

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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*"FREEMASONRY DOES NOT MAKE A MAN GREATER THAN OTHERS; IT TEACHES HIM TO BE GREATER THAN HE WAS YESTERDAY." — DAYLYN EAGLESHIELD*





Fraternal Greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72 -

February will be a busy month for us here at Sun City Lodge #72. At our December Officers' meeting, **Brother Fred Robinson** accepted my challenge to investigate the feasibility of pursuing the Master Builder Award and he has reported favorably. We are in pretty good shape with the exception of needing to be doing more in the way of several things including Masonic education. With this in mind, you should soon be hearing about several such events we expect to be offering on Thursday evenings that have not been already scheduled for something else.

Our engagement with **Spring Training at Surprise Stadium** is also ramping up and I encourage all of you with a *"love for the game"* to speak with **Brother Fred Robinson** about joining our team of volunteer fund-raisers.

On the public service side, please consider lending a hand to a small group of us who will soon be assisting with preparing and serving a meal once a month for Hospice of the Valley at its Surprise location.

Lastly, plans are beginning to take shape for the **black powder rifle fund raiser** that is being spearheaded by **Brother Tom Dawson**. Please 'keep your eyes peeled' for further information as it becomes available.

Likewise, keep in mind that our annual Pancake Breakfast is right around the corner. Bring a healthy appetite and *"get you money's worth."* Tickets are available from **Brothers Dustin Barron and Ryan Clark**.



This month and next we will be involved as well with two initiatives mandated by the Grand Lodge.

The first will be a review and assessment of our operations using a rather detailed protocol. All Blue Lodges in Arizona will be doing the same thing, with the same checkpoints and for the same reason, though at times that make sense for them. In our case, **Sun City Lodge 72's elected Officers** will be meeting with **District Deputy Grand Master Wayne Thatcher** on **Thursday, February 5** for this purpose. At this writing I expect to be able to give you feedback on our findings at February's Stated Meeting.

The second will be the holding of an **Open House** for the public that, by **Edict of the Grand Master**, will be held along with every other Blue Lodge in Arizona on **Saturday, March 21, 2026**. I will be "*holding the fort*" that day as others will be involved with Spring Training. Other groups will also be meeting in the building on that day so our efforts will, in all likelihood, be coordinated from either the Jackson Room or the Library. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for 'pitching in' where and when you can. There are many ways in which Brothers can be active members of the Lodge, not all of which require being an Officer. If you are seeking ways to scale up your involvement, please let me or any of our other Officers know your thoughts and we'll be happy to explore possibilities with you, including any ideas for new programs and/or events that you would like to put forward. As I have mentioned before, I and they are here to serve.

Fraternally and With Best Wishes,

**Douglas C. Peck**  
Master



Greetings from the West, Brothers!

2026 is already off and running, and I hope it is showing you the kind of kindness and success you are striving for!

As we are getting into the beginnings of the spring season, there is a lot happening that we have been planning for a bit. The Spring Stadium event is fast approaching, and by the time you read this, I believe we will have had our first weekend down. If you have enjoyed baseball in your life, the experience of being a part of the game is like nothing else! Come down, pass out some drinks and popcorn, and get together with your brethren at the lodge to do some good for the order of the craft!

I will be announcing this at the next stated meeting, but February 27th, I am looking for a couple men that are able to come down and help put together snack bags for **HELPNOW AZ**. This event is from **12-3:30** at **Ceasar's Casino**, located at **15406 N Maricopa Rd Maricopa, Az 85139**.

We also have our **Annual Pancake breakfast** coming up on the **14th of March**. Dave Miller is in need of some brothers to help with the event- from set up, to cooking and serving, to clean up. Even 30 minutes would help keep the ball rolling- and if you would like to attend, see me or Brother Ryan Clark for tickets. \$10 per person, \$5 for children under 5.

If you have any questions regarding how to get more involved, my phone is always open. I am looking forward to making this a great year with all of my brothers!

Fraternally,

**Dustin Barron**  
Sr. Warden



My brothers, greetings from the South.

My brothers the second month of the calendar year is upon us already. In most of the country it is one of the coldest months. Even if it is not here in sunny southern Arizona let us remember the beauty of the Sun at full height as it would be to those in colder climates.

February is also a month often associated with the heart—a fitting symbol of compassion, charity, and sincerity. In all our interactions within and beyond the Lodge, may we strive to exemplify these virtues. Each act of kindness and understanding reinforces the bonds that unite us as Masons.

As we look toward the coming months, I encourage every Brother to remain active in the Lodge. We have plenty of opportunities to serve including the Surprise Stadium Event as well as our street sponsorship. Attend, participate, share your insights, and extend a hand of welcome to those who visit or have been absent. The strength of our Fraternity lies not only in our ritual, but in the genuine fellowship that follows it.

I look forward to seeing all of you in lodge and please continue to RSVP for meals as you have done. It helps me tremendously.

Fraternally,

**Brother Ryan Clark**  
Junior Warden  
Sun City Lodge #72

FROM  
THE  
SOUTH



Secretary's Report as of February 1, 2026:

Sun City Lodge has 179 members.

As of February 1, 2025, the Lodge has two Fellowcrafts and three Entered Apprentices. **That means we have 5 new members in the "works"!** This equals a potential membership of 184. 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 67.4 years old, with a median (middle) age of 71.5 years old. Our "median" member is WB Douglas Kydd. He's the member with half of the Lodge Brothers older than him and half of the Lodge Brothers younger than him.

- Our oldest member is 100 years old, Bro. Leslie Ellis!
- Our youngest member is 27.3 years old, Bro. James Stogsdill.
- Our youngest candidate, FC Bro. Kenyatti Green, is only 21.8 years old!

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. 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, AZ85372-1353.

- So far, 112 members or 76.7% of our 146 dues-paying members have paid their dues for 2026.

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**

It is with solemn reflection that we record the passing of a beloved Brother whose life and years of membership are remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

**Worshipful Brother Robert A. Muehlberg**, age 88, having completed 67 years as a Mason, has laid down his working tools. Throughout his long journey within the Craft, he exemplified dedication, perseverance, and fidelity to the principles of Freemasonry. His many decades of service stand as a testament to his commitment to the Lodge and to his Brothers.

While no single article can fully capture the course of a man’s life, it is important that his name and service be formally acknowledged and preserved in the record of the Lodge.

**Worshipful Brother Muehlberg’s** years among us represent countless moments of fellowship, labor, and quiet leadership that helped shape our Masonic community.

Necrology serves as a reminder that Freemasonry is not measured solely by meetings attended or offices held, but by the bonds formed over time and the example left behind. His absence is felt, and his memory remains woven into the fabric of this Lodge.

As we reflect on his passing, we extend our sincere condolences to his family, loved ones, and all who mourn his loss. May we honor his memory by continuing the work of the Lodge with the same integrity, devotion, and brotherly love that he demonstrated throughout his life.

*We remember them. We honor them. We carry forward.*

# 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.

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Brian K. Turner</b>	<b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Michael K. Condon</b>	<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Alejandro C. Felix</b>	<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Luis Rodriguez</b>	<b>February 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Robert R. Truax Jr.</b>	<b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jeff Williams</b>	<b>February 11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Richard G. Young</b>	<b>February 11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Douglas C. Peck</b>	<b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Randall C. Smith Jr</b>	<b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>John S. McIntosh</b>	<b>February 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Zachary A. Scott</b>	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>John C. Chilton</b>	<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Pat Hayes</b>	<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Gerald D. Rosenbaum</b>	<b>February 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Harold G. Knowlton II</b>	<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Matthew C. Lawrence</b>	<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Robert O. Lucas</b>	<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Bruce A. Kather</b>	<b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>James A. Heger</b>	<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>

# FEBRUARY

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Frank F. Adelman</b>	<b>February 6, 1963</b>	<b>63 Years</b>
<b>Leland A. Schlabach</b>	<b>February 25, 1965</b>	<b>61 Years</b>
<b>William E. Siburg Jr</b>	<b>February 11, 1966</b>	<b>60 Years</b>
<b>Gary R. Fullington</b>	<b>February 24, 1978</b>	<b>48 Years</b>
<b>Philip G. Buchholz</b>	<b>February 3, 1979</b>	<b>47 Years</b>
<b>Eugene L. Winkels</b>	<b>February 21, 1981</b>	<b>45 Years</b>
<b>Richard G. Young</b>	<b>February 11, 1993</b>	<b>33 Years</b>
<b>Robert O. Lucas</b>	<b>February 26, 1994</b>	<b>32 Years</b>
<b>William P. Clark</b>	<b>February 23, 1998</b>	<b>28 Years</b>
<b>Robert M. Stark</b>	<b>February 27, 2001</b>	<b>25 Years</b>
<b>Rodney R. Martinson</b>	<b>February 26, 2004</b>	<b>22 Years</b>
<b>Vincent T. Jones</b>	<b>February 8, 2008</b>	<b>18 Years</b>
<b>Richard J. Nolen</b>	<b>February 20, 2020</b>	<b>6 Years</b>
<b>Ulises R. Gonzales</b>	<b>February 3, 2022</b>	<b>4 Years</b>
<b>Jerome J. Sinclair</b>	<b>February 17, 2022</b>	<b>4 Years</b>
<b>Patrick A. Goodwin</b>	<b>February 24, 2022</b>	<b>4 Years</b>
<b>Ted A. Lloyd</b>	<b>February 23, 2023</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>Daylyn X. Eagleshield</b>	<b>February 1, 2024</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>Shane T. Miller</b>	<b>February 29, 2024</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>Devon A. Bradley</b>	<b>February 6, 2025</b>	<b>1 Years</b>

# A Moment from Masonic History



One of the most influential developments in Freemasonry occurred in **1717**, when several Lodges in London chose to unite under a single governing body. On **June 24** of that year, representatives from four Lodges met at the **Goose and Gridiron Alehouse** and formed what became known as the **first Grand Lodge of England**. This meeting marked the beginning of organized **Grand Lodge** governance.

Before this time, Lodges largely operated on their own. Customs, records, and practices could vary widely from place to place. While the principles of the Craft were well established, there was little formal structure to connect Lodges beyond their local communities. The creation of a Grand Lodge provided stability, consistency, and a shared framework for growth.

This new system allowed Freemasonry to expand in an orderly way. Lodges were chartered, officers were installed under common standards, and records were preserved with greater care. In **1723**, the publication of **The Constitutions of the Free-Masons** further strengthened this foundation by outlining rules and traditions that continue to influence Masonic practice today.

Modern Freemasonry still reflects these early efforts. Our procedures, governance, and sense of continuity trace directly back to those first steps toward organization. Each meeting we attend and each duty we perform follows a structure that has been refined over centuries.

Understanding this moment in history reminds us that **Freemasonry** endures not by accident, but through thoughtful cooperation, shared responsibility, and respect for those who came before us.

**Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield**

Editor, Sun City West Lodge No. 72 Trestleboard

**Annual Sun City West High Twelve Club &  
Sun City Masonic Lodge #72 F&AM**

**MAR. 14, 2026 .... Breakfast Served: 7:00 to 10:00 AM**



Buttermilk Pancakes / French "Texas" Toast / Scrambled Eggs / Sausage Patties  
Butter / Syrup & Sugar Free Syrup / Coffee / Orange Juice

**\$10.00 Per Person / \$5.00 for Children under the age of 6**

**Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$100.00 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$50.00 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$25.00**

**Tickets: \$1.00 per Ticket; 6 Tickets for \$5.00.**

**(Drawing at 10:00AM. Winner need not be present)**

**Sun City Masonic Center: 18810 N. 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. (North of Union Hills on 107<sup>th</sup>)**

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Funds raised to Benefit Local Charities

Co-Sponsored by Sun City West High Twelve & Sun City Lodge #72 F&AM

Information & Tickets: Contact: Gary Fullington 623-972-2217 or In-Person Lodge Building Mon/Wed/Fri: 9-12:00

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## WORK AT THE CONCESSION STAND MLB SPRING TRAINING SURPRISE STADIUM

### WHEN

- Weekends  
February  
and March

### WHO

- Anyone 16  
or over welcome

### WHY VOLUNTEER

- Raise money  
for Your lodge
- Community  
involvement



**SUN CITY LODGE #72**

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**SUN CITY  
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#72**

**18810 N 107th Ave, Sun City, AZ 85373**

# 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](mailto: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

## February Updates

Oasis Chapter No 15 RAM will next meet on **Friday 20 February 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**.

Companions are reminded of the **Phoenix York Rite Festival** scheduled for **Saturday 28 February 2026** at the **Phoenix Masonic Center, 345 W Monroe in Phoenix**. Capitular degree work is scheduled for the morning with lunch following.

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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## February Update

The next **Sun City West High 12 Club Meeting** will be on **Friday 10 April** at the **Royal Café, 10793 W Grand Ave (US Route 60)** in Sun City beginning at **12 Noon**. In addition to lunch, the Club meeting will feature a presentation from **Randall Sturdevant** of **Edward Jones Investments**. He will be discussing the investment outlook for 2026.

For Valentine's Day, the Club has joined with the members of **Saguaro Council AMD** in hosting a **Valentine's Day Luncheon** at the **Sun City Country Club** on **Saturday 14 February**. There is no formal Club meeting scheduled for February.

In March, the Club will be working with members of **Sun City Masonic Lodge** in a **fund-raising Pancake Breakfast** scheduled for **Saturday 14 March** from **7AM to 10 AM** at the **Sun City Masonic Center**. This is an annual fund-raising event with the proceeds used for **local youth groups** and **charities**. Tickets for the **Pancake Breakfast** are available from **Gary Fullington** in the **Sun City Masonic Center Office** on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** mornings.



# Sun City West High 12 Club February Update

For the January lunch gathering, the Club had a presentation from **Jesse Ramirez** of the **Valley View Food Bank**. In addition to discussing the Food Bank operations and Thrift Shops, he spoke about the need for food assistance in the Sun Cities area. Below is a photo of **Jesse Ramirez** and Sun City West High 12 Club President **Don Winscot** (*on the right in the photo*). The Sun City West High 12 Club presented an annual financial donation to the **Valley View Food Bank** to assist with food provisions.



# Sun City West High 12 Club

## February Update

At the **January meeting**, the Club's **2026 Officers** were installed. Below is a photo of the officers installed. The 2026 Officers are:

President- Don Winscot  
Vice President- Dave Miller  
Secretary - Bob Carhart  
Treasurer- Earl Paasch

Director- Glynn Ley  
Director- Kevin Hokerk Robinson  
Director- Gary Fullington  
Chaplain- Richard Young



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](mailto:dmiller154@cox.net)) or **Gary Fullington** (480.319.4101, [garyfullington@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfullington@yahoo.com)).

# Stewart Council No. 16 – February Meeting & Announcements

**Stewart Council** will next meet on **Monday, 23 February 2026**, with **Pot Luck Dinner** scheduled for **6:30 PM** and Education following at **7PM**. The monthly meeting is scheduled to open at **7:30 PM**.

Companions are reminded of the **Phoenix York Rite Festival** scheduled for **Saturday 28 February 2026** at the Phoenix Masonic Center, 345 W Monroe in Phoenix. Cryptic degree work is scheduled for the afternoon after lunch.

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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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, 14 February**. Conclave opens at **9 AM** at the **Sun City Masonic Center**. Coffee and donuts at **8AM** with practice scheduled for **8:30 AM**.

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Questions or submissions?

Please contact our Secretary, W. Bro. Gary Loeb, PM:

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*Designed by Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield*

