The FEBRUARY 2015

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ARIZONA LODGE NUMBER 2 F. & A.M.

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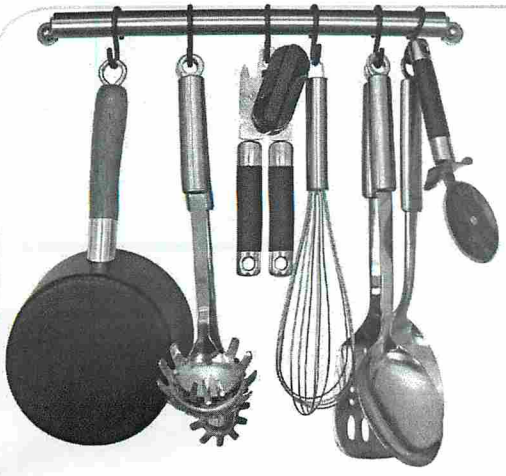
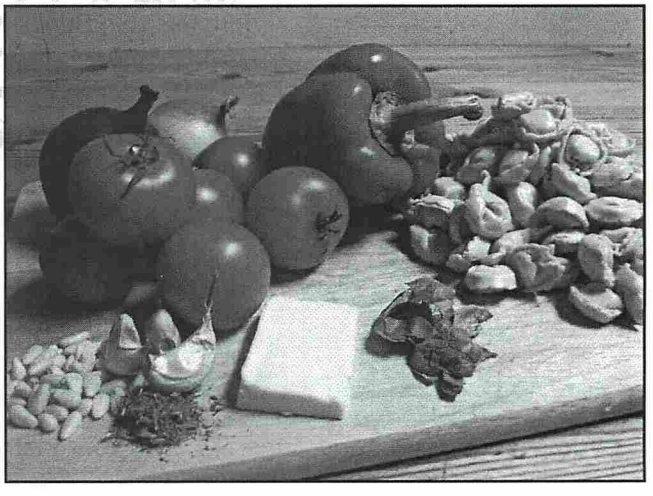


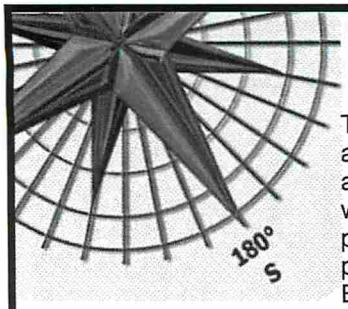
MESSAGE FROM WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brothers,

It's no accident that our Lodge is known for such excellent ritual work. It is because we started with good stock. Just like a gourmet dish in a fancy restaurant that starts with the best ingredients. No cutting of corners or using bargain meats or produce and following the recipes that have been passed on from one chef to another, but with each chef specializing in and adding their own dish. The ritual work in our Lodge is much like this. When I was made a Mason and went through my degrees, I was so very much impressed with the ritual work. The first time I heard the staircase lecture given by WB Brad Babinski, I was indeed moved emotionally. It was his influence that made my decision to learn the staircase lecture. Many do not know this but I almost made the decision not to join AZ No. 2. When I first came to the Lodge, many Tuesday nights I sat by myself in the dining room without any interaction asking myself, "What am I doing here?" If it were not for WB Mike DiGiacomo and WB John Ruth, I would not be here today. They approached me, sat at my table and a friendship developed. When I first started as a Mason the secretary of the Lodge was WB John Ruth. I saw all the work he did to keep the Lodge running. He would also cook for at least three Lodges that met in our building. I thought he was the hardest working man in Masonry. WB Mike DiGiacomo took over the cooking for him and did so many other responsibilities for the Lodge. Then I thought he could be the hardest working man in Masonry. Now I see all the work that WB Andrew Warianka does, not only for our Lodge, but for many others and the Temple Building also. There are so many Brothers at our Lodge with such a strong work ethic, that it is impossible to determine who is the hardest working man in Masonry. We are lucky to have past Grand Masters who come to our Lodge and honor us with by giving lectures and participating in our degree work. WB Ron Heck is always willing to sit in any chair and help teaching us ritual perfection. Now I find myself looking at a whole new generation of Masons, all working hard to perfect their own ritual work. We have more side liners participating, even one who took it upon himself to learn all the charges and is always willing and happy to deliver them when asked. (Thank you Brother House!) Our Tyler, Brother Vic Olson, has taken on the responsibilities of the kitchen and our special events like the Valentines Day dinner and continues creating new lectures for our education night. I could go on and on. All of the Officers and side liners are influenced by so many of our Past Masters. This is the recipe that will be handed down from generation to generation in Arizona Lodge No. 2. I am so proud to say that I am a member of this great Lodge, and enjoy hearing the same from our Brethren. I'll say, in closing, let's keep doing what we are doing and imitate all of our Past Masters.

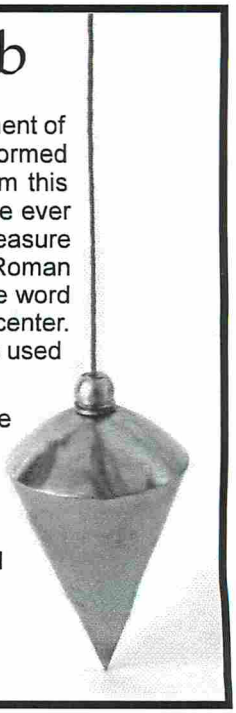


Fraternally,
Raymond Vila, Worshipful Master



FROM THE SOUTH History of the Plumb

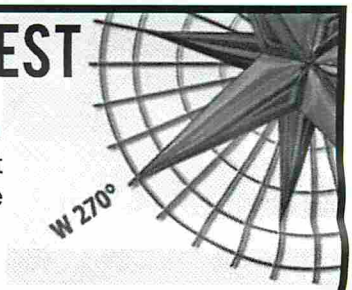
The Junior Warden's jewel of Office is the plumb. The plumb or plumb rule is an instrument of antiquity. The earliest craftsmen used a weighted cord as a plumb. The Greeks of yore formed a bob of lead on a cord and they gave it a name, MOLUBDOS, meaning lead. From this working tool evolved the name, MOLYBDENUM, the name of a well-known metal. The ever practical Romans took the word and Latinized it to become PLUMBUM, the tool to measure perpendiculars of structures, walls, aqueducts and fortifications in every corner of the Roman Empire. The Gauls adopted the tool and their successors, the Normans, shortened the word to PLOMB. The Britons added the letter "a" to coin a new word, APLOMB, meaning not easily upset and not off center. Later the Englishmen revised the spelling to PLUMB and it became a verb as well as a noun. Early English mariners used this tool. Shakespeare called it a plummet: "Deeper than ere a plummet sounded."



While originally a simple lead weight on a string, the plumb, when required by expert craftsmen evolved into the shape of the Junior Wardens jewel and specifically adapted for operative stonemasons. It is interesting to note that this jewel or tool is sometimes found to be richly embellished with symbols (Sun, moon, all-seeing eye, etc.) and at other times very plain. The plumb rule is an instrument used in architecture by which a building is raised in a perpendicular direction and it is figurative of an upright and true course of life. It typifies care against any deviation from the Masonic upright line of conduct. The plumb is a truly magnificent jewel, indispensable working tool, and has a lot of emphasis in the Fellowcraft degree.

Fraternally,
Chad Gappa, Junior Warden

ANOTHER YEAR; FROM THE WEST



Here we go with another year of Freemasonry. We must reflect on the previous year and be proud of our accomplishments and achievements and what we can still improve on. Isn't improvement very important as men and Masons. Will we ever be perfect, no, but the journey and the effort are what are important.

New brothers are filling chairs they may have only sat in once or not at all. They are studying and being mentored to be able to be there best at the responsibility that has been given them by their brothers. Seeing new faces in chairs for the first time is especially rewarding to me knowing what I felt when I sat there. The nerves you feel the first couple of times and then your hard work starts to pay off. I had a real sense of pride in my work of every chair I occupied and pray my brothers behind me fill it better than I did.

Having the honor to be part of ritual for new brothers and trying to set an example for them is my goal to be as accurate as possible for them. Will that happen, probably not, maybe once or twice, but having the chance to try is my idea of being the best brother I can be and never being satisfied with my results.

I wish all my Brothers a wonderful year and hope all your hard work gives you the results you are striving for.

Tom Mich Sr, Senior Warden

Endowments

These Brothers have remembered Arizona Lodge No. 2 in their Wills or Trusts:

Andrew
Stefan Warianka PM
Delvin Dee Pierson PM
Matthew Dewitt Gale
Larry D Henry
Ben Passman

Have you included Arizona Lodge No. 2 in your last wishes? Show your Masonic pride. No paperwork is required, just a word from you that Arizona Lodge No. 2 is included in your Will or Trust and we will add your name here.

MEMORIAM

Leslie Murray Jr
Dawson, NM
May 10, 1921

Initiated February 22, 1949
Passed March 25, 1949
Raised May 10, 1949

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
February 2, 2002
Phoenix, Arizona

Charles Albert Gerlach Jr
Penfield NY
April 7, 1928

Initiated April 9, 1957
Passed May 23, 1957
Raised June 18, 1957

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
October 18, 2014
Sun City, Arizona

Norwood Allan Thompson
Three Hills Alberta Canada
March 2, 1922

Initiated September 10, 1957
Passed October 22, 1957
Raised November 12, 1957

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
November 4, 2014
Whittier, California

Albert Thompson Edens Jr
Phoenix, AZ
January 29, 1931

Initiated April 20, 1954
Passed June 17, 1954
Raised September 21, 1954

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
September 23, 2014
Phoenix, Arizona

Henry Wayne Hall
Mesa AZ
October 24, 1919

Initiated January 27, 1955
Passed March 29, 1955
Raised April 21, 1955

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
October 16, 2014
Scottsdale, Arizona

Lewis Williams
Ft Thomas AZ
February 22, 1919

Initiated October 16, 1972
Passed February 12, 1974
Raised March 12, 1974

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
October 12, 2014
Miami, Arizona

Everett Burnell Hall Jr
Denver CO
April 12, 1925

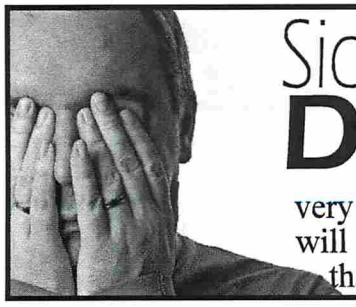
Initiated January 13, 1981
Passed March 17, 1981
Raised April 28, 1981

Raised to the Celestial Lodge
November 5, 2014
El Mirage, Arizona

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

February 3rd		**February 10th**	
Trustees	5:00 pm	Dinner	6:00 pm
Dinner	6:00 pm	Degree	7:00 pm
Stated Meeting	7:00 pm		
February 17th		**February 24th**	
Dinner	6:00 pm	Dinner	6:00 pm
Degree	7:00 pm	Degree	7:00 pm
February 26th		**March 3rd**	
Sandwiches	6:00 pm	Trustees	5:00 pm
Education	7:00 pm	Dinner	6:00 pm
		Stated Meeting	7:00 pm

Please, always check the Lodge answering machine for schedule changes.



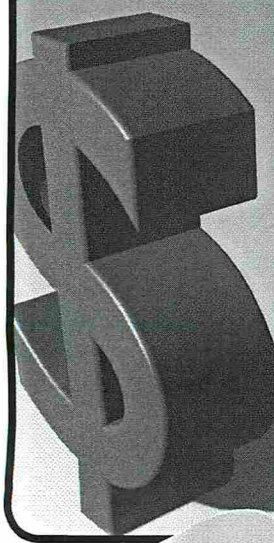
Sickness and Distress

Do you know of a Brother or one of our Lodge widows that is not doing well? Let the Secretary know and we can set up a visitation. Maybe you know of a Brother or widow that needs some help but just hasn't asked. Visitations can be enlightening, enjoyable, educational and very rewarding. Our Senior Masonic Family can be a wealth of Masonic History and they will share some very interesting and light hearted stories. Let us know if there is someone that would benefit from a visitation or if you would like to be on a visitation committee.

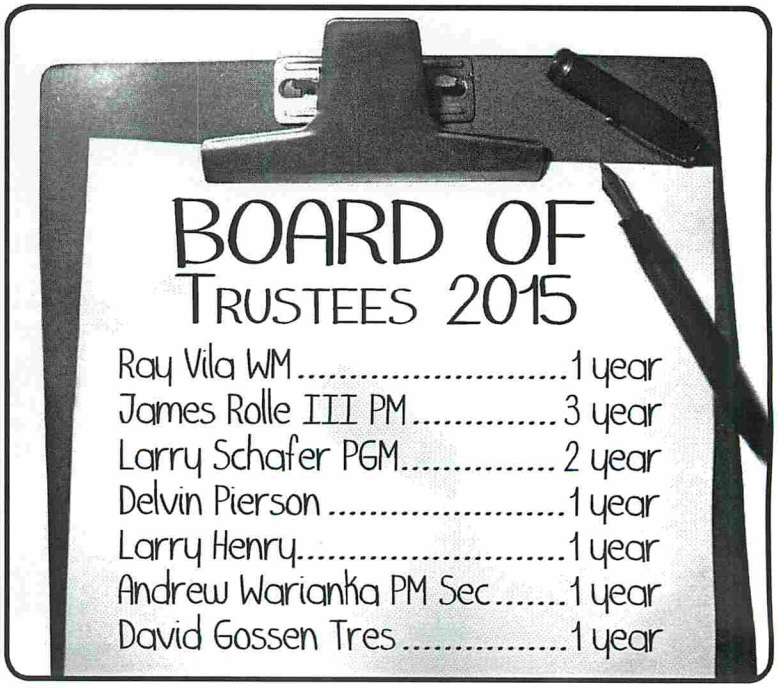
Member Updates

The Lodge is continuing our effort to stay in touch with all of our Brothers. If you haven't been to Lodge lately, don't be surprised when you get a call from a Brother. Take a moment to say hello and let us know how you are doing. We can update your address, phone numbers, occupation, family contacts, Email address, Lodge affiliations, etc. You can also update your information by contacting the Secretary at 602-258-5466 or send an Email to the Secretary at secretary@azlodge2.org (please include your name). Thank you.

2015 DUES



The new year has just begun and dues are due and payable to the Lodge Secretary. To those Brothers that contributed to the Helping Hand Fund, thank you. Your generosity kept several of our Brothers in good standing. Your dues are the very life blood on which your Lodge operates. The dues for 2015 is still only $85.00, including the Grand Lodge per capita. Thank you also to all of the Regular, Perpetual Life and Senior Life Members that have included a donation towards our charities and programs this past year. Besides our regular costs of operating the Lodge, we support several charitable programs, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Bicycles for Books and our Helping Hand Fund, to name a few.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2015

Ray Vila WM.....1 year
James Rolle III PM.....3 year
Larry Schafer PGM.....2 year
Delvin Pierson.....1 year
Larry Henry.....1 year
Andrew Warianka PM Sec.....1 year
David Gossen Tres.....1 year

Not receiving your Trestleboard by Email?

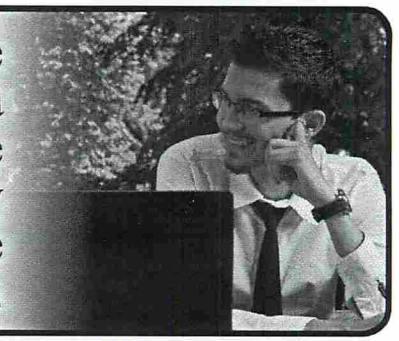
Send a note to the Secretary, be sure to include your name.

If you are going to be away from home for an extended period, the Post Office does not forward the Trestleboard and the Lodge gets charged by the Post Office when you are temporarily away. Email is a convenient way to receive your Trestleboard.

Arizona Lodge #2 F&AM
E-Mail address: Secretary@azlodge2.org

Candidate Mentors

Would you like to be a Mentor and help a Candidate with his Degree proficiency? Contact the Lodge Secretary. Mentor packets are available to help you. Only a few hours a week of your time is required and you can be matched up with a Candidate that lives or works in your area.



Need-A-Ride

Need a Ride to Lodge?

Brothers from Arizona Lodge No. 2 live all over the Valley. If you would like to attend Lodge but don't have a ride, don't drive, your car is being repaired, you would like to ride share, or you would like to help a Brother get to Lodge, let the Secretary know so he can connect you up with other Brothers.

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Phoenix Chapter DeMolay

The Phoenix DeMolay Chapter is a 501C3 organization. If you would like to support the Chapter with your donations are tax deductible. You would be helping the youth with their events and programs. This would help to provide supplies, materials, meeting needs and other Chapter requirements for this very valuable youth leadership program. Many of the central Phoenix youth that we will be working with come from lower income families. Some cannot afford even the basic dress for Chapter attendance. Please contact the Lodge Secretary about information on any financial donations you would like to make at secretary@azlodge2.org.

If you know of any young men between the ages of 12 and 21, have them contact the Lodge Secretary for more information at secretary@azlodge2.org or check out what DeMolay presents to the youth at www.demolay.org. There will be a Prospect Party on February 28th from 2-4pm at the Masonic Temple.

Advisors are also needed (men and women). Training will be provided by DeMolay International. Masonic Youth Groups have had a long association with the Masonic Temple. DeMolay builds character and leadership. Only a few hours a month of your time is required to assist these young men with their ritual, projects and fun events.

February 2015 ∫ Masonic Birthdays

Henry Ong Jr	2/28/50	65 yrs	Richard Driver Jr	2/29/72	43 yrs	Clyde Smith	2/24/98	17 yrs
Hanlon Dubose II	2/02/51	64 yrs	Michael Buckley	2/03/74	41 yrs	*Phillip Stanfield*	*2/29/00*	*15 yrs*
Jene Jacoby	2/16/54	61 yrs	Joseph Simmons Jr	2/16/80	35 yrs	Patrick Lennon	2/20/01	14 yrs
Leon Bess	2/25/60	55 yrs	David Bender Jr	2/26/80		Michael Parks	2/04/03	12 yrs
William Keaton	2/20/62	53 yrs	Junius Pruett	2/15/83	32 yrs	Paul Ruskaup	2/08/05	10 yrs
William DeCroix	2/23/65	50 yrs	Larry Hill	2/16/93	22 yrs	Joshua Hill	2/13/09	6 yrs
Wayne Houser Jr	2/15/66	49 yrs	Carl Puckett	2/16/93		Stephen Lancaster	2/24/09	
Joseph Voltarel	2/27/68	47 yrs	Mark Prusiecki	2/23/94	21 yrs	Sean Grandinetti	2/22/11	4 yrs
Gary Maynard	2/24/70	45 yrs	Joseph Zito	2/08/96	19 yrs	Igor Razlivanov	2/28/12	3 yrs
			Bradley Babinski	2/27/97	18 yrs			

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Ty Cobb - Freemason

Bro. Matt Gale • Bro. Thomas Boone Jr

Would you Like To Sponsor Issues of the Trestleboard? Contact the Secretary for More Information.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Are you over 50? Perpetual Membership is only $1275.
Are you over 65? Perpetual Membership is only $850.
Perpetual Membership Fees Are Now Based on your Date of Birth:

18 years old through 35 years old – **25** times annual Lodge dues ($2125)
36 years old through 50 years old – **20** times annual Lodge dues ($1700)
51 years old through 65 years old – **15** times annual Lodge dues ($1275)
66 years old and above – **10** times annual Lodge dues ($850)

Your Lodge Dues ($85) includes the current per capita. See Secretary for Perpetual Membership Application.

Masonic Education

Lodge Education Nights are coordinated with Montezuma Lodge #35 on the 4th Thursday of the Month. Sandwiches served before each gathering. These events are not just for our new Masons, everyone is invited to attend, participate and learn. There have been many excellent presentations by members of Arizona No. 2 and Montezuma #35. If you have a topic that you would like us to discuss or research, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

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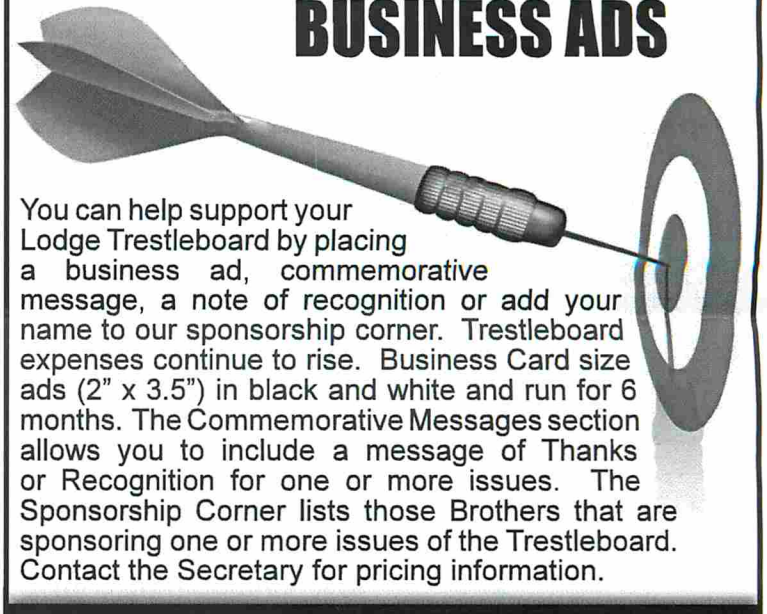

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Look Forward to the Following Masonic Events in 2015

Masonic, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls Visitations
Prince Hall Lodge Visitation
Lodge Education (4th Thursday of the Month)
Date Night (5th Tuesdays)
Family Night/Day
Military FC Degree
Grand Lodge Town Halls
Table Lodge
Grand Lodge Officers Retreat (3/27-3/29)
Grand Communication (6/4-6/6)

Watch the Lodge web calendar for Updates and additional events.
If you are interested in a special event, contact the Secretary.

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