

THE TRESTLEBOARD

APRIL 2024



Congratulations to Bro. Jerry Amerpohl, who was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Thursday, March 7, 2024. WB Gene Miller was the acting Master for the night.

Congratulations to Bro. Shane Miller, who was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Bro. Bryan Young was the acting Master for the night



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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." - anonymous



From the East



Fraternal Greetings, Brethren –

Before looking ahead to the month of April and beyond, I want to briefly share with you several highlights from the month of March. I begin with congratulations to Brothers Gerald Amerpohl who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 7 and David Mock who was passed to Fellowcraft on March 28. In addition on March 14, Mr. Mike Condon was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry. Two days before that, it was my pleasure to be accompanied on an Official Visit to Acacia Lodge by Senior Warden Bryan Young, Worshipful Brothers John Huth, Rick Jensen, Gary Loeb, George Walton and Dick Young, and Brothers Gerald Amerpohl, Shane Miller, Tom Dawson and Bob Gilmore. For the second year, Sun City Lodge #72 also manned the center field concession stand on the Saturdays and Sundays of Spring Training at Surprise Stadium as a fund-raising activity. I want to specifically thank the following Brothers and the other volunteers who are connected or related to them, as noted parenthetically, for their hard work on behalf of charity which, as we all know, is one of Masonry's core values.

Dustin Barron	Jim Contreras	Adrian Moctezuma (Ryan's friend)
Trevor Bishop (for Job's Daughters)	Tom Dawson	Doug Peck
Cheyenne Bovee (Ryan's daughter)	Daylyn Eagleshield	Fred Robinson (Prospective member)
Travis Bovee (Ryan's son-in-law)	Gary Loeb	Ken Snodgrass
April Clark (Ryan's wife)	Sandi Lloyd (Ted's wife)	Brian Turner
Kaylee Clark (Ryan's daughter)	Rocco Macri (Ryan's friend)	Bryan Young
Ryan Clark	David Miller	Mone' Young

With the Spring Training at Surprise Stadium Project now in the rearview mirror, our attention turns to the 'First Annual Sun City Lodge #72 Gimmick Rallye / Poker Run' which will be held at the Lodge on Saturday, April 27. This event has been specifically designed with two objectives in mind. First, revenue-over-expenses will again support our Lodge's commitment to charitable giving, in this case supporting two very worthy destinations. One is U S Vets, well-known for its provision of transitional housing to returning veterans of our armed services who are in need of such accommodation. The second will constitute a donation for the purchase of protective gear for the four-legged K-9 Officers that are so important in police departments, facing increasingly difficult and troubling situations.



From the East



Continued...

In addition to again providing a means for charitable giving, the Gimmick Rallye / Poker Run provides an opportunity for you, my Brothers, to include your family, friends and neighbors in an event showcasing the 'fun and recreational' side of Masonry. Because the event is open to any two-person team (i.e. a Driver and a Navigator) in a legally registered and licensed four-wheeled vehicle, it also provides us a unique opportunity to present our beloved fraternity positively to the communities in which most of us live and work.

Not surprisingly, holding the event itself will require a lot of coordination and willing participation from all of us in one way or another. A number of Brothers have been, or soon will be, charged as Task Leaders of small work groups that will be handling details of the overall operation and some of you may be contacted with a request for your assistance. In broad perspective, here are the 'task areas' that will be requiring help. If you have a particular interest in any one or two of them, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

- . **Plan and Provide the 'Before' and 'After' Food and Refreshments**
- . **Plan and Provide the 'Burgers and Dogs Eats' Portion of the Day**
- . **Design, Create and Distribute Flyers Announcing the Event**
- . **Contact, Gain Agreement and Coordinate Donation for the K-9 Officers**
- . **Arrange for Health, Safety and Security Coverage**
- . **Secure, Train, Support and Relieve Personnel for the Checkpoints**
- . **Arrange for Publicity and Public Relations**
- . **Coordinate With Each HOA in the Interest of Community Relations**
- . **Design, Coordinate and Oversee Non-driving Entertainment Activities**
- . **Arrange for Audio Visual Support Both Inside and Outside the Lodge**
- . **Register Participants, Collect Fees, Donations and 50/50 Purchases**
- . **Evaluate Score Sheets and Determine Order of Finishers**
- . **Design and Setup the Overall Physical Infrastructure for the Event**
- . **Arrange for Cleanup of the Lodge and Parking Lot**
- . **Create and Distribute All Necessary Forms and 'General Paperwork'**
- . **Determine and Secure Trophies / Awards**
- . **Marshal Cars on Arrival / Stage and Release Cars to Courses**
- . **Staff the 'Point of Central Contact' for Response to Various "Call-ins"**
- . **Plan, Coordinate and Execute 'Master of Ceremonies' Duties**

It is our hope that each of you will participate in the event if you are at all able to do so, whether it be by helping with setting up or running the event in some capacity, participating as a member of one of the teams running the course itself or, in many cases, both. Whatever your choice might be, be sure to read the event flyer which may be found elsewhere in this edition of the *Trestleboard* and mark your calendars for April 27 when a fun time will be had by all.

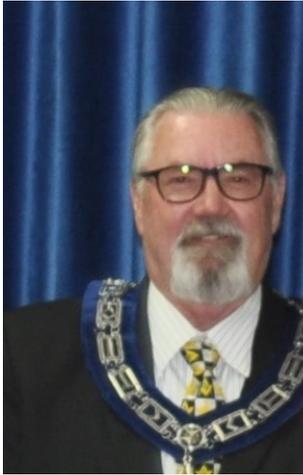
Until next time, I remain ...

Fraternally and With Best Wishes for Your Health and Happiness,

Douglas C. Peck

Worshipful Master

From the West



Greetings from the West,

What a very busy March for the Lodge and myself. I think I will start with one of the most complex events for our Lodge over the past two months. Brother Ryan pulled off a very complicated task by running the Ball Park concessions for the Lodge. He was masterful at his task. He spent every game working along side his wife and daughter. Ryan made sure we were staffed, that Aramark was happy with our service, and we made a good profit for our charity. Well done Brother Ryan and thank you so much for putting in so many hours and blood sweat and tears. I also want to thank all of you who were able to assist with this year's concessions. Amazing job by all.

We said goodbye to WB Charles "Charlie" Cheetham. I first met Charlie at the Lodge and he was always warm and smiling. I am sure we will all miss him dearly. I just want to say, to his family, I am very sorry for your loss. Charlie was an amazing man and Mason. He will be truly missed. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Over the past two months we have made two official visits. One to Scottsdale and one to Acacia Lodge. Both had degrees for us to attend. Scottsdale was a Fellowcraft and Acacia was a Master Mason. Both were very well performed and I took away a few ideas that I really enjoyed. I know the Fellowcraft lecture, which I am working on my proficiency for, was done impeccably. I will try and add some of the nuances to my delivery. We had 10 Brothers at the degree at Acacia. Great turn out. Thank you all for showing up to support Acacia and our Lodge.

Respectfully submitted

Greetings from the West

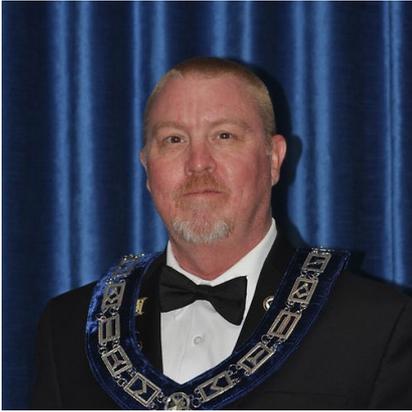
Fraternally,

Bryan Young

Senior Warden

Sun City Lodge #72

From the South



Greeting from the South,

Wow it's already April and the first part of this year is flying by! April is going to be another busy month with degrees and the Gimmick Rallye on April 27th. Make sure to get with Bro Ted Lloyd for more information on that.

Congratulations to Bro Dave Mock on being passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Please continue to RSVP for the dinners so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. You can RSVP by text or phone call at 623-340-5794 or emailing suncity72rsvp@gmail.com.

Also please let me know if there are any food allergies and I will do my best to let the groups know who prepare our delicious meals so they can make accommodations if possible.

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

I leave you with a little Masonic Humor.

Q: How many Masons does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: CHANGE??! You want to CHANGE something?

Fraternally,

Bro Shane Larson

Junior Warden

Sun City Lodge #72

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S
DESK
FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION**

Secretary's Report as of April 1, 2024:

Sun City Lodge has 195 members.

Presently the Lodge has two Fellowcrafts, three Entered Apprentices, and one candidate for the degrees. **That totals 6 new members in the "works"!** This equals a potential membership of 201. 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 67.62 years old. The Fellowcrafts average 62.77 years old, the Entered Apprentices average 48.24 years old, and the one candidate for the degrees is 65.16 years old.

The upcoming meetings are:

- Thursday, April 4, 2024 –First Degree at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, April 1, 2024 –Stated Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)

DUES— — — — DUES— — — — DUES

The dues bills reminders were sent out January 20, 2024. As of March 22, 2024, 18 (11.2%) of our 161 dues-paying members haven't paid their dues!

NOTE: If you no longer wish to pay your dues, nor remain a member of the Lodge, please call me. We would rather give you a Demit from Membership than suspend you. With a Demit, you may later join another Lodge. Being suspended from membership precludes you from joining another Lodge. If you can no longer afford to pay dues, due to permanent disability or financial situation, let me know and we can take other actions to keep you a member.

Please remit your dues (\$112 for 2024) by check made out to **Sun City Lodge #72** or pay by Zelle® to SunCity72Sec@gmail.com.

Stay healthy, Brethren!



Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

SunCity72Sec@gmail.com

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date	Years of Membership
Robert W. Wright	4/9/1960	64
Roger D. Flowers	4/27/1973	51
William L. Strickland	4/25/1974	50
Harold G. Knowlton II	4/28/1975	49
Craig G. Montgomery	4/21/1984	40
Kevin D. Baver	4/17/1985	39
Larry L. Coppi	4/29/1986	38
Richard J. Hoffer	4/2/1991	33
John C. Van Epps	4/18/1998	26
Sean J. Shelton	4/13/2002	22
John J. Laskowski	4/27/2004	20
Gary G. Johnson	4/28/2005	19
Shawn M. Barker	4/15/2008	16
Joe V. Gonzalez Jr.	4/22/2008	16
Ricky L. Rencher	4/30/2009	15
David H. Rehkopf	4/2/2013	11
Bruce A. Kather	4/23/2015	9
Alejandro C. Felix	4/30/2015	9
Royce D. Kidd	4/28/2016	8
Zachary A. Scott	4/26/2023	1



Brother	Birthday
Allen F. Wilcox	Apr 2
Dennis S. Larson	Apr 3
Steven M. Clifton	Apr 4
Daniel M. Agostinelli	Apr 7
Roger W. Hall	Apr 10
Eric J. Meyers	Apr 11
Mark A. Nelson	Apr 13
Daylyn X. Eagleshield	Apr 14
John W. Huth	Apr 14
Larry A. Gorelick	Apr 19
David C. Hermundson	Apr 27
John C. Hohlfeld Jr	Apr 27
Frank P. Visceglie	Apr 27
Gerard T. Lyle Jr	Apr 28
Earl K. Paasch	Apr 28
Douglas S. Robertson	Apr 28
Gary W. Williams	Apr 29

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS
TO ALL!**





ALMONER NOTIFICATION

NECROLOGY

Bro. Gerald Thomas Larson died February 16, 2024
Bro. Willotte Dale Medow died March 2, 2024
WB Charles James Cheetham died March 10, 2024

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

From all at Sun City Lodge #72

If you hear of a Brother in Distress, please contact the Almoner.



"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." - anonymous

SUN CITY LODGE #72

MASONIC EDUCATION, HISTORY, INFORMATION

Masonic Education

Douglas C. Peck, Worshipful Master

“Vatican confirms ban on Catholics becoming Freemasons”

By Reuters

VATICAN CITY, Nov 15 (Reuters) - The Vatican has confirmed a ban on Catholics becoming Freemasons, a centuries-old secretive society that the Catholic Church has long viewed with hostility and has an estimated global membership of up to six million.

"Active membership in Freemasonry by a member of the faithful is prohibited, because of the irreconcilability between Catholic doctrine and Freemasonry," the Vatican's doctrinal office said in a letter published by Vatican media on Wednesday.

The department, known as the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, issued its opinion, dated Nov. 13 and countersigned by Pope Francis, in response to a bishop from the Philippines alarmed by the growing number of Freemasons in his country.

The same office said last week that [transgender people](#) can be baptized, serve as godparents and act as witnesses at Catholic weddings.

The letter on Freemasons cited a 1983 declaration, signed by the late Pope Benedict XVI, at the time the Vatican's doctrine chief, stating that Catholics "in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion".

Masonic lodges are normally male-only societies, associated with arcane symbols and rituals. They have also sometimes been linked to conspiracy theories alleging undue influence on world affairs.

According to the United Grand Lodge of England, modern Freemasonry "is one of the oldest social and charitable organisations in the world", rooted in the traditions of medieval stonemasons.

The group says it has 180,000 male members, with two parallel female lodges in England having another 5,000 members, and estimates global Freemasonry membership at around six million.

It lists the late Queen Elizabeth's husband Prince Philip, former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, late actor Peter Sellers, former England soccer manager Alf Ramsey and authors Rudyard Kipling and Arthur Conan Doyle as famous Freemasons from the past.

Citation: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/vatican-confirms-ban-catholics-becoming-freemasons-2023-11-15/>

Accession on March 28, 2024.

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.

April 2024

SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 - ALMONER NEWS

Brethren,

I am sorry to report that my medical condition has set me back for the time being, to that end, I will be handing over my day to day duties of Almoner, to WB Dave Miller until further notice.

This last month or so has been a sad time for the Lodge, with the passing of three brothers. Stay healthy Brethren.

Should you hear of any sickness of a brother, widow, do please let the Almoner or the Office know A.S.A.P

**Almoner contact details and information can be found
in the Members Area of the lodge website.**



**Sun City Lodge Almoner contact information:
W.Bro Barry White,
Contact information in Members Area**





1st Annual Charity Gimmick Rallye and Poker Run

Presented by Sun City Lodge №72 Location:
18810 N 107th Ave, Sun City



Saturday
April 27, 2024



Open to Everyone!!

This is a FUN Rallye, not a race! Each driver/navigator will be given a set of directions to follow around the Lodge neighborhood, stopping at required checkpoints to get a playing card.

(No two cars will have the same directions.)

The Rallye drive is about 10 miles – about one hour.

Prizes will be awarded for the best scores and Pokehands.

Proceeds will be donated to USA Vets Phoenix (a 501(c)(3) charity).

*Cost: \$30 per 2-person car (driver & navigator)
\$40 for entire car with “backseat drivers”
(includes hotdogs & hamburgers after event)*

4/27/2024 Rallye Schedule:

11:00 a.m. – Registration opens

12:30 p.m. – 30-minute Q&A Session in Dining

Room **1:00 p.m.** – Rallye Start – Cars depart at

15 to 30 second intervals, heading North or

South on N 107th Ave. **After your drive** – Dogs &

burgers in the Dining Room

Show your Rallye Drive interest by e-mailing to

SunCity72RB@gmail.com.

With your e-mail address, we will send more details of the event.

Sun City Lodge #72

Royal Arch Degree Conferral

On February 18, 2024, the members of Oasis Chapter No. 15, of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona, conferred upon four Most Excellent Masters, Robert Carhartt, Vincent Esposito, Dustin Barron, and Ryan Clark the exalted and sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason. The degree work was conducted at the Sun City Masonic Center. We were joined by several current officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona, including Grand King John Huth, Grand Treasurer David Miller, Grand Lecturer Corey Chavez, and Grand Principle Sojourner Keith Cooper. We would like to thank Nick Lindquist of Damascus Chapter No. 21, who performed the role of Principal Sojourner in the most superb manner.

Well done Companions!

Companion *Joe V. Gonzalez*





Congratulations to Bro. David Mock, who was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft last night, 28 March 2024, in

Sun City Lodge #72.

Wonderful job, as always, by the Officers and members who participated in the ceremonies.

SUN CITY WEST HIGH TWELVE CLUB

The Sun City West High 12 Club's monthly meeting on Friday 08 March at the Royal Café featured a presentation by Randall Sturdevant, a local representative with Edward Jones Investments and a member of Sun City Lodge No 72. In the photo below, Sun City West High 12 Club President Don Winscott (on right in the photo) is presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Randall Sturdevant.

The Sun City West High 12 Club February event was the Annual Pancake Breakfast, coordinated with Sun City Lodge No 72. The breakfast took place on Saturday 10 February at the Sun City Masonic Center. The breakfast event was very successful and donations will be made to the local Boy Scout Troop, the Valley of the Sun DeMolay Chapter, the Job's Bethel which meets at the Sun City Masonic Center, and the Rainbow Girls Assembly which meets in Glendale. A generous donation was also made to Sun City Masonic Lodge.

On Friday, 12 April, the Sun City West High 12 Club will meet for breakfast and a local Pastor will present a message relating to the Easter Celebration. Beginning in May, the Club will be having monthly lunch gatherings at 12 Noon at local restaurants.

The Sun City West High 12 Club normally meets on the second Friday of the month at 8AM at the Royal Café Restaurant, 10793 Grand Avenue (US Route 60) in Sun City. All local Master Masons are welcome to attend, enjoy breakfast, the program for the meeting, and fine fellowship.

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.

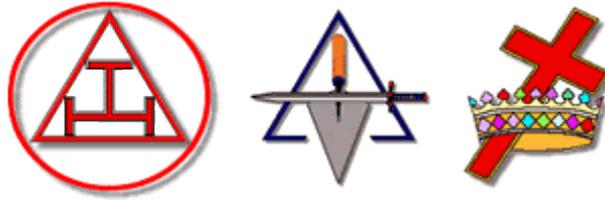


**Sun City York Rite,
St. Andrew Commandery # 17**

The April 2024 Conclave of St Andrew Commandery will be held at the Sun City Masonic Center on Saturday 13 April. Coffee and light refreshments at 8AM followed by practice at 8:30 AM. The monthly conclave opens in full form at 9AM. After the conclave, time will be taken to celebrate Easter and the promise of the Captain of Our Salvation, Jesus Christ. A special recognition is planned.

Sir Knights are reminded of the Phoenix York Rite Festival activity scheduled for Saturday 06 April beginning at 8AM at 345 W Monroe in Phoenix. The Order of Red Cross, the Mediterranean Pass, and Order of Malta will be conferred in the morning. The Order of the Temple will be conferred after lunch.

St Andrew Commandery now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments 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

The next meeting of Stewart Council will take place on Monday, 22 April 2024 at the Sun City Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7PM. The monthly meeting opens in full form at 7:30 PM.

The Royal Master Degree and the Select Master Degree were conferred on Monday 25 March. Following the conferral of the degrees, Stewart Council celebrated its Annual Table Council with the Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in Arizona, Companion Russell Sayre, in attendance.

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-
+ 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 now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.

Sun City Lodge No 72, F&AM

50th Anniversary and Cornerstone Dedication

Monday, May 20, 2024

Open to Everyone!!



The Grand Master, MW George R. Rusk
will convene a public meeting of the Grand Lodge at
6:30 p.m. in front of the new Cornerstone!

*Dinner will be served in the Dining Room at 5:30 p.m. before
the Grand Lodge meeting.*

RSVP for the Dinner before May 13, 2024, to:

SunCity72RSVP@gmail.com

(note "Anniversary Dinner" in the subject line.)

Questions about the Celebration may be sent to SunCity72Sec@gmail.com.

Gary Loeb, Secretary
Sun City Lodge No 72, F&AM
PO Box 1353
Sun City, AZ 85372-1353



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, 19 April 2024. 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.

On Monday, 18 March, Oasis Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree.

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 now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments, shirt purchases, and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.

SUN CITY LODGE #72 SHIRTS



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:

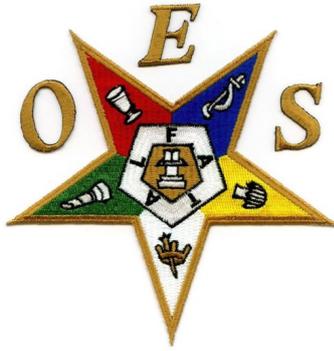
- + Shirt is a polyester blend;
- + Shirt is short sleeve with a collar;
- + Left breast pocket with Name above the pocket;
- + Square and Compasses with SUN CITY LODGE No 72 on the Right breast; and
- + Shirts are in your choice of Black, Blue, or White.

Price is \$30.00 per shirt with payment made to SUN CITY LODGE No 72.

If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please contact Dave Miller at :

dmiller154@cox.net. When ordering, include:

- + your shirt size;
- + the shirt color; and
- + Name you want place above the shirt pocket (if any).



PEORIA OES #59:

The Peoria #59 Spring Steak Fry is coming up and is just around the corner, March 17th, and will be held at the Sun City Masonic Building from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

At the March 13th stated meeting, we honored our 50 year members, and there were 10 of them in attendance. Each were given a yellow rose.

March 27th, starting at 7:30 p.m., is a Stated Meeting of Peoria #59, and we love seeing visitors. Please come and enjoy the sisterly and brotherly love.

April 2, 2024, is our Manuel's Night Out, which is our fundraiser. If anyone is going to go, please take a flyer. There are some on the table near the Lodge Room.

Peoria #59 is selling Grand Worthy Matron Pins for \$5.00, and this year's Grand Worthy Matron is our very own Sister Pat Peterson. If interested in buying a pin please contact Nancy Busch, 904-303-3549.

Peoria #59 is hosting an opportunity to win a one-of-a-kind air brush painting, "First Responder", by artist Troy Buck. Tickets are \$5.00 for 1 ticket or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. The value of this painting is \$10,000 and will be on display at the next Sun City Lodge meeting. To purchase tickets, you can Venmo: @amanda101marlene or Paypal: @amanda101marlene or Zelle: amandamarlene@gmail.com. The artist will provide a letter of authenticity, and will draw the winning ticket at our 'Homecoming' on April 20, 2024.

We wish you well and hope to see some New Faces and Familiar Faces.

With Star Love,
Rich Edwards Worthy Patron.