

August 2026 TRESTLEBOARD



Aztlan Lodge #1 F. & A.M.

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August Stated Meeting - Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

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Bro. Peter Sellers

A member of Chelsea Lodge No. 3098
In London, England

Affiliated Organizations

O.E.S. Golden Rule #1

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
(Sept.-June)
2nd Floor Aztlan Lodge
Linda Marriott
(928) 713-5446

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
(603) 456-3581

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

Ryan Guedel 7864 N Siesta Sunset Ln Prescott Valley AZ 86315 (928) 830-8348	Ellie Martin 801 Vanosdale Road, Apt 239L Knoxville, TN 37909 (928) 775-3612	Greg Hendrickson 6598 East Beckett Trail Prescott Valley AZ 86314 (928) 533-8179
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Please reach out to our brothers and sisters. See how they are doing.
They will be most appreciative!

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: Jeff Crandell, Scott Snyder

Ex Officio

Chairman - Dean Sulzar, PM

Treasurer - Don Earle

Vice Chairman - Steve Phillips

Secretary - Dave Luebke, PGM

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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 :	Clent Walker (<i>not pictured</i>)
Marshal:	Glenn Coopey (<i>not pictured</i>)
Senior Deacon:	Josh Taggart
Junior Deacon:	Derald Hogeland
Senior Steward:	Jeff Crandell (<i>not pictured</i>)
Junior Steward:	<i>vacant</i>
Tyler:	Mo Torrey

The Birth of Freemasonry in Arizona: Aztlan Lodge #1

By Dean Sulzer, WM

The history of Freemasonry in Prescott is closely intertwined with the history of Arizona itself. When Governor **John N. Goodwin** established Prescott as the capital of the newly created Arizona Territory in 1864, the town quickly became home to many civic leaders, merchants, soldiers, and professionals—among them a number of Freemasons committed to building both a new community and a better society.

Recognizing the need for a Masonic Lodge, these early Brethren petitioned the **Grand Lodge of California**, which granted a dispensation on **September 19, 1865**, establishing **Aztlan Lodge Under Dispensation**—the first Masonic lodge in what is now the State of Arizona. On **January 17, 1866**, the Lodge received its charter as **Aztlan Lodge No. 177, Free and Accepted Masons**.

As Arizona grew, so did the influence of Freemasonry. Many of the Territory's early leaders were Masons who helped establish government, businesses, schools, and civic institutions. Their commitment to integrity, service, and brotherhood helped shape the character of the Arizona Territory.

One of Aztlan's most distinguished members was **Morris Goldwater**, a Past Master of the Lodge and later Grand Master of Masons in Arizona. His leadership and dedication to both Masonry and the Prescott community reflected the ideals upon which the fraternity was founded.

A defining moment in Arizona Masonic history came in **1882**, when representatives of Arizona's lodges met in Prescott to form the **Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona**. With the establishment of the Grand Lodge, Aztlan was redesignated as **Aztlan Lodge No. 1**, forever recognized as Arizona's oldest Masonic lodge.

Today, Aztlan Lodge #1 continues the work begun by those pioneering Brethren more than 160 years ago. Through fellowship, charity, and a commitment to making good men better, the Lodge remains a vital part of the Prescott community.

The Lodge also proudly maintains the **Aztlan Masonic Cemetery**, the resting place of many of Prescott's early pioneers and Masonic leaders. It stands as a lasting reminder of the men whose vision and dedication helped build both our city and our fraternity.

As members of Aztlan Lodge #1, we are not only heirs to a remarkable history—we are its caretakers. By preserving our traditions and living the principles of **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**, we honor the legacy of those who came before us and ensure that Arizona Freemasonry continues to thrive for generations to come.

Fraternally,

Dean D. Sulzer Jr., Worshipful Master

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



Wisdom From The West

By Steven Phillips, SW

Brethren,

Good month to you all. Summer is upon us. The heat and monsoons have arrived. During these summer months, the Worshipful Master has decided lodge wear to be more informal. You will see the officers more in Lodge polos and the like these next few months. Feel free to take a cue from this and keep yourselves from overheating during these hot & muggy days & nights.

At the July Stated Meeting, I spoke on how we are in an extreme deficit regarding our degree team. I urged all the Brethren present to look to themselves or speak to others that may be interested in taking up a part for the 2nd section of the MM Degree. Now I ask this of all who read this. If you know a part or are interested in learning a part, please contact one of the pedestal officers or our new DDGL, MWB David Luebke. We have important parts that need to be filled and would like to have more than one person that can fill any given role. Look to yourselves and see if you or someone you know can do this service to our Lodge. We also need Brothers that can do the Charges. Yes, we can read those, but it is so much more impactful and a better connection established when recited.

I am also putting a call out for volunteers for the Outdoor Degree. As always, we want it to be as successful as possible. To that end, we need Brothers to help with Set-up/teardown, Registration desk, and Food Service/Kitchen. Bro. Bill, JW, is running Set-up. I am running Food Service. For Registration, look to WB Dean for now. Feel free to contact us for these areas.

Now I take this final moment to acknowledge one of our newest line officers, Jeff Crandell. He was installed last month as Sr. Stew and did an excellent job this month with home cooked carnitas. He also volunteers for the blood drive. Thank you Jeff for your cooking and Lodge activities. On that, Jeff will not be available for the September, October, or November Lodge dinners. He has asked for volunteers to do the meals for those months. Otherwise, he says it will be "Safeway chicken". I already have October in hand. I will be bringing back Cajun Night after skipping last year. So, we need September and November wrangled.

Fraternally,

Steven Phillips, Senior Warden

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



History of the Trestleboard

By William Searle, JW

The Trestleboard is one of the oldest and most meaningful symbols in Freemasonry, with its origins tracing back to the operative stonemasons of the Middle Ages. During the period of operative masonry, master masons used a wooden board, often supported by trestles, as a drafting surface on which they sketched plans, measurements, and architectural details. These drawings served as working blueprints that guided craftsmen in shaping and placing each stone according to the master's design. Because paper was expensive and often unavailable, plans were sometimes drawn directly on plaster floors or large wooden boards that could be reused throughout a project.

During later periods, meetings often took place in taverns, and chalk and charcoal were used to draw the trestleboard on the wooden floor. This way, should the need arise, the trestleboard could immediately be erased without a trace. Indeed, as taverns were public, it was standard practice to erase the trestleboard at the end of all functions. It is for this reason that mops and pails were often listed in a Lodge's standard inventory. The tedious job of having to draw the trestleboard before every meeting with chalk and charcoal later gave way in the 18th century to permanent wooden, or cloth trestleboards being fixed to the floor through tape and nails. This was probably because the need for secrecy lessened during this period, and many lodges had obtained a more permanent location to meet than the local tavern.

Today, the Trestleboard continues to hold an important place in Masonic symbolism throughout the world. Although modern architects rely on digital design software instead of wooden drafting boards, the lesson remains unchanged. Just as no great building can be completed without careful planning, no person can achieve moral excellence without purpose, discipline, and adherence to sound principles. The Trestleboard reminds every Freemason that life itself is a work in progress and that each individual is responsible for faithfully following the moral blueprint laid before him while contributing to the improvement of society and the fraternity.

Fraternally,

William Searle, Junior Warden

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



From the Secretary's Table

By Dave Luebke, PGM

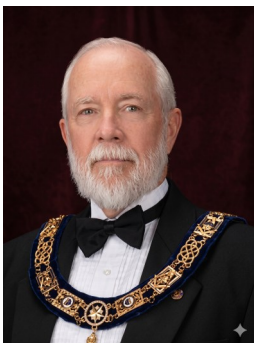
Several times a year I like to publish an article concerning the questions that I have received in the previous months.

1. What is the Acacia book? - The Acacia book is found in Tyler's Room and it contains a list of all of the lodges in the world recognized by the Grand Lodge of Arizona. If you are going to travel, this book should be reviewed to ensure that any lodge you may visit is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Arizona.
2. Do I need a Grandview account? - This is not a choice of any member. All Arizona masons have a Grandview account. Grandview is how the Grand Lodge of Arizona manages its members. Every brother should take the time to sign up for access to Grandview, which is where you will find a raft of valuable information such as:
 - lodge membership list
 - lodge file archives
 - your dues card
 - Grand Lodge Officers
 - Events from around the state.
 - and many other useful pieces of information
3. How do I sign up for access to Grandview? - Go to azmasons.org click on "Sign in to Grandview" then click on "Sign up".
4. Can I view the lodge trestleboard if I'm not a member? Yes, go to aztlanlodge.org and scroll down to the trestle board link.
5. How do I access the lodge calendar? - Go to aztlanlodge.org and click on "Activities"
6. What is "Bits & Pieces"? - This is a weekly Masonic blog written by Dave Luebke and distributed via the Grandview email system. It is automatically sent to all members who have an email address listed on Grandview.
7. Can I get Bits & Pieces if I'm not a lodge member? - Yes to sign up email Dave Luebke at either secretary@aztlanlodge.org or dhlpersonal@proton.me

That's it for now,

Dave Luebke, PGM

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



From the District Deputy Grand Lecturer: Proficiencies

By Dave Luebke, PGM

Have you thought about obtaining a proficiency Card? There is a common misconception today that proficiencies are only for Lodge Officers. Such, however, is not the case. Any brother, so desiring to do so, may obtain a proficiency card or even one of the Grand Lodge Awards. Just because you have a proficiency card does not mean you're going to be a lodge officer. It just means that you could be if you so choose.

Proficiency Cards

Proficiency cards offer different levels of attainment.

Junior Warden - open, close, and confer one degree.

Senior Warden - open, close and confer two degrees (Aztlan Lodge also requires one lecture)

Worshipful Master - Open, close, confer on all three degrees, one full lecture (E. A. F.C. or M.M.) and the Middle Chamber and Apron Lectures.

Note: all of the required work does not have to be done at one time but may be done across a period of months.

Grand Lodge Awards

These awards vary from the simplest to the most complex of memorization.

The Marshal's Award pin - given for proficiency of the Marshal's Interrogation in the Preparation Room before the first degree

Howard Spain Award - given for proficiency in the admonition given before the second section of the third degree. This admonition may be found in the ritual book on page S22.

Master Lecturer Award - given for proficiency in the lecture of all three degrees.

Master Ritualist Award - given for proficiency in almost all of the ritual work in all three degrees.

All of these awards and proficiency cards make sense if you consider that the charter for any Masonic Lodge is given for the purpose of initiating, passing, and raising all good men and true.

The specifics of each of the awards may be found on Grandview in your own portal. However if you have a question about the awards or believe you would like to work towards one and need some direction, please feel free to contact me.

Reminders:

Only one ritual book is to be open in a tiled lodge at any given time (AMC Section 2-101 (b)).

The ritual book is one of those items that falls under the first degree obligation of not being able to print, paint, etc. (AMC Section 2-101(d))

Dave Luebke, PGM

District Deputy Grand Lecturer

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Lodge Member August Birthdays

BROTHER'S NAME	DATE
William Hepburn	Aug 4th
Gilbert Marriott, Jr	Aug 6th
Leon Gilner	Aug 11th
Edward Ruwaldt, III	Aug 15th
Stanley Stobierski	Aug 17th
Bryan Shaw	Aug 22nd
Bryan Thomas	Aug 22nd
Carl Lind	Aug 23rd
Thomas Larive	Aug 25th
Timothy Nolan	Aug 27th
Douglas Chambers	Aug 30th





Aztlan Lodge Masonic Education

Fellowcraft Discussion Group

Mon, Aug 3rd at 7pm

Zoom meeting

Open to all Fellowcraft and above degrees

Entered Apprentice and
General Masonic Discussion Group

Sat, Aug 8th at 9pm

at Aztlan Lodge after 8am breakfast

Open to all

Master Mason Discussion Group

Weds, Aug 26th at 7pm

Zoom meeting

Open to all Master Masons

Please contact Bro Dave Luebke at the secretary's office

Secretary@AztlanLodge.org

with questions or for more information.

*Looking forward to having you join us
for this month's Masonic Education!*

Community Cupboard Food Bank



Join us every Wednesday
from 10am to noon.

Please contact Bro Don Earle or Bro Rob Berryman for questions about
how you can help make an impact in our community by donating time
to serve those who are in need.

We look forward to seeing you there!



GIVE BLOOD.

**Get shades. Feel
(and look) good.**



Blood Drive

AZTLAN Lodge #1 F& AM Masonic Lodge

Banquet Room
1028 Willow Creek Rd.
Prescott, AZ 86301

**Wednesday, September 9, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Aztlan Lodge / Red Cross Blood Drive Update

We had a very successful drive on July 8th with 60 units collected.

This was the first time using the Lodge room for actual donations as we are better able to control the temperature there with the high ceiling. (We will probably use it again in September depending on weather and I will remember to take photos this time!)

As mentioned in the last update as we are a Premier Partner, the RC was able to add the July drive and extend hours to increase our available appointments to 90. We had 78 booked but alas had a few donors that weren't able to donate and some no shows- All in All still a resounding success.

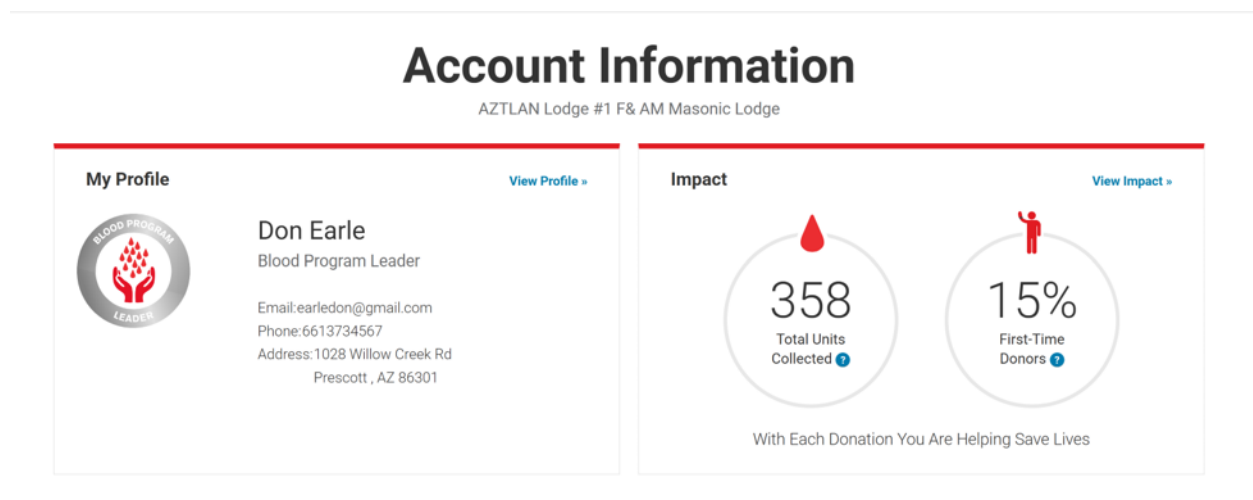
Our next Drive will be held on Sept 9th with 78 appointments available with 24 already filled. So, book early if you intend to donate as they will fill quickly.

As always go to Redcross.org and type AZTLAN in the sponsor code box - you will be taken directly to our schedule and can book your chosen time.

The Chart below shows the total number of donations to date and the percentage of First-time donors. This is a important metric as it indicates we are bringing in new donors to the pool, cementing future for strong turnouts for our ongoing efforts.

Again, Thanks to all the volunteers and member donors who help make this effort the success we are enjoying.

Fraternally
Don and Jeff



Aztlan Lodge Update

In July 2026 Aztlan Lodge replaced the dining / social room flooring.
It was much needed and what a huge difference it makes.

Make sure to stop by at the next Stated Meeting and see it for yourself!



before



after



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EVENT REGISTRATION



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HOTEL REGISTRATION



tinyurl.com/leadershiphotel26

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WEEKEND OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday 9/11/26 6pm

A Solemn Tribute

9/11 Remembrance 25th Anniversary

(Ladies and Guests Welcome)

Saturday 9/12/26

Outdoor Degree 8am - Fain Ranch

Ladies Program

AM Enjoy Prescott on the Square

Noon Luncheon - Copper Note Restaurant

Shrine Ceremonial 5:15pm - Aztlán Lodge

More info and reservations: [Click Here](#)

AZTLAN LODGE SKILLED TRADES GRANT

Supporting the next generation of skilled tradespeople. Apply now for funding to pursue your career in the trades.



The Lodge has established the **Skilled Trades Grant Program** to bolster the local workforce by removing financial barriers for students pursuing essential vocational careers. With an annual budget of **\$10,000**, the program awards five individual grants of **\$2,000** each year.

Award Structure and Financial Impact

Each year, the program provides five individual grants of **\$2,000**. These funds are intended to be flexible, covering a variety of educational expenses such as tuition, certification costs, and the purchase of professional tools. This is particularly significant given that typical trade certification costs at Yavapai College can range from **\$2,500 to \$6,000** for tuition and fees, with an additional **\$300 to \$600** required for specialized gear. By providing \$2,000, the Lodge covers a substantial portion of the out-of-pocket costs for residents pursuing high-demand careers.

Program Focus and Eligibility

The initiative specifically targets residents of **Yavapai County** enrolled in trade or technical programs. Supported fields include, but are not limited to:

- **Construction & Industrial:** Electrical, HVAC, welding, carpentry, and plumbing.
- **Service Industries:** Culinary arts and cosmetology.

Technical Trades: Automotive, aviation, and drafting.



Application and Selection

The application process is designed for ease of use, requiring a short statement of interest (maximum 250 words), proof of residency, and one reference. A dedicated committee evaluates applicants based on a 25-point scale covering **career goal clarity, commitment to the trade, financial need**, and Community Involvement.

Funds are versatile, covering tuition, specialized tools, or certification costs at local institutions like **Yavapai College CTEC**

The Review Committee uses a formal scoring sheet to evaluate applicants based on the clarity of their career goals, commitment to their chosen trade, financial need, and the overall completeness of their application. The program is open to the public, with a bonus applied to applicants' scores for community involvement, such as scouting, church involvement, and being relatives of Masons. The applications will be available by April 30, with selections made on May 31st.

For More Information, contact Ken Davis, Chairman, kdavis3858@gmail.com

The River of Light

By Adam England, The Backyard Astronomer

Summer can be a frustrating time for Arizona astronomers. Afternoon thunderstorms roll across the high desert with little warning, and many evenings that begin with promise end beneath a blanket of clouds. Yet every so often, the storms move on, the air settles, and the night sky opens above us. When it does, one of the finest sights in astronomy stretches from horizon to horizon.

The Milky Way.



People have looked up at this hazy ribbon of light for thousands of years. The ancient Greeks imagined it as milk spilled across the heavens, giving our galaxy the name we still use today. Other cultures saw it as a river, a road, or a bridge connecting Earth with the spirit world. Long before telescopes, it inspired people to wonder what lay beyond the stars.

Today we know the answer is even more remarkable than the legends.

The Milky Way is our home galaxy, containing hundreds of billions of stars along with vast clouds of gas and dust. Unlike the beautiful spiral galaxies we see in photographs, we don't have the luxury of viewing our own from the outside. Instead, our Solar System sits within one of its spiral arms, about 26,000 light-years from the galactic center. When we look toward the Milky Way, we're looking across the disk of our own galaxy rather than at it from afar.

That soft glow isn't a cloud. It is the combined light of countless distant stars, so numerous and so far away that our eyes blend them into a single band crossing the sky.

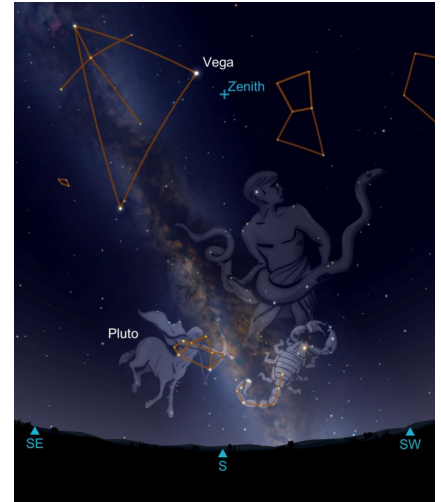
Running through that river of starlight are dark gaps that seem almost empty. In reality, they are enormous clouds of dust drifting between us and the stars beyond. Hidden inside many of those clouds are stellar nurseries where gravity is quietly shaping new generations of stars and, perhaps, future planetary systems.

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The River of Light (cont.)

August offers some of the year's finest views of this celestial landscape. Shortly after darkness falls, look low to the south for the constellation Sagittarius. Its brightest stars outline the familiar shape of a teapot. Follow the "steam" rising from its spout, and you'll be looking toward the center of the Milky Way, some 26,000 light-years away.

From there, let your eyes wander north through Aquila and into Cygnus, the Swan. A pair of binoculars will reveal rich star fields, sparkling open clusters, and bright patches of nebulae that are easy to overlook with the naked eye. You don't need expensive equipment to appreciate the view. Sometimes the best instrument is simply a comfortable chair and a dark sky.



One of my favorite moments is sharing that view with someone seeing the Milky Way under truly dark skies for the first time. There is usually a quiet pause as they realize they aren't looking at some distant galaxy. They're looking out across the one we call home.

If the monsoon clouds give you a break this month, spend a few minutes under the stars before setting up the telescope. Some of the most memorable nights in astronomy begin with nothing more than looking up.

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

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Gaia's Milky Way Map – Courtesy ESA.

August 15th sky over Yavapai County – SkySafari Pro.

Milky Way Over Flagstaff- Image by Deborah Lee Soltesz; Courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

Freemasonry: A Level & Square Craft

By Stan Martin, KCCH

Who are the Masons? Why do they incite murderous hatred, fanatical devotion and occasional ridicule? For instance: A bestselling book in France (1886) proclaimed: "French mothers! Lock up your daughters! Here come the Freemasons!" Many debatable questions keep occurring such as: "Did two Freemasons ever oppose one another for the US President?" Yes, in 1832.

"How did the Masonic All-Seeing Eye wind up on the dollar bill"? The men responsible for the 1935 currency redesign were President Franklin Roosevelt and Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace – both Masons.

Masons saturated the post-Enlightenment history with five Kings of England, 14 United States Presidents, and diversified personalities such as Goethe, Casanova, & Duke Ellington, all Masons just naming a few. Andrew Jackson and his opponent Henry Clay were Masons as were Mozart and Joseph Hayden in addition to many thousands more including Bro. Medgar Evers and his Assassin - Bro. Byron de La Beckwith of Greenwood Lodge #5, MS 1954 but expelled in 1979.

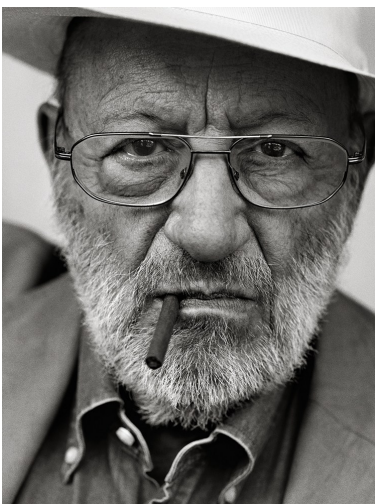


The Civil Rights movement then & now have produced unfavorable publicity. Some of this friction revolved around Bro. Julian Bond (Nat. Chair of the NAACP) St. James Lodge #4 in Atlanta. Also, Bro. Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (same Lodge as Bond.) Bro. Al Sharpton, Social Rights Activist, Centennial Lodge of Prince Hall and Prince Hall Grand Lodges of CO, WY & UT have all been an undeniable source of conflict.

The Flip Side: In the early '60s one in every twelve American adult males were Masons including Bro. Buzz Aldrin who would establish Tranquility Lodge on the moon during the historic 1969 Apollo 11 mission.

Masons have been held responsible for the French Revolution and deplored by the Vatican, Hitler and the Chinese Communist regimes. There have been accusations that with the support of Freemasons indicated a plot to overthrow all thrones and churches, remove all monarchs creating a world empire dominated and controlled by Masons. This "plot" was a verified Russian hoax describing global supremacy formulated in August or possibly September of 1903 - translated into many languages and disseminated internationally from the Russian Empire and the USA.

This deceit resulted in conspiracy theories declaring the "Protocols" were really a cover for the Illuminati, Freemasons and the Priory of Sion. From so much falsification Freemasons had to and still has to continually defeat in order to be the genuine "level & square" craft which currently thrives.



Umberto Eco, the well known Author who gave up his belief in God dropping from Catholicism stated: "The lunatic is easily recognized. Sooner or later he brings up the Templars." In his "The Prague Cemetery" an engrossing horror story includes mysterious esoteric Masonic rituals declaring one can always detect the hidden hand of the Jesuits, Jews, Freemasons, International Anarchism or even Satan.

Yellow journalism magnifies scandal-mongering, sensationalism, unethical subject matter without verifying fact or fantasy regarding Masons. The Craft must forever overcome past & current lavish exaggerations and lies. Masonry will always suffer distrust as hatred continues on every level throughout the world.

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Freemasonry: A Level & Square Craft (cont.)

Two Examples:

One: Bishop Milton Wright, devoted father of Wilbur & Orville was adamant about opposition to Freemasonry which he preached from his Church pulpit. In the late 1890s two contentious factions within the Church struggled for control. The issue was mainly the Church's traditional anti-Masonic stance; the other: acceptance of Freemasonry and its secretive ways as reality. Those in favor were called "Liberals" & those opposed led by Bishop Wright were called "Radicals".

Two: In the 1940s universally admired Switzerland "voted in favor of a constitutional amendment to suppress the Fraternity." In addition, there have been anti Masonic feelings in Britain when members of Parliament have been required to state their Freemasonry membership.

Masonry appealed to men like Brothers Ben Franklin, Paul Revere and Sam Adams. Bro. Arthur Conan Doyle was an impassioned Mason as are millions of men. Masons are featured in many ghoulish conspiracy theories because of perceived "secrecy". In addition, having so many influential members. Current prestigious members have created untold envy and jealousy. Dan Brown's best selling The Di Vinci Code 2003 exploited Freemasonry which benefited from its popularity had a substantially increased membership from younger adults over age 21.

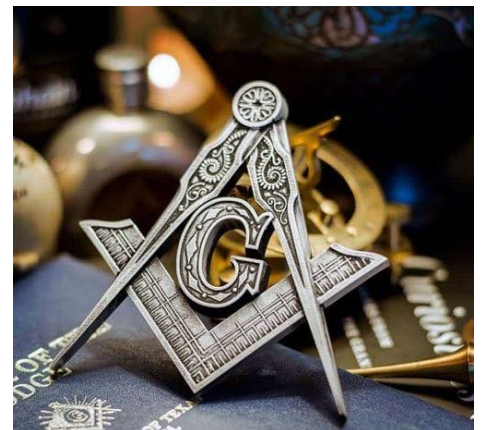
Also: the workings of Prince Hall Masonry led the recruitment drive for the all Black Massachusetts 54th Regiment featured in the 1989 Civil War film GLORY. The Order raised money for Bro. Thurgood Marshall's efforts in the Brown v. Board of Education lawsuit.

Today as every Lodge Master, Grand Master plus every Head of each affiliated Masonic organization expresses concern regarding the decrease in membership and seeks assistance for promotion of the Craft placing emphasis on increasing the rolls of members. Therefore, "A Level & Square Craft" must be acknowledged and equally recognized as completely honorable.

Enthusiasm, energy and a viable unified marketing plan with the emphasis defined and directed towards the following will prove the following:

FREEMASONRY: A LEVEL & SQUARE CRAFT

Stan Martin, **KCCH**



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High Country Scottish Rite Club

High Country Scottish Rite Club News

At our July meeting, Bro. Josh showed pictures of his recent trip to the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, OK. Bro. Josh was there as part of a delegation from Arizona to witness degrees put on over a 3 day period. All 29 degrees were presented!. It is said that the Guthrie Temple is one of the top 3 Scottish Rite Temples in North America. It was built in 1908, and no expense was spared. Bro. Josh's pictures showed the astounding craftsmanship and attention to detail that went into the building of this marvelous edifice. Bro. Josh reported that the degrees were very well done. Scottish Rite Masons from all over the US attended.



Our next meeting will be a round table discussion, led by Bro. Don Earle, regarding the future of Masonry in Prescott and the surrounding area. We're sure that this topic will be interesting, and many ideas and thoughts will be discussed. This meeting will be open to all.

Come and join us on August 11, 5:00 pm, on the third floor of the Lodge. If you stay for dinner and the stated meeting, you can view our new flooring in the dining room!

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Jeff Crandell

High Country Scottish Rite Club

Four members of High Country Scottish Rite Club travelled to Glendale on April 16 to attend the stated meeting of the Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite meeting. We observed a well organized and efficient meeting, and we continue to be "wowed" by the changes they are making to the physical facility. Bros. Ken Davis, Derald Hogeland, Jeff Crandell, and Don Earle attended. For those who are interested, we usually have at least one car going to the stated meetings. The meeting is on the third Thursday of the month, with dinner at 5:30pm.

We have an interesting lineup of programs for our upcoming meetings. We meet at 5pm on the second Tuesday of the month on the 3rd floor of Aztlan Lodge. Most meetings are open to everyone, including:

May - Glenn Coopey *"The Influence of Irish Freemasons on the United States"*

June - Ken & Jeff *"The Square & Compasses and the Declaration of Independence"*

July - Josh Taggart *"The Guthrie Rite: Grandeur on the Prairie"*

Valley of Phoenix Events - third Thursday of the month at the Scottish Rite facility in Glendale. We usually carpool.

May Stated - SGC James Cole Visit - SGC Cole will make a rare visit to the Valley of Phoenix to discuss current events in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

May 31 - 225th Anniversary of Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction - this will be a virtual meeting broadcast to the Glendale facility, from Charleston, SC. It will celebrate 225 years of service to Masonry. A delicious meal will be served afterward.

October 17th - Louisiana Scottish Rite Entered Apprentice Degree. A special degree team from Louisiana will travel to Glendale to perform their interpretation of an EA degree.

Nov 7 & 8 Joint AZ Reunion - Tucson. Plan now to join Scottish Rite at the November reunion. Applications will need to be turned in soon. Ask Ken Davis or any member of the HCSRC for more information and an application.

For those who couldn't make the April meeting, Ken presented a very impactful program about the Rose Croix, and we remembered those brothers who have laid down their working tools. Here is a link to that presentation.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a9JmH4z5BBE53qlujMq_G02d7ffetl38/view?usp=sharing

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,
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O.E.S. Golden Rule #1

Golden Rule #1 is getting ready for our Grand Chapter to be held August 5th-8th. Two of our members will be ending their term as the head of our state organization. Donna DiCola, Worthy Grand Matron and Gil Marriott, Worthy Grand Patron. It has been a successful year for Eastern Star.

We are looking forward to opening the Chapter this September when we will have an Initiation of a new member. We will have our annual garage sale on October 16th-17th. The Official Visit of our new Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be on October 31 and we are planning a haunted house for this event.

We will be have several fundraisers and social events, the dates and places to be announced.

Fraternally,

Linda Marriott, Worthy Matron

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- 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

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



DeMOLAY

DeMolay News

The DeMolay State Association had their annual Conclave July 17-19 at Prescott Pines Camp. It was well attended, and the Grand Installation saw the heads of many Masonic organizations bring greetings. Our own Steve Bracety, Senior Grand Deacon, represented our Grand Master, Roger Biede, and gave the DeMolays a good pep talk complete with challenges for the new DeMolay year. Other Grand officers and Past Grand Masters also attended, showing their support for DeMolay. The new State Master Councilor, John Enloe, has a great term plan, and we are looking forward to DeMolay making good progress over the next year.

As always, if you know any young men that could benefit from exposure to Masonic based ideals and values, please reach out to the brothers noted below.

Bill Searle

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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!

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 August 2026

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Aug 1
2	3 6:30pm DeMolay Meeting 7pm FC Education	4 6:30pm STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING	5 10am - noon Community Cupboard	6 7pm O.E.S.	7	8 8am Breakfast 9am Masonic Education at Aztlan Lodge
9	10 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	11 5pm SCOTTISH RITE 6pm DINNER 7pm STATED MEETING	12 10am - noon Community Cupboard	13	14	15 10am MM Degree Practice
16	17 6:30pm DeMolay Meeting	18 Degree Practice	19 10am - noon Community Cupboard 6pm Shrine Club Stated Mtg Dinner	20 7pm O.E.S.	21	22 10am MM Degree Practice
23	24	25 Degree Practice	26 10am - noon Community Cupboard 7pm MM Education	27	28	29 8am Chino Valley Coffee
30	31	Sept 1				