served this lodge and grateful to them. Just like our 1923 Past Master, **Joseph A. Nesbitt**, all the Master Builders who have come before us, have built a strong foundation for us to be proud of and to continue to build on as members of Oriental 20.

Fraternally,

Marc Geyer
Junior Warden



From the Editor

Brethren, this will be my last Trestle Board (TB). I have been editor of the TB since December 1998. I certainly enjoyed publishing the TB and servicing the Masters over those years. The lodge TB has been recognized and received awards by the Grand Lodge several times.

I will continue to do the Weekly Communication. If you have any comments, questions, or ideas for the Communication, let me know at royaz45@yahoo.com.

Fraternally,

Roy Berggren, PM

Appendant Bodies List

If you are a member of one of these appendant bodies and have not attended for awhile, make this year the year you come back. You will surely be welcomed. You can reunite with old acquaintances and meet some new ones. So, come on out at the time and dates noted. We would love to see you again.



MESA STARLIGHT NO. 16

Order of the Eastern Star

Meets 1st - 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Nicole Houlette (480) 244-0110	Worthy Matron
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BAA HANII COURT NO. 9

Order of Amaranth

Meets 2nd & 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m.

DeLores Nolan (937) 708-6083	Royal Matron
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Shirley Davis (480) 831-1698	Secretary



MESA ASSEMBLY NO. 9

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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BETHEL NO. 13

Job's Daughters International

Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Katie H.	Honored Queen
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EAST VALLEY LODGE OF PERFECTION

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Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Kenneth Von Hopf (480) 252-7249	Venerable Master
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VALLEY OF THE STARS NO. 62

Order of Eastern Star

Meets 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Mickie McKay (480) 221-9716	Worthy Matron
Bill Udell (847) 909-0727	Worthy Patron
	Secretary

February Anniversaries

Come to are Stated Meeting February 7th @ 7 p.m. to celebrate your birthday.

Name	Raised	Years
Herbert W Hubaker Jr.	2/06/1974	49
Frank P Weinberg	2/11/1964	59
Donald R Wilson, II, PM	2/12/1985	38
Douglas J Lucas	2/14/2017	6
Ralph Ponce De Leon	2/17/1976	47
Edmund L Cope	2/18/2014	9
Jay M DeArrastia	2/18/2020	3
William W Cook, IV	2/19/2013	10
William W Begley	2/19/1981	42
Charles E Daugherty, II	2/19/1974	49
Thomas P Lewis, PM	2/22/1965	57
Martin Dylan	2/22/2022	1
Victor A Chiriac	2/27/2001	22
Samuel D Adams	2/27/2014	9
Kim R Melius	2/28/1984	39

February Birthdays

Come to are Stated Meeting February 7th @ 7 p.m. to celebrate your birthday.

Name	Birth Date
Bryan R Greenwood, PM	2/02
Floyd E Bailey, Jr	2/02
Derrell Branch	2/02
Michael W Bott	2/05
Daniel D Ayala,	2/06
David Lee	2/08
Stephen F Beardsley, Jr	2/10
Martin D Rozell	2/12
Edwin V Benedicto, PM	2/14
Patrick L Clampitt	2/15
Victor A Chiriac	2/22
George R Rusk, DGM	2/24
Ralph F Goodwin	2/24
Stephen A Farago	2/27
Ryan Winkle	2/27

***Trestle Board articles need to be in by the
15th of the month.***

Send articles to secretary@oriental20.com

Valentine's Day

Oriental #20
F. & A.M.

Masonic
Family

SWEETHEART

Three Course Dinner
&
Champagne Toast

6:30pm - 8:30pm

\$30

Per Person



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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m. York Rite Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting 7 p.m.	4 Camelback #75 Breakfast 9 am Meeting 10 a.m.
5	6 Mesa Starlight 16 Mtg 7:30 p.m.	7 Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Stated Mtg 7 p.m.	8 Valley of the Stars 62 Mtg 1p.m.	9 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m. Stated	10 Baa Hanii Court #9 Mtg 7:30 p.m.	11
12 Oriental 20 Widows Tea Noon till 2 p.m.	13 Rainbow # 9 Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Valentines Day Sweetheart Din- ner 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (See flyer on pg. 4)	15 Scottish Rite Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	17 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting 7 p.m.	18
19	20 Mesa Starlight 16 Mtg 7:30 p.m.	21 Oriental #20 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	22	23 Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Rainbow # 9 Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28 Oriental #20 Meeting @ 7 p.m.				

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