

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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JANUARY ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Congratulations to **Bro. James Carroll** and **Bro. James Harber**, who were Initiated as Entered Apprentices on Thursday, December 18, 2025. Great job by the officers, particularly Bro. Ryan Clark, Acting Master for the evening.

The Lodge was well attended and conducted its work with dignity and care.

Moments like these reflect the continued strength of our officers, the commitment of our members, and the responsibility we share in welcoming and guiding new Brothers as they begin their Masonic journey.

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

HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MASONIC SERVICE



Honoring 50-Year Membership Award recipients, **WB David Miller** and **WB Jan Lilley**, who received their awards prior to the Stated Meeting on **Thursday, December 11, 2025**.

Pictured from left to right: **MWB Leigh Creighton**, Grand Master; **WB David Miller** (Master 2012); **WB Jan Lilley** (Master 2011); and the Lodge's Master, **WB Douglas Peck**.

Reaching fifty years of membership is a rare and meaningful achievement, representing decades of commitment, service, and quiet leadership. **WB Miller** and **WB Lilley** have each contributed to the Lodge not only through their time in the East, but through years of steady presence, guidance, and example. Their recognition serves as a reminder that the strength of a Lodge is built over time by Brothers who continue to support its work long after titles have passed.



Fraternal Greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72-

Welcome to 2026! I hope that the holiday season just concluded has proven to be a safe, healthy and enjoyable one for you, your families and your friends. As I mentioned last month, the new year promises to be yet another good one for Sun City Lodge #72 and I want to mention here a few of the reasons why.

I begin by congratulating four of our brethren, two of whom – our very own Past Masters Jan Lilley and David Miller – were recognized for Masonic longevity with the award of fifty-year anniversary aprons by Most Worshipful Brother Leigh Creighton, Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, on December 11 and two of whom – Brothers James Carroll and James Harber – began their Masonic journeys as Entered Apprentices on December 18 under the mentorships of Brother Vinnie Esposito and Devon Bradley, respectively.

Looking ahead, we will soon be gearing up for our annual fund-raising activities during Spring Training at Surprise Stadium which will be led this year by Brother Fred Robinson with the support of Brother Ryan Clark. If you have not participated in our Spring Training at Surprise Stadium ventures previously, I encourage you to join our team for I am confident that each of us who has done so before will vouch that it proved to be a fun and rewarding experience.

Continuing with the theme of charitable activities and public service, please take note of the signs recently posted along 107th Avenue northbound from the Lodge informing passersby that Sun City Lodge #72 is participating in the refuse collection program. Brother Shane Miller provided an overview of what is involved during December's Stated Meeting. This is one of those ways in which our Lodge can project a positive image of itself and Masonry in general so please touch base with Brother Shane should you need more information. Also, keep your "eyes and ears peeled" for announcements regarding opportunities for voluntarism on a more personal level currently under development with



Hospice of the Valley by Brother Dustin Barron who provides further detail in his article immediately below. Finally, with thanks to Brother Tom Dawson for broaching the possibility, you will want to stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about a black powder rifle fund-raiser.

As you can see, our Lodge is actively engaged on a number of fronts. At the same time, however, there are many additional ways in which Sun City Lodge #72 can continue to grow and realize its objectives, both as a collectivity and for us as individual Masons. Should you have any thoughts or suggestions along these lines, please feel free to bring them to my attention or that of any of our other Officers. I, and they, are here to serve.

Fraternally and With Best Wishes,
Douglas C. Peck
Master

FROM
THE
EAST



Greetings from the West, Brothers,

I hope your holiday season was a blast, and that the new year's journey has started in the right direction. 2025 was a year to remember- one of growth, change, of endings and beginnings. I feel as though 2026 will give us another great year to remember for our lodge, and one I am looking forward to.

Spring training will start at the end of next month, and we need all the help we can get for it! Come out for a day, or a weekend, and spend some time with our fellow brethren and appendant body members servings dogs, drinks and goodwill to the community. All while enjoying America's sport! Proceeds of this fundraising event goes towards our grant programs for higher education of masonic youth and children and grandchildren of Arizona Masons everywhere, so your time and energy are not only going towards building great relationships but helping our future secure a solid education. Please reach out to Brother Fred Robinson to let him know how many days you might be able to join us.

I spoke with Hospice of the Valley earlier this month, and they are thrilled to have us join their community of volunteers. The first program we are looking for some volunteers on is a monthly dinner program we will be hosting at their center. For this I believe we need only 3-5 brothers to put on a simple meal- something like spaghetti and meat sauce- to bring the smells and sounds of cooking into the center, along with the ability to share a meal with the residents. This gives the staff a well needed break and ability to focus on other things, and the residents of the center a night of enjoyment for them and the ones they love that would be there at the time. I am looking to provide this service on a monthly basis, so if this is something you would like to participate in, please text me at 408-705-8794 so I can get you scheduled.

THE
WEST



Brother Shane Miller will also be looking for volunteers to help with our newly adopted street. As he discussed at the stated meeting, this would be a few times a year where we would need to pick up trash and generally clean the street. These can be a lot of fun, and the more of us that can be out there to help, the faster it can be done!

If there are any non-profit organizations you would like to see us get more involved with, please let me know.

I would like to end with my deepest condolences to the family of Brother Bear. He was a great man, one of the first who introduced himself to me here. Brother Bear was always someone who you could talk to, and a brother who will be truly missed. May you hear those words from Him who sit on High, Brother.

Fraternally,
Bro. Dustin Barron
Senior Warden

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." — Albert Pike

FROM
THE
WEST



From the South,

As we close out another year and look forward to another one, I am full of hope and gratitude for the journey we share together in this ancient and honorable fraternity. This year ahead holds much promise for our lodge. I am confident that, with the continued dedication of each brother, we will build upon our past labors and lay a strong foundation for the future. May we continue to grow in light, in brotherly love, and in service to our communities, always striving to live up to the high principles of Freemasonry.

It is with great joy that I extend the warmest congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices, Brother James Carrol and James Harber, on their recent initiation into the first degree of Masonry. They both now stand at the threshold of the light of the fraternity. I have full confidence that not only their chosen mentors as well as all the brothers of the Lodge will extend to them their wisdom and experience in the craft as our lodge is blessed so much of.

Many of you have been so good at sending me an RSVP for dinner and I hope this will continue as it helps us plan for the events. Thank you all. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge. May the blessing of heaven rest upon you all.

Fraternally,
Ryan Clark
Junior Warden

FROM
THE
SOUTH



Secretary's Report as of January 1, 2026:

Happy New Year, Brethren!

Sun City Lodge has 179 members.

As of January 1, 2025, the Lodge has two Fellowcrafts, three Entered Apprentices, and one applicant for dual/plural membership. **That means we have 6 new members in the "works"!** This equals a potential membership of 185. Additionally, we have a bunch of prospective members interested in joining our Lodge, either by petition or affiliation!

The average age of our membership is 67.4 years old, with a median (middle) age of 71.5 years old. The Entered Apprentices average 43.6 years old, the Fellowcrafts average 38.1 years old, and the applicant for affiliation is 72.5 years old.

The membership dues for 2026 are \$123.00. Dues bills were mailed to all paying members on October 15, 2025. Brethren may pay their dues either by Zelle® to SunCity72Sec@gmail or by check payable to **Sun City Lodge #72**, and mailed to PO Box 1353, Sun City, AZ 85372-1353. So far, 89 members or 61.4% of our 145 dues-paying members have paid their dues for 2026.

Grand Lodge has decided not to issue paper dues cards for 2026. As dues are paid, I will be printing and mailing out 2026 dues cards and Certificates of Good Standing from our Grand View member management Website. Dues-paying members may also access an active dues card and QR-code from the Grand View cell-phone app.

Stay healthy, Brethren!

Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

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FROM THE
SECRETARY'S
DESK

SUN CITY LODGE NO. 72

SICKNESS & HEALTH

THE “ALMONER’S VOICE”

One of Freemasonry’s core values is looking after others, and Almoners are at the forefront of delivering care and support to lodge members and their families. When things change in life, having a strong support system can make all the difference.

Never feel “embarrassed” or “uncomfortable” in reaching out for support or help with your Lodge Almoner. All conversations and communication are strictly private. Anything shared will only be released to the Lodge with your absolute permission.

Necrology

It is with solemn reflection that we record the passing of two Brothers whose lives and years of membership are remembered with respect and gratitude.

Brother **Thomas Archie “Bear” Ganyon**, age 74, and Brother **Robert Muehlberg**, age 88, have both laid down their working tools. Each, in his own way, contributed to the Lodge through his presence, his time, and his journey within the Craft. While no single article can fully capture the course of a man’s life, it is important that their names and service be formally acknowledged and preserved in the record of the Lodge.

Necrology serves as a reminder that Freemasonry is not measured solely by meetings attended or offices held, but by the shared bonds formed over time. Our Brothers’ years among us represent countless moments, spoken and unspoken, where fellowship, labor, and support were given. Their absence is felt, and their memory remains part of the fabric of this Lodge.

As we reflect on their passing, we extend our sincere condolences to their families, loved ones, and all who mourn their loss. May we honor their memory by continuing the work of the Lodge with the same respect, care, and commitment that binds Brothers together across generations.

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

HEY BROTHER...

YEAH, YOU!

- **Haven't been to Lodge in a while?**
No judgement. Just pull up.
- **Don't recognize anyone anymore?**
That's cool – **introduce yourself.**
Brotherhood didn't vanish, it just got some new faces.
- **Got some years under your belt?**
Awesome. **Drop some wisdom** on the young guns. They're hungry for it (even if they act like they aren't).
- **Feeling a little "out of the loop"?**
Totally normal. But guess what? We don't read minds. Say something.



THE LODGE IS STILL YOUR HOME!

We've missed you! Come back and help us keep the Light burning.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

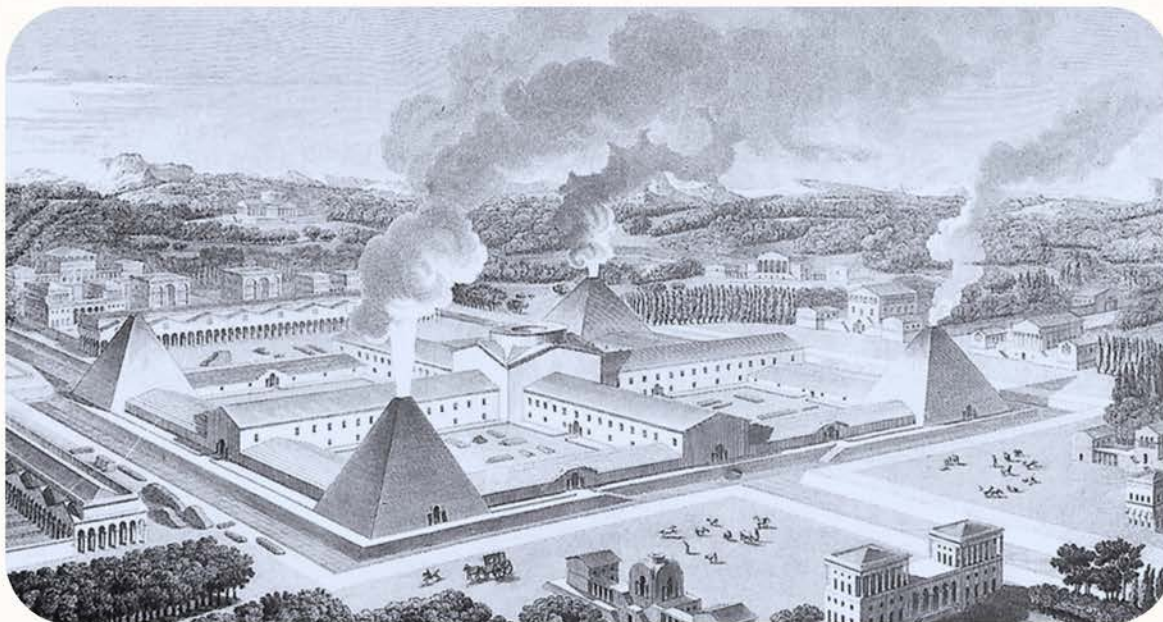
Leslie E. Ellis	January 1st
Vincent L. Esposito	January 2nd
Brian N. Brown	January 6th
Richard K. Flinton	January 6th
David H. McConachie	January 6th
Ryan S. Clark	January 9th
William B. Lewis	January 9th
Sean J. Shelton	January 10th
Keith A. Brooks Jr.	January 17th
James A. Boothman	January 21st
Dennis E. McMillen	January 21st
Hamilton T. Zachary Jr.	January 21st
James R. Denzien Sr.	January 23rd
Barre L. Shepp	January 23rd
Roger E. Tricco	January 27th
Fredrick A. Robinson	January 28th
Todd P. Blake	January 30th
Roger D. Flowers	January 30th

JANUARY

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

John C. Hohlfeld Jr.	January 27, 1970	56 Years
George C. Walton	January 23, 1976	50 Years
Errol V. Hawksley	January 6, 1985	41 Years
John W. Huth	January 21, 1986	40 Years
James A. Boothman	January 26, 1986	40 Years
Earl K. Paasch	January 19, 1988	38 Years
William B. Lewis	January 23, 1997	29 Years
Roger W. Hall	January 22, 2007	19 Years
Charles E. Hardy	January 7, 2010	16 Years
Robert J. Cole	January 7, 2010	16 Years
Edward J. Tannheimer	January 28, 2016	10 Years
Harrison M. Cantrell	January 26, 2017	9 Years
Marcus D. Hensley	January 28, 2017	9 Years
Matthew C. Lawrence	January 25, 2018	8 Years
Douglas C. Peck	January 23, 2020	6 Years
Robert B. Gilmore Jr.	January 18, 2024	2 Years

A Moment from Masonic History



A Brief Masonic History Note

Freemasonry is often spoken of as timeless, but its endurance rests on something very practical: men continuing to gather, work, and pass knowledge forward across generations. Long before Lodges met in their present form, operative masons organized themselves to protect skills, maintain standards, and care for one another while working on cathedrals, castles, and civic structures throughout Europe.

As society changed, so did the Craft. What began as a system rooted in physical labor gradually welcomed men whose work was no longer stone, but character. This transition did not abandon the old tools and lessons; rather, it preserved them as symbols. Reminders that improvement, precision, and responsibility are learned through effort and discipline, not shortcuts.

Today's Freemasonry remains connected to those origins in a quiet but meaningful way. While our work is no longer measured in arches or walls, the principles of cooperation, accountability, and respect for one another endure. Each meeting, degree, and act of service is part of a long continuum that links past generations to the present.

Understanding where Freemasonry comes from helps us better appreciate where it stands today and why it continues to matter.

Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield

Editor, Sun City West Lodge No. 72 Trestleboard

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

WHEN

- Weekends
February
and March

WHO

- Anyone 16
or over welcome

WHY VOLUNTEER

- Raise money
for Your lodge
- Community
involvement



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SUN CITY LODGE NO. 72 BRETHREN POLO SHIRTS **AVAILABLE FOR ORDER**

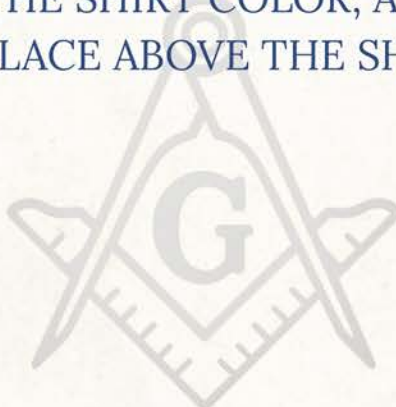
SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 IS COORDINATING AN ORDER FOR SHORT SLEEVE COLLARED POLO SHIRTS EMBOSSED WITH THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES. THE SHIRTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- + SHIRT IS A POLYESTER BLEND;
- + SHIRT IS SHORT SLEEVE WITH A COLLAR;
- + LEFT BREAST POCKET WITH NAME ABOVE THE POCKET;
- + SQUARE AND COMPASSES WITH SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 ON THE RIGHT BREAST; AND
- + SHIRTS ARE IN YOUR CHOICE OF BLACK, BLUE, OR WHITE.

PRICE IS \$35.00 PER SHIRT WITH PAYMENT MADE TO SUN CITY LODGE NO 72.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ORDERING A SHIRT, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE MILLER AT 602.317.6136 OR DMILLER154@COX.NET. WHEN ORDERING, INCLUDE:

- + YOUR SHIRT SIZE;
- + THE SHIRT COLOR; AND
- + NAME YOU WANT PLACE ABOVE THE SHIRT POCKET (IF ANY).



PAST MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP – JANUARY GATHERING & LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Past Master's Fellowship (PMF) of Sun City Lodge is scheduled to next meet on **Thursday, 08 January 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 (623.972.2217, suncity72sec@gmail.com).

Remember that before the Sun City Lodge January Stated Meeting there is dinner. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM prior to the Stated Meeting. RSVP for the dinner is encouraged at suncity72rsvp@gmail.com.

The Past Master's 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 for 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 Master's Fellowship to support various Sun City Lodge activities and recognitions.

Oasis Chapter No. 15 – January Meeting & Announcements

Oasis Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Sun City Masonic Center.

- **Pot Luck Dinner:** 6:30 PM
- **Education:** 7:00 PM
- **Monthly Meeting Opens:** 7:30 PM

Warm holiday greetings to all Companions for a safe joyful New Year!

Oasis Chapter Shirts Now Available

Official **Oasis Chapter (red) shirts** are available for **\$40.00** each.

To order, please contact **Dave Miller** with the following:

- Desired **shirt size**
- Any **custom text** to be printed on the left breast

Payments should be made to **Oasis Chapter**.

Regular Meeting Schedule & Payment Options

Oasis Chapter meets on the **third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM**, except in **August** and **December**. All meetings take place at the **Sun City Masonic Center** and include:

- **Pot Luck Dinner** at 6:30 PM
- **Education** at 7:00 PM

The Chapter now accepts Zelle for dues, shirt purchases, and donations.
For additional details, contact **Dave Miller** or **Pat Hayes**.

Sun City West High 12 Club – January Meeting & Membership Update

The **Sun City West High 12 Club** will hold its next meeting on **Friday, January 9, 2025**, at the **Royal Café** (10793 W. Grand Ave., Sun City). The gathering begins at **12:00 PM Noon**.

In addition to lunch, the Club meeting will feature a presentation from **Jesse Ramirez** discussing the **West Valley Food Bank** operations. The gathering will also include the installation of the Club 2026 Officers.

For the December breakfast gathering, the Club had a presentation from **Pastor Mike Turner** of the **Light of Hope Church**. **Pastor Mike** spoke about the holiday season and the special celebrations. Below is a photo of **Pastor Mike** and Sun City West High 12 Club President **Don Winscot** (on the right in the photo).



Sun City West High 12 Club – January Meeting & Membership Update

The December breakfast was the last breakfast meeting for the Sun City West High 12 Club. Beginning in January 2026, the Club meetings will regularly be at 12 Noon. The location for the meetings, The Royal Café in Sun City, will remain the same.

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**, and **Masonic Widows** are warmly welcomed.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dave Miller** – 602-317-6136 | dmiller154@cox.net
- **Gary Fullington** – 480-319-4101 | garyfullington@yahoo.com

Stewart Council No. 16 – January Meeting & Announcements

Stewart Council will hold its next gathering on **Monday, January 26, 2026**, at the **Sun City Masonic Center**.

- Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30 PM
- Education Program: 7:00 PM
- Monthly Meeting Opens: 7:30 PM

Warm holiday greetings are extended to all Companions for a safe, joyful New Year!

Stewart Council Shirts Now Available

Official **Stewart Council (purple) shirts** are now available for **\$40.00** each. To place an order, please contact **Dave Miller** and include:

- Requested **shirt size**
- Any **custom text** you would like printed on the left breast

Payments should be made to **Stewart Council**.

Regular Schedule & Payment Options

Stewart Council No. 16, Cryptic Masons, meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:30 PM, except in **August** and **December**.

All meetings are held at the **Sun City Masonic Center** and typically include:

- **Pot Luck Dinner** at 6:30 PM
- **Education** at 7:00 PM

The Council now accepts **Zelle** for dues payments and donations. For more information, contact **Dave Miller** or **Pat Hayes**.

St. Andrew Commandery No. 17 – Illustrious Order of the Red Cross Conferred

St Andrew Commandery is scheduled to meet **Saturday, 10 January**. Conclave opens at **9 AM** at the **Sun City Masonic Center**. Coffee and donuts at **8AM** with practice scheduled for **8:30 AM**.

After the December conclave closed, the Sir Knights and their guests joined in a celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Below is a photo of the Celebration Table set up for the festive event. During the occasion, special messages were read from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and from the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona. As the photo shows, the RE Grand Commander, Sir Knight **John W Huth**, was present for the celebration and luncheon that followed the celebration ceremony. His presence and involvement added to the special event.



St. Andrew Commandery No. 17

Commandery Polo Shirts Now Available

Official **St. Andrew Commandery (black) polo shirts** are now available for \$40.00 each.

To place an order, please contact **Dave Miller** with the following information:

- Desired **shirt size**
- Any requested **custom printing** on the left breast side

Payments should be directed to **St. Andrew Commandery KT.**

Regular Meeting Schedule & Payment Options

St. Andrew Commandery meets on the **second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM**, except during **August**. All regular Conclaves are held at the **Sun City Masonic Center**, beginning with **coffee and donuts at 8:00 AM** and **practice at 8:30 AM**.

The Commandery now accepts **Zelle** for dues and donations.
For additional details, contact **Dave Miller** or **Pat Hayes**.

*Until we meet again, walk uprightly and
serve with purpose.*

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Questions or submissions?

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Designed by Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield

