





# Arizona Lodge #2

## Aug/Sept, 2022 Trestleboard

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## Master's Message—Proud to be a Mason

By: Seymour Atlas

I shall never forget my first thought as I made my initial entrance into the Masonic Lodge that conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on me, and followed with the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees. I was immediately made to feel that I was surrounded by Brothers. I felt there were no strangers present. This was one big family that seemed to have adopted me, and I, in turn, was elated to adopt them as my family.

My horizon of Masonry expanded, and my pride and joy were bubbling and effervescent. I couldn't wait to be able to confer the Degrees on others as there was so much I wanted to explain and elaborate about each Degree.

I was offered this opportunity and immediately began to study and memorize many parts, and over the years I became very active, holding office, lecturing, and taking an active part in every phase of Masonry where my talents and abilities could be used. One aspect of Masonry that has made a great impression on me was the ability of all Brothers, regardless of religion, to ask me why did I need Masonry as a Rabbi, because my profession was one of integrity, kindness, honesty, and all the attributes expounded in Masonry. It was difficult for many to grasp my need for this addition and supplement to religion. I worked with men of different religions, as well as of the Hebrew faith, and they were all impressed when I would say that Masonry is not a religion, but to be a Mason we had to believe in God, and if this was the only aspect of our religion and we had no other formal religion, yet we adhered to all the moral teachings of Masonry; this too would have put us in the category of men of integrity. However, Masonry is not a substitute for religion, nor is it a religion.

My experience has shown that Masons are, for the most part, deeply religious men. I am proud to be a Mason and a part of an organization that is devoted to helping, without question or embarrassment, widows, orphans, and those in need.

I am proud to be a Mason and to be a part of a Fraternity dedicated to the upholding of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the freedom of mankind and the sanctity of human life.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the dignity of God's children and opposes hatred and bigotry, and stands for truth, justice, kindness, integrity, and righteousness for all.

I am proud to be a Mason and shall always be happy to number myself among those who uphold those cardinal principles and moral standards of life that are so needed if our organization is to continue on the high level that has been its character from its inception. May God grant it continued strength to go, to grow, and to glow so that I and all Masons can exclaim: "I am proud to be a Mason!"

WM AZ 2- MSH

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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—Plenty of What?

Our second degree considers many topics but one is the concept of just warring and another is the concept of plenty. We have two different things representing plenty. A first glance correspondence to be obvious is they are both food and that you have some. Having plenty of sustenance of fluids and food in just those 2 forms - pretty basic ones at that - I'd be dead in 3-4 weeks so long as I had air and a little shelter. So not about food or having everything we need.

So plenty of what?

The origin of one representation of plenty is deep in areas of mysticism and another is tied to in some Hebrew dialect meaning of "ear of grain".

On the warring part, goofy Wikipedia says there were forty two thousand (42,000) healthy men died and we say forty and two thousand (2,040). I prescribe to the 2,040 number because the losing "tribe" were the Ephraimites and they were not one of the "12 Tribes of Israel". If that losing side only killed the winning side by half, the total number of dead would still be over 3,000 ancient souls simply to defuse aggression - possibly annihilating one tribe.

So plenty of killing? Of course, no more needed, included in that plan was kill as many as continued to be aggressors until the aggression stopped. So I buy plenty of killing.

Another is plenty of options because seeds are numerous in each representation. So plenty of seeds.

We retain, protect and treasure our seeds. We as masons have many to share at least in the form of bread and pomegranate (cranberry) juice. In fraternity where seeds are spread plentifully finding fertile ground.

I like bread and cranberry juice.

Victor E Olson, 2022 AZ#2SW

## From the South—Where the Fast Lane Ends

by William R. Fischer

Members come to Masonry for many reasons. Because of a relative, because of a friend, because of fellowship, because of curiosity, or maybe because they think they will get ahead. The reason we join is irrelevant.

After joining, we found men who treated us with brotherly love. This, in turn relieved the stress of the day. It also gave us a feeling of self worth and helped us see the true meaning of Freemasonry.

The fast movement of everyday life, causes a lot of changes in our life style. We move from one situation to another at such a speed, that most of the time, we seldom see the conclusion of one problem before another comes. Except if it doesn't turn out right, then we hear every detail of what went wrong. That is where Masonry comes in.

We come to lodge to meet old and new friends that demand nothing from us. Thus we demand nothing from our Brethren. We teach and are taught a more even way to live and cope with problems. We learn that, all that matters is within ourselves. We learn, through watching others, that a better way to do anything is through love, understanding and trust.

As we speed on and on through this ever changing world, we come to lodge for a little bit of peace and understanding, we come to slowdown, we come because this is:

Where The Fast Land Ends.

John Canisales, 2022 AZ#2JW

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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.

# From the Northeast Corner

## The Wonderful Beginning

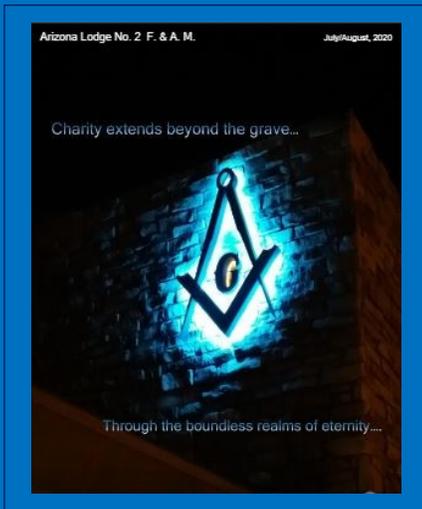
We are all human, born without any skills or idea about the new world and how it will be. Brought in life from the darkness of a woman's womb. Naked, hopeless, and having nothing but your faith and trust in god. That tiny light was seen in your heart, not with your eyes. Coming out attached with the umbilical cord. Once removed you shall be born in the new world. a helpless, moment should always be in mind when someone else asks for help.

How majestic and generous is the universe giving us a lesson from the beginning? Great things in life were always there, we never made them but we find them. That newborn is the E.A.Mason brought and introduced to the great world of freemasonry... A changing life process that will change the way you look at it (life).

You are now separated from the mass of the rest of the world. It's time to learn and start chiseling our rock, master building the temple within the self so that, hopefully one day, it will be a part of the great temple of the universe.

Chafic Aladine, 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.

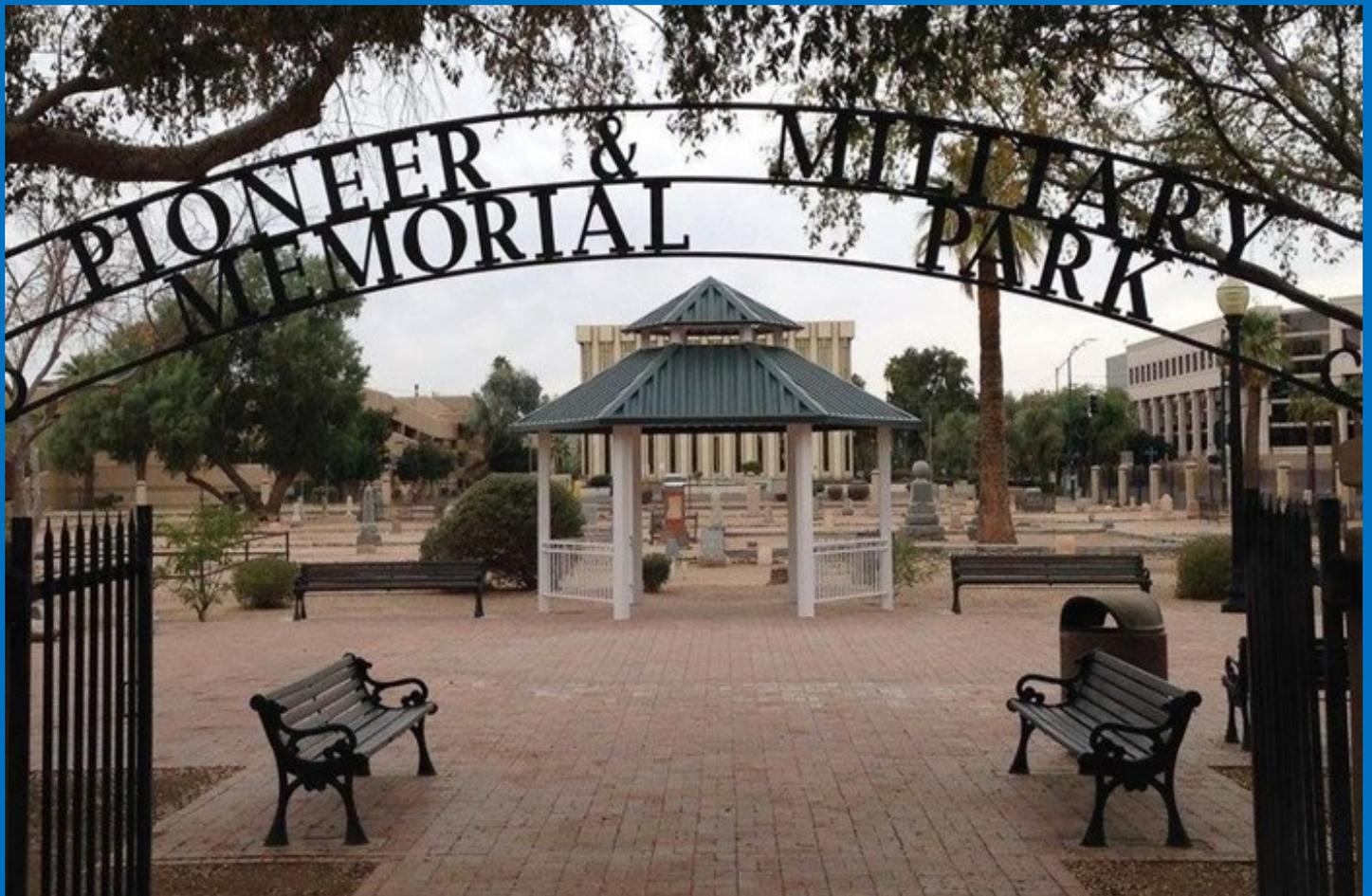
This year, we have revamped our agenda in the following ways. Firstly, we start off our 7:00pm Stated meeting with your sickness and distress. Brotherly love is our most important duty, so we start our meeting off right by checking in with our brothers to see how they are doing. Then we continue our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



## Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

Brothers from all over Arizona came together to raise over \$10,000 for Bro. Ram who was in a bad motorcycle accident. He is recovering well and sends this message:

### Helplessness

Being helpless is a rare moment, a tragic moment but also a beautiful moment because it is a rare moment as a living man that your heart is weighed - where a man can see his body of work laid out before him. If you have indeed found yourself to be helpless, you surely know what it is like to no longer have control of time, your body or on your daily activities. All you can do is observe the ones you have made an impact on fight to be your voice, fight to provide relief and come together to give that brotherly love to a brother in destitute condition.

You never know when time is up, we shall spend every moment we can spare to aid others and to positively impact our communities. Your true voices make a difference. Thank you, most of all brothers, for the love you've provided my family and I.

This experience has shifted things within me. I could not do this without you Brothers.

I could speculate on what deeds I've done and guess who would be there for me but that is nothing more than speculation. Not until I found myself completely reliant on the care of the people I cared for in good health did this reflection become more real. Helplessness is a tough look into the mirror and at your heart.

Who loves you?

Does your behavior lean one way instead of another in these moments?

Helplessness has shined a light on what I've done on this planet and my attitude while living through my experiences.

Brother Ramsen Ohanes

*edited by his fond fraternal Brother Vic Olson*

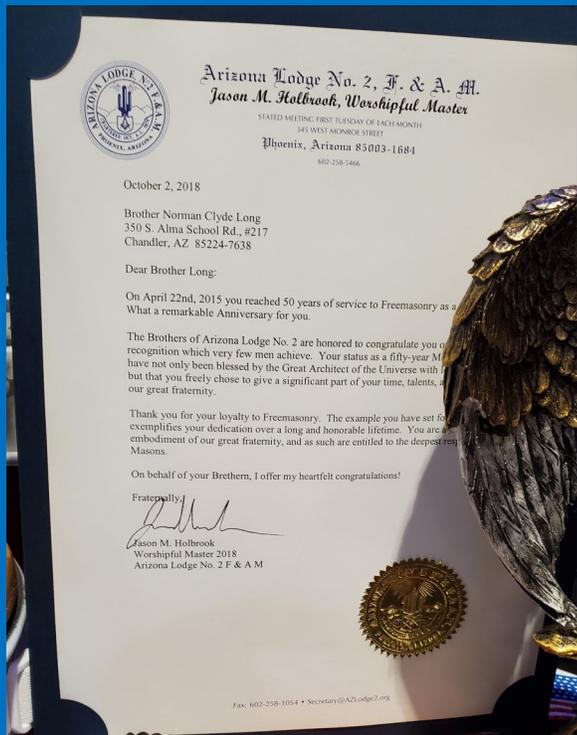


# Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth



# Memento Mori

Brothers formed a funeral team for Brother Norman Clyde Long, who passed to the Celestial Lodge in early August, 2022.



# August Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Fellowcraft Mike Matthews!



# August Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Alex Kondarassov



# Social Night!

Social night was held at Blanco Tacos in Downtown Phoenix



## AZ #2 Roundup Night

**Attention all members of Arizona No. 2 F&A.M.  
Need a ride to Lodge?**

**Roundup Night!**



**For this September's stated meeting, we will be  
rounding up as many brothers as we can to get them  
to Lodge. Contact the Secretary if interested.  
[secretary@azlodge2.org](mailto:secretary@azlodge2.org)**

**SEPTEMBER 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 September Stated Meeting**  
**We will be celebrating all September Masonic Birthdays as well!**

Stated Meetings  
 Master’s Education



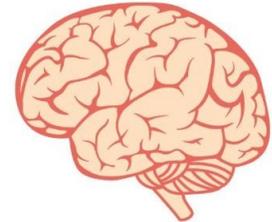
This year, at each Stated Meeting we will be presenting a short talk from the Master on the Constitutions. Also, each month a different officer will be presenting a brief education on a topic from the Monitor.

Trestleboard Education  
 Articles and More



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

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



In 2022, 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

## AUGUST MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert Keith Corbin	8/21/50	72 yrs	Akiva Rubinstein	8/31/99	23 yrs
Dale Matthew Coyle	8/04/72	50 yrs	Duane Taylor Francis	8/29/13	9 yrs

## SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

John M. Schwarz	9/23/58	64 yrs	Mark Leon Boys	9/30/86	36 yrs
Kent Ray Myers	9/13/66	56 yrs	Eric William Wenzel	9/04/90	32 yrs
Gary Dale Thomas	9/24/68	54 yrs	Keith Mitchell Deane Sr	9/21/93	29 yrs
Junior Ray Pruet	9/29/70	52 yrs	Mark Scott Hester	9/30/97	25 yrs
Henry Hudson DePue Jr	9/24/74	48 yrs	Ralph Arthur Bell	9/30/97	25 yrs
Walter Ottie Carroll	9/09/75	47 yrs	Richard Wayne Thomas	9/23/03	19 yrs
Wilson Joseph Humber	9/14/76	46 yrs	James R. Salmans	9/06/08	14 yrs
Gene Hammond Nolan	9/14/76	46 yrs	Christopher J. Speer	9/28/10	12 yrs
Don Crist Hensley	9/25/79	43 yrs	Bryan Robert Vance	9/15/20	2 yrs
Carl Ralph Kaproth Jr	9/17/81	41 yrs			

### September Schedule

- 9/06/22 Stated Meeting (Round-up Night!)
- 9/10/22 Volunteer Day (Feed the Starving Children)
- 9/13/22 EA Degree (Walter Chambers)
- 9/18/22 Grand Lodge Golf Tourney
- 9/20/22 FC Degree (Chafic Aladine)
- 9/27/22 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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