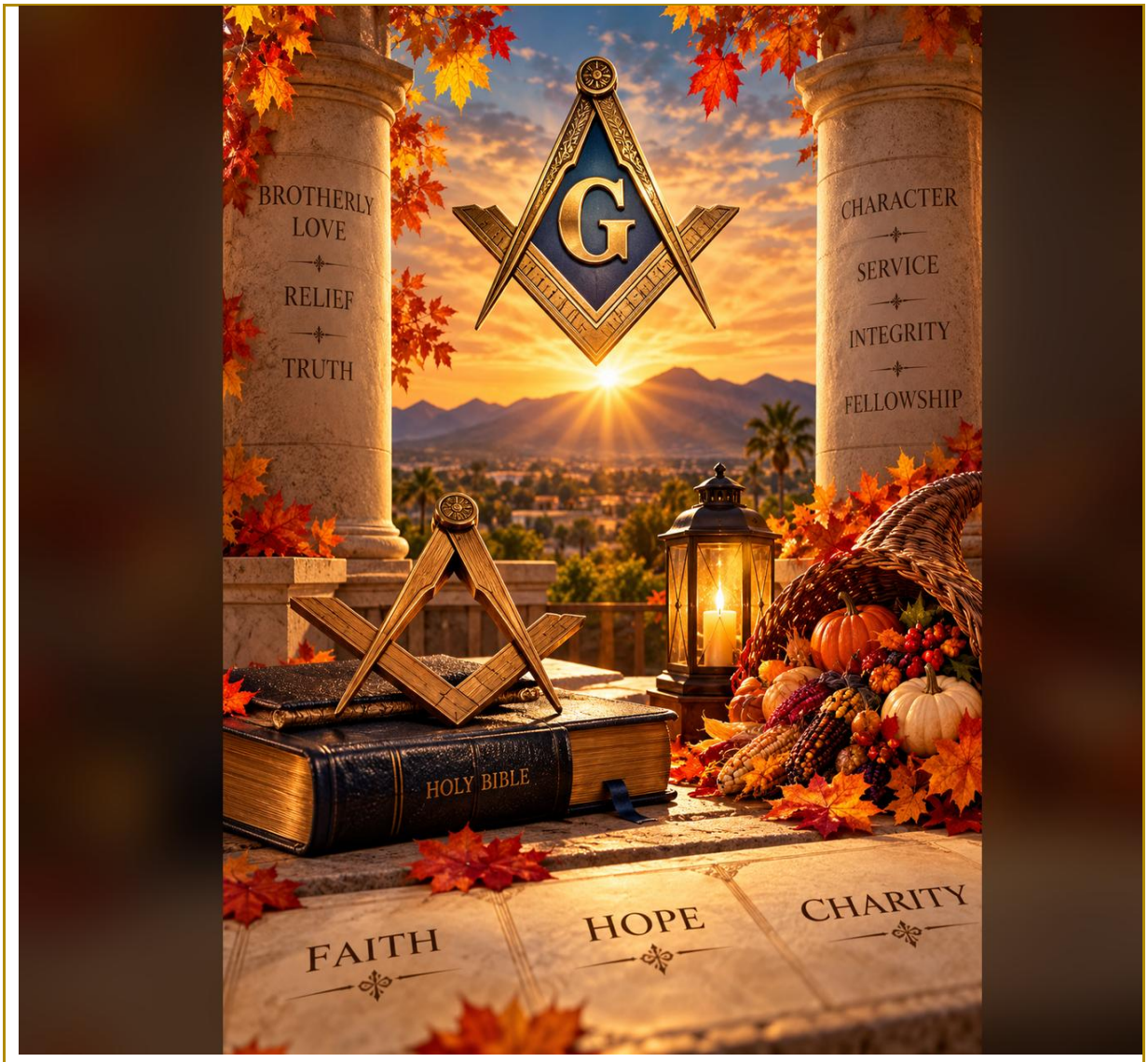
SUN CITY LODGE No. 72 • FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

THE TRESTLEBOARD

November 2026

Building the Future While Honoring Our Traditions



"Freemasonry is a journey from darkness toward light, renewed each time we return to labor together."

FROM THE EDITOR



Brother Shane Miller

Editor • Lodge Technologist

Greetings, Brethren,

As we enter November and approach Thanksgiving, we reflect on the blessings of Brotherhood, service, and the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Our Trestleboard is more than a monthly newsletter: it records the fellowship, accomplishments, and good works of Sun City Lodge No. 72 and our wider Masonic family.

As we continue to improve this publication, I invite our Brethren, Lodge officers, and officers and members of every appendant body to participate. We welcome volunteers to assist with editing, photography, article preparation, and ideas for making the Trestleboard more informative, engaging, and useful.

We especially encourage submissions about your organization's history, purpose, charitable work, and upcoming activities. Masonic education on publicly shareable subjects—our values, history, symbolism, leadership, and service—is also warmly welcomed. Each group has a story worth telling, and each Brother has knowledge and experience that may benefit others.

Our goal is a publication that not only announces meetings and events but also preserves our traditions, recognizes service, and inspires greater involvement. Your constructive feedback will help us achieve that goal.

Thank you to everyone who contributes reports, photographs, ideas, and time. During this season of gratitude, may we continue strengthening our bonds of fellowship and carrying the Light of Masonry into our communities.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Brother Shane Miller • Editor

FROM THE EAST



Douglas C. Peck
Master

Fraternal greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge No. 72—

With the upcoming Installation of Officers for the 2026–2027 term at Sun City Lodge #72 just around the corner on Saturday, November 14, the time has come for me to bid you a fond farewell. What an honor it's been for me to have had the opportunity to serve this Lodge as its Master a second time. The term now concluding has been one of transition, one in which we have witnessed the 'passing of the torch' to the next generation of men whose modes of thinking, ways of working together and commitment to sharpening our focus on "helping good men to become even better" are well suited to the tenor of our times.

The future of Sun City Lodge #72 thus looks bright from my perspective, and I congratulate Brothers Dustin Barron, Ryan Clark and Damon Bose on their having made the proficiencies needed to lead our Lodge into the dynamic and rapidly evolving future now lying before not only us, but the world at large.

With pride in our Lodge, the very best wishes for its continuing successes and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have honored me with a place in its history, I remain …

Fraternally,

Douglas C. Peck

Master

FROM THE WEST



Brother Dustin Barron
Senior Warden, Sun City Lodge No. 72

Greetings from the West, Brothers!

Fall is here, and it has started with some amazing rain to refresh the land and the mind. As we get back from dark, fall reminds us that change is a constant and welcomed part of life, and here we get some really cool changes as the cactus bloom and the weather cools. More life becomes apparent in Arizona, and the holiday season around the corner reminds us of our families and those we care about.

I want to thank you, brothers, for the opportunity to serve you as Sr. Warden for this last year. It was an honor I was grateful to accept, and looking back, one that has helped me grow as well. I appreciate your support in the new charity outreach- from the school supplies to the hospice dinners, the adopt a street program, and the helpsnackz events. The show of support at the stadium Spring training is something that I feel has gotten stronger every year, and the amount of additional kindnesses and help, charity work that is done by our brothers throughout the lodge shows that our Masonry doesn't stop when we walk out of the lodge.

As we look to next year, I want us to look with brotherly love, relief, and truth in mind in all we do. How do we support our brothers and their families? How can we share in the wisdom we have all cultivated as Masons to build stronger brothers? Who can we reach out to that we haven't seen or heard from in a while? As the tenets show us, we have been brought into a family that cares for and helps each other, promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. When we frame our perspective with these lenses, it allows us to continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship, the lodge, and the craft.

I look forward to living in the tenets with you all, brethren.

Dustin Barron

FROM THE SOUTH



Brother Ryan Clark
Junior Warden, Sun City Lodge No. 72

I look forward to seeing all of you at Lodge this month. We are somewhat unique here at Sun City Lodge in that we have an influx of brothers that call this lodge home as they spend the winter months here enjoying our wonderful winter weather. It is also exciting to see all the new visitors we typically have at this time of year. It's a great time to meet new brothers from all around the globe and hear about their travels and experiences.

This time of year, we are constantly and consistently traveling deeper into the season of darkness. We have recently recognized the season that the veil is thinnest, which is a constant reminder of our own mortality. Light is best revealed in darkness where it has the most profound effect. Out of darkness we are born into the light, light being the great revealer of all truth and truth is the great cornerstone of our brotherhood.

As Masons, we all stand upon the level. In this season I am reminded of the Latin phrase "memento mori," which reminds us that we too must die. As men and Masons, we all must proceed along the level of time knowing that in the end it will only be our words and actions that remain. It is all that will be left to place upon the grand scale as our soul stands naked and alone before them. The mason, acting upon the square, needs not fear death. With this in view all Masons should ever walk and act and hopefully a great fire will be kindled in the hearts of all men. I encourage all of you to pick up your tools and become so familiar with them that they become second nature. It is a beautiful thing to watch a great master craftsman work with his tools. It is mesmerizing and magical to witness.

In closing, I would like to remind all of you to please continue to RSVP for dinners and events as it helps keep costs to a minimum. I thank all of you that regularly do. Please feel free to let me know how you enjoyed your meal at lodge and I hope we get to know each other better. Keep your tools clean and oiled my brothers and I'll see you there.

Ryan Clark

SECRETARY'S REPORT



WB Gary A. Loeb
Secretary, Sun City Lodge No. 72

Secretary's Report:

Sun City Lodge has 180 members.

As of November 1, 2026, the Lodge has two Fellowcrafts, two Entered Apprentices, one petitioner for the degrees, and one applicant for affiliation. This equals a potential membership of 186. Additionally, we have 21 prospective members interested in becoming Masons and joining our Lodge!

Since the last Stated Meeting there has been no change in membership of our Lodge. One Brother affiliated with the Lodge and one membership was restored from suspension. However, one Brother demitted (resigned) from membership and one Brother passed away.

The average age of our membership is 67.1 years old, with a median (middle) age of 70.7 years old. Our two Fellowcrafts average 47.2 years old, our Entered Apprentices average 47.2 years old, our petitioner for the degrees is 57.3 years old and our applicant for affiliation is 48.6 years old.

Of the 180 members of the Lodge, the following are exempt from paying dues:

- One (1) Senior Life member, who is 94.9 years old
- Six (6) AMC Section 9-106 members, those released from obligation to pay further dues because of infirmity or financial situation, averaging 94.6 years old.
- Twenty-six (26) Perpetual Life members, averaging 74.4 years old

2027 Dues bills were mailed out on October 15, 2026. Be on the lookout for yours and return the $125.00 payment promptly. Senior Life and Perpetual Life Brothers will receive their dues cards by mail after that date.

Stay healthy, Brethren!

Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

SunCity72Sec@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM



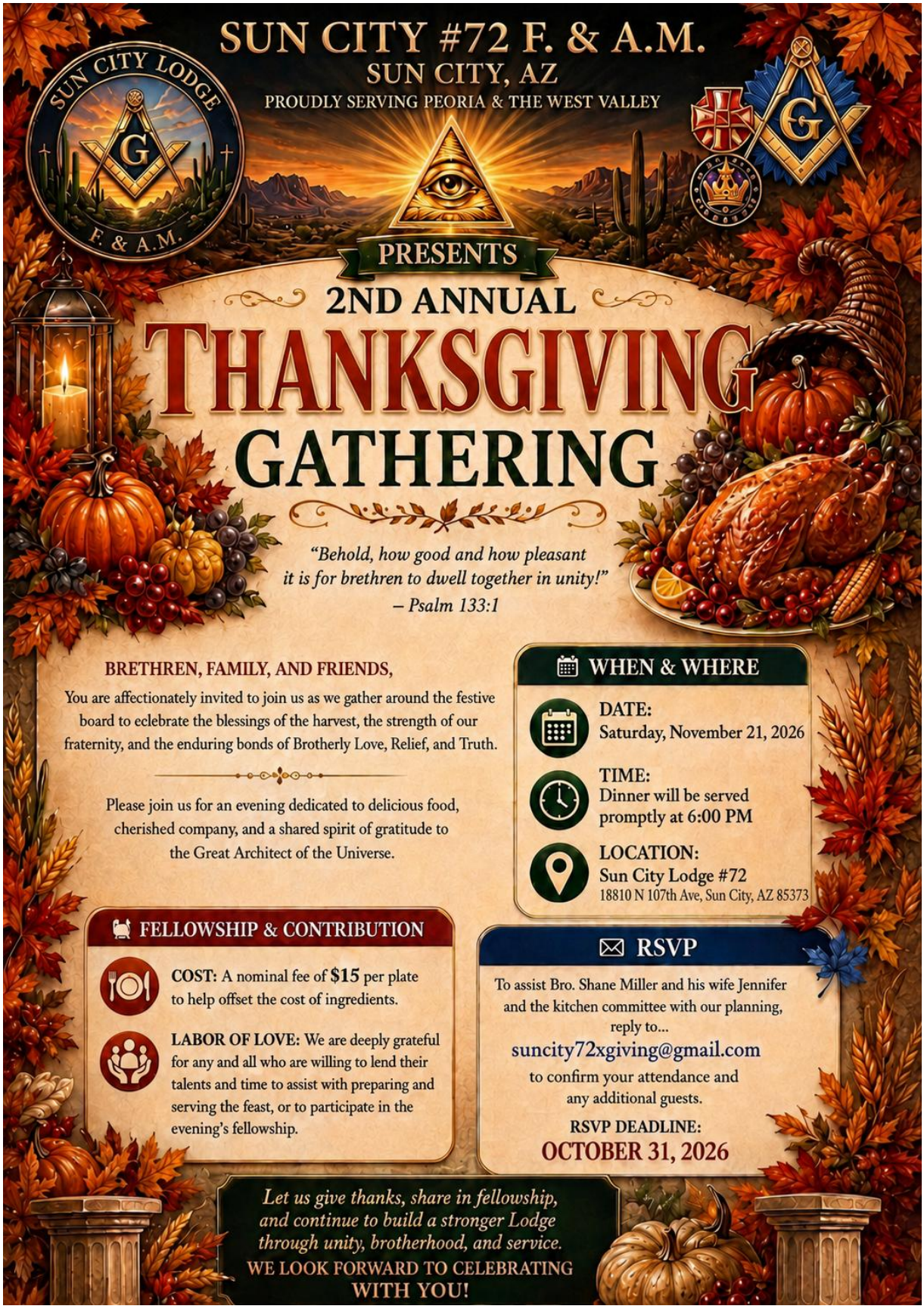
It is with solemn reflection that we record the passing of a beloved Brother whose life and years of membership are remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

Brother Leland A. Schlabach, age 94, having completed 61 years as a Mason, laid down his working tools on June 22, 2026. Throughout his long journey with 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.

As we reflect on his passing, we extend our sincere condolences to his family, loved ones, and all who mourn his loss.

May his memory be a blessing.

2ND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GATHERING



MASONIC EDUCATION

Is Freemasonry Being Hijacked RIGHT NOW?

Across the globe, groups posing as Freemasons are operating outside legitimate Masonic authority. They are wearing regalia, mimicking Masonic ceremonies, and taking money from good men who just want real brotherhood. In this video on the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry channel, Maynard Edwards, 33°, breaks down what clandestine Masonry really is, how it differs from unrecognized and irregular Masonry, and what to do when you encounter someone who belongs to a clandestine Lodge.

You'll hear a clip from Bro. Brian Bird of the Old Fashion Masonic Podcast about the very real, human side of this problem and the number of men being taken advantage of.

In this video, you'll learn:

The practical definitions of different kinds of "clandestine" Masonry; what a truly clandestine Lodge is; why it is a problem; why outsiders may be fooled; and what to do if you meet someone who may belong to a clandestine Lodge.

Watch the video using the linked title above or here: Is Freemasonry Being Hijacked RIGHT NOW?



Seeking Masonic Light Through Truth, Integrity, and Discernment

BUILDING MANAGER'S UPDATE

Building Manager's Update

1. Small Dining Room and Restrooms: A/C is currently down. Awaiting approval for replacement.
2. Thermostats: Goodbye, summer. We will be making seasonal changes to the thermostats. Please let the Admin Office know if your members are comfortable.
3. New License Agreements: New License Agreements will be forthcoming. All organizations will be requested to complete and return to the Masonic Admin Office by January 30, 2027.
4. Security: Security procedures are currently under review and updating.
5. Kitchen: Currently we are cleaning and applying cabinet oil to the cabinets. The polishing of the floor is next. The exhaust system is scheduled for cleaning and upgrading on October 27.
6. Fire Inspection: Completed by Peoria Fire Dept. Reminder there is NO PARKING on / near the EAST Entrance. These are fire lanes. Emergency vehicles do not fit under the canopy.
7. Wall of Fame: Reminder: Please update your pictures as you begin a change in officer / duty line up. Please help keep the Masonic Center clean.
8. Violations: We continue to have "violations." (Violations are described as Housekeeping, Security Issues, Kitchen safety issues, Tables & Chairs not returned to storage area, Lights left on, Etc.) We are keeping score. Violators accumulating over 100 points in one year will be assessed $100.00 for each 100 points.

Thank you.

GRF

Violation	Points
Alarm System Not Activated	25 points
Shutters Not Closed	40 Points
Lights left On	10 Points
Fans Left On	10 Points
Tables & Chairs Not Returned to Storage	20 Points
Breach of Security (Sharing of Keys and / or Pass Codes)	250 Points each
Lack of Cleanup (Kitchen Areas, Floors, Utensils, Grill, Microwaves, Coffee pots)	30 Points
Stove or Oven left ON	50 Points
Parking Violations	50 points

OASIS CHAPTER NO. 15

Royal Arch Masons

Oasis Chapter No. 15 RAM will meet on Friday 20 November 2026 with a potluck dinner scheduled for 6:00 PM. At 6:45 PM, the Chapter will confer the Most Excellent Master Degree in full form and costume. Following completion of the degree conferral, the monthly meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 PM.

The Annual Outdoor Mark Master and Past Master Degree conferral activity took place on Saturday 10 October beginning at 1:00 PM. Due to inclement weather, the conferral activity took place at the Sun City Masonic Center. A photo of the cast and 2 new Mark Masters, James Carrol and Richard Rogan, is included with this article. Attending the special degree conferral activity were the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Arizona, Most Excellent Companion Randal Jager and the Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Arizona, Keith A. Cooper.

At the September 2026 Chapter meeting, the Grand Lecturer of the Arizona Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Excellent Companion Richard G. Young, presented Oasis Chapter's Excellent High Priest Matt Childress with a Certificate of Excellence for the performance of Oasis Chapter in Royal Arch Masonry activity for the 2025/2026 Capitular Year. In the photo with this article are from the left: Richard G. Young; Matt Childress; and Companion Vinnie Esposito, King of Oasis Chapter.

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 third 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 potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM with Education scheduled for 7:00 PM. Oasis Chapter now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments, shirt purchases, and donations. Contact Gerry Amerpohl or Pat Hayes for additional information.





STEWART COUNCIL NO. 16

Cryptic Masons





Stewart Council will next meet on Monday, 23 November 2026 at 7:30 PM at the Sun City Masonic Center. Potluck dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7:00 PM. Full Form Opening will take place at 7:30 PM.

At the September meeting, Stewart Council received a special award from the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) for per member donations level. In the photo with the certificate presentation are (on the left) Richard Young, the Arizona Grand Council's CMMRF Coordinator and Vinnie Esposito, the Illustrious Master of Stewart Council. Due to the strong financial support Stewart Council has contributed over the years to CMMRF, an additional extender bar was received for the CMMRF Recognition Plaque that Stewart Council has previously been awarded. In the photo of the Extender Bar presentation are Richard Young and Vinnie Esposito.

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 fourth 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 potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM with an opportunity for Education at 7:00 PM. Stewart Council now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Gerald Amerpohl or Pat Hayes for additional information.

ST. ANDREW COMMANDERY

Knights Templar



St. Andrew Commandery is scheduled to meet Saturday, 14 November 2026. Conclave opens at 9 AM at the Sun City Masonic Center. Coffee and donuts at 8:00 AM with practice scheduled for 8:30 AM.

At the St. Andrew Commandery Conclave in October, Sir Knight Vinnie Esposito was recognized with the Knight Templar Meritorious Service Award. In the photo of the presentation are the following Sir Knights (from Left) : John W. Huth, Past Grand Commander of Arizona; Vinnie Esposito; Richard G. Young, Commander of St. Andrew Commandery; and, Richard Baskin, Deputy Grand Commander of Arizona.

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 second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM except for the month of August. All regular conclaves are at the Sun City Masonic Center and include coffee and donuts at 8:00 AM 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.

REGIUS YORK RITE COLLEGE
Gold Honor Award Recognitions



October 8, 2026. From left: Gary Fullington; Russell Sayre, Grand Governor for Arizona; Robert Lucas; Richard Young, Past Grand Governor for Arizona; and David Miller, Secretary for Regius York Rite College.

At the October 2026 Sun City Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, Regius York Rite College presented Gold Honor Award recognitions to Robert Lucas and Gary Fullington. These were issued by the Sovereign York Rite College of North America at the request of Regius York Rite College. Regius York Rite College is a local invitational body of York Rite Masons intended to promote and enhance the Masonic craft.

Gary Fullington was recognized for his dedicated activity with the Sun City Masonic Center, his ability to work with Masonic and non-Masonic groups, and his strong support for local High 12 fundraising.

Robert Lucas was recognized for his dedication to the Sun City Posse, including community patrols, publicity, traffic management, and disaster-relief assistance with non-governmental organizations.

SUN CITY WEST HIGH 12 CLUB

Fellowship • Service • Masonic Widows

In October, the Sun City West High 12 Club resumed monthly Luncheon Meetings at 12 Noon. For Friday 09 October 2026, the program for the meeting included a presentation by Jon Bohnert and Sherri Waldenburg from Service Master Restoration by Desert Dry. In the photo, Sun City West High 12 Club President Don Winscot (on the right) is in front of the Club's High 12 Club Banner with the 2 speakers from Desert Dry. The Club's luncheon drew a large audience as evidenced by the included photo.

On Friday 13 November 2026, Sun City West High 12 Club members and their guests will be meeting at 12 Noon for Lunch and a presentation from the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapter. The Lunch Meeting will be at the Royal Café Restaurant, 10793 W Grand Avenue (US Route 60) in Sun City.

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).







JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL 19



Bethel activities, fellowship and service

The Taco and Bingo fundraiser was a great success, thanks to the generous support of the community. The Bethel also attended its official worship service and celebrated Queen Lilly's term, including her last night and the Closing Cross.









DESERT SKY JURISDICTION

Pageant participation and leadership

At the Desert Sky Jurisdictional Session in Gilbert, Katelyn, Kalleigh and Lilly represented their Bethel in the pageant. Several daughters from Bethel 19 were selected and installed in the Jurisdictional Bethel.



SERVICE, SISTERHOOD & CELEBRATION

Memories from a busy season

The Desert Sky Jurisdiction celebrated its charter, and the daughters found time for a service project benefiting a local charity. Their activities reflected friendship, service and support for one another.









PEORIA CHAPTER #59

Order of the Eastern Star

November 2026

Preparations are well underway for the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to Peoria Chapter on November 7. It is a day of sharing a meal together, honoring Peoria's own Grand Officers, getting to know our WGM and WGP, and sharing fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers from around the state. There is a lot of work involved to make this special event happen seamlessly and organized, but we are up to the task! It will be a wonderful day for the Arizona Eastern Star and Peoria Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona has supported General Grand Chapter's project of Service Dogs for many years now. A couple of years back, Arizona selected Power Paws as our recipient of charitable funds raised by our 29 chapters.

Power Paws' history began in 2001 when they were incorporated and received their 501c3 designation from the IRS with a mission to train and place assistance dogs for disabled children and adults. They are one of two agencies in Arizona "accredited" by Assistance Dogs International (www.assistancedogsinternational.org) to place dogs in specialized areas.

Their mission is to provide highly skilled assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities, to provide education and continuing support for working assistance dog teams, and to be a resource in the community for people with disabilities.

Peoria Chapter has supported Service Dog programs for many years. We have a large ceramic dog who wears an actual service dog vest and sits in the west of our Chapter every meeting. He accepts donations which are then sent to Power Paws via Grand Chapter.

Arizona Chapters, along with funds from Grand Chapter, provided Power Paws with $20,939.15 in donations for 2025-2026. The partnership with Power Paws has been an amazing project for Arizona Eastern Star and we will continue to provide monetary assistance in 2026-2027.

The final donation was presented to Elaine Starks, Executive Director of Power Paws, on October 5 at a presentation in their offices.



Those pictured, left to right: Marsha Young, Grand Treasurer Emeritus and Grand Trustee; Pat Peterson, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary; Elaine Starks, Power Paws Executive Director; and Pam Wade, Grand Treasurer.



Peoria Chapter wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. May it be full of thankfulness and kindness for our family, our fraternal family and our friends.


You are cordially invited to the
Sun City Chapter #66
Order of the Eastern Star
Official Visit
of
Worthy Grand Matron
Ruth Wilmot
and
Worthy Grand Patron
Ed Gordon
Friday, November 6, 2026
Sun City Lodge
18810 N 107th Avenue
Sun City, AZ 85351
Pasta Dinner to be served at
5:30 PM
Meeting at
7:00 PM
Dinner: $10 per person
RSVP to Laura Steljes
(623) 224-7848
Luv4OES46@gmail.com
Together in Friendship,
Service and Love

Hosted by

Sun City Chapter #66
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

BURGER BURN

★ COST: $7.00 ★

Sunday,
NOVEMBER 22

★ 3:00 PM ★



Casa Del Sol Clubhouse
10960 N 67th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85375

Gate Code: 2461

BURGERS (ONLY)
with all the fixings

Bring a side dish to share.

ALSO BRING
THREE $1 BILLS
TO PLAY
LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER!

WINNER WILL RECEIVE
50%
OF FINAL CENTER POT!

RSVP TO LAURA STELJES
(623) 224-7848 or Luv40ES46@gmail.com

NEW HORIZON COURT #12

ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

November 2026

October's the month when the smallest breeze,
Gives us a shower of autumn leaves
Bonfires and pumpkins, leaves sailing down
October is red and golden and brown.

New Horizon Court Members

Now our court is starting off at the gate with our Grand Lecturer Official Visit held on September 14, as her visit paves the way for our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron Official Visit which will be on October 12. Plus we have a lot to be proud of this year as both our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron are from New Horizon. Yippee!!!

We have done a lot of planning sessions during our short summer vacation – so here comes the events for the month.

October 12 New Horizon will be honoring our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron as they come to our court marked as their Official Visit. Dinner at 6pm $10.00 per person – meeting at 7pm.

October 18 New Horizon will have a Burger Burn at the home of our Royal Matron Patricia Tomlim – address is 13515 W Daisy Court Sun City West 85345. Time will start at 3pm. Those who wish to attend please RSVP to Laura Steljes at 623-224-7848. Price for the event is $7.00 as a court money raiser plus bring a side dish if possible. Add $3.00 to play a game of left right center.

October 24th will be the reception of our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron held at the Sun City Lodge 11am – 2pm

Our regular meetings will start up again with dinner at 6pm – meeting at 7pm. We have marvelous cooks – so if you would like to meet our group – come to a pre meeting dinner for fun, fellowship, and friendship. We have 10 meetings per term and always on the 2nd Monday of the month – September through June.

HL Pat Zimmerman, Secretary

Trestle Board input editor for Amaranth this month

QADESH TEMPLE #35

SUN CITY NILE CLUB

November 2026

With grateful hearts, we hold what's dear, in every tear, a story clear.
November teaches us to see, the beauty found in letting be.

Dear Sun City Nile Club Ladies,

November 2, 2026 – meeting is coming in just 2 weeks

There is a lot to discuss – OV – Vendor Fair was cancelled – other events

I have no idea as to whom is bringing us delicious food

Please be safe in your travels.

Pr Dora Nickell, President

QADESH TEMPLE #35 • SUN CITY NILE CLUB

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brother	Birthday
Larry A. Harstad	Nov 2
Michael B. Pettit	Nov 4
Jerome J. Sinclair	Nov 4
John C. Carnelia	Nov 5
James L. Becker	Nov 6
Craig G. Montgomery	Nov 6
Gary R. Fullington	Nov 9
Donn M. Wise	Nov 15
Joe V. Gonzalez Jr.	Nov 16
Kevin D. Baver	Nov 22
Samuel R. Tellezreyes	Nov 24
Stanley A. Mardula	Nov 25
William E. Siburg Jr	Nov 26
Ronald D. Anderson	Nov 28
Damon C. Bose	Nov 29
Robert B. Gilmore Jr.	Nov 30

NOVEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date Raised	Years of Membership
Thomas E. Skoog	November 24, 1959	67
James E. Almrud	November 18, 1971	55
David P. Miller	November 13, 1975	51
Robert J. Meizinger	November 29, 1982	44
William A. Garrard Jr	November 19, 1996	30
John C. Chilton	November 26, 1996	30
Christopher L. Kinor	November 22, 1997	29
Todd P. Blake	November 15, 2000	26
James F. Miller Jr	November 29, 2007	19
Amante A. Tabamo	November 26, 2013	13
Kevin M. Irwin	November 7, 2019	7
Ronald N. Hudson	November 4, 2021	5
Thomas C. Lane	November 16, 2023	3
Michael K. Condon	November 21, 2024	2

"We celebrate the milestones of our Brothers and the years of fellowship that strengthen our Lodge."

WISDOM • STRENGTH • BEAUTY

Three Supports of the Masonic Life

In Freemasonry, we are taught that a Lodge is supported by three great pillars: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Their symbolism reaches far beyond the physical Lodge room. They offer us a pattern for the work every Mason is called to undertake - the building of his own character.

A building cannot fulfill its purpose through one support alone. Neither can a man.

WISDOM - TO KNOW HOW TO BUILD

Wisdom is more than knowledge. A man may possess great knowledge and still lack the judgment to use it well.

Masonic Wisdom asks us to examine ourselves before correcting others, to listen before answering, and to consider the consequences of our words and actions before we act. It is the continuing search for Light - not simply so that we may know more, but so that we may become better.

The wise Mason eventually discovers that some of life's most important lessons begin with a simple question: ***What part of this rough ashlar still belongs to me?***

Our working tools are most useful when we first apply them to ourselves.

STRENGTH - TO CARRY THE WORK FORWARD

Knowing what is right does not guarantee that we will do it. That requires strength.

Masonic Strength is not measured by authority, position, title, or the ability to prevail over another man. It is found in self-government: keeping an obligation when doing so is inconvenient, controlling our passions when anger would be easier, admitting an error when pride would rather defend it, and continuing the work when no one is watching.

The strongest Mason in the room may sometimes be the Brother who quietly chooses patience over anger, humility over pride, or forgiveness over resentment.

BEAUTY - TO GIVE THE WORK ITS PURPOSE

A structure may be wisely designed and strongly built, yet something more is required before it becomes worthy of admiration. Beauty completes the work.

In the Masonic life, Beauty is revealed in the manner in which our principles become visible to others. It is courtesy offered without expectation, charity given without recognition, encouragement offered to a struggling Brother, dignity shown during disagreement, and Brotherly Love practiced when it would be easier merely to speak of it.

Beauty is what happens when good principles become good conduct.

THE TEMPLE WE ARE BUILDING

Wisdom without Strength may recognize the work but never accomplish it. Strength without Wisdom may labor mightily in the wrong direction. And Wisdom and Strength without Beauty may construct something sound, yet leave it without harmony or grace. Freemasonry therefore places all three before us.

WISDOM	STRENGTH	BEAUTY
gives direction.	*gives perseverance.*	*gives harmony.*

The great lesson is that the Temple is never entirely finished. Each day presents another stone to shape, another rough edge to smooth, another opportunity to practice what we have been taught. The work continues not only while the Lodge is open, but in our homes, our occupations, our communities, and especially in those moments when no Brother is present to observe us.

Perhaps that is one measure of Masonic progress: Am I becoming a wiser man in my decisions, a stronger man in my character, and a better man in the way I leave others after our paths have crossed?

If the answer is increasingly yes, then the tools are doing their work.

◆ A THOUGHT TO CARRY FROM THE LODGE ◆

"Build with Wisdom. Stand with Strength. Live with Beauty."

LODGE HISTORIAN

Masonic Apron Fasteners: History, Tradition, and Symbolism



Examples of apron belt fasteners, including molded connectors and S-hooks.

No one can specify precisely when modern speculative Freemasonry developed. There are several competing arguments about when and where operative rituals evolved into modern (American) speculative rituals. Consider the square and compasses (Slovenia versus UGLE) and the letter G (UGLE versus American lodges) as examples.

Another historical subject is the fastener on the belt on Masonic aprons. Some belts use a knotted cord, others a molded plastic connector, and still others a snake-shaped S-hook. Is there one correct fastener? Molded connectors and S-hooks with varying degrees of snake detailing are shown in the accompanying photograph.

My questions for you are: When was the snake motif first used? Where was it first used? What does it represent? Is there one correct device?

Could these be topics for a brotherly debate at a Stated Meeting or the dinner before the meeting?

MASONIC MOMENTS

A Little Light Relief for Good Men

Laughter Builds Better Brothers

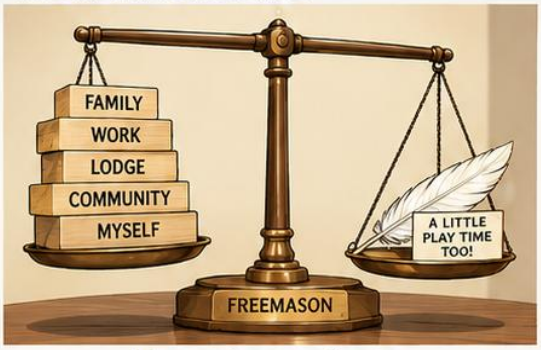
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THE WORK CONTINUES



A BALANCED LIFE



It's not about perfection...
It's about balance.

MASONIC TECH SUPPORT



THE PERFECT EXCUSE



Some responsibilities are worth losing sleep over.

WORDS TO LIVE BY



Brotherhood makes the journey brighter.

Meet Well ◆ Laugh Often ◆ Build Together

WELCOME BACK, BROTHER





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