

THE TRESTLEBOARD

DECEMBER 2023
INSTALLTION EDITION



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WB Barry White, Almoner. Bro. Jerome Sinclair, Musician. Bro. Arizona Milke, Chaplain. Bro. Dustin Barron, Senior Steward. Bro. Derreck Thompson, Treasurer. Bro. Bryan Young, Senior Warden. WB Douglas Peck, Master. Bro. Shane Larson, Junior Warden. WB Gary Loeb, Secretary. Bro. John Carnelia, Junior Deacon. Bro. Ryan Clark, Junior Steward. Bro. Tom Dawson, Marshal. Bro. Bear Ganyon, Tyler.



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ALMONER NOTIFICATION
NECROLOGY

Bro. Gordon Medby Petersen, (d. 08/15/2023, age 93)

Bro. Kenneth Lyle Mitchell, (d. 05/25/2020, age 88)

As our beloved brothers pass to the Celestial Grand Lodge above, we will remember them in our hearts and in our prayers, may the G.A.O.T.U look after them. R.I.P.

From all at Sun City Lodge #72

If you hear of a Brother in Distress, please contact the Almoner.



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From the East



Fraternal Greetings, Brethren –

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Let me open by wishing each of you a happy, safe and rewarding holiday season. This truly is a special time of the year for it encourages people in general to reflect and focus more intently on those things that are fundamentally meaningful, good and important to us in life. This is why, I think, the phrase “blessings of the Season” is used in so many contexts during this particular month. I pray that your lives will be enriched by the many comforts and privileges to which it refers, not only now but through the coming year and beyond. As Masons, may the sentiments embedded within those four words come to mind for all of us each time we observe the beautiful Indented Tessel.

This being my first Lodge-wide communication as Worshipful Master, I want to begin by thanking all of you who attended our Installation ceremony on December 2. I and our other Officers now constituting the Lodge’s Line of Progression had the honor of being formally brought into office by a team of especially dedicated Brothers consisting of WB Matt Link as Installing Officer, WB Dave Miller as Installing Marshal and WB Pat Hayes as Installing Chaplain. I know I speak for all our Officers in this new Masonic year at Sun Lodge #72 in expressing my gratitude to them for this special kindness. I am also thankful for now Worshipful Brother Matthew Lawrence’s heartfelt and gracious opening of the Lodge of Installation and for gifting each of us with a beautiful blue ‘true’ bow tie which, each time we wear it, will remind of us of the truly good and loving Brother he continues to be for all of us. Finally, I owe my wife, Anna, a debt of gratitude for her willingness to serve as ‘Jewel Bestower *pro tem*’ when called upon to perform that service.

In addition to the installation of the Line of Progression itself, it was my honor to formally appoint WB Barry White as Lodge Almoner and Brother Jerome Sinclair as Lodge Musician. Each was invested with the collar and jewel of his respective office. Our new Almoner, now formally recognized as an Officer, has been charged with attending to matters relating to the health of our members as broadly construed and, therefore, the overall well-being of our Lodge itself. Our continuing Musician was reminded that his duty is to support the Lodge by performing or otherwise causing to be presented appropriate musical interludes in keeping with the needs of the moment.

The fact that you are reading my words here means that you are doing so because you have successfully navigated our much-improved web site. Let me thank WBs Barry White, Gary Loeb and Matt link as well as Brother Gary Fullington for ‘jumping into the fray’ on this vital infrastructural need by isolating the problem areas, finding and contracting a competent and reasonably priced service provider to address them and implementing the new version that was announced and released for your use on December 1. We believe that it successfully addresses previous problems and issues, offers some new features and provides flexibility to add still more as warranted.

As for the remainder of the year, we will continue doing those things for which, in the past, we have been considered as having competence even as we seek to improve upon that competence even further. We will be conducting our work through the mechanism of an interconnected set of committees, each of which has been charged with a somewhat broad focal domain. Within each domain there will be projects specifically targeted to realizing the larger objective(s) of that domain. Many of these domains are dictated by one or more aspects of the Master Architect Program which has been designed by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona. Briefly put, this program has identified realms and activities by which, in to, a “well governed Lodge” can be recognized and acknowledged. By pursuing its particulars, Sun City Lodge #72 will be positioning itself for Master Architect recognition at the upcoming Grand Communication. Other domains and projects will concern themselves more specifically with things that our three principal Officers have already had under discussion for some while now. You will be hearing more about them as they come closer to fruition but each in its own way will strive to promote and operationalize our Masonic principles and values by encouraging active fellowship among us, involving our families and friends when and where it makes sense to do so and, very importantly, offering opportunities for having fun. On this last point, namely “fun,” an effort is now underway to identify what your personal interests generally are so that they may be considered as potential drivers for events and activities that will elicit your involvement with them. Such things will, of course, be open to all and we hope that many of you will choose to participate in them. To organize and make such things available, however, we need your input and for that reason I will be asking those of you who have not already done so to complete at our next Degree night or next Stated Meeting a brief questionnaire to assist us in our efforts. This questionnaire also requests, should you be willing to make it known, a mention of any skill(s), knowledge or capability/ies that you would be willing to share should one of the committees find it needed or helpful in pursuing its objective(s). For those of you who cannot be present but are willing to contribute, please contact me via e-mail (DrDougPeck@yahoo.com). A brief note stating the things that, for you, have just been mentioned will be fully adequate.



From the East, cont..

Aside from what has just been mentioned, there are two particularly noteworthy things of which you should be aware for your own planning purposes. First, we will once again hold a Festive Board in April. It is well on the way to becoming a legacy event for us and you will begin hearing it being increasingly mentioned and promoted.

Second, this is the year of Sun City Lodge's 50th Anniversary. Details are being firmed but I can share with you here that the Grand Master will be among us then, there will be a cornerstone re-enactment and there will be a dining opportunity of some kind. In addition, what amounts to a time capsule of sorts will be assembled and tucked away for opening at the Centennial celebration in the year 2074. Some of you, as our chronologically younger members, may very well be around to witness its unveiling in that auspicious year. Perhaps a few of you may even be accompanied by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will be amazed at seeing how things were "back in the day." Stay tuned for further details now expected to be forthcoming after the close of the holiday season.

I hope that I have piqued your interest in the year now commencing at Sun City Lodge #72 and that I will be seeing as many of you as possible at our Stated Meetings and Degree nights. As always, WB Gary Loeb, our Secretary, will be sending out announcements for all of them so please join us when you can. Also, visit the web site occasionally as we believe that it will become an ever more powerful vehicle for keeping you in the loop about what is happening in and around our dynamic Lodge. There are many more things of which I could have spoken in this article, but it will be more appropriate for them to be surfaced and announced as they begin to command our attention more and more over the next eleven months. Until then, I remain ...

Fraternally and With Best Wishes for Your Health and Happiness,

Douglas C. Peck
Worshipful Master
Sun City Lodge #72

From the West



Greetings from the West,

Has this year flown by. Seems like just yesterday I was taking my place as Senior Deacon. As of this writing, I will be installed as the Senior Warden on December 2nd. I want to take a moment to thank each and everyone of you for your guidance and for the confidence you have shown be over this past year. I am honored to have been voted in as Senior Warden.

As we look forward to the coming year, I am looking forward to assisting WM elect Doug Peck in his year in the East. I know he has big plans to keep our Lodge engaged and moving in the direction of all our Past Masters. Taking over for WM Matthew Larwence he has some big shoes to fill. I look forward to helping him along with Shane and the rest of your officers.

December will have our installation of officers on the 2nd. We will have a First Degree on the 7th. Along with our stated meeting on the 14th. As usual we are a very busy bunch. Just after the New Year we have several brothers who will be proficient in their masonic journey and be ready to be passed and raised. I know sometime in January we will be Raising Brother Bob Gilmore. I am looking forward to that as well as all the other degrees. We have an amazing degree team which gets better with each one.

I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Also, to wish those of all faiths a very wonderful holiday season. Our Lodge is what it is because of all the brothers that are members of Sun City #72. I look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Bryan Young

Senior Warden



From the South



Greetings from the South,

As the year 2023 is winding down and December is upon us. I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving Holiday Feast with family and friends. I would like to take a moment to wish all of our Brethren a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I am very excited for this next Masonic Year and look forward to serving the Lodge as the new Junior Warden.

December is looking like it may be another busy month with an Entered Apprentice Degree on December 7th and our Stated Meeting on December 14th. Both will have Dinner at 6pm and Meeting at 7pm. Please join us for both of these nights.

Please continue to RSVP for the dinners so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. You can RSVP by contacting me through the members contact information page.

Also please let me know if there are any food allergies and I will do my best to let the groups know who prepare our delicious meals so they can make accommodations if possible.

Brethren, remember wives and girlfriends are always welcome for dinner, just don't bring them both at the same time!



Is Santa Claus a Freemason?

The Spirit of Christmas has been celebrated for millennia. St. Nicholas, SinterKlaus, Santa Claus, it has been known by many names.

While no one knows when freemasonry started it is a widely accepted theory among Masonic scholars is that it arose from the stonemasons' guilds during the Middle Ages. The language and symbols used in the fraternity's rituals come from this era.

Santa Claus' roots can be directly traced back to St. Nicholas of Myra, from a period from 280 to 360 A.D. So Santa Claus predates Freemasonry by quite a few centuries.

While Santa is not a Freemason, St. Nicholas' secret acts of extreme Christian charity were possibly in part the inspiration for the clandestine charitable work that Freemasons and Masonic orders are known for to this date. Perhaps through this connection he could be considered an Honorary Member?

Fraternally,

Shane Larson
Junior Warden
Sun City Lodge #72

SUN CITY LODGE #72



**Congratulations to Bro. Daylyn Eagleshield, who was passed to the degree of
Fellowcraft.**

30 Nov 2023, in Sun City Lodge #72.



SUN CITY LODGE #72
SICKNESS & HEALTH
THE "ALMONER'S VOICE"



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

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

SUN CITY LODGE NO 72 - ALMONER NEWS

My dear brother, As we move forward with the new masonic 2024 year, my newly appointed assistant Almoners, will be reaching out to you via a short phone conversation. The reason for the call is so that we can better understand the health and wellbeing of our members and their families. To help us with this task, do please give up a moment or two and share your information in order that we can provide better help where needed, to you and your family. This short survey will also provide us with a better picture of how we are doing as a Lodge family, and help improve attendance to meetings, socials etc..

If you have any specific more detailed questions with regard to any assistance or help needed, I am personally available to get involved.
(remember, everything discussed is totally confidential)

Finally, DO KNOW A BROTHER IN DISTRESS ? A WIDOW IN NEED? If so, please
Let me know.

W. Bro Barry White, LGR, PZ
Almoner



Sun City Lodge Almoner contact information:

W. Bro Barry White,



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Secretary's Report as of December 1, 2023:

Sun City Lodge has 196 members.

Presently the Lodge has four Entered Apprentices, five Fellowcrafts, one candidates and one application for affiliation. **That totals 11 new members in the "works"!** This equals a potential membership of 207. 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 68.06 years old. The Fellowcrafts average 46.58 years old, the Entered Apprentices average 54.92 years old, and the candidates average 43.43 years old.

The upcoming meetings are:

- Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Public Installation of officers at 2:00 p.m.
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- Thursday, December 7, 2023 – First Degree at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
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- Thursday, December 14, 2023 – Stated Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
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The dues bills have been sent out. Please remit your dues (\$112 for 2024) by check made out to **Sun City Lodge #72** or pay by Zelle® to SunCity72Sec@gmail.com.

Dues may be paid by check prior to any of the above meetings. I will have a table set up to receive any payments and issue membership cards.



Stay healthy, Brethren!

Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM

SunCity72Sec@gmail.com

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

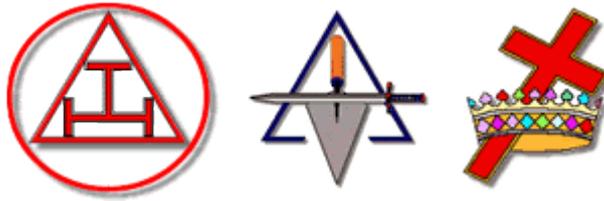
Brother	Date	Years of Membership
James W. Duval	12/12/1952	71
Merle L. Lange	12/14/1954	69
Charles E. Seiter	12/21/1958	65
Patrick H. Nowland Jr.	12/5/1981	42
Edward J. Hanzel	12/1/1997	26
Matthew C. Arnett	12/28/2002	21
Hamilton T. Zachary Jr.	12/1/2003	20
Edward J. Anderson	12/9/2006	17
Brian N. Brown	12/6/2007	16
Allen F. Wilcox	12/1/2011	12
Frank P. Visceglie	12/29/2011	12
Corey J. Chavez	12/11/2012	11



Brother	Birthday
Frank F. Adelman	Dec 1
Shawn M. Barker	Dec 5
James F. Miller Jr	Dec 7
Larry L. Coppi	Dec 9
Randy L. Gyorffy	Dec 11
Raymond A. Wiedmeyer	Dec 12
William P. Clark	Dec 15
Patrick A. Goodwin	Dec 15
Robert W. Bachman Sr	Dec 17
Ted A. Lloyd	Dec 17
Edward A. Srsen	Dec 21
Harvey Finks	Dec 24
Royce D. Kidd	Dec 25
Harrison M. Cantrell	Dec 26
Thomas P. Dawson	Dec 28

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS!
TO ALL!**





Oasis Chapter # 15 † Stewart Council # 16 † St. Andrew Commandery # 17

More information from Lodge secretary

There is no scheduled meeting of Stewart Council for December 2023. The next meeting of Stewart Council will take place on Monday, 22 January 2024 at the Sun City Masonic Center. Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education at 7PM and the meeting opening at 7:30 PM.

Several Companions from Stewart Council were greeted during the Colorado River Fall Festival Cryptic Degree work on Monday 23 October at the Riverside Hotel/Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. They are shown in the photo below and are (from the Left) Joe Gonzalez, Marc Bland, and Tom Bland. Welcome Companions!!

Stewart Council (purple) shirts are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$30.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your order information, which should include-
+ Shirt Size; and,
+ What, if anything, you want printed on the Left breast side of the shirt.
Payment should be made to Stewart Council.

Stewart Council now provides for Zelle processing of dues payments and donations. Contact Dave Miller or Pat Hayes for additional information.



SUN CITY WEST HIGH TWELVE CLUB

The HighTwelve Club is always looking for new Members.

At the meeting of the Sun City West High 12 Club on Friday, 10 November at the Royal Café Restaurant, Bob Meizinger presented information about the US VETS organization. In the photo below, Bob (on the right) is shown with Sun City West High 12 Club Vice President, Don Winscot.

At the Friday 08 December meeting of the Sun City West High 12 Club, local officers from the Salvation Army will speak about their activity in the Sun City/Sun City West/Surprise area. The Club will also be voting on 2024 Officers at the December meeting with installation of the officers at the January 2024 meeting.

The Sun City West High 12 Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 8AM at the Royal Café Restaurant, 10793 Grand Avenue (US Route 60) in Sun City. All local Master Masons are welcome to attend, enjoy breakfast, the program for the meeting, and fine fellowship.

The Sun City West High 12 Club continues to work on including local Masonic Widows in Club Events. The Club's efforts have assisted local Masonic Lodges in maintaining contact with the Masonic Widows living in the West Valley area. Membership in the Sun City West High 12 Club is open to all Master Masons. Masonic Widows are also welcome. For additional information, contact [Club President Dave Miller](#)



PAST MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP 72

The Past Master's Fellowship (PMF) of Sun City Lodge is scheduled to next meet on **Thursday, 14 December 2023 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

Remember that before the Sun City Lodge December Stated Meeting there is dinner. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM prior to the Stated Meeting. RSVP for the dinner is encouraged. RSVP with a dinner reservation at SunCity72RSVP@gmail.com.

Past Masters are reminded that the Sun City Lodge No 72 Installation of 2024 Officers is scheduled for Saturday 02 December. This is a public ceremony at the Sun City Masonic Center and a fine opportunity to invite those friends and neighbors who have an interest in learning more about the Masonic Lodge and fraternity.

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.



Sir Knights of St Andrew Commandery



The December 2023 Conclave will be held at the Sun City Masonic Center on Saturday 09 December. Coffee and light refreshments at 8AM are followed by practice at 8:30 AM. The monthly conclave opens in full form at 9AM. After the December monthly conclave, the Commandery will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with a special ceremony and libations.

Several members of St Andrew Commandery were active in the Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin Nevada on Tuesday 24 October. At the conclusion of the ceremonies on Tuesday, St Andrew Commandery had three new Sir Knights: Marc Bland, Tom Bland, and Joe Gonzalez.

On Wednesday, 29 November, St Andrew Commandery conferred the Order of Malta on several candidates.

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

York rite
Sun City St. Andrew Commanery # 17



On Nov. 29th, the Order of Malta was conferred to John Carnelia and Jerome Sinclair, by the St. Andrew Commandery #17 at the Sun City Masonic Center. Congratulations to our two newest Knights of Malta! Special thanks to Grand Commander William Greenen, who was in attendance.



YORK RITE

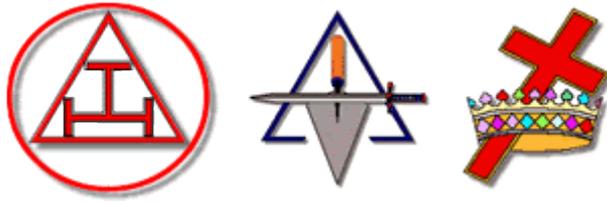
On October 22nd - 24th several brothers from Sun City Lodge #72, attending the Colorado River Fall Festival (CRFF) which took place at Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel, located in beautiful Laughlin, Nevada. Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights from various jurisdictions, including Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, among others were in attendance to receive the Degrees and Orders comprising the York Rite.

Among those from Sun City, were Joe V. Gonzalez, Tom Bland, and his son Mark, who were conferred all the Degrees and Orders, including the Order of the Temple and were Officially Knighted. In attendance were several of the Officers of St. Andrew Commandery #17, from Sun City, namely John Huth, David Miller, Corey Chavez, and Richard Young, who assisted in conducting some fine examples of Degree and Order Work! Next year the event will again take place in Laughlin, NV with the tentative dates of October 20th - 22nd, 2024!

A great time was had by all in attendance.

Bro. Joe Gonzalez





Oasis Chapter # 15 † Stewart Council # 16 † St. Andrew Commandery # 17

More information from Lodge secretary

There is no meeting of Oasis Chapter in December 2023. The next meeting of Oasis Chapter will be on Friday, 19 January 2024. The Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with Education following at 7PM. The monthly meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 PM.

At the November 2023 meeting of Oasis Chapter, the 'Virtual' Past Master Degree was conferred on several candidates. More information will be released in the next issue of the Trestleboard.

Oasis Chapter's Annual Outdoor Mark Master Degree conferral took place on Saturday 28 October 2023. Below is a photo of the 4 new Mark Masters with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Mark Master Degree cast members and event attendees. A time of good degree work, fellowship, and fraternity was enjoyed by all.

Oasis Chapter had several Companions involved with the conferral of the Capitular Degrees on Monday 23 October at the Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin NV at the Riverside Hotel/Casino. Welcome to Tom Bland and Marc Bland as new Companions of Oasis Chapter!

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Payment should be made to Oasis Chapter.

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PEORIA CHAPTER #59

Reporting, Rich Edwards WP

Upcoming Events:

Stated meeting of October 25, 2023 with Worthy Matron Amanda Strong presiding over the meeting. There were 25 members and 5 visitor present and the meeting started promptly at 730pm.

Stated meeting of November 8, 2023 with Worthy Matron Amanda Strong presiding over the meeting. There were 29 members present and no visitors.

Peoria OES #59 is having a Garage Sale November 4-5 at Sister Nancy Busch's residence of 10381 W. Signal Butte Cir, Sun City starting at 7am and it was well attended with about \$500.00 being brought in.

Peoria OES #59 Thanksgiving Dinner is November 8th starting at 6pm at the Sun City Lodge dinner room, if planning on attending it is a potluck dinner with plenty of food and desserts. The dinner was well attended and the food was great with wonderful desserts.

On December 10, 2023 Peoria #59 OES will have their annual Angel Tree gift giving day starting at Chompies at Arrowhead Town Center and after breakfast they will pick the Angel Tree card and venture across the street to shop. They will then re-group at Chompies after the shopping and have lunch and talk about what was bought for the Angels.

Peoria #59 is selling Grand Worthy Matron Pins for \$5.00 and this year's Grand Worthy Matron is our very own Sister Pat Peterson. If interested in buying a pin please contact Nancy Busch.

Peoria #59 is hosting an opportunity to win a one of a kind air brush painting "First Responder," by artist Troy Buck. Tickets are \$5.00 for 1 ticket or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. The value of this painting is \$10,000.00 and will be on display at the next Sun City Lodge meeting. To purchase tickets you can Venmo: @amanda101marlene or Paypal: @amanda101marlene or Zelle: amandamarlene@gmail.com. The artist will provide a letter of authenticity and will draw the winning ticket at our 'Homecoming' April 20, 2024.

We wish you well and hope to see some New Faces and Familiar Faces.

With Star Love,
Rich Edwards Worthy Patron.