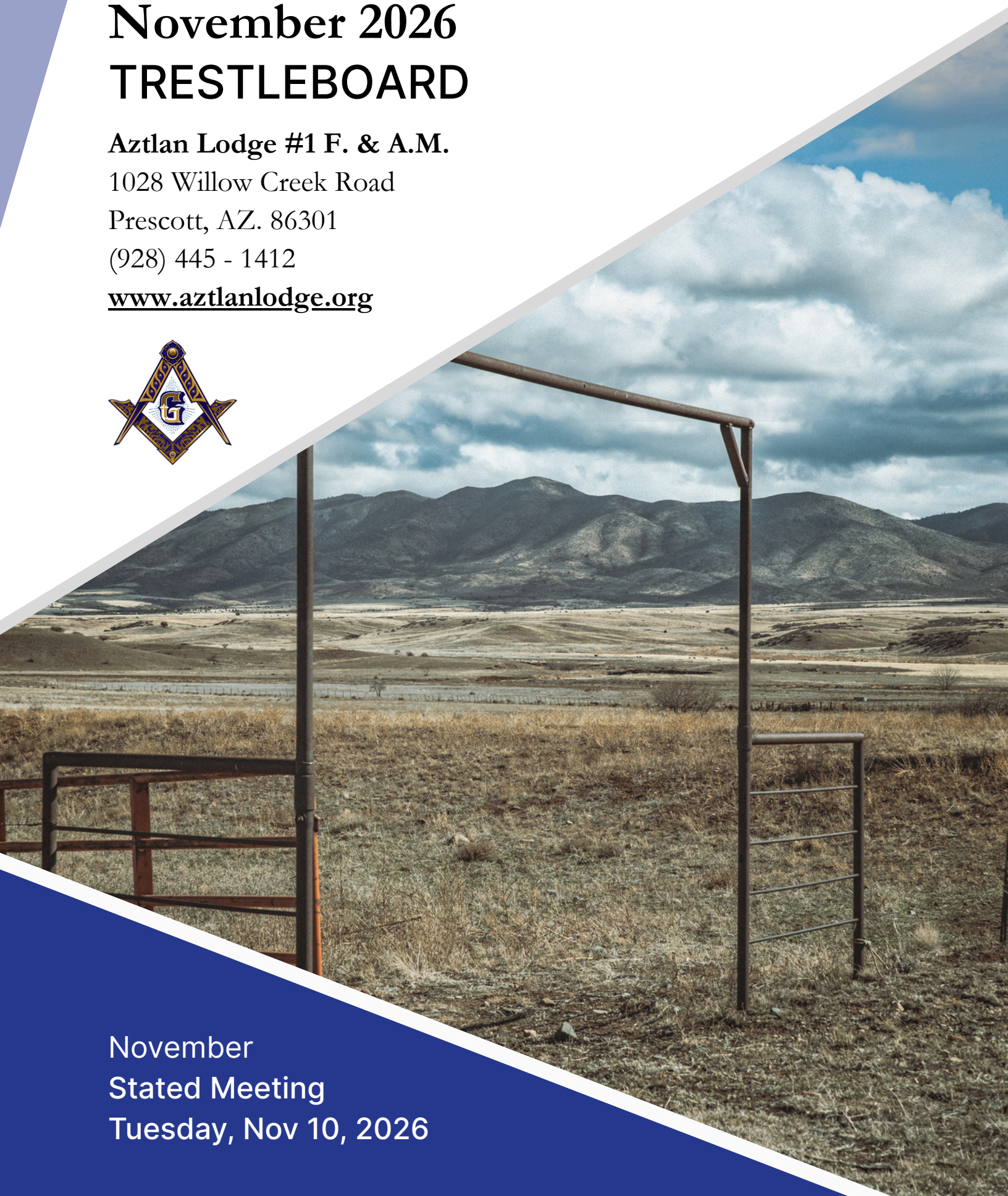
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November
Stated Meeting
Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026

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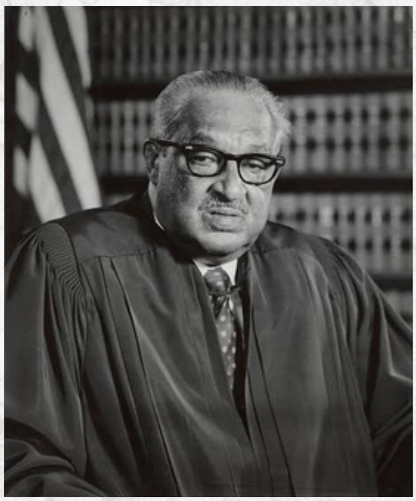
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Thurgood Marshall

US Supreme Court Justice

A member of Coal Creek Lodge No. 88 in Oklahoma. Also a member of (AASR) Scottish Rite, 33º and Shriner Noble of Medina Temple No. 19

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 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.
3rd Floor Aztlan Lodge
Ken Davis
(603) 456-3581

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

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 for the most up-to-date infformation.

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Please reach out to our brothers and sisters, and 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.

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Term Ending 2027: John Olson, Joe Sweeney
Term Ending 2028: Jeff Crandell, Scott Snyder

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2026 Aztlan Lodge Officers Line

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Senior Warden: Steve Phillips

Junior Warden: Bill Searle

Treasurer: Don Earle

Secretary: Dave Luebke

Chaplain : Clent Walker

Marshal: Glenn Coopey

Senior Deacon: Josh Taggart

Junior Deacon: Derald Hogeland

Senior Steward: Jeff Crandell

Junior Steward: vacant

Tyler: Mo Torrey

The Pedestal Officers of a Masonic Lodge

By Dean Sulzer, WM

Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty in the East, West, and South

Walk into a Masonic lodge room during a meeting and the first thing you notice is order. Every officer has a place, and each place carries a meaning. At the center of that arrangement are three men seated at raised stations, each beside his own pedestal: the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden. These are the pedestal officers, sometimes called the principal officers, and together they govern the lodge and carry its ritual.

Why "Pedestal"?

The name comes from the furniture. Each of the three principal officers has a pedestal at his station, and on it rest the working tools of his office, most notably the gavel, along with the Volume of the Sacred Law when the lodge is at labor. The pedestal is both a practical piece of lodge furniture and a symbol: the officer who sits behind it holds a trust on behalf of the brethren.

Usage varies somewhat between jurisdictions. In most Grand Lodges, "pedestal officers" means the Master and the two Wardens. A few use the phrase more loosely, and the details of ritual, titles, and furnishings differ from one jurisdiction to the next. What follows describes the most widely shared pattern.

The Three Pillars of the Lodge

Masonic tradition describes the lodge as supported by three great pillars: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. The three pedestal officers are each associated with one of them. The Master is said to contrive the plan, the Senior Warden to support the work, and the Junior Warden to adorn it. The symbolism is that no lodge can prosper if any one of these qualities is missing: a plan without strength collapses, strength without wisdom is wasted, and both without beauty lack grace.

The Worshipful Master

The Master sits in the East, where the sun rises to open the day. As the sun opens the day, the Master opens the lodge and sets the brethren to work. He presides over meetings, confers the degrees, rules on points of order, and is responsible for the harmony and good conduct of the lodge. In the older sense of the word, "Worshipful" means "honorable," a title of respect rather than of worship. Some jurisdictions use "Right Worshipful" for the Master.

His jewel of office is the Square, a reminder that his actions should conform to the principles of morality and virtue. He is associated with the pillar of Wisdom. Tradition also links the station to King Solomon, the biblical builder of the Temple at Jerusalem, whose story runs through Masonic ritual.

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The Pedestal Officers of a Masonic Lodge (cont.)

The Master's authority is real but bounded. He is expected to govern by the lodge's by-laws and the constitution of his Grand Lodge, and to lead by example rather than by force. After his year in the chair, he becomes a Past Master and remains a respected counselor to those who follow.

The Senior Warden
The Senior Warden sits in the West, where the sun sets and the working day ends. His principal duty is to assist the Master in governing the lodge. He is also expected to take the chair if the Master is absent, and in the ritual he receives and carries out the Master's commands for closing the lodge. In many working systems he is also charged with seeing that the brethren are properly dismissed and that no one leaves dissatisfied.

His jewel is the Level, a symbol of the equality that Freemasons believe they share as men before their Creator, whatever their station in the outside world. He is associated with the pillar of Strength, the steady support on which the Master's plans depend.

In most lodges the Senior Warden is the Master-elect in waiting. The year spent in the West is both a duty and an apprenticeship for the chair that follows.

The Junior Warden
The Junior Warden sits in the South, where the sun stands at its meridian, the height of the day. Tradition assigns him oversight of the brethren during refreshment, the periods when the lodge is called from labor to leisure. He is to see that refreshment is used for the purposes of fellowship and not excess, and that the brethren return to labor in good order.

His jewel is the Plumb, which stands for uprightness of conduct. He is associated with the pillar of Beauty, the grace and harmony that ought to characterize a lodge. In many jurisdictions he also oversees the lodge's hospitality and, historically, conducted the candidate through portions of the ritual.

The Junior Warden's station is the first step in the progressive line of the lodge in most jurisdictions, though in some places a brother first serves in other offices before reaching the South.

The Progressive Line
In a typical lodge, officers move up through a chain of stations. A brother may start as a steward or deacon, rise to Junior Warden, then Senior Warden, and finally Worshipful Master. Elections are usually held annually, and terms generally last one year. The progression is designed to ensure that every Master has had years to learn the ritual, the by-laws, and the temperament of the lodge before he takes the gavel.

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The Pedestal Officers of a Masonic Lodge (cont.)

This model has drawn both praise and criticism. Supporters say it builds experience and continuity; critics argue that it can make officer selection automatic rather than merit-based, or that it places heavy demands on a small number of members. Different lodges and jurisdictions handle the balance in different ways.

Why It Matters
For outsiders, the pedestal officers may look like ceremony for ceremony's sake. For Freemasons, the arrangement is a living lesson. The East, West, and South correspond to the path of the sun and to the stages of a life: beginning, labor, and rest. The three officers embody the principle that a community needs a guiding vision, a dependable hand, and a sense of grace, and that those who lead should serve those who follow.

The details differ from lodge to lodge, and any brother can tell you that no two lodges do things in exactly the same way. But the idea beneath the ritual endures: good order begins at the top of the room, and it is carried out by men who hold their offices not as prizes but as trusts.

Note: Titles, duties, and ritual details vary by Grand Lodge and by Masonic system (for example, Emulation, Webb, Scottish, or Prestonian workings). Readers interested in a specific jurisdiction should consult that Grand Lodge's published constitution and monitor.

Fraternally,
Dean D. Sulzer Jr., Worshipful Master
Aztlan Lodge No.1 F. & A.M.

Wisdom From The West

By Steven Phillips, SW

Good November Brethren,
A new and busy month is upon us as the holiday season is starting up. I hope all of you are well. I shall keep this month's missive short and sweet...

I give thanks to all the Brothers that attended the October Stated meeting dinner. It saw the return of Cajun Night, and I was happy to see that there were little leftovers. Always happy to cook for my Brothers. Bro. Crandell will continue with the home cooking this ensuing year, so please join us at our Stated dinners and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

The next stated meeting is going to be a busy one. We will be voting on the budget for the 2026/2027 year, potentially voting on a candidate for the degrees, and lastly, elections for the ensuing year. I call on every Brother that can attend to do so. If you need assistance to do so, please reach out to the pedestal officers or the secretary.

Mark your calendars - Officer Installation will be Saturday, December 12th at 11am with a meal afterwards.

Last Word: I am inviting Brothers to support and attend the events of our appendant bodies. We currently have OES, Scottish Rite Club, and DeMolay. Our connections and support have waned over the past few years, and I feel that we need to re-foster those connections, especially with our OES Sisters. Attending their events, and their attendance of our events, only furthers fellowship, camaraderie, and mutual love of the Craft.

On that, I'll sign off and hope to see more of you this ensuing year.

Fraternally,
Steven Phillips, Senior Warden
Aztlan Lodge No.1 F. & A.M.

From the Secretary's Table

By Dave Luebke, PGM

My Brothers,
It is very hard to believe that 2026 is nearing completion. In a few short weeks the Secretary will be required to send out dues notices for 2027 in accordance with Article 6, Section 1 of our Bylaws.

Aztlan Lodge has five classes of dues:

1. Regular dues
2. Class 2 or long-time member dues
3. Perpetual membership
4. Senior Life Membership
5. Section 9-106.

Regular dues: Pertains to the majority of our members. For 2027 this will be $100 plus $45 in Grand Lodge fees or what is commonly known as per capita for a total of $145

Class 2 or Long Time Member Dues: Those brothers that have been members of Aztlan Lodge for more than 10 years and are 65 years of age or older. Dues for this class are $60 plus $45 in Grand Lodge fees, or what is commonly known as per capita, for a total of $105. While the Secretary tries very hard to keep up with who is a Class 2 or a long-time member for dues purposes, if you believe you qualify in this class, please contact the Secretary so that he can verify your qualification and update GrandView to reflect the same.

Perpetual Membership: Brothers that have paid their dues forward according to the table in the AMC Section 9-601 (e). If you are interested in obtaining a perpetual membership in Aztlan Lodge, please contact the secretary.

Senior Life Membership: Members of the fraternity for 50 years or more, the last 25 continuous years in an Arizona lodge and have been elected by the members of the Lodge to receive Senior Life Membership. Senior life members are exempt from paying dues or per capita and the Lodge is exempt from paying the Grand Lodge per capita fee on these brothers.

Those of you who are dues-paying members: Aztlan Lodge accepts checks, cash, or online payment. Make checks payable to Aztlan Lodge and in the memo section include"2027 Dues" here are the links to pay online.

Regular Dues: https://aztlanlodge.org/regular_dues.html

Class 2 (Long Time Members): https://aztlanlodge.org/senior_dues.html

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From the Secretary's Table (cont.)

On another topic, at our stated meeting on **November 10th**, is our election of officers, making this a very important meeting for the future of Aztlan Lodge. **Elections** will be held for Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, two Trustees, and five Trial Commissioners.

All Master Masons who have completed their third-degree proficiency are eligible to vote. Additionally those brothers who hold proper proficiency certificates are eligible to hold the offices of Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden.

The future of Aztlan Lodge is in your hands. Be sure to attend the November 10th stated meeting and cast your ballot for the good of Aztlan Lodge and Freemasonry.

That's it for now,
Dave Luebke, PGM
Aztlan Lodge No.1 F. & A.M.



Masonic Education

By Dave Luebke, PGM

Brothers, Aztlan Lodge offers the following monthly opportunities for Masonic education:

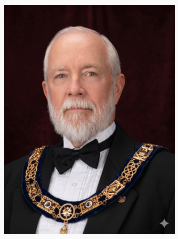
1. Fellowcraft discussion group, on the first Monday of the month at 7pm via Zoom - This session focuses primarily on the Fellowcraft degree. Contrary to what many may think this is not restricted to Fellowcraft Masons but rather is open to Fellowcraft Masons and Master Masons who are interested in discussing and learning more about the Fellowcraft degree.
2. Master Mason discussion group on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom - this group is restricted to Master Masons only unless otherwise advertised. This group focuses on the Master Mason degree and those items associated with being a Master Mason.
3. General Masonry discussion group on the second Saturday of each month at 9am at the Lodge - this session is open to all brothers and prospective brothers. This session deals with Masonry in general, answers questions about the commitments to Freemasonry, and general topics of interest to new and prospective members. This session is preceded by a breakfast at 8am.

The topics at each of these sessions are generally decided by myself. However I am always looking for input from the attendees that will help me choose an appropriate topic for each session. While I moderate just about all of the sessions, I would certainly welcome any brother who would like to moderate a session. Just let me know what topic you would like to moderate.

Whether you're an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason , Prospective Mason there is something for you at Aztlan Lodge.

Here are the topics for November.

- Fellowcraft group (November 2 7pm Zoom) - failure to advance and blocked from advancement
- General Masonry Group (November 14) - GrandView: what it is, what it contains, and how to use it. Processing applications and petitions.
- Master Mason Group will NOT be held in November, as that Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving



Dave Luebke, PGM
District Deputy Grand Lecturer
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Lodge Member November Birthdays

Date	Brother's Name
Nov 1	**Max Davenport**
Nov 1	**Robert Bell, Sr.**
Nov 2	**Ronald Richardson**
Nov 4	**Richard Hiatt**
Nov 8	**Robert Steffen**
Nov 9	**Eric Giler-Tomala**
Nov 11	**David Trice**
Nov 15	**John Stewart**
Nov 16	**Jacob Webb**
Nov 25	**Jack Stidham**
Nov 26	**Rock Anderson, Sr.**





Aztlan Lodge Masonic Education

Entered Apprentice and
General Masonic Discussion Group
Sat, Nov 14th at 9am
at Aztlan Lodge after 8am breakfast
Open to all

Fellowcraft & Master Mason
Discussion Groups
Next meeting will be held after the first of the year

If you have any topics for discussion, reach out to Bro Dave Luebke and share your ideas.

Please contact Dave Luebke at the Secretary's office
Secretary@AztlanLodge.org
with questions or for more information.

We are 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!

Degree Conferrals



On October 27th Aztlan Lodge conferred a triple Fellowcraft Degree. Please help me in congratulating these 3 Brothers on their continued journey in Freemasonry.



Congratulations to

Bro Jacob Hoberg, Bro Ryan Foster, Bro James Waggoner

Make sure to congratulate these Brothers when you see them next!

Red Cross Blood Drive



Blood Drive

AZTLAN Lodge #1 F& AM Masonic Lodge

Banquet Room
1028 Willow Creek Rd
Prescott, AZ 86301

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please consider giving this November!

We need volunteers to work on the drive, but most of all we need donors. Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. Over 38,00 pints of blood are needed daily. Masons are dedicated to community involvement. During our blood drive in January, we likely will pass 500 donations since we started. Take a moment to think about 500 lives that have been affected, possibly saved, by the efforts of Aztlan Lodge. Many of those donations were from new donors, so we expanded the population of donors.

Thanks to the many Lodge members that took part!

Aztlan Oral History Project



The Aztlan Oral History Project preserves our shared heritage by capturing the personal journeys, cherished memories, and wisdom of our lodge members on archival video. Designed to ensure our traditions and milestones endure for future generations, this initiative documents everything from first degree impressions to decades of fellowship and service.

Each session provides a comfortable, guided conversation filmed in high definition. Importantly, your recorded interview is not only preserved for lodge history and education, but a complete digital copy will also be made available directly to you and your family for your own personal use and keepsake. Whether shared with children and grandchildren or kept as a family heirloom, it serves as an enduring record of your Masonic legacy.

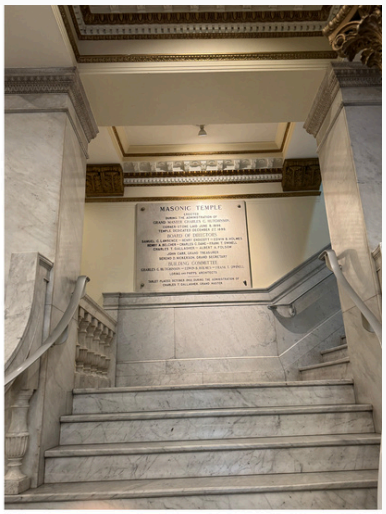
Schedule your recording session with Aztlan Lodge today to ensure your voice, lessons, and leadership are permanently woven into our fraternity's history.

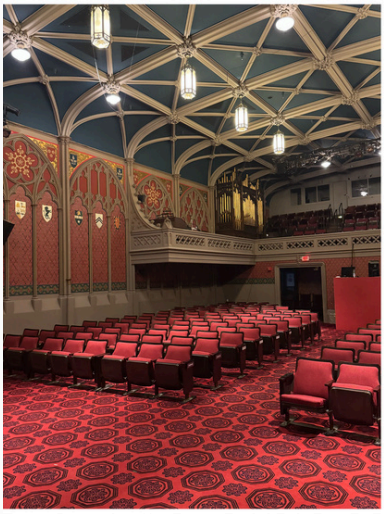
Aztlan Brothers - Out and About

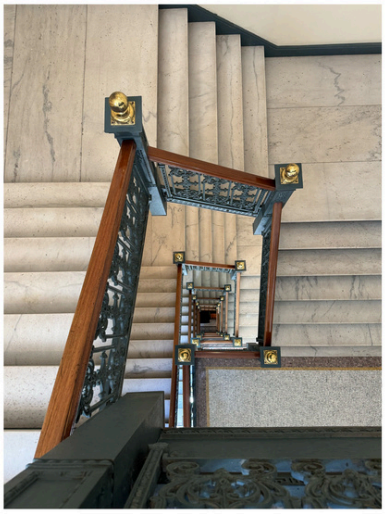
Bro Jeremiah Scheffer recently traveled to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in Boston. Here are a few photos from his tour of this amazing and historic building.





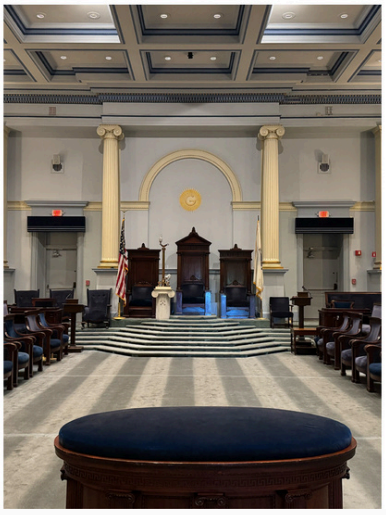














AZTLAN LODGE SKILLED TRADES GRANT

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

No Spoilers – I'm Being Sirius!

By Adam England, The Backyard Astronomer

On November 18, something will happen that has never happened before in human history.

Voyager 1 will become the first human-made object to reach one light-day from Earth.

One light-day. About 16.1 billion miles.

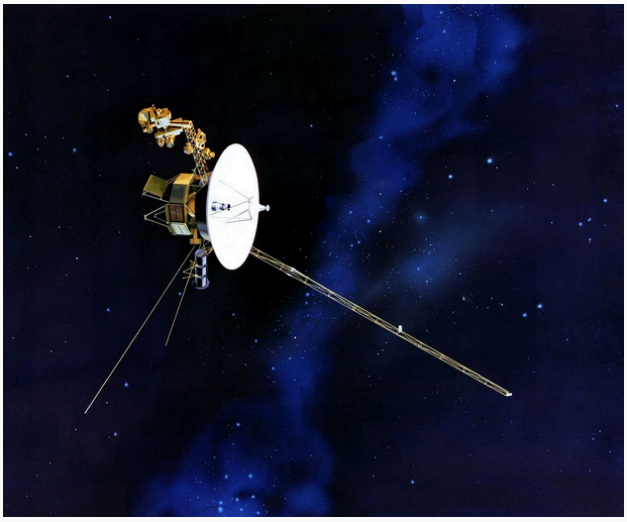
Voyager 1 left Earth in 1977, flew past Jupiter and Saturn, and has spent nearly half a century racing away from us. Today it travels through interstellar space at roughly 38,000 miles per hour. After 49 years, it will finally have traveled the same distance light covers in just 24 hours.

When we think about light, we usually think about flipping on a light switch or waiting for the Sun to come up. But visible light is only a tiny part of the electromagnetic spectrum. Radio waves are light, too. So are microwaves, infrared, ultraviolet, X-rays and gamma rays. In the vacuum of space, all of them travel at the same cosmic speed limit: about 186,000 miles per second.

That includes the radio signals we use to talk to Voyager.

Once Voyager crosses the one-light-day mark, a command sent from Earth will take about 24 hours just to reach it. If Voyager could answer immediately, its response would need another 24 hours to get home.

Send a message Monday. Hear back Wednesday.



But Voyager isn't the only thing we've been sending out into space.

For more than a century, Earth has transmitted radio and, later, television signals. The electromagnetic waves that escape Earth continue outward at the speed of light. Just like your car radio gets fuzzy as you drive away from the station, these signals become weaker with distance. Across light-years of space, "weaker" is putting it mildly. Voyager uses a 12-foot-wide antenna to hear our faint signals from Earth, while NASA's Deep Space Network uses enormous antennas, some as wide as 230 feet, to hear Voyager whisper back.

So, assuming our alien neighbors have a ridiculously advanced antenna, an inexplicable fascination with American media, and somehow managed to subscribe to the right network, we can use a few familiar broadcasts to put these distances into perspective.

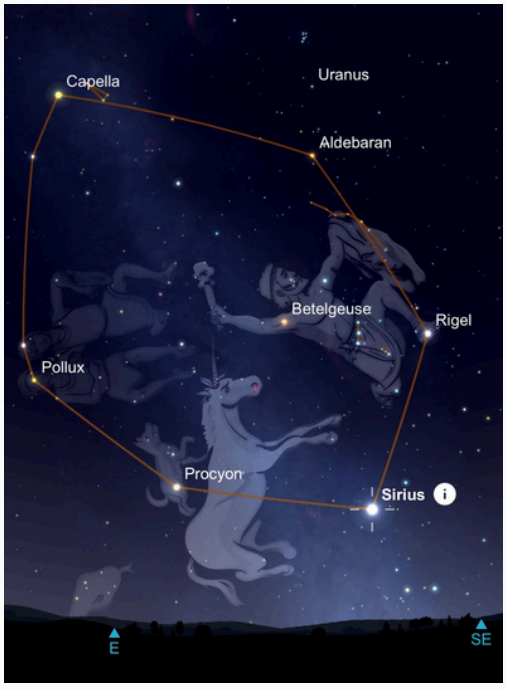
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On December 8, 1941, Americans gathered around their radios as President Franklin Roosevelt addressed Congress and the nation following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The wavefront carrying that broadcast has now traveled nearly 85 light-years from Earth.

Ten years later, on October 15, 1951, I Love Lucy premiered. Somewhere about 75 light-years from Earth, Lucy and Ricky's antics are only now arriving.

Fast-forward another 60 years to Game of Thrones, which premiered in 2011, and we can actually go outside and put a star to this concept.



Sirius, the brightest star in our night sky, is about 8.6 light-years away. Find Orion and follow the three stars of his belt down and slightly to the left, where you'll run straight into the unmistakably bright Sirius.

Now imagine someone living near Sirius with our absurdly good antenna and, apparently, an HBO subscription. The first episodes of Game of Thrones reached their neighborhood about when you were enjoying Thanksgiving dinner in 2019. They already know all about the Starks and Lannisters, but the 2019 series finale won't reach them until around 2028.

Our extraterrestrial friends are still waiting to find out who will ultimately sit the Iron Throne.

No spoilers.

These distances are why astronomers eventually give up on miles. The Moon is about 239,000 miles away on average, but light crosses that distance in only 1.3 seconds. The Sun is about 93 million miles away, or roughly eight light-minutes. On November 18, Voyager will be one light-day away.

Then we leave our Solar System.

Our closest neighboring star system, Alpha Centauri, is more than four light-years away. Sirius is 8.6. Even the light from our nearest stellar neighbors has been traveling for years before it finally reaches your backyard.

Distance and time become inseparable.

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No Spoilers – I'm Being Sirius! (cont)

Look at the Sun and you're seeing about eight minutes into the past. Hear from Voyager and you're receiving yesterday's message. Look at Sirius and you're catching photons that left the star more than eight years ago.

So this month, find Orion rising over the Arizona sky and follow his belt down to Sirius. While our radio and television signals carrying more than a century of human history race outward through the Galaxy, light carrying the history of the stars is racing back toward us.

Somewhere in between, Voyager keeps plugging along.

On November 18, after 49 years of travel, the most distant machine humanity has ever built will finally be one light-day down the road.

Space is big.

Even light needs time to cross it.

Clear skies and happy viewing.

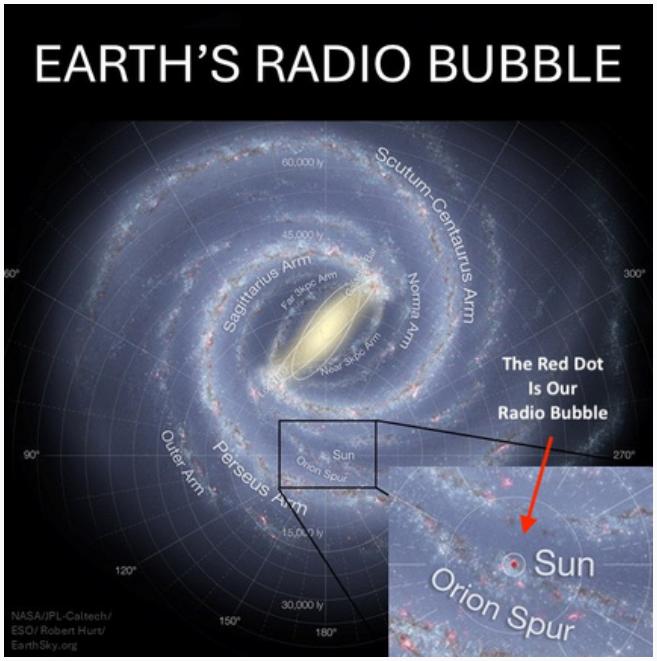


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The Equinoxes and Solstices

By Joseph Panek

At the Oct 13th High Country Scottish Rite meeting, Joseph Panek spoke to the group and below is his presentation from that day.

Mankind has been familiar with the movements of the heavens since the earliest times of pre-history and has left records, literally cast in stone, regarding their ancient celestial knowledge.

Archaeologists, astronomers and Independent Researchers have long been aware that ancient monuments and temples were designed to align with celestial bodies and events. The celestial bodies would be specific stars and celestial events would be the rising and setting of the sun at specific times of the year.

It has been well documented that sites such as Stonehenge in England, Adam's Calendar in South Africa along with other numerous ancient megalithic sites throughout the world are aligned to the sunrise on the Summer and Winter Solstice and the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes. In addition, The Great Sphinx on the Giza plateau stares directly east as it welcomes the sunrise on the Spring and Autumn Equinox.

Ancient stone temples and astronomical buildings often have three windows built into the east side of the structure.

The left, or northeast facing, window aligns with sunrise on the Summer Solstice. The center, or east facing, window aligns with sunrise on the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes. And the right, or southeast facing, window aligns with sunrise on the Winter Solstice

Oftentimes a temple was constructed with a long corridor leading to the Sanctum Sanctorum, or Holy of Holies, where on the equinoxes sunrise would flow directly through the corridor and light up the Holy of Holies.

Why such interest in the rising of the sun on the solstices and equinoxes? It allowed the Ancient People to both create a calendar and to reset their calendars when necessary. This enabled them to know when to plant and when to sow. It also helped them in regulating their Holy Days and other days of celebration.

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Stonehenge



Adam’s Calendar

The Equinoxes and Solstices (cont)

As this presentation is directed to the Equinoxes and Solstices, let us now take a closer look at the astronomy, astrology, and mythology contained within these four critical times of the year.

The Spring and Autumn Equinoxes are the two times of the year when daylight and nighttime are of equal length. The Winter Solstice is what is termed the shortest day of the year. The Summer Solstice is what is termed the longest day of the year. We are all familiar with this terminology.

Now, let's delve a little deeper into these four unique times of the year.

First, let us look at the words equinox and solstice. Equinox is composed of two Greek words: EQUI, meaning equal, and NOX, meaning night. Therefore Equi-Nox means equal night. An equal night also refers to an equal day: the two times of the year when both day and night are equal.

The word Solstice is also composed of two Greek words: SOL, meaning sun, and SISTERE, meaning "to stand still". Therefore, the Solstice is the time of the year when the sun stands still. Keep this term in mind as we will be coming back to it.

Regarding the Solstices:

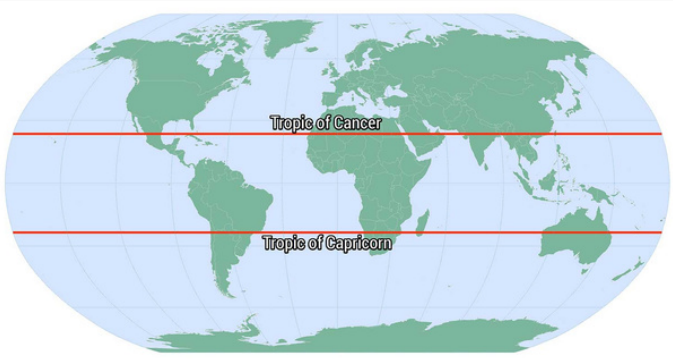
We are all familiar with the terms Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. The Tropic of Cancer is at a latitude 23.5 degrees north of the equator. The Tropic of Capricorn is at a latitude 23.5 degrees south of the equator.

The Tropic of Cancer is the northern-most point that the sun travels in its yearly voyage. The Tropic of Capricorn is the southern-most point that the sun travels in its yearly voyage.

The Tropic of Cancer is named for the astrological sign of Cancer. The Tropic of Capricorn is named for the astrological sign of Capricorn.

The Summer Solstice occurs when the sun reaches its northern-most point in the heavens as viewed from earth. This northern-most point is reached when the sun is in the Tropic of Cancer and enters the astrological sign of Cancer. This occurs on approximately June 20th. Again, this is what we refer to as the longest day of the year. After the Summer Solstice, the days get shorter and astrologically and mythologically the sun begins to "die".

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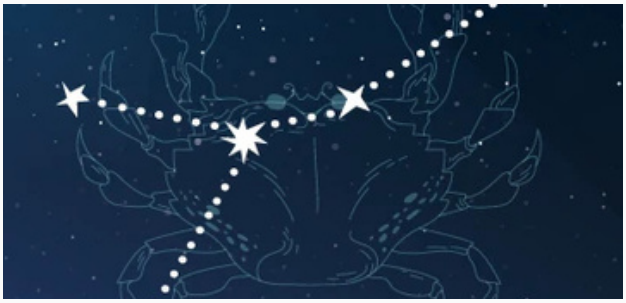
The Equinoxes and Solstices (cont)

The Winter Solstice occurs when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens as viewed from earth. This southern-most point is reached when the sun is in the Tropic of Capricorn and enters the astrological sign of Capricorn. This occurs on approximately December 21st. Again, this is what we refer to as the shortest day of the year. After the Winter Solstice the days get longer and astrologically and mythologically the sun is "born".

Astrology and astronomy were viewed as one and the same with both the Ancient cultures and the founding fathers of our country. As a matter of fact, our founding fathers waited until certain auspicious astronomical/astrological events took place before signing important documents which had to do with the founding of our country or before laying the cornerstone of the White House, Federal City (Washington D.C.), or the Washington Monument.

Now, let's delve a little deeper into the upcoming Winter Solstice which is a week away. Remember, the Winter Solstice occurs when the sun enters the astrological sign of Capricorn on December 21st. Now we cannot "see" the sun entering Capricorn as the sun is so powerful that it blots out all of the stars. However, on the night of that day we can observe Capricorn's opposite astrological sign of Cancer in the night sky.

The astrological sign of Cancer is the smallest and dimmest of all the Constellations. In ancient times Cancer was referred to as the cradle of the manger. Its two major start were designated as "the asses".



Cancer is the astrological sign visible in the night sky on Christmas Eve. And the cradle, the manger, and the two asses provide us with the Christmas "manger scene" we are all familiar with.

This manger scene is the celebration of the birth of the s-u-n in the heavens by way of the visual representation of the s-o-n here of earth.

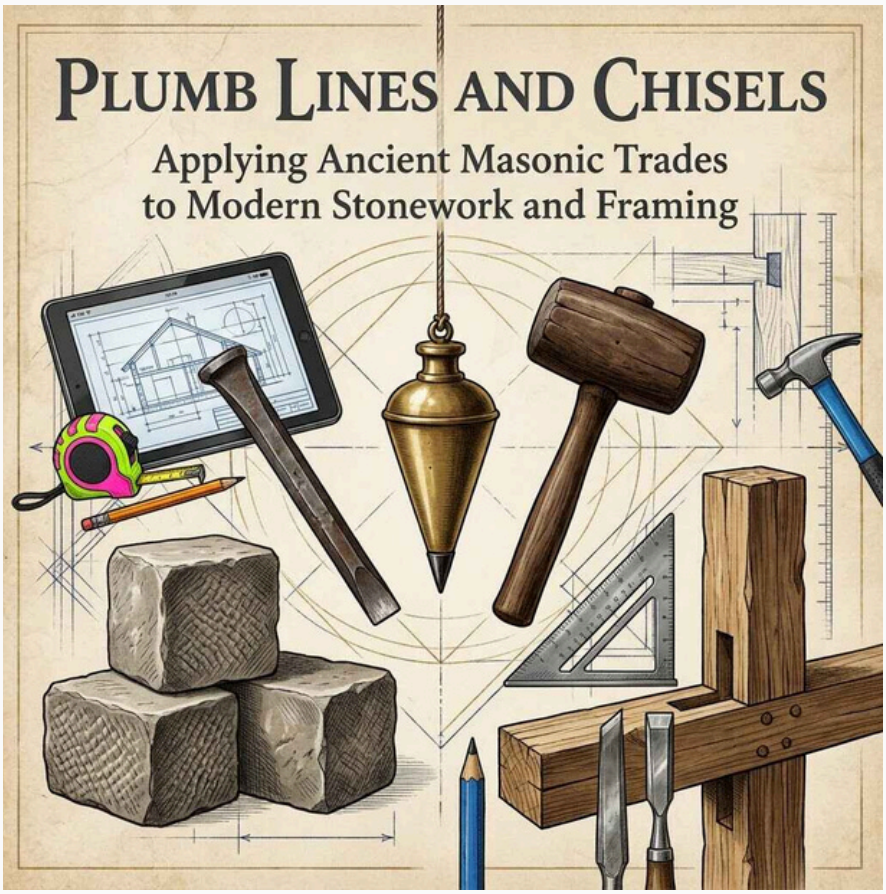
Additionally, being the birth of the sun/son in the sign of Cancer, Cancer represented the sign through which souls entered earth. And as Capricorn is the sign in which the sun begins to "die", it represented the sign through which souls left earth.

This mythology is a beautiful and ancient story which is attached to the annual journey of the sun throughout the year.

But what is most interesting, to me, is that most people, if asked if they believe in astrology, will say NO. Yet everyone knows their astrological sign.

Now, I have an interesting question which has perplexed me for years: If the Winter Solstice, December 21st, is the shortest day of the year, why do we wait until December 25th to celebrate Christmas: the birth of the sun/son?

High Country Scottish Rite Club



The next meeting for the High Country Scottish Rite Club is November 10, 2026 on the 3rd floor of Aztlan Lodge. It is not necessary to be a Mason or a member of Scottish Rite to attend.

Operative stonemason and builder Brother Derald Hogeland will present "Plumb Lines and Chisels: Applying Ancient Masonic Trades to Modern Stonework and Framing." This engaging presentation explores three practical building formulas that connect operative masonry with masonic symbolism.

Bro Derald will demonstrate how the geometric, structural, and physical principles used to craft stone and shape timbers directly reflect the progressive lessons of the three degrees of Freemasonry. Come learn how ancient operative wisdom continues to build character and community on today’s modern jobsite!

High Country Scottish Rite Club

Rare Scottish Rite Craft Degree Exemplified in Phoenix!

The Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite recently hosted the Germania Lodge No. 46 Degree Team from Louisiana, for a rare exemplification of the Scottish Rite Entered Apprentice Degree—with our own Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro. Eric Dupree, Sr., as the candidate!

This one-of-a-kind event included an inspiring Masonic afternoon, a hosted lunch, and wonderful fellowship.

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Yavapai County Shrine Club

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The Shrine and Freemasonry

Shriners International, as an appendant body of Freemasonry, supports the Masonic tenets of **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth** through it's emphasis on fellowship, philanthropy, and integrity.

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
gpcmm32s@outlook.com or (928) 800-2298

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Where Hope and Healing Meet. Compassion and Expertise Come Together. And Lives Are Changed.

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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.

Criteria for Receiving Care

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



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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!

Please reach out to these brothers if you know any young men that could benefit from exposure to Masonic based ideals and values.

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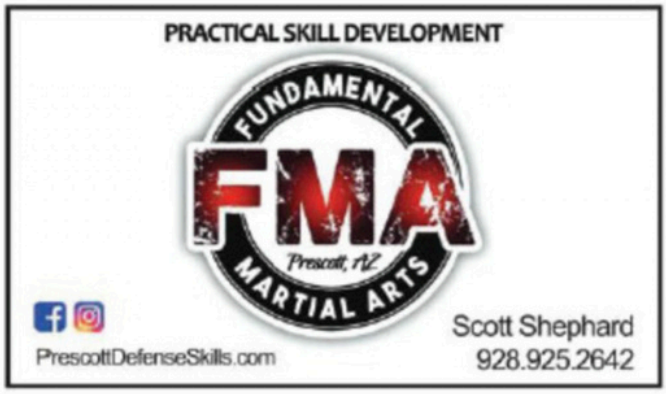
Aztlan Masonic Cemetery

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

Glenn P. Coopey, Chairman
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Lodge Calendar for November 2026

Please refer to the Aztlan Lodge website for all calendar events, times and locations.

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
Nov 1	**2** **6:30pm** DeMolay Meeting	**3** **6:30pm** Strategic Planning Meeting	**4** **10am - noon** Community Cupboard	**5** **7pm** **O.E.S.**	**6**	**7** Scottish Rite Reunion Tucson
8 Scottish Rite Reunion Tucson	**9** **6:30pm** Trustee Meeting	**10** **5pm** Scottish Rite **6pm** Dinner **7pm** Stated Meeting	**11** **10am - noon** Community Cupboard **10am - 3pm** Red Cross Blood Drive	**12**	**13**	**14** **8am** Breakfast **9am** Masonic Education at Aztlan Lodge
15	**16** **6:30pm** DeMolay Meeting	**17**	**18** **10am - noon** Community Cupboard **6pm** Shrine Club Stated Mtg Dinner	**19** **7pm** O.E.S.	**20**	**21**
22	**23**	**24**	**25** **10am - noon** Community Cupboard	**26**	**27**	**28**
29	**30**	**Dec 1** **6:30pm** Strategic Planning Meeting				