



SUN CITY LODGE No. 72 • FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

THE TRESTLEBOARD

Summer 2026

Building the Future While Honoring Our Traditions



Sun City Lodge No. 72

Aloha Night • Fellowship • Masonic Education • Lodge News

DEDICATION

“A Lodge is measured not only by the stones from which it is built, but by the lives it helps to shape.”



This Summer 2026 edition of *The Trestleboard* is respectfully dedicated to the Brethren, widows, families, and friends of Sun City Lodge No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons. It honors the Brothers whose faithful service has preserved the traditions of our Lodge, those who continue to labor in support of Freemasonry today, and the newest members who have begun their Masonic journey.

May these pages serve as a record of our accomplishments, a celebration of our Brotherhood, and an inspiration to future generations. Through Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, we continue building not only our Lodge but also our own spiritual temples under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe.

**Dedicated with Fraternal Affection
To the Members of Sun City Lodge No. 72
Summer 2026**

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FROM THE EDITOR



Brother Shane Miller
Editor • Lodge Technologist

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of The Trestleboard.

It is an honor to serve as your editor and to help preserve the history, traditions, and accomplishments of Sun City Lodge No. 72 through this publication. This issue highlights the outstanding work of our officers, recognizes our newest Brothers, celebrates the fellowship that makes our Lodge unique, and showcases the many appendant and concordant bodies that call our Temple home.

Whether you are a longtime member or a newly raised Master Mason, I hope these pages encourage you to become even more involved in the life of our Lodge. Freemasonry continues to thrive because of the dedication, generosity, and friendship of our Brethren.

Thank you to everyone who contributed photographs, articles, reports, and historical information for this issue. Together we continue Building the Future While Honoring Our Traditions.

Fraternally,

Brother Shane Miller
Editor, The Trestleboard
Lodge Technologist
Sun City Lodge No. 72

“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 No. 72,

Welcome to Summer 2026!

Although Sun City Lodge No. 72 is “dark” during the months of July and August under the terms of its By-Laws, its Officers and Brethren have remained active and engaged on the Lodge’s behalf in many ways beyond those covered by our Stated Meeting agendas.

We were well represented at the Grand Communication in Tucson in June, where our delegation returned with a Master Architect Award, now proudly displayed in our lobby along with a commemorative ribbon on the Lodge banner. We were honored to welcome Most Worshipful Brother Roger Biede, Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, during the first week of his term, and it was our privilege to have him close the Lodge. Hawaiian Shirt Night was once again a tremendous success, and the Line voted enthusiastically to continue meeting throughout the summer for continuity.

July was especially memorable with the initiation of Brothers Joshua Larsen, Nicholas Stewart, and Tyrone Avendanio, followed by the raising of Brother Byron Baker to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 30. Congratulations also go to Brother Dustin Barron for securing proficiency in the First Degree Lecture and Brother Ryan Clark for demonstrating proficiency in the Third Degree.

The Lodge also welcomed Pioneer Lodge, which plans to hold its Stated Meetings in our Temple. Discussions have begun regarding a more structured philosophy of charitable giving, and Brother Jim Contreras has been asked to develop recommendations for future consideration. In addition, applications for our Masonic Youth Grant Program have been reviewed, with announcements expected soon.

Our August efforts will focus on officer proficiencies, preparation for the Awards Dinner, Step-Up Night, and the upcoming election of officers. September and October will be months of transition as work begins on the official history of the 2025–2026 term for the Lodge archives, with Worshipful Brother George Walton assisting in that important effort.

Looking forward to seeing you at our September Stated Meeting, I remain,

Fraternally and with Best Wishes,

Douglas C. Peck
Master

“The strength of a Lodge is measured not by the number of its members, but by the character 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 already been! With June ending in our Luau and July packed full of degree work, we have hardly had a chance to stop and enjoy the triple-digit weather. As we progress through the summer, we are reminded that even while the Lodge is in recess, we remain diligent in the work that builds the Craft, both inside and outside the Lodge. This summer has been one of “sharpening the saw,” so to speak, and strengthening the areas where we need to be successful. In doing so, I have found myself reflecting on our three principal tenets: How does this affect my Brothers and others? Is this done for the betterment of another? Am I standing in the truest light possible?

The practice of Brotherly Love brings us closer to what is most important: honest dealings, sincere appreciation for the uniqueness of every individual, and recognizing the benefit we provide one another through simple encouragement. One of the things I appreciate most about Masonry is that, regardless of station, we all meet upon the Level. Friendships built with openness and genuine care create bonds that accomplish far more together than we ever could alone. Having a Brother you can call upon is a beacon in an often-dark world. The next time you feel prompted to reach out to someone, remember that perhaps the same beacon is reaching out to you.

Relief, in all its forms, is something we strive to practice earnestly. Whether through our Spring Training fundraiser supporting scholarships, our Adopt-a-Street program, our hospice dinners, or simple acts of kindness—helping with groceries, volunteering to clean, or offering a listening ear—every act of service leaves an immeasurable impact. Sometimes the smallest gestures mean more than all the money in the world.

Truth is a word that cannot be bent, manipulated, or changed. It stands unwavering and unapologetic. To remain true to ourselves, our obligations, our values, and our path is the course by which our ships sail. As Masons, we strive to be a lighthouse in a sea of darkness because we understand the importance of preserving and protecting Truth. It is reflected in our actions, our dealings with one another, and the way we welcome our newly obligated Brothers. Truth provides a comfort unlike any other, for when we stand in Truth, we know all is right and balanced in the presence of the Supreme Architect.

Whether in Lodge or in our daily lives, these principles strengthen us and help build the close-knit Brotherhood to which we all aspire.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming degrees and again when we reconvene in September.

Fraternally,

Dustin Barron
Senior Warden

“Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are not simply words—they are the compass by which we live.”

FROM THE SOUTH



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

Brethren,

It has been a rewarding year for Sun City Lodge No. 72, and I have been honored to serve as your Junior Warden. Our summer degree season has demonstrated the enthusiasm of our officers and members while welcoming several outstanding men into our Fraternity.

I would especially like to thank Job's Daughters for faithfully preparing and serving dinner before our degree evenings. Their support and cheerful service have made our fellowship even more enjoyable.

As we prepare to return from summer recess, I encourage every Brother to attend our stated meetings, participate in degree work, and respond to dinner reservations. Even if you are not participating in ritual, your presence provides encouragement to our candidates and demonstrates the strength and unity of our Lodge.

Thank you for your continued dedication, friendship, and commitment to Sun City Lodge No. 72. I look forward to seeing each of you back in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Ryan Clark
Junior Warden

“Whether you have a speaking part or simply attend in support, your presence strengthens our candidates.”



SECRETARY'S REPORT



*Worshipful Brother Gary A. Loeb, PM
Secretary, Sun City Lodge No. 72*

Secretary's Report

Sun City Lodge has 181 members.

As of May 1, 2026, the Lodge has one Fellowcraft and three candidates for membership. That means we have four new members in the works, bringing our potential membership to 185. Additionally, we have 27 prospective members interested in becoming Masons and joining our Lodge.

The average age of our membership is 66.7 years, with a median age of 70.3 years.

- Oldest member: Brother Leslie Ellis (100)
- Youngest member: Brother Kenyatti Green (22)

The 2026 annual dues are \$123. As of this report, 140 of our 148 dues-paying members (94.6%) have paid. Eight Brothers still have outstanding dues and may be subject to suspension if payment is not received before the September 2026 Stated Meeting.

Stay healthy, Brethren!

Fraternally in Peace and Harmony,

Gary A. Loeb, PM
Secretary
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ALMONER'S REPORT



*Brother Jim Contreras
Almoner, Sun City Lodge No. 72*

Caring for Our Brethren

One of the quiet but most meaningful responsibilities of our Lodge is caring for our Brothers, widows, and families during times of illness, hardship, or loss. As Almoner, I am reminded that the principles of Brotherly Love and Relief are best demonstrated through personal acts of kindness, concern, and compassion.

Whether through a telephone call, a hospital or home visit, a card of encouragement, or simply checking in on a Brother who has not been seen in Lodge, every act of care strengthens the bonds that unite us as Freemasons.

If you know of a Brother or family member who could benefit from a visit, assistance, or the support of the Lodge, please let me know. Together we can ensure that no Brother is forgotten and that our obligations extend beyond the walls of the Lodge.

Thank you to the many Brethren who continue to volunteer their time to support our members throughout the year. Your kindness reflects the finest traditions of Sun City Lodge No. 72.

Fraternally,

Brother Jim Contreras
Almoner

"The strongest ties of Brotherhood are often forged through quiet acts of kindness."





BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT

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.) **Landscape:** Weeds have been removed from around the building and parking lot.

6.) **Men's Restroom:** We are in the process of replacing control valves / gaskets, etc.

7.) **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 to Lodge No. 72 and Bro. Dick Young for your donations

Please help keep the Masonic Center clean.

8.) Violations: We continue to have violations. (Violations are described as housekeeping, security issues, kitchen safety issues, tables and chairs not returned to storage, 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.**

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

Thank you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer & Early Fall 2026

We look forward to seeing you back in Lodge after our summer recess. Mark your calendars and join your Brothers for these upcoming meetings and degree work.

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, July 30, 2026	Third Degree	Dinner – 5:00 p.m. • Degree – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 13, 2026	Stated Meeting & First Degree Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20, 2026	Second Degree Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 27, 2026	Third Degree Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 10, 2026	Stated Meeting	Dinner – 6:00 p.m. • Gavel Drop – 7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

As we return from our summer recess, your participation is more important than ever. Whether attending a rehearsal, participating in degree work, or simply joining your Brothers for fellowship, your presence strengthens our Lodge and supports our newest members.

“The strength of a Lodge is measured not by the number of its members, but by the faithfulness of those who attend and labor together.”

Summer Season

Celebrating Our Summer Degree Season

Sun City Lodge No. 72 enjoyed an exceptional summer of degree work, welcoming new Brothers and continuing the tradition of excellence in ritual. These photographs capture memorable moments from our Entered Apprentice degree teams. We thank every officer, coach, candidate, and volunteer whose dedication made these evenings successful.



Entered Apprentice Degree Team



Entered Apprentice Degree Team



Entered Apprentice Degree Team

"The future of our Lodge is strengthened through every degree conferred and every Brother who labors together in harmony."





WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

Brother James Carroll Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason



Brother James Carroll following his Raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, surrounded by the officers and Brethren of Sun City Lodge No. 72.

Congratulations, Brother James Carroll

Sun City Lodge No. 72 proudly congratulates Brother James Carroll on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The evening was marked by outstanding ritual, warm fellowship, and the dedicated efforts of the officers and Brethren who participated in the degree.

Special congratulations are extended to Worshipful Brother Douglas C. Peck for conferring the degree with dignity and excellence, and sincere appreciation is offered to every officer and Brother whose work helped make the evening a memorable success.

The Raising of a Master Mason represents one of the most significant milestones in Freemasonry. It symbolizes fidelity, perseverance, and the continuing pursuit of Masonic light. We welcome Brother Carroll into the full privileges and responsibilities of Master Masonry and look forward to his years of service to Sun City Lodge No. 72.

Congratulations, Brother James. May your Masonic journey continue to be one of growth, friendship, and faithful labor.

"The true strength of our Lodge is found in the Brothers who continue its traditions and inspire its future."





HONORING BROTHER ARIZONA MILKE

A Faithful Brother, Trusted Friend, and Dedicated Craftsman



Left to Right: Worshipful Brother Douglas Peck, Worshipful Brother Gary Loeb, and Brother Arizona Milke during Aloha Night at Sun City Lodge No. 72.

This summer, Sun City Lodge No. 72 bids a heartfelt farewell to Brother Arizona Milke as he begins a new chapter by moving out of state. While we celebrate the opportunities before him, his departure leaves a place that cannot easily be filled within our Lodge.

Brother Arizona has exemplified Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth through his quiet willingness to serve. Whether the Lodge needed repairs, improvements, setup, cleanup, or an extra pair of hands, he was always ready to help. His steady dedication and dependable work ethic inspired everyone who had the privilege of laboring beside him.

His contributions to our Lodge building—including his efforts connected with the cornerstone and countless other projects—have become a lasting part of Sun City Lodge No. 72. His craftsmanship, generosity, and commitment have strengthened our Lodge in ways that will continue to benefit future generations of Brethren.

Although miles may separate us, the bonds of Freemasonry remain unbroken. Brother Arizona's friendship, cheerful spirit, and willingness to serve will be deeply missed. We thank him for all he has done and wish him health, happiness, and continued success wherever his journey may lead.

"A faithful Brother may travel far, but the ties of the Craft remain unbroken."





Stewart Council No. 16

Cryptic Masons of Arizona



Stewart Council No. 16 Officers

Council News

Stewart Council will next meet on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sun City Masonic Center. A Potluck Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by Masonic Education at 7:00 p.m. A Full Form Opening will take place at 7:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in August due to the Arizona Grand Council Annual Communication on Saturday, August 15.

On Thursday, June 25, 2026, Stewart Council conferred the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees upon Companion Ryan Stogsdill. We congratulate Companion Stogsdill and welcome him into the Council.



Cast members following the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees conferred on Companion Ryan Stogsdill.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

All Companions are encouraged to attend the Arizona Grand Council Annual Communication on Saturday, August 15, beginning at 9:00 AM at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa.

Stewart Council purple shirts are available for \$40.00 each. Contact Dave Miller with your shirt size and any requested left-breast embroidery. Payment should be made to Stewart Council.

Stewart Council meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except August and December, at the Sun City Masonic Center. Potluck Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with education at 7:00 p.m. Zelle is available for dues and donations; contact Gerald Amerpohl or Pat Hayes for details.





STEWART COUNCIL # 16
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Vincent “Vinnie” Esposito, Illustrious Master- Vinnieesposito@gmail.com-1-602-303-8407

July 22, 2026

Greetings Companions

We will have our monthly meeting on Monday July 27th.

We will not have a meeting in August due to the Grand Sessions

Purple Shirt

Officers, if you are not available, please let us know

Potluck*****6:30 pm
Education*****7:00 pm
Meeting*****7:30 pm

Fraternal Love

Pat Hayes

OASIS CHAPTER No. 15

Royal Arch Masons

The Companions of Oasis Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, invite all Royal Arch Masons to join us as we continue our work in Capitular Masonry and enjoy the fellowship that strengthens our Chapter.

September Convocation

Our next Convocation will be held on Friday, September 18, 2026, at the Sun City Masonic Center.

- 6:30 p.m. – Pot Luck Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Masonic Education
- 7:30 p.m. – Chapter Opening

There will be no meeting in August due to the Annual Communication of the Arizona Grand Royal Arch Chapter on Friday, August 14, 2026.

Arizona Grand Royal Arch Chapter

All Companions are encouraged to attend the Annual Communication of the Arizona Grand Royal Arch Chapter beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, Arizona.

Registration, meal information, and hotel accommodations are available at azyr.org.

Outdoor Degree Conferrals

The Annual Outdoor Mark Master and Past Master Degree Conferrals will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Pat Hayes for registration information.

Oasis Chapter Polo Shirts

Official Oasis Chapter red polo shirts are available for \$40.00 each.

To order, contact Dave Miller with:

- Your shirt size
- Any embroidery you would like on the left breast

Payment should be made to Oasis Chapter No. 15.

Join Oasis Chapter

Oasis Chapter No. 15 meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except during August and December, at the Sun City Masonic Center.

Each regular Convocation includes:

- 6:30 p.m. – Pot Luck Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Masonic Education
- 7:30 p.m. – Chapter Opening

Oasis Chapter also accepts Zelle for dues, shirt purchases, and donations. For additional information, please contact Gerry Amerpohl or Pat Hayes.

“Companions are encouraged to attend our Convocations, participate in our degree work, and enjoy the fellowship that makes Royal Arch Masonry an essential part of the York Rite experience.”

Oasis Chapter No. 15
Royal Arch Masons
Outdoor Mark Master Degree
& Past Master Degree Conferrals



Saturday, October 10, 2026 • 1:00 p.m.
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:

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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



ST. ANDREW COMMANDERY No. 17

Knights Templar

The Sir Knights of St. Andrew Commandery No. 17 continue their work in support of the York Rite while preparing to confer the Chivalric Orders. All Sir Knights are encouraged to participate in the fellowship and activities of the Commandery.

Upcoming Conclave

Saturday, September 12, 2026 • Coffee & donuts at 8:00 a.m. • Practice at 8:30 a.m. • Conclave opens at 9:00 a.m.

August Schedule: There will be no regular Commandery meeting in August because of the Arizona Grand Commandery Knights Templar Annual Conclave.

Grand Commandery: All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend the Annual Arizona Grand Commandery Knights Templar Conclave on Thursday, August 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa.

Additional Information: Black St. Andrew Commandery polo shirts are available for \$40. Contact Dave Miller with your shirt size and personalization request. St. Andrew Commandery also accepts dues payments and donations through Zelle. Contact Dave Miller or Recorder Pat Hayes for details.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

SUN CITY WEST HIGH 12 CLUB

Summer Lunch Series & Masonic Fellowship



On Friday, May 8, the Sun City West High 12 Club began its Summer Lunch Series. The remaining lunch locations are listed below.

Date	Lunch Location
Friday, June 12	Babbo Italian Eatery
Friday, July 10	Rio Mirage Mexican Cantina
Friday, August 14	Shanghai Grill
Friday, September 11	Don Ruben’s Mexican Restaurant

For lunch time information and RSVP details, please contact Dave Miller.

The Sun City West High 12 Club continues working to include local Masonic widows in club events.

The club’s efforts have assisted local Masonic Lodges in maintaining contact with 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 at 602.317.6136 or dmiller154@cox.net, or Gary Fullington at 480.319.4101 or garyfullington@yahoo.com.



PAST MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP

Sun City Lodge No. 72

The Past Master's Fellowship (PMF) of Sun City Lodge is scheduled to meet next on **Thursday, September 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** in the Jackson Room of the Sun City Masonic Center. If you would like Zoom connectivity for this PMF gathering, please contact Gary Loeb at 623.972.2217 or suncity72sec@gmail.com.

Next PMF Meeting

Thursday, September 10 • 5:00 p.m. • Jackson Room

The Fellowship is currently finalizing recommendations for the Silver Trowel and Beehive Awards. Past Master input into these special recognition recommendations is important.

Reminder: Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. before the Sun City Lodge September Stated Meeting. RSVPs are encouraged at suncity72rsvp@gmail.com.

Recycling Collection

The Past Master's Fellowship has set up collection barrels for aluminum cans and clear plastic bottles in the South hallway of the Sun City Masonic Center. Everyone using the Center is encouraged to bring recyclable items and place them in the designated barrels. Please do not include garbage items. Proceeds from the collected items help the Past Master's Fellowship support Sun City Lodge activities and recognitions.





PEORIA CHAPTER No. 59

Order of the Eastern Star



Peoria Chapter held its annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, May 30, 2026. Sister Caron-Lee Sweeney takes the helm as Worthy Matron, assisted by Brother Craig Montgomery, who will serve as Worthy Patron. Congratulations are extended to all the members who have taken officer positions. It is wonderful to have a full corps of officers to keep the chapter vibrant. We love our loyal sideliners, too. We are fortunate to have an active chapter. Best wishes for a successful year!

The Chapter is preparing for Grand Chapter, which will be held August 4–8 at the Renaissance Hotel at Cardinal's Stadium in Glendale. It is the official visit of Most Worthy Grand Matron Billie Bradfield, an Arizona Past Worthy Grand Matron. Exciting events are planned to honor Sister Billie and our presiding Worthy Grand Matron, Donna DiCola, and Worthy Grand Patron, Gil Marriott. Peoria Chapter will be supporting Sister Crystal Thompson, Grand Conductress, and will also be working to raise funds to support her as she travels the Grand Line. 2027–2028 will be here before we know it!

At our meeting on July 22, 2026, we will discuss the proposed legislation to be presented at Grand Chapter. The discussion will be lively, for sure! Our meeting on August 26 will include a "Tricky Tray." All members are encouraged to attend both meetings.

September 9 will be our Welcome Back potluck, and the meeting will present the new Grand Officers and Committee members of the chapter. We look forward to hearing reports from the Worthy Matron and other members. Please plan to attend.

November 7 will be the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to Peoria Chapter. The members are already working hard on the honor programs and skits. It will be a fun day, and we hope all members will be able to attend this Saturday meeting.

The chapter has been saddened by the passing of Sister Daina Montgomery. Sister Daina was preceded in death by her sister, Paula Horn, who was a member of Glendale Chapter No. 20, OES. She is survived by her husband, Brother Craig Montgomery.

We have also bid a final farewell to Sister Helen Gillette-Carnes, who was serving as Warder for the chapter. She was also a member of Friendship Chapter No. 40. Sister Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Brother Bill Carnes, who was a member of Glendale Chapter No. 20 and Glendale Lodge, F.&A.M.





Desert Sky JDI Supreme Session 2026



Bethels Represented

Bethel 2, Albuquerque
Bethel 5, Las Vegas
Bethel 19, Sun City



Membership Growth

Bethel 2, Albuquerque
Bethel 13, Mesa
Bethel 19, Sun City



Promotion

Bethel 19, Sun City



Supreme Bethel Representatives

Marley, Bethel 5, Acre
Katelyn, Bethel 19, Michigan



Daughter Delegates

Elizabeth, Bethel 2, ABQ
Victoria, Bethel 2, ABQ



Awards

Ritual:

Sammie, Bethel 2, ABQ
Shiloh, Bethel 2, ABQ

Arts & Crafts:

Sammie, Bethel 2, ABQ
Shiloh, Bethel 2, ABQ
Elizabeth, Bethel 2, ABQ
Victoria, Bethel 2, ABQ
Katelyn, Bethel 19, Sun City



Legacy Donors

Alan Dye
Donna Dobkins
Shelly Cole



Degree of Royal Purple

Jennifer Bishop
Bethel 19, Sun City



JGC Officers Present

Donna Dobkins, JG
Beth Cary, VJG
Michael Blagrove, VAJG
Alan Dye, JT



Distinguished Job's Daughters Award

Trevor Bishop
Alan Dye



JDIU Graduates

Charlotte, Bethel 5, LV
Elizabeth, Bethel 2, ABQ
Sammie, Bethel 2, ABQ
Shiloh, Bethel 2, ABQ

Congratulations to the Bethels of Desert Sky JDI

Bethel 19, Sun City



Springfield, Missouri - July 19 - 25, 2026

Members and Adults of Bethel 19 attended JDI's 2026 Supreme Session in Springfield, Missouri with a week filled with connection, celebration, and unforgettable moments. Here's a look back at the highlights from our time together in Springfield.

A Spirited Start to the Week

We kicked off Supreme Session with a lively trip to Dolly Parton's Stampede, where bluegrass music set the tone for an evening of fun. The dazzling horse performances and stunts brought smiles to every face and set the stage for a week of excitement.

Monday: Competitions, Courses, and Tradition

Monday marked the official start of session activities. Daughters participated in competitions, attended JDI University courses, and engaged in thoughtful discussion during Job's Congress, reviewing and debating proposed legislation. The day closed with one of our most cherished traditions: gathering in the hotel to sing Nearer My God to Thee. Voices filled the space, reminding us of the unity and purpose that bring us together year after year.

Tuesday: Service and Sweet Treats

Tuesday featured our event supporting HULKE, followed by an ice cream social that gave everyone a chance to relax, mingle, and enjoy a well-earned treat.

Wednesday: Business & Recognition

Wednesday brought the beginning of the business meetings and the Formal Opening. Bethel 19, Sun City received recognition for our membership growth at the formal banquet. During the Formal Opening ceremony, we proudly honored Trevor Bishop and Alan Dye, Past Guardian Treasurer, with the Distinguished Order of Job's Daughters award. This award, introduced just last year, recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond for our organization without having been members themselves. Their dedication continues to inspire us.

Thursday: Pageant Day

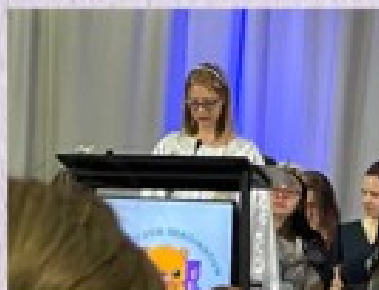
Our very own Charlotte, Miss Desert Sky, represented us beautifully in the Miss International Pageant. Her poise and spirit made us proud.

Friday: Supreme Bethel & Celebrations

Friday's Supreme Bethel Meeting included a special moment as our Senior Princess, Katelyn, delivered her report on her year serving as Supreme Bethel Representative to Rio de Janeiro.

We also celebrated members who continue serving into adulthood with exceptional commitment. Congratulations to Jennifer Bishop, recipient of this year's adult service award.

The evening concluded with the installation of the Supreme Bethel Officers & Representatives. We are thrilled to share that Katelyn was selected as Supreme Bethel Representative to Michigan, continuing her journey of leadership and service.







SUN CITY #72 F. & A.M.

SUN CITY, AZ

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PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GATHERING



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

BRETHREN, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS,

You are affectionately invited to join us as we gather around the festive board to celebrate the blessings of the harvest, the strength of our fraternity, and the enduring bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Please join us for an evening dedicated to delicious food, cherished company, and a shared spirit of gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe.



FELLOWSHIP & CONTRIBUTION

COST: A nominal fee of **\$15** per plate to help offset the cost of ingredients.

LABOR OF LOVE: We are deeply grateful for any and all who are willing to lend their talents and time to assist with preparing and serving the feast, or to participate in the evening's fellowship.



RSVP

To assist Bro. Shane Miller and his wife Jennifer and the kitchen committee with our planning, reply to...

suncity72xgiving@gmail.com

to confirm your attendance and any additional guests.

RSVP DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 31, 2026

*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!**



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.

“Freemasonry is not merely a place we attend—it is a Brotherhood to which we belong.”



MASONIC EDUCATION

The Working Tools: Building a Better Man

“The tools of an operative mason shaped stone; the tools of a speculative Mason shape character.”

Freemasonry uses the simple tools of the ancient stonemason to teach timeless lessons in morality, discipline, and personal growth. Though we no longer build cathedrals of stone, we continue the greater work of building lives of integrity, compassion, and service.

The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge

A Lesson in Balance

The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge reminds us that every day is a gift entrusted to our care. It teaches us to divide our time wisely among our duties to God, family, vocation, our community, and ourselves.

The Common Gavel

A Lesson in Self-Improvement

The Common Gavel symbolizes the continual effort to remove the rough edges of our character. By replacing anger with patience, pride with humility, and selfishness with compassion, we become better men and better Masons.

The Rough and Perfect Ashlars

A Lesson in Growth

The Rough Ashlar represents man in his natural state, while the Perfect Ashlar symbolizes the life refined through education, experience, faith, and faithful labor. Freemasonry reminds us that improvement is a lifelong journey.

Living the Lessons

- Build character before reputation.
- Practice humility in success.
- Show compassion to those in need.
- Honor your obligations.
- Seek wisdom throughout life.
- Leave the world a little better than you found it.

A Lifetime of Labor

Freemasonry does not promise perfection. Instead, it offers a lifelong journey of improvement. The true measure of a Mason is found in quiet acts of integrity, kindness, and faithful service.

“As the builder carefully shapes each stone, so should every Mason shape his own life—one good act, one honest word, and one faithful labor at a time.”



IN MEMORIAM

“Softly and silently, the summons comes.”

Throughout the years, the Brethren of Sun City Lodge No. 72 have been blessed by Brothers whose lives reflected Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We pause to remember these faithful Brethren with gratitude for their service, friendship, and lasting example.

We Remember

Brother	Date of Passing	Age
Worshipful Brother Jim Rolle	May 28, 2026	90
Brother Doug Robertson	June 9, 2026	76

The Evergreen

The evergreen is an emblem of our enduring faith and hope in immortality. While our Brethren have laid down the working tools of this earthly life, their examples continue to inspire us. May we honor their memories through faithful service and well-lived lives.

“Until we meet again in the Celestial Lodge Above, may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over those we remember with love and gratitude.”

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Our Brethren

As we celebrate another season of fellowship, we extend our best wishes to the Brethren observing birthdays and Masonic anniversaries. Thank you for your continued dedication to Sun City Lodge No. 72 and to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Summer Birthdays		Masonic Anniversaries		
Brother	Birthday	Brother	Raised	Years
Vincent J. Polidoro	June 4	Robert W. Bachman Sr	August 8, 1960	66
Steven D. Wieters	June 5	Richard K. Flinton	August 18, 1967	59
Derreck J. Thompson	June 7	Vincent J. Polidoro	June 23, 1971	55
George P. Vinson	June 13	Harold J. Lilley	June 23, 1975	51
William A. Garrard Jr	June 16	Stanley A. Mardula	June 10, 1976	50
Corey J. Chavez	June 20	Rex S. Provenzale	June 7, 1977	49
Arizona M. Milke	June 20	Gary M. Bain	June 19, 1981	45
Kenneth R. Hartman	June 22	Bobby G. Armstrong	August 25, 1982	44
Leroy Hatton Jr	June 23	Pat Hayes	June 15, 1985	41
Gary A. Loeb	June 25	Larry A. Harstad	June 24, 1987	39
Kenneth H. Snodgrass	June 26	Dennis E. McMillen	August 13, 1994	32
David A. McMartin	June 30	David N. Leiva	July 22, 1995	31
Charles E. Hardy	July 4	Barre L. Shepp	June 17, 1998	28
James F. Mack	July 4	Jeff Williams	July 28, 1998	28
Ronald F. Larson	July 8	Chadwick B. Burks	July 15, 2002	24
Scotty L. Black	July 12	Arizona M. Milke	August 29, 2002	24
Bobby G. Armstrong	July 13	Luis Rodriguez	June 18, 2007	19
Glynn E. Ley	July 13	Larry A. Gorelick	July 25, 2013	13
Michael S. Rial	July 14	Leroy Hatton Jr	August 15, 2013	13
Douglas F. Kydd	July 17	Laurence R. Iseman	August 29, 2013	13
Robert J. Meizinger	July 20	Steven M. Clifton	August 29, 2013	13
Gene E. Miller II	July 20	David B. Harrower	June 10, 2014	12
Thomas E. Skoog	July 20	Mark A. Nelson	August 21, 2014	12
Thomas C. Lane	July 22	Bryan V. Young	June 25, 2015	11
Fawwaz W. Tuqan	July 23	Brian S. Arrowood	July 14, 2016	10
Matthew C. Arnett	July 26	Rickie Polke	June 20, 2019	7
Philip G. Buchholz	July 26	James R. Denzien Sr	June 27, 2019	7
David P. Miller	July 26	Walter M. Detrinidad	June 5, 2021	5
Leonard A. Williams Jr	July 31	Samuel R. Tellezreyes	July 28, 2022	4
James P. Harber	August 1	David J. Mock	July 11, 2024	2
Brian S. Arrowood	August 4	Kenneth H. Snodgrass	June 19, 2025	1
Jason P. Gorski	August 15	James R. Stogsdill	July 17, 2025	1
Jesse R. Phillips	August 16			
Stanley S. Stobierski	August 17			
James E. Almrud	August 20			
Gerald W. Amerpohl	August 22			
Chadwick B. Burks	August 22			
Filiberto Encinas-Tequida	August 22			
Albert D. Briggs	August 23			
Cody B. Burks	August 26			
Kevin M. Irwin	August 26			
Gary G. Johnson	August 26			
David H. Rehkopf	August 26			
Andrew E. Pratt	August 27			
Paul A. Baron	August 28			

“The happiest moments in Freemasonry are those shared among Brothers and friends.”



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"No great endeavor is accomplished alone."

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- Worshipful Brother Douglas C. Peck, Worshipful Master
- Worshipful Brother Gary A. Loeb, Secretary
- Brother Jim Contreras, Almoner
- The Lodge Officers and Committees
- Our article contributors, photographers, and volunteers
- Every Brother and family member whose support made this publication possible

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"Freemasonry flourishes through the generosity of those who freely give their time, talents, and resources in service to others."





THE BUILDER'S CHARGE

A Closing Reflection

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

As we close this edition of *The Trestleboard*, let us remember that the true work of a Mason is not confined to the Lodge room. Our daily conduct, our kindness toward others, our integrity, and our willingness to serve are the living stones from which we build our character.

Each meeting attended, every hand extended in friendship, every charitable act, and every lesson passed to a new Brother strengthens the foundation of our Craft. The tools entrusted to us remind us to shape our lives with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering fidelity.

May we leave this publication inspired to labor with renewed purpose, supporting one another and our community while preserving the timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The Builder's Charge

Go forth with a cheerful heart, an honest purpose, and a steadfast faith. Let your actions reflect the teachings of the Craft, your words bring encouragement, and your example inspire those who follow. Build not only temples of stone, but lives of honor, service, and brotherly love.

"May the Great Architect of the Universe guide your steps until we meet again in peace and harmony."



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.

"The real rewards of Freemasonry are found not in titles or honors, but in lives enriched through friendship, service, and the pursuit of truth."

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and those you love.

Until we meet again...

Sun City Lodge No. 72, F.&A.M.
Summer 2026

