

THE TRESTLEBOARD

MAY 2026 EDITION

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BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

Congratulations to **Bro. Kenyatti Green**, who was Raised to the Sublime Degree of **Master Mason** on **Thursday, April 16, 2026**. Great job by the Officers and Brethren, many of whom stepped up to fill in missing positions for the Degree.

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.

GOLD HONOR AWARD



Regius York Rite College recently presented a **Gold Honor Award** to **Robert Meizinger** during a Stated Meeting of Sun City Lodge No 72 F&AM.

The award was to recognize **Robert** for his activity with **US Vets** and **Sun City Masonic Lodge**. **Bob** is a **US Veteran** and **helped organize a local Chapter of US Vets**. He has actively raised funds for the group as well as local awareness of US Veteran concerns and needs.

Bob is active with **Sun City Masonic Lodge** by serving as **Chairman** of the Building Trustees. He has been responsible for significant enhancements for the Masonic Center, which currently 'hosts' over 15 different Masonic and non-Masonic groups. In the photo of the presentation are (from Left): Richard G Young, OPC, YRSCNA Grand Governor for Arizona; Robert Meizinger and David P Miller, OPC, Secretary of Regius York Rite College No 86.

Regius York Rite College is a **Masonic based organization** composed of those Master Masons who are also active members of a **Royal Arch Chapter**, a **Council of Cryptic Masons**, and a **Commandery of Knights Templar**. It is an invitational body intended to promote local Lodge and York Rite Masonic activity and provide recognition for those Masons who distinguish themselves in making contributions through various activities.



Fraternal Greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72 –

For this edition of the Trestleboard, I break with my usual structure of summarizing recent events at Sun City Lodge #72 and then going on to outline for you what lies ahead both short- and long-term. Truth be told, I have been mostly ‘out of the loop’ since last I wrote this column owing to personal circumstances that have redirected my use of time, reallocated the expenditure of my energy and substantially altered my usual patterns of activity. In short, I am thereby left with little to share and, like you, will rely to what my fellow Officers have to say below.

Meanwhile, I look forward to ‘getting back into the swing of things’ as soon as circumstances allow. Thanks to all of you for your kind words and prayers. They have been, and continue to be, very much appreciated.

Fraternally and With Best Wishes,

Douglas C. Peck
Master

FROM
THE
EAST



Greetings from the West!

Spring is here and things are already moving!

I want to thank the brothers who have come out and shown their support of the lodge and the causes we have been building this year. Hospice of the Valley, H.E.L.P.Now Az, and the Adopt-a-street program have all had successful starts because of those of you who answered the call. It has been a blast to work with you all and to build those relationships both within the community and between ourselves. I'm looking forward to the continued growth of these programs along with some of the new opportunities we hope to build out for the next year.

I had the opportunity to attend the Job's daughter's dinner event honoring the outgoing queen and all the work they have accomplished this year, and I will say I am beyond proud of how hard they have worked to get to this point. The youth groups have been an area I think we all have wanted to see grow, and watching these girls dig in and really find the strength, unity, and creativity to build is inspiring. The youth are looking at the parents involved as their guides and mentors to help them accomplish these goals, and the men and women involved have done an amazing job being and showing them the right example. I encourage any and all of us brothers to start helping where we can with the youth organizations- they are the basis of our future, and we should take pride in caring for the trees that will shade our grandchildren. It is even the smallest bit of help that can create the most important change.

Congratulations to all of our brothers who have completed degrees, and I look forward to meeting you all on the level.

Fraternally,

Dustin Barron
Sr. Warden



Secretary's Report as of May 1, 2026:

Sun City Lodge has 182 members.

As of May 1, 2025, the Lodge has three Fellowcrafts and three petitions for membership. **That means we have 5 new members in the "works"**. This equals a potential membership of 187. 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 67.1 years old, with a median (middle) age of 71.5 years old.

- Our oldest member is 100 years old, Bro. Leslie Ellis!
- Our youngest member is 22 years old, Bro. Kenyatti Green.

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, 132 members or 89.2% of our 148 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!

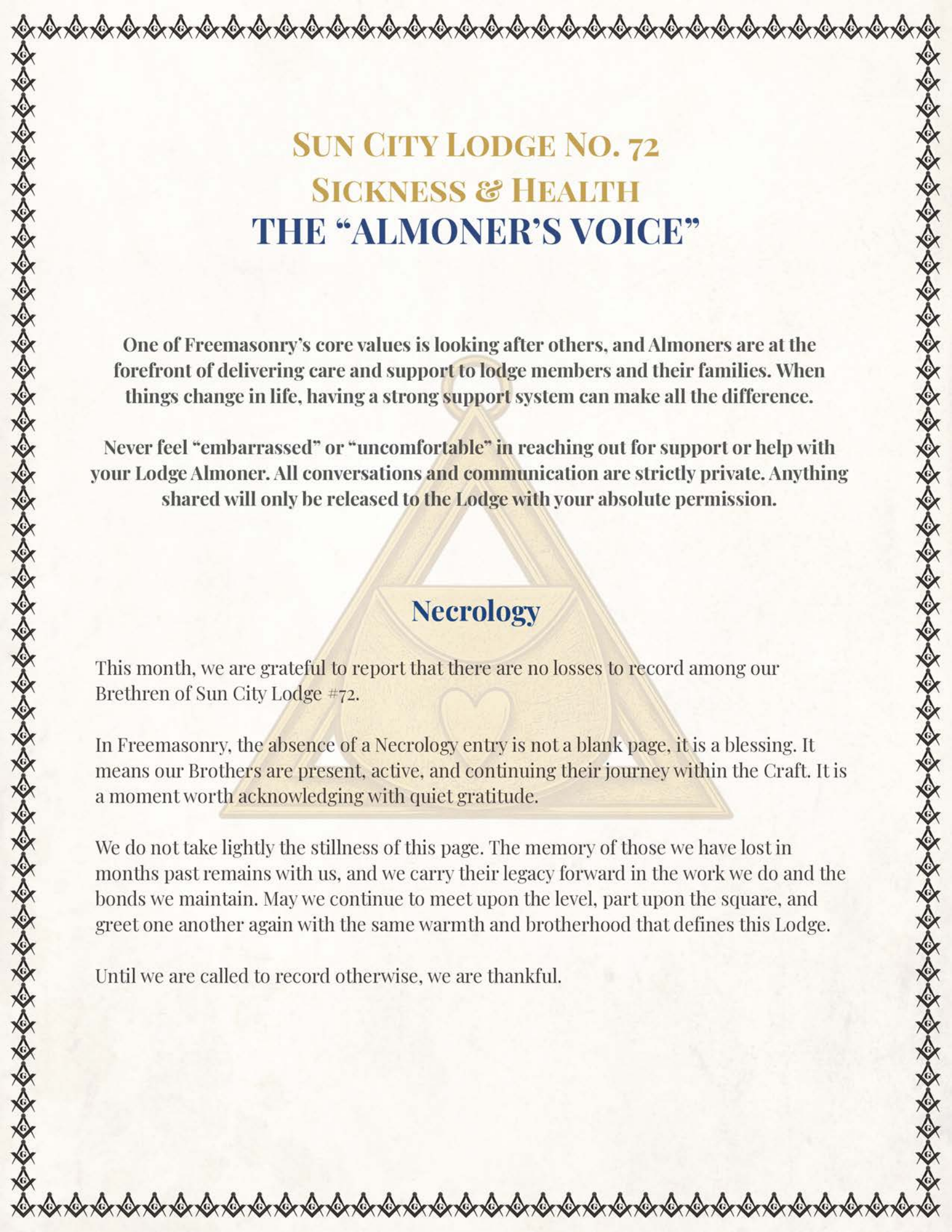
Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

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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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marcos P. Lakandula	May 1st
Eugene L. Winkels	May 2nd
Ronald N. Hudson	May 3rd
David J. Mock	May 4th
Robert J. Kinch	May 6th
Harold J. Lilley	May 7th
George C. Walton	May 11th
George C. Woods	May 11th
Ricky L. Rencher	May 12th
James W. Duval	May 15th
Rickie Polke	May 17th
Devon A. Bradley	May 23rd
Dustin R. Barron	May 24th
William J. Higgens III	May 26th
James A. Contreras	May 27th
Rex S. Provenzale	May 29th

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

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MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Harvey Finks	May 27, 1954	72 Years
James J. Rolle	May 28, 1958	68 Years
Edward A. Srsen	May 29, 1965	61 Years
George C. Woods	May 21, 1970	56 Years
Ronald F. Larson	May 19, 1979	47 Years
Ronald D. Anderson	May 16, 1983	43 Years
James L. Becker	May 11, 1988	38 Years
Craig D. Cheetham	May 17, 1990	36 Years
Douglas F. Kydd	May 6, 1992	34 Years
James A. Heger	May 6, 2000	26 Years
Kenneth R. Hartman	May 24, 2001	25 Years
Cody B. Burks	May 18, 2005	21 Years
Douglas S. Robertson	May 9, 2006	20 Years
Paul A. Baron	May 27, 2006	20 Years
Glynn E. Ley	May 24, 2007	19 Years
Joseph B. Setticase	May 4, 2010	16 Years
Robert L. Johnson Jr.	May 2, 2012	14 Years
Andrew E. Pratt	May 18, 2013	13 Years
Timothy M. Dougherty	May 14, 2014	12 Years
Jason P. Gorski	May 5, 2016	10 Years

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MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

William R. Sturdevant	May 26, 2016	10 Years
George P. Vinson	May 25, 2017	9 Years
Robert R. Truax Jr.	May 11, 2019	7 Years
Vincent L. Esposito	May 19, 2022	4 Years
Derreck J. Thompson	May 18, 2023	3 Years



**MILESTONES
ON THE
MASONIC
PATH**

A Moment from Masonic History



On the evening of **October 15, 1948**, a sitting President of the United States slipped past his own press corps, used a body double to fool the reporters, and disappeared into the Indiana night. He was not running from danger. He was running to the lodge.

Brother **Harry S. Truman**, 33rd President of the United States, was on his "Whistle Stop" campaign tour when he learned that Donald Bauermeister, his personal physical therapist aboard the Presidential yacht Williamsburg, was to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason that very evening at **Beech Grove Lodge No. 694** in Indianapolis. The President, a Past Grand Master of Missouri, decided he would be there.

A decoy was sent to Union Station while Brother Truman quietly slipped away to lodge. Word had spread through the railroad grapevine all afternoon, 1,000 people stood outside, and 122 Masons gathered within to confer the degree. When asked how to introduce him, the President answered simply, "*as the Past Grand Master of Missouri.*" When the Secret Service asked to come inside, he told them to wait at the door, assuring them he was in **the safest place on earth.**

Brother Truman once said, "*The greatest honor that has ever come to me, and that can ever come to me in my life, is to be Grand Master of Masons in Missouri.*" From the man who ended a world war and founded the United Nations, that is no small statement.

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 \$40.00 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

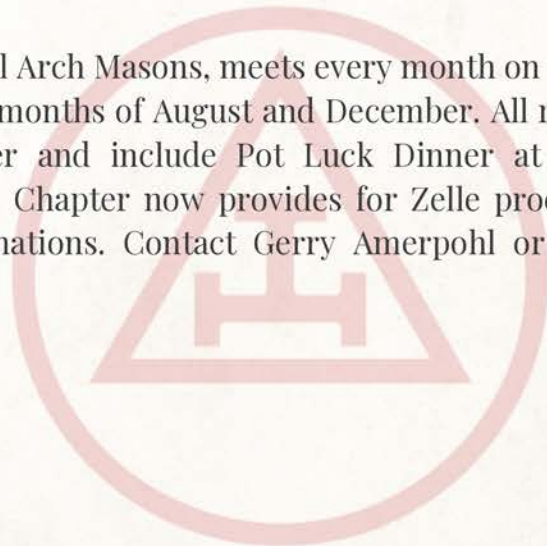


Oasis Chapter No 15 RAM will next meet on Friday 15 May 2026 with a Pot Luck Dinner scheduled for 6:30 PM and Education following at 7PM. The monthly meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 PM.

On Thursday 02 April, Oasis Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree on James Ryan Stogsdill. Below is a photo of the conferral cast with the candidate.

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.

In the photos below, proceeds from the breakfast are shown being distributed. In one of the photos, Sun City West Club President **Don Winscot** is shown **presenting a check** to the members of **Bethel No 19, IOJD**. The Job's Daughters provided important support for the breakfast in March. Another photo shows the **check presentation to Sun City Lodge No 72**. In the photo, from Left, is **Don Winscot**, **Dustin Barron**, acting Worshipful Master for the Stated Meeting, and **Dave Miller**, who serves as the Masonic Rep for the Sun City West High 12 Club. Finally, a photo is included of the presentation of a check to the Sun City Masonic Building Trustees. In the photo, Building Trustees Chairman **Bob Meizinger** is shown receiving a check from **Don Winscot** with **Dave Miller** also involved with the presentation.



Sun City West High 12 Club Update



On Friday 10 April, the Sun City West High Club met at the Royal Café Restaurant. The monthly meeting included lunch and a presentation on Financial Matters by William Crowe and Jeremiah Miller from Morgan Stanley in Peoria. In the photo below, Sun City West High 12 Club President Don Wincot presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the speakers from Morgan Stanley.

On Friday 08 May, the Sun City West High 12 Club will be enjoying lunch at Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Ave in Peoria beginning at 12 Noon. This is the first of several Summer Lunches the Club enjoys at various West Valley eateries.



Sun City West High 12 Club

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



Stewart Council No. 16 – April Meeting & Announcements

Stewart Council will next meet on **Monday, 25 May 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 Companions celebrated their **Annual Table Council** on **Monday 23 March**. Below is a photo of (from the left) the Stewart Council Illustrious Master, **Matt Childress**; the MI Grand Master of Arizona Council of Cryptic Masons, **M Eric Hannah**; and Past MI Grand Master of Iowa Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, **George McCormick**. These 3 Illustrious Masons sat at the Head Table of the Stewart Council Annual Event.



Stewart Council No. 16 – April Meeting & Announcements

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, 09 May**. 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 included the election of Sir Knight Richard G Young as the next Eminent Commander of St Andrew Commandery No 17. Sir Knight Young was installed prior to the close of the conclave along with his Dais Officers. Congratulations to the new Eminent Commander and many thanks to Sir Knight Richard Baskin for his leadership of the Commandery for the past 12 months.

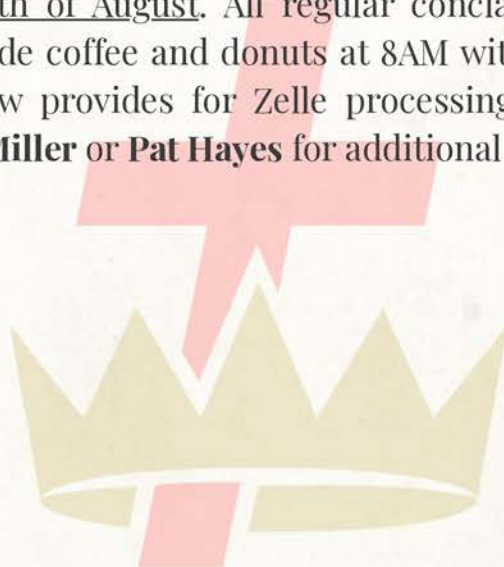
St Andrew Commandery (black) polo shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$40.00 each. Contact **Dave Miller** with your order information, which should include-

+ 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.*

Sun City Lodge No. 72

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Questions or submissions?

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Designed by Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield

