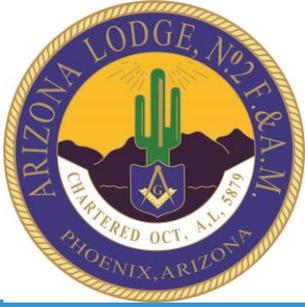




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Arizona Lodge #2

Nov/Dec, 2021 Trestleboard

The Sun, Moon, and Stars

Sitting in the East is an honor for any man. From being called Worshipful Master, being singled out as the only man in Lodge wearing a hat, to leading a group of men who admittedly fall short of being perfect and being responsible for ALL things in the Lodge. "Uneasy is the head that wears a Crown" Shakespeare said. Those with heavy responsibility carry a heavy burden that makes it hard for them to relax. The Chair changes you. My first year in the East I committed to being on time more often. I Improved some and fell short a Lot. But I discovered a new ability to control my own actions. COVID hit and changed the way Freemasonry worked - but we survived, like Freemasonry has done for hundreds of years before us. I worked hard to give the Lodge options and show our brothers that regardless of what has been - we need to ask ourselves - what can be? As we have often said in Lodge, there are those things that are ritual - required by our rules and regulations of Freemasonry, and then there are those things that are Traditions - a way of doing things that is just, history. There is always room for change and improvement, and we should never let those that hide in the dark keep us from bringing more light to the craft.

As I leave the East, I am left in awe of all that Freemasonry is and can be. Moving through the chairs can sometimes cause you to get so caught up in the administration and workings of a lodge - that we lose time for personal reflection and education. I look forward to digging deeper in our ritual and helping bring light to the craft.



But can we, as modern men, ever understand the awe that our rituals must have induced in candidates hundreds of years ago? Can the "Machine of Freemasonry" ever be put aside, so that we can look past the workings of the craft, and immerse ourselves in the Wonder? This is a question best posed by mightier minds than my own. So, I leave you with this Passage by Albert Pike and I ask you to substitute "Freemasonry" for "The Universe" and I think you'll have a new appreciation for all that Freemasonry can still be.

Passage from "Morals & Dogma", Chapter 28: Knight of the Sun, or Prince Adept by Albert Pike.

"We, to whom the vast Universe has become but a great machine, not instinct with a great SOUL, but a clockwork of proportions unimaginable, but still infinitely less than infinite; and part at least of which we with our orreries can imitate; we, who have measured the distances and dimensions, and learned the specific gravity and determined the orbits of the moon and the planets; we, who know the distance to the sun, and his size; have measured the orbits of the flashing comets, and the distances of the fixed stars; and know the latter to be suns like our sun, each with his retinue of worlds, and all governed by the same unerring, mechanical laws and outwardly imposed forces, centripetal and centrifugal; we, who with our telescopes have separated the galaxy and the nebulae into other stars and groups of stars; discovered new planets, by first discovering their disturbing forces upon those already known; and learned that they all, Jupiter, Venus, and the fiery Mars, and Saturn and the others, as well as the bright, mild, and ever-changing Moon, are mere dark, dull opaque clods like our earth, and not living orbs of brilliant fire and heavenly light; we, who have counted the mountains and chasms in the moon, with glasses that could distinctly reveal to us the temple of Solomon, if it stood there in its old original glory; we, who no longer imagine that the stars control our destinies, and who can calculate the eclipses of the sun and moon, backward and forward, for ten thousand years; we, with our vastly increased conceptions of the powers of the Grand Architect of the Universe, but our wholly material and mechanical view of that Universe itself; we cannot, even in the remotest degree, feel, though we may (Cont... Pg2)

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partially and imperfectly imagine, how those great, primitive, simple-hearted children of Nature felt in regard to the Starry Hosts, there upon the slopes of the Himalayas, on the Chaldean plains, in the Persian and Median deserts, and upon the banks of that great, strange River, the Nile. To them the Universe was alive—instinct with forces and powers, mysterious and beyond their comprehension. To them it was no machine, no great system of clockwork; but a great live creature, an army of creatures, in sympathy with or inimical to man. To them, all was a mystery and a miracle, and the stars flashing overhead spoke to their hearts almost in an audible language. Jupiter, with his kingly splendors, was the Emperor of the starry legions. Venus looked lovingly on the earth and blessed it; Mars, with his crimson fires, threatened war and misfortune; and Saturn, cold and grave, chilled and repelled them. The ever-changing Moon, faithful companion of the Sun, was a constant miracle and wonder; the Sun himself the visible emblem of the creative and generative power. To them the earth was a great plain, over which the sun, the moon, and the planets revolved, its servants, framed to give it light. Of the stars, some were beneficent existences that brought with them Spring-time and fruits and flowers,—some, faithful sentinels, advising them of coming inundation, of the season of storm and of deadly winds; some heralds of evil, which, steadily foretelling, they seemed to cause. To them the eclipses were portents of evil, and their causes hidden in mystery, and supernatural. The regular returns of the stars, the comings of Arcturus, Orion, Sirius, the Pleiades, and Aldebaran, and the journeyings of the Sun, were voluntary and not mechanical to them. What wonder that astronomy became to them the most important of sciences; that those who learned it became rulers; and that vast edifices, the Pyramids, the tower or temple of Bel, and other like erections everywhere in the East, were built for astronomical purposes?—and what wonder that, in their great child-like simplicity, they worshipped Light, the Sun, the Planets, and the Stars, and personified them, and eagerly believed in the histories invented for them; in that age when the capacity for belief was infinite; as indeed, if we but reflect, it still is and ever will be?”

Yours in Education, Understanding & Freedom
Bo Buchanan, Master - Arizona Lodge No. 2



From the South - The Square of Virtue

A tool to critique a quality of our deeds.

When I think of an angle of 90 degrees, I imagine two lines apart and looking directly down one, the other is not visible in my peripheral vision. When I can see both lines, I compromise my view of the singular line. Consider a view of the first line a course of conduct for my deeds.

In astrology, a Square planetary relationship signifies internal conflict by position. In that sense if my focus on one of the two lines is my virtuous course of conduct, the other line would signify another course of less virtue or more significantly a course off completely virtuous. By inference, any deviation from a virtuous course begins to conflict with the virtuous one and by extension any course greater than 90 degrees from the virtuous one begins to be in Opposition (again astrologically) to the virtuous course.

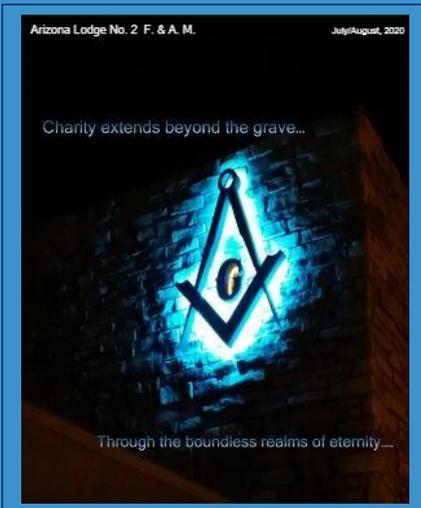
That great Point Within a Circle masonic symbol vividly expresses this idea. “At it’s top rests the Holy Writings” where the two parallel perpendicular lines on each side of the boundary of our conduct or view in this analogy, keep us in line with the rule and guide to a virtuous life in my direct line of sight at the top.

The Entered Apprentice degree apron lecture has at the end a biblical reference which leaves out two very important phrases from the original text. The two phrases are necessary to truly understand how to “enter into the joy” of our Lord by our deeds. The first missing phrase acknowledges that when we are given little deeds to accomplish, and we do them well, we please our Lord and master while conversely when we do not do our little deeds well, we offend our master. The second line left out informs us that when we do our little deeds well, we will be given a charge for greater and “nobler deeds”.

From this I contend that for us masons, the Square of Virtue is a tool to remind me that: virtue as a course of action in life is exacting and when as a course followed exactly, can deliver me to that “house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”.

Vic Olson, JW AZ#2 2021

Volunteers Needed!



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

- Website
- Widows/Ladies Luncheon

If you are interested in taking over these duties or forming a committee to work on them, 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 is 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.

Be a Free thinker and don't accept everything you hear as truth, be critical and evaluate what you believe in... ~Aristotle.



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/>

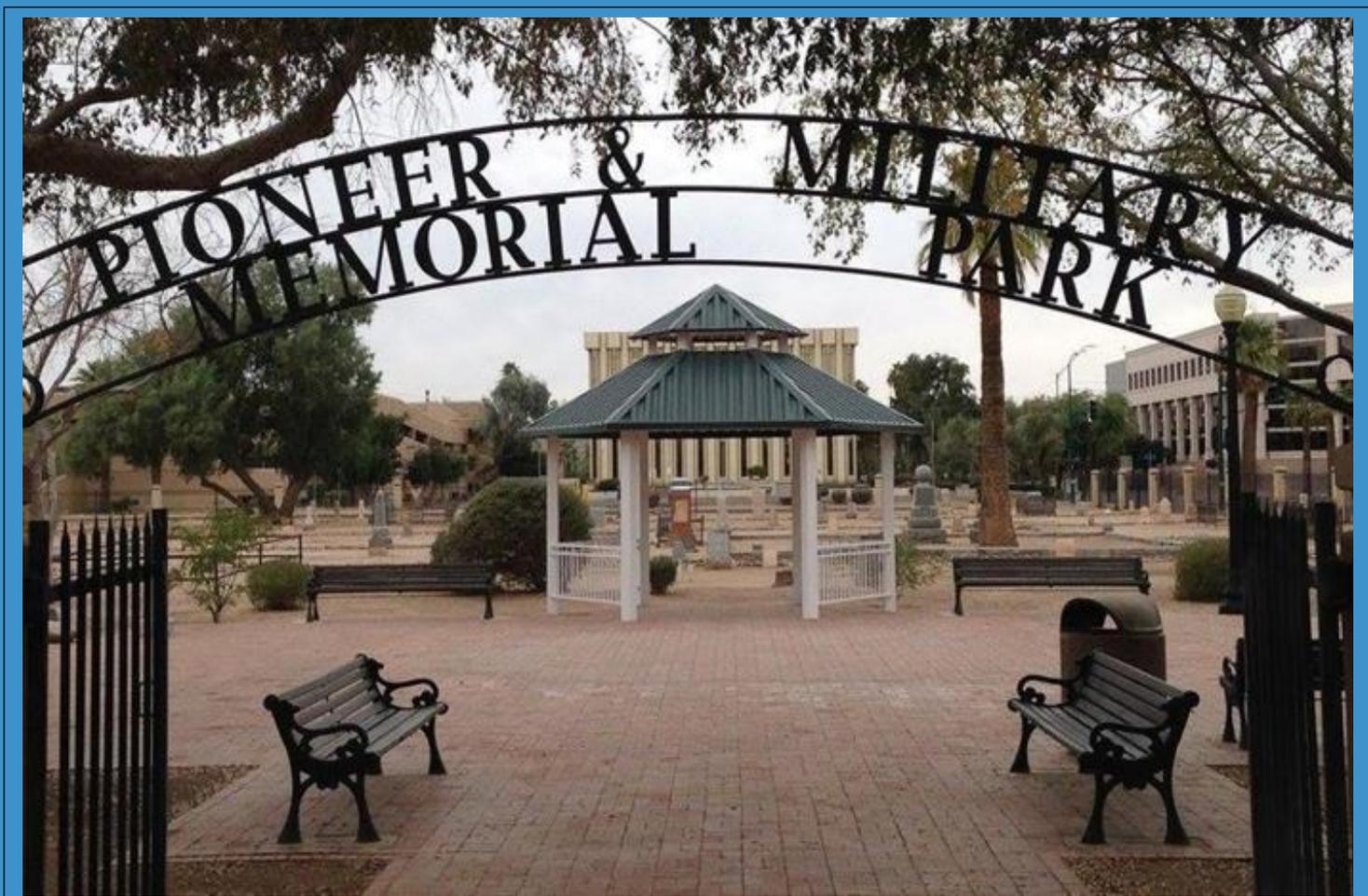


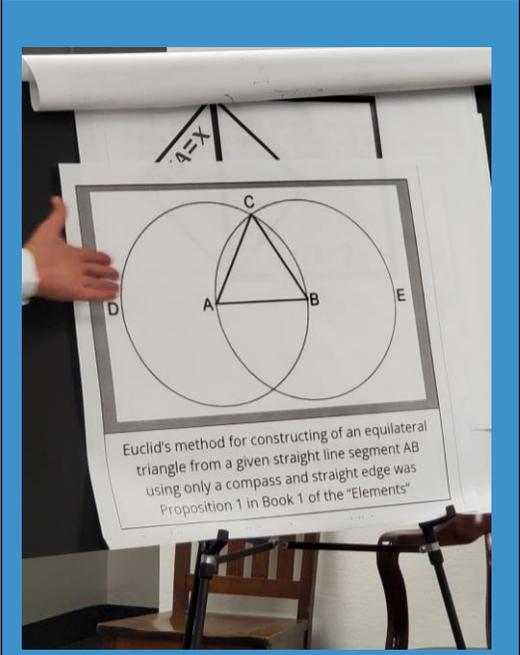
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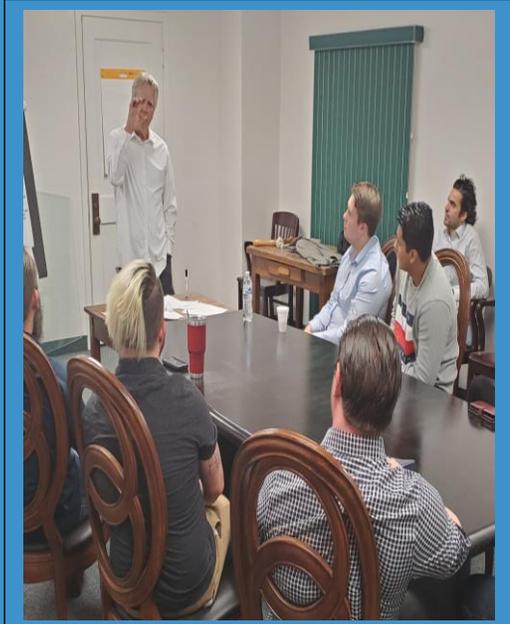
Halloween Party Hosted by W.Bro Michael DiGiacomo



Education Night! - Geometry by Brother Vic Olsen



There was a nice group of Brothers and Seekers for Bro. Vic Olsen's presentation on Geometry. Attendees were treated to explanations of some fundamental principles and shown practical examples of how to apply the ideas to life and Freemasonry.



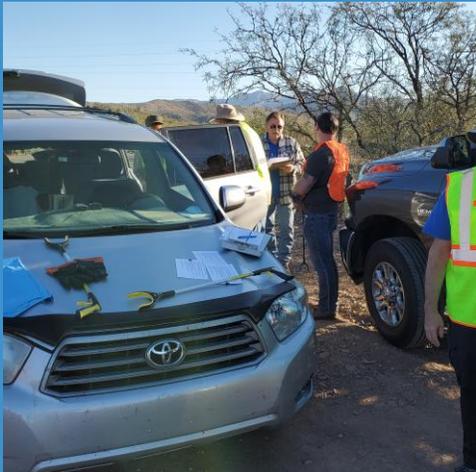
Above: Bro. Vic Olsen explains proportion.
 Right: Attendees listen and watch intently as the demonstration is introduced.

November Degrees!

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Kevin Michael Prier!



Highway Cleanup with AZ 2 and Montezuma 35



60 Year Apron Presentation!



Seeker Social Night at Culinary Dropout



November Degrees!

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Alexandre Kondarassov!



DECEMBER 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 December Stated Meeting
We will be celebrating all December Masonic Birthdays as well!



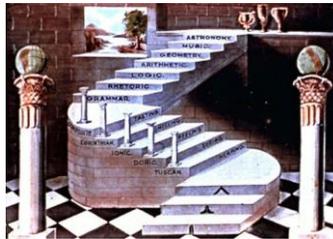
Stated Meetings

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

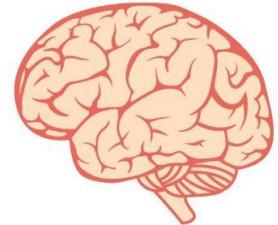
Trestleboard Education 7 Arts & Sciences



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.

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

NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

John Reiter Jr	11/29/55	66 yrs	Paul Dean Britton	11/22/97	24 yrs
Owen B. Marlar	11/26/57	64 yrs	Heath W. Hare	11/22/97	24 yrs
Donald F. Jackson	11/30/65	56 yrs	Fernando J. Dona	11/22/97	24 yrs
Charles E. Cates	11/30/65	56 yrs	Landon C. Chandler	11/10/01	20 yrs
Frederick P. Miller	11/22/66	55 yrs	Andrew Warianka	11/10/01	20 yrs
James Joe Cooper	11/14/68	54 yrs	Marshall J. Jones	11/10/01	20 yrs
William W Parker Jr	11/12/74	47 yrs	David W. Inman	11/10/01	20 yrs
James D. Dickson	11/13/75	46 yrs	Gregg M. Curry	11/21/03	18 yrs
Richard Bartholomew	11/17/77	44 yrs	Richard A. Smith	11/21/03	18 yrs
Ralph L. Conder	11/20/80	41 yrs	Hamilton Zachary Jr	11/21/03	18 yrs
Michael Lindenmeier	11/19/86	35 yrs	Jeffrey Hasenstab	11/22/03	18 yrs
Thomas Morrissey	11/28/89	32 yrs	L. Wilhelm Vaisman	11/16/04	17 yrs
William Garrard Jr	11/19/96	25 yrs	Michael P. Baden	11/07/07	14 yrs
David K. Ford	11/18/97	24 yrs	Ryan R.C. Scalise	11/28/17	4 yrs
Michael J. Bergner	11/21/97	24 yrs			

DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Ralph W. Lock Jr.	12/30/48	73 yrs	Matthew S. Harris	12/15/12	9 yrs
George M. Fisher Jr.	12/08/70	51 yrs	Louis P. Percic	12/15/12	9 yrs
Gerald Lee Benham	12/14/76	45 yrs	Matthew S. Merrill	12/07/13	8 yrs
Thomas C. Rogers	12/29/01	20 yrs	Hrach Shilgevorkyan	12/07/13	8 yrs
Daniel D. Downs	12/30/04	17 yrs	Arthur Shilgevorkyan	12/07/13	8 yrs
Samuel R. Downs	12/30/04	17 yrs	Alfred Abramian	12/07/13	8 yrs
Ricardo Mediano II	12/27/05	16 yrs	Marvin P. Klassen	12/07/13	8 yrs
David W. Rhodes	12/03/08	13 yrs	Christopher L. Reade	12/07/13	8 yrs
Chad J. Gappa	12/27/11	10 yrs	Mark E. Zocco	12/07/13	8 yrs
Ian P. Cameron	12/15/12	9 yrs	Christopher Kuzelka	12/07/13	8 yrs
Robert Vern Ward	12/15/12	9 yrs	Cornelius Billips	12/07/13	8 yrs
Durand Yee Wong	12/15/12	9 yrs	Anthony D. Miller	12/07/13	8 yrs
Matthew D. Gale	12/15/12	9 yrs			

Upcoming Events

December Schedule

- 12/4/21 Officers Installation 2022
- 12/6/21 Trustees Meeting
- 12/7/21 Stated Meeting
- 12/14/21 Courtesy Degree for Sunrise 88
- 12/19/21 Winter Wonderland
- 12/28/21 Quarry of the Mind Education - First Mythos w/ Bro. Jason Brock

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.

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 3/4" 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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