



May 2026 Trestleboard Arizona Lodge No. 2

Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged with all the happenings at our lodge. Each month, you can expect updates on upcoming degrees, announcements for our Seeker Socials, information on community events, news about lodge closures, and other important matters concerning our fraternity.

This newsletter will serve as a bridge, connecting our members with the heart of our lodge activities, ensuring that you're always in the loop, whether it's about the next degree conferral, a community service opportunity, or simply when we'll be dark for holidays.

Stay tuned for regular features on Masonic education, member spotlights, and insights into the rich history and traditions of Freemasonry.

We're excited to embark on this journey of better communication and look forward to seeing you at our lodge's events. Here's to fostering stronger bonds of brotherhood and community service through better connection and information sharing.

Fraternally,
Arizona Lodge No. 2 F. & A.M.

What's happened at Arizona Lodge N^o. 2 F. & A. M. Last Month?

On Tuesday, April 28th, the brothers of Arizona No. 2
visited Wayfarers Lodge 50 for the initiation of Bro.
Cameron Russell.



Wisdom from the East

Kevin Michael Prier, Worshipful Master
Then Life Happened...

There is always a reason, in life, to opt out of any event perceived as anything less than an obligation. The world is full of trifles. The world is also full of distractions! The Lodge does not beg for your presence as a service to us. It is not a service to the community, nor is it truly a service to yourself, until you show up without expectation or reservation.

Are you beholden to a brother who no longer attends, so you've stopped as well? Are you angry at your brothers and unable to approach them? Do you depend on others for transportation? Are you looking for something that Freemasonry doesn't offer?

Or are you simply a father trying to balance his schedule? Are you an employee who is overworked and underpaid? If you haven't caught on yet, I could be describing any one of

us. We are all under the same pressures in this life. It should come as no surprise that brothers in the same positions as us have made the same arguments for hundreds of years. There is nothing new under the sun, as it were.

My point is not to admonish anyone, but rather to encourage you to reach out to your brothers. You don't need to be an officer, take degrees, or attend stated meetings every month to enjoy the wages of a Master Mason.

We are all available, all the time. When "life is happening" is exactly the best time to reach out to a brother. Maybe you don't have time to make it to the lodge, but we all need each other. And that is the whole point of this thing we call Brotherly Love.

Fraternally,

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Kevin Michael Prier

Strength from the West

Cory Whalin, Senior Warden

In Freemasonry, the art of listening is as vital as the act of speaking. Within the Lodge, a Brother is not measured solely by his words, but by his willingness to hear and understand the words of others. To be a good listener is to practice humility, one of the cornerstone virtues of the Craft. It requires setting aside pride and ego, allowing the voice of another to be received with patience and respect.

The attentive ear is symbolic of the open heart and the seeking mind. Just as an Entered Apprentice is taught to listen before he speaks, so too must every Mason continually refine this discipline. Wisdom is not gained through constant speech, but through thoughtful reflection upon what is heard. In this way, listening becomes a

working tool—shaping rough thoughts into smooth understanding.

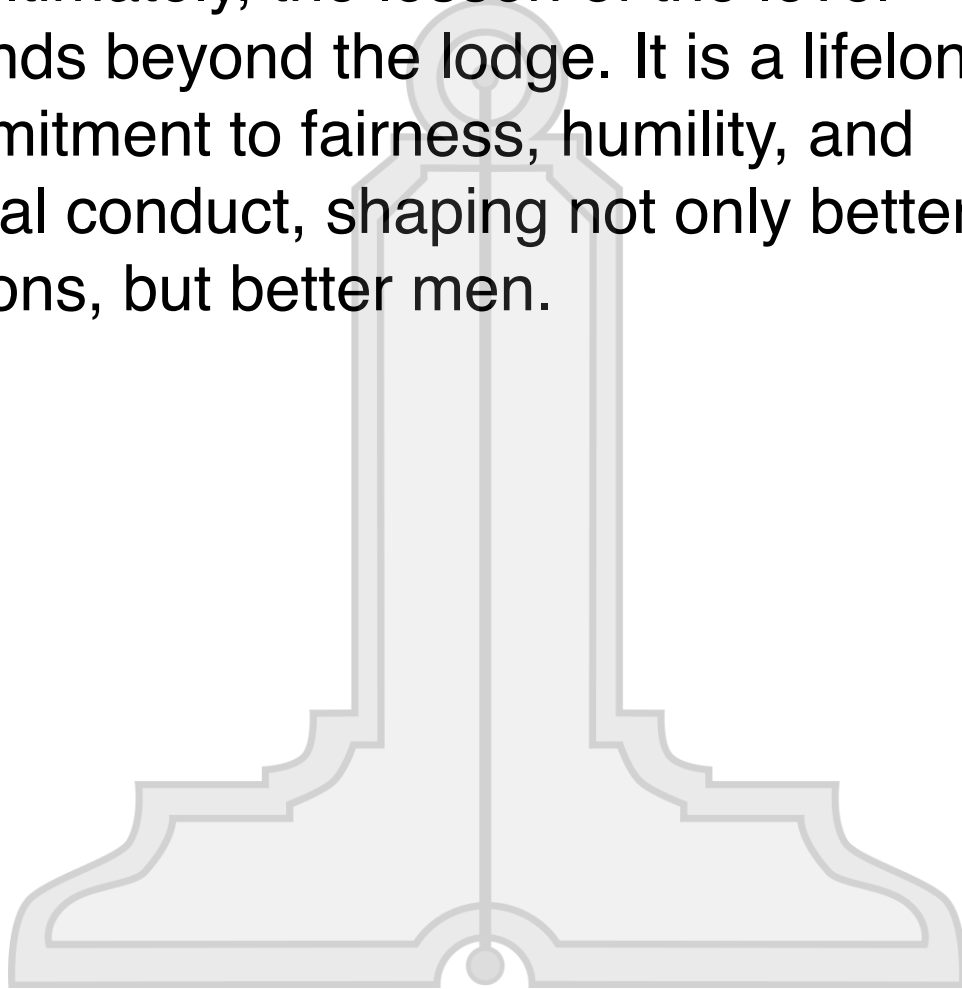
Moreover, true listening strengthens the bonds of brotherhood. It fosters trust, deepens relationships, and ensures harmony within the Lodge. When a Brother feels heard, he feels valued.

Thus, to listen well is to labor in the quarries of self-improvement. It is a quiet, steady practice that builds not only better men, but a stronger, more unified Fraternity.rough consistent and honorable behavior. He recognizes that true character is revealed not in moments of convenience, but in times of challenge, when integrity must guide action.

Furthermore, being on the level fosters unity and brotherhood. It breaks down barriers that divide people and encourages

cooperation grounded in mutual respect. By practicing this virtue, Masons contribute to a more just and harmonious society.

Ultimately, the lesson of the level extends beyond the lodge. It is a lifelong commitment to fairness, humility, and ethical conduct, shaping not only better Masons, but better men.



Beauty from the South

Christopher Watkins, Junior Warden

Keeping Your Passions Within Due Bounds

It is hard to watch a celebrity rant cost someone their career overnight, see a comment section turn two reasonable people into bitter enemies within minutes, or witness a lifelong friendship dissolve over a political post on Facebook. Yet these have become familiar scenes in our daily lives. We live in an era of strong opinions, loudly held. Disagreement has become combat, debate has become demonization, and patience seems in short supply. The world around us appears to have forgotten the wisdom of the ancient charge we receive in our lodges: to keep our passions within due bounds toward all mankind.

This phrase is not merely a pleasantry. It is a precise and demanding instruction. Note that it does not say suppress your passions, nor does it say abandon them. Passion is the engine of conviction. It drives us to defend what is right, to labor for those we love, and to stand firm in the face of injustice. The Craft has never asked us to become men without feeling.

But within due bounds, there is the art. A river within its banks is a source of life and power. The same river overflowing its banks becomes a force of destruction. Our passions are no different. Anger, pride, ambition, zeal each has its proper place and measure, and the Mason's work is to know the difference.

The charge also extends toward all mankind, not merely those who agree with us or sit beside us in lodge. This includes those whose politics inflame us and whose words we find difficult to hear. That is the harder charge, and it is the one most needed in the present hour.

Let the lodge be more than a memory of that principle. Let it be a practice we carry into the world. When passion rises and the tongue is ready, let us pause, reflect on what we know to be right, and hold our passions within their due bounds.

The world will not become more measured because we have lectured it. It will become more measured because we have modeled it, one conversation and one restrained moment at a time.

What's Happening This Month in Arizona No 2. F. & A. M.?

To view our full calendar, click [here](#)

All meetings and practices are held at:

345 W Monroe St, Phoenix, AZ 85003 (unless otherwise noted)

- **Monday, May 4** – 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM AZ #2 Trustees Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 5** – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM AZ2 Stated Meeting – Arizona Lodge F & AM
- **Sunday, May 10** – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Arizona Lodge No. 2 – Degree Practice
- **Tuesday, May 12** – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM 3rd Degree (Tentative)
- **Sunday, May 17** – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Arizona Lodge No. 2 – Degree Practice
- **Tuesday, May 19** – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Degree Practice
- **Monday, May 25** – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Pioneer Park Event (Tentative) (*Location: Pioneer Park – not at the Lodge*)
- **Tuesday, May 26** – 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Education Night
- **Monday, June 1** – 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM AZ #2 Trustees Meeting

Pay Dues

Buy a Brick

**Lodge
Calendar**



If there's an event, a thought, or wages to be paid, please contact Bro. Ryan by clicking [here](#).