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# Arizona Lodge #2

## May, 2022 Trestleboard

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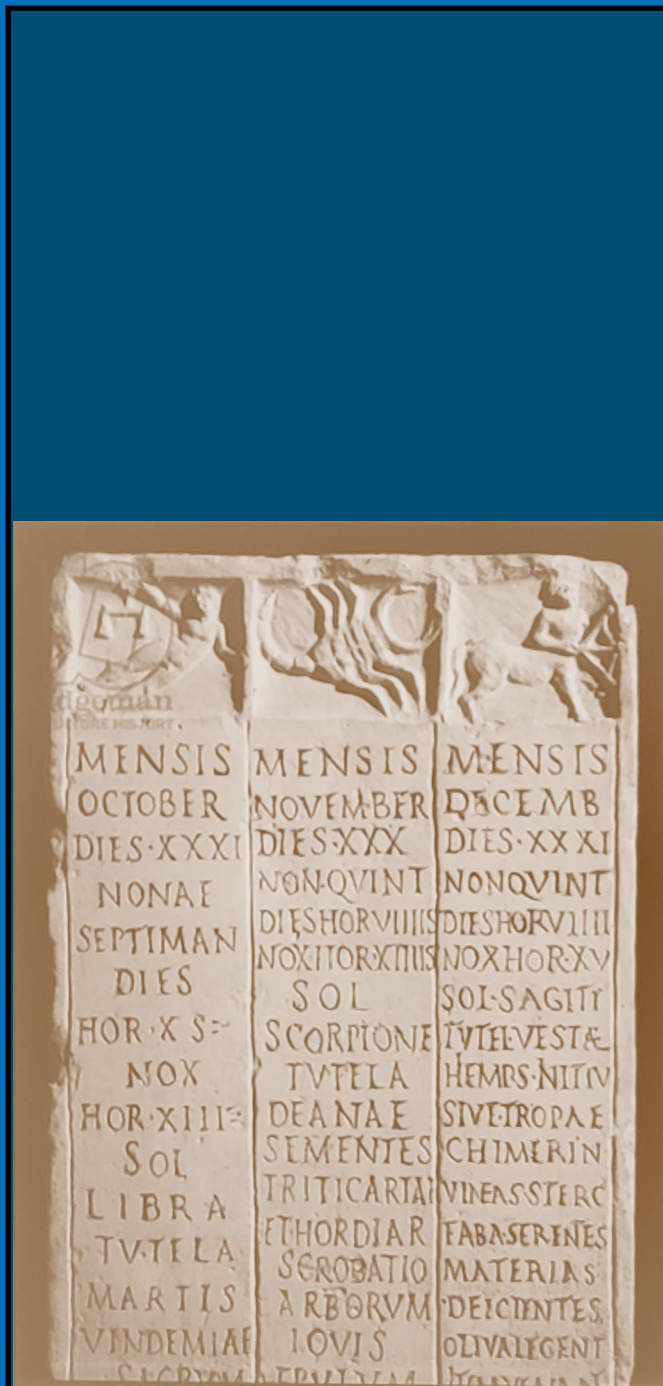
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## Master's Message—Behavior

by William R. Fischer

Masonic behavior is a subject, if taken into the Lodge for debate, could take up a lot of time. Behavior changes with attitude and the ever shifting social structure.

In the old charges behavior was divided into six sections:

1. Behavior in Lodge.
2. Behavior after Lodge with members who did not attend.
3. Behavior when brethren meet outside the Lodge.
4. Behavior in the presence of non-members.
5. Behavior at home and in your neighborhood.
6. Behavior toward a strange brother.

Behavior is generally affected by two means:

1. By those around you.
2. By age.

Normally, we are respectful of the people around us, more now than when we were younger. We also have much more tolerance, mainly because of those who tolerated and respected us.

Our behavior is a reflection of who we are and as a Mason this image either improves or taints our institution. To be a considerate member of the Lodge and our brethren is easy. To be a person of integrity to strange brothers, non-members, and even those who would seek to discredit the fraternity, is the most important act of brotherly love one could do for his Lodge and its members.

A Lodge is only as good as its worst member, therefore strive to be a better person.

Source:

<http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT18.HTM>



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.

WM AZ 2- MSH



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—Am I my brother's keeper?

*"Am I my brother's keeper?", Genesis 4:9*

Yup. Same paragraph where the inventor of music and first artificer of metals is mentioned...

Consider most scholars conclude God asked Cain about Abel's whereabouts knowing Cain had murdered Abel. Cain evaded the question - essentially lied to God. Why did Cain murder Abel? According to the Bible, it was because of Cain's anger and JEALOUSY that God favored Abel's offering over Cain's offering. Cain was jealous of what Abel got from God - God's favor.

In the second section of our third degree another murder occurs on the premise of envy, greed and JEALOUSY. Could lesson be the same in both - when our passions take over and jealousy, envy and greed motivate us, bad things will happen?

God punished Cain as God can and marked him for all to see. The mark showed the world that Cain had been a murderer, liar, envious and jealous and would live a long life with that shame. King Solomon, being less powerful than God, punished the jealous ruffians as he could for their act - an act motivated envious jealousy of others who had lawfully received the special favor of another master.

The answer Freemasons will give I trust is "Yes, I am my brothers' keeper".

The York Rite Mark Master degree, drives home this lesson in another event with a complication to the brothers' keepers question. Destitution, in that degree, is a vehicle for us to see clearly how we each, sometimes just don't keep our obligations but that there is further help to be found in our fraternity.

When presented with an opportunity to show our commitment to our answer, we need to look back at the bible and see that the evasive answer Cain gave to God was obvious to God just as trying to explain away not meeting our obligations fully is obvious to God.

Everyone's cable tow has a length, to believe your cable tow is short, shorts your obligation. To believe your cable tow is long and being sincere enough to vibrantly support our brothers, remembering all the destitute, the "downturn in life casualties" or simply the downhearted in life will benefit from any aid we give, will prove us better men - worthy brothers' keepers.

Victor E Olson, 2022 AZ#2SW

## From the South—Counseling

by William R. Fischer

Most of us who went to coaches and not counselors learned very little about the three degrees in Masonry. We may know the degrees but not the history, we know the words but not the essence, we know the symbols but not the purpose of them. This is why we have counselors, and this is why we should talk to them, even now. More important, this is why we have five minute educational short talks.

Coaches, though well intended, have not the training nor the references needed to help the new brother learn the craft or answer the questions asked of them. Coaches have a place in Masonry. Counselors are not always available when a brother needs help. Coaches add the fellowship of brothers helping brothers, this is especially helpful in that it shows the new mason, that we are here and ready to help.

A good counselor has the knowledge to teach the new brother about the many parts of Masonry. If they do not have an answer to a question, they have the means to find it. They put forth an effort to answer all questions asked by any brother. In this way they are responsible for spreading more light to more brothers than any other person. The more counselors we have the more knowledge we can spread.

Source:

<http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT20.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.



# Official Announcement:

## Vacancy in Board of Trustees

**B**rethren,

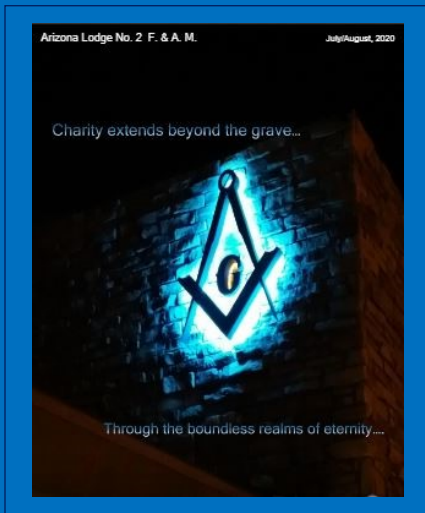
There is an open position in the Board of Trustees that needs to be filled.

We will fill the position at the June Stated Meeting.

Please be sure to attend if you want to ensure your input will be heard.



# Volunteers Needed!



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

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.

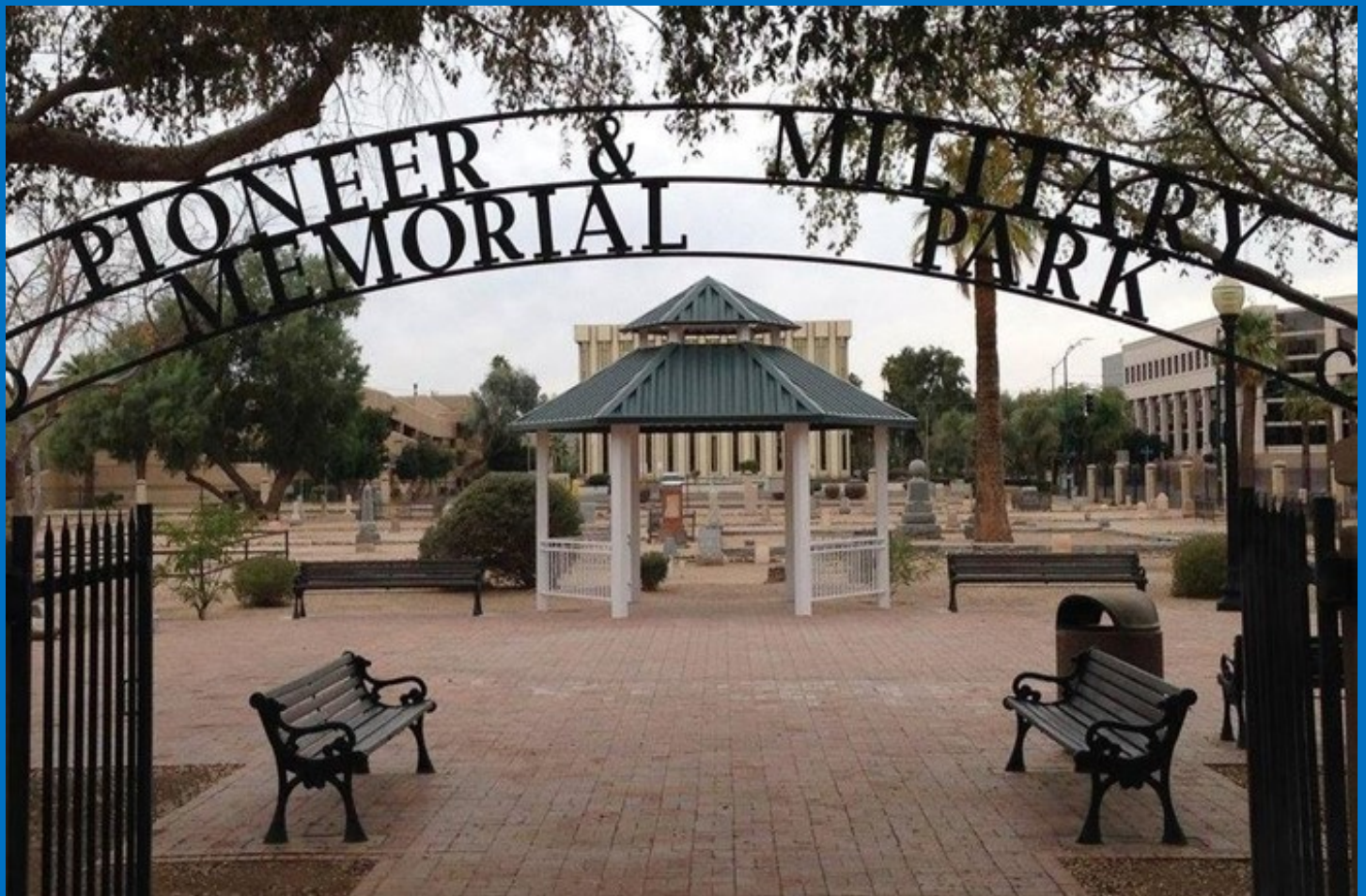
*“The seeker after light passes through three stages, the beginner, the workman, and the master. A knowledge of the mysteries of Masonry comes to him step by step, and is acquired only through his own labor and study.” ~ Bro. George Dern, P.G.M. Utah, The Builder, December 1921*





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/>





# April Degrees

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Dan Johnson!



## JUNE 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 June Stated Meeting**

**We will be celebrating all June 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 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



## APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Byron George Kempf	5/14/46	76 yrs	Richard Alfred Hanna	5/06/00	22 yrs
Don Leber	5/20/52	70 yrs	Christopher R. Price	5/27/06	16 yrs
James Joseph Rolle	5/28/58	64 yrs	Robert J. Satterfield	5/15/07	15 yrs
Paul James Dore' Sr	5/10/65	57 yrs	Joseph J. Martoccia	5/26/07	15 yrs
Lawrence Dean Leabo	5/18/65	57 yrs	Ronald J. Trumbauer	5/20/08	14 yrs
Frederick M. Hammer	5/14/68	54 yrs	Joshua D. Miller	5/20/08	14 yrs
Harry Dean Jones	5/05/73	49 yrs	Ryan P. Toftoy	5/25/10	12 yrs
Kenneth W. Chambers	5/28/73	49 yrs	Kevin G. Nelson	5/10/11	11 yrs
Graydon W. Booth Jr.	5/10/75	47 yrs	Theodore J. Brownell	5/24/11	11 yrs
Marc Leverant	5/27/75	47 yrs	Mikel J. Branch	5/05/12	10 yrs
John Philip Kent	5/07/83	39 yrs	Vartan Arabyan	5/15/12	10 yrs
Thomas M. Wilson	5/19/83	39 yrs	Tyson W. Sullins	5/18/13	9 yrs
David E. Beaton	5/27/86	36 yrs	Thomas W. Boone Jr.	5/18/13	9 yrs
Michael H. Leeds	5/27/86	36 yrs	Freddy A. Saavedra	5/18/13	9 yrs
Dalvin Samuel Palmer	5/27/86	36 yrs	Ralph A. Herro	5/18/13	9 yrs
David Warren Strong	5/31/88	34 yrs	Rex M. Boyes	5/18/13	9 yrs
Steven Michael Speer	5/31/88	34 yrs	Richard K. Kriner	5/18/13	9 yrs
Joseph H. Worrall III	5/30/89	33 yrs	Michael W. Middleton	5/18/13	9 yrs
Justin Clay Bridges	5/30/89	33 yrs	Romeo M. Deguzman	5/18/13	9 yrs
Donald H. Goldwater	5/06/00	22 yrs	Mark L. House	5/21/13	9 yrs
John Russell Johnson	5/06/00	22 yrs	George A. Gollihar	5/24/16	6 yrs
Charles Ireland Kelly	5/06/00	22 yrs	Travis W. Patterson	5/17/18	4 yrs
Chad Thomas Urich	5/06/00	22 yrs	Andrew J. Hayes Jr.	5/22/17	4 yrs

### May Schedule

- 5/3/22 Stated Meeting
- 5/10/22 E.A. Degree—Chafic Aladine
- 5/17/22 E.A. Degree—Ramsen Ohanes
- 5/23/22 Bikes for Books
- 5/24/22 E.A. Degree—Jim Rolstead
- 5/31/22 E.A. Degree—Andre Townsend

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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