

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

FEBRUARY 2024



Photo:

Bro. Shane Miller and Bro. Jerry Amerpohl were Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on Thursday, January 25, 2024. (L-R: Front Row – WB Gary Loeb, Bro. Dustin Barron, Bro. Shane Larson, Bro. Shane Miller, WB Doug Peck, Bro. Jerry Amerpohl, Bro. Bryan Young, Bro. John Carnelia, WB Don McElroy. Back Row – Bro. Chop Senenfelder, Bro. Tom Dawson, Bro. Bear Ganyon, Bro. Ron Hudson, Bro. Arizona Milke, Bro. Ryan Clark)



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Initiation of Bro. David Mock as an Entered Apprentice on **January 4, 2024**. (L-R – WB Gary Loeb, Bro. Dustin Barron, Bro. Ryan Clark, Bro. Derrick Thompson, Bro. Arizona Milke, WM WB Doug Peck, Bro. Ron Hudson, Bro. David Mock, Bro. Tom Dawson, WB Dick Young, WB John Huth, Bro. Bear Ganyon, Bro. Bob Cole)



Raising of Bro. Bob Gilmore as a Master Mason on **January 18, 2024**. (L-R – WB Gary Loeb, WB Dick Young, Bro. Derreck Thompson, WB John Huth, WB Doug Peck, Bro. Tom Dawson, Bro. Bear Ganyon, Bro. Bob Gilmore, Bro. Arizona Milke, Acting-Master Bro. Bryan Young, Bro. Jim Denzien, Bro. Ryan Clark, Bro. Shane Larson, Bro. John Carnelia, WB Rich Jensen, Bro. Dustin Barron)

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# From the East



## Fraternal Greetings, Brethren –

The month of January was once again a busy one for us at Sun City Lodge #72 and February looks as though it will be following suit. Looking back at the month just completed, we welcomed Brother David Mock as our newest Entered Apprentice, passed Brothers Gerald Amerpohl and Shane Miller to Fellowcraft and raised Brother Bob Gilmore to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our new Deputy District Grand Master (DDGM), Worshipful Brother Antonio Lugo, visited our Stated Meeting and shared heartwarming sentiments about Masonry in general and his new appointment as DDGM for District 16 in particular.

We begin the current month by raising Brother Daylyn Eagleshield to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 1 with DDGM Antonio Lugo again joining us to observe Senior Warden Bryan Young's conferral of the degree for purposes of documenting Brother Bryan's proficiency.

On Saturday, February 10, I will join a number of other Brothers to assist with the Annual Pancake Breakfast which will be held in conjunction with the High 12 Club. Doors open at 7:00 AM and close at 10:00 AM. so please join us then for a delicious and hearty start to your day. You will have already received an Announcement on this same topic from Worshipful Brother and Secretary, Gary Loeb.

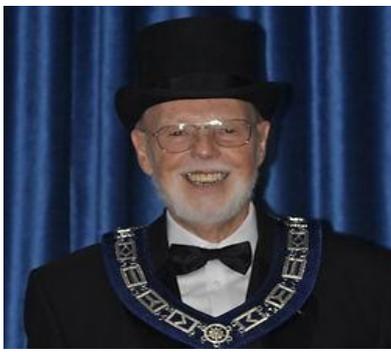
Speaking of food, I urge all of you to get your tickets (available for \$75.00 by check or through Zelle) for our third Festive Board dinner which will be held at the Lodge on Saturday, April 6. This formal event is open to Masons at each of the three degree levels and offers an opportunity for us not only to enjoy the company of our brethren at Sun City Lodge #72 but also to meet and join in friendship with Brothers from other Lodges across the state, including the Grand Master and Officers from his Grand Line. For those who might not know, our version of a 'Festive Board' is modeled on a Masonic tradition harking back centuries in England when Brothers met for a celebratory evening of dining and revelry. Our event on April 6 gives us a uniquely vicarious opportunity to join our ancient brethren across the span of ages, no doubt less boisterously, to rejoice in camaraderie and gratitude for our own well-being in the twenty-first century. As has been previously the case, proceeds from the event that exceed its cost will support a charitable contribution to U.S. Vets.

On the fund-raising front, let me remind you that Brother Ryan Clark has been hard at work in arranging our engagement with Aramark Corporation whereby the Lodge will again be running the center field concession stand during the upcoming Spring Training season at Surprise Stadium. This is an unusually lucrative opportunity for the Lodge to generate funds for its various charitable contributions. **Because charity is such a central focus of our Masonic identity, each of us who is able to participate in this work should strive to do so if within the length of his cable tow.** Friends and families who would like to join us in our efforts *gratis* are also more than welcome if they have a food handler's license and are at least sixteen, but preferably eighteen, years of age. Brother Ryan may be reached at [rsamclark@gmail.com](mailto:rsamclark@gmail.com) regarding particulars.

You will want to mark your calendars for May 20 when we will celebrate a re-dedication of Sun City Lodge #72 on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Details will be mentioned in our Stated Meetings but you can anticipate a visit by the Grand Master and a meal that will be provided afterwards. Also, keep your ears open for upcoming communications for the Gimmick Rally that has been mentioned in previous issues of the *Trestleboard*.

This year we are again offering unrestricted post-secondary education/training grants to members in good standing of Masonic youth organizations in the Arizona jurisdiction. Included under the News tab of the Lodge's web site (about which additional information constitutes my concluding paragraph below) you will find full details of the Sun City Lodge #72 Masonic Youth Post-secondary Education/Training Grant Program. Should you be aware of potentially qualified young people whose career aspirations might be facilitated in keeping with the program's description as found there, be sure to let them know of the opportunity.

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## From the East



Fraternal Greetings, Brethren –Finally, I want to let you know that our recently re-designed web site has a feature – the **News** tab - by which you can electronically access general Lodge-related information that will hopefully be of interest to you. For my purposes as Master, I want to specifically note that you will find there several documents that in one way or another speak to Lodge operations including: the current Master's **Vision** for the Lodge during his term of office; how his **Line of Progression** has been populated; how Brothers interested in joining the Line of Progression pursue that goal, the kinds of things that they should consider in reaching their decision to seek a place in the 'Line' one way or another; things that a Master-elect is likely to consider before offering appointments; and, what constitutes the Committee structure during a Master's year in office, what each Committee is charged with doing and what a potential Committee Chairman should consider before accepting that responsibility; and, the framework within which each Committee Chairman is to work. (NOTE: In time, given that 'News' is a somewhat awkward wording for these kinds of things, I imagine that they will eventually come to be subsumed under a different tab whose name will be determined at the time the new tab is operationalized.)

Until next time, I remain ...

Fraternally and With Best Wishes for Your Health and Happiness,

Douglas C. Peck  
Worshipful Master  
Sun City Lodge #72

## From the West



Greetings from the West

This year has already started with a bang. Our new DDGM Worshipful Brother Antonio Lugo visited, and we had a chance to get to know him a little bit. He will be back on February 1<sup>st</sup> for my Third-Degree proficiency and to raise another brother. We raised Brother Bob Gilmore and have two Second Degree's scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. We are definitely a very busy lodge. It is an honor to pass on the craft to new members.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I was able to take a trip up north and meet our newest granddaughter, Maive Katherine Albury. Such a joy to see new life in our family. She is so calm, and loves being held. Looking at her reminds me of the change in our brother's lives when raised. The chance to become better and to help others and the new friendships that are made.

As we look forward to the rest of this year, we will continue to be busy. We have the spring training coming up. Hopefully you can assist Brother Ryan with this month and a half long event. Remember that you only need to volunteer on a Saturday or Sunday if you can. I did this last year and it was a lot of fun. Mone' and I will be participating again this year.

We also have the pancake breakfast coming up in February. I have volunteered to help cook. Don't be afraid, I know how to cook. Mone' will also be helping. So come see me for tickets. They are only \$10 which, if you have been out to eat lately, is an amazing deal. If you can help, contact Worshipful Brother Dave Miller. I really hope to see you all there.

Fraternally,  
Bryan Young  
Senior Warden



## From the South



Greetings from the South, 2024 is starting off with a lot of degrees and plenty more to come. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

Congratulations to Bro Dave Mock on his Entered Apprentice degree, Bro Bob Gilmore on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Bro Jerry Amerpohl and Bro Shane Miller on being Passed to Fellowcraft and Bro Daylyn Eagleshield on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Spring Training is right around the corner so please contact Bro Ryan Clark if you can volunteer for a game or two. The games are on Saturdays and Sundays.

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](mailto: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 prepares our delicious meals so they can make accommodations if possible.

Fraternally,

Bro Shane Larson  
Junior Warden  
Sun City Lodge 72



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

### FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Secretary's Report as of February 1, 2024:

Sun City Lodge has 196 members.

Presently the Lodge has four Entered Apprentices, three Fellowcrafts, and one applicant for affiliation. **That totals 8 new members in the "works"!** This equals a potential membership of 204. 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 67.80 years old. The Fellowcrafts average 53.74 years old, the Entered Apprentices average 56.99 years old, and the applicant for affiliation is 79.62 years old.

The upcoming meetings are:

- ◆ Thursday, February 1, 2024 – Third Degree at **6:00 p.m.** (Dinner at **5:00 p.m.**)
- ◆ Thursday, February 8, 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 February 19, 2024, 31 (19%) of our 162 dues-paying members haven't paid their dues!

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

Stay healthy, Brethren!



Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

**Gary A. Loeb, PM**

SunCity72Sec@gmail.com

mobile – 484-354-9063

# MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date	Years of Membership
Willotte D. Medow	2/13/1959	65
Frank F. Adelman	2/6/1963	61
Leland A. Schlabach	2/25/1965	59
William E. Siburg Jr	2/11/1966	58
Gary R. Fullington	2/24/1978	46
Philip G. Buchholz	2/3/1979	45
Eugene L. Winkels	2/21/1981	43
Richard G. Young	2/11/1993	31
Robert O. Lucas	2/26/1994	30
William P. Clark	2/23/1998	26
Rodney R. Martinson	2/26/2004	20
Vincent T. Jones	2/8/2008	16
Richard J. Nolen	2/20/2020	4
Ulises R. Gonzalez	2/3/2022	2
Jerome J. Sinclair	2/17/2022	2
Patrick A. Goodwin	2/24/2022	2
Ted A. Lloyd	2/23/2023	1



Brother	Birthday
Alejandro C. Felix	Feb 2
Thomas A. Ganyon	Feb 2
Luis Rodriguez	Feb 3
Robert R. Truax Jr.	Feb 9
Jeff Williams	Feb 11
Richard G. Young	Feb 11
Douglas C. Peck	Feb 12
Randell C. Smith Jr	Feb 12
John S. McIntosh	Feb 14
Zachary A. Scott	Feb 15
John C. Chilton	Feb 19
Pat Hayes	Feb 19
Robert A. Muehlberg	Feb 19
Gerald D. Rosenbaum	Feb 21
Harold G. Knowlton II	Feb 22
Matthew C. Lawrence	Feb 23
Robert O. Lucas	Feb 23
Bruce A. Kather	Feb 24
James A. Heger	Feb 28

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAYS  
TO ALL!**



**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.***

**January 2024**

**SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 - ALMONER NEWS**

Brethren:

I visited Jim Rolle today at his new residence with AVISTA in Sun City West. The room is in a locked building. He is in a wheelchair. He looks good and his is fine spirits. He was busy reading when I visited him and he missed lunch due to his being 'in to' his book. My visit was for 25-30 minutes.

Jim seemed comfortable with having several people visit him at once. I also checked with Jim's daughter and the local AVISTA administrator and there was no objection.

Jim's room is small and only has one arm chair. There are several open rooms in the building with furniture that several of us could spend time visiting with Jim in.

If you are interested to visit Jim, please reach out to me. I suggest that no more than 4 people visit at any one time, at least in the beginning. If you want to visit Jim on your own and need the contact information, let me know. Before entering Jim's building, you must visit a 'in take' desk in another building to register and then be escorted to the building in which Jim resides.

Fraternally,  
Dave Miller  
Assistant Almoner



**Sun City Lodge Almoner contact information:**

**W.Bro Barry White,**

**Contact information in Members Area**





## ALMONER NOTIFICATION

### NECROLOGY

**Bro. William Norris died 11/26/2023 at age 71**  
**WB W. Elliot Kleinman died 12/29/2023 at age 89**  
**Bro. Charles Reeves died 12/29/2023 at age 89**

*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.*



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

February 10,2024 .... 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)**

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**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: The Lodge Secretary or In-Person Lodge Building Mon/Wed/Fri: 9-12:00

# BETHEL 19, SUN CITY

PRESENTS

**SILENT  
AUCTION!**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ  
LINE DANCE LESSONS  
PUT A FRIEND IN JAIL - \$1 PER MINUTE**

**TICKET PRICES:**  
\$30 SINGLE  
\$50 COUPLE  
\$10 0-12 YEARS  
\$15 MASONIC YOUTH



# WESTERN

## BBQ & DANCE



**SUN CITY MASONIC LODGE**

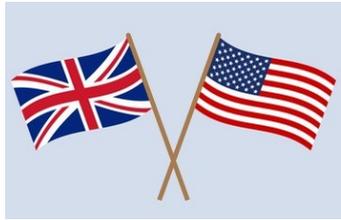
**FEBRUARY 24, 2024 6:00PM TO 10:00PM**

**18810 N. 107TH AVE, SUN CITY AZ 85373**

**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT BETHEL 19 ATTENDING CA GRAND BETHEL JUNE 2024  
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM A MEMBER OF BETHEL 19 OR EMAIL  
JDIBETHEL19AZ@GMAIL.COM**



**SUN CITY LODGE # 72  
ANNUAL BRITISH  
FESTIVE BOARD DINNER**



Sun City Lodge No. 72 is hosting a formal CHARITY dinner in the presence of the **MWB George R. Rusk**, Grand Master of Masons of Arizona, together with Grand Lodge Officers, and other Dignitaries.

Come and enjoy a British-style Masonic dinner in a relaxed atmosphere. Mingle with the Grand Master of Arizona and other special guests, attended by Masons from all over Arizona for this worthy Charity Event.

The charity event benefits U.S. VETS, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization

**Date/time: Saturday April 6, 2024, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Ticket Cost: \$75.00, which will include a traditional “Bangers and Mash Meal” Coffee, Tea, etc., a donation to the U.S. VETS Charity, Fun Auction, Plus a special gift.**

**Location: Sun City Masonic Centre,  
18810 N. 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun City, Arizona.**

**Dress Code: Tuxedo or Smart Dark Suit, Black Tie, NO Regalia**

**Who can attend: Masons who have completed 1st Degree and above.  
(Men only)**

***Due to the high take-up of this event, only 100 tickets will be available.  
Numbered tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.***

**Event organizer and more information, contact *WB Barry White* at  
(602) 903 0468 or email [bnw5535@gmail.com](mailto:bnw5535@gmail.com)**

***Tickets must be paid in advance by check, or Zelle to [Suncity72sec@gmail.com](mailto:Suncity72sec@gmail.com) Mail  
checks to Sun City Lodge #72, PO Box 1353, Sun City, AZ 85372***

# Sun City Lodge N° 72, F&AM Masonic Youth Grant Program



Postsecondary education  
and training grants  
are available up to **\$2,000**



Available **ONLY** to present or past members of:

Arizona Chapters of [DeMolay](#) International

Arizona Bethels of [Job's Daughters](#) International

Arizona Assemblies of the International Order of [Rainbow](#) for Girls

*Grants may be used by recipients for broadening postsecondary education, including, but not limited to college, technical school, job-training, or sabbatical education.*

To be eligible, applicants must...

- Be under the age of 25
- Have a high school or its equivalent diploma by July 2024
- Submit a Grant Application Form and all supporting materials, postmarked no later than July 31, 2024

Application packages, including the Masonic Youth Grant Program description document, are available by submitting a request to [SunCity72RB@gmail.com](mailto:SunCity72RB@gmail.com), or by writing to:

[Gary Loeb, Secretary](#)  
[Sun City Lodge N° 72, F&AM](#)  
[PO Box 1353](#)  
[Sun City, AZ 85372-1353](#)

Questions about the Program may be submitted to [SunCity72RB@gmail.com](mailto:SunCity72RB@gmail.com).

## SUN CITY LODGE #72

# MASONIC EDUCATION, HISTORY, INFORMATION

### Masonic Education

So, have you seen any cowans lately? More importantly, without realizing it are there any cowans among us ourselves? Except for we Masons, chances are incredibly good that most people won't even understand the questions since few Americans in the twenty-first century will ever have heard the word spoken or seen it somewhere in print. As Masons, however, we hear it routinely during the opening and closing phases of our Lodge meetings. So just what is a 'cowan,' how did this strange noun originate and why has it fallen out of use?

Interestingly, according to Anatoly Lieberman on whose essay I rely regarding the word 'cowan' here, it has no etymology although it was at one time featured in Jameson's *Dictionary of Scots*, the *Oxford English Dictionary*, *Wright's The English Dialect Dictionary* and *The Century Dictionary*. Even the great Webster failed to account for its origin though Lieberman cites James A. H. Murray, Joseph Wright and Charles P. G. Scott as having made valiant attempts to do so. Despite this lack of a verified historical and developmental chronology, Lieberman does offer speculation and, perhaps, some insight regarding it. In brief, he offers the following overview.

'Cowan' was traced by the aforementioned Jamieson to a Swedish word, 'kufa,' which means "to suppress." There are also the related Swedish words 'kuf' ("a crank") and 'kufisk' which translates as "eccentric." Lieberman baldly states that none of these are supportable and, therefore, lack merit. To this writer, however, it seems as though Lieberman might have been a tad dismissive in that both of these latter two words seem to imply what I'll call incompetence or a lack of capability that has come to be recognized as such and acknowledged by others in those terms.

Lieberman goes on to point out that a book published in 1835, *Ritual of Free Masonry* (author unknown or at least unacknowledged), claims that 'cowan' is of French derivation, more specifically through the word 'chouan.' He also notes that the French 'écouter' (which translates to English as "to listen to," "hear" or "eavesdrop") has been cited as a source but scuttles that argument out-of-hand.

Finally, Liberman offers the following for our consideration. Recognizing that the word has clear Masonic connections through the lingo of our operative brethren where it has always been used pejoratively, he posits the idea that operative masons may have borrowed it from a broader slang employed by an international community of artisans or criminal elements. In addition, he makes the interesting observation that present-day Masons speak of "cowans **and** eavesdroppers," thus inferring from inclusion of the conjunction 'and' that cowans were not primarily 'eavesdroppers.' Should that prove to be the case, interpreting cowans as 'listeners' should be abandoned. In concluding, Liberman also shares that 'cowan' seems to appear most frequently in Scottish usage which, to me at least, might incline an etymologist who is also a Brother to delve further into this archaic word from that perspective.

In concluding, let me interject my own thoughts here. While Liberman's treatment of the word 'cowan' has proven unsuccessful in reliably pinpointing its origin(s), the fact remains that it does have a particular meaning for us as Masons, namely that of a person who is 'pretending' or 'falsely claiming' to be one of us. Our English word 'poseur' might come close to what I'm getting at here in that it refers to a 'trendy' or 'superficial' person. Even more pointedly, the word 'dilletante' might also be applied under a wide range of circumstances. Masonry aside, in a world where nearly anything can be presented as being 'true,' should we not look with jaundiced eye at so much of what is being promulgated in daily life? As Speculative Masons, it seems to be that we are uniquely challenged and called upon to exercise critical thinking at almost every turn if only to avoid, through our own ignorance, being guilty of contributing to our society's malaise. If we do not engage our minds accordingly yet persist in public discourse where such seems to be the 'coin of the realm,' do we not risk having become cowans ourselves?

Citation:

Anatoly Lieberman. October 4, 2023. "Some hopelessly obscure words: the case of *cowan*." *OUPblog*. Oxford University Press's *Academic Insight for the Thinking World*. Accession at [blog.oup.com/2023/10/some-highly-obscure-words-the-case-of-cowan](https://blog.oup.com/2023/10/some-highly-obscure-words-the-case-of-cowan) on January 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Peck, Master

Sun City Lodge #72

# PAST MASTERS FELLOWSHIP 72

The Past Masters Fellowship (PMF) of Sun City Lodge is scheduled to next meet on **Thursday, 08 February, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM** in the Jackson Room of the Sun City Masonic Center. If you want to have Zoom connectivity for this PMF gathering, please contact Gary Loeb ([suncity72sec@gmail.com](mailto:suncity72sec@gmail.com)).

Remember that before the Sun City Lodge February Stated Meeting there is dinner. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM prior to the Stated Meeting. RSVP for the dinner is encouraged. RSVP a dinner reservation at [SunCity72RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:SunCity72RSVP@gmail.com).

The Past Masters Fellowship has set up collection barrels for the recycling of aluminum cans and clear plastic bottles. These collection barrels are located in the South hallway of the Sun City Masonic Center. Everyone using the Center is encouraged to bring these used items that they have available for recycling, and deposit the items in the designated barrel. Please refrain from including garbage items. Proceeds from the collected items assist the Past Masters Fellowship to support various Sun City Lodge activities and recognitions.



# SUN CITY WEST HIGH TWELVE CLUB

## *The High Twelve Club is always looking for new Members.*

At the Friday 12 January meeting of the Sun City West High 12 Club, Jesse Ramirez of the Valley View Community Food Bank reported on the food assistance that his food bank provides to the Sun City/Sun City West/Youngtown/El Mirage communities. Over 200 people living in Sun City West receive food assistance on Mondays. His food bank also provides assistance through a distribution location at Luke Air Force Base for eligible military families. At the meeting, the Sun City West High 12 Club presented Jesse with a check to purchase rice and beans. This is an annual financial donation by the Club to the Valley View Community Food Bank for these important and essential commodities. In the photo below, Club Masonic Rep Dave Miller and Club President Don Winscot (on the left of the photo) present the donation check to Jesse Ramirez.

Installation of the Club's 2024 Officers also took place at the Friday 12 January 2024 meeting. In the photo below are the following 2024 Sun City West High 12 Club Officers (from Left to Right): Dave Miller, Masonic Rep; Donald Winscot, President; Bob Carhart, Secretary; Richard Young, Vice President; Jeff Samuelson, Chaplain; and, Gary Fullington, Director. Absent from the photo were Club Directors Kevin Hokerk Robinson and Glynn Ley and Club Treasurer Earl Paasch.

The Sun City West High 12 Club February Meeting will be held on Friday 09 February beginning at 9AM at the Sun City Masonic Center. The meeting consists of set up activity for the Annual Pancake Breakfast, coordinated with Sun City Lodge No 72, which is scheduled for the following day, Saturday 10 February 2024 at the Sun City Masonic Center. The Pancake Breakfast is 7AM-10 AM on that Saturday.

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.

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 or Gary Fullington.





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, 16 February 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 Friday, 19 January 2024, the Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree. More information about that special conferral activity, and plans for the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree, will be forthcoming.

Companions are reminded of the Phoenix York Rite Festival scheduled Capitular Mason Degree work on Saturday 17 February at 345 W Monroe. The Mark Master, Past Master (Virtual) and Most Excellent Master Degrees are scheduled for the morning with the Royal Arch Degree and conferral in the afternoon.

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.



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, 26 February 2024 at the Sun City Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7PM and the meeting opening at 7:30 PM.

Companions are reminded of the Phoenix York Rite Festival scheduled Cryptic Mason Degree work on Saturday 24 February at 345 W Monroe. The Royal Master and Select Master Degrees are scheduled for the morning with the Super Excellent Master Degree and Ish Sodi Degree conferrals in the afternoon.

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.

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

The February 2024 Conclave of St Andrew Commandery will be held at the Sun City Masonic Center on Saturday 10 February. Coffee and light refreshments at 8AM followed by practice at 8:30 AM. The monthly conclave opens in full form at 9AM.

On Monday, 29 January, St Andrew Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple in full form. More information on that ceremony will follow.

St Andrew Commandery now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.



## PEORIA CHAPTER #59

Reporting: Rich Edwards WP

### PEORIA OES #59:

We have Fiesta Day 2024 coming up real fast. It is going to be on February 3, 2024, and will be located at the Sun City Masonic Lodge.

The First meeting of the new year went well. We had about 28 in attendance, and we re-read the Eastern Star Obligation, as we do on the first meeting of the new year.

The Fall Steak Fry is also coming up, and it will be on March 17, 2024, at the Sun City Masonic Lodge.

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 you are 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 the 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 it 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](mailto: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.



New Horizon Court #12

Order of the Amaranth

January 2024

### **Pieces of Time**

New year's come and new year's go,  
Pieces of time all in a row.  
As we live our life, each second and minute,  
We know we're privileged to have you in it.  
Our appreciation never ends  
For our greatest blessings: our family and friends.

Happy New Year!

New Horizon Court has had a wonderful year for 2023 ending up with the month of December being our Friendship Night. What a fun night that was and a beautiful way of ending the year.

Now we will focus on our new and upcoming year of 2024 with finding more new friends along the way.

Surprise as we have done that with a very helpful member HL Iris Owen who always seems to have the knack of finding candidates for our wonderful organization. As a result we have 5 candidates ready to go and working on number 6 as soon as we get all the paperwork done.

We will be having our Advance Night with initiation to be on March 11 as we get all that red tape called paperwork cleared up and decided upon as to who will be filling certain chairs. This will be a great way to start out this year with new members joining our organization. This will also be called a special meeting and meets the requirements of our supreme bylaws.

We have also tried something new with our candidates that we hope will become traditions for our court. At a pre meeting dinner the candidate is invited so that we can have a meet and greet session with them. Then that meeting their petition is read. At the next month pre meeting dinner we invite the candidate back and they are interviewed by an investigation team. This saves a lot of traveling by the team but also gives the candidate an opportunity to meet and greet more members of our court. At each of these pre meeting dinners that the candidate is invited to, their dinner is free.

Last year we continued with a couple of new traditions and hope to keep them going. Number 1 is that for our advance night pre meeting dinner it is hosted by our Sir Knights with our Royal Patron in charge.

Number 2 is that for our April pre meeting dinner it is hosted by our court in honor of our elections with new members going up our court officer line. What a wonderful way in saying thank you.

We still have one Official Visit left on the calendar to do and that is for our GRM HL Barbara Wunder and SK Russel Sayre visiting our court on their special night, which will be February 12, 2024.

HL Pat Zimmerman, Secretary

# QADESH TEMPLE # 35 SUN CITY NILE CLUB



January 2024

Happy, Happy New Year:  
We wish you all the best  
Great work to reach your fondest goals,  
And when you're done, sweet rest.  
We hope for your fulfillment,  
Contentment, peace and more,  
A brighter, better new year than  
You've ever had before.

Dear Sun City Nile Club Ladies,

Our year has come to an end and we are looking forward to a new year.

We will **NOT** be meeting on January 1 due to it being a holiday.

Please keep this in mind and we will see everyone on February 5 at 1030am.

As we start this New Year – wishing everyone to be safe and well as we still struggle with this pandemic.

Yours truly, Pr Dora Nickell, President