

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

Congratulations to **Bro. Scotty Black**, who was Raised to the Sublime Degree of **Master Mason** on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**. Great job by the **Bro. Dustin Barron**, who stepped up from Senior Warden to do Master's work for the Degree. Also, wonderful work by all the members and officers present.

The Lodge was well represented, and the work was carried out with the care and solemnity the Sublime Degree deserves. Nights like these stand as a reminder of the trust placed in our officers and members, and the enduring bonds forged when a Brother is raised among us.

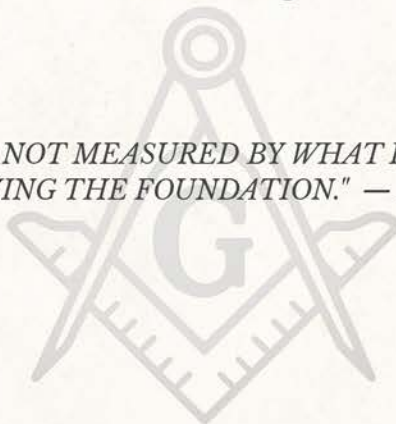
THE WORK CONTINUES



Congratulations to **Bro. James Carroll**, **Bro. James Harber**, and **Bro. Byron Baker**, who were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on **Thursday, March 26, 2026**. Great job by **Bro. Ryan Clark**, who stepped up from Junior Warden to do Master's work for the Degree. Also, wonderful work by all the members and officers present.

Three Brothers took another step forward on their Masonic journey, and the Lodge rose to meet them. It is a privilege to witness the work carried out with skill and brotherhood, and a testament to the character of the men who answered the call that evening

"A MASON'S STRENGTH IS NOT MEASURED BY WHAT HE HAS BUILT, BUT BY THE CARE HE TOOK IN LAYING THE FOUNDATION." — DAYLYN EAGLESHIELD



A GRAND HONOR AMONG US



Sun City Lodge was privileged to welcome Most Worshipful **Brother Michael A. Dale**, Grand Master 2024–2025, on **March 12, 2026**, as he visited to present **WB Gary Loeb** with **Grand Lodge's 2025 Arizona Secretary of the Year Award**. WB Gary has placed the award in the Lodge's trophy case in the lobby for all to see.

Few honors speak louder than those given by your peers and superiors in the craft. WB Gary's commitment behind the scenes has long been the backbone of this Lodge, and it is a privilege to see that work acknowledged on the grandest stage Arizona Freemasonry has to offer.

FIFTY YEARS UPON THE LEVEL



Worshipful Master WB Douglas Peck presents **WB George Walton** with a letter from the **Grand Master** and an apron commemorating **George's 50 years** as a Master Mason. **WB George** was Raised in **Queen City Lodge No. 761, Clarksville, Tennessee**, on **January 23, 1976**. He joined **Sun City Lodge No. 72** on **October 14, 2021**.

Fifty years in the Craft is a milestone few achieve, and WB George's journey from the hills of Tennessee to the halls of Sun City Lodge is a testament to the enduring bonds of Brotherhood. No matter the Lodge, no matter the miles, a Mason always finds himself home.



Fraternal Greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72 -

March was a busy month for us here at Sun City Lodge #72 and April looks to continue in the same vein. Looking back at February, I am pleased to say that the inspection of our Lodge by **DDGM Wayne Thatcher** (who did so at the direction of Grand Lodge) went well. I was joined by Senior Warden **Dustin Barron**, Junior Warden **Ryan Clark**, Treasurer **Fred Robinson**, Secretary **W B Gary Loeb**, Senior Deacon **Damon Bose** and Building Trust Chairman **Bob Meisinger**. **W B Gary** prepared in advance (and distributed for comments by the rest of us) a brief summary of candidate responses for each item in the rubric's standard protocol that served as an organizing vehicle for further discussion and our various responses to calls for further clarification from **W B Wayne**. A sizable collection of relevant documentation was also brought by others just mentioned in the interest of offering 'deeper dives' as needed. My thanks go to all of these gentlemen whose efforts and contributions led to an excellent session.

On the membership front, it is great to see **Brother Scotty Black** having been raised to the Sublime Degree of **Master Mason**. Congratulations also go to **Brothers Byron Baker**, **James Carroll** and **James Harber** who made their proficiency in the **First Degree** and passed to **Fellowcraft** on **March 26, 2026**. Brother **James Carroll** demonstrated his master of the **First Degree** catechism before our Stated Meeting on **March 12**.

In the area of Community Outreach and Service, **Brother Shane Miller** has passed leadership of the **litter collection campaign** to **Brother Dustin Barron** who has graciously agreed to take it on. **Brother Dustin** has also been busy in organizing two outreach activities, the first being with the Surprise location of **Hospice of the Valley** where an evening meal was prepared for residents on **January 30**. The second is called **HelpSnacks** and the Lodge's inaugural engagement with it occurred on February 27. These kinds of activities obviously benefit those 'on the receiving end' while at the same time showcasing Sun City Lodge #72 very favorably before the public's eye. I encourage all of us who are able to join in such efforts whenever and wherever you can.



During March we continued our charitable fund-raising activity at Surprise Stadium under the outstanding leadership of **Brother Fred Robinson**. We also continued the Lodge's traditional support of the annual Pancake Breakfast that was held on Saturday, March 14.

Finally, on Wednesday evening, March 18, **W B Mike Moseley** presented a program of Masonic education. Those of us who have heard him speak before can vouch that the evening was not only informative but quite thought-provoking as well. As Masons, we are interested in our intellectual growth and **W B Mike** provided us a stimulating opportunity to experience precisely that.

Looking forward to seeing you on at least one of these occasions, I remain ...

Fraternally and With Best Wishes,
Douglas C. Peck
Master

FROM
THE
EAST



Greetings from the West, brothers!

Springtime is kicking off! The weather is starting to warm up, and with Spring training under way, we are well on our way to seeing and creating some amazing adventures!

Our first dinner with Hospice of the Valley last month was an unforgettable experience. We were able to cook and serve a delicious meal of Spaghetti and meat sauce, interact with the residents, and bring a sense of cheer and comradery to the facility. Thank you to brothers Kenyatti Green, Gabriel Smith, and Worshipful brothers Doug Peck and George Walton for your help and time making this happen.

We have our first HelpnowAZ event coming up, and again thank you to the brothers who volunteered to come help. More details on that coming next month.

Surprise Stadium has kicked off, with our first weekend under way. Please get with Fred Robinson to see where your help can be utilized.

We need more volunteers, however, to be able to continue our community outreach. Part of what I would like to see is the involvement of all of our brothers in some capacity getting more involved- we have a bunch of ways we can use you help, we just need your hand to raise. Whether it's the pancake breakfast, the adopt a street litter program, or any of the ones I mentioned above, we would love your support and participation. Reach out to myself at **408-705-8794** to see how you can help us improve our community, one mason at a time.

Fraternally,

Dustin Barron
Sr. Warden

**THE
WEST**



From the South,

As the month of March draws to a close, I am filled with gratitude for the energy, dedication, and fellowship that has filled our lodge. It has truly been a month of labor and reward, perfectly capturing the spirit of the season as we move from winter's reflection into spring's renewal.

Our Lodge has been alive with activity- most notably with the Surprise Stadium event, the pancake breakfast, our open house and a triple second degree. To the newly passed Fellowcrafts, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. May the light you have received guide you as you continue to build upon the foundation of your masonic journey.

We also shared wonderful meals at our stated meetings and degrees, and I want to extend special thanks to those who have contributed to the preparation and service of our food. These shared tables strengthen not only our bodies, but the bonds of brotherhood that nourish our hearts. Please continue to RSVP so we can continue to provide that level of service.

As the sun in the South rises higher each day, may it remind us to continue our labor with enthusiasm and balance- finding refreshment not just in rest, but in the joy of our shared purpose.

Fraternally,
Ryan Clark
Junior Warden
Sun City Lodge #72

FROM
THE
SOUTH



Secretary's Report as of April 1, 2026:

Sun City Lodge has 179 members.

As of April 1, 2025, the Lodge has four Fellowcrafts, two petitions for membership and two applications for affiliation. **That means we have 6 new members in the "works"**. This equals a potential membership of 185. 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 71.7 years old.

- Our oldest member is 100 years old, Bro. Leslie Ellis!
- Our youngest member is 27.5 years old, Bro. James Stogsdill.
- Our youngest candidate, FC Bro. Kenyatti Green, will be 22 years old on April 13, 2026!

The membership dues for 2026 are \$123.00. Dues bills were mailed to all paying members on October 15, 2025, and reminders were mailed out on December 22, 2025.

So far, 130 members or 89.7% of our 145 dues-paying members have paid their dues for 2026.

Brethren may pay their dues either by Zelle® to SunCity72Sec@gmail or by check payable to Sun City Lodge #72, and mailed to PO Box 1353, Sun City, AZ 85372-1353.

Stay healthy, Brethren!

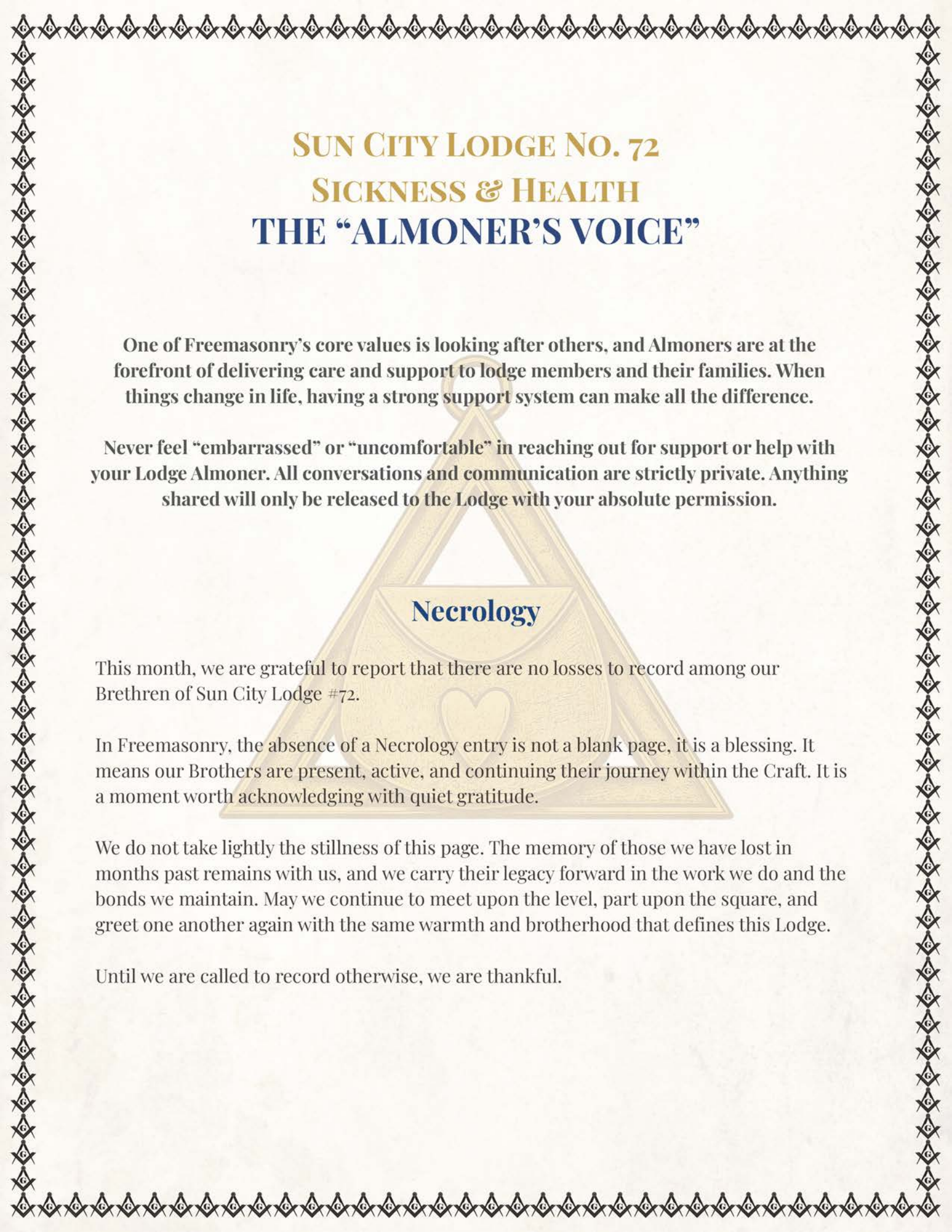
Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

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FROM THE
SECRETARY'S
DESK



SUN CITY LODGE NO. 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.

Necrology

This month, we are grateful to report that there are no losses to record among our Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72.

In Freemasonry, the absence of a Necrology entry is not a blank page, it is a blessing. It means our Brothers are present, active, and continuing their journey within the Craft. It is a moment worth acknowledging with quiet gratitude.

We do not take lightly the stillness of this page. The memory of those we have lost in months past remains with us, and we carry their legacy forward in the work we do and the bonds we maintain. May we continue to meet upon the level, part upon the square, and greet one another again with the same warmth and brotherhood that defines this Lodge.

Until we are called to record otherwise, we are thankful.

HEY BROTHER... YEAH, YOU!

- **Haven't been to Lodge in a while?**
No judgement. Just pull up.
- **Don't recognize anyone anymore?**
That's cool – **introduce yourself.**
Brotherhood didn't vanish, it just got some new faces.
- **Got some years under your belt?**
Awesome. **Drop some wisdom** on the young guns. They're hungry for it (even if they act like they aren't).
- **Feeling a little "out of the loop"?**
Totally normal. But guess what? We don't read minds. Say something.



THE LODGE IS STILL YOUR HOME!

We've missed you! Come back and help us keep the Light burning.

Seventy Years of Brotherhood, A Lifetime of Service



On Friday 13 March 2026, **Colin Primrose** was presented with a **Quilt of Valor** by the **Daisy Mountain Chapter** of the **Quilt of Valor Foundation**. This was a special acknowledgement for a 70 year Master Mason who fought in WW II.

Colin Primrose was raised a **Master Mason** in **1955** in the Masonic Lodge in Berea Ohio. In 2025, Sun City Masonic Lodge had the privilege of being involved with the presentation of a special recognition of his long time membership in the Masonic craft. **Colin** was born in **1924** and served in the **US Navy** as a Gunner on a PBY aircraft based in **North Africa** during **WW II**. His service to his country was acknowledged by the presentation of the **Quilt of Valor**.

The **Quilt of Valor Foundation** is a national foundation **founded in 2003** with the purpose of presenting a quilt as a thank you for the valor, service, and sacrifice shown by those men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. **Nominations** for a **Quilt of Valor** can be made by **anyone**. The **foundation** is a **non-profit**. More information can be found at the website www.qovf.org.

In the photos, **Colin Primrose** is shown standing next to the quilt that was presented to him on **Friday 13 March**. Another photo shows the **4 members** of the **Daisy Mountain Chapter** who were involved with the presentation. Another photo shows **Dave Miller** (on right) from **Sun City Masonic Lodge** and **Reed Houge** (Senior Grand Deacon of the Arizona Grand Lodge) along with Colin who were present at the presentation.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Allen F. Wilcox	April 2nd
Dennis S. Larson	April 3rd
Steven M. Clifton	April 4th
Roger W. Hall	April 10th
Eric J. Meyers	April 11th
Mark A. Nelson	April 13th
Daylyn X. Eagleshield	April 14th
John W. Huth	April 14th
Larry A. Gorelick	April 19th
John C. Hohlfeld Jr.	April 27th
Frank P. Visceglie	April 27th
Gerard T. Lyle Jr.	April 28th
Earl K. Paasch	April 28th
Douglas S. Robertson	April 28th

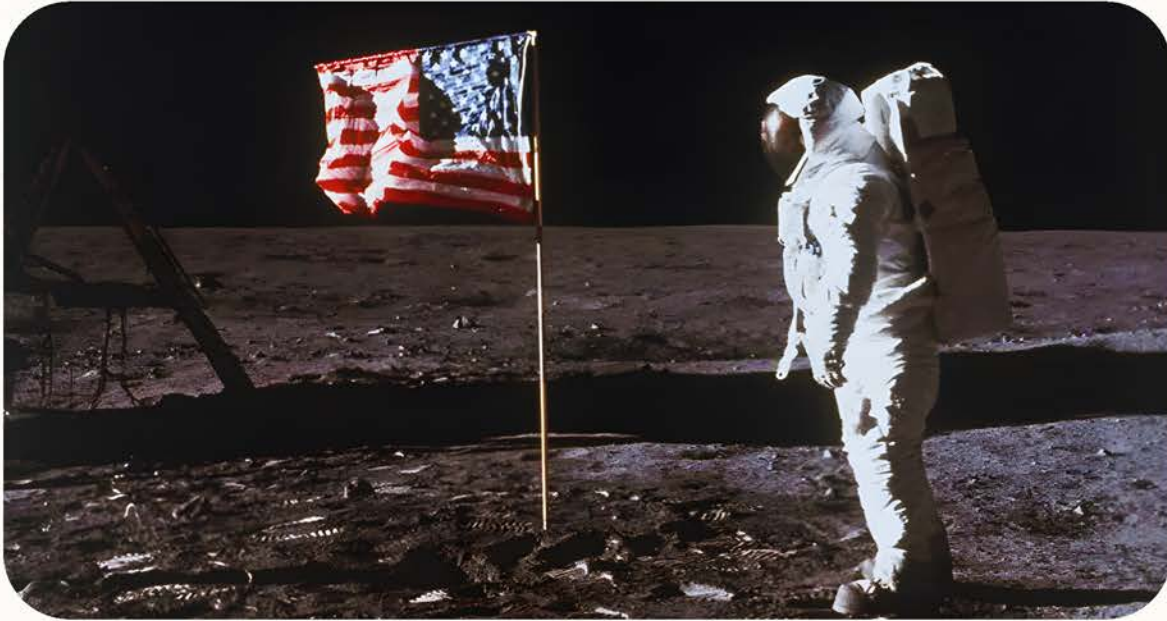
**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

APRIL

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Robert W. Wright	April 9, 1960	66 Years
Roger D. Flowers	April 27, 1973	53 Years
Harold G. Knowlton II	April 28, 1975	51 Years
Craig G. Montgomery	April 21, 1984	42 Years
Kevin D. Baver	April 17, 1985	41 Years
Larry L. Coppi	April 29, 1986	40 Years
John C. Van Epps	April 18, 1998	28 Years
Sean J. Shelton	April 13, 2002	24 Years
John J. Laskowski	April 27, 2004	22 Years
Gary G. Johnson	April 28, 2005	21 Years
James F. Mack	April 14, 2007	19 Years
Shawn M. Barker	April 15, 2008	18 Years
Joe V. Gonzalez Jr.	April 22, 2008	18 Years
Ricky L. Rencher	April 30, 2009	17 Years
David H. Rehkopf	April 2, 2013	13 Years
Bruce A. Kather	April 23, 2015	11 Years
Alejandro C. Felix	April 30, 2015	11 Years
Royce D. Kidd	April 28, 2016	10 Years
Zachary A. Scott	April 26, 2023	3 Years

A Moment from Masonic History



On **July 20, 1969**, the world watched as **Apollo II** made history. What the millions watching from their living rooms did not know was that **Brother Buzz Aldrin** carried something extraordinary with him, and that Freemasonry, in a very real sense, went to the Moon.

Brother Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., was an active member of **Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417** in Seabrook, Texas. Before the mission, he requested a Special Deputation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, granting him authority to claim **Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction** on the lunar surface. The Grand Master approved. **Brother Aldrin** carried that document to the Moon and the jurisdiction was formally claimed upon landing in the Sea of Tranquility.

He also carried a **handmade silk Masonic flag** embroidered with the words "*Supreme Council, 33^o, Southern Jurisdiction, USA.*" Upon returning to Earth, he personally delivered it to the **House of the Temple** in Washington, D.C., where it remains in the archives to this day.

A lodge was symbolically established in honor of the mission, **Tranquility Lodge No. 2000**, and continues to support scholarships in science and education with over **1,200 members worldwide**.

As the **Scottish Rite Journal** noted in **December 1969**, "*When man reaches new worlds, Masonry will be there.*" On **July 20, 1969**, one Brother proved that quite literally.

Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield

Editor, Sun City Lodge No. 72 Trestleboard

HANDICAP PARKING

Rules for Using a Handicap Parking Permit

When you receive a handicap permit, **you're the only one who is legally allowed to use it.** You can use it as either the driver or **passenger of a vehicle**, but you must be present when the placard is displayed.

Depending on the state and the situation, willful misuse of the placard can lead to cancellation of your permit, significant fines (for the permit holder or the person using it, or both), community service, or other penalties.

In other words, it's just not a good idea to let your family members and friends "borrow" your placard to get preferred parking at a concert, shopping mall, or other locations, or even to run an errand on your behalf.

Furthermore, most states consider the placard form of the permit to be temporary. Owners typically have to renew them every few years, providing additional documentation from a doctor that verify an ongoing disability.

While there are certainly people who misuse handicap parking permits, it does not mean a person is committing fraud just because they don't "look disabled" (whatever that means anyway). There are plenty of reasons someone might qualify for a handicap tag, and they often face harassment for their invisible disability. These might include:

- Brain injuries and tumors
- Heart and lung conditions
- Back injuries
- Chronic pain
- Seizure disorders
- Organ transplants
- Hidden prosthetics
- Recent surgery
- Cancer treatment
- Chronic fatigue or fibromyalgia
- Short-term memory loss

SUN CITY LODGE NO. 72 BRETHREN POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 IS COORDINATING AN ORDER FOR SHORT SLEEVE COLLARED POLO SHIRTS EMBOSSED WITH THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES. THE SHIRTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- + SHIRT IS A POLYESTER BLEND;
- + SHIRT IS SHORT SLEEVE WITH A COLLAR;
- + LEFT BREAST POCKET WITH NAME ABOVE THE POCKET;
- + SQUARE AND COMPASSES WITH SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 ON THE RIGHT BREAST; AND
- + SHIRTS ARE IN YOUR CHOICE OF BLACK, BLUE, OR WHITE.

PRICE IS \$35.00 PER SHIRT WITH PAYMENT MADE TO SUN CITY LODGE NO 72.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ORDERING A SHIRT, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE MILLER AT 602.317.6136 OR DMILLER154@COX.NET. WHEN ORDERING, INCLUDE:

- + YOUR SHIRT SIZE;
- + THE SHIRT COLOR; AND
- + NAME YOU WANT PLACE ABOVE THE SHIRT POCKET (IF ANY).



Oasis Chapter No. 15



Oasis Chapter No 15 RAM will next meet on Friday 17 April 2026 with a Pot Luck Dinner scheduled for 6:30 PM and Education following at 7PM. The monthly meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 PM.

On Friday 20 February, Oasis Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree on James Ryan Stogsdill. Below is a photo of the conferral cast with the candidate.

Oasis Chapter Companion attended the Grand Royal Arch Chapter's Mid-Year Meeting on Saturday 21 March. More information regarding the results of that gathering in a coming release.

Oasis Chapter (red) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$40.00 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 Gerry Amerpohl or Pat Hayes for additional information.

Sun City West High 12 Club Update

In March, the **Sun City West High 12 Club** joined with members of Sun City Masonic Lodge in a **fund-raising Pancake Breakfast** on **Saturday 14 March** at the **Sun City Masonic Center**. The annual fund-raising event's proceeds benefit local youth groups and charities. A separate report has been released about the event with photos.

On **Friday 10 April** at 12 Noon, the **Sun City West High Club** will meet at the **Royal Café Restaurant, 10793 W Grand Avenue** (US Route 60) in Sun City. The monthly meeting will include lunch and a presentation on **Financial Matters** by **Mark Callahan** of **Morgan Stanley** in Peoria. There will also be discussion of the area restaurants to be visited for lunch during the coming Summer months.

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** (602.317.6136, dmiller154@cox.net) or **Gary Fullington** (480.319.4101, garyfullington@yahoo.com).

Sun City West High 12 Club

On **Saturday, 14 March**, **Sun City Masonic Lodge** and the **Sun City West High 12 Club** joined in sponsoring a **fundraising Pancake Breakfast** at the Sun City Masonic Center. The breakfast has become an annual event and was successful this year in feeding a great number of people and raising funds for local youth groups and charities.

In the photos below, the participation by a number of members of both the **Sun City Masonic Lodge** and the **Sun City West High 12 Club**, as well as several local Masonic Widows and wives., is evident. The officers of both groups participated in set up activity as well as kitchen food preparation and serving. Several members of the **Sun City Jobs Daughters Bethel** also participated in providing coffee service and assistance with clean up activity.

Many thanks to all those who attended the Pancake Breakfast and assisted in the event.



Sun City West High 12 Club



Stewart Council No. 16 – April Meeting & Announcements

Stewart Council will next meet on Monday, 27 April 2026, at 7:30 PM at the Sun City Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7PM. Full Form Opening will take place at 7:30 PM.

Stewart Council Companion celebrated the Annual Table Council on Monday 23 March and attended the Grand Council's Mid-Year Meeting on Saturday 21 March held at the El Zaribah Shrine in Phoenix. More information on both events will appear in a future item.

Stewart Council (purple) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$40.00 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 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 Gerald Amerpohl or Pat Hayes for additional information.



St. Andrew Commandery No. 17 – Illustrious Order of the Red Cross Conferred

St Andrew Commandery is scheduled to meet Saturday, 11 April. Conclave opens at 9 AM at the Sun City Masonic Center. Coffee and donuts at 8AM with practice scheduled for 8:30 AM.

The April conclave will include a review of the significant items from the Grand Commandery's Mid-Year Meeting on Saturday 21 March. Following the April conclave, the Sir Knights will assemble for the traditional libations celebrating Easter and the resurrection of the Captain of Our Salvation, Jesus Christ.

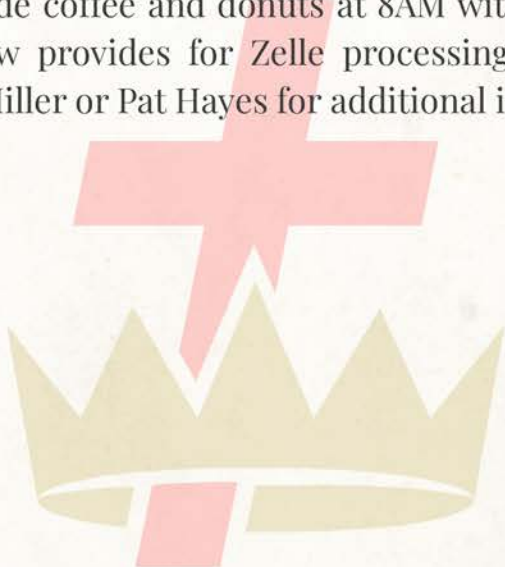
St Andrew Commandery (black) polo shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$40.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your order information, which should include-

+ Shirt Size; and,

+ What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.

Payment should be made to St Andrew Commandery KT.

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.



*Until we meet again, walk uprightly and
serve with purpose.*

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Designed by Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield

