

Bikes lined up to be delivered for the Bikes for Books Program with Capitol Elementary in May 2021.





Arizona Lodge #2

June 2021 Trestleboard

From the East - Arithmetic

I'll never forget the first time I saw "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". I was just a kid, and I was fascinated with outer space. It was at the end of Close Encounters when humans began communicating with the alien ship using five musical notes "Bah, Bah, Bah, Bah, Bah" or, in musical notes - G, A, F, F, C. I remember at the time being focused on the number of notes, and not the actual music. I had always been told music improves math skills - that's why my mom made me test for musical ability when I was younger. In order to communicate with music, you must know scales and fractions of notes. Indeed, mathematics has always been considered a "Universal language" - $1 + 1$ is the same in every language. Arithmetic is the most basic level of math - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Everything in our life is counted - the days, the number of



attendees at an event, the score in sporting events, the money in our bank account, even the minutes and seconds. In fact, the reason we have 60 seconds in a minute is because Babylonian mathematics was based on a sexagesimal (base-60) numeral system; from this, derives our usage of 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour and 360 degrees in a circle. The ability to count is important for an ordered, civilized society to grow.

Coming full circle, today's kids certainly know the "Beats" in every song they listen to. A "Beat" is a "rhythmic unit in music". The term "Beats" as become so popularized that Dr. Dre created a popular set of headphones called "Beats" which he sold to Apple in 2014 for the sum of 3.2 billion dollars. Now that's a lot of counting for Dr. Dre!

Yours in Education, Understanding & Freedom

Bo Buchanan, Master - Arizona Lodge No. 2

7 Arts & Sciences: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, Astronomy



From the West - Who Comes Here

“Modesty is one of the Freemason's greatest virtues, and it should best be pointed out by those who have gone the furthest in spiritual development. Sincerity and truth should be road-signs of the stage that a Freemason with aim has designed for himself. He must have a lot of understanding for the mistakes and straying of others, but he must not get off the road no matter what the difficulties are. This does not mean that he has to be stubborn about his attitudes, but every change should be in the function of resolving the arising issues to the satisfaction of all. He should offer an example of a mild, knowledgeable and reconciliatory solution to all the problems that concern everything that the Great Architect of the Universe has made available for use – the living and inanimate world and whatever makes the human community,

as well as the permanence of harmonious interaction between them.

Fraternal love, freedom, and truth need to be in the heart of a real Freemason since he is motivated to act wisely to the benefit of his environment, for his own good and the good of others for which he does not expect any reward.

However, reward is to arrive without being sought in the form of trust, love, and spiritual status – in the form of opportunity to develop social skills and self-confidence in a society of like-minded people and their families. Many consider Freemasonry much more important than 300 years ago due not only to a far greater number of followers and the engulfment of the whole planet, but it provides a unique combination of companionship, sense of belonging, and fulfillment of beneficial work” (Hameder, 6017)

Semper Fidelis !!

Fraternally yours,

Matthew Harris, Senior Warden

Arizona Lodge No. 2



From the South - "that level of time"

Having been recently boned up on the 2nd degree, that line has always eluded me.

Referring only to time as the great equalizer, I think we don't give proper geometrical consideration to the sense that we are "traveling" where the lifetime limits are different for each of us - specifically not equal. Limits conceptually are specific geometric properties, (i.e., $24" \times 24"$, $3/4/5$, and infinity are all proper geometric limits). Instantaneous I argue, is proper to be considered a geometric property of time.

I posit that instantaneously we can be on the level, in time, and the message in our ritual is to stretch those transient instants into longer periods, possibly even lifetimes. A key point being none of us know how much time we have. By that consideration alone it's inferred not being on the level for any period of time",

particularly with my brethren, would be to waste the opportunity to live "upon that level of time better with my fraters.

There have been times when an unlevel condition seemed better to just let lay until the sting of a wound subsides thinking to get back on the level later would be easier. Then there are those times when I've been waylaid by some condition for which it seems no amount of time is sufficient to get back on the level.

Those times are then when I am not on the level with my brothers. Those times are opportunities to choose not to travel down a crooked path but to act more deliberately to get back on the level with my brothers. I feel ideas like fairness, honesty or professionalism don't address what "traveling upon that level of time" is really trying to teach us. I feel like it is trying to teach us "there is no time like the present" when it comes to our masonic relationships specifically and in our lives in general. Old complaints, old grievances, old hurts are where I fail to understand the gravity of the mysterious messages of our ritual.

I am compelled to live my life such that old problems do not persist in my masonic relationships. That lifestyle is learned from masonic teachings which, if I actually intend to become a better man, I must live by the lessons of my youth and the lessons of my fraternity.

Vic Olson, JW AZ#2 2021

Fellowcraft Degree!



In May, brother Sidney was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and brother Vic sat in the East to Qualify for the South! Arizona No. 2 is moving forward! Congratulations to brother Sidney & also Brother Daniel who received his fellowcraft the following week (no photos!).

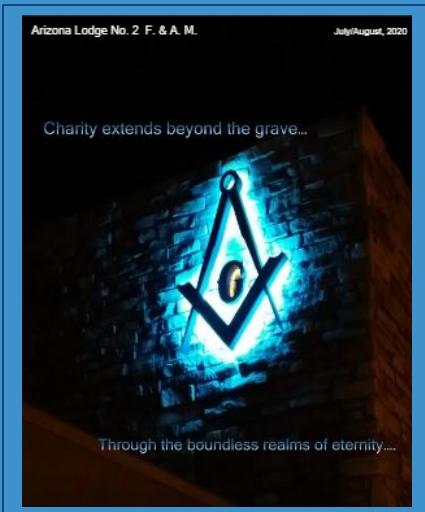


Thank you Acacia No. 42 for coming out in numbers out to support Brother Sidney!



WBro. Ron Heck was in the house to deliver the 2nd degree Lecture!

Volunteers Needed!



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

- Facebook Page
- Website
- Calling Committee

If you are interested in volunteering to help with one of these efforts, please contact the Worshipful Master.

8:30 OUT -STATED MEETING GUARANTEE

From Worshipful Master Bo Buchanan

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's why I am giving you the 8:30 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 8:30pm 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, a brother will be giving a 10-20 minute education related to one of the Short Talk Bulletins. Ranging from Masonic Leadership to Esoteric Studies, we want to give you something to think about in your day to day travels. 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.

“Music is the arithmetic of sounds as optics is the geometry of light”

... Claude Debussy, French Composer



From the Secretaries Table

Commitment

Sitting at the fellowcraft degree in May, watching my mentor PM Ron Heck doing the Fellowcraft degree reminds me of all the brothers that take the time to work on their craft. He stands then sits on his chair/walker, but continues through the breathless torture he suffers from, trying to do a great job for the candidate. His particular commitment comes from the self-imposed contract he signed when he became a ritualist. Throughout his masonic career he has made sure all brothers he encountered understood the importance of good ritual. He impressed upon their minds that if you are going to do it, do it right.

I have witnessed many brothers take time to commit themselves to the craft. PM Scott Smith allows us to use his ranch for the Master Mason outdoor degrees. His ranch is always busy for hunters and many events, but he makes our Lodge a priority, so he can give as well as receive the fulfillment of degree work. His commitment comes from his love of the fraternity.

WB Bo Buchanan uses his time to perpetuate the Library. He practically single handedly rebuilt the rooms that house the tomes of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Yes, he had the help by many brothers, but his commitment has created an area that is to be admired and respected. With the increasing information coming in and the past records of history, he takes the time to make certain all knowledge is well maintained and cared for.

Brother Victor Olson has taken it upon himself to commit to the rebuilding of the Temple. He is assuring that the architecture and stylings of the structure are staying the way they were from the start. His work with other brothers and contractors has taken more time and effort that most men would not undertake without being paid. His commitment will be visually enjoyed for years to come.

If you look closely and ask about brothers, you will see brothers doing because it needs to be done, you will hear stories of brothers going above and beyond the call of ritual. You will also find that commitment is not to be touted or boasted about. We all commit to the fraternity what we can, the goal is to do as much as you can within the length of our cable-tow. Hopefully, our commitment will help others, increase our community, raise the level of aspiration in fellows, and create a better world.

What are you committed to?

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael DiGiacomo P.M., Secretary



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 2nd 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/>

Bikes for Books with Capitol Elementary!



In May, we delivered 8 bikes, helmets and locks to the winning readers at Capitol Elementary School in Phoenix. Thank you Principal Olmstead for helping coordinate this program for us!



**The Ribbon has been cut
on the re-opening of the Grand Lodge Library!**



Over the past few years, brothers from around the valley have labored to breathe new life into the George Roskrige & S. Barry Casey Masonic Memorial Library & Museum located in our beloved Masonic Temple in Phoenix. On Saturday, June 29th - the Grand Master and the entire Grand Line came out and participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony!



Arithmetic & the 7 Liberal Arts & Sciences

(From Freemasonrymatters.co.uk)

The Quadrivium

The Quadrivium is associated with science and learning the mysteries of the universe. Pythagoras is chiefly responsible for these four branches of science: arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy.

The Quadrivium means the four vias or paths. Where four roads converge in the centre of the town or city. We leave the village of three roads and progress to the more advanced level of the city. A robust mind progresses as if upon roads or paths to the secrets of wisdom. A wise man strolls along the paths of science.

Arithmetic

Arithmetic involves computation or reckoning with numbers. Ignorance of numbers leaves many things unintelligible. To perceive the world accurately, we need a facility with counting and measurement. Mathematics is taught step by step. We first learn to count before we learn to add and subtract. As a science, it is progressive by building skill and familiarity through frequent practice.

We develop abstract operations such as addition and multiplication. A number of Masonic writers have handed down a useful moral lesson; For the Freemason, the application of this science is to:

ADD to your knowledge,
never **SUBTRACT** from the character of your neighbour
MULTIPLY your benevolence to your fellow creatures
And **DIVIDE** your means with those in need

Arithmetic offers a structured system. It has rules, order and operates in terms of equations. Balance and equality are principles learned in arithmetic that should remind us to act on the level.

We feel awe and wonder at the beauty of mathematics. We find fractal patterns in biology, chemistry, and physics that are repeated.

A Final Farewell



Michael Bruce Manning was born on February 17th, 1940, in Taylorville, IL. Many brothers recognize MW Manning as a part of the military degree team, diligently performing FC degrees for active and retired military brothers receiving degrees.

Mike Manning's first tour of duty was in 1960 as a Force Recon Sniper. He later training at Aircraft Mechanics school for the Marines and did a second tour in Vietnam. He later went on to serve as Police Officer in California and as a Detective in Arizona.

MW Manning was a member of Central Arizona No. 14 and Marion McDaniel No. 56. He was Grand Master 2014-2015. For a full biography, see the [May issue of Arizona Masonry Magazine](#).

WATER FOR EVERYONE AT THE TEMPLE!

Summer is here and it's time to get ready for 100 degree temperatures that drag into the evening! As a continuing tradition, another donor has made sure we have plenty of water for the summer heat! If you would like to donate for a pallet of water at the Phoenix Masonic Temple (around \$125) - please contact the Worshipful Master!



JUNE STATED MEETING

WILL BE IN PERSON AS OF THIS PRINTING

Stay Tuned for updates via Facebook, Website & Email

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm by the Social Order of the Beauceant

**7:00pm – Gavel starts the in person June Stated Meeting
We will be celebrating all June Masonic Birthdays as well!**



Stated Meetings

Short Talk Education

This year, each month at our Stated Meeting we will be presenting a "Short Talk Bulletin" originally written by the Masonic Service Association. Each month a different officer will be presenting. Check out the website for short talk podcasts!

www.MSANA.com

Trestleboard Education 7 Arts & Sciences



Each Month for 7 months of the year, our electronic Trestleboard will focus on 7 Arts and Sciences.

Each Sunday, our Facebook page will share an exciting virtual education presentation.

4th Tuesday Education Quarry of the Mind



In 2021, 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.

2021 DUES

2021 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.

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings."

...Eric Hoffer, American Philosopher

JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Elliott Koeppen	6/21/60	61 yrs	Marty Ceccarelli	6/18/05	16 yrs
Leo Eakins	6/23/60	61 yrs	Marvin Hamilton	6/18/05	16 yrs
Humberto Solano	6/27/63	58 yrs	Alfred Scanlon	6/28/05	16 yrs
Alan Bandler	6/14/66	55 yrs	Theodore Cross	6/8/08	13 yrs
Thomas Jones	6/20/68	53 yrs	Michael DiGiacomo	6/23/09	12 yrs
James Fell	6/26/69	52 yrs	Ike Devji	6/23/09	12 yrs
George Frost	6/6/70	51 yrs	Gary Lionberger	6/30/09	12 yrs
James McClellan	6/30/70	51 yrs	Kirakos Arabyan	6/19/12	9 yrs
Richard Kereny	6/19/80	41 yrs	Hovhannes Karagezyan	6/26/12	9 yrs
William Rutherford	6/24/80	41 yrs	Edvard Shilgevorkyan	6/25/13	8 yrs
Lawrence Stuckey	6/24/80	41 yrs	Joel Birch	6/24/14	7 yrs
George Galloway	6/29/99	22 yrs	Ryan Sullivan	6/16/15	6 yrs
Roland Nix	6/17/03	18 yrs	Theodore Sayle	6/26/18	3 yrs

“Arithmetic has a very great and elevating effect, compelling the soul to reason about abstract number, and rebelling against the introduction of visible or tangible objects into the argument.”

....Plato

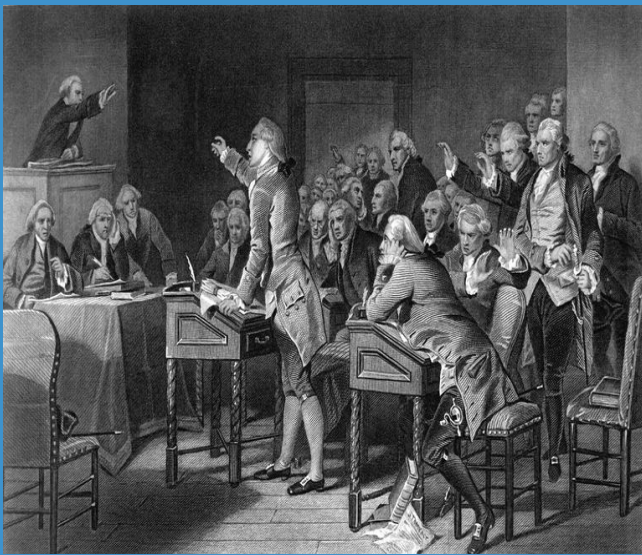
Upcoming Events

June Schedule

6/1/21	Stated Meeting - In Person
6/3-6/5/21	Grand Communication
6/8/21	EA Degree - Hernandez
6/15/21	FC Degree - Murphy
6/22/21	Quarry of the Mind Education Night Author John Bizzack via Zoom
6/29/21	5 th Tuesday - Spaghetti Factory

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

Dues & Bylaws: Matthew Harris (Chairman),
Vic Olson, Cory Whalin, Matthew Traylor

Fundraising: Cory Whalin, Robb Knotts

Calling Committee: Drew Armenta
(Chairman), Vic Olson, Anthony Miller

Sickness & Distress: WM Bo Buchanan, Mike
DiGiacomo

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. We said a final farewell to several brothers in Arizona Freemasonry last month including MW Mike Manning, Bro. Sam Graziano and Bro. Paul Olmstead.

Our New Lodge Coin is Here!



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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