



SUN CITY LODGE No. 72 • FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

THE TRESTLEBOARD

September 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

Welcome to the September 2026 edition of The Trestleboard.

Brethren, I hope each of you enjoyed the summer months and found some relief from the Arizona heat—especially considering those excruciating temperatures seemed to arrive a little later than expected this year. As September brings us back together after our summer recess, it also gives us an opportunity to reflect upon another kind of warmth: the warmth of Brotherhood.

The warmth we find within our Lodge does not come from the temperature outside, but from the hand extended to a Brother, a familiar face across the Lodge room, a shared meal before a meeting, and the knowledge that we are surrounded by men joined together by common values. Brotherly Love is more than one of the great principles of our Craft; it is something we demonstrate through our presence, fellowship, encouragement, and concern for one another.

As we return to our regular schedule, I encourage every Brother to come home to Lodge. Join us for our Stated Meetings, support our candidates at their upcoming Degrees, share in fellowship around the dinner table, and take an active part in the work of Sun City Lodge No. 72. Whether you have attended faithfully for years or it has simply been a while since you last walked through our doors, there is a place for you among your Brothers.

Our Lodge is strengthened when the sidelines are filled. A Brother does not need to hold an office or have a speaking part in a Degree to contribute to the evening. Sometimes simply being there offering a handshake, welcoming a candidate, encouraging a newer Mason, or renewing an old friendship is itself an important contribution to the Craft.

Whether you are a longtime member, a newly raised Master Mason, or a Brother we have not seen for some time, I hope these pages remind you that the Lodge is still your home and your Brothers are glad to see you.

Thank you to everyone who contributed photographs, articles, reports, and information for this issue. Your contributions allow The Trestleboard to do more than announce what is coming—they help preserve the story of our Lodge and the Brothers who are writing it.

“The strength of our Lodge is found not only in its history, but in the Brothers who continue to write it.”



FROM THE EAST



Worshipful Brother Douglas C. Peck
Master, Sun City Lodge No. 72

Fraternal Greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72 –

Welcome back from our Summer hiatus. I hope all of you enjoyed your break despite the outrageous heat we've been enduring locally and whatever abysmal weather conditions you may have faced while traveling throughout our great land.

Following a very active July in which four degrees were conferred, August proved equally as active in other ways. Our major focus was bringing our rising Pedestal Officers up to speed with respect to the formal proficiencies required of them in connection with their anticipated forward progress in the Line of Progression. We also made an Official Visit to the inaugural Stated Meeting of Fil-Am Lodge which is the newest Masonic Lodge in the Arizona jurisdiction. As mentioned in Summer's Trestleboard, an attempt was made to systematize Sun City Lodge #72's approach to servicing local requests for various forms of financial support (i.e. those other than financial disbursements incumbent upon us that, while charitable in nature, are a consequence of our relationship with the Grand Lodge). There was near consensus among the Officers that no such approach can be determined at this time. Therefore, all such requests will be handled as has been our customary practice, that is, by way of a motion from the floor, appropriate discussion and a majority vote of Lodge Members present. The application period for the 2025/26 cycle of our Masonic Youth Educational/Training Grant Program expired with eight applications received and distributed to Grant Reviewers for evaluation and potential award. Finally, arrangements were finalized for Pioneer Lodge's relocation to the Sun City Masonic Center. Their first Stated Meeting in our facilities will occur on September 21 and Sun City Lodge #72 will be attending in an official capacity. It is my hope that as many of you as possible will be there to welcome our Brothers from the north to their new home.

We now look forward to wrapping up the 2025/26 Term with at least two degrees in September, "Step-up Night" and our Award Dinner in October and the nomination and election of Officers for the 2026/27 Term at our Stated Meeting in November. The Installation of 2025/26 Officers is expected to occur on Saturday, November 14. Keep your eyes peeled for details from Dustin Barron, Presumptive Master for 2026/27.

Fraternally and With Best Wishes,

Douglas C. Peck

Master

"The strength of a Lodge is measured by the character and fidelity of its Brethren."



FROM THE WEST



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

Greetings from the West!

What a summer it has been! First, a big congratulations to our 3 newest Entered Apprentices, Brothers Josh Lazrson, Nick Stewart, and Tyrone Avendanio. It was a pleasure to participate in your initiations, and I look forward to seeing your journeys unfold! Brother Byron, congratulations as well to you on your 3rd degree, I am honored to call you a Brother!

As we are preparing to come back from our summer of darkness, one thing I want to bring with us is the light. One of the things I would love to help create this year is a more focused effort in education, particularly for our newest members. Freemasonry is a beautiful system packed full of wisdom and knowledge we have all gained through various steps. Yet that knowledge needs to be shared with our brothers coming up in a way to become the most beneficial to continuing the tradition of Masonry. I see our lodge as a near endless supply of the wisdom and wonder of what true Masonry is, coming from so many different areas around the world and walks of life. We can harness that into a strong education program with nights dedicated to offering insight on history, ritual & rodwork, esotericism & symbolism, and everyday practice of Masonry. This program, with the support of the lodge, can become a beacon of our lodge, but more importantly, it can become the basis of support in mentoring our newest members into building their strongest temple.

If you have a topic of interest that would make for a good education night, please reach out to me at 408-705-8794 and we will coordinate a date this year.

I am looking forward to meeting you all on the level in September,

Dustin Barron

“May the light we bring back from summer guide our education, mentorship, and fellowship.”



FROM THE SOUTH



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

From the South,

During the month of August, the lodge held practice sessions every Thursday. These sessions were beneficial to the whole lodge and particularly helpful for the officers in refining their roles and ritual work. The consistent practice strengthened our harmony and prepared us well for the months ahead. Looking ahead, we are excited to resume open-lodge meetings in September, beginning with our stated meeting on September 10th. As we return, I encourage all brethren to join us and to please RSVP for dinner so we can plan accordingly. In the spirit of Masonry, let us remember that our strength lies in unity and brotherly love. As we come back together, may we continue to support one another and uphold the principles that bind us. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Fraternally,

Ryan S Clark

Junior Warden

Sun City Lodge #72



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Worshipful Brother Gary A. Loeb, PM

Secretary, Sun City Lodge No. 72

Secretary's Report:

Sun City Lodge has 182 members.

As of September 1, 2026, the Lodge three Entered Apprentices. This equals a potential membership of 185. Additionally, we have 28 prospective members interested in becoming Masons and joining our Lodge!

The average age of our membership is 66.6 years old, with a median (middle) age of 70.1 years old.

Our oldest member is 100 years old, Bro. Leslie Ellis!

Our youngest member is 22 years old, Bro. Kenyatti Green.

The membership dues for 2026 are \$123.00. So far, 144 members or 97.3% of our 148 dues-paying members have paid their dues for 2026. This also means that six of our members still owe dues. These Brothers may be suspended from all the privileges and benefits of being a member of a Masonic Lodge if dues are not received from them by the next Stated Meeting in September 2026.

Stay healthy, Brethren!

Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

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BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT

Building Managers Update

- 1.) Main Kitchen: The burners / ovens have been cleaned and are operational. The grills are next. Please follow the "Kitchen Responsibilities" as posted in the Kitchens.
- 2.) Main Dining room: Floor has been stripped and waxed. Please help keep the floors clean.
- 3.) Tile in Front Foyer and Hall: Cleaning complete.
- 4.) Lodge Room: Reminder: No Food. ...Drinks are limited to Water only. (Unfortunately, there have been spills and containers left behind.)
- 5.) Hydration: The Masonic Center is looking for donations of case(s) of water. During these "Hot Days" of summer it is important to stay hydrated.

Thank you: Lodge #72 / Bro. Dick Young / Don Winscot for your donations.

- 6.) Security: Security procedures are currently under review / updating.

Please help keep the Masonic Center clean.

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.

Violation	Points
Alarm System Not Activated	25
Shutters Not Closed	40
Lights Left On	10
Fans Left On	10
Tables & Chairs Not Returned to Storage	20
Breach of Security (Sharing Keys and/or Pass Codes)	250 each
Lack of Cleanup	30
Stove or Oven Left On	50
Parking Violations	50

Thank you. — GRF



OASIS CHAPTER NO. 15

Royal Arch Masons

Oasis Chapter No 15 RAM will meet on Friday 18 September 2026 with a Potluck Dinner scheduled for 6:30 PM and Education following at 7PM. The monthly meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 PM.

Oasis Chapter received special recognition at the Annual Communication of the Arizona Grand Royal Arch Chapter on Friday 14 August at the Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa in Mesa. In the photo below, the Grand High Priest, John Lervold, (in the Left of the Photo) is presenting the Grand Lecturer's Award of Excellent to the following Oasis Chapter Companions (Left to Right): Matt Childress, the Oasis Chapter Excellent Hight Priest; Vinnie Esposito; and David Harrower.



The Annual Outdoor Mark Master and Past Master Degree conferral activity is scheduled for Saturday 10 October beginning at 1PM. A copy of the event flyer is included in the current issue of the Sun City Lodge Trestleboard. Contact Pat Hayes for registration information.

Oasis Chapter (red) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$40.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your order information, which should include-

+ Shirt Size; and,

+ What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.

Payment should be made to Oasis Chapter.

Oasis Chapter No 15, Royal Arch Masons, meets every month on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM except for the months of August and December. All regular meetings are at the Sun City Masonic Center and include Potluck 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.



OUTDOOR DEGREE CONFERRALS

Oasis Chapter No. 15 • Royal Arch Masons



Oasis Chapter No 15

Royal Arch Masons

Outdoor Mark Master Degree

& Past Master Degree Conferrals

Saturday October 10th, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

Location- 7304 W Libby, Glendale AZ 85308

Join Excellent High Priest Matt Childress and other Companions in this annual outdoor Degree conferral activity.

COST – Companions - \$30.00 (includes lunch)

Registered Candidates – No Cost.

For additional information, contact-

+ Pat Hayes – 602.570.5684, pmhayes1@cox.net

Register Using below:

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Make _____ Reservations at \$30.00 each -Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Chapter: _____ Candidate? Yes/No (Circle)

Telephone: _____

email: _____

Mail your registration to:

Pat Hayes, 10318 W Garnette Dr Sun City AZ 85373

Make checks payable to: Oasis Chapter No 15 RAM or use Zelle at oasisram15@gmail.com



STEWART COUNCIL NO. 16

Cryptic Masons



Stewart Council will next meet on Monday, 28 September 2026 at 7:30 PM at the Sun City Masonic Center. Potluck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7PM. Full Form Opening will take place at 7:30 PM.

Stewart Council received special recognition at the Annual Communication of the Arizona Grand Council of Cryptic Masons on Saturday 15 August at the Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa in Mesa. In one of the photos below, the Companions of Stewart Council are receiving an award for supporting the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). In the photo, from Left to Right, are: David P Miller; Richard G Young; Ryan Clark; John W Huth; Vinnie Esposito, the current Illustrious Master of Stewart Council; and Most Illustrious Grand Master of Arizona, M Eric Hannah. In the second photo, Companions Ryan Clark and Vinnie Esposito are holding an Award 'Extender Bar' given by Stewart Council for the Council's continuing excellence.



Photos: Stewart Council recognition for support of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and the Council's continuing-excellence Extender Bar.



QADESH TEMPLE #35 SUN CITY NILE CLUB

September 2026



*“As the alluring song of September begins to whisper in my ear,
my passionate spirit yearns for the splendor of its promise.”*

Dear Sun City Nile Club Ladies,

Just a reminder that no meeting till October

Have a very safe summer - watch out from getting too much sun

Will see you all on October 5 as we may start planning for our ov

Please be safe in your travels.

Pr Dora Nickell, President



STEWART COUNCIL NO. 16

Continued

Stewart Council (purple) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$40.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your order information, which should include-

+ Shirt Size; and,

+ What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.

Payment should be made to Stewart Council.

Stewart Council No 16, Cryptic Masons, meets every month on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 PM except for the months of August and December. All regular conclaves are at the Sun City Masonic Center. Stewart Council routinely includes a Potluck 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

Knights Templar

St Andrew Commandery is scheduled to meet Saturday, 12 September 2026. 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 is busy conferring the Chivalric Orders. On Thursday 07 August, James Ryan Stogsdill became a Companion in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. Below is a photo of the new Companion with the St Andrew Commandery cast in costume. On Friday 11 September, the Degree of the Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta will be conferred in full form at the Sun City Masonic Center. Potluck Dinner is scheduled for 6PM with the conferral activity beginning at 7PM.



Illustrious Order of the Red Cross conferral, August 7, 2026.



ST. ANDREW COMMANDERY NO. 17

Grand Commandery Recognition

The Annual Conclave of the Arizona Grand Commandery Knights Templar was held on Thursday 13 August at the Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa in Mesa. St Andrew Commandery received several special recognitions. In the photo below, Sir Knight Richard Baskin is holding the Special Award of Excellence Streamer presented to St Andrew Commandery. In the second photo, Sir Knight Richard G Young, current Eminent Commander of St Andrew Commandery, is holding a Certificate of Excellence awarded St Andrew Commandery from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for significant financial support. The 13 August Arizona Grand Commandery Conclave was special for St Andrew Commandery as the outgoing Right Eminent Grand Commandery, Sir Knight John W Huth, presided during the session and completed a most successful year as Grand Commander.



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

- + Shirt Size; and,
- + What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.

Payment should be made to St Andrew Commandery KT.

St Andrew Commandery meets every month on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9AM except for the month of August. All regular conclaves are at the Sun City Masonic Center and include coffee and donuts at 8AM with practice at 8:30 AM. St Andrew Commandery now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 2026

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brother	Birthday
Robert W. Wright	September 10
Christopher L. Kinor	September 11
Leland A. Schlabach	September 12
Edward J. Tannheimer	September 13
Edward J. Anderson	September 17
Leslie Kessler	September 20
Donald M. McElroy	September 20
Ulises R. Gonzalez	September 22
Walter M. Detrinidad	September 23
Robert J. Cole	September 28
Adrian C. Gohn	September 28
Richard J. Nolen	September 28
Bryan F. Cooper-Keeble	September 29
James R. Stogsdill	September 29

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Stanley S. Stobierski	September 22	43
Thomas P. Dawson	September 14	36
Donald M. McElroy	September 16	34
Glen C. Mitchell	September 15	18
Brian K. Turner	September 27	18
Steven D. Wieters	September 21	16
William J. Higgins III	September 25	16
Randell C. Smith Jr	September 6	14
Marcos P. Lakandula	September 8	14
Michael S. Rial	September 2	12
Donald E. Payne	September 23	12
Dustin R. Barron	September 28	3
Jesse R. Phillips	September 19	2



PEORIA #59 Order of Eastern Star



The members of **Peoria Chapter #59** have returned from a successful Grand Chapter *Pawprints of Love* Session, held August 5–8, 2026, at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale. Twelve Peoria members attended and helped support the session, which welcomed 459 registered members representing 30 states and Canada.

Peoria is especially proud of several members receiving Grand Chapter honors. **Brother Ed Gordon** was installed as Worthy Grand Patron and will serve alongside Sister Ruth Wilmot of Yuma #14 during the 2026–2027 year. **Sister Crystal Thompson**, Past Matron of Peoria, advanced to Associate Grand Matron, and **Sister Pat Peterson** was elected Grand Secretary. **Sister Marsha Young, GTE**, continues her service as Grand Trustee, while **Sister Nancy Busch** has been appointed District Instructor. Peoria members also received several committee appointments, and we congratulate everyone called to serve.

Our **Welcome Back Potluck and meeting will be September 9**, when we will recognize our elected and appointed Grand Chapter members and hear reports from those who attended Grand Chapter.

Looking ahead, Peoria will host the **Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron, on Saturday, November 7**. Preparations are already underway for what promises to be a memorable day of fellowship and Eastern Star tradition.

The **Order of the Eastern Star** brings men and women together in fellowship and service, guided by the values of **Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love**. Through these principles, its members strive to practice fraternal love while supporting meaningful work for the benefit of others.

Peoria Chapter #59 meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.



QADESH TEMPLE #35 SUN CITY NILE CLUB

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SUN CITY WEST HIGH 12 CLUB

Fellowship • Service • Masonic Widows

The Sun City West High 12 Club completes the Summer Lunch series on Friday 11 September 2026 at 12 Noon. The lunch location is Don Ruben's Mexican Restaurant, 11340 W Bell Road in Surprise. For lunch time information and RSVP, contact Dave Miller.

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).



"Fellowship strengthens the ties that bind us together as Brothers."

JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL — BETHEL 19

Sun City, Arizona • Desert Sky Jurisdiction



Bethel 19 had a great summer break! During the summer, the members joined with another Arizona Bethel and shared a beautiful closing triangle for the Tucson Lodge. They returned to meetings with a fun skit and a pool party, while continuing to support other Bethels throughout the Jurisdiction and the OES Grand Court Installation.

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Sun City Masonic Lodge.

September Calendar: September 13 — Bethel Meeting, 1:30 p.m. • September 27 — Bethel Meeting, 1:30 p.m. • September 27 — Promotional Fundraiser, 4:30 p.m.

Questions: JDIBethel19az@gmail.com



"The future of our Masonic family is strengthened when we encourage those who follow after us."

MASONIC HUMOR

A Little Light Between Labors



Hmmm... folding laundry... last night you washed the dishes... Okay! The gig's up! Which appendent body did you join now?

Sometimes the signs of joining another appendant body are difficult to conceal.

"There is a time for labor, a time for refreshment, and always room for a little Brotherly humor."



MASONIC EDUCATION

From Darkness to Light

Returning to Our Masonic Labor

For the Brethren of Sun City Lodge No. 72, September marks our return from the summer months during which our Lodge has traditionally been dark. We return to our Stated Meetings, our Degrees, our fellowship, and the familiar work of the Craft.

But there is a deeper Masonic lesson contained within this simple transition.

We do not return from darkness merely to turn the lights back on. We return to continue building.

What Does It Mean to Seek Light?

From our earliest experiences in Masonry, Light carries meaning beyond physical illumination. It represents knowledge, understanding, moral awareness, and the continuing discovery of those truths by which a Mason endeavors to govern his life.

Yet receiving Light and living by that Light are two very different things.

A Brother may memorize ritual, study symbolism, learn Masonic history, and become proficient in the work. All are worthy pursuits. But the greater purpose of Masonic education is the improvement of the man himself.

The question is therefore not simply:

“What more can I learn about Masonry?”

It is also:

“What has Masonry taught me to become?”

That question leads us back to some of the most fundamental teachings of the Craft.

Brotherly Love — Returning to One Another

When we return to Lodge, we return first and foremost to our Brothers.

Brotherly Love asks us to regard the happiness and welfare of another as worthy of our concern. It is demonstrated in fellowship, patience, encouragement, forgiveness, and the willingness to extend a hand.

There may be a Brother returning in September whom we have not seen for several months—or perhaps several years.

Welcome him.

There may be a newly initiated Brother who knows very few people in the room.

Sit beside him.

There may be an older Brother who no longer participates as actively as he once did.

Seek him out.

Sometimes the most meaningful Masonic lesson delivered during an evening occurs before the Lodge is ever opened.

Relief = Seeing the Burden We Cannot See

Our summer experiences will not have been the same.

Some Brothers return refreshed from vacations and time with family. Others may return having experienced illness, financial difficulty, loneliness, grief, or burdens known only to themselves.



Relief requires awareness.

It asks us to notice one another.

The Brother sitting beside us may need nothing more than conversation. Another may need assistance. Another may simply need to know that someone noticed his absence.

The practice of Relief reminds us that Masonry cannot exist solely in ritual. The lessons taught within the Lodge must eventually pass through its doors.

Truth = Walking in the Light We Have Received

Truth asks something equally demanding of us.

It requires sincerity in our dealings, integrity in our conduct, and honesty with ourselves.

Seeking Further Light should therefore involve more than discovering additional symbols or explanations. Every new lesson should cause us to examine the rough ashlar a little more carefully.

Where have I improved?

Where have I fallen short?

What remains to be corrected?

The Mason who continually asks these questions has never finished his education.

The Four Cardinal Virtues

Our return to labor also provides an opportunity to remember the Four Cardinal Virtues impressed upon us in the Craft.

Temperance teaches restraint.

Not every disagreement requires an argument. Not every thought requires expression. The Mason learns to govern himself before attempting to influence others.

Fortitude gives us strength to remain faithful to principle when doing so becomes difficult. Character is most clearly revealed when virtue carries a cost.

Prudence teaches us to consider the consequences of our words and actions. Wisdom often consists not merely in knowing what can be said but understanding when and how it should be said.

Justice reminds us to deal fairly with every person. Within the Lodge, titles and stations may distinguish our responsibilities, but we continue to meet as Brothers upon the Level.

Together these virtues help transform Masonic philosophy into Masonic conduct.

Our Working Tools Still Have Work to Do

The working tools presented through our Degrees were never intended merely for display.

The Twenty-Four-Inch Gauge still asks how we are using the limited hours entrusted to us.

The Common Gavel still reminds us that there are rough and superfluous parts of our character requiring removal.

The Plumb still calls us to upright conduct.

The Level still reminds us of our common humanity and equality.

The Square still challenges us to regulate our actions according to morality and virtue.

And the Compasses continue reminding us that a disciplined man establishes proper boundaries for himself.

These are simple tools carrying difficult lessons.



Their work lasts a lifetime.

Further Light Requires Further Labor

There is an important distinction between seeing Light and walking in it.

Masonry can provide instruction, symbols, ritual, mentorship, and fellowship. But no Lodge can perform the individual's labor for him.

The stone must still be worked.

That is why returning from darkness is such an appropriate moment for reflection.

As our Lodge resumes its labors, perhaps each of us might choose one piece of our own rough ashlar requiring attention.

Be more patient.

Call the Brother we have not seen.

Mentor a newer Mason.

Attend a Degree simply to support the candidate.

Study something about the Craft we have never understood.

Reconcile a disagreement.

Serve someone without expecting recognition.

Listen more carefully.

Judge less quickly.

Practice greater charity.

These seemingly small acts are where speculative Masonry becomes operative in our lives.

Returning to the Light Together

When the Lodge is again opened and the Brethren assemble, the room will contain men of different ages, professions, experiences, opinions, and stages of their Masonic journey.

Yet we will meet upon the Level.

That may be among the most important lessons to carry with us into September.

We are not simply returning to a building.

We are returning to our Brothers.

We are returning to our obligations.

We are returning to the quarry.

And we are returning to the continuing pursuit of Further Light in Masonry.

May the months ahead find Sun City Lodge No. 72 filled not only with attendance, ritual, and activity, but with patience, compassion, charity, fellowship, and the sincere desire of good men to become better men.

For ultimately, the Light of Masonry is most clearly seen not in what a Mason knows—

but in how a Mason lives.



A Question for Reflection

As you return to Lodge this September, what part of your own rough ashlar deserves the working tools next?

“We return from darkness not because our work is finished, but because there is still more Light to seek and more building to be done.”



IN MEMORIAM



Sir Knight Douglas S. Robertson

Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Arizona

April 28, 1950 – June 9, 2026

Masonic & Knights Templar Memorial Service

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 2:00 p.m.

Sun City Lodge No. 72, F. & A.M.

The Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, family, and friends of Sir Knight Douglas S. Robertson are invited to gather at Sun City Lodge No. 72 on Sunday, October 11, at 2:00 p.m. to honor the life, service, and memory of a beloved Brother and Sir Knight who has laid down his working tools and answered the summons of the Grand Commander above.

Doug passed peacefully at his home on June 9, 2026, at the age of 76, completing an earthly journey distinguished by family, creativity, faith, friendship, and service.

For approximately twenty years, Freemasonry occupied a special place in Doug's life. He believed deeply in its mission of making good men better and found among his Brothers a fellowship and sense of purpose that became an important part of his life in Arizona.

His Masonic journey carried him further into the York Rite, where he became especially devoted to the principles and traditions of Christian Knighthood. His service ultimately led him to one of the highest honors his fellow Sir Knights could bestow upon him: serving as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arizona.

Yet the titles and honors tell only part of his story.

Doug was a husband, father, grandfather, Brother, Sir Knight, artist, craftsman, reader, adventurer, and lifelong seeker. He approached his interests with remarkable enthusiasm whether engraving delicate ostrich eggs, carving wood, painting, bladesmithing, practicing Shotokan Karate, racing his Mini Cooper, playing pool, or pursuing the many adventures that filled his life.

Building the Future While Honoring Our Traditions

◆ SQUARE ◆ COMPASSES ◆ LEVEL ◆ PLUMB ◆



For 39 years, he shared that journey with his beloved wife, Eva. Together they made Phoenix their home in 1994 and built a life surrounded by family, friends, artists, and a Masonic community that Doug treasured.

He is survived by Eva; his children, Brett (Heather) and Shannon; his grandchildren, Mason and Holden; his brothers, David (Susie) and Dudley (Bonnie); and the many Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, friends, and loved ones whose lives were touched by his friendship and service.

On October 11, we will gather not simply to mourn his passing, but to remember a life fully lived and a Brother who faithfully traveled the path placed before him.

For the Mason, the working tools have been laid down.

For the Knight, the sword has been sheathed.

For the pilgrim, the long journey has reached its destination.

And for those who remain, there is the assurance that although our Brother has passed beyond our sight, the influence of his life remains in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Rest well, Brother. Rest well, Companion. Rest well, Sir Knight.

Until we meet again in that Grand Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides.

Masonic & Knights Templar Memorial Service

Sunday, October 11, 2026

2:00 p.m.

Sun City Lodge No. 72, F. & A.M.

Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, family, friends, and all who knew Doug are invited to attend.

Non Omnis Moriar — “I shall not wholly die.”



THE BUILDER'S CHARGE

A Closing Reflection — Returning to Light

“Freemasonry is a progressive moral science, taught by allegories and illustrated by symbols.”

As the summer months end and Sun City Lodge No. 72 returns from darkness, we are reminded that **darkness in Masonry is never without purpose**. It gives us occasion to reflect, to renew ourselves, and to consider more carefully the Light we seek when we again assemble as Brothers.

To seek **Further Light in Masonry** is not simply to acquire greater knowledge of ritual, history, or symbolism. It is to better understand ourselves and to put the lessons of the Craft into practice. The Light we seek should make us more patient in judgment, more compassionate toward another's burdens, more willing to forgive, more charitable in our actions, and more faithful to the obligations we have assumed.

Our working tools teach us that the rough places within ourselves require continual labor. The **Twenty-Four-Inch Gauge** reminds us to properly value our time. The **Common Gavel** calls us to remove those habits and passions that keep us from becoming better men. The **Plumb** teaches uprightness, the **Level** reminds us of our equality, and the **Square** calls us to square our actions by the principles of morality and virtue.

Yet these symbols have little value if their lessons remain only within the Lodge room.

The true measure of our Masonic labor is found in how we treat the Brother beside us, the stranger who needs kindness, the family depending upon us, and the community we have promised to serve. **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth must be lived before they can truly be taught.**

As we return to our Stated Meetings and resume the important work of conferring Degrees, let us also remember the Brothers returning with us. Some may have enjoyed a wonderful summer. Others may return carrying burdens we cannot see. A handshake, a seat beside a Brother at dinner, a telephone call, or simply asking, *“Brother, how are you?”* may accomplish better than we ever realize.

Our newest Brothers are watching as well. They will learn what Masonry means not only from the words of our ritual, but from the Masonry they witness in us. Let us teach by example with patience when instruction is needed, encouragement when confidence is lacking, humility when disagreements arise, and compassion whenever a Brother is in need.



HEY BROTHER.. YEAH, YOU.



Haven't been to Lodge in a while?
No judgment. 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

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