





Arizona Lodge #2

Summer 2024 Trestleboard

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Worshipful Brother Victor E Olson is the current Master of Arizona Lodge No. 2.

“I have been blessed with good friends and family my entire life. I continue to enjoy the world I travel, as well as my acquaintances and my work. My life goal is to enable, by my designs, a significant work of the built environment that makes a positive social impact for as large a group of people as possible and lasts beyond my lifetime.”

From the East—It’s Our Temple

So why do so many treat it like a fast-food restaurant with less regard to its appearance, security, cleanliness and economy.

We have one 25 hour per week maintenance person, Brother Martin, and Brother Tim who volunteers as our temple manager. We need everyone’s cooperation in keeping our Temple in shape for future generations so they can love and enjoy it as much as we do now. Those two brothers are not there to pick up after us.

We had an instance in June where an exterior door did not close fully and was left ajar overnight. When keys were assigned, users were required to read and initial acceptance of the responsibilities of having a key to the building. Whomever is locking up is responsible to ensure ALL closing procedures are followed - every person - every time. This includes doors, lights, and taking out the garbage.

In that light, I ask you think about your actions when at the building:

- don’t walk across the gravel landscaping, it causes an unsightly look unless you come down on a Saturday morning to rake the gravel.

- don’t leave doors open between air-conditioned spaces and un-air-conditioned spaces. Specifically, this is the dining room door from the lobby and the lodge room doors to the hallway. In the winter it isn’t an issue, but in the summer, it allows cool air into the hot lobby and drives the electric bill higher.

- refill the refrigerator with water. If your organization has used up or severely depleted the bottled water supply, put more in. It is not either B Martin or Tim’s responsibility to have cold water on hand. That water is donated by very generous brothers and sisters for everyone’s use but being a gift is not license to squander of litter.

- don’t leave litter laying around either inside or outside the temple (water bottles, cigarette butts, wrappers, plates). Pick up when you can but cigarette butts need to go into the waste planters at least.

- when leaving, pay attention to the door you walk out of - verify it closes behind you.

- do a little extra whenever you can to help with the maintenance, wipe down the bathroom counter, flush the toilets if you see them unattended, bring expired supplies to the attention of B Martin and Tim so that we can have a smooth operating facility. Obviously there will be lapses when us humans make mistakes but the temple is a very special place, in a very unique setting, with a very important task to accomplish - let’s give it a hand.

All these tasks would be standard practice in your own home. Having a perspective that someone else is responsible for picking up our mess assumes a lesser degree of “on the level” than we espouse - let’s walk the talk.

Victor Olson, master AZ#2 2024



Brother Kevin Prier is the current Junior Warden of Arizona Lodge No. 2.

He previously served the lodge as the Musician and Junior Deacon. He is a member of multiple esoteric societies and he is also the current master of Arizona Research Lodge No 1.

From the South—The Sanctuary

It has been the longest and hottest summer in recorded history here in Arizona. Many of us have been struggling through this time in one way or another. For me personally, my motivation is sapped. It's been difficult to do anything beyond obligations. So for this multi month issue of the Trestleboard, I will leave this quote by Karl Von Eckartshausen, from his beautiful work, "The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary."

"The absolute truth lying in the center of Mystery is like the sun, it blinds ordinary sight and man sees only the shadow. The eagle alone can gaze at the dazzling light, and only the prepared soul can bear the arcane luster. Nevertheless the great Something which is the inmost of the Holy Mysteries has never been hidden from the piercing gaze of him who can bear the light.

God and nature have no mysteries for their children. Mystery is caused by the weakness of our own nature, unable to support light, because it is not yet organized to bear the chaste sight of unveiled truth.

This weakness is the cloud that covers the sanctuary it is the curtain which veils the Holy of Holies."

Kevin Michael Prier, Junior Warden AZ#2 2024

Source: The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary by Karl Von Eckartshausen

A Moment at the Shriners Children's Open

A brother near and dear to me invited me to come along with him to the Shriners Children's Open late last year. As I limped around the golf course due to a motorcycle accident, I found myself in a state of anger and frustration. I'm tired of not being able to use my dominant hand like I used to, I'm tired of mobility issues and pain, I wanted to lay in my own despair of how unfair things are for me.

Woe is me.

My noble brother and companion Rich Davis wouldn't let me fall, he forced me to talk to this kid. The young man couldn't have been a day over 20 years old, his disabilities were clearly visible and mine were not. He approached me and with a deformed hand he elected to reach out for a hand shake using the hand that had the deformity versus his other hand that did not. That internal decision he made rocked me, his strength was more than I could handle.

Thinking about it now chokes me up.

In the moment I finished the interaction and opened up about my injuries and how much of a warrior he is. I also shared how much an inspiration he is to me and millions of others. After the interaction I bolted off into the shade by the pond where nobody could see me and melted down. I called my girlfriend and wept.

"I sit here in defeat and despair when at my weakest and this boy has to wisdom to counter his internal commentary with a simple hand shake using his weaker hand. It's the ultimate check mate for the worst parts of us that tell us we must hide our imperfections."

Thank you to my brother for making me do that, it felt like pesticide for my ego.

Bro Ramsen Ohanes,

How to use Grandview



Visit Grandview to:

- View a lodge directory
- Change your contact info
- See Grand Lodge notices

How do I login to Grandview?

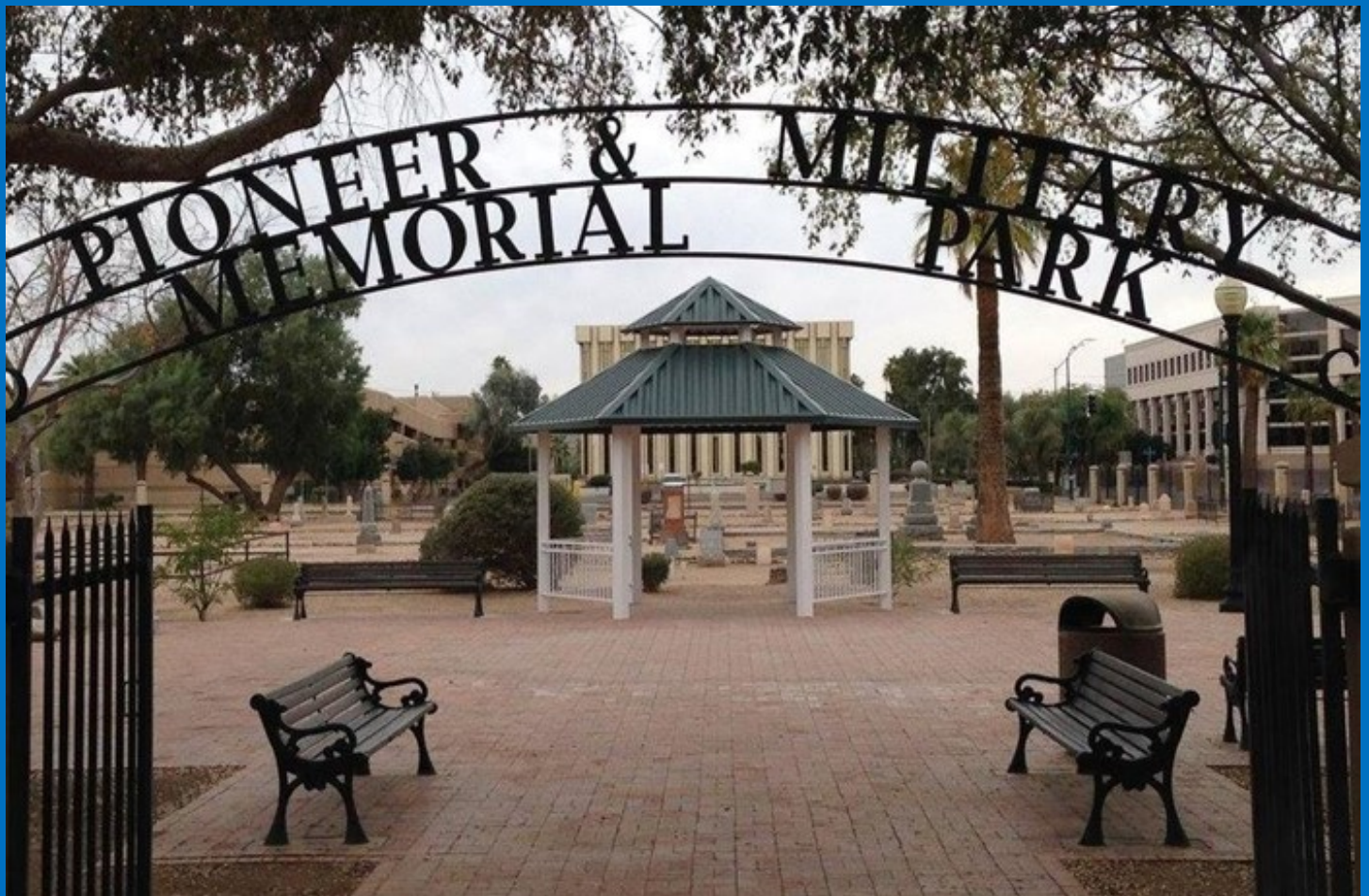
- Go to the Grand Lodge web page and click “Login to Grandview” on the front page in the upper right (Azmasons.org).
- Enter your lodge number
- Enter your Member ID (lower left corner of dues card or ask the Secretary)
- Enter your Last Name (case sensitive)
- Click on “Check Membership Status”
- Enter your email address
- Enter a password (at least 8 characters)
- Confirm by entering your password again.
- Click on Submit

You are now ready to login and access your own personal record in Grandview. Please keep your email, mailing address and phone number up to date.



Pioneer Cemetery holds an important place in the hearts of Arizona Freemasons. Early founders of the state of Arizona as well as Freemasonry in Arizona are buried there. That is why this year, for the 3rd year in a row, in addition to being a member of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association, we will be donating \$1.00 for every member of Arizona Lodge No. 2. If you would like to support this important Arizona historical site, please visit the Pioneers' Cemetery Association website below:

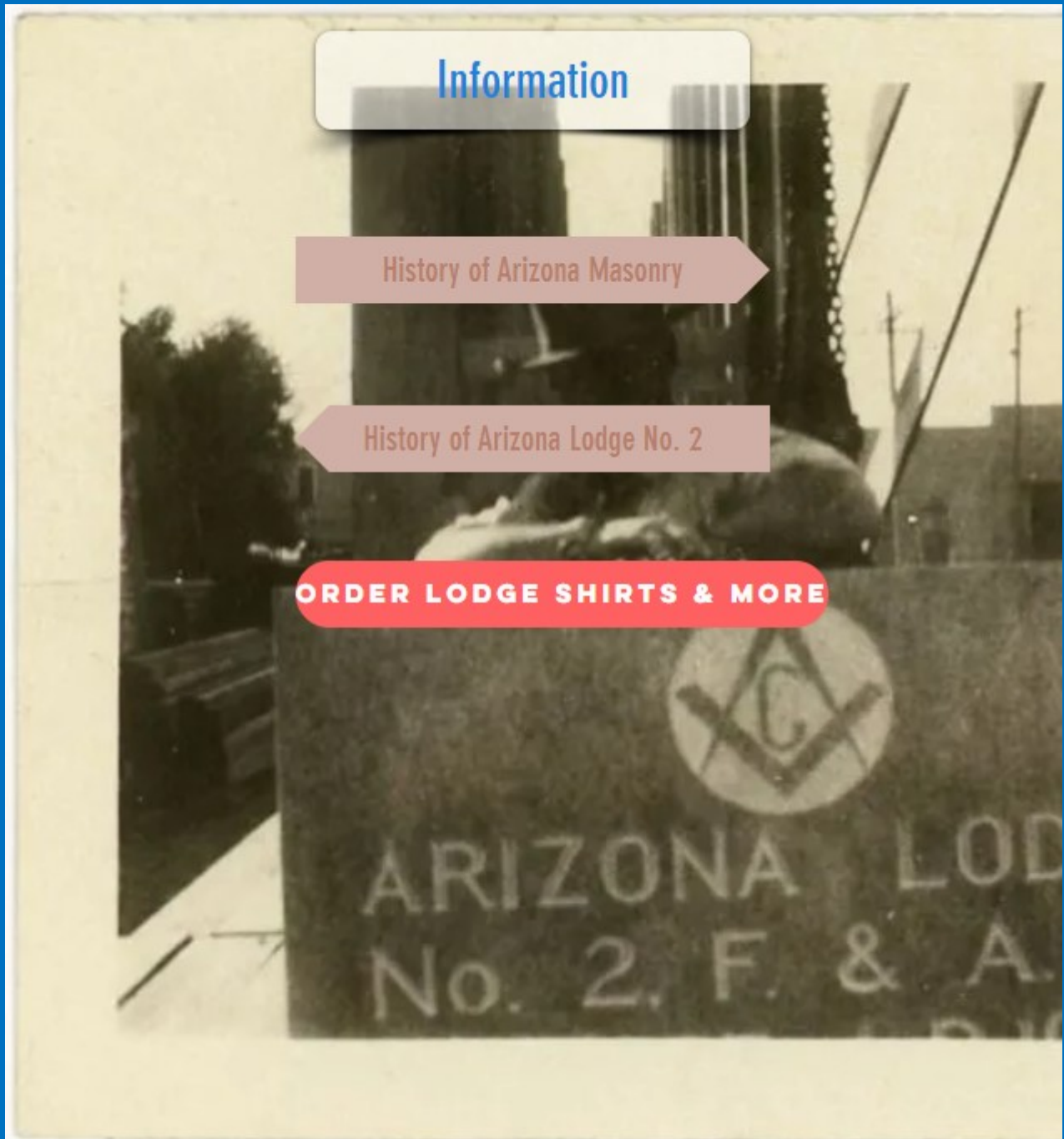
<http://www.azhistcemeteries.org/>



New Arizona #2 Merchandise

The AZ #2 website now includes a store where you can buy great AZ #2 merch!

azlodge2.org



May Degrees

It was a beautiful degree, thank you to all brethren and visitors that came. Congrats to our initiate, welcome to The Craft Bro. Daniel!



May Degrees

Congrats Bro. Ryan Dontoh on being passed to the degree of FC. Thank you to everyone that came and a special thank you to our visitors from the Grand Lodge of Mexico.



June Degrees

Congratulations, Bro. Jaden Easton for being passed to the degree of Fellow Craft at Arizona No. 2.



June Degrees

Congratulations, Bro. Richard Fonner for being initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice at Arizona No. 2.



July Degrees

Congratulations, Bro. Christian Fonner for being initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice at Arizona No. 2.



August Degrees

Congratulations, Bro. Tiago Do Prado for being initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice at Arizona No. 2.



September Degrees

Congratulations, Bro. Joseph Rodriguez for being initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice at Arizona No. 2. And thank to our traveling brethren for your attendance!



September Degrees

Congratulations, Bro. Dimitri Utkin for being initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice at Arizona No. 2. And thank to our traveling brethren as well as the officers from the Grand Lodge for your attendance!



Feed My Starving Children

Special thanks to WM Vic and brother Anthony for organizing an incredible event.

We packed 36,504 meals in under two hours! Many hands make light work!



Education Night

Brother Kevin Prier, Junior Warden of Arizona No 2 led a discussion on The Nature of Becoming.



All J.W. Degree at Apache #69

THANK YOU Apache Lodge #69 for hosting a wonderful 'All J.W.' degree with 38 first time visitors.



Raised to the Celestial Lodge



Daniel C. Forsch, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great and great-great grandfather, hard working employee, golfing buddy, and loving Christian man, passed away peacefully in San Antonio, TX on May 29th after a hard fought battle with old age. He was 95 years young.

Daniel was born on Oct. 7, 1928 in Spokane, Washington to Myrtle Clifford Forsch and Daniel Forsch (who immigrated from Germany to the U.S. as a little boy). His father was a hard working, Christian man who worked for the railroad all his life. Dan gave credit to his father for teaching him how to live and for being the instigator of the many blessings his family has enjoyed through the years.

When Dan was 14 he met a really cute girl at the lake. Her name was Moretta Erickson. More about her later.

Dan graduated from Roger's High School in Spokane in 1946, and soon enlisted in the Army with a group of his friends. He served in the Pacific in 1946-1948.

Upon his return home he again met Moretta. She was engaged at the time, but that soon changed. Dan and Moretta were married on March 31, 1950 in Spokane.

Dan started out as a salesman for International Harvester. He then began his career with AAFES (Army and Airforce Exchange Service) in Spokane, Washington. They moved around the western part of the U.S., as well as overseas to Okinawa, Japan twice. He retired at Lackland AFB in San Antonio. In all he worked for AAFES for 30 years and he has been retired for 39 years.

Dan and Moretta were married for 61 years and had a wonderful life travelling the world together. They were devoted parents to Kit Mathews, Daniel Forsch & Kent Forsch.

Dan was preceded in death by his beloved Moretta in 2011. He is survived by their 3 children- Kit (Jerry) Mathews, Daniel (Jennifer) Forsch, and Kent (Genevieve) Forsch; 4 grandchildren - Roger Forsch, Cliff (Melissa) Forsch, Kristi Forsch (Greg)Ott, and Kevin Forsch; 5 great grandchildren - Christopher Forsch, Katrina (Marcos) Moreno, Walker Forsch, Lincoln Forsch, and Margot Ott; and 1 great great grandchild - Marcos Moreno IV.

Dan was a life-long golfer. He loved the game and most of all he loved all the wonderful friends he made on the golf course. He played golf until he was 95, amazing us all.

He has been a member of the Arizona Lodge No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons as a Senior Life Member for 60 years, where he was Initiated Jan 8, 1963, passed Feb 21, 1963, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Mar 26, 1963. He received a 60 year pin from the Grand Lodge of Arizona to honor his time in the fraternity. He was also a member of the Alzafar Shriners of San Antonio, TX.

We are so thankful for all the people who helped Dan through his last few years of his life. Dr. Carlos Alvarez-Meraz was his wonderful, compassionate doctor and treasured friend for 20+ years. His Physical Therapist, Trey, helped to keep him strong and lifted his spirits. His wonderful friend, Yvonne, helped him so much with his home health care needs. The doctors and nurses at Methodist Hospital were so kind and caring with him. We are so grateful to them all.

We will miss his zest for life and his love for his family and all the people around him, however we rejoice in the fact that he is in the presence of the Lord and that he and Moretta are dancing the Spokane Shuffle together again.

OCTOBER STATED MEETING

WILL BE IN PERSON AS OF THIS PRINTING

Stay Tuned for updates via Facebook, Website & Email

Dinner at 6:00pm

7:00pm – Gavel starts the in-person October Stated Meeting

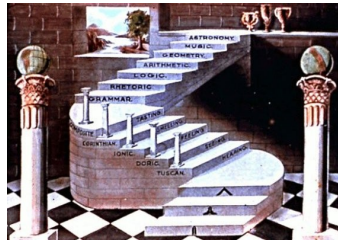
We will be celebrating all October Masonic Birthdays as well!

Stated Meetings
Master's Education



This year, at each Stated Meeting we will be presenting a short talk from the Master on the Constitutions. Also, each month a different officer will be presenting a brief education on a topic from the Monitor.

Trestleboard Education
Articles and More



Each Month our electronic Trestleboard will deliver insights and education through articles from our pedestal Officers and more. Our Facebook page will share exciting meetups and events.

4th Tuesday Education
Quarry of the Mind



In 2023, we will continue our 4th Tuesday education night with a long form education every 4th Tuesday - either virtual or in person. Check Facebook & the calendar for topics and speakers.

2024 DUES

2023 DUES are now payable. Dues are the lifeblood of a lodge and help us keep running smoothly. Lodge dues become payable in December of the year prior. Dues are now OVERDUE. You can now use Chase QUICKPAY or pay via Paypal. A link for paypal/ credit card payment will soon be placed on our website page.

"We are that we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

~ Aristotle

October Schedule

- 10/01/24 Stated Meeting
- 10/09/24 Trustees Meeting
- 10/13/24 Funeral Practice
- 10/15/24 EA Degree
- 10/16/24 Research Lodge #1
- 10/22/24 MM Degree
- 10/25/24 Officer's Meeting
- 10/29/24 Homeless Supply Collection

Please check our Facebook page or Web page for information and links for meetings and the latest updates.

It Is The Desire
To Serve
That Makes a Great
Leader,
Not the Desire To Rule



Lodge #2 Committees

- Widows: Anthony Miller (Chairman)
- Education: WM Vic Olson (Chairman)
- Social Media: Bro Ramsen Ohanes (Chairman)
- Outreach: Bro Chafic Aladine (Chairman)
- Mentors: Bro Cory Whalin (Chairman)
- Mentees: WB Anthony Crosson (Chairman)
- Trestleboard: Bro Kevin Prier (Chairman)

Sickness & Distress



Please keep our brothers, those known and unknown, in your prayers and ask that the Great Architect of the Universe help them find peace and strength in their time of difficulty.

Our 2021 Lodge Coin is still available.



Coins are \$15.00 shipped to you - just click on the link below and purchase a coin to have it directly mailed to you!

Coins are heavy duty enamel filled -1 ¾" wide!

<https://www.azlodge2.org/lodge-coin>

Or, if you'd like to save on postage -purchase one next time you're at lodge!
This is a lodge fundraiser. All proceeds will go into our lodge general fund.