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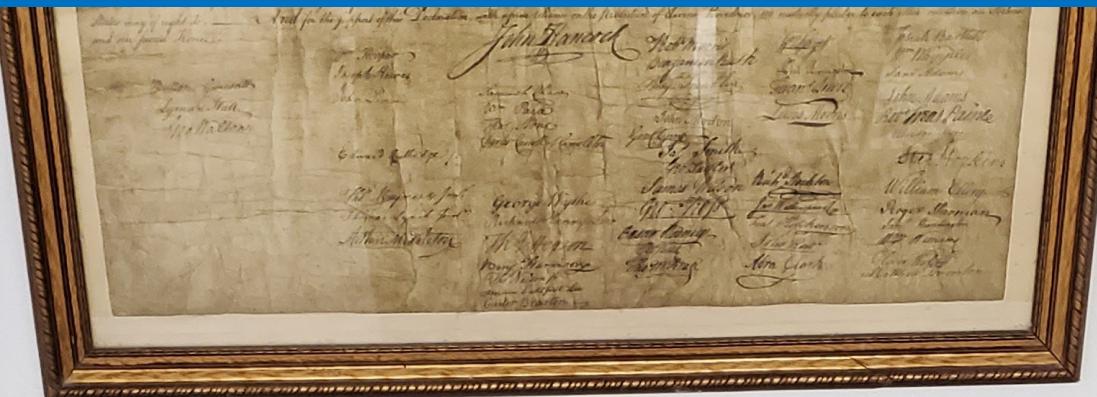


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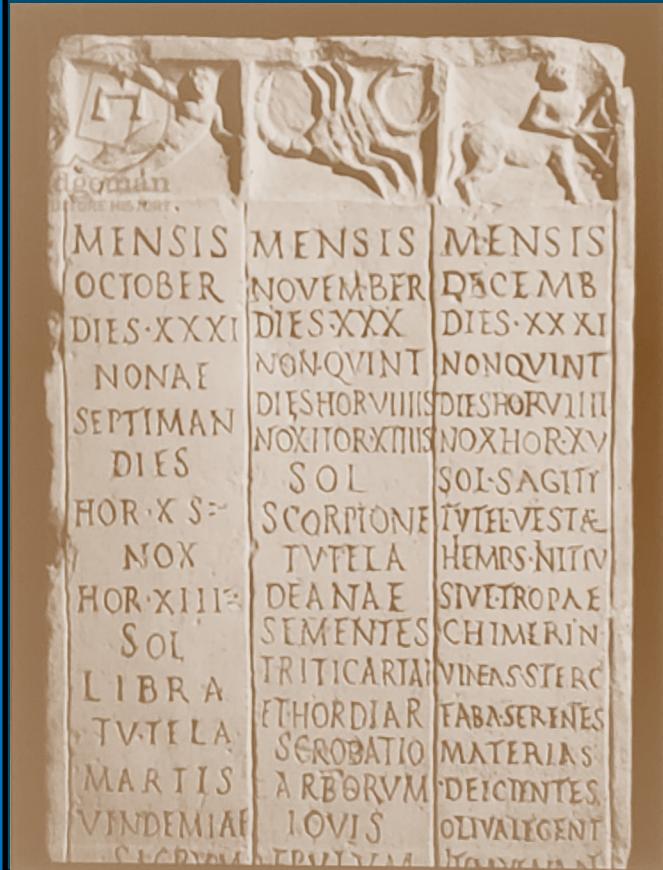
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July, 2022 Trestleboard

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Master's Message—Dark for July

Hail my Brothers,

As we travel north for the rest of the month, please use this time to hone your working tools. We have had a great year and deserve this time as a Lodge for refreshment and repose.

That said, while north, let your love light shine. Keep in touch with your brothers and take them with you north!

We will hit the ground running hard in August in order to finish the year strong.

Thank you Brothers,

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—Hold Your Tongue

Hold your Tongue...

Good advice on so many occasions.

As masons we are given other admonishments about what comes out of our mouths including to “keep a tongue of good report”, keeping our secrets, and realizing when our speech must stay within our due bounds. The difference between not saying anything and saying something good about one another is most significant. Holding your tongue can be inferred to be an admonition to not speak rashly or possibly even speak ill at all about another. Giving a good report is more accurately encouragement to speak well of others.

These two perspectives are clearly envisioned in that masonic emblem - a point within a circle.

Our conversations can be so expressive of good will that we ought often take advantage of opportunities to give a good report on others. This is not just gratitude for help or work or charity but also of that masonic charge to promote each other’s welfare, rejoicing in each other’s prosperity. It is also a great way to stretch out to good passions and expand those boundaries.

Freemasonry, in its fraternal ways, is very good in lauding efforts within lodge and amongst ourselves. It is also very good at giving praise within our fraternity in our publications and awards programs as well as in our methods of elevating individuals on the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle. The take-away lesson learned, I think, is to practice that good will out of the lodge within our families, among our friends and into our community at large as a reflection of the values inculcated by our fraternity.

The great aim we have in view is not just within our masonic circles but by intent to be spread into the world at least by our good reports.

When I speak well of others, I get satisfaction in the praise given as charity towards them. By charity I mean by the kindness and tolerance definition.

It is so easy to criticize others that those negative thoughts just seem to have their own legs.

Positive thoughts on the other hand, need to be given legs and the best way to do that is by sending them on their way off our tongues as good reports.

More often, more better in my book.

Victor E Olson, 2022 AZ#2SW

From the Northeast Corner

Charity- A word that used to bring discomfort as doubts and concerns of time wasted entered my brain. Oh was I blind. Charity is an act of faith, hope and love all in one. Hope-Belief that no matter how the cards may lay, there is still the untold story of tomorrow yet to be told.

Faith-Did I find comfort in thinking everything was as it seemed? Was I challenged by the idea that my entire world can be turned upside down? Faith provides me warmth as I walk the unknown.

Brotherhood- “Your Brothers lead you to God,” As a wise Brother once told me.

Nothing has left me more speechless, nothing has challenged me more, nothing has shown me a different perspective and proved to be a tough look in the mirror as Free Masonry has.

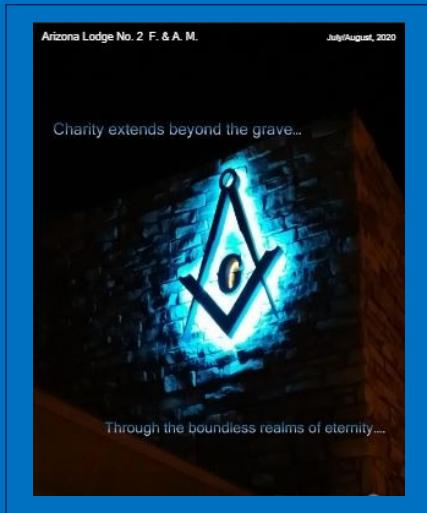
The best parts are the uncomfortable parts, Brothers we must continue to challenge each other to become better men and hold each other accountable with love, care, and compassion. As much as I love libation and agreeing with each other, it is in those challenging moments that we find strength, truth, and light shun upon the matter at hand. Let it guide us.

I have never been a part of something more beautiful.

Brothers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I love you all.

Ramsen Ohanes, 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.

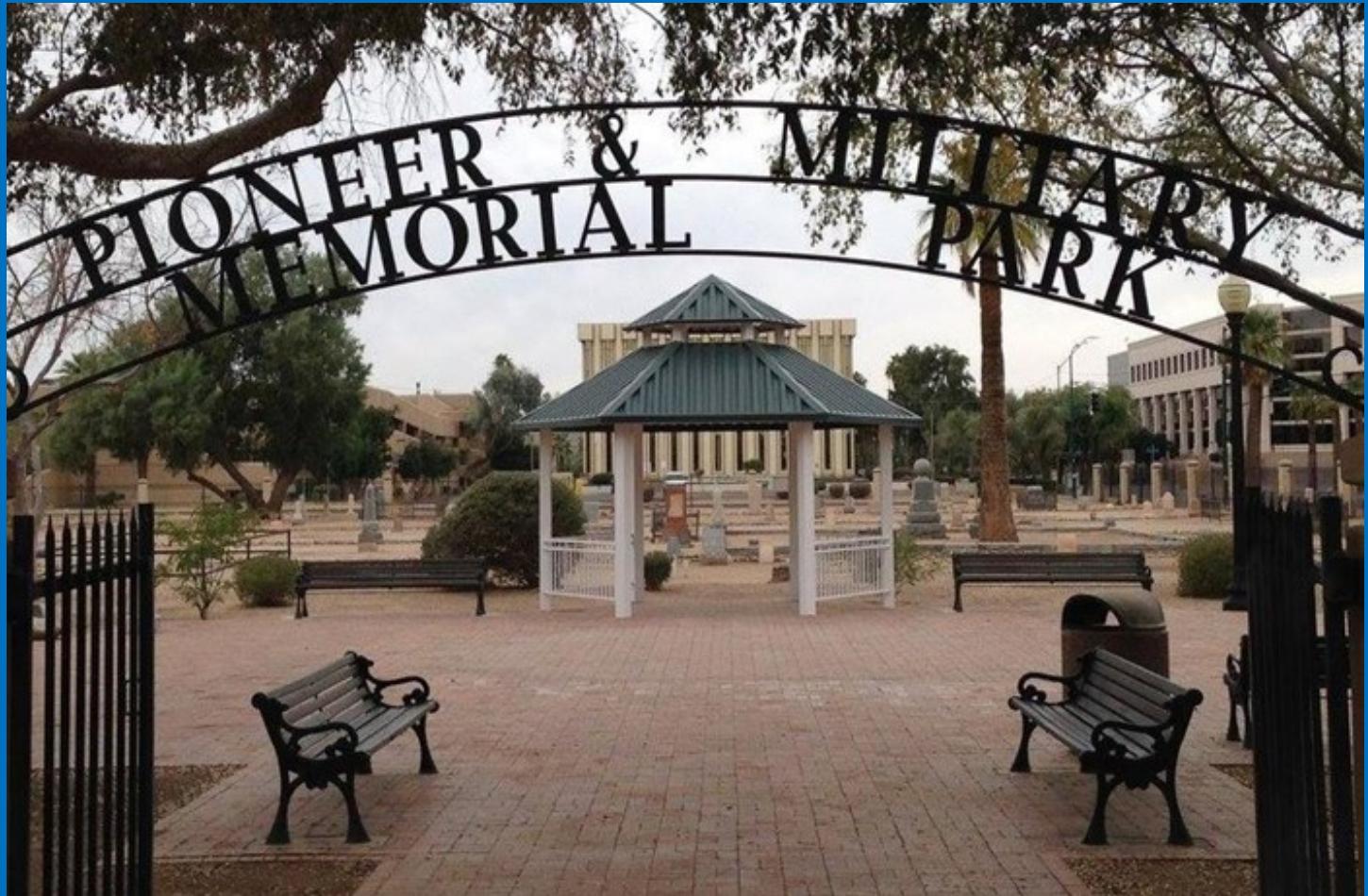
This year, we have revamped our agenda in the following ways. Firstly, we start off our 7:00pm Stated meeting with your sickness and distress. Brotherly love is our most important duty, so we start our meeting off right by checking in with our brothers to see how they are doing. Then we continue our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



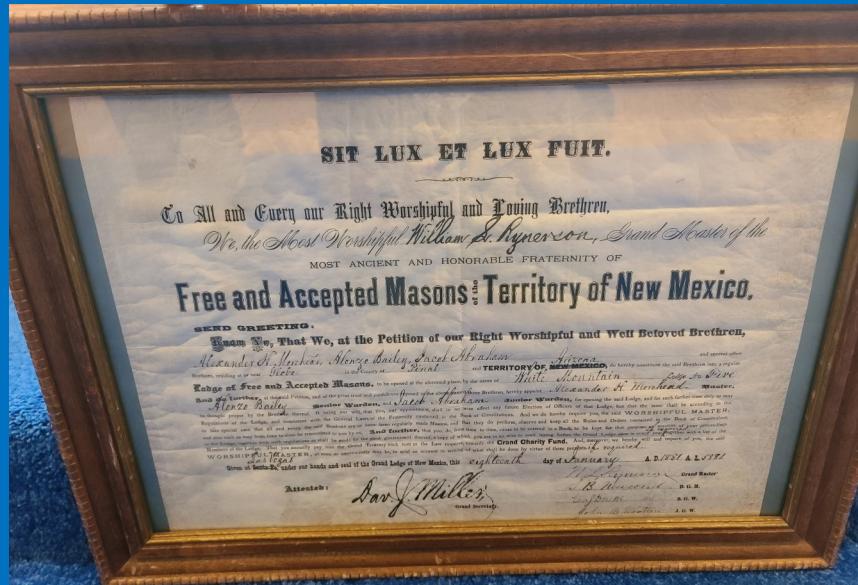
Pioneer Cemetery holds an important place in the hearts of Arizona Freemasons. Early founders of the state of Arizona as well as Freemasonry in Arizona are buried there. That is why this year, for the 3rd year in a row, in addition to being a member of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association, we will be donating \$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/>



Visit to White Mountain #3

Twelve Brothers from Arizona No. 2 traveled to White Mountain No. 3 in Globe Arizona, where they were surprised with the historic reveal of their long lost 'original' charter from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico where the Lodge was originally White Mountain No. 5



Officers' Meeting



Courtesy Degree

Brothers from Arizona No. 2 performed a courtesy degree for new Fellowcraft Brad Summers!



Feast of St. John

Thank you to the Brothers of Prometheus No 87, Ascension No 89, and Acacia No 42 for a wonderful evening!



Education Night

Brother Vic delivers a great education night.



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

AUGUST 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 August Stated Meeting

We will be celebrating all August 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

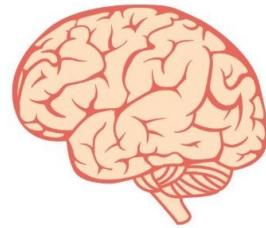
Articles and More



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

JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Allen Helm	7/09/68	54 yrs	Fred Scott Tallarico	7/20/10	12 yrs
Bradley Scott Busler	7/17/01	21 yrs	Matt David Johnson	7/18/11	11 yrs
Robert Achim Dietrich	7/20/04	18 yrs	Vartan Karagezyan	7/17/12	10 yrs
Walter Earl Haynie	7/20/04	18 yrs	Andrew Charles Long	7/13/21	1 yrs
Erik Heilmann	7/18/06	16 yrs			

July Schedule

7/12/22 DARK
7/19/22 DARK
7/26/22 DARK

Due to air conditioning issues, the Lodge will be dark for the month of July.

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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