

## February 2026 Trestleboard

### Arizona Lodge No. 2

Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged with all the happenings at our lodge. Each month, you can expect updates on upcoming degrees, announcements for our Seeker Socials, information on community events, news about lodge closures, and other important matters concerning our fraternity.

This newsletter will serve as a bridge, connecting our members with the heart of our lodge activities, ensuring that you're always in the loop, whether it's about the next degree conferral, a community service opportunity, or simply when we'll be dark for holidays.

Stay tuned for regular features on Masonic education, member spotlights, and insights into the rich history and traditions of Freemasonry.

We're excited to embark on this journey of better communication and look forward to seeing you at our lodge's events. Here's to fostering stronger bonds of brotherhood and community service through better connection and information sharing.

Fraternally,  
Arizona Lodge No. 2 F. & A.M.

# What's happened at Arizona Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 2 F. & A. M. Last Month?

Bro. Walter stood in as Senior Steward and Bro. Andrew gave the 3rd Degree Lecture at Paradise Valley Silver Trowel on Jan 21st.



On January 20th, Bro. Tommy was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.



# **Wisdom from the East**

**Kevin Michael Prier, Worshipful Master  
Masons and Social Media**

Social media can be an amazing tool for Masons. We can use it to share events. We can use it to find events to attend. We can laud our brothers' accomplishments. It can be used to seek relief from brothers. Or it can be used to reach out to a brother who needs relief. And in today's technological landscape, one might even argue that it is a necessary form of communication.

However, like any tool, it can be used improperly. I see a lot of people use it to broadcast their opinions to anyone who will take the time to read them. I see them sharing "news" stories with no basis in reality. And perhaps worst of all, I see Masons sharing disparaging opinions of entire groups of people. I see Masons calling each other and the public profane names. I see them salivating for violence. I see ugly things that are unbecoming of a Mason.

I admonish you, brothers, to mind what you share on social media. It can impact the way other brothers see you. It can impact your career and your personal

life as well. It can create disharmony in a lodge if you share something that hurts another brother. You may even be subject to Masonic charges depending on the severity of the post. Just because you're doing it on the internet, doesn't mean that it doesn't count in "real life." Once you take upon yourself the solemn obligation of a Mason, you are always subject to its penalties if that obligation is broken or shirked.

My advice would be to not say anything on social media that you wouldn't say in the Lodge. Keep your opinions to yourself until it is warranted, or until you are asked to give it. I too have fallen into the trap of social media in the past. I'm sure that if I went far enough back in my posts, I would find something that I am embarrassed to have shared. Maybe my opinion changed. Maybe I said something in anger that was simply uncalled for. Maybe it's just something that makes me sound foolish. I'm sure they are there. These days, I limit my use of social media to sharing events and wishing people a happy birthday.

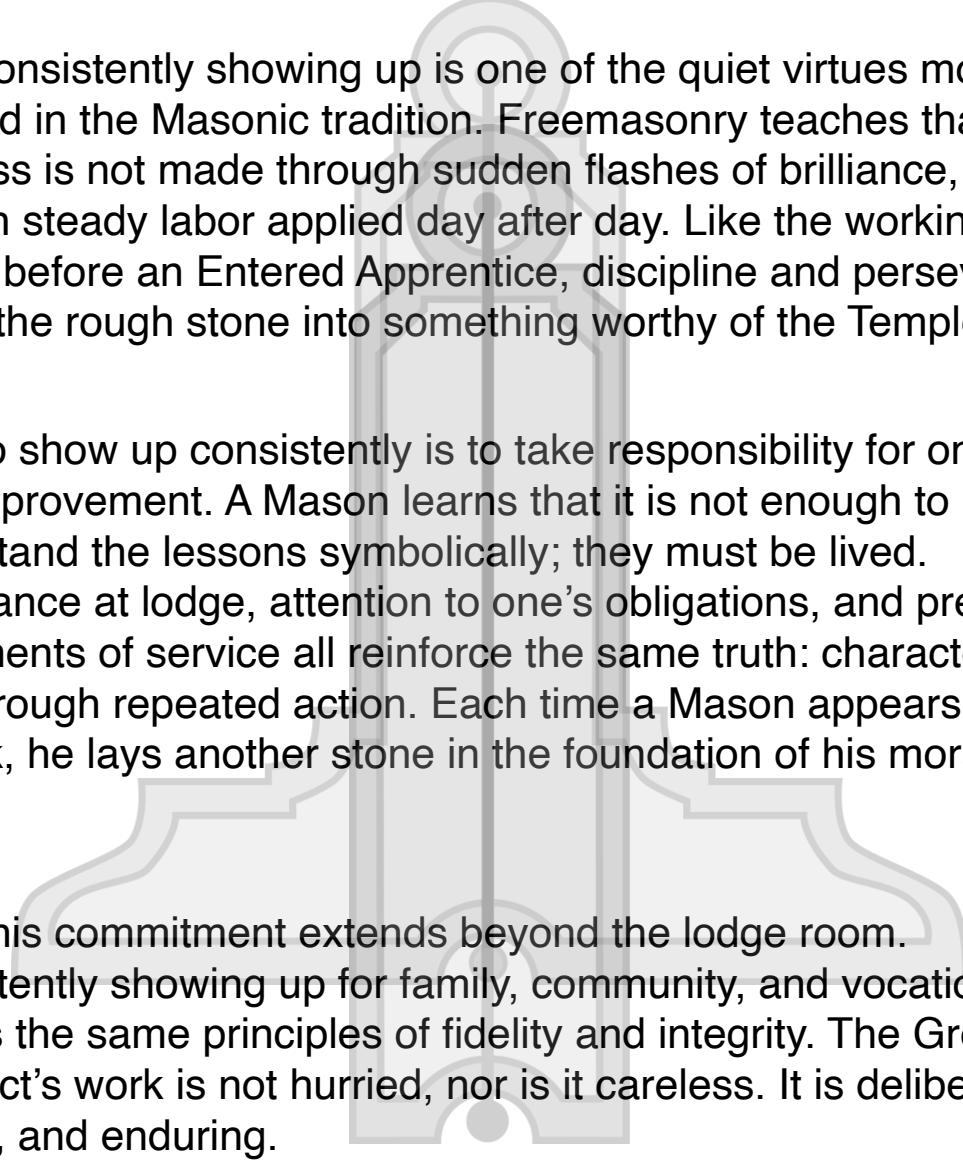
Beauty is one of the great supports of Freemasonry. So when you are willfully being ugly, you know you are failing in the goals you chose of your own free will and accord.

It is seen.

# Strength from the West

Cory Whalin, Senior Warden

Showing up!



Consistently showing up is one of the quiet virtues most honored in the Masonic tradition. Freemasonry teaches that progress is not made through sudden flashes of brilliance, but through steady labor applied day after day. Like the working tools placed before an Entered Apprentice, discipline and perseverance shape the rough stone into something worthy of the Temple.

To show up consistently is to take responsibility for one's own improvement. A Mason learns that it is not enough to understand the lessons symbolically; they must be lived. Attendance at lodge, attention to one's obligations, and presence in moments of service all reinforce the same truth: character is built through repeated action. Each time a Mason appears ready to work, he lays another stone in the foundation of his moral edifice.

This commitment extends beyond the lodge room. Consistently showing up for family, community, and vocation reflects the same principles of fidelity and integrity. The Great Architect's work is not hurried, nor is it careless. It is deliberate, patient, and enduring.

In choosing to show up even when it is inconvenient or unnoticed, a Mason honors the Craft. He proves that true strength lies not in grand gestures, but in faithful constancy—and that the Temple rises not all at once, but stone by carefully placed stone.

# **Beauty from the South**

Christopher Watkins, Junior Warden

The Enduring Power of Masonic Ritual

As a Freemason, I have come to deeply appreciate the transformative power of our ritual practice. Far more than mere ceremony, the rituals of Freemasonry serve as a structured path for moral and spiritual growth. Each degree, with its symbols, allegories, and solemn obligations, invites the candidate and every brother present to confront timeless truths about integrity, charity, and self-mastery. The repetition of these forms is not rote; it is deliberate, meditative work that engraves ethical principles into the heart and mind. Over time, the act of participating in ritual fosters discipline, humility, and a heightened sense of responsibility toward oneself and others. It is a quiet, profound method of self-improvement that no lecture or book alone can achieve.

Beyond personal development, Masonic ritual binds us in genuine brotherhood. When we stand together in the lodge, reciting ancient words and performing time-honored actions, we participate in something larger than ourselves, a living tradition that connects us to generations of Masons who have walked the same path. This shared experience creates trust, mutual respect, and a deep sense of belonging that transcends differences in background, profession, or belief. In a world often marked by division, the lodge room becomes a sanctuary where men meet on the level, united by the common pursuit of virtue.

# What's Happening This Month in Arizona No 2. F. & A. M.?

**To view our full calendar, click [here](#)**

MON, FEB 2

6:30pm

AZ #2 Trustees Meeting

TUE, FEB 3

6pm

AZ2 Stated Meeting

SUN, FEB 8

3pm

Arizona Lodge No. 2 - Degree Practice

TUE, FEB 10

6pm

Officer's Meeting

SUN, FEB 15

3pm

Az Lodge No. 2 - Degree Practice

TUE, FEB 17

7pm

Seeker Social

The Hub Grill & Bar, 14205 S 50th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044, USA

SUN, FEB 22

10:30am

Temple Cleaning Day

TUE, FEB 24

6pm

Education Night

MON, MAR 2

6:30pm

AZ #2 Trustees Meeting

Pay Dues

Buy a Brick

Lodge  
Calendar



If there's an event, a thought, or wages to be paid, please contact Bro. Ryan by clicking [here](#).