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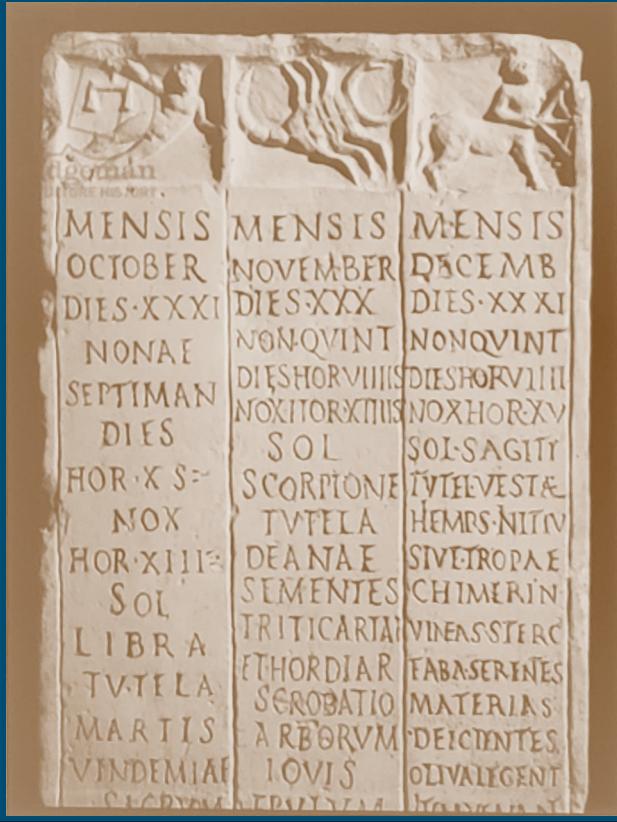


# Arizona Lodge #2

Dec, 22/Jan 23 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—Listening to my Brothers

Skip this article if you are just looking for a trestle board picture of yourself in a tux.

I am hearing clearly that not subduing our passions is salt in our wounds and when subdued is salve for our afflictions.

In that light, if you hadn't noticed last year, my articles as Senior Warden were all focused on the topic of anger as foul behavior in keeping with the Senior Wardens purpose to foster harmony. Clearly these articles are just one old guys' opinion but considering anger over a 12- month period has shined other light into my life. To be blunt I cannot recount an instance of any benefit from the writing exercise of last year - degradation within our fraternity continues from unsubdued passions. The degradation caused by harsh words and mean intentions cuts deep.

Our Worshipful Brother Matthew Harris has intimately shared how each of us, including himself, has failed in some instances and succeeded in others while working to smooth his rough ashlar in this arena of human endeavor we know as Freemasonry. He has first-hand dealt with how anger and bitter behavior stifled clearer thinking in an already tough job.

How can any of us doubt that good relationships built when we do subdue our passions is the bond of fraternity we crave.

On the contrary though, instances of failure to subdue our passions have been some of the worst losses of light experienced in our fraternity - devastating to some. One behavior I say causes the light to dim is what I call digging the hole deeper. I used to often quip you cannot get out of a hole by digging harder - gotta stop digging if you want to get out. We must learn that criticism of behavior is a reaction to some act. That criticism can be constructive but too often is done destructively. Praise is the better alternative. As my daughter says put criticism in a shit sandwich - between two slices of praise, two to one ratio.

It has been a thought in my mind that our fraternity's success ebbs and flows with the tides of society. But would I say any dimming of fraternal light in our group is a result of current local or national politics, financial calamity, war or hunger? Pretty much no - most of us quickly accepted and learned alternatives to converse productively on those issues without being degrading or destructive to our brethren.

## From the East—Continued

We however continue to express petty criticisms with anger and hostility - dimming our light is self-inflicted. We still gossip and backbite which accomplishes nothing but dim our own light. Instead, we can choose to heed the advice of our mothers "if you can't say something nice to somebody, say nothing at all". If you must, bring differences into light in the spirit of friendship and fraternity but above all privately.

To repeat that adage "a rising tide lifts all boats" can be hollow when some of those boats are really leaky and run aground so hard that the rising tide just exacerbates their pitiful plight. When an angry comment is made critically ridiculing a worthy brother as opposed to whispering wise counsel, we can clearly recognize the tide will not raise that boat. In this analogy I say then "let's go help float that boat." But when the boat screeches back "get away, it's my boat, I don't need your help" we have to look harder at the effects that stuck boat causes. In this analogy there is no holding back the tide but a bunch of rubble in the bay makes it hard for the healthy boats to go out and fish.

I have a favorite York Rite degree scene where a brother is raised, by his brothers, out of the dark and into the light where the result of that effort is a spectacular treasure rediscovered. I see that kind of result as a goal. Being stuck or being in darkness are temporary conditions if we simply let our obligation on that Great Light in Masonry be the guide. I for one am always grateful to that steadfast brother who reaches out to me and brings me up into the light.

The goal I have is to brighten the light we all shine both in our internal masonic arena and outside that masonic world in the arena of our whole lives. With that I can promise the articles this next year will be about praise and peace.

Rise with the tide - don't fight gravity, extend that hand of brotherly love and affection - grasp that hand of brotherly love. Bring a brother up, no need to put a brother down.

Victor E Olson Master, AZ#2 2023

# How to use Grandview



Visit Grandview to:

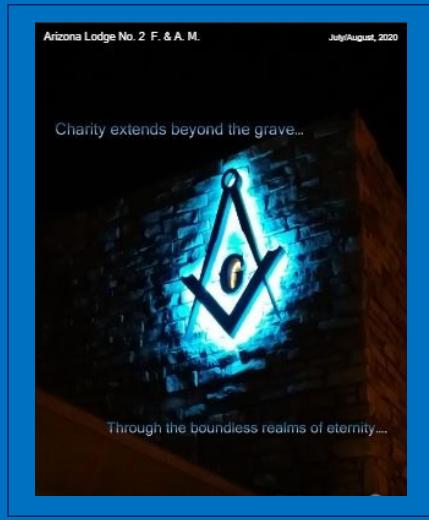
- .View a lodge directory
- .Change your contact info
- .See Grand Lodge notices

## 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.

# Volunteers Needed!



Brothers, we are always looking for volunteers to help with lodge duties.

If you are interested in taking over any duties or forming a committee to work on them, please contact the Worshipful Master.

## 9:00PM OUT -STATED MEETING GUARANTEE From Worshipful Brother Matthew Harris

As I have travelled through the line, one consistent complaint I have heard is that our meetings are too long. I get it. In a busy world where we have jobs, families, and other activities in our lives - sitting in a boring stated meeting till ten o'clock at night can make it difficult to carry out your other responsibilities. That is why I am giving you the 9:00 Out Guarantee. In hopes that you'll attend and reconnect with your brothers, I promise you that you can be out of our stated meeting by 9:00pm GUARANTEED.

This year, we have revamped our agenda in the following ways. Firstly, we start off our 7:00pm Stated meeting with your sickness and distress. Brotherly love is our most important duty, so we start our meeting off right by checking in with our brothers to see how they are doing. Then we continue our meetings with unfinished business and new business. But regardless of where we are, at 8:00pm we go from Labor to refreshment for the purposes of education. Each stated meeting, the Master will deliver an education on the constitutions, and a brother will be giving a 10-20-minute education related to something from the Monitor. Then, before we come back to labor - if you need to leave, you are free to go. Take a moment and say goodbye to your brothers until we meet again. The important thing is for us to stay connected - there is no clock on brotherly love.

*"The seeker after light passes through three stages, the beginner, the workman, and the master. A knowledge of the mysteries of Masonry comes to him step by step, and is acquired only through his own labor and study." ~ Bro. George Dern, P.G.M. Utah, The Builder, December 1921*



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/>



## Veteran's Day Parade



## Florence Day Parade

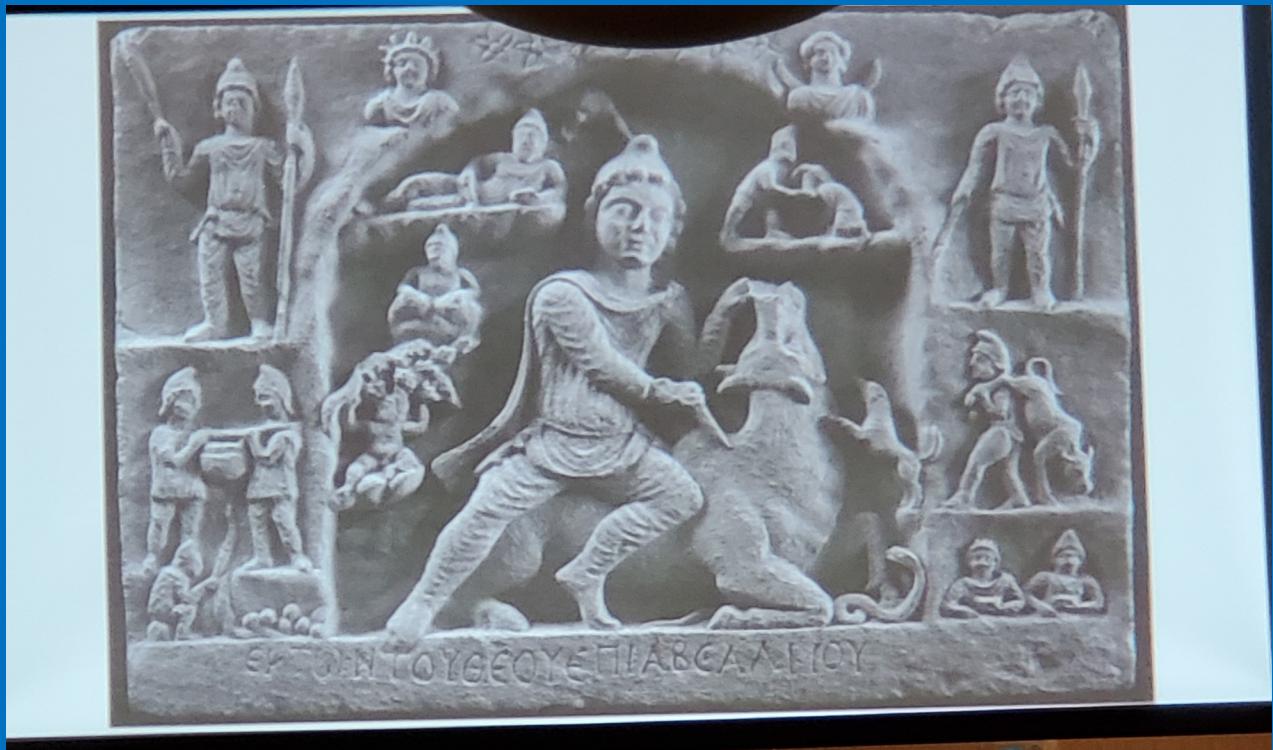


# Tombstone!



## Education Night w/ Jacob Trayer

Brother Jacob Trayer from Ascension Lodge #89 gave an interesting and thorough talk on Mithraism.



## Longevity Awards

Congratulations to Brothers Glenn and Dayle Coyle for having received 50 Year Aprons!



## Awards Night!

Worshipful Matthew handed out really thoughtful awards to recognize the brethren's contributions.



## Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland was held in the newly functional auditorium again this year!



## 5th Tue Social at Giuseppe's



## Feast of St. John

Brothers from Prometheus #87, Ascension #89, and Acacia #42 held a solemn and beautiful Feast of St. John.



## Installation!

Master—Vic Olsen

Senior Warden—Anthony Crosson

Junior Warden—Cory Whalin

Secretary—Mike DiGiacomo

Treasurer—Stephen Hochreiter

Senior Deacon—Joel Birch

Junior Deacon—Andrew Long

Senior Steward—Kevin Prier

Junior Steward—Craig Murphy

Chaplain—Paul Waterman

Marshal—Bryan Vance

Tyler—Matthew Harris



## FEBRUARY STATED MEETING

### WILL BE IN PERSON AS OF THIS PRINTING

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

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**Dinner at 6:00pm**

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

**We will be celebrating all February 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.

## 2022 DUES

2022 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

## DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Mm Date	Years Service
Ralph	William	Lock	Jr	12/30/1948	74
George	Malcolm	Fisher	Jr	12/08/1970	52
Gerald	Lee	Benham		12/14/1976	46
Thomas	Carlton	Rogers		12/29/2001	21
Daniel	Dallace	Downs		12/30/2004	18
Samuel	Reed	Downs		12/30/2004	18
Ricardo	Ernesto	Mediano	II	12/27/2005	17
David	William	Rhodes		12/03/2008	14
Chad	John	Gappa		12/27/2011	11
Matthew	Dewitt	Gale		12/15/2012	10
Ian	Park	Cameron		12/15/2012	10
Robert	Vern	Ward		12/15/2012	10
Durand	Yee	Wong		12/15/2012	10
Matthew	Shayne	Harris		12/15/2012	10
Louis	Paul	Percic		12/15/2012	10
Matthew	Sean	Merrill		12/07/2013	9
Hrach		Shilgevorkyan		12/07/2013	9
Arthur		Shilgevorkyan		12/07/2013	9
Alfred		Abramian		12/07/2013	9
Marvin	Paul	Klassen		12/07/2013	9
Christopher	Lawrnece	Reade		12/07/2013	9
Mark	Edward	Zocco		12/07/2013	9
Christopher		Kuzelka		12/07/2013	9
Cornelius	LeVaughn Andre	Billips		12/07/2013	9
Anthony	Duboise	Miller		12/07/2013	9

## February Schedule

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 2/07/22 | Stated Meeting            |
| 2/11/22 | Widows and Wives Luncheon |
| 2/14/22 | DARK                      |
| 2/21/22 | MM Degree (Ramsen Ohanes) |
| 2/28/22 | Education Night           |

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

Charity: WM Matthew Harris (Chairman)

Dues & Bylaws: SW Vic Olson (Chairman)

Travelling: Treas Cory Whalin (Chairman)

Outreach: Mar Bryan Vance (Chairman)

Family Events: JW John Canisales (Chairman)

Sickness & Distress: Sec Bo Buchanan (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.



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