





# Arizona Lodge #2

## March 2024 Trestleboard

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Worshipful Brother Victor E Olson is the current Master of Arizona Lodge No. 2.

“I have been blessed with good friends and family my entire life. I continue to enjoy the world I travel, as well as my acquaintances and my work. My life goal is to enable, by my designs, a significant work of the built environment that makes a positive social impact for as large a group of people as possible and lasts beyond my lifetime.”

## From the East—The Value of Practice

This is going in our lodge Trestle Board because hopefully more brothers will place degree practice in their schedule with one of those bold red exclamation points!

Tiger Woods practices, the Phoenix Suns practice and if you have ever seen a child practice playing an instrument, you could not have missed how the intensity of concentration was so good for that individual on so many levels.

The real value of degree practice is in the prosperity of the lodge.

Brothers assume there will be someone else to do the work in perpetuity and that is simply not the case. The need for every brother to have some familiarity with portions of our degree rituals is well exemplified when one elderly brother is the only person who can deliver a charge and falls ill on a special night or is unexpectedly called out of town. I recently experienced a degree that should have been cancelled but only thru the grace of the Supreme Architect of the Universe were we able to deliver for that brother.

A goal to have every brother in AZ#2 be able to deliver the Apron Lecture has long been a dream of mine. That singular introduction into the fraternity has got one to be one of the most beautiful expressions of honor, fidelity and hope ever written. As well our 1st Degree Charge admonishes us to conduct ourselves “in such a prudent and well-regulated course of conduct as may best conduce to the preservation of your mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest energy”.

That means learn new stuff!

I have spoken often of my wish for bullpen depth in our lodge. That depth helps us weather the surprise storms and puts into practice our commitment to be good stewards of our fraternity - mouth to ear - as we all more individually must appreciate our duties.

If fear drives reluctance that you will be asked to do something for the lodge - **GET OVER IT - you are asked to do something in the lodge.** This is not saying everybody needs to know every part of the ritual but everybody needs to know some part and be willing to stand up and deliver in our lodge when a need arises for a brother. As a matter of pride, knowing our ritual is the same thing as knowing your family history because that ritual is our family history.

If you are someone who looks at degree practice nights as mundane, an unnecessary infringement on your time or a good night to stay home to rest and watch TV, I can assure you brother, **YOU ARE MISSED.**

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## From the East—The Value of Practice

So, the next time a “practice” is announced in the upcoming month please, each one of you, make it a point to attend. I promise no badgering will occur. You may find a part of our ritual that really speaks to you, then you will understand there are others who have practiced the same part, and who might appreciate hearing you deliver. They in particular will rejoice with you in your prosperity.

Victor Olson, master AZ#2 2024





Brother Kevin Prier is the current Junior Warden of Arizona Lodge No. 2.

He previously served the lodge as the Musician and Junior Deacon. He is a member of multiple esoteric societies and he is also the current master of Arizona Research Lodge No 1.

## From the South—Communication

Effective communication is about more than just exchanging information. It's about understanding the emotion and intentions behind the information. As well as being able to clearly convey a message, you need to also listen in a way that gains the full meaning of what's being said and makes the other person feel heard and understood.

Effective communication sounds like it should be instinctive. But all too often, when we try to communicate with others something goes astray. We say one thing, the other person hears something else, and misunderstandings, frustration, and conflicts ensue. This can cause problems in your home, school, and work relationships.

For many of us, communicating more clearly and effectively requires learning some important skills. Whether you're trying to improve communication with your spouse, kids, boss, or brothers, learning these skills can deepen your connections to others, build greater trust and respect, and improve teamwork, problem solving, and your overall social and emotional health.

Common barriers to effective communication include:

**Stress and out-of-control emotion.** When you're stressed or emotionally overwhelmed, you're more likely to misread other people, send confusing or off-putting nonverbal signals, and lapse into unhealthy knee-jerk patterns of behavior. To avoid conflict and misunderstandings, you can learn how to quickly calm down before continuing a conversation.

**Lack of focus.** You can't communicate effectively when you're multitasking. If you're checking your phone, planning what you're going to say next, or daydreaming, you're almost certain to miss nonverbal cues in the conversation.

**Inconsistent body language.** Nonverbal communication should reinforce what is being said, not contradict it. If you say one thing, but your body language says something else, your listener will likely feel that you're being dishonest.

As brothers who endeavor great and important undertakings, it is of the utmost importance to communicate effectively. The symbolism of the trestleboard is an example of the necessity of not only the wisdom to contrive the ideas but to be capable of communicating them effectively to the builders.

Kevin Michael Prier, Junior Warden AZ#2 2024

Source: <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/relationships-communication/effective-communication.htm>

## A Moment at the Shriners Children's Open

A brother near and dear to me invited me to come along with him to the Shriners Children's Open late last year. As I limped around the golf course due to a motorcycle accident, I found myself in a state of anger and frustration. I'm tired of not being able to use my dominant hand like I used to, I'm tired of mobility issues and pain, I wanted to lay in my own despair of how unfair things are for me.

Woe is me.

My noble brother and companion Rich Davis wouldn't let me fall, he forced me to talk to this kid. The young man couldn't have been a day over 20 years old, his disabilities were clearly visible and mine were not. He approached me and with a deformed hand he elected to reach out for a hand shake using the hand that had the deformity versus his other hand that did not. That internal decision he made rocked me, his strength was more than I could handle.

Thinking about it now chokes me up.

In the moment I finished the interaction and opened up about my injuries and how much of a warrior he is. I also shared how much an inspiration he is to me and millions of others. After the interaction I bolted off into the shade by the pond where nobody could see me and melted down. I called my girlfriend and wept.

"I sit here in defeat and despair when at my weakest and this boy has to wisdom to counter his internal commentary with a simple hand shake using his weaker hand. It's the ultimate check mate for the worst parts of us that tell us we must hide our imperfections."

Thank you to my brother for making me do that, it felt like pesticide for my ego.

**Bro Ramsen Ohanes,**

# How to use Grandview



Visit Grandview to:

- View a lodge directory
- Change your contact info
- See Grand Lodge notices

## How do I login to Grandview?

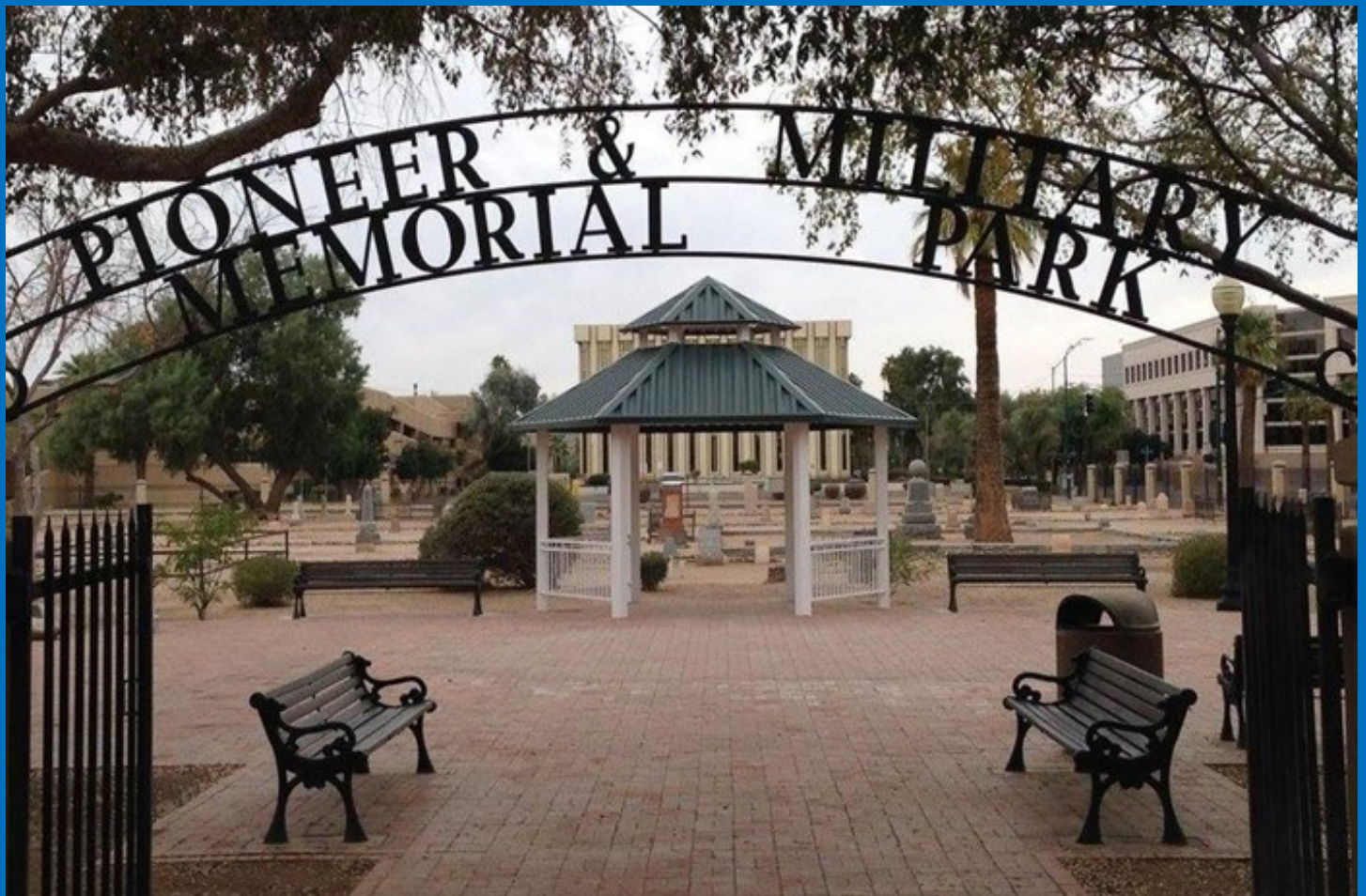
- Go to the Grand Lodge web page and click “Login to Grandview” on the front page in the upper right ([Azmasons.org](http://Azmasons.org)).
- Enter your lodge number
- Enter your Member ID (lower left corner of dues card or ask the Secretary)
- Enter your Last Name (case sensitive)
- Click on “Check Membership Status”
- Enter your email address
- Enter a password (at least 8 characters)
- Confirm by entering your password again.
- Click on Submit

You are now ready to login and access your own personal record in Grandview. Please keep your email, mailing address and phone number up to date.



Pioneer Cemetery holds an important place in the hearts of Arizona Freemasons. Early founders of the state of Arizona as well as Freemasonry in Arizona are buried there. That is why this year, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, in addition to being a member of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association, we will be donating \$1.00 for every member of Arizona Lodge No. 2. If you would like to support this important Arizona historical site, please visit the Pioneers' Cemetery Association website below:

<http://www.azhistcemeteries.org/>

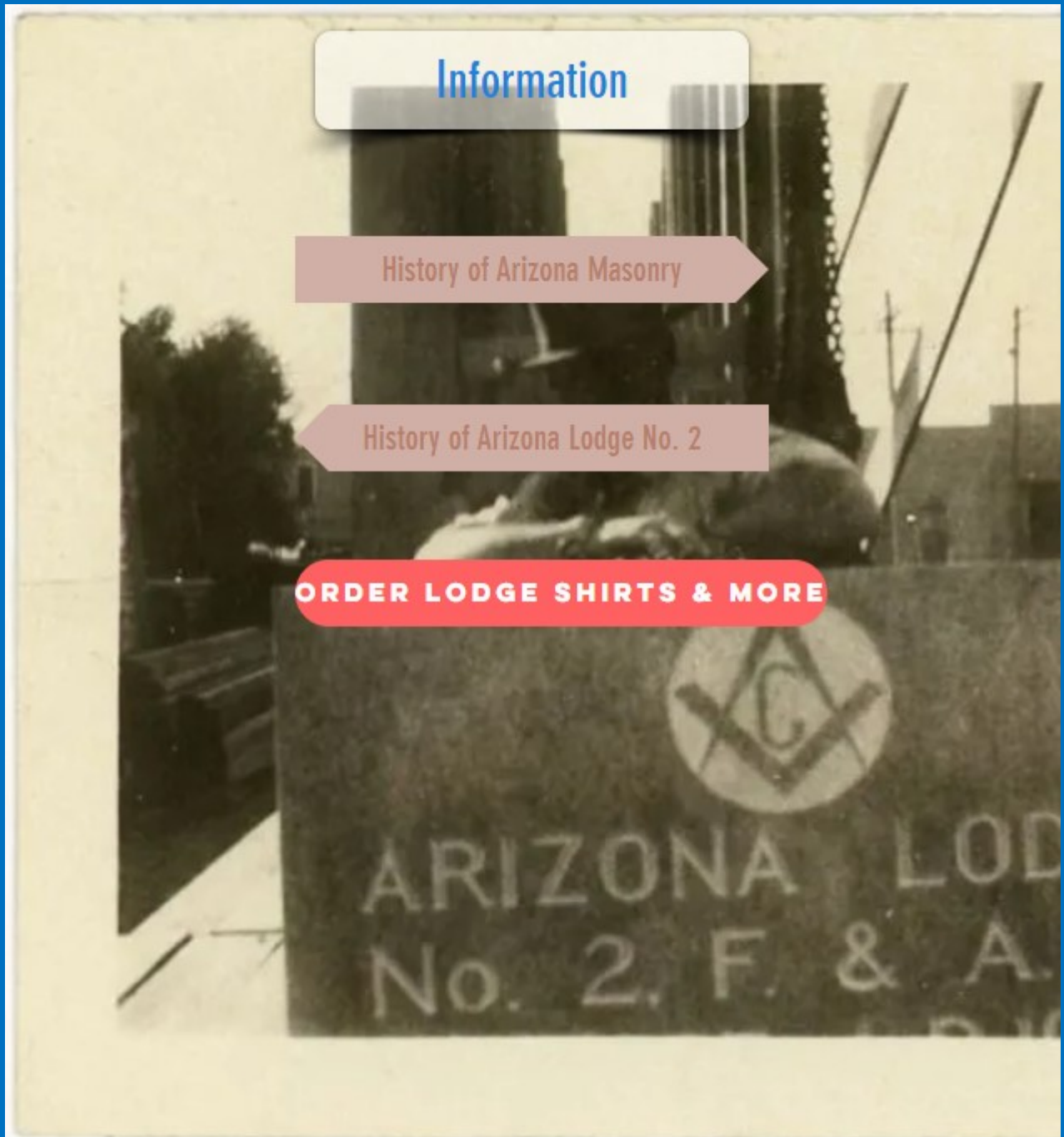




# New Arizona #2 Merchandise

The AZ #2 website now includes a store where you can buy great AZ #2 merch!

[azlodge2.org](http://azlodge2.org)



# February Degrees

Congratulations to our newest EA Brother Dalton Lennon! And we had a distinguished visitor from the Grand Lodge of Canada!



# Education Night

Bro Cory Whalin delivered an amazing education called Wine 101 in which we all learned a lot about the refinement of wine enjoyment.



## APRIL STATED MEETING

**WILL BE IN PERSON AS OF THIS PRINTING**

*Stay Tuned for updates via Facebook, Website & Email*

**Dinner at 6:00pm**

**7:00pm – Gavel starts the in-person April Stated Meeting**

**We will be celebrating all April Masonic Birthdays as well!**

Stated Meetings  
Master's Education



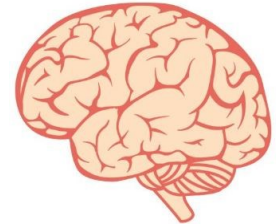
This year, at each Stated Meeting we will be presenting a short talk from the Master on the Constitutions. Also, each month a different officer will be presenting a brief education on a topic from the Monitor.

Trestleboard Education  
Articles and More



Each Month our electronic Trestleboard will deliver insights and education through articles from our pedestal Officers and more. Our Facebook page will share exciting meetups and events.

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Education  
Quarry of the Mind



In 2023, we will continue our 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday education night with a long form education every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - either virtual or in person. Check Facebook & the calendar for topics and speakers.

## 2024 DUES

2023 DUES are now payable. Dues are the lifeblood of a lodge and help us keep running smoothly. Lodge dues become payable in December of the year prior. Dues are now OVERDUE. You can now use Chase QUICKPAY or pay via Paypal. A link for paypal/ credit card payment will soon be placed on our website page.

*"We are that we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."*

~ Aristotle

## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Mm Date	Years Service
Robert		Rasmussen	Jr	3/30/1948	76
Herman		Chanen		3/13/1956	68
Andrew		Chucka	Jr	3/26/1957	67
Marshall	E	Grayson		3/21/1961	63
Theddie	John	Babcock		3/14/1963	61
Daniel	Clifford	Forsch		3/26/1963	61
John	David	Boyce		3/23/1965	59
LeeRoy	H	Griffin		3/23/1965	59
Richard	Dean	Neal		3/23/1971	53
Glenn	Heyward	Coyle		3/28/1972	52
Jack	Lynn	Williams		3/23/1976	48
James	Michael	Cooley		3/13/1979	45
Edwin	Kelly	Patterson		3/13/1979	45
George	Norman	Amos		3/30/1982	42
Richard	K	Simpelaar		3/17/1983	41
Jeffrey	M	Clements		3/18/1986	38
Chad	W	Bearden		3/26/1996	28
Robb	Lyle	Marquis		3/09/1999	25
John	Q	Spann		3/25/2000	24
Richard	M	Weland		3/28/2000	24
Christopher	L	Anson		3/27/2001	23
Eric	Tomas	Ovalle		3/23/2004	20
Stephen	Everett	Hochreiter		3/06/2006	18
Gregory	John	Leyrer		3/16/2006	18
John	Price	Newman		3/18/2008	16
Andrew	B	Thurston		3/22/2011	13
Stephen	J	Cole		3/29/2011	13
Anthony	M	Crosson		3/20/2012	12
Douglas	P	MacPherson		3/21/2013	11
Keith	Ryan	Baerlin		3/04/2014	10
Albert	Peter	Krueger		3/15/2014	10
Patrick	W	Penn		3/15/2016	8
Chase	Justin	May		3/26/2016	8
John	Anthony	Canisales		3/11/2017	7

**MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Mm Date	Years Service
Andrew	T	Armenta		3/31/2018	6
Roman		Chavez		3/10/2020	4
Xavier		Hernandez		3/14/2023	1
Chafic		Aladine		3/21/2023	1



### April Schedule

- 4/02/24 Stated Meeting
- 4/09/24 EA Degree
- 4/10/24 Trustees Meeting
- 4/16/24 EA Degree
- 4/20/24 EZ Ranch Work Detail
- 4/23/24 Education Night
- 4/25/24 Official Visit to Scottsdale #43
- 4/26/24 Trustees Meeting

Please check our Facebook page or Web page for information and links for meetings and the latest updates.

It Is The Desire  
To Serve  
That Makes a Great  
Leader,  
Not the Desire To Rule



### Lodge #2 Committees

- Widows: Anthony Miller (Chairman)
- Education: WM Vic Olson (Chairman)
- Social Media: Bro Ramsen Ohanes (Chairman)
- Outreach: Bro Chafic Aladine (Chairman)
- Mentors: Bro Cory Whalin (Chairman)
- Mentees: WB Anthony Crosson (Chairman)
- Trestleboard: Bro Kevin Prier (Chairman)

### Sickness & Distress



Please keep our brothers, those known and unknown, in your prayers and ask that the Great Architect of the Universe help them find peace and strength in their time of difficulty.

Our 2021 Lodge Coin is still available.



Coins are \$15.00 shipped to you - just click on the link below and purchase a coin to have it directly mailed to you!

**Coins are heavy duty enamel filled -1 ¾" wide!**

<https://www.azlodge2.org/lodge-coin>

*Or, if you'd like to save on postage -purchase one next time you're at lodge!*  
This is a lodge fundraiser. All proceeds will go into our lodge general fund.