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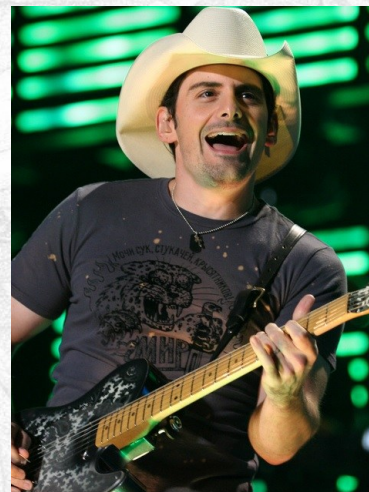
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Bro. Brad Paisley

A member of Hiram Lodge #4
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Also a member of the Scottish Rite, and a Shriner



2026 AZTLAN LODGE OFFICERS LINE

Worshipful Master:	Dean Sulzer
Senior Warden:	Steve Phillips
Junior Warden:	Bill Searle
Treasurer:	Don Earle
Secretary:	Dave Luebke (<i>not pictured</i>)
Chaplain Pro Tem:	Clent Walker (<i>not pictured</i>)
Marshal:	Glenn Coopey (<i>not pictured</i>)
Senior Deacon:	Josh Taggart
Junior Deacon:	Derald Hogeland
Senior Steward:	<i>vacant</i>
Junior Steward:	<i>vacant</i>
Tyler:	Mo Torrey

Freemasonry and the Operative Stonemasons of the Medieval Period

By Dean Sulzer, WM

Freemasonry is generally understood to have developed, in part, from the traditions and organizational structures of operative stonemasons in medieval Europe. These craftsmen were responsible for the construction of many of the most significant stone buildings of the period, including castles, cathedrals, monasteries, bridges, walls, and civic structures.

In the medieval world, stonemasonry was a specialized and highly respected trade. The cutting, shaping, and setting of stone required technical ability, practical experience, and a working knowledge of geometry and proportion. Because major construction projects often continued for decades, or even generations, skilled masons worked within systems that allowed for training, supervision, and the orderly transfer of knowledge from apprentice to journeyman and master.

The lodge, in its earliest sense, appears to have been connected to the practical life of the building site. It functioned as a place where masons could gather, store tools, plan work, and instruct less experienced craftsmen. Over time, these lodges also helped preserve the customs, methods, and professional identity of the craft. In this way, the lodge served both practical and organizational purposes.

Among the many important structures erected during the Middle Ages, castles stand as clear examples of the mason's skill and value. The construction of fortified walls, towers, gatehouses, curtain walls, and keeps required precision and durability. Skilled stonemasons were essential to these undertakings, as the strength and longevity of such structures depended greatly upon the quality of their workmanship.

By the early modern period, changes in society and in the nature of building contributed to the gradual decline of the old operative system. At the same time, some lodges began to admit men who were not themselves working stonemasons. This transition, which became more visible in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, marked the movement from operative to speculative Freemasonry. In speculative Freemasonry, the tools, language, and customs of the builder's craft were retained, but increasingly interpreted as moral and philosophical symbols rather than as instruments of a manual trade.

Modern Freemasonry therefore preserves, in symbolic form, many features associated with the earlier world of operative masonry. Its traditions reflect a historical connection to the disciplined labor, structured instruction, and enduring craftsmanship of the medieval stonemason, whose work helped shape the architectural legacy of Europe.

Fraternally and with heartfelt gratitude,

Dean D. Sulzer Jr.

Master Aztlan Lodge No. 1 F. & A.M. 2026



Wisdom From The West

By Steve Phillips, SW

Good Day Brethren,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to you all for your trust and support in electing me to the West. I will strive to do you all proud and represent all of you and Aztlan #1 to not only the other Arizona lodges, but to our local and extended community as well.

Speaking of community...Masonry has always had a connection to the community. Through outreach, grants, scholarships, etc. Sometimes it has been a strong connection, and at other times, it has waned. For a while, we have been in that waning phase. We have done some outreach from time to time, like the meal events we did with the local Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMT's, but these ended up being one-off events. The Officers and a few others have been racking our brains on how we, the Lodge, can re-engage with our community on an ongoing basis. This would lead to more awareness of the Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

The first step in this has been our blood drive. This has been a strong ongoing event. I give great thanks to our treasurer, Brother Don Earle for bringing the idea to the Lodge and coordinating this event. He brought the idea to life and has ensured its ongoing success. Thank you, Brother Don.

Another change we are doing for the community is our new grant program. We are currently working with Yavapai Community Collage and their Trades program to offer five grants to those that want to get their certificate in any of the Trades offered there. Trades are what truly run a community, in my humble opinion, and by us supporting the Trades, we are supporting the community in an outstanding way. The groundwork has been started, and it is moving along well. That said, we will be needing a few Brothers to take up the reins on this. We will be needing a chairman and a few other Brothers to be the grant committee. If you are interested, please reach out to the WM, myself, or Bro. Earle.

Lastly, I will bring us back to the Lodge. We are deficit in some areas. Many Lodges suffer these same deficits and we need to try to do something about it. I am referring to ritual knowledge and participation. We need a robust degree team that is a few levels deep. We cannot keep depending on the few in the Lodge that have either a wide range of ritual under their belt, or specific parts of ritual. The unfortunate fact of life is that we will lose those Brothers eventually and to be honest, we do not have many, and in some cases, no one that can readily step up to those roles. We need to develop a team that has multiple Brothers than can do those parts. Be it for a lecture, charge, or a part in the second section, we need Brothers that can step up when life gets in the way. We have had to cancel Degrees because no one could or wanted to step in. This is a great disservice to the candidate and to the Lodge in general. I am asking all Brothers, learn some ritual, learn a role. Not only is that good for you, but it is also good for the Lodge and Masonry in general. It is Light, and what is it we are seekers of? Light. So again, please assist us in bringing more Light to the Lodge and to yourself.

On this a bit more... We would like to have at least one back-up for each Lecture and every part of the second section. Eventually, we would like to have this three deep. If you have and questions regarding this, or need help with learning something new, please reach out. MWB Luebke is our Officer Coach, WB Scotty is our Candidate Coach Coordinator, and WB Snyder is our DDGL. All three are a great resource and if the interest is there, I do not see an issue with creating a Ritual Mentor program to assist you, my Brothers, in learning, and strengthening your ritual knowledge. Again, if you have a need in this area, please reach out to the WM or myself.

I thank you Brethren for your time in reading this. Please feel free to come to me with any Lodge concerns or better yet, ideas on how to grow our Lodge in the Light.

Good Month to you all. Fraternally,

Bro. Steven Phillips, Sr. Warden
Aztlan Lodge No. 1, GL of AZ, F. & A.M.

From the Secretary's Table

By Dave Luebke, PGM

First and foremost, I want to offer my sincere best wishes and prayers to Worshipful Brother Ryan Guedel as he goes through his health crisis.

Obviously, a new Secretary means CHANGE. Yes, that is correct, I expect to make some changes. Some of these changes will be because my work habits and my Masonic Experiences are somewhat different than my predecessors. And some changes will be brought about because YOU my brothers, have made recommendations.

One change is that in the next couple of weeks I plan to establish some regular office hours.

Another is to write a regular article for the Trestleboard. The content of the article will be items I think all brothers should know about how the office of secretary works and how the office interfaces with Grand Lodge. Other content will be generated by you, my brothers. So don't hesitate to ask questions and make suggestions!

Lastly, at least for this month, is communication. While the Lodge phone (928.445.1412) is certainly a good choice, my preference is actually email at secretary@aztlanlodge.org. This email automatically forwards to my personal email, allowing me to get back to you in the timeliest fashion. For those of you that text, I have no idea, at this time, if the Lodge phone has that capability; though I suspect it does not and never will.

Lodge Communications are extremely important, and it is most important that "nothing falls through the cracks". The toughest part of any job is picking up where your predecessor left off. By using formal methods of communication, my successor will be able to more quickly gain control of the office.

I, of course, will respond if you happen to use my personal email or phone number.

The office of secretary is the "Clearing House for all things Masonic". Don't hesitate to ask questions, make suggestions or just stop in for a chat.

Till next time

Dave Luebke, PGM

Guarding the West Gate

By Dave Luebke, PGM

We have all heard the expression “Guard the West Gate” or “Guarding the West Gate”. So, what does it really mean and how do we do it?

If we look at the traditional Ritual, we find the West Guarded by the Tyler and Junior Deacon working together to ensure we are safe from cowans and eavesdroppers. We also have the Master enquiring if all are of the proper degree. Lastly, we have the Master asking if all have signed in. Having done all this we are safe to have our meeting.

That really is the simple answer, but there is more! Each of us has a personal responsibility in the “Guarding of the West Gate”. It starts when we talk to non-Masons about Masonry. While we don’t think about it, we should be analyzing these contacts to determine if they meet your interpretation of our criteria. If they do, you might go so far as providing a petition.

Our petition process is the first significant part of the guarding we do. It is easy to fill out a petition, at least until you get to lines 23 & 24. These two lines are colloquially known as “the Top Line Signers”. These Lines ask the signer how long he has actually “known” the petitioner with the minimum of six (6) months.

What “Known” really means is the question. For the past few years this seems to have been adopted to mean that the “seeker” or potential candidate has come to the Stated Meeting Dinner for a period of six months, and two Brothers have learned enough about him to sign a petition for him

Can you “Know” someone six months of breaking bread? This is a question that each brother must decide for himself.

The next part of “Guarding the West Gate” is the investigation. How should it be done, what questions should you ask, where should the investigation take place, and should it be done; by a team or individually? There are a few lines on the investigation form but for the most part it is up to the investigators.

Once again, a positive or negative is up to the brothers involved.

The next of the initial safeguards in “Guarding the West Gate” is the ballot. Are you going to cast a white ball or a black cube. And the last of the guards is the Master asking for objections at the actual initiation.

Are we doing a good job “Guarding the West Gate”? I don’t know the answer but on the 11th of April at 9am you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion and perhaps working together we will find the answer.

Join us for the April Education session “Guarding the West Gate, the importance of good Investigations and How to do Them”

April 11th 9am at the Lodge

Fraternally,

Dave Luebke, PGM

Affiliated Organizations

O.E.S. Golden Rule #1

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
(Sept.-June)
2nd Floor Aztlan Lodge
Stacey Maxwell
(480) 387-4000

Yavapai Chapter Order of DeMolay

1st & 3rd Sunday's
6:30 p.m.
3rd Floor of Aztlan Lodge
Bill Searle
(928) 899-3664

Yavapai County Shrine Club

3rd Wednesday
5:30 p.m. meet and greet.
6:00 p.m. dinner
Call Glenn Coopey for the
location (928) 800-2298

High Country Scottish Rite Club

2nd Tuesday 5:00 p.m.
(Jan. - Oct.)
3rd Floor Aztlan Lodge
Ken Davis

Phoenix Scottish Rite Bodies

3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Phoenix Scottish Rite Facility
[7726 N 59th Ave](#)
Glendale, AZ 85301
(602) 212-1073

Check the [Lodge Calendar](#) on the website for the most up-to-date information.

Sickness and Distress

<p>Ryan Guedel 7864 N Siesta Sunset Ln Prescott Valley AZ 86315 (928) 830-8348</p>	<p>Ellie Martin 801 Vanosdale Road, Apt 239L Knoxville, TN 37909 (928) 775-3612</p>	<p>Greg Hendrickson 6598 East Beckett Trail Prescott Valley AZ 86314 (928) 533-8179</p>
<p>Clint Russell 2931 West Mountain Park Rd Show Low, AZ 85901 (928) 606-5802</p>	<p>Jonathon Tracy PO Box 25461 Prescott Valley, AZ 86312</p>	

Please reach out to our brothers and sisters. See how they are doing.
They will be most appreciative!

GOLDEN SCROLL

Brother Sherwin Saul White

BORN: March 26, 1930 in Chicago, IL

INITIATED as an Entered Apprentice: August 27, 2009

PASSED to the Degree of Fellowcraft: October 22, 2009

RAISED to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: December 29, 2009

Brother Sherwin received all of his Degrees in Aztlan Lodge #1 where he was a perpetual member.

Brother Sherwin spent his working career in retail sales.

He raised three children: Richard, Gary, and Robert.

We shall ever cherish his memory in our hearts and commend their spirit to Almighty God, trustingly leaving him in the hands of that beneficent being who has done all things well; who is glorious in His holiness, wondrous in His power, and boundless in His goodness.

Let us Pray

LAI D DOWN HIS WORKING TOOLS

February 2025

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

GOLDEN SCROLL

Brother John Paul Hoffman

BORN: September 30, 1930 in Seehausen Canada

INITIATED as an Entered Apprentice: August 15, 1956

PASSED to the Degree of Fellowcraft: February 6, 1957

RAISED to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: March 6, 1957

Brother Hoffman received all of his Degrees in Cariboo Lodge #4 in British Columbia. He affiliated with Aztlan Lodge #1 on February 1, 1993.

Our Brother was a "Military Man" having served in both the Canadian and American Army and in both WWII and the Korean Conflict. He ended his career as a Captain. Brother John Paul and his lady raised three very successful children. Before encountering health problems, our Brother was quite active in Aztlan Lodge, serving in several non-progressive line positions. He was most proud of presenting the Flag of OUR Country at our meetings. He was also very active in the High Country Scottish Rite performing parts in both the 13th and 22nd Degrees. Brother John Paul's ashes will be interred in the Aztlan Lodge Cemetery. The family has requested that there be no services. We shall ever cherish his memory in our hearts and commend his spirit to Almighty God, trustingly leaving him in the hands of that beneficent being who has done all things well; who is glorious in His holiness, wondrous in His power, and boundless in His goodness.

LAI D DOWN HIS WORKING TOOLS

March 6, 2026

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Hardy N. Rose, Captain US Navy, (ret.) a loving great-grandfather, decorated Naval aviator, and jazz man, who relished the exhilaration of fine music and jet flight, died on February 19th, in Asheville, North Carolina. He was 93. Rose was laid to rest with Full Honors in Arlington National Cemetery on November 13, 2025.

After a distinguished 31year Naval career, and a time teaching NJROTC in North Carolina, Rose moved to Prescott AZ in 1999. For the next 20 plus years, with his clarinet and saxophone in hand, Rose immersed himself into the music community, playing with the Geritol Hipsters for July 4th at the Courthouse Gazebo, monthly at the Veterans Hospital, and Acker Night.

When not exploring the high desert by motorcycle—the closest thing he had to a fighter jet—he thrilled in playing with the musicians of the highly professional Symphonic Band and the Prescott Chamber Players Society.

A life-long 32nd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, Hardy also cherished his association with the Aztlan Lodge No. 1 in Prescott, actively serving as Treasurer, and playing his clarinet on the Lodge’s Veteran’s Day parade float.

Rose is survived by his spouse, Katharine Rose, and children Shannon Rose, Scott Rose and Gayle von Eckartsberg, as well as granddaughters Sara Kish and Rose von Eckartsberg and great-granddaughter Cameron Kish.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Atzlan Lodge college scholarship fund are most welcome.



Photos courtesy of family

Lodge Member April Birthdays

BROTHER'S NAME	DATE
Christopher Matero	April 1st
Ronald Sibson	April 4th
Paul Sylte	April 6th
Martha Lynn Olson	April 7th
Mario Traina	April 10th
Sigmund Podlozny, Jr	April 11th
Newton Smith	April 12th
Derald Hogeland	April 15th
Herman Heikkenen	April 22nd
Roger Ricketts	April 23rd



Exploring the ISS with WB Eric Giler-Tomala



At the March 10th High Country Scottish Rite meeting we had the honor of listening to a thoroughly insightful and entertaining presentation by WB Eric Giler-Tomala about his experience working on the ISS Program. There was standing room only on the 3rd floor of the Lodge.

Thank you Brother for visiting and sharing your experiences with us all.

Our very own Ken Davis put together a video using Eric's presentation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUTEV2wqjIU>



Triple Master Mason Degrees

On February 26th Aztlan Lodge conferred 3 Master Mason Degrees simultaneously. It was a great undertaking that had not been done at the Lodge in a long time. All 3 candidates had a very unique and memorable experience, and the degree team came together for a one-of-a-kind performance.

Congratulations

Bro Tom Freyslaben, Bro Paul Adkins, Bro Clent Walker



Red Cross Blood Drive



Lost Dutchman Outdoor Degree



Aztlan Lodge Open House



Chino Valley Meetup at Overflow Coffee



DISCLOSURE

FROM THE DESK OF JOHN LEAR

A Special Lecture by
Dr. Juergen Hess, PhD

Join us for a fascinating evening
exploring the mysteries of:

- Extraterrestrial Phenomena,
- UFO Disclosures,
- and Personal Testimony

Dr. Juergen Hess, PhD in
Metaphysical Sciences,
and personal friend of the late
John Lear, will present a unique lecture detailing:

- ✦ Information shared directly with him
by John Lear regarding extraterrestrial disclosure
- ✦ The deeper story behind UFO phenomena
and hidden history
- ✦ How these revelations influenced his
personal path and eventually led
him to Freemasonry
- ✦ The intersection of cosmic knowledge,
metaphysics, and the Masonic journey



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15



6:30PM



CENTRAL AZ MASONIC LODGE 14
534 S 12th St, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

ADMISSION

Open to all Master Masons

HOSTED BY



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Central AZ
Masonic Lodge



May 1, 2026

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Badgers Den Restaurant

1245 White Spar Rd, Prescott AZ

The High Country Scottish Rite Club invites you and your lady to a five-course Table Lodge dinner. Celebrate brotherhood and Mother's Day with traditional rituals, gourmet dining, and ceremonial toasts honoring the women in our lives.

Menu

Appetizer: Charcuterie Plate

Salad: Cucumber Round

Entrée: 6 oz Petite Filet OR Chicken Involtini (Prosciutto, Spinach & Ricotta)

Intermezzo: Berries & Mint

Desert: Ultimate Chocolate Cake

RSVP to Ken Davis

kdavis3858@gmail.com

Limited to 30 People

**Cost \$50. Per Person + Tax & Gratuity
(includes wine for toasts)**

Earthshine: The Da Vinci Glow

By Adam England, The Backyard Astronomer

Step outside on a clear evening and look for a thin crescent Moon hanging low in the twilight. If the sky is dark enough, you may notice something unexpected: the rest of the Moon faintly glowing. Not bright like the crescent itself, but softly illuminated, as if the entire lunar disk were suspended in dim gray light.

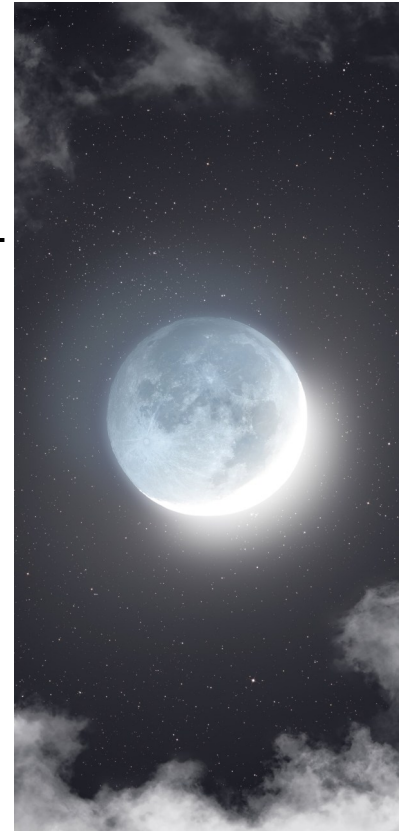
This phenomenon is known as **earthshine**, sometimes called the **Da Vinci Glow**. More than five hundred years ago, the Renaissance artist and scientist Leonardo da Vinci correctly reasoned what caused it. The Moon's night side, he proposed, is illuminated by sunlight reflecting off the Earth.

Just as the full Moon brightens our night sky, the Earth can do the same for the Moon.

When the Moon appears as a thin crescent from our perspective, someone standing on the lunar surface would see nearly a **full Earth** in their sky. Our planet is far more reflective than the Moon, thanks to its clouds, oceans, and ice. Sunlight reflects off Earth, travels to the Moon, and softly illuminates the portion of the lunar surface that would otherwise be dark.

It's quite a journey for a ray of sunlight: **Sun to Earth, Earth to Moon, and then back again to our eyes.**

The result is the ghostly glow that outlines the Moon's darker hemisphere.



Earthshine is easiest to see when the Moon is in its **crescent phases**, just a few days before or after a new Moon. During this time the sunlit crescent is thin, allowing the dim Earth-lit portion to stand out more clearly.

In April 2026, the **new Moon occurs on April 17**, making the best opportunities to observe earthshine occur on the surrounding nights.

Look for it in the **morning sky** from **April 14 through April 16**, just before sunrise in the eastern sky. Another excellent window appears in the **evening sky from April 19 through April 22**, shortly after sunset in the west.

You don't need a telescope to see earthshine. In fact, it is often easiest to appreciate with the **naked eye or a pair of binoculars**, when the entire Moon fits comfortably in your field of view.

Through a small telescope, the effect becomes even more striking. The dark portion of the Moon appears softly illuminated, revealing faint hints of maria and craters floating in the dim glow.

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Earthshine: The Da Vinci Glow (cont.)

Early spring can be one of the best seasons for earthshine in the Northern Hemisphere. Snow and ice left from winter increase Earth's reflectivity, meaning more sunlight is bouncing off our planet and onto the Moon.

What makes earthshine especially fascinating is that it reminds us that the Earth and Moon are constantly lighting each other.

The Moon brightens our nights, guiding travelers and astronomers alike. At the same time, our own planet is shining back, casting its pale reflection across the lunar landscape.

So the next time you see a slender crescent Moon in April's twilight sky, look closely at the darker portion of the disk. That gentle glow you see is sunlight reflected from oceans, clouds, and continents — the light of Earth itself returning to the Moon.

Clear skies and happy viewing.



Adam England is the owner of a local financial services firm and moonlights as an amateur astronomer, writer, and interplanetary conquest consultant. Follow him on Instagram [@TheBackyardAstronomerAZ](#) and at www.ManzanitaInsuranceAndAccounting.com

Photo credits:

Earthshine - Courtesy Bautsch, Wikimedia Commons.

Sketch of Earthshine by Leonardo Da Vinci from *Codex Leicester* (c. 1510).

Northern Hemisphere snow cover, February 2002 - Courtesy NASA.

Earthshine (composite) – Courtesy [@AJamesMcCarthy](#)

Famous Masons on U.S.A. Postage Stamps

By Stan Martin, KCCH

The first United States stamps released in 1847 featured **George Washington** and **Benjamin Franklin**. In the 1940s the famous American Series featured Artists, Scientists and Writers in significant numbers. Over 800 personalities are now on Stamps picked by the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee comprised of ten to fifteen citizens created in 1957 – all members are appointed by the Postmaster General. This committee selects recommendations for future stamp issues.

The Living are not officially allowed on Stamps but there have been a few exceptions including Neil Armstrong in 1969. Here is Bro. **Buzz Aldrin** who is a former Astronaut, an Engineer and a Fighter Pilot. Aldrin made three spacewalks.

Admiral Byrd was on a Stamp. Bro. **Rear Admiral Richard Byrd, Jr.** was an esteemed Naval Officer and Explorer who was also a Recipient of the Medal of Honor. The Admiral was a pioneering American Aviator, Polar Explorer and in addition Founded the first Masonic Antarctic Lodge #777 in 1935.

President Gerald Ford was on a stamp which included his autograph. Bro. Gerald Ford was the 38th President of the United States. Little known fact: He was on the University of Michigan football team helping lead the *Wolverines* to two undefeated seasons. Ford turned down offers from the *Detroit Lions* and the *Green Bay Packers*. In addition, he was a Boxing Coach at *Yale University*.



We should not be surprised to find Bro. **John Wayne** on a Masonic postage Stamp. Born Marion Robert Morrison he was nicknamed “Duke”. His *Alma Mater*: University of Southern California. John Wayne applied to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) which was the precursor to the modern day CIA. He was accepted in a letter signed by William J. Donovan, OSS Commander. The letter was mailed to his estranged wife Josephine who never told John Wayne she received his acceptance letter.

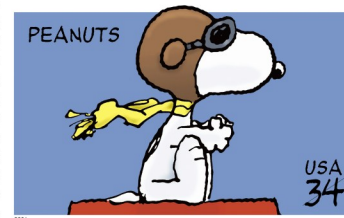
Bro. **Charles H. Mayo** turned his medical practice into the not-for-profit Mayo Clinic in 1919. He earned the Distinguished Service Medal in WW1 and became an Army Brigadier General. Mayo was killed November, 1936 in an accident when a train hit his car killing him and his hunting dog “*Floosie*”. Mayo and his dog were buried in the same casket.

To blend a little humor into the mix for those who remember **Oliver Hardy** in silent movies – Bro. Oliver likewise made this prestigious listing. He was a famous comic actor and half of the team of *Laurel & Hardy*. During the Civil War his Father was wounded at the Battle of Antietam. Oliver, being a difficult child was sent to the Georgia Military College in order to learn discipline.

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Famous Masons on U.S.A. Postage Stamps (cont.)

To my knowledge **Snoopy** is not a Mason; however, I really like this stamp and I bet he'd make a zealous Master Mason.



In all seriousness, there is also a *flip side* regarding cancellations of stamps.

Masonic Square & Compasses have also *canceled* stamps. There was once a beautiful green *cancelation* depicting a Past Master's jewel. Green color "*cancels*" are quite rare with few remaining today. Then there was the postmaster with a strange sense of humor who tried to perpetuate the legend of riding a goat in a Masonic Lodge by using a "*cancel*" with a small square & compass emblazoned on the side of the running goat as his local postmark. In 1975 one was recovered with enough value "*to buy a small foreign car*". There is a special reference catalog by Skinner & Enos which shows over 325 different Masonic *cancels* used from the late 1850s to about 1929 from Post Offices through the USA.

In summary: The Family of Masonry is widely portrayed. From its modest origin to substantial growth and increased expansion – through Revolutions and World Wars - Freemasonry remains strong overcoming *myths & misconceptions*. Our Fraternity is powerful and relevant. Masons on United State's postage stamps are also on postal stamps throughout the world indicating respect, recognition and honor for Freemasons everywhere.

Stan Martin, **KCCH**

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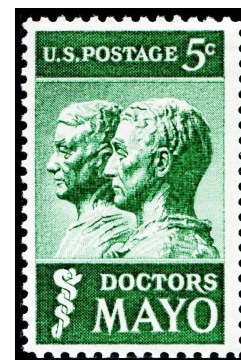
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United State's Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee,

Wikipedia

The New York Times – 1986

Christopher Hodapp, Past Master, Knight Templar



High Country Scottish Rite Club

The Rose Croix and the Spring Festival
April 14th @ 5PM – Third Floor of Aztlan Lodge



The Rose Croix and the Equinox: Ancient Lessons on Renewal and Hope

This Month's Meeting is Open to the Entire Masonic Family

While honoring the traditional privacy of our fraternity, this presentation illuminates the beautiful and universal philosophy of the Scottish Rite, offering a clear window into its timeless teachings.

You Do Not Need to be a Member of Scottish Rite to Attend our Meetings

March Meeting - In Case You Missed it

At our March Meeting WB Eric Giler Tomala gave an excellent presentation on the International Space Station and his experiences working with the Space Program.

[Follow this Link to view his presentation](#)



High Country Scottish Rite Club (cont.)

Bro Josh Taggart Receives Recognition for his service to the Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite



Photos from the Recent Valley of Phoenix Maundy Thursday Observance



Interested in learning more about Scottish Rite:

Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction

<https://scottishrite.org/>

Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite

<https://phoenixscottishrite.org/>

High Country (Prescott) Scottish Rite

<https://www.facebook.com/HighCountryScottishRite/>

Fraternally, Ken Davis, President

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(603) 456-3581

Yavapai County Shrine Club

We Are Embarked on a Noble Endeavor and
We Need You to Step Forward...and Have Fun!

THE SHRINE AND FREEMASONRY

Shriners International supports the Masonic tenets of **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth** through its emphasis on fellowship, philanthropy, and integrity.

Shriners International, as an appendant body of Freemasonry, is deeply rooted in the core Masonic values of *Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth*. Here's how these principles are reflected in its mission and activities:

Brotherly Love

- Fellowship and camaraderie are central to the Shriner experience. Members form lifelong friendships through shared rituals, social events, and community service.
- Shriners foster a spirit of unity and mutual respect among members, transcending backgrounds and promoting harmony within the fraternity.
- Their iconic red fez symbolizes not just membership, but a commitment to supporting one another and the broader Masonic family



Relief

- Shriners International is best known for its **Shriners Children's network**, a system of nonprofit pediatric hospitals that provide specialized care regardless of a family's ability to pay.
- This commitment to **charitable relief** exemplifies the Masonic ideal of helping those in need, especially children facing orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.
- Members actively raise funds, volunteer, and advocate for these hospitals, making philanthropy a cornerstone of their identity.

Truth

- Shriners uphold the Masonic value of **truth** by promoting ethical conduct, personal growth, and transparency in their operations.
- The organization encourages members to live with integrity, seek knowledge, and honor the traditions of Freemasonry.
- Educational programs and public outreach help demystify their work and reinforce their commitment to honest service.



SHRINE CLUB STATED MEETING

3rd Weds. of each month

Contact Glenn Coopey for details

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- Our commitment to our mission of providing care, conducting research and offering medical education helps expand the worldwide body of medical knowledge and improve the quality of life for people around the world.

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Children up to age 18 are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children if there is a reasonable possibility they can benefit from the specialized services available. Acceptance as a patient is based solely on the child's medical needs.

For more information

To find out more about the quality care we offer at Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

If you know of a child we can help, have their parent or guardian call (800) 237-5055



DeMOLAY



Mickey Mouse was never a Freemason, but he was a member of DeMolay, a Masonic youth organization. Mickey's creator, Walt Disney, was active in DeMolay in his youth and inducted into the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

In 1931, Mickey appeared in a series of strips sporting the DeMolay insignia. The strips and individual drawings of Mickey with the insignia were signed by Walt himself.

The only organization Mickey was ever identified with in any comic strip was the DeMolay.



If you know any young man of good character, age 12 – 21, we extend a warm invitation to you and them. This is a great opportunity to learn more about DeMolay International and how it can benefit young men. We look forward to welcoming you!

TRUSTEES

**Monthly meetings are the Monday before
the Stated Meeting and as scheduled
by the Worshipful Master**

Term Ending 2026: Ken Thomas, Scotty Hays

Term Ending 2027: John Olson, Joe Sweeney

Term Ending 2028: Rob Berryman, Scott Snyder

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Aztlan Masonic Cemetery

2025 Activities at Aztlan No.1 Masonic Cemetery

February: Scout Troop 7330 helped remove a good portion of the stones lining the main North/South path. (very much a trip hazard)

May: Brother volunteers helped remove the rest of the stones. Special thanks goes out to Brother Bob Steffen for the use of his tractor with bucket scoop.

Additional Note: If any Brother or a neighbor is in need of stones for a landscaping project, you can take all you need from the pile just off the Southeast corner of the cemetery.

July: Brother volunteers pulled a truck load of weeds.

September: Eagle Scout project. Candidate Amelia Gonsalves planned and organized the construction of three benches. Also, reconditioned existing benches in need of help.

November: Eagle Scout ceremony at the Lodge. Coordinated by the O.E.S.

December: Dead and dying plants removed along center path.

Throughout the year, Flags were placed and removed at the Veteran gravesites.

Plans are underway for further beautification.

For those interested in helping out. We plan on having another "Helping Hand Day" on April 18th at 9:00am. There is plenty to do. Bring tools, gloves, a hat, sun screen and wheelbarrow if you have one. Shovels and gravel rakes would be good too. Water will be provided and if we get finished early enough, a free lunch.

Thanks in Advance.

**Glenn P Coopey - Chairman
Aztlan #1 Cemetery Committee
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Aztlan Masonic Cemetery


Here is how you can obtain your reservation:

- 1) MUST be a Member-in-Good-Standing (dues paid) of Aztlan Lodge #1 to reserve a Space
- 2) A Brother may reserve space(s) for himself and spouse ONLY
- 3) Contact a member of the Cemetery Committee for Protocols and information:
 - a. Glenn Coopey – Chairman
 - b. GW Scotty Hays – Secretary
 - c. Paul Adkins – Veterans' Benefits
 - d. Fred Burr – Administration
 - e. Richard Guinn – Veterans', Benefits
 - f. Joe Larive – Administration
 - g. Charles Thompson – Administration
- 4) Discuss pre-need options, responsibilities, do's/don'ts, availability
- 5) Select a suitable space, complete Space Request Form (3 copies). \$250/space donation
- 6) Submit all requirements to Chairman, who will confirm, and give to Secretary
- 7) Secretary will forward to Lodge Leadership for approval
 - a. If approved, forward donation to Treasurer for Cemetery Fund
 - b. If denied, return donation to Brother
- 8) Secretary returns all three copies to Cemetery Committee Chairman
 - a. Copy One returned to Brother
 - b. Copy Two filed with Committee
 - c. Copy Three filed with Lodge

Henry McGrath of Scout Troop 7007 has completed his Eagle Scout Project. Eagle Review Board met on 15 July 2025 to review his project. He has worked with American Legion Post #6 in Prescott to build and place boxes for collecting used and damaged US Flags. There is one such box outside the Secretary's office on the second floor of the Lodge. All Lodge members are encouraged to deposit their used and damaged flags there.

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Lodge Calendar for April 2026

These calendar dates are tentative, see Aztlan Lodge [website](#) for updates.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			April 1	2 6:30pm O.E.S. 6:30pm Aztlan Bro's Travel to Flagstaff Stated	3	4 12:00pm Eric Marsh Foundation Donation
5	6 7:30am Prescott Masons Coffee 6:30pm DeMolay Meeting	7 6:30pm STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING	8 7:00pm FC Masonic Education	9	10	11 Masonic Education
12	13 6:30pm TRUSTEE MEETING	14 5:00pm SCOTTISH RITE 6:00pm DINNER 7:00pm STATED MEETING	15 6:00pm SHRINE CLUB STATED MTG DINNER	16 6:30pm O.E.S.	17	18 9:00am Helping Hand at Aztlan Masonic Cemetery
19	20 6:30pm DeMolay MEETING	21 Degree Practice	22 7:00pm MM Masonic Education	23	24	25 8:00am Chino Valley Masons Coffee
26	27	28 Degree Practice	29	30	May 1	