

THE TRESTLEBOARD

NOVEMBER 2024



Pioneer Lodge #82 raised Bro. Ian Walker to the Degree of Master Mason on October 17, 2024, in the Sun City Lodge Room. Sun City Lodge's Officers and Members assisted Pioneer Lodge with the ritual work. All were pleased to have the Grand Master, MWB Michael C. Dale, and the Senior Grand Steward, WB Christopher Chavez, in attendance.



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"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." -

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Congratulations to Bro. Damon Bose, who was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 3, 2024.



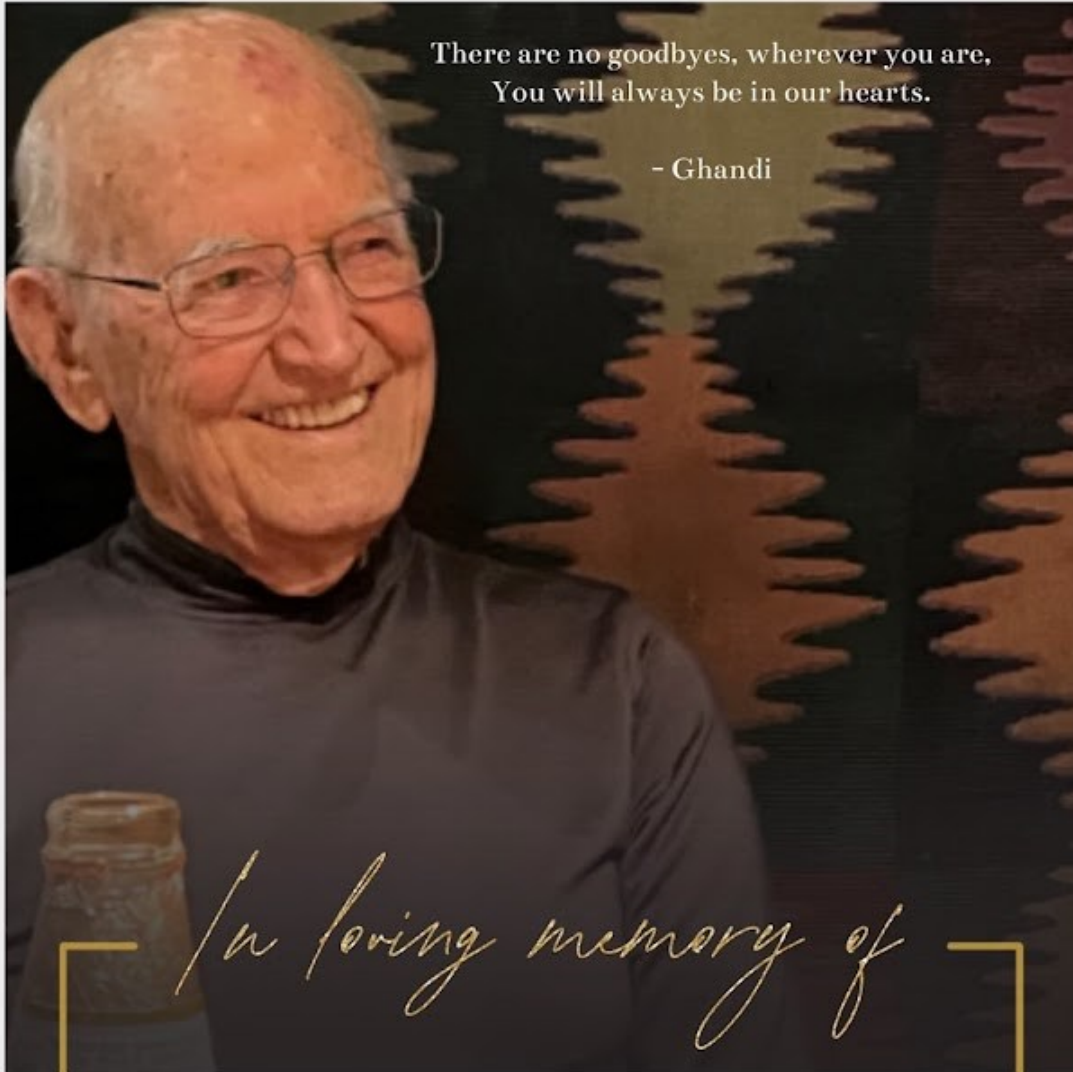
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Congratulations to Bro. Fred Robinson, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Sun City Lodge No. 72 on October 24, 2024. Wonderful work performed by the officers and guests in conferring the Degree on Bro. Fred.



Celebration of Life



There are no goodbyes, wherever you are,
You will always be in our hearts.

- Ghandi

In loving memory of

DR. MERLE LEROY LANGE

Please join us in celebrating the life and legacy of Merle

Nov. 23rd at 11 am.

Sun City Masonic Lodge

18810 N 107th Ave

Sun City, AZ 85373

Please arrive by 10:45 am. Lunch to follow

8.26.1929 - 6.10.2024

@Greetings
ISLAND



ALMONER NOTIFICATION
NECROLOGY

Bro. Edward Hanzel, October 21st 2024, Aged 82

***As our beloved brother pass to the Celestial
Grand Lodge above, we will remember him in
our hearts and in our prayers, may the
G.A.O.T.U look after him. R.I.P.***

From all at Sun City Lodge #72

***If you hear of a Brother in Distress, please contact the
Lodge Almoner, WBro Barry White***



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places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." -
anonymous*



From the East



Fraternal Greetings, My Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72-

Alas, the time has come for me to pen my last contribution to the Trestleboard as sitting Master of Sun City Lodge #72. It has been one of the great privileges of my life to have been entrusted by you with the honor of occupying the Oriental Chair during the year when our Lodge ceremoniously draws to a close its first half-century of existence. At our Stated Meeting on November 14, we will nominate and elect my successor who, in consequence thereof, will have the honor of ushering in its second fifty-year span. Less than forty-eight hours later, on November 16, I will continue my service to Sun City Lodge #72 as its Immediate Past Master. At the same time, our Master for 2024/25, the two duly-elected Wardens who will be assisting him most directly throughout his year in the East, and, our other elected and appointed Officers will be formally installed and charged with doing the same in their new capacities. I look forward to settling into my new role and doing all that I can to support the Lodge by deploying whatever potential the Great Architect designs to retain within the length of my cable tow.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Officers of the 2023/24 Progressive Line who through their devotion of time, focused efforts and commitment to their vows as good Masons have contributed during my tenure to what I have elsewhere called "the life of the Lodge." Likewise, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you brothers who in various ways have done the same through your skillful use of our Masonic working tools, especially the trowel.

I want to congratulate Brothers Damon Bose and Fred Robinson on their being recently raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was a pleasure for me to have taken part in your ceremonies. As a reminder for all of you, please RSVP to Brother Junior Warden, Shane Larson, your reservation for our Annual Awards Dinner to be held on November 7. In addition, I know that Brother Bryan Young would also find it most helpful for his planning purposes if you would RSVP to him at your earliest opportunity your plans for attending the Installation of Officers for 2024/25. As you have previously been informed, it will be held on Saturday, November 16 at 2:00 P.M. Please be sure to include the number of people in your party as well.

Finally, rather than taking up more space as well as your valuable time here and now, I want to share with you that at our Stated Meeting in November I plan to announce that you either have received, or soon will via e-mail, what might be called a "Close-out Report" containing several sections. For the moment, it seems that sections tentatively titled "Master's Recommendations for Sun City Lodge #72 Beyond 2023/24" "Suggestions for Implementing Master's Recommendations for Sun City Lodge #72 Beyond 2023/24," and, "Accomplishments and Highlights from the 2023/24 Year at Sun City Lodge #72" will prove adequate. As for their contents, I believe their titles to be self-explanatory. I encourage you to "keep your eyes peeled" for the arrival of this report shortly before or after November 16.

Until we meet again, I remain ...

Fraternally and With Best Wishes for Your Health and Happiness,

Douglas C. Peck

Worshipful Master

Sun City Lodge #72



From the West



Greetings from the West,

What an amazing month we have had. Our Stated Meeting showed the passion of our Lodge. We had an official visit from the Senior Grand Deacon. What an honor it was for me to be able to do the official greeting. Also, for our Worshipful Master, Doug Peck to receive the gavel.

We were honored again by being able to show Sun City Lodge's hospitality. We showed off our Lodge with the ability to assist Pioneer Lodge with raising a brother. We gave them our Lodge for the night and shined throughout. It was an honor to have the Most Worshipful Master in our presence to see the brotherly love of our Lodge. Also, the professionalism of our brothers in performing with them, a Third Degree.

At the writing of this article, we have two more Third Degrees in our sights. Brother Fred Robinson on October 24th and Brother Mike Condon on November 21st. Our awards dinner is approaching fast. I know our Junior Warden is working diligently on the dinner. At our Stated meeting in November, we will be voting our new line. And, on Saturday the 16th we will be installing our new Officers. There is a lot going on in our Lodge.

I am looking forward to the new year. I want to thank Worshipful Doug Peck for his leadership this past year. The Lodge is healthy, and our sun is still rising due to its leadership. I also want to thank all the officers this year. We pulled off some amazing feats this year. We have been charitable as is our main goal in life. And we have prospered to set future years up with items such as a savings fund for our youth grants. We are also able to grab a paper towel in the restroom without a tug-of-war with the dispenser. Thanks, Bob Cole, for that.

I leave you my brothers with this; Brotherly love is the foundation upon which we build a life of unity, compassion, and shared strength.

Fraternally,

Bryan Young

Senior Warden

Sun City Lodge #72

From the South



Greetings from the South,

Wow! I can't believe it is already November and that my year in the South is almost over. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve the lodge, and I am looking forward to moving to the West!

I would like to congratulate Bro. Damon Bose and Bro. Fred Robinson on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This lodge is lucky to have you both, and I look forward to seeing you join the line soon.

November 7th is our Awards Night and Dinner. Please make sure you RSVP for this event—you won't want to miss it! Invite your family and friends, as Bro. Fred Robinson is going to prepare a delicious barbecue feast. Dinner will be served at 6 PM, followed by an awards ceremony.

Also, please continue to RSVP for all the dinners so we can ensure we have plenty of food for everyone. You can RSVP by text or phone call at 623-340-5794 or by emailing suncity72rsvp@gmail.com. Please let me know if there are any food allergies, and I will do my best to inform the groups who prepare our delicious meals so they can make accommodations if possible.

Additionally, if there are any brothers who would like to prepare a meal or have any suggestions, please let me know so we can make use of that fantastic kitchen we have.

Brethren, remember that wives and girlfriends are always welcome for dinner—just don't bring them both at the same time!

Fraternally,

Bro. Shane Larson

Junior Warden

Sun City Lodge No. 72

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Secretary's Report as of November 1, 2024:

Sun City Lodge has 189 members.

Presently the Lodge has two Fellowcrafts and two Entered Apprentices. **That totals 4 new members in the "works"!** This equals a potential membership of 193. Additionally, we have a bunch of prospective members interested in joining our Lodge, either by petition or affiliation!

The average age of our membership is 67.5 years old, with a median (middle) age of 72.2 years old. The Fellowcrafts average 59.5 years old, and the Entered Apprentices average 42.9 years old.

The upcoming meetings are:

***Thursday, November 7, 2024 – Lodge Awards Night**

***Thursday, November 14, 2024 – Annual Stated Meeting and Election of Officers at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)**

***Saturday, November 16, 2024 – Public Installation of Officers at 2:00 p.m.**

***Thursday, November 21, 2024 – Third Degree at 6:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:00 p.m.)**

DUES – DUES – DUES – The dues for 2025 are \$114, and dues bills were mailed out on October 15, 2024. Your dues payments, if you are not Life Members, are required by Grand Lodge to be paid before January 1, 2025. You may pay by check, made out to **Sun City Lodge #72**, or by **Zelle®** to **SunCity72Sec@gmail.com** *If you have any questions or concerns about being able to pay your 2025 dues, please contact me.*

Stay healthy, Brethren!



Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

SunCity72Sec@gmail.com

Virtual Dues Cards!

Starting in 2025, paper dues cards will no longer be issued. Instead, **Virtual Dues Cards** will be made available for Brothers to prove their membership when visiting Masonic Lodges worldwide. These Virtual Dues Cards can be displayed on the members' cell phones through an application provided by Grand View.

Since the Virtual Dues Cards are linked to the membership records, it accurately demonstrates membership in the Fraternity and our Lodge. When a member is suspended, expelled or demits-out, that member's Virtual Dues Card is immediately revoked and not available to view. This solves issues when membership is revoked, but the paper dues cards still indicate membership through the end of the year.

Additionally, members can access Grand View from their personal computer or tablet, and access the data that the Lodge and Grand Lodge has for each member, including their Masonic history, dues owed or paid, calendar of events, announcements, etc.

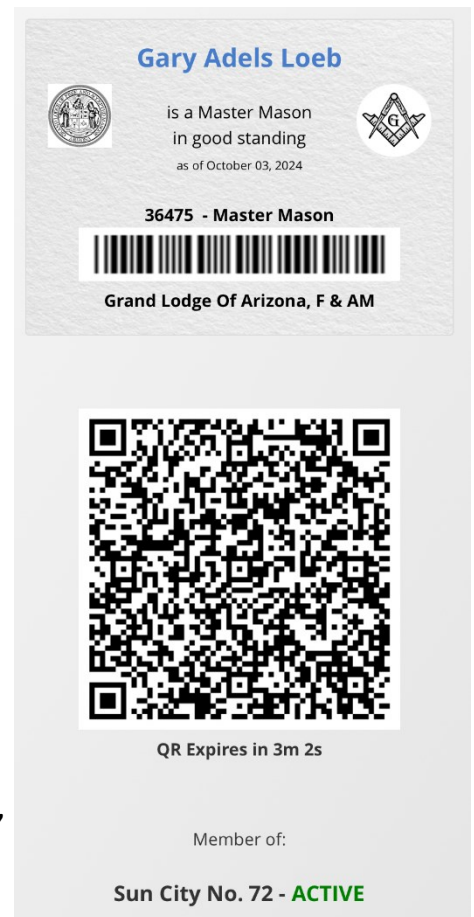
The Virtual Dues Card is displayed with a time-limited QR code, whereby any other person, such as a Tyler or investigator at another Lodge, can scan and verify your membership directly from the Grand Lodge of Arizona. (**NOTE:** Since the QR code is time-limited, saving a screenshot of your Virtual Dues Card and QR code will not provide a usable QR code for future scans.)

To access your Virtual Dues Card and Masonic records, you first need to register with Grand View...

There is a YouTube video about how this works at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

1. Open this link [az.grandview.systems](https://www.grandview.systems) in your Internet or cell phone browser.
2. Click on "Member Portal" at the upper-right. This takes you to the "Sign In" page.
3. Click on "Member Registration" at the upper right.
4. Enter the following information on the "Membership Registration" page:
 - A. Type our Lodge number (72) on the "Lodge Number" line.
 - B. Type your Member ID on the "Member ID" line. (Your Member ID is on your 2024 dues card, and will also be provided when you pay your 2025 dues)



Virtual Dues Cards

- C. Type your last name on the “Last Name” line. (**This entry is case sensitive; so, type carefully.**)
 - D. Click on the “Check Membership Status” button.
5. Enter the following information on the “Register” page: (**You will need the information you enter here every time you log into Grand View. So, REMEMBER what you type on this page.**)
- A. Enter your e-mail address.
 - B. Enter a Password and confirm the Password on the next line. (**Passwords are case sensitive and must be at least 8 characters long.**)
 - C. Click on “Submit”.

Now, each time you want to access Grand View, just open az.grandview.systems in your Internet browser or cell phone, click on “Member Portal” at the upper-right, and log-in with your e-mail address and password. Once you are logged in, please review your member information. **If you find information that is incorrect and information that you feel is missing, please e-mail your Lodge Secretary.**

NOTE: When logging into Grand View from a cell phone, it may show a selection on the top line called “**App**”. Clicking on that will give instructions and information how to create a “GrandLodgeMembership” icon on your device’s home screen. This will provide you with a **handy direct link to your Grand View** information.

If you have any questions or problems accessing Grand View and your Virtual Dues Card, please contact the Lodge Secretary, WB Gary Loeb, at SunCity72Sec@gmail.com or call the office

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date	Years of Membership
Dan N. Miller	11/16/1948	76
Thomas E. Skoog	11/24/1959	65
James E. Almrud	11/18/1971	53
David P. Miller	11/13/1975	49
Robert J. Meizinger	11/29/1982	42
William A. Garrard Jr	11/19/1996	28
John C. Chilton	11/26/1996	28
Christopher L. Kinor	11/22/1997	27
Todd P. Blake	11/15/2000	24
James F. Miller Jr	11/29/2007	17
Andrew J. Quinlan	11/26/2018	6
Kevin M. Irwin	11/7/2019	5
Ronald N. Hudson	11/4/2021	3
Thomas C. Lane	11/16/2023	1



Brother	Birthday
Larry A. Harstad	Nov 2
Michael B. Pettit	Nov 4
Jerome J. Sinclair	Nov 4
John C. Carnelia	Nov 5
James L. Becker	Nov 6
Craig G. Montgomery	Nov 6
Matthew A. Link	Nov 8
Gary R. Fullington	Nov 9
Donn M. Wise	Nov 15
Joe V. Gonzalez Jr.	Nov 16
Kevin D. Baver	Nov 22
Samuel R. Tellezreyes	Nov 24
Stanley A. Mardula	Nov 25
William E. Siburg Jr	Nov 26
Ronald D. Anderson	Nov 28
Damon C. Bose	Nov 29
Robert B. Gilmore Jr.	Nov 30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS
TO ALL!



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Assistant needed to support Lodge Secretary's Work, including mailings and record keeping. Must be available one morning per week, preferably Mon, Wed or Fri, and occasionally to cover for the Secretary during his absence from Lodge meetings. Please contact the Secretary for more information.

PROSPECT MANAGER

Brother needed to manage contacts with prospective candidates for membership. Must have good telephone skills, be willing to "sell" Freemasonry, and have knowledge of membership requirements. Prospect manager must have e-mail and Internet connectivity. Work can be combined with Assistant Secretary duties if applicant wishes. Please contact the Secretary for more information.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Assistant needed to support Lodge Treasurer's Work, including QuickBooks record keeping and banking. Must be available 1 morning per week, preferably Mon, Wed or Fri, and occasionally to cover for the Treasurer during his absence from Lodge meetings. Please contact the Secretary for more information.

GENERAL HELPER

If you can spare some time and feel that you have skills that would help assist the lodge in general, do please reach out to us. ***You get out of life what you put in !***

SunCity72Sec@gmail.com



SUN CITY LODGE #72
SICKNESS & HEALTH
THE "ALMONER'S VOICE"



One of Freemasonry's core values is looking after others, and Almoners are at the forefront of delivering care and support to lodge members and their families. When things change in life, having a strong support system can make all the difference.

Never feel "embarrassed" or "uncomfortable" in reaching out for support or help with your Lodge Almoner. All conversations and communication are strictly private. Anything shared will only be released to the Lodge with your absolute permission.

NOVEMBER 2024

SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 - ALMONER NEWS

Brethren,

I am very happy to report that there is no Necrology this month.

If you have any news that you wish to share with the Brethren, Births, Weddings, Celebrations, do let me know via email.

For privacy my full Almoner report is attached separately in the members section.

Stay healthy Brethren.

W.Bro Barry White

Almoner.



Sun City Lodge Almoner contact information:

W.Bro Barry White,

Contact information in Members Area



Masonic Education

Douglas C. Peck, Worshipful Master

Dear Brethren –

This piece is admittedly longer than most others that I have included for Masonic Education this year. However, it deals with such an important topic that I encourage all of us – myself included - to reflect on what it tells us. There are oftentimes things in a writeup like this of which even the most experienced and well-seasoned among us might nonetheless find worthy of our thoughtful consideration. (NOTE: I have edited it slightly to both reduce its overall length and consolidate related thoughts into single paragraphs here and there. DCP 10/20/2024)

The Do's and Don'ts of Masonic Etiquette

Todd E. Creason, 33°

RULES OF MASONIC ETIQUETTE

THE MASTER'S AUTHORITY:

During his term in office, the brother who has been elected as Master is the most powerful member of the Lodge. He also shoulders all of its many responsibilities. The Worshipful Master has the authority to:

1. Rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
2. Decide what can and cannot be discussed. Should a brother believe that the Master is arbitrary, unjust or unfair or is acting in an illegal manner, he can appeal to the District Deputy Grand Master.

If that officer agrees that the appeal is a valid one, he will forward the complaint to the Grand Master. If, however, that brother insists on speaking after the Master has ruled that he is out of order, he may be committing a Masonic offense.

Courteous brethren accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees such as the examination committee, the investigation committee and other duties, as determined by the Lodge's needs.

The following items are not Masonic offenses, They are simply a lack of Masonic Etiquette...or in other words, considered to be "bad form" or bad manners.

1. WALKING BETWEEN THE ALTAR AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East when the lodge is open.

Why? As a courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge should never be in shadow, not even for a millisecond, during the processes of an initiation or degree work.

2. SITTING IN THE EAST

Brethren do not take a seat in the East without an invitation... even if all other seats are full.

Why? While all Brethren within a tiled room are equal to one another, and the officers are servants of the brethren, all lodge officers have worked and studied long and hard for their lodge. It is, therefore, the Master's prerogative to recognize this devotion and their loyalty by inviting distinguished visitors or a special member whom the Master wishes to honor to sit with him in the East.

In other words, if you were in church, synagogue or mosque and the pews were full, would you go up and sit beside the Pastor, Rabbi or Imam (Muslim Priest)?

3. ALWAYS FULLY DRESSED

Brethren do not enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron...not even the tying of its strings.

Why? In respect to the formalities of their Lodge, officers expect that the Brethren will have the courtesy to enter it fully dressed and ready for the labor.

They should not have to wait for a member to be fully "dressed", even just tying or adjusting their apron, to salute that member. It is expected that you will be properly and entirely dressed when you pass by the Tiler and enter your lodge room.

4. STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK

No man sits while speaking in the lodge room, no matter if he addresses an officer or another brother.

Why? All lodge activity is based on each man in the lodge as being a servant of the Brethren. This includes the Worshipful Master and his officers.

While the man, himself, who has been elected Worshipful Master does not gain any special honor, personally, as the Worshipful Master, it is to the Worshipful Master as the Master of the Lodge that a member stands to address.

It is simply a form of respect ...and no different than attending a shareholder's meeting or a City Council meeting. It is expected that if you wish to address the audience, you will stand so all may see who is speaking.

5. TALKING

"Side" talk while a degree is being conferred is considered bad manners. Why? The lodge room is a Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. The brethren within are working to make the best ashlar (stones) for His spiritual temple. Just as it is impolite to talk in a church, synagogue or mosque service, so it is improper to distract the officers, the workers in the degree or the candidate.

Talking without asking to do so shows irreverence for the proceedings. God's house is not for social conversation within the lodge room. It is for worship and learning the lesson of the day which is being taught.

Unless you have requested of the Master to speak, silence is the rule. This also means no whispering.

HOW? If you have something of interest to say, raise your hand. When the Master recognizes you, you must stand up, and be recognized by the Master to speak. To address the brethren, you should say: "Worshipful Master, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Wardens and Brethren".

If the Most Worshipful Master is in attendance, you should say: "Worshipful Master, Most Worshipful, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Wardens and Brethren.

6. SPEAKING

If you wish to offer a predetermined motion or matter for discussion, advise the Master beforehand.

Why? Advising the Master before the meeting that you intend to bring up a specific motion or a matter for discussion is an important courtesy.

You may, indeed, do it without advising him in advance, but the Master may have plans of his own for that meeting, for which your proposed motion or discussion may not easily fit into the allotted time frame.

As a courtesy to him, his work, and his dedication to the members, it is best to ask him privately, beforehand, if he will be able to recognize you to speak your purpose. This saves "face" for both of you.

You will not publicly be refused and he will not have to seem disagreeable or arrogant in his refusal of your motion. If you wish to speak, (see number 6.), above.

7. OBEY THE GAVEL

You must immediately obey the gavel.

Why? Failure to immediately obey the gavel is a GRAVE DISCOURTESY and VERY poor Masonic Etiquette. The Master is all powerful in the lodge and his word is final. He can put or refuse to put any motion.

He can rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.

He can say what he will, and what he will not, permit to be discussed.

Brethren who think him unfair, arbitrary, unjust, or acting illegally have redress.

The Grand Lodge can be appealed to on any such matter. However, in the lodge, the Master's gavel, which is his emblem of authority, is supreme.

When a brother is rapped down, he should obey at once, without any further discussion. It is VERY bad manners to do otherwise. In fact, it is perilously close to the line between bad manners and a Masonic offense. Masonic etiquette decries anyone who does not obey the gavel.

8. TURNING YOUR BACK

Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge without first receiving permission from the Master to speak.

Why? Any debates that are in motion must be conducted using proper Masonic etiquette. One always stands to order when addressing the chair.

Customs differ in various jurisdictions as to the method of salute, however some salute should always be given when addressing the Master.

Two brethren, both on their feet, simultaneously arguing a motion, who are facing each other and ignoring the Master is unacceptable.

9. SALUTE

Some lodges (not all) offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when they enter and when they leave their Masonic Mother lodge room or any other Masonic lodge room. Some lodges offer salutes to the Senior Warden.

Why? The Masonic etiquette of saluting the Master is your renewed pledge of fealty and service. It is your public display of decorum before all other brothers of your obligation.

It shows your courteous respect for all that the Master stands for and shows that you acknowledge his authority.

Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect for all that for which he stands.

The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly shown obligation. A lazy, sloppy or improper salute is to be Masonically impolite and, thus, to exhibit poor Masonic etiquette.

10. BALLOTING

Do not enter or leave the lodge room during a ballot.

Why? It is discourteous to leave the lodge room during a speech, during a degree, etc. There are several natural periods, such as at the end of one section and before the next begins, or when the Master puts the lodge at ease until the sound of the gavel. Then, and only then, you may leave the lodge without being considered rude.

It is Masonic Etiquette that all brethren are expected to vote when requested to do so. Failure to cast your ballot not only results in your failure to share in your duties, but is in direct disobedience of the Master's request.

11. VOTING IS MANDATORY

When an issue is put to a vote, all brethren should vote.

Why? A brother who does not vote is discourteous because he skews the ballot. He becomes the weak link in a strong chain.

No matter what the reason of his non-vote, he injures the lodge's ballot, its value and its secrecy. Failure to vote can injure a lodge's feeling of brotherhood, and by that injury, can injure the Masonic fraternity.

No matter what reason you may privately hold about voting, it is poor Masonic Etiquette to fail to vote when requested to do so by the Master.

12. SMOKING

No smoking in the lodge room.

Why? While there are lodges who allow smoking during the business meeting (and you must be guided by the customs of your Mother Lodge), the ceremonies you take part in and watch are solemn occasions.

In most lodge rooms, it is considered VERY disrespectful to smoke while the ceremonies are taking place. Smoking may take place in other parts of your building or outside and during refreshment.

13. SHOULDERING THE WORK

It is good Masonic Etiquette to accept a request made in the name of the lodge if it is within your abilities.

Why? A lodge is a working "beehive of industry". A request made of you from your lodge acknowledges that the lodge trusts you to competently fulfill such a request based upon your knowledge.

14. CORRECTION OF VERBAL ERRORS

Lodge customs state that no one except for the Worshipful Master or his prearranged designee, may correct any mistake that may occur during the course of a Ceremony, and even he does so only when the error is a serious one.

Why? It is discourteous to point out others mistakes in front of the lodge brethren. If you are in possession of a mind which allows you to be able to perform each and every degree and ceremony, perfectly, please advise the Worshipful Master of such that he may take advantage of your services to mentor others.

15. EXHIBIT GOOD POSTURE

Why? Good posture is necessary while within the Lodge room. Lounging, leaning and slovenly attitudes should be avoided. Poor posture is considered poor Masonic etiquette.

16. NO PRACTICAL JOKES NOR OFF-COLOR STORIES

Why? The great lessons of Masonry, which are taught by our ritual, should never be demeaned by levity or pranks. The lodge room is not a proper location for the telling of practical jokes, pranks, horseplay nor off-color stories.

17. USE PROPER MASONIC NAMES

Why? It is common courtesy to be accurate in speaking a brother's name, so it is proper Masonic etiquette to address officers, members, and visitors by their correct Masonic titles and addresses.

18. ENTERING LODGE AFTER THE MEETING HAS BEGUN

If a brother should enter the Lodge after the opening ceremony is under way, he should go to the Altar to salute the Master.

If he must leave before the meeting is over, the correct Masonic etiquette of his departure is that he should salute the Presiding Master at the Altar before he departs.

The salute should always be given properly and not in a careless or perfunctory manner.

19. ALL PRAYERS AT LODGE FUNCTIONS ARE NON-SECTARIAN

Freemasonry is worldwide and holds no sectarian views. Non-sectarian means not sectioned into one, specific religion. Freemasonry embraces all religions.

A Mason may choose the religion of his choice in his private life but should be aware and open to the fact that others among the brethren do not necessarily share nor were they brought up with the religious dogmas and beliefs that you, personally, embrace.

Why? Prayers at lodge functions should be scrupulously in keeping with Masonic teachings. The Masonic Etiquette of offered prayers is that they should never be an expression of specific sectarian views or dogmatic creeds.

It is a matter of courtesy that all prayers, speeches and discussions at Masonic affairs avoid sectarian, controversial or political tones.

Prayers are best directed to the Creator, the Master Architect of the Universe and not toward specific religious teachings such as Jesus Christ, Mother Mary, Muhammad, Jehovah, Allah etc.

To do so omits the religions of others within the brethren, which can cause conflict and therefore not be harmonious to the whole.

In the spirit of non-sectarianism, we must remember that since the day that our Creator found that Man created the Tower of Babel to glorify themselves; it is HE who changed man's language into the many diverse languages now spoken on Earth.

In so doing, our Creator has many names across the world.

20. TURN CELL PHONES OFF

All cell phones should be turned off before entering the lodge room so as not to disrupt the proceed-

Masonic Etiquette Summary: Masonic etiquette is simply the rules of good manners which make lodge meetings pleasant for everyone.

The position of Worshipful Master in the East occupies the most exalted position within the lodge. A lodge which does not honor its Master, no matter how they personally feel about the man himself, lacks Masonic courtesy.

The honor conveyed by the brethren in electing him, ...in other words, the historical traditions and the men who have gone before you must be given the utmost respect, if the traditions of the Fraternity are to be observed and proper Masonic etiquette is to be maintained. Masonic etiquette comprises lodge courtesies and proprieties.

Good manners imply observance of the formal requirements governing man's behavior in polite society and a sense of what is appropriate for a person of good breeding with high morals and good taste.

The spirit of brotherly love and affection, by which we are bound together, will be exemplified in our conduct, our carriage and our behavior at all times.

It is my hope that you will use your trowel to cement the stones of brotherly love for the "More Noble and Glorious Purpose" of exhibiting these rules of Masonic Etiquette toward one and all within the brethren.

~reposted by TEC from the [Masonic Lodge of Education](#)

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Sun City Masonic Center Building Managers, Trust Update

Building Trust Trustee's Report

We announced at the October Meeting, we would begin our Fall Clean-up meeting beginning **November 1, 2024**. We will endeavor to clean up and make more room in the Lodge Building. We don't have any more storage area and found many items in closets and lockers with material not used or just sitting in storage area's.

The Rooms located in the Small Kitchen area will be restricted, cleaned and painted. Any items that are not used or just sitting on top of the cabinets, will be discarded. Things are sitting on top and we fail to understand their usage. Please contact myself or Brother Gary Fullington for any questions. We ask that you mark any item you intend to retain or use on a regular basis.

This must be accomplished by no later than **December 31, 2024**. **On January 2, 2025**, the Board will begin the necessary changes in accordance with Safety and Maintenance.

We have made major improvements over the past three years (3) years, and this Board will continue to make changes for your health and safety.

We appreciate your co-operation.

Many thanks.

Bob Meizinger an the Team.



Oasis Chapter # 15 † Stewart Council # 16 † St. Andrew Commandery # 17

More information from Lodge secretary

The next meeting of Oasis Chapter will be on Friday, 15 November. The Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education following at 7PM. The monthly meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 PM.

Royal Arch Masonry was busy with degree activity in October. On Saturday 05 October, Arizona hosted the 4 Corners Royal Arch Festival. This annual event rotates between locations in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. In the photo below, John Huth, a member of Oasis Chapter and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Arizona is shown on the far left of the photo along with a number of Royal Arch Degree cast members and event attendees.

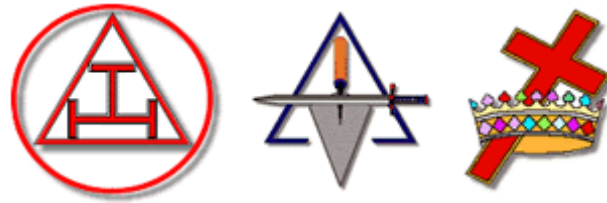
Later in October, Oasis Chapter hosted an Outdoor Mark Master and Past Master Degree on Saturday 19 October. Below is a photo of the 4 candidates along with many of the cast members at the Outdoor Degree location in Glendale.

The Annual Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin Nevada included a full set of York Rite Degrees and Orders on 21/22 October.

Oasis Chapter (red) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$30.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your order information, which should include-
+ Shirt Size; and,
+ What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.
Payment should be made to Oasis Chapter.

Oasis Chapter No 15, Royal Arch Masons, meets every month on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM except for the months of August and December. All regular meetings are at the Sun City Masonic Center and include Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 PM with Education scheduled for 7PM. Oasis Chapter now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments, shirt purchases, and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.





Oasis Chapter # 15 † Stewart Council # 16 † St. Andrew Commandery # 17

More information from Lodge secretary



Outdoor Mark Master and Past Master Degree on Saturday 19 October 2024



Oasis Chapter # 15 † Stewart Council # 16 † St. Andrew Commandery # 17

More information from Lodge secretary

The next meeting of Stewart Council will take place on Monday 25 November 2024 at the Sun City Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7 PM. The monthly meeting opens in full form at 7:30 PM.

At the September Stewart Council meeting, the Council was recognized by the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) for the high level of financial support Stewart Council has provided over the past several years. In the presentation photo below, Richard Young (on the Right), the Arizona CMMRF Coordinator, is presenting the special additional plaque extension to Arizona Milke, in the Center, who is the Stewart Council Illustrious Master. On the Left of the photo is Dave Miller, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Arizona.

Stewart Council (purple) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$30.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your order information, which should include-
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+ What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.
Payment should be made to Stewart Council.

Stewart Council No 16, Cryptic Masons, meets every month on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 PM except for the months of August and December. All regular conclaves are at the Sun City Masonic Center. Stewart Council routinely includes a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 PM with an opportunity for Education at 7PM. Stewart Council now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.



PAST MASTERS FELLOWSHIP 72

The Past Master's Fellowship (PMF) of Sun City Lodge is scheduled to next meet on **Thursday, 14 November 2024 beginning at 5:00 PM** in the Jackson Room of the Sun City Masonic Center. If you want to have Zoom connectivity for this PMF gathering, please contact Gary Loeb (suncity72sec@gmail.com).

Remember that before the Sun City Lodge November Stated Meeting there is dinner. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM prior to the Stated Meeting. RSVP for the dinner is encouraged. RSVP with a dinner reservation at SunCity72RSVP@gmail.com.

Be sure to attend the Sun City Lodge's Awards Night on Thursday 07 November. The Past Master's Fellowship recognitions of the Beehive and Silver Trowel Awards will be announced at that event.

The Past Master's Fellowship has set up collection barrels for the recycling of aluminum cans and clear plastic bottles. These collection barrels are located in the South hallway for the Sun City Masonic Center. Everyone using the Center is encouraged to bring these used items that they have available for recycling and deposit the items in the designated barrel. Please refrain from including garbage items. Proceeds from the collected items assist the Past Master's Fellowship to support various Sun City Lodge activities and recognitions.



**Sun City York Rite,
St. Andrew Commandery # 17**

The November 2024 Conclave of St Andrew Commandery will be held at the Sun City Masonic Center on Saturday 09 November. Coffee and light refreshments at 8AM followed by practice at 8:30 AM. The monthly conclave opens in full form at 9AM.

Sir Knights from St Andrew Commandery participated in the chivalric work at the Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin Nevada on Tuesday 22 October. A candidate from St Andrew Commandery was scheduled to receive the Orders. More information will be provided next month.

St Andrew Commandery meets every month on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9AM except for the month of August. All regular conclaves are at the Sun City Masonic Center and include coffee and donuts at 8AM with practice at 8:30 AM. St Andrew Commandery now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.

SUN CITY WEST HIGH TWELVE CLUB

At the October breakfast meeting of the Sun City West High 12 Club, the Sun City Firefighter's Charities provided a presentation about the group's local activities.

The Club presented Rudy Ramirez with a Certificate of Appreciation and a financial donation to the Firefighter's Charities organization. In the photo below, Rudy Ramirez of the Sun City Fire and Medical District is on the Left of the Sun City West High 12 Club Banner with Club President Don Winscot on the Left of the Banner. The Firefighter's Charities group provides financial support to local firefighting personnel during emergency situations as well as extending themselves with holiday programs for local youth.

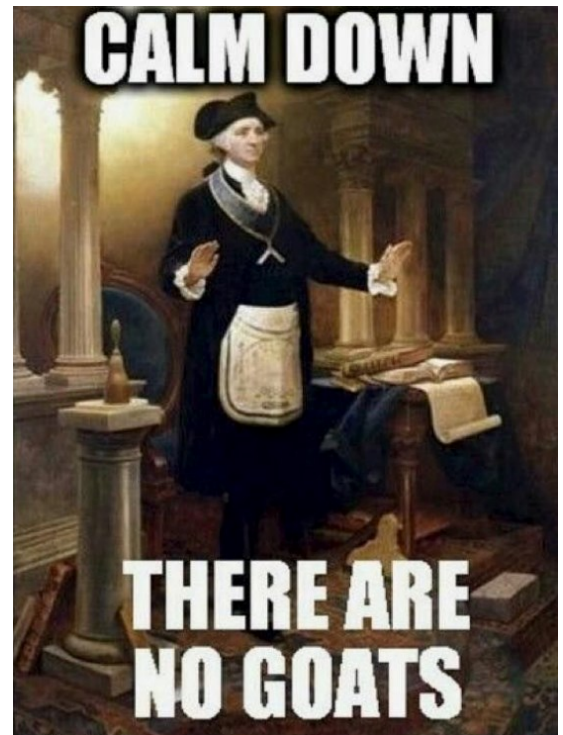
Sun City West High 12 Club monthly meetings continue on the second Friday of November at 8AM at the Royal Café Restaurant, 10793 Grand Avenue (US Route 60) in Sun City. At the Friday, 08 November meeting, the Club will receive a presentation on the Lost Tribe Masonic Riders Association.

The Sun City West High 12 Club continues to work on including local Masonic Widows in Club events. The Club's efforts have assisted local Masonic Lodges in maintaining contact with the Masonic Widows living in the West Valley area.

Membership in the Sun City West High 12 Club is open to all Master Masons. Masonic Widows are also welcome. For additional information, contact Dave Miller or Gary Fullington



Masonic Funnies !



COVID-19 UPDATE: Greeting Brothers into the Future



QADESH TEMPLE # 35 SUN CITY NILE CLUB



November 2024

Dear Sun City Nile Club Ladies,

Just a reminder that our Official Visit will be November 4 at the Sun City Lodge 18810 North 107th Avenue, Sun City.

11:30 am for Social Hour – 12 Noon for lunch
\$15.00 per person

Menu will be chicken salad, croissant, fruit salad, iced tea and coffee

Please come to join us as we will have crafts for sale, a 50/50 plus who knows what that we can enjoy.

Next on the agenda is the Vendor Fair to be held at the Sun City Lodge on November 2. Our club will be in the kitchen as last year, selling donuts and coffee in the morning – plus a hot dog, chips, cookie, and water for lunch.

We will also have some cold sodas for sale.

Our December 2 meeting will have a Christmas theme as well as our luncheon. Please come for a visit.

Yours truly, Pr Dora Nickell, President



New Horizon Court #12

Order of the Amaranth

October 2024

Taking a walk is so much fun,
We don't hurry; we don't run.
We watch for birds; we watch for bees,
We look for all the falling leaves.

October 14, 2024

New Horizon Court Members

We look forward to reading two petitions at our October meeting, but at this time we don't know as to when the initiation will be scheduled.

We will also be honoring our HL Karen Machamer, GRM and SK John Munster, GRP on their official visit to our court on October 14, 2024.

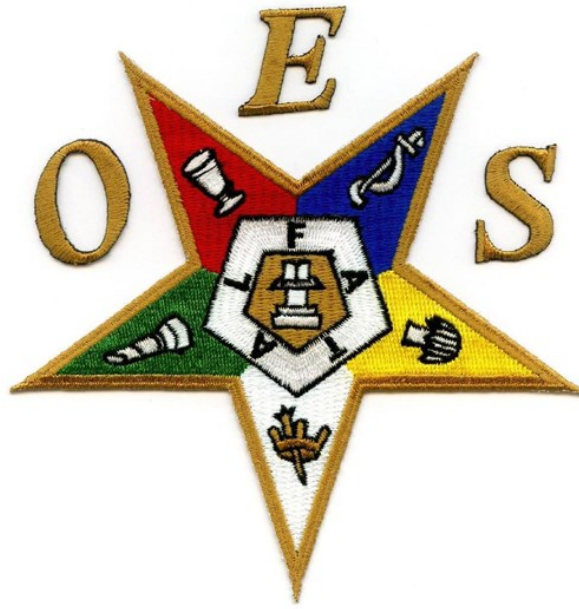
Our budget committee has been active and hopefully will present the budget at this meeting so that we will know as to what we need to do to make expenses for this term.

We have lost a couple of members and it is not an easy task for the court, but we will survive keeping in mind that they so loved our Amaranth and thus we will keep on going.

We will be celebrating a thanksgiving dinner next month with our members, spouses, and significant others. So if you wish to help with the dinner, please contact HL Catherine Hosfield.

Our Burger Burn that has been changed to November 10 will unfortunately be changed to the spring due to schedule changes. So be prepared for the announcement to come out then and come to join other members for good food and comradery.

HL Pat Zimmerman, Secretary



PEORIA OES #59:

On Monday, November 4, 2024 Peoria Chapter is having a “Stars Night Out Fundraiser at some of the Manuel’s Restaurants in the valley. The flyers are added below. They will be at

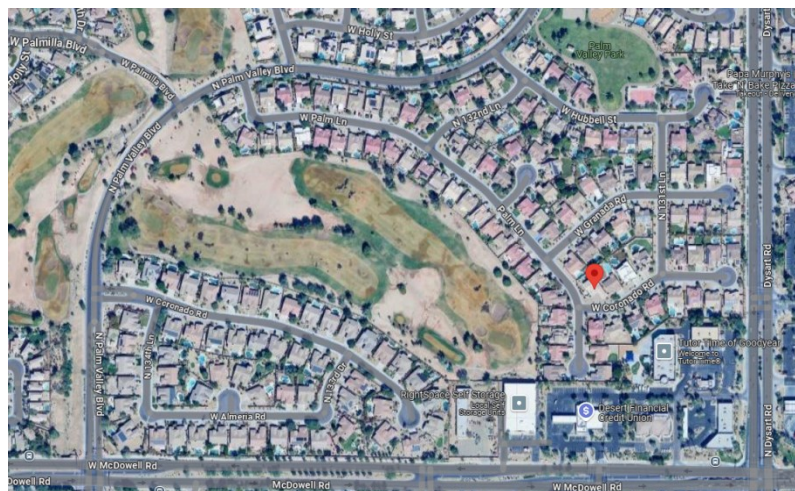
The shoe collection is wrapping up in early November, so if you have any shoes that you would like to donate, please make sure that you drop them off as soon as you can.

On November 15 & 16 one of our members will be having an estate sale with some of the proceeds earmarked for the Chapter’s Grand Officer Fund which is used to defray some of the costs of being an officer of the Grand Chapter, such as fuel for the official visits, overnight lodging when visiting the locations further away from our home area, and any other costs incurred.

The Estate Sale will be at 13196 W Coronado Rd, Goodyear, AZ
From 8:00 a.m. to around 3:00 p.m. on both days (11/15 & 11/16)

Directions:

West on McDowell Rd from Dysart to N Palm Valley Blvd
North (right) on N Palm Valley Blvd to W Palm Ln



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 16, 2025 – Peoria Chapter Steak Fry

With Fraternal regards and Star Love,
Richard Jensen – Associate Patron.

HAVE FUN, RAISE MONEY, EAT WELL!



Join us at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant to
help raise money for...

AZ Order of Eastern Star Peoria Chapter #59

Monday, September 16, 2024

11 A.M.- 9 P.M.



*Invite all of your friends, family and neighbors to dine with
us and Manuel's will donate 15 % of the proceeds to your
group.*

MUST PRESENT FLYER!

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