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in Salinas, California

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.
(Jan. - Oct.)
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
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Phoenix Scottish Rite Bodies

3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Phoenix Scottish Rite Facility
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Check the [Lodge Calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.

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

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Senior Steward: Jeff Crandell

Junior Steward: vacant

Tyler: Mo Torrey

Freemasonry: A Place Where Men Can Be Men

By Dean Sulzer, WM

In a world where genuine brotherhood can be hard to find, Freemasonry remains one of the few places where men can come together, put aside their differences, and simply be brothers.

Masonry doesn't care about your job, your bank account, your social status, or how successful you are. What matters is your **character**. It challenges a man to keep his word, accept responsibility, help those in need, control his passions, and constantly work toward becoming a better man.

Real brotherhood isn't just having someone to celebrate with when things are going well. It's having someone beside you when life gets difficult. A Mason should be able to look across the lodge and know that his brothers will stand with him.

Being a man isn't about being the loudest, toughest, or most successful person in the room. It's about **integrity, courage, responsibility, loyalty, and service**.

Freemasonry gives men a place to practice those virtues.

In an age where so many connections are temporary and superficial, the Masonic lodge offers something increasingly rare: **a brotherhood built on something deeper than convenience**.

Brotherly Love. Relief. Truth.

The work is never finished. We are all rough stones, and through the lessons of Masonry, and the example of our brothers, we continue to shape ourselves into better men.

Freemasonry isn't about making perfect men. It's about making good men better.

And perhaps that is why, after centuries, men still come through the lodge doors looking for the same thing: **Brotherhood**.

Fraternally,

Dean D. Sulzer Jr., Worshipful Master

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

Wisdom From The West

By Steven Phillips, SW

Good October to you all,
I'm going to try and keep this short this month. There are a few topics I would like to touch on.

We just had our annual outdoor degree on September 12th , a mere week and a half ago at writing. Along with this, there was a 9/11 memorial dinner and presentation. Both events were a rousing success in attendance, fellowship, and of course, Brotherly Love. Thanks to everyone that attended these events and that goes doubly to those that help plan, set-up, and tear down.

If you see our newest M.M. Brother Darrell Morrison, give him hearty slap on the back. He did well at his raising and is yearning for more work. Congratulations Bro Morrison, it was a pleasure conferring the degree on you.

In other news, Bro Berryman exemplified the 1st degree on Sept 22nd. He decided to learn officer proficiency work while on his many long work trips, in anticipation of his eventual retirement. Bro Berryman has given so much to our Lodge and it sounds like he is ready to give more as his time frees up. Please pay him wages for all he has done and is planning to do.

October stated meeting dinner is going to be the reinstatement of Cajun Night. If you have enjoyed it in years past, you know what to expect. If you have not, a little history: As an EA, I was tasked by WB Gambogi to cook a Cajun dish in honor of Bro Hardy Rose, who now resides in the Celestial Lodge Above. It was such a rousing success, that I continued it every October, talking last year off. As usual, there will be two dishes. One is always a shrimp creole, the other, a surprise. Please come out for some good Southern Cajun/creole home cooking. "laissez les bons temps rouler".

With that, Good Day Brothers,

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

From the Secretary's Table

By Dave Luebke, PGM

Are You Engaged?

This is the 2nd Article in a series focused on Lodge improvement.

"Engaged" kind of an interesting word to be using in relation to a Masonic Lodge; however it is very appropriate for successful lodges.

What are the signs of successful lodges? If you ask ten brothers you will probably get ten slightly different answers; however they all will have one common theme. The brothers are "engaged" in making the Lodge successful. Here's how they are engaged.

- Brothers know each other not just from attending meetings.
- Brothers, work together to make events successful.
- Brothers, share ideas.
- Brothers attend Lodge regularly, not just on the regular meeting night, but whenever their attendance is needed.
- Brothers, learn a ritual part, be it a small one or a large one.
- Brothers, work on communication.
- Older brothers assist younger brothers to be successful.

There are many other attributes which distinguish successful lodges but those are the main ones. Now look at Aztlan Lodge.

Are you engaged in helping Aztlan Lodge be successful? How many of the above traits can we honestly say exist in Aztlan Lodge? How much effort are you actually putting into Aztlan Lodge? Yes, Time is the enemy, but it doesn't have to be. Here is a list of items I believe would help Aztlan Lodge, most of which do not take lots of time and some of which may be done from home.

1. Participate in a calling committee.
2. Contact brothers who have not been at Lodge for a while.
3. Pick a brother up on your way to Lodge
4. Learn a small ritual part.
5. Assist with the blood drive
6. Assist with the food bank
7. Greet brothers when they arrive at Lodge
8. Thank brothers for coming to Lodge as they leave.
9. Coach a brother.

These are but a few ways that you can assist Allstate Lodge in becoming more successful. None of these are particularly difficult nor time-consuming but will go a long way into improving Aztlan Lodge.

We are very close to a new Masonic year. Why not make a resolution today to help improve Aztlan Lodge? Contact our Senior Warden and tell him you want to help him during his year as Master.

That's it for now,

Dave Luebke, PGM

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

On the Altar of Freemasonry

By Dave Luebke, PGM

Brethren, those of you who know me know that I frequently quote sections of the ritual when I'm trying to explain what Masonry is about or when trying to answer questions about life in general. Yes I know the ritual reasonably well, like many others of this great fraternity, but all in all when I look back at the most important parts of the lessons of Freemasonry, I return to five items. It is interesting that, though the ritual contains many important lessons, two of the three items that I return to most frequently are not actually part of the ritual; The Bible Presentation, and the Ballot Box Lecture.

This month I share one of my favorite Bible presentations. It came from the Grand Lodge of Indiana and I find it particularly meaningful. As it is not part of the ritual, the Bible Presentation may be shared with your loved ones and friends, especially those who may wonder what it is that Freemasons hold dear.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

(Grand Lodge of Indiana)

My brother, you have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. As such you stand the peer of all your Brethren here, for by no word or deed have you marred or dimmed as yet the character that is now yours. We would it might be ever thus.

Thrice have you by most solemn vows bound yourself to be forever true. Trice have you expressed a desire for Masonic light and you have beheld the great lights of Freemasonry, but this Book is the greatest Light, for the others are but symbols of what this Holy Book doth contain.

Every Master Mason is a builder, not only for this life but for all eternity. He who would build must have a plan. On this Bible, the Trestle board of life, is drawn the plan for the ages, a most beautiful design, conceived by a Master Mind and wrought with utmost care. May you build and rear the temple of your life according to this plan, that it, like the temple of old, may appear the work of the Almighty Hand of the Supreme architect of the Universe.

I now present you with you with the Great Light of Masonry, the Holy Bible. However men may differ in creed or theology, all good men are agreed that within the covers of the Holy Bible are found those principals of morality which lay the foundation upon which to build a righteous life. Freemasonry therefore opens this Book upon its altars with the command to each of its votaries that he diligently study therein to learn the way to everlasting life.

Adopting no particular creed, forbidding sectarian discussions within her Lodge rooms, encouraging each to remain steadfast to the faith of his acceptance, Freemasonry takes all good men by the hand and leading them to its altars and points to the open Bible thereon and urges upon each that he faithfully directs his steps through life by the light he there shall find and as he there shall find it.

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On the Altar of Freemasonry (cont)

If, from our sacred altar the atheist, the infidel, the irreligious man or the libertine, should ever be able wrest this Book of Sacred Law, and thus remove, or even obscure the Greatest Light in Masonry, that light which has for centuries been the rule and guide of Freemasonry, then could we no longer claim for ourselves the high rank and title of Free and Accepted Masons. But so long as that Light shall shine upon our altars, so long as it shall illumine the pathway of the Craftsmen by its golden rays of truth, so long and no longer shall Freemasonry live and shed its beneficent influence upon mankind.

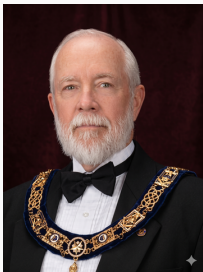
Guard then this book of Sacred and Immutable Law as you would guard your very life. Defend it as you would defend the flag of your country. Live according to its divine teachings, with the everlasting assurance of a blessed immortality.

My Brother, I trust you will search between the covers of this Book where you will find that Light which will illuminate your pathway to that Grand Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Dave Luebke, PGM

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Lodge Member October Birthdays

Date	Brother's Name
Oct 1	Kenneth Davis Jr
Oct 1	Patrick Leeper
Oct 2	Paul Demuth
Oct 4	Clinton Russell
Oct 5	Ronald Spangler
Oct 7	Theodore Gambogi III
Oct 8	William Searle Jr
Oct 8	Scott Snyder
Oct 9	William Gordon Jr
Oct 10	Amy Gilner
Oct 11	Charles Laspada
Oct 11	Thomas Twiss
Oct 12	Nathan Tribby
Oct 16	Joel Kimmet
Oct 17	Jeffrey Crandell
Oct 25	Steven Christiansen
Oct 26	Keith Rosewitz
Oct 27	Felton Weekes
Oct 30	Jeremiah Scheffer
Oct 30	Phillip Cox
Oct 31	Christopher Marchetti





Aztlan Lodge Masonic Education

Fellowcraft Discussion Group

Mon, Oct 5th at 7pm

Zoom meeting

Open to all Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees

Entered Apprentice and

General Masonic Discussion Group

Sat, Oct 10th at 9am

at Aztlan Lodge after 8am breakfast

Open to all

Master Mason Discussion Group

Weds, Oct 28th at 7pm

Zoom meeting

Open to all Master Masons

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 Conferral



Congratulations to Brother Darrell Morrison

He was the Aztlan Lodge Outdoor Degree Master Mason candidate this year, which was well attended by Brothers from all over the state including our Grand Master Roger Biede III.

Make sure to congratulate Bro Darrell when you see him next!



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 October Dark Sky Challenge

By Adam England, The Backyard Astronomer

How many can you find?

October 10 brings us a New Moon, giving us one of the darkest evenings of the month. In central Yavapai County, sunset will be around 6:00 PM. Get outside shortly afterward, turn off the porch lights, and give your eyes time to adjust. Over the next few hours, more and more of the night sky will reveal itself.

A comfortable chair will make the evening more enjoyable, and a pair of binoculars or a small telescope will open up even more to see. A good free sky app, such as SkySafari, can also make finding some of these objects much easier.

The Summer Triangle

As twilight fades, look overhead for three bright stars forming a huge triangle: Vega, Deneb and Altair. That's the Summer Triangle. Despite its name, it remains easy to spot in October and makes a great first landmark.

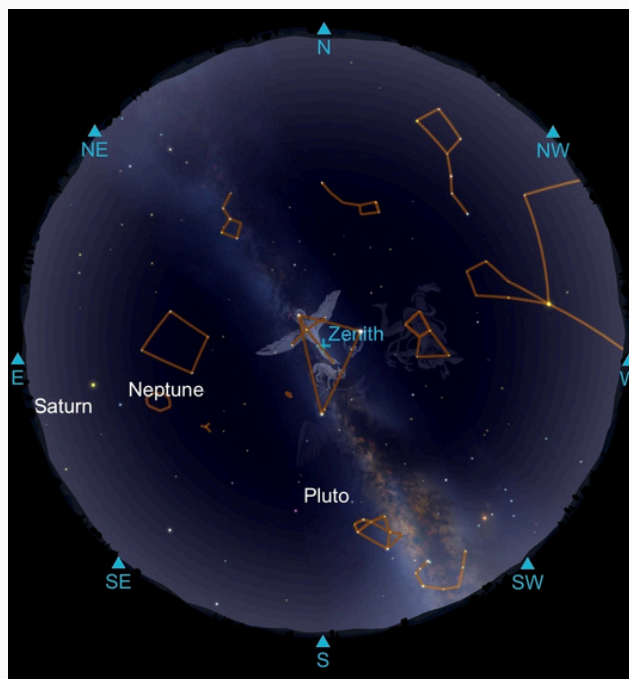
The Great Square of Pegasus

Look toward the east for four bright stars forming a large square. The Great Square of Pegasus is another easy pattern to recognize once the sky gets dark. Learn these big, simple shapes and the night sky starts to feel a lot less intimidating.

The Teapot of Sagittarius

Now look toward the southwest for the Teapot. It really does look like one, with a handle on one side and a spout on the other.

The Teapot, Summer Triangle, and Great Square of Pegasus are asterisms, recognizable patterns of stars that aren't an official constellation by themselves.



Asterisms are useful because they give us landmarks in the sky. Once you learn a few, you can use them to find other objects with your eyes, binoculars or a telescope.

The Milky Way

Look toward the Teapot's spout and you'll find the Milky Way stretching across the sky. That hazy band isn't a cloud. You're looking through the disk of our own galaxy, seeing the combined light of countless stars.

The Teapot points toward the crowded center of the Milky Way, which is why this part of the sky can be so spectacular under a dark sky. Follow that river of starlight across the sky and you'll eventually encounter another familiar pattern.

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The October Dark Sky Challenge (cont)

The Big Dipper

The Big Dipper is one of the easiest asterisms to recognize. On this October evening, it will be in the northern sky, looking almost as if it is swinging toward the Milky Way, ready to scoop some of it back up.

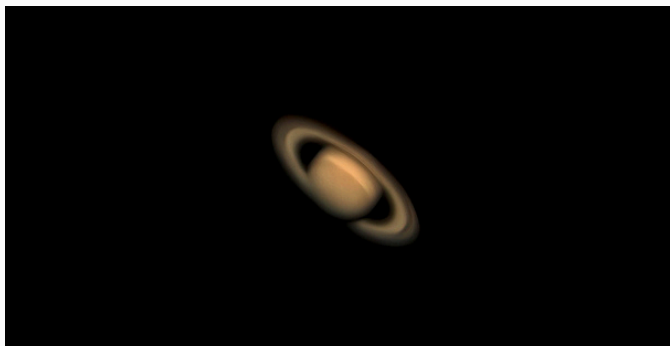
The Andromeda Galaxy

Now that its getting a little darker, go back to the Great Square of Pegasus. Find the star at its northeastern corner, then follow the line of stars extending northeast from it. These stars lead you into Andromeda. Under a dark sky, look just beyond them for a faint, elongated smudge of light.

That's the Andromeda Galaxy, our nearest large galactic neighbor, about 2.5 million light-years away. If you can see it with your naked eyes, you're looking at an entire galaxy without a telescope.

Saturn

Now look toward the southeast for Saturn. It will be one of the brightest objects in the sky tonight. Saturn is at opposition this month, when Earth passes between it and the Sun, making Saturn especially bright and well placed for observing.



With binoculars or a small telescope, you can clearly see Saturn's rings.

Titan

Have a 4-inch or larger telescope? Take the challenge a step further and see if you can spot Titan, Saturn's largest moon. Look for a tiny point of light near Saturn and its rings. Titan is constantly moving around Saturn, so its position will change as it orbits the planet.

Neptune

Did you find Titan? Are you up for an even fainter object? Let's see if you can spot Neptune!

Neptune is much fainter than Saturn, but on this night it will be only about 10 degrees away (about the width of your closed fist held at arm's length), making Saturn a useful starting point for finding it.

Through a telescope, Neptune appears as a tiny blue-green disk. The color is subtle, but if you can make it out, you've found a world nearly 2.7 billion miles from Earth.

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The October Dark Sky Challenge (cont)

The Pleiades

By around 10 PM, turn your attention toward the east and look for the Pleiades. To the naked eye, this young star cluster looks like a tiny handful of stars. Through binoculars, the view changes completely, revealing many more stars packed together.



How many did you find?

You don't need an expensive telescope or an astronomy degree to explore the night sky. Start with the patterns you can recognize, use them as landmarks, and let your eyes do the rest.

Clear skies and happy viewing.

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Saturn – Courtesy PAC member Joel Cohen, Prescott Valley, 09/2020

The Pleiades – Courtesy NASA, Wikimedia Commons

A Dynamic Duo

By Stan Martin, KCCH

GENE AUTRY

"America's Favorite Cowboy"

Bro. Gene was an American Hero, Philanthropist, Patriot, Veteran, Movie Star, Media Entrepreneur, Singer, Composer, Baseball Fan plus Owner and a 33rd Degree Mason.

Gene passed away October 2, 1998. three days after his 91st birthday and on his wife's 57th birthday. He died peacefully in his sleep at their Studio City home succumbing to cardiopulmonary arrest and respiratory failure. He said "I'm going to live forever but if I go I'm going to take all my money with me." His wife, right before he was buried put a check in his pocket for \$320 million which Forbes thought he was worth on the date of his death.

Autry was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills Cemetery. Four years later in 2002, the Angels would win the World Series "for the Cowboy".

Gene Autry was Raised to Master Mason in 1927 at Catoosa Lodge #185 in Catoosa, Oklahoma. During his lifetime he regularly attended Lodge. His 33rd Degree designation is recorded on his Tombstone. Bro. Gene's great-grandfather was a Mason who was eulogized as a "worthy and consistent member". Several of his mother's brothers were Masons. Gene was a member of the Al Malaikah Shrine in Los Angeles which included Clark Gable, Dick Powell, Buck Jones and Harold Lloyd. He belonged to the Scottish Rite Temple in Long Beach.



Gene was so popular with the kids he was called the Tom Mix of talking films pointing out that "Gene neither drinks nor smokes" just as Mix...because he felt it would have a bad influence on his best patrons, the youngsters".

Autry was born Orvon Grover Autry in 1907 - a 2nd generation Texan. It is uncertain when and why Orvon Autry took the name "Gene", but Gene Austin's massive popularity probably inspired the choice.

Gene Autry thought the name "Orvon" was "bland".

Bro. Gene had many idols. Among them were Kris Kristofferson, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. They met in 1994 to produce an Album as the Highwaymen including "Back In The Saddle Again".

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A Dynamic Duo (cont)

Gene had musically matured in the heyday of Vaudeville whose stars Al Jolson, Gene Austin and Will Rogers had profoundly influenced him. He evolved from a hillbilly-style crooner to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer".

Between 1929 and the early '60s he made some 649 recordings. He also made 93 Gene Autry pictures and voted the top Western Star for six straight years. He became friendly with FDR, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. John Kennedy invited him to the White House for "an exchange of ideas". Eventually, he was the only entertainer-turned-businessman listed on the Forbes 400. Johnny Cash stated: "He made the world look better to me".

Gene Autry was inducted into the Army Air Forces as a Tech. Sgt. The previous year, he had grossed more than \$432,000 but, in the Army, he initially received standard pay of \$114.00 per month. Holding a private pilot certificate, he was determined to become a military pilot. He earned his Service Pilot rating in June 1944, serving as a C-109 transport pilot with the rank of Flight Officer.

Assigned to the Air Transport Command he flew as part of the dangerous airlift operation over the Himalayas between India and China nicknamed "The Hump". At one point in his Military career, he was stationed at Luke Field outside of Phoenix, Arizona.

Ironically that the day Gene Autry made his breakthrough recordings at Columbia went down in history as "Black Thursday" - nearly 13 million shares of stock were traded at a loss of six BILLION dollars. Even so, the following few months would see him become a true Star.

Gene Autry; "America's Favorite Cowboy"; then and now!



ROY ROGERS **"King of the Cowboys"**

Brother Roy was a member of Hollywood Lodge #355, California. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles and the Al Malaikan Shrine Temple. He was born Leonard Franklin Slye. Well known as co-Founder of the Sons of the Pioneers whose song "Tumbling Tumbleweed" remains ever popular. This was equally popular to their famous theme song written by Dale Evans "Happy Trails".

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A Dynamic Duo (cont)

Roy Rogers is the only person elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame twice. This is a person who worked in a shoe factory during High School. He also picked fruit during the Depression.

In 1946, he played at a Shriner's hospital. Roy realized what the Shriner's did for the kids for no charge: "like building them new ears and noses after they were terribly burned in fires". "Doctors would reconstruct their bodies". When he returned from the hospital he spoke to his good friend Joe Espalier telling him about all the great work and raving about the Shriners. Roy told him that someday he wanted to become a Mason, because "first you became a Mason then a Shriner then you can really help the kids".

Joe said, "you are talking to the right guy". Joe was a Mason. Harold Lloyd was the Imperial Potentate in those days. Gene Autry joined about the same time. Brother Roy was proud in saying that many years later, "Gene, I, and President Gerald Ford all became thirty-third degree Masons, high as you can go, in ceremonies on the same night".

Bro. Roy was born at 412 Second Street, Cincinnati. (Little known is that Roy Rogers had Choctaw Blood via his maternal grandmother.) The house is no longer there but, in its place, now stands Riverfront Stadium built for the major league Cincinnati Reds. As best as Roy could determine he was born roughly where second base is located. He joked that how many people could say they were born at second base in a big league ballpark?

He was born November 5, 1911 and died of congestive heart failure on July 6, 1998 at age 86. He was buried at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Apple Valley, Ca. Dale Evans passed away three years later and nine children.

In 1943 Roy Rogers officially became the movie world's "King of the Cowboys". His Title fit so well with others such as "Elvis" - King of Rock & Roll, "Kitty Wells" - Queen of Country Music, "Babe Ruth" - Sultan of Swat. When he started for Republic Pictures he was paid \$75.00 per week for seven years. He became well loved. FDR invited him to the White House. He bought FDR a pair of silver spurs engraved "To FDR from Roy Rogers."

He associated with celebrities such as James Cagney, Loretta Young & Edgar Bergen. "Trigger" was his best friend having made 88 movies and 104 TV Shows together.

During World War II despite his 1-A classification, he would never enter active Service. On behalf of the Red Cross and the National War Fund Drives he made appearances at rallies designed to help sell war bonds and build national morale. For the Eighth Service Command Roy & Trigger made 136 appearances in one twenty-day period.

In 1977 Roy & Dale Evans were the first husband-wife team in the history of the Tournament of Rose Parade to serve as Grand Marshall's.

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A Dynamic Duo (cont)

What a legacy: Roy Rogers destroyed mortgage foreclosing bankers, rounded up scruffy dastardly cattlemen plus rustlers and always rescued damsels for distress. From that humble beginning in movies, he went on to do much of the same in real life. Much of his traveling was done when he piloted his own Cessna Bobcat.

Roy Rogers & Gene Autry performed together early in their careers. Later Bro. Roy often performed with his wife Dale Evans; his Golden Palomino "Trigger" who was originally named "Golden Cloud" and his German Shepherd – Bullet.



Stan Martin, KCCH

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High Country Scottish Rite Club

September was a month that we will remember for a long time. In addition to our stated meeting, HCSRC hosted a special dinner and speaker for the 25th anniversary of 9/11. We will never forget!

The dinner, at Badger's Den, was well attended, with about 45 brothers and ladies, as well as two prospects. Many Grand officers were in attendance, including Most Worshipful Roger Biede, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Eric Depree, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, and Worshipful Steve Bracety, Senior Grand Deacon, and others. Also in attendance was Deputy to the Supreme Council and PGM Randal Jager.

The dinner was preceded by drinks and cigars - thanks to Lloyds Liquor for the donation of cigars!. The dinner at 7:00 was delicious, either salmon or a filet.

Our speaker was Brother Moises (Mo) Gomez. Mo with the port authority of New York, and was on duty on the George Washington bridge on 9/11. He subsequently worked on the pile. Mo brought us his recollections of that terrible day and the days after. To hear from an eyewitness was particularly moving.

Thanks to Ken Davis for pulling this together, and to Bro. Ryan at Badger's Den for helping to make this one of the best Masonic events in recent memory.



High Country Scottish Rite Club

Our October meeting will feature Bro. Joe Panek, who will educate us on the Equinoxes - their historical, mythological, astronomical, and astrological significance.



Also, Scottish Rite members mark your calendars for November 7-8. That is the Orient of Arizona Joint Reunion at the Scottish Rite Temple in Tucson. We have a couple of candidates from Aztlan!

Yavapai County Shrine Club

**We Are Embarked on a Noble Endeavor and
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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 its 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

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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



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

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what you do!*

Lodge Calendar for October 2026

Please refer to the Aztlan Lodge [website](#) for all calendar events, times and locations.

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
				OCT 1 7pm O.E.S.	2	3
4	5 6:30pm DeMolay Meeting 7pm FC Education	6 6:30pm Strategic Planning Meeting	7 10am - noon Community Cupboard	8	9	10 8am Breakfast 9am Masonic Education at Aztlan Lodge
11	12 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	13 5pm Scottish Rite 6pm Dinner 7pm Stated Meeting	14 10am - noon Community Cupboard	15 7pm O.E.S. 6pm Phoenix Scottish Rite	16 O.E.S. Yard Sale	17 O.E.S. Yard Sale
18	19 6:30pm DeMolay Meeting	20	21 10am - noon Community Cupboard 6pm Shrine Club Stated Mtg Dinner	22	23 DeMolay Halloween Party	24
25	26	27	28 10am - noon Community Cupboard 7pm MM Education	29	30	31 8am Chino Valley Coffee