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THE MIGHTY MEETING OF THE MASONS.

son, However snide,

blace on And collars wide.

Then he'll pass from "Labor"—Which is swopping grips,

With his "brother" neighbor, To "Refreshment"—nips.

When one's a Mason, However snide, He must aprons place on And collars wide.

#### 2023

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<u>"The right</u> tools are revealed to <u>us; we just</u> need to <u>understand</u> how to <u>apply and</u> use them correctly." Page 19

#### June joke of the month:

What did the Calendar say to the Clock the moment it became June 1st?

I am dis-Mayed.

# Editor's Note



Good News! I had a reply from the help wanted ad I placed in the last Trestle Board. Our Musician, Brother Sean Munroe stepped up and sent in an article. He has actually agreed to supply one every month and his articles will be in a new section called, "The Musicians Corner".

As a reminder I am republishing the, "You Hold The Keys" flyer on page 33. Remember, your input is uniquely valuable to our lodge. The Trestle Board is a great way for all members to contribute their thoughts, perspectives and inspiration. Have you read or seen something that inspires you in Masonry?—Share it here.

Again, my keys don't open all the doors—We need more keys!!!!

Fraternally, Br. Marc



Marc Geyer Editor

The Oriental #20
Trestle Roard

**JUNE 2023** 



#### Ramblings from the East!!

In our journey through life, we are often reminded of the fragility and impermanence of our existence. Death, an inevitable part of the human experience, has intrigued and fascinated individuals across cultures and time. As Freemasons, we possess a unique perspective on mortality—one that encourages us to explore the profound link between our craft and the appreciation of death.

Masonry, at its core, is built upon timeless principles that guide us towards personal growth, moral development, and enlightenment. Our rituals and teachings provide a framework for introspection, self-improvement, and the contemplation of life's mysteries. Within this framework lies a profound connection to death—an understanding that by acknowledging the transitory nature of life, we gain a deeper appreciation for its inherent value and meaning.

One of the fundamental tenets of our Masonic tradition is the contemplation of mortality. By recognizing the fleeting nature of our time on this earthly plane, we are compelled to reflect upon the legacies we leave behind, the impact we make upon others, and the true nature of our existence. Death serves as a constant reminder that our mortal lives are limited, urging us to live with purpose, honor, and integrity.

The symbolism present in our rituals also speaks to the cyclical nature of life and death. From the initiation rites to the symbols adorning our lodges, we encounter reminders of mortality that encourage us to confront the reality of our mortality and seek enlightenment. Our Masonic journey is a metaphorical progression through life, confronting trials and tribulations, and ultimately facing our own mortality with equanimity.

Moreover, our Masonic brotherhood provides a unique support system during times of loss and grief. As we gather in harmony and unity, we support and console each other, embracing the full spectrum of human emotions that accompany the experience of death. By fostering an environment of compassion and understanding, we demonstrate the importance of brotherly love and remind ourselves that, in the face of mortality, we are not alone.

Appreciating death does not mean dwelling on the morbid aspects of our existence. Instead, it invites us to live fully and meaningfully, to embrace each day with gratitude, and to strive for virtuous conduct. Our contemplation of mortality instills within us the desire to leave a lasting legacy, not only for the benefit of our Masonic brethren but also for the betterment of humanity as a whole.

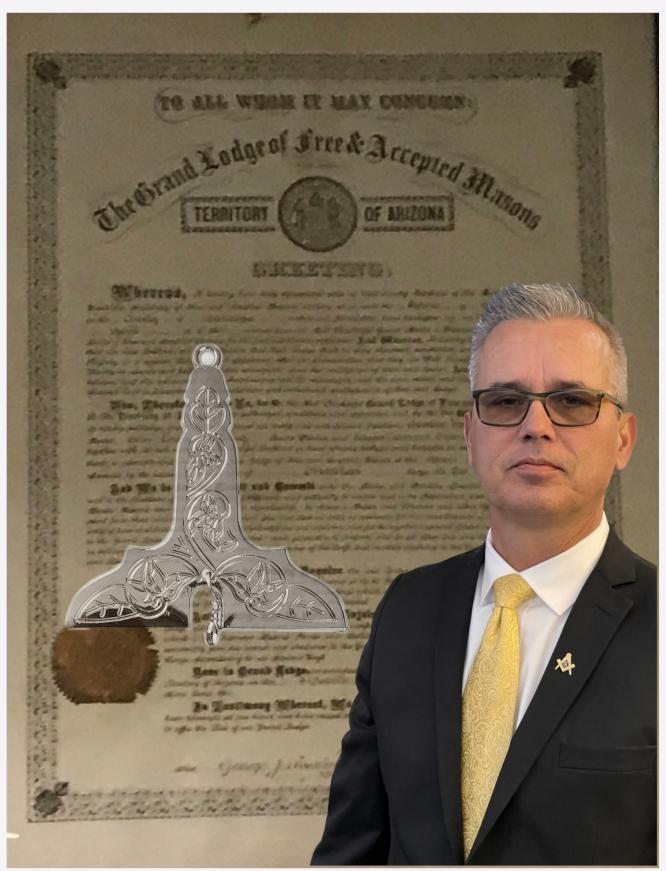
In the spirit of our Masonic teachings, let us remember that death is not an end but a transition—a passage to another realm which we approach with faith, hope, and a steadfast commitment to the principles we hold dear. By embracing our mortality, we unlock the power to live purposefully, to create positive change, and to leave a lasting imprint upon the world.

As we continue our Masonic journey together, let us honor the link between our craft and our conceptual acknowledgement of death. May we find solace in our shared rituals, support one another through elation and sadness, and strive to lead lives that inspire and uplift.

Regards,

**Justin Stevens** 

Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West, Brethren!	
2023 has been filled with so many activities for which I must pay some dues. Our Worshipful Master,	
Br Justin Stevens, has been busy filling our calendar with several degrees for which our Worshipful Brother	
Luke Evans has provided great candidates through our powerful Friend to Friend (F2F) program. Our officer	rs
have been stepping up, under our Worshipful Master's supervision, to gain proficiencies in their positions to	0
come.	
Finally, our Junior Warden, Br Marc Geyer, has done a tireless job of making the fellowship of the Lodge	
enjoyable, educational and delicious! Thank you to all of the Brothers who have been contributing to these	
great successes with the Lodge and, thereby, ensuring that the Fraternity continues to flourish with	
wonderful men in search of becoming even better!	
Fraternally,	
SW Michael Harris	
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Greetings from the South.

1963 encapsulated a number of significant events in the U.S.:

- An oral Polio Vaccine, taken with a lump of sugar, is given nationwide.
- The Post Office launched the "Zoning Improvement Plan" or Zip Code use on letters and packages.
- John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Friday, November 22nd, 1963, in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas.
- And the year marked many significant events relating to the Civil Rights movement.

In light of what would occur during the year, Oriental 20 installed a new Master for 1963, when life in the U.S. was characterized by national optimism and a prosperous economy.

The Master this year was born on September 15th, 1919, and raised in Gilbert, where he farmed and ranched. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II and a deputy in the Maricopa County Sheriff's water posse. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and El Zaribah Shrine.

Eight years after being raised a Master Mason, WB Ray Marsh Ramsey presided in the East at the age of 43. When he petitioned the lodge in 1954, he used a mason named Walter Page at the Waldorf Barber Shop as one of his references. He was Initiated on 9-14-1954, Passed on 11-16-1954, and Raised on 2-15-55.

As with all the Past Masters of our lodge, WB Ray was one of the celebrated artists that helped build Oriental 20 into the lodge that we all enjoy today.

Although I have little documentation regarding his impact during 1963, his service to our fraternity was, without a doubt, a noble and honorable contribution.

Sadly, 11 years later, in 1974, WB Ray M. Ramsey at the age of 55, and his wife were found deceased in their home on Route 1 in Gilbert.

Fraternally, Marc Geyer Junior Warden



June 2023 July ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Mark Your (			<b>1</b> Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m. York Rite Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> Bethel 13 JDI Meeting 7 pm	<b>3</b> Mesa Starlight Installation
July h	as been mo	ved to Jul	y 11th	Grand Lodge of AZ Annual Communication	Grand Lodge of AZ Annual Communication	Grand Lodge of AZ Annual Communication
		<b>6</b> Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Stated Mtg 7 pm	7	<b>8</b> Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m. Stated	<b>9</b> Baa Hanii Court #9 Mtg 7:30 pm	10 Camelback #75 Breakfast 9 am Meeting 10 am
1	12 Rainbow # 9 Meeting 7:00 pm		14 Valley of the Stars 62 Mtg 1pm Rainbow #9 Conf room 7-8:30pm		<b>16</b> Bethel 13 JDI Meeting 7 pm	17 Bethel 13 JDI Installation all day
8		<b>20</b> Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Meeting @ 7 pm	21	<b>22</b> Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	23	<b>24</b> Rainbow #9 4-9pm
5	26 Rainbow # 9 Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>27</b> Oriental #20 Dinner 6 pm Meeting @ 7 pm	28	<b>29</b> Apache Lodge 69 Meeting 7 p.m.	30 Blood Drive 7a-1p	
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## Oriental Facility

## Blue Lodge Partners



# APACHE LODGE NO.69

Lodge Phone: C- 480-206-6163 Lodge Email: secretary@apachelodge69.com

2023 Master - Alexis A. Bautista

Stated Meetings
2nd Thursday of each month.
Dinner is served at 6:15 pm.
Stated Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 pm.



## Camelback Daylight Lodge #75

Lodge Phone: C- 480-206-6163 Lodge Email: swietek.paul@gmail.com

2023 Master - Dwain A. Chase

Stated Meetings 1st Sat of each month @ 10:00 am Every month; except Jul, Aug Breakfast is served at 9:00 am

#### **May 2nd Stated Meeting**

Wonderful turnout for the May 2nd Stated Meeting. The kitchen was in full use as the Rainbow Girls provided a delicious dinner to over 35 people. Every Tuesday dinner includes a short 10 minute masonic history related, "Knowledge Bite".

The topic on May 2nd was related to Cinco de Mayo.



### May 9th FC Degree

Taco Tuesday dinner was a huge success. The "Knowledge Bite" topic was about President Andrew Johnson. Brother Doylan was then Passed to the degree of FC to top off the night.



## May 16th—EA Degree

A great Lasagna Dinner and "Knowledge Bite" was followed by our Jr. Deacon, Brother Frank D., having the honor of stepping up to Senior Deacon for the night as his son Matthew was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason.



#### May 23rd—Education and Planning

Great attendance for a dinner of Baked Ziti and a brief "Knowledge Bite" about Br. Frank Hamer who put an end to Bonnie and Clyde's killing rampage on May 23rd, 1934. After dinner, MWB James May provided insight to the brethren regarding the origin of lecture slides used by the lodge.



## **Other Pics From The Month of May**



On May 9th, Junior Steward Ryan S. had the pleasure of his parents come to visit the lodge and join the lodge in fellowship that night for dinner.

PM, Don Wilson, Board Chairman for Rainbow Mesa Assembly 9, also serves on the Oriental 20 Facilities Committee. Thank you for your continued service to our lodge and our youth group!!





In the early morning on May 13th, three of our current degree candidates showed up at the lodge to help spruce up the landscaping.

**Thank you** for helping keep our lodge weed free and looking good!!!!!!!

## **May Travels**

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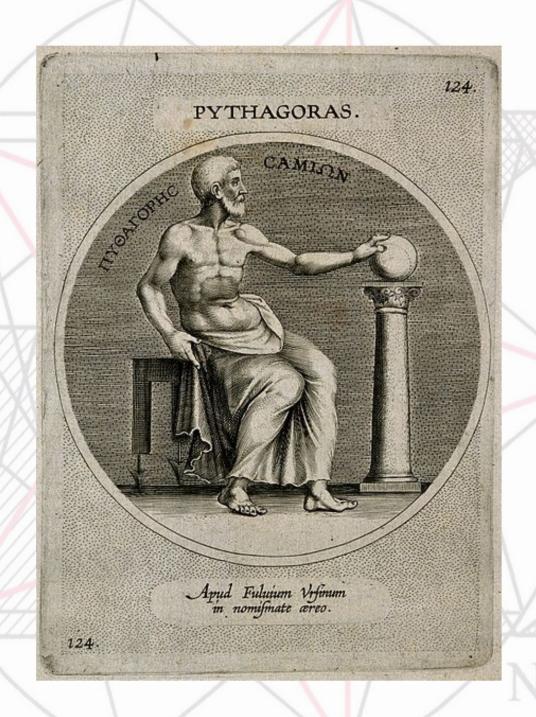
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Br. Marc Geyer, JW stopped by Maui Lodge 472 while on vacation this month.



Br. Barry Winters traveled to Gila Valley No. 9 for a Fellowcraft Degree





#### **Freemasonry Can Help Create Order Out Of Chaos**

"Ordo ab Chao"

Life can be chaotic. There are always things going on, and it can be hard enough to keep track of your commitments, let alone the constant bombardment from various outside sources.

It's no wonder that the percentage of people in all demographics who feel overwhelmed or stressed is growing yearly. Amid the chaos, it's crucial to create order.

Oriental 20 Lodge is a place where members can come together to learn about the principles of Freemasonry and hopefully apply those principles in their daily lives. Freemasonry helps its members overcome chaos by giving them a sense of order and structure. The lodge provides a sense of community and belonging, which can be very helpful for people feeling lost or overwhelmed.

In addition to providing a sense of order and structure, Freemasonry teaches us how to deal with chaos constructively. The lodge is a place where our members can learn how to manage their emotions, resolve conflict, and make difficult decisions. These skills can be beneficial for people who are facing chaos in their personal or professional lives.

Finding and using the right tool or tools for any job is essential. As brothers of the fraternity, we have the opportunity to assimilate and practice ancient teachings that provide us guidance. The right tools are revealed to us; we just need to understand how to apply and use them correctly.

Chaos will always exist.

I believe that as a Freemason, it is incumbent upon me to do my best not to add to the chaos. In every moment and interaction, I have the choice to act upon the square and take another step towards creating order out of chaos.

Br. Marc Geyer Oriental Lodge #20 Mesa, Arizona





# Helping Seniors in need of Cooler homes during AZ summers. Donations APPRECIATED



MASONIC FELLOWSHIP + COMMUNITY GOALS

## JULY PINT NIGHT "PAWTY"

Oriental 20 Summer Social
Series and community
fundraiser
Time: Sunday 3-7pm
Doggie friendly patio
bring your pups!
Date: Sun July 16







## SATURDAY, 12 AUGUST 2023

GAVEL DROPS AT 9 AM

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for camping overnight.
RV spots (\$40) and cabins available.
Tent campsites and fire pits.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
all attendees receive:
Breakfast - coffee and pastries
Lunch - BBQ
Custom Commemorative Coin
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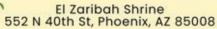
SATURDAY AUG. 26TH 10AM-4PM SUNDAY AUG. 27TH 10AM-4PM

## Great time for the whole family!

WE WILL BE SERVING DELICIOUS HOT CORN, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND BEANS. THERE WILL BE CRAFT VENDORS ON SITE. GAMES AND PRIZES FOR THE KIDS!!

Food tickets Adults \$ 10 In advance or \$12 at the door Kids 8 and under \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door

For more information please contact Noble Tom LaFountain:



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Macter Macone

Montezuma Lodge #35 will be hosting a Table Lodge on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 at 6pm at the Phoenix Masonic Temple at 345 W. Monroe Street in Phoenix, Arizona featuring celebrated Masonic author, P.D. Newman.

This event will fill up quick so get your tickets asap. Tickets are \$75 which includes dinner and wine. To purchase tickets, write your checks to Montezuma Lodge #35 and send to

345 W. Monroe Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Or visit us in person to pay cash OR pay online via zelle. To use zelle, email our secretary at awarianka@gmail.com for the link. Or you can purchase them at this website or with the following QR code.

https://www.eventcreate.com/e/montezumalodge35



Brother Newman's presentation is entitled: "Theurgy: Theory and Practice"

THIS will be a night you will not want to miss.

P.D. Newman is the author of the groundbreaking "Alchemically Stoned" as well as "Angels in Vermillion: From Dee to DMT".

Clear your calendars and get excited about taking a deep dive into Masonic philosophy, history and education with one of the greats of our beloved Craft.



Play in the Grand Lodge golf outing supporting *G.L.O.A.F*. Enjoy a fun day of golf for some friendly competition, and brotherly camaraderie!

- Open To The Public Men & Women
- Register as a single golfer and be paired together -OR
- Ø Bring your best team of 4!



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- · Southwest Texas BBQ
- One Free Beverage Ticket per Golfer
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## THE TRESTLE BOARD





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MASONIC EVENT, ARTICLE, OR
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## **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 Worthy Matron Howard Houlette Worthy Patron Renee Hurd Secretary



#### BAA HANII COURT NO. 9

Order of Amaranth

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

DeLores Nolan Royal Matron George Rusk Royal Patron Shirley Davis Secretary



#### MESA ASSEMBLY NO. 9

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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

Anna Maria Delgado Worthy Advisor Rose Hanne Mother Advisor Augustine Delgado Rainbow Dad Don Wilson, PM Board Chairman



#### BETHEL NO. 13

Job's Daughters International

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

Katie H. Honored Queen Alexandra Houseman Bethel Guardian



#### VALLEY OF THE STARS NO. 62

Order of Eastern Star

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

Mickie McKay Worthy Matron Bill Udell Worthy Patron

Secretary

# Oriental Blue Lodge Anniversaries June

Come to our Stated Meeting June 6th @ 7pm to celebrate!!

<u>Name</u>		<u>Raised</u>	Years
James	Wells	6/11/1960	63
David	Lanford	6/12/1975	48
Michael	Elliott	6/20/1978	45
David	Howard	6/27/1978	45
Steven	Gearhart	6/24/1980	43
Rodney	Тарре	6/26/1981	42
Thomas	Lewis II	6/15/1982	41
Courtland	Desenberg	6/15/1982	41
Joe	Scarborough Jr	6/19/1982	41
Michael	Flynn	6/26/1986	37
Glen	Nash	6/20/1989	34
Roy	Patterson	6/11/1991	32
James	Pomush	6/18/1991	32
Gordon	Blank	6/29/1991	32
Alexander	Bendyna Jr	6/29/1993	30
Frank	Donald	6/22/1995	28
Harman	Cadis	6/8/1999	24
Donald	Shields	6/26/2007	16
Justin	Stevens	6/15/2010	13
Ragav	Gopalan	6/27/2017	6



## **June Birthdays**

**Come to our Stated Meeting June 6th** 

@ 7pm to celebrate your birthday!!

<u>Name</u>		Birth Date
Albrant	Justin	6/8
Cope	Edmund	6/14
Gearhart	Steven	6/4
Lanford	David	6/9
Lindquist	Timothy	6/29
McNeal	Matthew	6/26
Minton	David	6/2
Morrison	Richard	6/4
Newton	Randy	6/23
Otori	Rin	6/25
Sparks	Ryan	6/22
Stevenson	Daniel	6/30
Woodland	David	6/19



## **Check Out The AZ Grand Lodge Copper Post**



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Most Worshipful Jim Baker attends the Masonic Family Fun Night at the Main Event in Avondale. Masons, Families and Friends gathered to help build camaraderie between the Masonic Lodges and the Youth Groups!



Glendale Member Kaden-Male winner of Laster tag competition!



Princesses and Sweetheart Courts are supporting family fun night too!



VOTS Member, Brother Marshalmale winner of the bowling Competition with Grand Master Jim Baker!

The newest edition of The Copper Post for your enjoyment!

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## **The Grand Corner**

# Our Mission We are committed to helping those with chronic illness deal with the high cost of medical care, prescriptions and co-pays. We understand hardships are caused for basic living needs when one is living with a chronic illness. Our organization is committed to operating with integrity and excellence while providing service. VISIT https://azgcare.org/ FOR MORE INFORMATION









Greetings from the north east :D

#### Rain

One of my favorite memories is dancing in the rain during a monsoon. When you're dancing, you can appreciate the energy you get from being outside during the storm. While everyone else is locked up inside, you'll be getting soaked in a shower from Mother Earth. Take the time to enjoy the rain when you live in the desert, we should appreciate the beautiful, serene landscapes often bestowed upon us desert dwellers.

When you dance in the rain, you might stumble upon the third pillar - if you do, keep dancing...

Perhaps you will come up with your own rain dance ritual...

"For the Aztec/Mexica people, dance is a prayer, and dancing heals the earth. As we move, we believe we change the flow of energy around us. And so, we must be positive in our thinking when dancing, so that we always influence the flow of energy towards a good way: toward health. It is an important responsibility to be a dancer." (Cuauhtémoc)

https://gluckprogram.ucr.edu/sites/default/files/2018-08/D28\_AztecFriendshipDance.pdf)

~You local musician Sean Munroe Thanks, Br. Sean

## **AFTER THOUGHTS**



# Brethren You Hold The Keys

Each of us holds a set of keys in Masonry.
These keys are unique and very valuable.
We need your keys. You can open doors
nobody else can open. The door you open
may change someone's life.



## How can I make a difference?



Bring your keys to dinner at the Lodge on Tuesday evening



Beginning in March - The lodge will be hosting dinner every Tuesday. Bring a friend, your spouse or ? - We will be presenting a, "TED talk" type Masonic topic at every dinner. After dinner stay and enjoy our Friend to Friend program, lodge room activities or say goodnight.



## Bring your keys to the Friend to Friend Program

The Friend to Friend program meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The program was initiated to allow individuals who were interested in Masonry to ask questions and get acquainted with the brethren.





#### Bring your keys into the Lodge



Simply put, your butt in a lodge chair can be the most important key. Think back to when you went through your degrees. If you were once an officer, think back to your journey in or through the chairs. The sidelines are where the coaches and ritual fans are. Your attendance is important to both the candidates and officers.



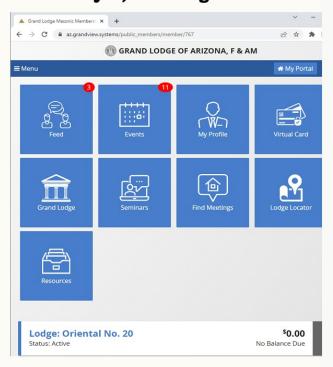
The added bonus of your keys is the support they provide across our fraternity. Just your presence supports our youth groups and Friend to Friend program. By simply coming by the lodge on at 6pm on Tuesday for dinner and fellowship your keys open doors.

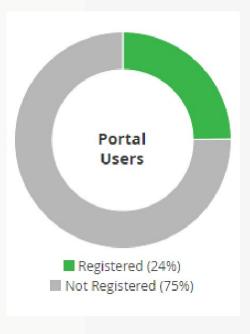


#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

## **Arizona Masonry At Your Fingertips**

# Have you set up your Grandview account? If yes, how long has it been since you last logged in?





#### Oriental 20 Brethren,

We want everyone to take advantage of the tools and great features the portal on Grandview has for our membership. If you need help logging in, please ask one of the lodge officers and we will be happy to help get you set up. Currently, 24% of our membership are registered. Our Goal was to get our percentage to 23% by the end of May. We Made Our Goal!!!!! Thank you for your



Scan the QR code or go to:

https://az.grandview.systems/users/sign\_in

to set up your account or check in to see what's new.