

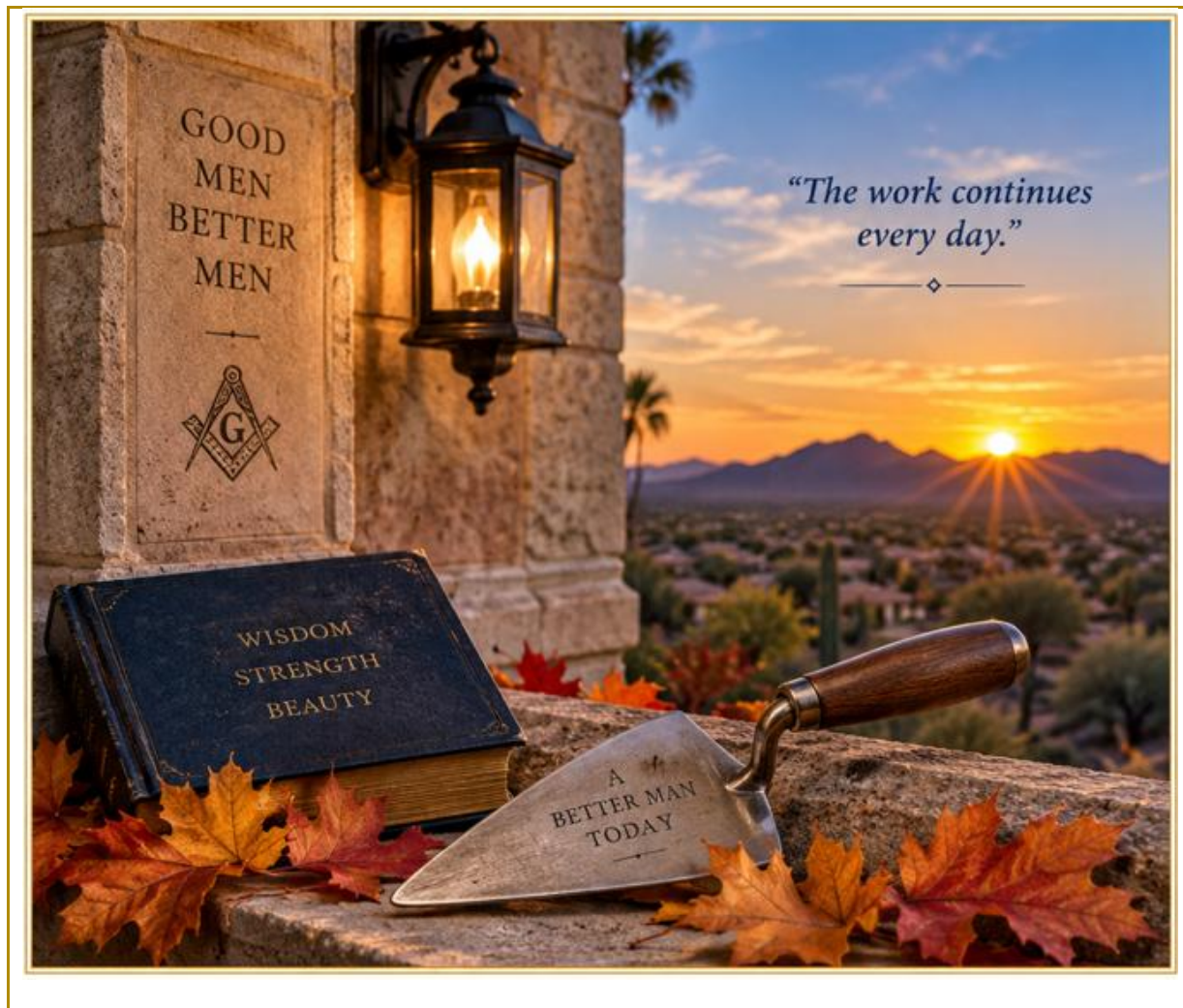


SUN CITY LODGE No. 72 • FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

THE TRESTLEBOARD

October 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 October 2026 edition of The Trestleboard.

Brethren, one of the simplest expressions we use in Masonry is also one of the most meaningful: meeting upon the level.

The level reminds us that when Brothers come together, the distinctions that so often separate men in the outside world should become less important than the principles that unite us. We come from different generations, professions, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. We will not always agree—and Brotherhood does not require that we do.

What it does require is that we remember how Brothers should treat one another.

Meeting upon the level means listening before judging. It means disagreeing without becoming disagreeable. It means giving a Brother the same patience and understanding we would hope to receive ourselves. And sometimes, it means extending a hand even when pride tells us to keep it at our side.

Our obligations to one another are not fulfilled merely by being members of the same Lodge. They are fulfilled through the choices we make and the character we demonstrate.

As I think about that responsibility, I am reminded of three words that appear throughout The Trestleboard: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty.

We need Wisdom to recognize when to speak, when to listen, and when understanding is more important than being right. We need Strength to stand by our principles, keep our commitments, admit when we are wrong, forgive when we have been hurt, and support a Brother when he needs us. And we need Beauty in the way we put those virtues together creating harmony from different personalities, experiences, and opinions and building something greater than any one of us could build alone.

A strong Lodge is not one in which every Brother thinks alike. It is one in which Brothers of different minds can still meet upon the level, work together, and depart with respect and Brotherly Love intact.

There is another side to meeting upon the Level that deserves our attention. Sometimes it means recognizing that the Brother standing beside us may be carrying a burden we cannot see.

We spend only a small portion of our lives together in Lodge. Beyond those walls, our Brothers experience the same joys, disappointments, illnesses, losses, family concerns, financial worries, and uncertainties that touch every man's life. A handshake and a smile may tell us very little about what a Brother is facing when he goes home.

That is where our obligations to one another become something more than words.

Wisdom may tell us to notice when a Brother has grown unusually quiet. Strength may be required to make the telephone call, offer assistance, or simply sit beside him when there is nothing we can say to make things better. Beauty can be found in the quiet act of one Brother reminding another that he does not have to face life's difficult moments alone.

And we should remember that accepting such kindness is not weakness. Brotherhood works in both directions. There will be times when we are the Brother extending the hand and other times when we may be the one who needs to take it.

Perhaps this is one of the greatest strengths of a Lodge: we are not merely men who meet together; we are men who have made a commitment to care about what happens to one another.

As we move further into our Masonic year, perhaps each of us can ask: Am I helping build the kind of Brotherhood I would want another Brother to build for me?

If we can answer that question through our actions—with Wisdom in our decisions, Strength in our character, and Beauty in the way we treat one another—then we are doing more than talking about Masonry. We are living it.

“Meet upon the Level. Build with Wisdom. Stand with Strength. Leave something of Beauty behind.”



FROM THE EAST



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

Fraternal Greetings, Brethren of Sun City Lodge #72 –

Welcome to Fall, Brethren. As this is the next-to-last time I'll be posting from the East, there are two broad categories of interconnected information I would like to share with you. As has always been my practice, the first is a recap of memorable events and moments since our previous issue. The second brings before you some new ideas, concepts and plans that I hope will resonate with you positively.

At our September Officers' Meeting we discussed several revisions being made to our Stated Meeting Agenda. Implemented on September 10, they understandably elicited a general discussion as to what prompted the change and what was being 'lost' as a result. To reiterate here, it was emphasized that NO content is being categorically 'eliminated' although some of the 'sections' holding a time-honored place on the Agenda - those 'sections' not required of a Stated Meeting by the Arizona Masonic Code (AMC) - will now be reported via printed attachments included alongside the Minutes of our immediately previous Stated Meeting. Should there be need for discussion of any particular item(s) or point(s) included therein it was noted that those matters will be taken up orally at the Stated Meeting as has always been the case. In other words, full transparency will be maintained albeit in a different way. Our objective in taking this step is to free up time that can then be redeployed for purposes intended in one way or another to further Masonry's often quoted mission of "assisting good men to become even better men" (I paraphrase closely here). Certainly one of the ways of doing this is to offer more in the way of Masonic education, an outstanding example of which was presented by Worshipful Brother Gary Loeb (his presentation may be found a little further into this issue). A general offer was extended for current and rising Members to contact the Master should they have any additional suggestions for how the 'recovered' time might be used to promote Masonry's overarching goal as just articulated.

Before the Stated Meeting began, Brethren, guests and Prospects were invited into the Lodge room to celebrate awards being made through our "2025/26 Masonic Youth Post-secondary Education/Training Grant" Program. Some of those whose voluntary work during Spring Training at Surprise Stadium funds this Program were present and it was my honor to recognize their efforts publicly. Eight (8) grants amounting to \$15,000 in total have been made and Ms. Lillian Moorman was able to join us to receive her check. She gracefully stood in for the other seven recipients as well since they were unable to be with us because they were necessarily elsewhere in pursuit of preparation for the future careers that this grant program exists to support.

On September 17, Brothers Tyrone Avendanio and Joshua Larsen were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. I am pleased to congratulate them on their steady progression and look forward to seeing them raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason as soon as possible after their Mentors have pronounced them proficient to take that step.

Finally, in this issue of the Trestleboard, we are introducing QR codes for the first time as another way of sharing what is happening within our Lodge. With special thanks to Worshipful Brother Gary Loeb and Brother Shane Miller for bringing this idea to life, it is my hope that this new feature will help strengthen the sense of connection among our Brethren.

For those who have long been stalwarts of our Lodge, may it deepen an already strong commitment. For those whose attendance or involvement may have waned, perhaps seeing and hearing more of what is taking place will rekindle an old connection and, when the length of your cable tow permits, encourage a return to Lodge.

I invite you to experience this new feature through the two items in the Masonic Education section that follows. The technology itself is not what matters. What matters is whether it helps bring Brothers closer to their Lodge and closer to one another.

Until then, I remain ...

Fraternally and With Best Wishes for Your Health and Happiness,

Douglas C. Peck

Master



FROM THE WEST



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

Greetings from the West, Brethren!

I hope your summer was everything you needed it to be, whether it was full of excitement and adventure, rest and repose, or somewhere in between!

I appreciate everyone who made it to our first stated meeting back, it is always a pleasure to see the brothers after a period of darkness

As we gear up for a new year in Masonry, it is a good time to spend in contemplation of what it is as a mason that we hope to accomplish. Masonry is about making good men better, and as such, we have a responsibility to consistently sharpen the saw we were given in this life. Getting involved in the activities and events at lodge and within our appendant bodies, learning ritual and getting involved in degrees, helping with our nonprofit and charity events, reaching out and assisting new brothers in their path, are all just single ideas that is each of us committed to one and a simple increase of 1% today than yesterday, imagine the kind of impact we could have, both as a lodge and as men, to the people around us and the community we are a part of.

As we look to this upcoming year, the thought of exemplifying brotherly love, relief, and truth becomes the focus and the reason. We have come together to become better men, for our families, our communities, ourselves, but that action is not passive. It becomes a choice about who we really are and want to be.

An example is education. I want us to create more educational nights, where we can come together and learn from one another. This takes time, planning, organization, and most importantly, participants. The front load work is where it becomes the challenge, but as we gain momentum and see the success of our first couple nights, it quickly becomes a staple of the lodge and a benefit for all.

When it comes to the growth of the Lodge, where is your involvement? What changes do you want to be a part of? Where can we find a place that inspires your passion and drives you to be better? These are the questions I want you to ask yourself and follow those answers, with all of us, together.

I look forward to seeing and talking with you all!

Dustin Barron

Sr Warden



FROM THE SOUTH



Brother Ryan Clark

Junior Warden, Sun City Lodge No. 72

Greetings from the South brothers,

September was a great month back from our break. It was good to see all those brothers who came out for our stated meeting. We are now back into the full swing of things, and I look forward to another year. As is usual, here at Sun City Lodge we have plenty of work to do and I encourage all of you to come out to the upcoming degrees. We would love to have as many attend as possible as it does make it more memorable for our new brothers.

September, of course, marks the turning point of the year. On the 22nd we transition from having long days to having longer nights as the sun moves across the celestial equator. Day and night stand in perfect balance before the light yields to the dark, a reminder that even the brightest seasons turn, and the Craft must hold steady through the shift. In the days that follow the ringed wanderer will remain a steady sentinel visible through the long nights to come and celebrating a beautiful harvest moon as a companion to those who reflect and study long into the night.

The celestial markers, the balance of the equinox, the quiet showers, the dark and the full moon echo the rhythms we keep in the lodge - times of gathering, times of quiet solemnity, times of contrasting light and darkness. May we, like the plumb, remain true in our work and fellowship.

Fraternally,

Ryan S Clark

Junior Warden

Sun City Lodge 72



SECRETARY'S REPORT



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

Secretary's Report:

Sun City Lodge has 180 members.

As of October 1, 2026, the Lodge has two Fellowcrafts, one Entered Apprentice, one petitioner for the degrees, and one applicant for affiliation. This equals a potential membership of 185. Additionally, we have 28 prospective members interested in becoming Masons and joining our Lodge!

Since the last Stated Meeting there has been an overall decrease of two (2) in membership of our Lodge. These two Brothers failed to pay their 2026 dues in a timely manner, and their membership has been suspended.

The average age of our membership is 67.1 years old, with a median (middle) age of 70.6 years old. Our two Fellowcrafts average 47.1 years old, our Entered Apprentice is 46.0 years old, our petitioner for the degrees is 64.1 years old and our applicant for affiliation is 55.3 years old. Of the 180 members of the Lodge, the following are exempt from paying dues:

- One (1) Senior Life member, who is 94.8 years old
- Six (6) AMC Section 9-106 members, those released from obligation to pay further dues because of infirmity or financial situation, averaging 94.5 years old.
- Twenty-six (26) Perpetual Life members, averaging 74.3 years old

2027 Dues bills will be mailed out on October 15, 2026. Be on the lookout for yours and return the \$125.00 payment promptly. DO NOT pay your dues before October 15, 2026. 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

mobile – 484-354-9063



LODGE EVENTS

Fellowship • Degrees • Brotherly Love in Action



**Congratulations to Bro. Joshua Larsen and
Bro. Tyrone Avendanio, who were Passed to the
Fellowcraft Degree on Thursday, September 17, 2026.**

Great work by the officers, especially Acting Master Bro. Dustin Barron.



MASONIC EDUCATION

The Ledger of Unseen Kindnesses

Presented by Worshipful Brother Gary A. Loeb, PM

At our September Stated Meeting, WB Gary Loeb shared a Masonic education on “The Ledger of Unseen Kindnesses” - a reminder that some of the most meaningful acts of Brotherly Love are the ones performed quietly, without recognition or reward.



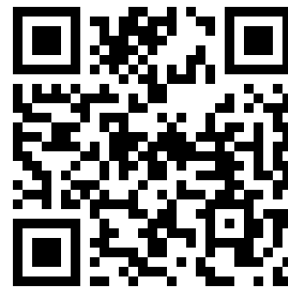
WATCH THE EDUCATION



Scan to view WB Gary Loeb’s presentation or click on the title below:

[*“The Ledger of Unseen Kindnesses”*](#)

A BROTHER’S REFLECTION



Scan to hear Brother Shane Miller’s reflection or click on the title below:

[*Inspired by the September education*](#)

HOW TO ACCESS THESE VIDEOS USING THE QR CODE

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2. Don't take a picture—just hold it steady.
3. A YouTube link/banner should appear.
4. Tap it. This should open the YouTube video in your camera

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2. This should open the YouTube video on your computer screen.



BUILDING MANAGER'S UPDATE

- 1) **Small Dining Room and Restrooms:** A/C is currently down. Awaiting approval for replacement.
- 2) **Lodge Room:** Reminder: No Food. ...Drinks are limited to Water only. (Unfortunately, there have been spills and containers left behind.)
- 3) **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.
- 4) **Thank you:** Lodge #72 / Bro. Dick Young / Don Winscot / York Rite : Thank you for your donations.
- 5) **4) Security:** Security procedures are currently under review / updating.
- 6) **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.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Points</u>
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

Please help keep the Masonic Center clean.

Thank you.
GRF



OASIS CHAPTER NO. 15

Royal Arch Masons

Oasis Chapter No 15 RAM will meet on Friday 16 October 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.

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 10, 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 the tear off below:

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 No. 16 officers.

Stewart Council will next meet on Monday, 26 October 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 (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

Knights Templar



St. Andrew Commandery - Knight of Malta and Commandery cast.

St Andrew Commandery is scheduled to meet Saturday, 10 October 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.

St Andrew Commandery is busy conferring the Chivalric Orders. On Friday 11 September, James Ryan Stogsdill became a Knight of Malta. Below is a photo of the new Knight of Malta with the St Andrew Commandery cast in costume. On Saturday 24 October, the Order of The Temple will be conferred in full form at the Sun City Masonic Center. The conferral activity begins at 1:00 PM.

Sir Knights are reminded of the Colorado River Fall Festival scheduled for Monday 19 October and Tuesday 20 October in Laughlin Nevada. Full registration, hotel, and agenda information is available at CRFF.org.

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.



SUN CITY WEST HIGH 12 CLUB

Fellowship • Service • Masonic Widows

In October, the Sun City West High 12 Club resumes monthly Luncheon Meetings at 12 Noon on Friday 09 October 2026 at the ROYAL CAFÉ, 10793 W Grand Avenue (US Route 60) in Sun City.

The program for the meeting includes a presentation by Jon Bohnert from Service Master Restoration by Desert Dry.



Sun City West High 12 Club members and guests at the September luncheon.



From the left: Glynn Ley; Dave Miller; Bob Carhart; Richard Young; Earl Paasch; Don Winscot; Kevin Hokerk-Robinson; and Don Payne.

On Friday 11 September, Sun City West High 12 Club members and their guests enjoyed the final Summer Lunch at Don Ruben's Mexican Restaurant in Surprise. Below are photos of the attendees.

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 of 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).



MASONIC YOUTH GRANT

Congratulations, Lillian Moorman



Congratulations to Lillian Moorman, who received a \$2,000 Masonic Youth Grant from Sun City Lodge No. 72.

The photos include her family and the Lodge's Master, WB Douglas Peck.



BETHEL 19 • SUN CITY

Job's Daughters International



Bethel 19, Sun City is excited for October. It's a busy month for us, and we hope you can join us for some or all of the events.

First, we are honoring our Honored Queen, Lilly, with a Queen's Dinner on Sunday, October 4. If you have never attended a Queen's Dinner, this is where we present gifts of the term from the Bethel to the Honored Queen.

The next weekend is our Desert Sky Jurisdictional Bethel Session, held October 9 through October 11 at the DoubleTree Phoenix Gilbert. The formal banquet, Miss/Jr. Miss Pageant, and the establishment of the Jurisdictional Bethel for Desert Sky Job's Daughters begins promptly at 5 PM. Think Conclave for DeMolay or Grand Assembly for Rainbow. Our deadline for registration for the formal banquet and event on Saturday, October 10, 2026, is October 6, 2026. If you are interested in attending, please email desertskyjdi@gmail.com.

Right around the corner, on Saturday, October 17, 2026, is our Bethel's installation. Katelyn B. will be installed as our Honored Queen. The installation starts at noon, and we would love to have each one of you there. This is an open ceremony, so all are welcome.

After our ceremony, we will be promoting our Bethel at various events in the fall and getting ready for our community event on December 6, 2026—our Santa's Village.

We hope to see you at our events in October!

Jobie Love,

Bethel 19, Sun City



PEORIA CHAPTER #59

Order of the Eastern Star

October 2026



Peoria Chapter was excited to participate in the Grand Chapter Community Chest project during 2025-2026. All chapters in the state received \$662.65 for their designated projects with Peoria's being the New Leaf Faith House. Brother Ed Gordon, last year's Worthy Patron, Sister Sandy Gordon and current Worthy Matron Caron-Lee Sweeney presented the check to Faith House on August 19. Helping those in need is what we do!

Peoria Chapter recently held a fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Learning Center where they earned \$200 for this worthwhile Masonic Charity.

The first Official Visit of the 2026-2027 year, commonly called Send-Off, was held Saturday, September 12 at the downtown Masonic Temple in the Blue Room. The dignity and beauty of the room was not lost on any attendee, not only because of the Masonic memorabilia, but also the beautiful Eastern Star paraphernalia placed in the center of the historic room. It was a fabulous day with Sisters and Brothers from all across Arizona who enjoyed the State School of Instruction as well as the meeting itself. Kudos to Acacia Chapter #46 in Avondale for being such great hosts for the day.



A return from darkness potluck dinner was held prior to our stated meeting on September 9. The meal was wonderful as usual, after all we are nicknamed the "Order of the Eating Sisters!" It was great to be back doing our work and being together.

The Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ruth Wilmot, accompanied by Brother Ed Gordon, Worthy Grand Patron, will be held on Saturday, November 7. Programs to honor the WGM and WGP, along with our Chapter's Grand Officers will be presented. It will be a fun day, and we are excited to see Star members from around the state. Lunch will be catered by Carolina's, and it is always fabulous!

UPCOMING DATES

- October 14 – Stated Meeting
- October 28 – Halloween-themed meeting
- November 7 – Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
- November 11 – Thanksgiving potluck at 6:00 pm, followed by a meeting honoring Veterans and First Responders
- No other meetings will be held in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We wish all of our Masonic Family a delightful and hopefully cool fall!



Peoria Chapter #59 — Order of the Eastern Star



NEW HORIZON COURT #12

ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

October 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 event is \$7.00 as a court money raiser plus bring a side dish if possible. Add \$3.00 to play 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

October 2026



*“October whispers of autumn’s arrival,
In its cool breeze, a story to tell.”*

Dear Sun City Nile Club Ladies,

October 5, 2026 – meeting is just around the corner

There is a lot to discuss – OV – Vendor Fair - etc

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

Please be safe in your travels.

Pr Dora Nickell, President

QADESH TEMPLE #35 • SUN CITY NILE CLUB



ARIZONA MASONIC CHARITIES

October 2026



On Thursday 01 October 2026, Arizona Masonic Charities presented a donation to Legal Services For Crime Victims (LSCVA) which is located in Peoria Arizona. In the photo, David P Miller, Masonic Charities Board President, is presenting the donation check to the Director of LSCVA while a number of the staff look on.

The not for profit organization provides legal representation in criminal cases to victims of crime in Arizona with a priority given to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. LSCVA asserts and seeks enforcement of crime victims' rights and provides important social services to facilitate healing in the aftermath of criminal activity. The non-profit has been a past recipient of funding from the Arizona Masonic Charities.



A REQUEST FROM A BROTHER



Brethren,
Twice in the last ten years (about), I have had the honor of donating Masonic items to the Museum of Freemasonry, operated by the United Grand Lodge of England at their headquarters in London.

The Museum preserves our rich Masonic heritage through an outstanding collection of ceremonial objects, jewelry, regalia, ceramics, glassware, silverware, clocks, furniture, books, prints, and manuscripts—artifacts that tell the story of English Freemasonry and its fraternal connections around the world.

The Head of the Museum has warmly welcomed these gifts. While the collection contains many treasures from 100 to 200 years ago, she is particularly seeking items from today so that the record of our Craft remains unbroken into the 21st century and continues to reflect the living Fraternity worldwide.



*The Museum of Freemasonry
London, England*

I am preparing another collection to send to the Museum in October 2026, and I humbly ask for the support of our Brethren.

We are seeking donations of: pins, coins, aprons, jewels, and other Masonic memorabilia that represent our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, and Appendant Bodies.

Each item donated will be carefully labeled with its **description, place of origin, date, and the name of the donor**—ensuring that future generations will know who and what it represents.

By contributing, we help preserve the legacy of our Craft and ensure that the story of our Lodges and our Brethren will be remembered for centuries to come.

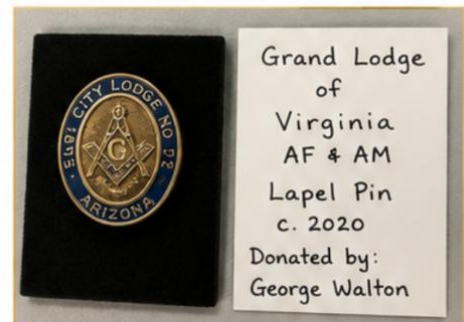
*Let us leave behind more than our footsteps—
let us leave a legacy of the Craft.*

Donations may be brought to:

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| ◆ Sun City Lodge No. 72 meetings | ◆ AMD meetings |
| ◆ Royal Arch / Cryptic Council /
Commandery meetings | ◆ Or to my home (call
for address) |

If these are not convenient, please contact me:

- ✉ georgewalton548@gmail.com
☎ 757-675-7836 (leave a message)



*Example of Identification
(Neat handwriting is helpful,
but not required.)*

In Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,
George Walton



SUN CITY LODGE No. 72 AWARDS DINNER

HONORING SERVICE • CELEBRATING BROTHERHOOD



*Please join us as we recognize the outstanding
Brethren whose dedication and service strengthen our Lodge
and inspire us all.*



DATE:

Thursday, October 22, 2026



TIME:

Social Time – 5:30 PM

Awards Program – 6:30 PM



LOCATION:

Sun City Masonic Center

18810 N 107th Ave

Sun City, AZ 85373



WHO:

All Masons and their Guests

**THERE WILL BE NO
DINNER COST
FOR MASONS AND
THEIR GUESTS.**

*Come enjoy an evening of fellowship,
gratitude, and celebration.*



*Awards evening is a time-honored tradition where we pause
from our labors to honor Excellence, Faithfulness,
and the Spirit of Brotherly Love that unites us.*



KINDLY RSVP BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

RSVP to the Lodge Secretary at
suncity72rsvp@gmail.com

Your response helps us prepare for a memorable evening.





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2ND ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING
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*"Behold, how good and how pleasant
it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
— Psalm 133:1*

BRETHREN,
We invite you to join us for our 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Gathering
as we celebrate the blessings of the harvest, the strength of our
fraternity, and the bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

WHEN:
Saturday, November 21, 2026

TIME:
Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 PM

LOCATION:
Sun City Lodge #72
18810 N 107th Ave, Sun City, AZ 85373

DETAILS

COST:
\$15 per person

PAYMENT:
Please pay the Lodge by
Zelle, PayPal, cash or check
by the RSVP deadline.

RSVP BY: OCTOBER 31, 2026
Please send your RSVP intent to
suncity72xgiving@gmail.com
so we may plan accordingly.

*Let us give thanks, share in fellowship,
and continue to build a stronger Lodge
through unity, brotherhood, and service.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU!*

Please make payment by Zelle to suncity72sec@gmail.com or by cash or check no later than 10/31/2026.



WELCOME HOME

The Doors of Sun City Lodge No. 72 Are Always Open

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.”
— Psalm 133:1*

Whether you have been away from Lodge for a few months or many years, your Brothers at Sun City Lodge No. 72 would be honored to welcome you home.

Life’s responsibilities sometimes take us in different directions. Careers change, families grow, health challenges arise, and time passes more quickly than we expect. Yet the obligations we assumed as Freemasons—and the friendships we formed within our Lodge—remain unchanged.

There Is a Place Waiting for You

- Renew old friendships
- Participate in degree work
- Attend fellowship dinners
- Share your knowledge with newer Brothers
- Become involved in Lodge activities
- Simply enjoy an evening among friends

No special invitation is required.

Just come home.

We Look Forward to Seeing You

Meeting Detail	Information
Stated Meetings	Second Thursday of each month
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Gavel Drop	7:00 p.m.
Location	Sun City Masonic Center, Sun City, Arizona

Need Assistance?

If transportation, health concerns, or other circumstances have kept you from attending, please let the Lodge know. Our Brethren are always willing to help whenever possible.



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brother	Birthday
Robert L. Johnson Jr	October 6
David N. Leiva	October 6
Joseph B. Setticase	October 6
Robert M. Stark	October 8
Shane T. Miller	October 10
Trevor J. Bishop	October 11
Craig D. Cheetham	October 11
William R. Sturdevant	October 13
Gary M. Bain	October 18
Razvan C. Dumitru	October 22
Vincent T. Jones	October 23
Laurence R. Iseman	October 26

OCTOBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Robert J. Kinch	October 16, 1968	58
Raymond A. Wiedmeyer	October 9, 1975	51
John S. McIntosh	October 22, 1975	51
Gerard T. Lyle Jr	October 31, 1986	40
Donn M. Wise	October 22, 1991	35
Trevor J. Bishop	October 16, 2003	23
Leslie E. Ellis	October 21, 2003	23
Keith A. Brooks Jr.	October 3, 2006	20
Michael B. Pettit	October 7, 2006	20
Razvan C. Dumitru	October 28, 2011	15
Gene E. Miller II	October 8, 2016	10
Dennis S. Larson	October 16, 2017	9
Filiberto Encinas-Tequida	October 25, 2018	8
Randy L. Gyorffy	October 7, 2021	5
Gerald D. Rosenbaum	October 21, 2021	5
James A. Contreras	October 6, 2022	4
David A. McMartin	October 27, 2022	4
Damon C. Bose	October 3, 2024	2
Frederick A. Robinson	October 24, 2024	2

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



MASONIC MOMENTS

A Little Light Relief for Good Men



*Laughter
Builds
Better
Brothers*

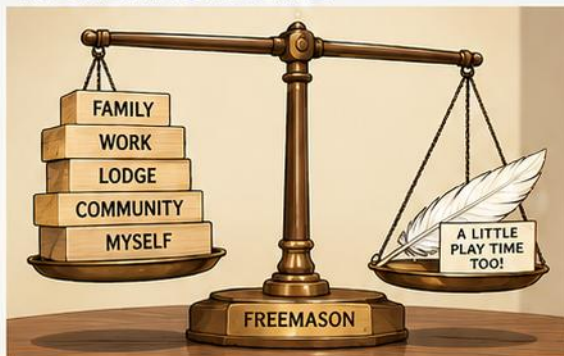
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THE WORK CONTINUES



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

Building the Future While Honoring Our Traditions

♦ SQUARE ♦ COMPASSES ♦ LEVEL ♦ PLUMB ♦



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

gives direction.

STRENGTH

gives perseverance.

BEAUTY

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.”



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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Visitors are always welcome.
Join us for fellowship, education, and the timeless traditions of Freemasonry