



January 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^o. 2 F. & A. M. Last Month?

On Monday, December 29th all the lodges in our Masonic Temple celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 1st installation of Officers which occurred on December 29th, 1925 after our building was opened to the public. The ladies of Social Order of Beauceant started off the evening by providing us with a Prime Rib Dinner complete with a professional Chef to do the carving!

This historic evening was a unique opportunity for all the Lodges in the Temple to come together and celebrate the brotherhood we all share. Ascension Lodge No. 89 hosted the evening with their Worshipful Master Dan Hawkins acting as the opening Worshipful Master. After our public opening, the Gavel was passed to Most Worshipful Leigh Creighton, the Grand Master of Masons in Arizona. MW Leigh along with the Grand Marshal and Grand Chaplain proceeded to install all the officers of Arizona No. 2, Montezuma No. 35, Sahuaro No. 45 and Arizona Sunrise No. 88.

Our new Master, Worshipful Brother Kevin Prier, and his officers took the helm and are ready to lead us into a new year!

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Wisdom from the East

Kevin Michael Prier, Worshipful Master

The Master's Message for the New Year

Brethren of Arizona Lodge No 2, it is a genuine pleasure to serve you and the lodge as Master for the next year. It means so much to me that you have placed your trust in me to carry us forward in continuing to foster the harmony that is so obviously present in our lodge currently, due to the continual efforts of the brethren.

I first realized that I wanted to sit in the East early in my Masonic journey. Mind you, I didn't want the office for any sense of accolade. Rather, I wanted the challenge of leadership that I felt was holding me back from being a better man. I wanted to serve the lodge and the craft by gradually taking on more responsibilities. Then I found myself in the position to take the Master's chair a lot sooner than I expected. But I assure you that I will rise to the occasion, and will not fail the brethren. I am grateful for the plentitude of wisdom in the brothers around me that I can call on for wise counsel.

My theme for the year of 2026 is *Ars Memoriae Prima Ars*, which translates to, "The Art of Memory is the First Art.". The reason I chose to emphasize memory is because it is literally the first art. We begin to memorize before we can even articulate language. We memorize the sounds and smells of our parents. We memorize the patterns required to receive

our needs from them; hunger, comfort, sleep, affection, etc... Next we begin to memorize the sound of the words our parents make and so on. Memory is one of the primary ways that a Mason can literally evaluate their own progress in the process of “becoming a better man.” Some prominent Masonic authors would say that the entire form and function of a lodge is as a “memory palace,” designed with the specific purpose of improving the memory. So this year I am encouraging all the brothers from the newest EA to the Master sitting in the East to earnestly apply themselves to memorizing anything; any little or big part. Just memorize something to exhibit.

Janus is the ancient Roman god of beginnings, transitions, doorways, and duality, famously depicted with two faces looking in opposite directions (past and future, east and west), symbolizing time, passages, and choices, with the month of January being named for him. He is also the god of “gates” and is appropriately associated with the changing of the guard, from one officer to the next. The cycle continues, and we endeavor to persevere and grow as a due result.

I am looking forward to serving you for the next year. I am open to any brother day or night to call upon me for any reason. This is no different than any other day or night, but now is the time for me to emphasize it to you, my brethren. You can call me to study, vent, cry, pontificate, postulate, or offer anything for the good of Freemasonry or our lodge specifically.

Strength from the West

Cory Whalin, Senior Warden

Happy New Year

As the new year dawns, Freemasons are reminded that every beginning is an opportunity to renew our commitment to the principles that define our Craft. Just as the working tools of a Mason teach lessons of discipline, integrity, and self-improvement, so too does the turning of the year invite reflection upon the work we have done upon the rough ashlar of our own character.

The new year stands before us like a freshly prepared trestle board, ready to receive the designs of our renewed intentions. It calls us to rededicate ourselves to Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—to build stronger bonds within the Lodge and to extend kindness beyond its doors. In doing so, we shape not only our personal growth but also the moral architecture of our communities.

Freemasonry teaches that progress is achieved not by grand leaps but through steady labor guided by Light. As we step into the year ahead, may we each take up our tools with diligence and humility, working to perfect that spiritual edifice within. With faith in the Great Architect of the Universe and in each other, let this year be one of renewed purpose, harmony, and enlightened endeavor.

Beauty from the South

Christopher Watkins, Junior Warden

In Freemasonry, the plumb—also known as the plumb line or plumb rule—is one of the foundational working tools, derived from the ancient builder's instrument used to ensure vertical alignment in construction. It symbolizes uprightness and moral integrity. Freemasons apply this emblem metaphorically, encouraging members to keep their actions straight and true to principles of truth and justice, ensuring stability and strength in character much like a perfectly vertical wall supports a lasting structure.

The plumb's symbolism promotes an unwavering commitment to ethical conduct, balancing ambition with humility and fostering rectitude in personal and fraternal dealings. In Masonic teachings, the plumb serves as a constant reminder to test one's values against principles of justice and morality, reinforcing that true enduring strength arises from unyielding integrity.

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

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

5 JAN, MON

6:30pm

AZ #2 Trustees Meeting

6 JAN, TUE

6pm

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Arizona Lodge F & AM, 345 W Monroe St, Phoenix, AZ 85003, USA

11 JAN, SUN

3pm

Arizona Lodge No. 2 - Degree Practice

13 JAN, TUE

6pm

Degree Practice

20 JAN, TUE

6pm

2nd Degree (Tentative)

25 JAN, SUN

3pm

Az Lodge No. 2 - Degree Practice

27 JAN, TUE

6pm

Education Night

2 FEB, MON

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](#).