





Arizona Lodge #2

October 2023 Trestleboard

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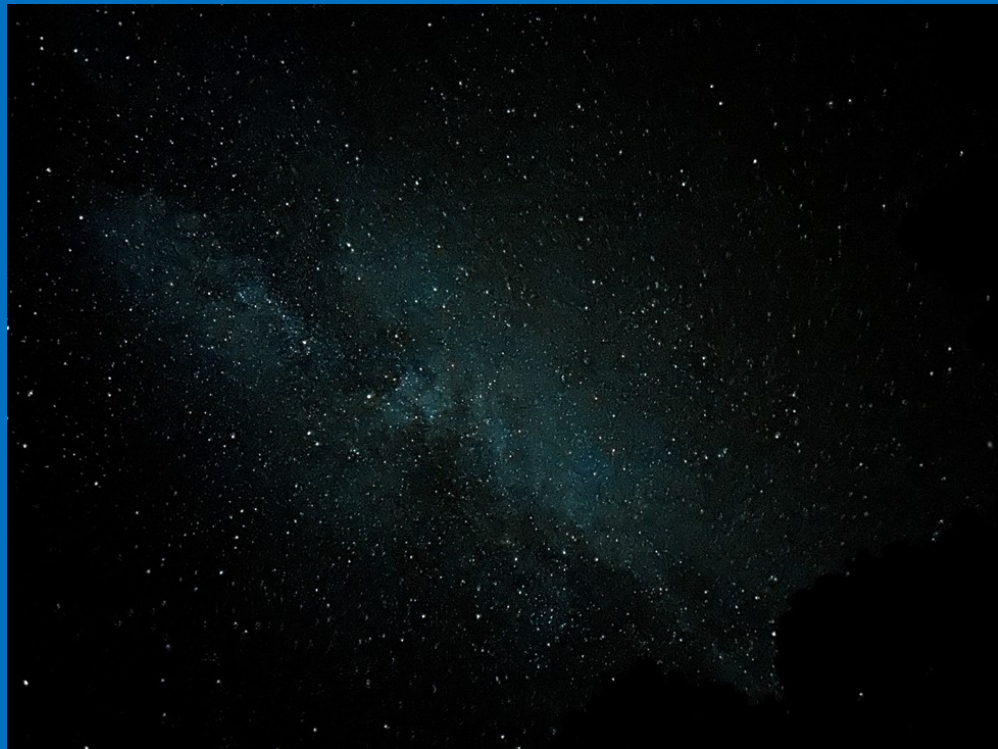




Worshipful Brother Victor E Olson is the current Master of Arizona Lodge No. 2.

"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—Scale of that Vast Expanse



My daughter went up in the Arizona mountains a few weeks ago and sent me this photo of stars she took with her cell phone. She shared her amazement at how beautiful they are - those apparent in her view. It's the same feeling I sometimes get looking at stars knowing the occurrence of stars is also the occurrence of me. It's also the same wonder I have when thinking about what is in the dirt under my fingernails. That incredible scale of things proves the existence of God to me.

We experience reality at a direct one-to-one relationship. We scale things to understand them from different positions in space to other positions in space separate from our direct experience.

Scale is used to express ideas from one level of comprehension to a different level of comprehension.

We think on a grand scale to detail something like the map of a country. Physicists sometimes express ideas at a nanoscale on a piece of paper or computer monitor for details of a molecule or even printed circuitry. Those usages of grand and nano scaling are not direct comprehensions but imagined comprehensions. They allow us to categorize that vast expanse we observe by relative scales.

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From the East—Scale of that Vast Expanse

Architects also use the word scale to describe the appropriateness of a thing to another thing relative to us as humans by the size of our hand. For instance, architects are enamored with brick as a building material because the proportions of common brick are understood to be a unit of human scale. Width being the width of your hand (around 4 inches), length being the extension of a hand - thumb to pinky tip (2 hands), and the height of (3) brick including 3 mortar joints again being also (2) hands. With that human “hand” scale a structure can be described: so many hands high, so many hands wide and so many “hands” (courses) high. This same “hand” unit of measurement is also used to describe the size of horses - hoof to withers, for instance a big thoroughbred is 17-18 hands. Our hands build and manipulate our world.

Architects in another sense will say something “is to scale” generally meaning that, relative to another something, they are proportioned to each other by some appropriate ratio. We see things at a direct 1:1 scale. We scale things to understand them from different positions in space relative to another position in space apart from ourselves. We also say when something is “to scale” it exists in a good relationship - we like to infer beautiful.

We cannot use our human hand scale to represent the infinite universe or the micro world but if we are truly made in the image of God, a divine hand would be necessary to build and manipulate on those scales.

We can imagine scales to describe those largest and smallest of things but not in the same human scale - the distinctions become incomprehensible. We only have perception of grander or microscopic things indirectly. The fact that the universe is infinitely large and the divisions of matter are unconceivably small (a quark) makes them unrelatable to any human scale.

When that Great Light in Masonry states in beautiful poetic verse “In the beginning...” I believe proof of that statement is in the scale of things like the heavens.

Looking at stars is a favorite pastime.

Victor Olson, master AZ#2 2023.

We Don't Hide Our Scars

Bro. Ramsen Ohanes



In September during our stated meeting, we heard from WB Keith Dean. He shared his wisdom to the lodge, I couldn't help but be amazed at the strength of my brother. What touched me more was his humility.

WB Keith, thank you on behalf of Arizona #2.

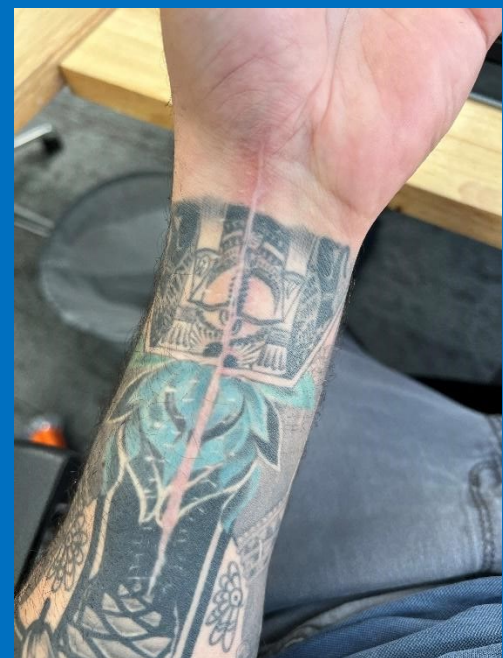
On 8-3-22 I fell, I fell hard. This is my hand now but not forever. Mind you, I am left-handed and this is my dominant hand.

In this current condition, I should be wearing a wrist brace, but my doctor knows me by now and understands why I choose to not wear it. I told her "In the mind of someone having an accident like this, wearing the brace feels less about my safety and more about my shame and embarrassment." I could feel the negative thoughts get louder the more I covered my wrist, it was because I knew why I was doing it and it wasn't because I was concerned about my wrist bumping into something or that I have a fear of falling again. As many of you know that have seen me; my wrist is never covered unless it's in a cast from leaving surgery.

My left wrist has scared people, made kids scream and cry, I've even been called Frankenstein under someone's breath as they whispered the kind words to their friend thinking I couldn't hear. Few people have had the nerve to touch my hand and stare right into my eyes as they whispered to me pure thoughts, very few. I have realized many things because of this accident, one of the most powerful things I've realized is that when you hide from the world, you're only hiding from yourself and hindering God from healing you. Your reality is here to help you heal your heart. We must be able to view ourselves in a third person perspective, notice how trusting your loved ones and opening your heart to brethren only serves to make you stronger. Stare everything you think you are scared to confront, right in the face. I will continue to shine light on my scars!

Thank you to Arizona Masonry, I need my brothers until the end.

Bro. Ramsen Ohanes AZ#2 2023.



Last Word from a Junior Past Master

Matthew Harris, Past Master AZ#2

Hail Brethren, I hope all is well with you and your families. As our lodge celebrated 144 years on 16 October 2023, I would like to impress upon all of us how that has been possible. That has been made possible by brothers using their working tools properly in their everyday as well as Masonic lives!! However, in 2023 some of us Brothers have forgotten how to use our tools! We seemingly are attempting to spread the cement of brotherly love with our gavel handle, or trying to divide our time by a plumb line.....

We can not expect the proper output of work if we use our tools wrong, nor can we blame the manufacturer, but what we can do is re educate ourselves in the uses of the tools by coming to lodge and learning. Especially me!!!

As. # 2 of the 4 founding Lodges of Arizona Masonry, we owe it to our Brothers in and out of our lodge to be proficient masters of our tools.

Our Worshipful Master Victor Olsen was an excellent example of these qualities this year - so we all can learn, as well as model for our younger Masonic Brethren. Thank you Worshipful Master for all your hard work.

WB. Matthew Harris JPM 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?

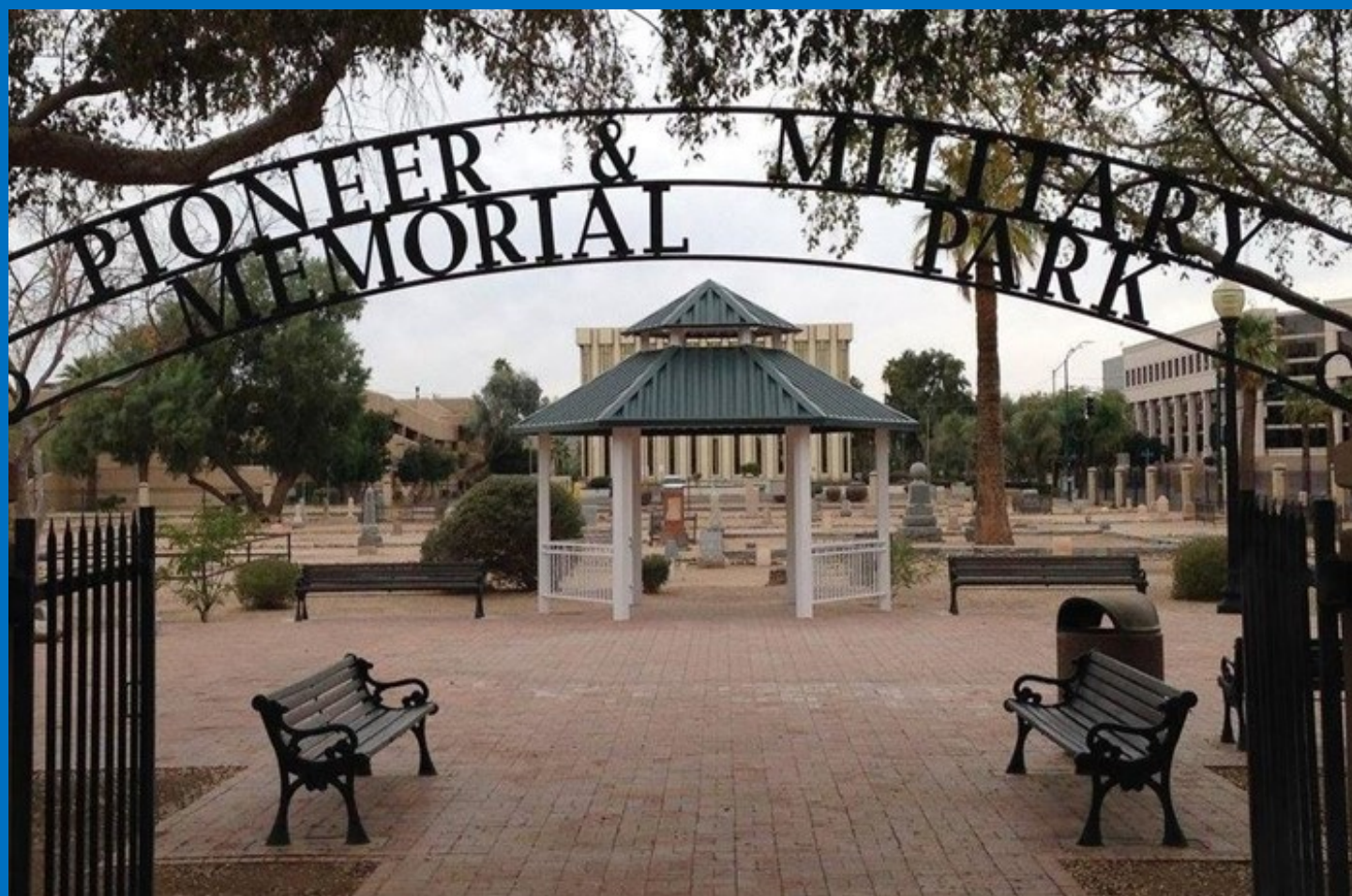
- Go to the Grand Lodge web page and click “Login to Grandview” on the front page in the upper right (Azmasons.org).
- Enter your lodge number
- Enter your Member ID (lower left corner of dues card or ask the Secretary)
- Enter your Last Name (case sensitive)
- Click on “Check Membership Status”
- Enter 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 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/>



Masonic Charity

Brothers from Arizona #2 were proud to present a \$3000 grant check from Masonic Charities of Arizona to the amazing Joy Bus Diner.

<https://www.thejoybusdiner.com/>



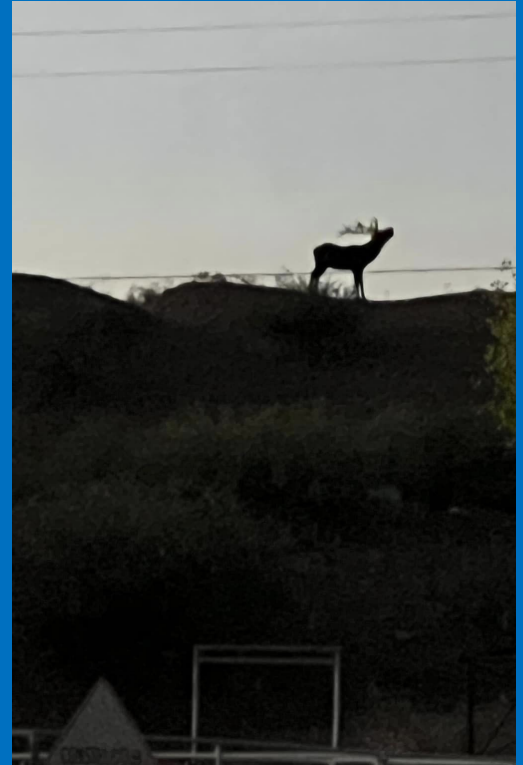
Masonic Charity

Brothers from Arizona #2 were proud to present a check from Masonic Charities of Arizona to Gabriel Angels. Gabriel's Angels works to improve children's emotional health and help them develop key social behaviors through healing pet-therapy. Founded in 2000, they serve at risk children in the Phoenix, Prescott and Tucson metropolitan areas.



EZ Ranch Degree in the Dark

It is a tradition carried down from our PM in the year 2000, to come to EZ ranch for a degree night.



Visit from the RW Senior Grand Warden

Thank you RW Bro. Leigh, Sr. Grand Warden, for his official visit to our lodge.



NOVEMBER 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 November Stated Meeting (return to tuxedos)

We will be celebrating all November Masonic Birthdays as well!

Stated Meetings Master's Education



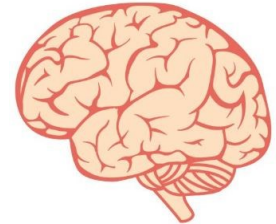
This year, at each Stated Meeting we will be presenting a short talk from the Master on the Constitutions. Also, each month a different officer will be presenting a brief education on a topic from the Monitor.

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 2023, 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.

2023 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

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Gary E. Kilbourn	10/22/64	59 yrs	Jeremy Lucas Killion	10/20/12	11 yrs
John Donner Jones	10/25/65	58 yrs	Gary Lee Hicks	10/08/13	10 yrs
Robert Jay Farrer	10/07/67	56 yrs	Robert 'Bo' Buchanan III	10/12/13	10 yrs
Gerry Stephan Russell	10/24/72	51 yrs	Qerop Grigorian	10/15/13	10 yrs
Sherman Lee Orton	10/15/74	49 yrs	Rouben Beglarian	10/11/14	9 yrs
Billy Royce Haley	10/14/75	48 yrs	Daniel Matthew Griffith	10/24/15	8 yrs
Kenneth W. Ottinger	10/31/87	36 yrs	Thomas B. Mich Jr.	10/08/16	7 yrs
Gregory Paul Harkleroad	10/12/95	28 yrs	Christopher P. Fasano	10/07/17	6 yrs
John D. Hayworth Jr.	10/12/96	27 yrs	Carlos Louis Santo	10/15/17	6 yrs
David Richard Larson	10/26/99	24 yrs	Matthew J. Traylor	10/13/18	5 yrs
James Warren Perry	10/14/03	20 yrs	Robert 'Robb' Knotts	10/12/19	4 yrs
Ernest O. Williams	10/20/07	16 yrs	Sidney M. Mettle-Mills	10/19/21	2 yrs
Thomas B. Mich Sr.	10/25/11	12 yrs			

October Schedule

10/17/23 Trustees Meeting
 10/17/23 EA Degree Practice
 10/18/23 Research Lodge #1
 10/24/23 Longevity Awards Night
 10/31/23 DARK

"November Heads up!!

11/11/23 March in Veterans Day Parade"

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: WB Matthew Harris (Chairman)

Dues & Bylaws: WM Vic Olson (Chairman)

Travelling: JW Cory Whalin (Chairman)

Outreach: Mar Bryan Vance (Chairman)

Family Events: Bro 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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