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December 2025 Trestleboard

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?

Thank you to the Brother's who spent countless hours in the past contributing to the Lodge
Thank you to the Brother's who selflessly invest their time in the Lodge today
... and finally, **thank you** to the Brother's in the future who will continue to cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity!



Congratulations, Bro. Stephen, earning every bit of the **Mason of the Year Award In 2025** for the role you played, and are still contributing to, as AZ No. 2's Treasurer!
Presented by WM Bo at our Officer Appreciation Dinner



Thank you to **Arizona Lodge #2 Free and Accepted Masons** for helping present a 2025 grant check to Elaine, Care Beyond Survival!

Elaine connects Arizona's homeless and underserved (e.g. low income, uninsured, seniors) to social and community services vital to an individual's health and wellbeing. By providing empathetic and accessible transportation, they reduce barriers to the Social Determinants of Health.



Appreciating Someone's Time by J.W. Cory Whalin

In Freemasonry, time is one of the most valuable gifts a Brother can offer. Unlike material possessions, time cannot be replaced or reclaimed once given. When a Brother dedicates his time—whether in Lodge meetings, charitable endeavors, or simply offering guidance to another—he demonstrates one of the highest virtues of our Craft: service to others.

To appreciate someone's time is to recognize the silent labor that sustains the harmony and progress of our fraternity. Each moment spent in the service of Light contributes to the building of that spiritual temple within and among us. As Masons, we are taught to measure time not by hours or days, but by the good we accomplish within them. Thus, gratitude toward those who share their time is not merely courtesy—it is a moral duty.

When we pause to thank a Brother for his time, we affirm the sacred bond of fellowship that unites us. We acknowledge that his time, freely given, is a reflection of his commitment to our shared principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In doing so, we strengthen the timeless chain of friendship and remind ourselves that, in Masonry, time well spent is time well honored.

The Importance and Benefit by S.W. Kevin Prier

The ritual we use for opening and closing the lodge, or for conferring degrees, is a part of Freemasonry that is only given to the candidate after receiving a given degree.

It contains the "vernacular" of a Mason as well as the explanations of our various symbols and allegory.

For me, this was enough to inspire me to learn it as quickly as possible. Learning it requires memorizing entire sections or all of the speech and floor work for a given office.

It may seem daunting at first. You may not know where to start. You may think certain parts aren't for you yet. And this is where I would disagree.

The parts are for you as soon as you have them in your possession. The first part I learned in the Lodge was a small speech for the first degree. Next I started learning all the speech for a given office like Junior Deacon. Then, before you know it, the lodge needed someone to be appointed to one of those seats, and I was one of the only ones who was both available and knew the part.

The same thing happened a couple more times - now I'm about to sit in the East.

In conclusion, it's been my experience that seriously applying yourself to learning the ritual has nothing but positive effects on your Masonic journey. I encourage all brothers to learn what they can, and reach out with any questions.

Fraternally,
Bro Kevin Michael Prier SW

Second Wind, a poem by W.M. Bo Buchanan

As the year comes to a close and winter draws near, it is a time to rest and refresh. A time to look within and reflect on where we have come from; a time to reset and re-energize to prepare for what lies ahead.

Second wind, Second time
Second chance, Second mind
Chance for hope, open eyes
Breathe light, live high
The time to challenge, time to dream
Time of peace, time to scream
Rest easy for new supplies have come
Boxes of dreams, crates of faith
Truckloads of hope pulled in
Hauling away ugliness and destitution
Strength to stand and fight
Wisdom to know when
Second wind
Life can live again.

What's Happening?

[View our full Lodge Calendar Here](#)

Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, December 6 7:00 – 9:00pm

1st Degree Practice

Tuesday, December 9 6:00 – 9:00pm

Research Lodge

Wednesday, December 10 6:00 – 9:00pm

Arizona Lodge No. 2 - Degree Practice

Sunday, December 14 3:00 – 5:00pm

1st Degree

Tuesday, December 16 6:00 – 9:00pm

Arizona Lodge No. 2 Member Outreach

Tuesday, December 23

Az Lodge No. 2 - Degree Practice

Sunday, December 28 3:00 – 5:00pm

Installation of Officers

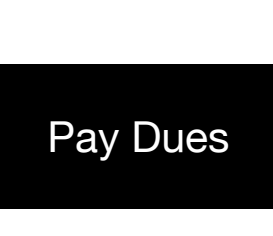
Monday, December 29 5:30 – 6:30pm

DARK - NO MEETING

Tuesday, December 30

AZ #2 Trustees Meeting

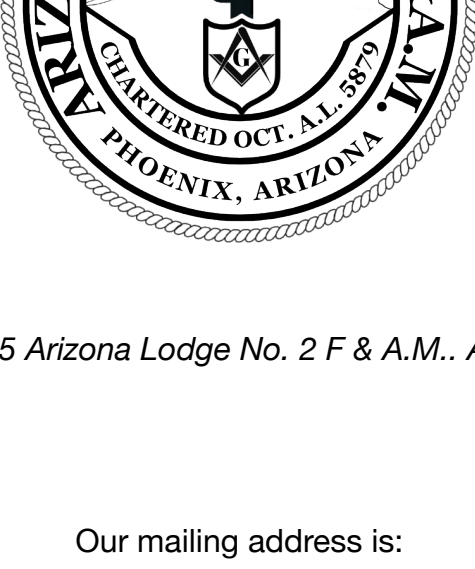
Monday, January 5, 2026 6:30 – 7:30pm



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Lodge Calendar



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