



*...from the East*

Brethren,

Masonry is the ocean of the fraternity, and every Mason should strive to sail its expanse, because its profound solemnity and matchless beauty can never be appreciated by those who merely wade in the shallow waters at the shore.

The tides of time have rolled mighty waves upon its bosom, and the storms of centuries have lashed the billows into foam upon its surface, but beneath there have remained, undisturbed and immutable, the principles of the Brotherhood of Man. No Mason should deny himself the privilege of knowing at least the salient features of our fraternity; and we owe it to the ancient and honorable institution to learn of its teachings and to grasp their deeper significance.

If anyone is desirous of being a Mason... he must read and meditate, study with care and attention the history and doctrines of the Order, and attend his lodge with the utmost regularity, that he may become familiar with its discipline by actual personal observation.

See you in Lodge,  
**Jody Murphy**  
Worshipful Master

*... from the Secretary's table*

Brothers,

The proposed by-laws change to increase the annual Lodge dues to **\$92** plus \$28 for Grand Lodge per capita fees for a total of **\$120** passed.

The proposed by-laws change does **not** have any impact on Brothers who are 75 years of age or older and who have been members in good standing for 5 or more years. That rate will remain the same at **\$40**.

Please take a moment to look at your Apache Lodge No.69 membership card. If doesn't have 2015 for the year on it, then we need to remedy that.

The income from membership dues is needed from each Brother in order to continue supporting education, charities, crisis centers and Brothers in need. Support your Lodge by paying your dues.

**John Sheets**  
Secretary

*...to those who give us heritage*

March is a busy month for your Masonic Youth Groups. Bethel No.13 has business meetings on Friday March 6th and Friday March 20th, both at 7pm.

Rainbow Assembly No.9 will have business meetings on Monday March 9th and Monday, March 23rd both at 7pm. The Assembly will also be going on a "Mystery Trip" the weekend of March 14th. The Assembly initiated four new members on February 14th and after a successful tea party on February 21st, read four additional applications on February 23rd!

I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the youth groups and would like to give special mention to Apache members Ben Gonzalez and John Ireland who went out of their way to help set up for the Masonic Youth Yule Ball on February 14th. The youth group members enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dance and you helped make that possible! Please stop by and visit a youth group meeting when your schedule allows.

The menu for the March stated meeting dinner will be corned beef & cabbage, Irish beer bread (or dinner roll), salad and dessert served by the friendly members of the Mesa Rainbow Assembly No.9. The cost of dinner is \$5 per person with all proceeds going to the youth group. Wives and girlfriends are welcome to dinner and board games after dinner.

**Rose Hanne**  
Masonic Youth Groups Liaison to Apache Lodge No.69

*... from the South*



Brethren,

We have performed unbelievable work in all of our stations and places. Worshipful Master Jody Murphy has given us good and timely instruction, and we the craft have answered his challenges. Everyone keep coming back and we will all improve together. We keep on growing together as a unit with brotherly love and affection. Let's make getting stronger and better the great journey of our lives. I am proud to be a member of Apache Lodge No.69.

See you in Lodge!  
**Mark Vandevier**  
Junior Warden

**Trustees**

John Sheets	2015	Jeff York	2016	Cameron Olsen	2017
Wayne Smith	2015	Dick de Jong	2016	Tim Arimborgo	2017
Ed Fox	2015	Mark Vandevier	2016	Gary Doellman	2017

*...from the East Mesa York Rite*

Mesa Council No.15, Cryptic Masons will be the host of the East Mesa York Rite bodies meeting in convention on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. All York Rite Masons are invited to attend. A pot luck dinner will be served around 6:30 p.m. Please bring a side dish or desert to share with your companions. Dress is Class A uniform if you have one, dark suit if not. No suit or uniform? Wear a shirt and tie. We care more about you and not if you have a full uniform. Swords are desired for the meeting or borrow one from the armory.

March 7th is the Phoenix Royal Arch Festival at 345 W. Monroe. It begins at 08:00 hours.

Mid-Year Sessions begin at 09:00 hours in Casa Grande on March 21. Dress is Business Casual.

A FEW TICKETS REMAIN for the WYATT EARP .45 CALIBER LC BUNTLINE SPECIAL drawing. Please see a East Valley York Rite Mason to get your chance at this fine weapon. The drawing will be held on April 9.

Fraternally,  
**Darius, 'Mac' McClintock KYCJH**



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... from the West

### The Knife & Fork Degree

#### Lecture

The Knife is an instrument made use of by operative Masons for the purpose of keeping the wild animals at bay, in the event of an attack. But we work in speculative Masonry only, so, we are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of slicing our Steaks, and Vegetables prior to ingesting them.

The Fork is an instrument made use of by the operative Mason for the purpose of gathering the brush and plants when clearing a building site. But we work in speculative Masonry only, so we are taught to use it for the more noble and glorious purpose of skewering the Steak, or Vegetable, prior to slicing, and then again, for the purpose of lifting said morsel from the plate to our mouths, for ingestion.

#### Signs

Mouth open ready for food

#### Words

I could tell you, but then I'd have to feed you.

#### Charge

I do not attend the meetings  
I have not the time to spare  
But every time they have a feast  
You will surely see me there  
I cannot help with the degrees  
For I do not know the work  
But I can applaud the speakers  
And handle a knife and fork  
I am so rusty with the ritual  
That it seems like Greek to me  
But practice has made me perfect  
In the knife and fork degree.

Fraternally,  
*Ross Carballo*  
Senior Warden

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Mesa Starlight No. 16 Meeting - 7:30pm	3 Cameback 75 10am Breakfast - 9am Oriental Lodge No. 20 Stated Meeting - 7pm Dinner - 6pm	4 Apache No. 69 Trustees Meeting - 7pm Bethel No. 13 Council Meeting - 6pm	5 Apache No. 69 Meeting - 7pm	6 Bethel No. 13 Meeting - 7pm	7 Cigar Night at Fox Cigar Bar in Gilbert 9pm  Parking lot sale 8am - 1pm
8	9 Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 9 Meeting - 7pm	10 Oriental Lodge No. 20 Meeting - 7pm Degree or 1st degree education	11 Valley of the Stars No. 62 Meeting - 1pm York Rite Meeting 7:30pm Rainbow Girls Board Meeting - 7pm	12 Apache No. 69 Stated Meeting - 7:30pm Dinner - 6pm	13 Amaranth Baa Hanii Court No. 9 Meeting - 7:30pm	14 Amaranth Grand Court Diabetes Dinner - 2pm - 4pm
15	16 Mesa Starlight No. 16 Meeting - 7:30pm	17 Oriental Lodge No. 20 Meeting - 7pm Degree or 2nd degree education	18 Scottish Rite Meeting - 7pm Dinner - 6pm	19 Apache No. 69 Meeting - 7pm	20 Bethel No. 13 Installation - 7:30pm	21 Rainbow Practice 10am - 2pm  Amaranth Practice 2pm - 4pm
22	23 Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 9 Meeting - 7pm	24 Oriental Lodge No. 20 Meeting - 7pm	25	26 Apache No. 69 Meeting - 7pm	27 Amaranth Baa Hanii Court No. 9 Meeting - 7:30pm	28 Pancake Breakfast - 7am  Lodge work day 8am
29 Amaranth Baa Hanii Court No. 6 Bingo 10am - 4pm	30 Oriental 20 Trustees Meeting - 6:30pm	31 Oriental Lodge No. 20 to travel to Apache Lodge No. 69 on April 2nd				29 Rainbow Assembly No. 6 Grand Officers reception all day



**Stated Communication**  
March 12th  
Dinner at 6:00pm  
Meeting at 7:30pm

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