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Photo: May Flowers, Tempe Arizona, by Bro. Kevin Prier



Arizona Lodge #2

May, 2022 Trestleboard

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Master's Message—How Do You Identify Your Own superfluities?

The ability to identify, and work on your own superfluities, then model the behavior is key to good mentorship. Personal growth and development is an individual task. Good individuals make great teams, and great teams make great impact. To be a good individual, several questions come to mind:

1. When do we take that real close self examination and identify where to use our common gavel to chip away at the ashlar?
2. Do we know how to use our tool in the most efficient manner to get the best result? What's your measurement of achievement ?
3. How many of your 24 equal parts are set aside for this specific task? (Identity)
4. How many more parts are then set out for the improvement in this task, (as its own item)?

My Brothers, the only person who chips away at your ashlar is you. If the ability of the ashlar, to be square and to be plumb, for the grand design of things, is compromised with poor measuring and poor use of your tools, that accountability is to the worker himself.

WM AZ 2- MSH

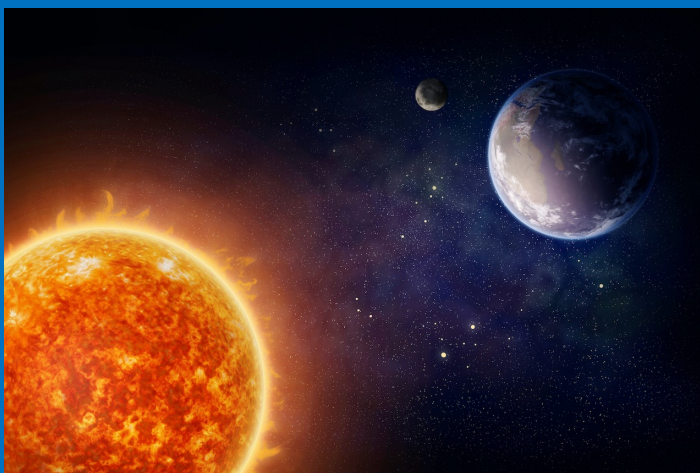


Image Source: <https://www.space.com/17001-how-big-is-the-sun-size-of-the-sun.html>



Worshipful Brother Matthew Harris hails from Indiana, He moved to Arizona in 2008.

He currently is the director of programs for Child Crisis. He has worked with traumatized kids since his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps over 20 years ago. He was raised in Arizona No. 2 in 2012 under the instruction of the Late W. Bro. Ron Heck. He began his work in the Officer line in 2014 under the Instruction of W. Bro. Secretary of AZ 2- Michael DiGiacomo.



Brother Victor E Olson is the current Senior Warden 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 West—Globes

By William R. Fischer

A question was asked, "If King Solomon's Temple was built in 967 B.C. and globes were placed on top of the pillars, how did they know the world was round?"

This question is quite pertinent because it was not until 1522 that Magellan proved the world was round. How could the men of King Solomon's period know the world was round? The answer is they did not know.

The contemporaries of Solomon believed the earth stood still, and was inside a hollow sphere with its inner surface dotted with stars revolving about the earth. This slow turning "celestial sphere" is the oldest theory of mankind observations of the "starry-decked heavens".

This could explain the globe on the pillar at the right, but what about the one on the left? Even if they knew the earth was round this globe could not be a good representation of it. They did not know about the Americas. They thought the earth was an oblong square or rectangle, so there should have been a rectangle on the top of the pillar.

What was there?

It is believed that the "globes upon the pillars" are a corruption of the lily-work of the old testament. The lily was apparently the Egyptian lotus which was in Egypt a symbol of the universe. Thus the symbol of the universe was placed atop the pillars and referred to, as centuries past, as globes because of there round hollow shape.

Article Source: <http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT21.HTM>

Victor E Olson, 2022 AZ#2SW

From the South—The Altar

by William R. Fischer

The most important article of furniture in the Lodge is the altar. When we talk about this type of furniture, we intend it to be a chair, a table, a desk, etc. not the symbolic furniture.

Altars in ancient times were made generally of turf and stone. When permanently erected, were cubical and built long before temples. Altars of sacrifice were erected outside, and altars of incense inside. These altars were for sacrifice and incense, only because at this early period the holy scripture had not yet been written.

The Masonic altar is both sacrificial and incense. You lay down your passions and vices in an obligation to the All Mighty God as a sacrifice to him. You offer up the thoughts of a pure heart as a fitting incentive to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The altar is therefore the most holy place in the Lodge.

Source:

<http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT12.HTM>



Brother John Canisales is the current Junior Warden for Arizona Lodge No. 2.

He is also a DeMolay Chapter Dad and has received recognitions from Grand lodge for his service to Masonic youth Groups.

John Canisales, 2022 AZ#2JW

From the Northeast Corner

Working Tools

The working tools that were presented to me upon my initiation were, as all Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Masters know, the 24-inch gauge and common gavel. As a newly initiated Entered Apprentice, I was asked by the Worshipful Master to demonstrate how I have been using these tools since being initiated a few months ago.

The 24-inch gauge, as was taught to me, is divided into three equal parts. I have been using my gauge to separate my time into my vocation as an accountant, which includes study for my CPA certification; traveling with a fellow Master Mason to check in on a distressed Brother by simply being there and chatting; inviting Brothers to my home to gather for refreshment and repose.

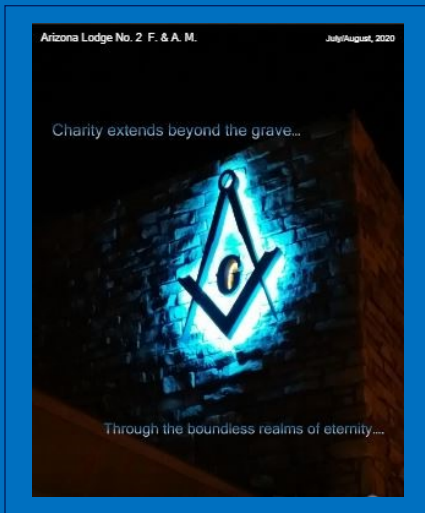
I have used the common gavel to begin chipping away at those vices and superfluities of my life: cooking more food at home to be healthier, calling my family at home a little bit more often than is normal for me, as well as reading deeper into the Volume of Sacred Law to strengthen my moral foundation and character.

I know that this will be a life-long journey with difficult work ahead but I know that with the aid of these tools and the guidance of my Brothers, it will be a beautiful journey.



Michael D. Mathews, EA
AZ Lodge #2

Volunteers Needed!



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

- **Facebook and Social Media**

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

9:00PM OUT -STATED MEETING GUARANTEE

From Worshipful Master 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.

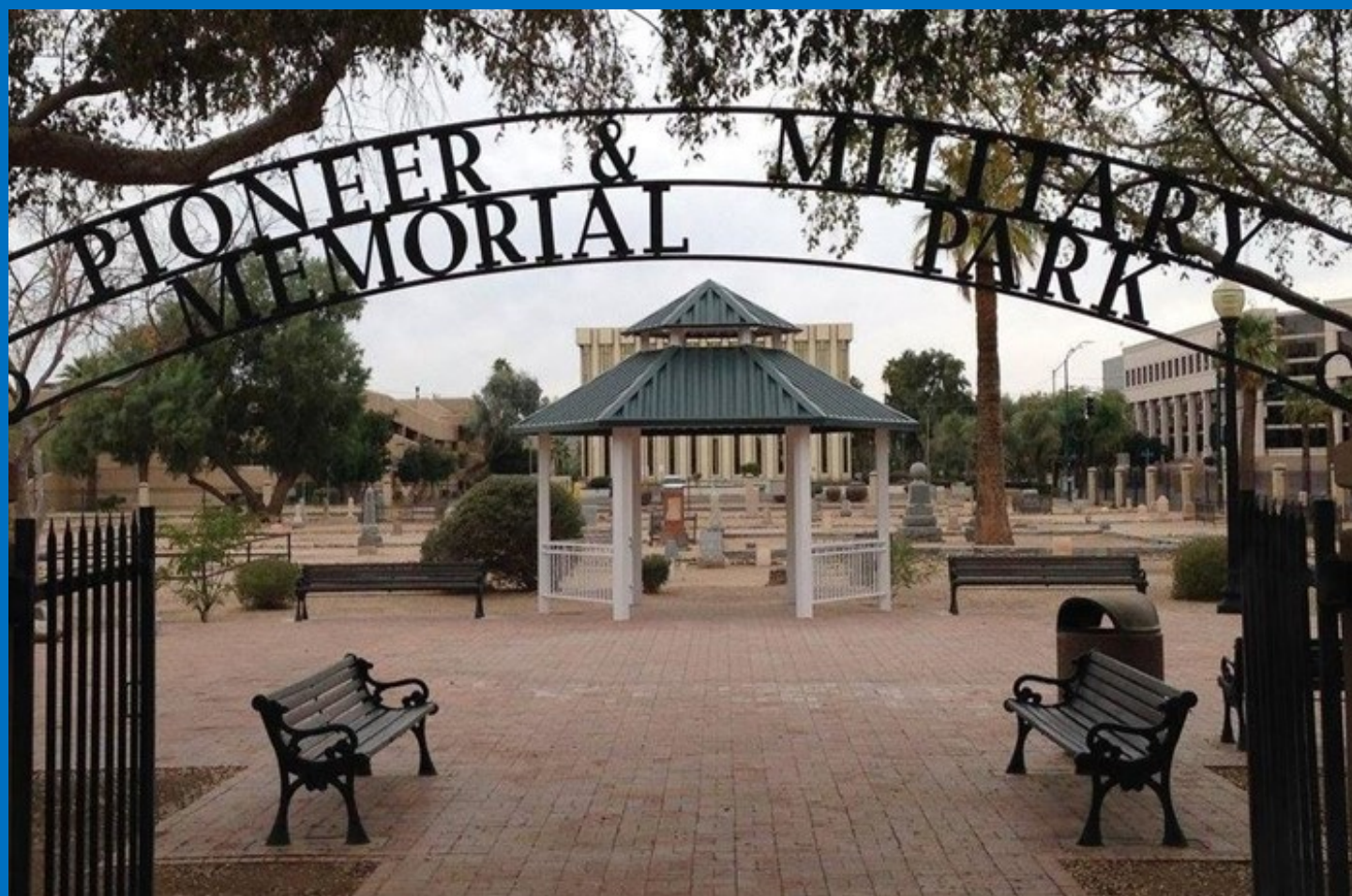
This year, we have revamped our agenda in the following ways. Firstly, we start off our 7:00pm Stated meeting with your sickness and distress. Brotherly love is our most important duty, so we start our meeting off right by checking in with our brothers to see how they are doing. Then we continue our 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 3rd 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/>



May Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices—Chafic Aladine!



May Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices—Ramsen Ohanes!



May Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices—Jim Rolstead!



May Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices—Andre Townsend!



Work Day!

Brothers and seekers helping a widow with her yard



Bikes for Books

Brothers help with Bikes for Books



JULY 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 July Stated Meeting

We will be celebrating all July Masonic Birthdays as well!

Stated Meetings Master's Education



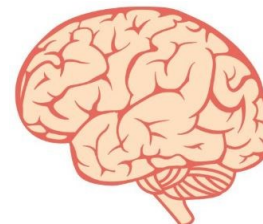
This year, at each Stated Meeting we will be presenting a short talk from the Master on the Constitutions. Also, each month a different officer will be presenting a brief education on a topic from the Monitor.

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.

4th Tuesday Education Quarry of the Mind



In 2022, we will continue our 4th Tuesday education night with a long form education every 4th 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

JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Elliott F. Koeppen	6/21/60	62 yrs	Roland C. Nix	6/17/03	19 yrs
Leo Eugene Eakins	6/23/60	70 yrs	Marty M. Ceccarelli	6/18/05	17 yrs
Milton D. Hamberg	6/25/63	59 yrs	Harry J. Lenaburg Jr.	6/18/05	17 yrs
Humberto R. Solano	6/27/63	59 yrs	Alfred T. Scanlon	6/28/05	17 yrs
Alan Bandler	6/14/66	56 yrs	Theodore M. Cross	6/18/08	14 yrs
Thomas A. Jones	6/20/68	54 yrs	Michael C DiGiacomo	6/23/09	13 yrs
James Fell	6/26/69	53 yrs	Ike Z. Devji	6/23/09	13 yrs
George T. Frost	6/06/70	52 yrs	Gary D. Lionberger	6/30/09	13 yrs
James G. McClellan	6/30/70	52 yrs	Kirakos K. Arabyan	6/19/12	10 yrs
William A. Champion	6/12/74	48 yrs	Hovhannes Karagezyan	6/26/12	10 yrs
Richard R. Kereny	6/19/80	42 yrs	Edvard Shilgevorkyan	6/25/13	9 yrs
William T. Rutherford	6/24/80	42 yrs	Joel Eddie Birch	6/24/14	8 yrs
Lawrence L. Stuckey	6/24/80	42 yrs	Ryan L. Sullivan	6/16/15	7 yrs
Richard E. Dunfee	6/08/82	40 yrs	Theodore C. Sayle	6/26/18	4 yrs
George W. Galloway	6/29/99	23 yrs			

June Schedule

6/7/22	Stated Meeting
6/11/22	Travel to White Mountain #3 (Globe)
6/14/22	F.C. Degree—Brad Summers
6/21/22	Officers/Long Term Planning Meeting
6/28/22	Education Night (Seekers Welcome)

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)

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Outreach: Mar Bryan Vance (Chairman)

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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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