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October 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?

Bro. Josh Granado was passed to the degree of **Fellowcraft** on **September 16th, 2025**. We give heart-felt gratitude to **Arizona's Military Degree** team for conferring this degree, hosted by Arizona #2.



Bro. Paul Waterman [gave an incredible lecture on The Grand Design of AI - A Workshop for the Curious](#). You can

view his resources [here](#).

The following image was modified using an AI tool that Bro. Paul discussed.



The Importance of Working in the Craft by J.W. Cory Whalin

In Freemasonry, the term “working in the Craft” goes far beyond physical labor—it symbolizes the lifelong process of self-improvement, moral refinement, and service to others. Just as operative Masons once shaped stone for cathedrals, speculative Masons work to shape their character, guided by the tools and symbols of the Craft. The square teaches us to square our actions, the compass reminds us to keep our desires within bounds, and the level speaks of equality among all men.

Diligent work within the Craft strengthens the bonds of brotherhood. Through lodge meetings, rituals, and charitable efforts, Masons learn discipline, humility, and the value of collective purpose. Working together, Brethren build not only better communitifes, but better versions of themselves. Moreover, labor in the Craft is a sacred duty. It honors the Great Architect of the Universe by reflecting His order, wisdom, and purpose. Idleness is contrary to Masonic principles; every Mason is called to be a builder—of character, of truth, and of peace.

In essence, to work in the Craft is to commit to a journey of moral architecture—laying each stone of virtue with care, building a life worthy of the light Freemasonry offers.

A Contemplation of Wisdom by S.W. Kevin Prier

Wisdom is more nebulous than it may seem to be on the surface.

Consider coaches in sports. They make plans and plays that attempt to not depend on the players winning their individual battles. They are prepared to win in the face of injuries, poor performance, personal issues, and refereeing bias.

Wisdom accounts for the likelihood of individual failures sees the larger image of unity in spite of them.

Philosophical Findings by W.M. Bo Buchanan

During an impromptu trip to a used book store, I recently had the good fortune of purchasing a copy of “First Principles of Philosophy” by Manly Hall. I have not read a great deal by Manly Hall, only 1 paper that I found in the Library, but I have heard conflicting reports. Some call him brilliant, others say he’s a charlatan.

But as someone once said, the sun shines even through dirty windows” and I believe there is wisdom to be found everywhere when one is open to receiving it.

In his essay “The Nature on Truth and Knowledge”, Hall says:

*Behind Intellect and sense is spirit.
He who understands this achieves wisdom;
He who is ignorant of this is unworthy to be termed learned,
for learning without wisdom can never achieve to Truth.”*

The essence of this teaching reminds me of something I started to hear a few years ago about “Grit”. “Grit” is that determination in achieving ones goals. What Hall calls “Spirit”is that fundamental life principle or force that allows us to transform – giving up on the illusions of his world and achieving self-knowledge. I believe that “Spirit” Manly Hall speaks of is what propels us forward and “Grit” is the manifestation of Spirit.

In our American Society, it is this “Grit” or “Spirit” that propels us forward towards achievement; ignoring all obstacles and limitations of the world. This is perhaps best described in one of my favorite quotes about man who knows no limitation:

*“Nothing in the world can take
the place of persistence.
Talent will not;
Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.
Genius will not;
Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education will not;
The world is full of educated derilicts.
Persistence & determination alone are omnipotent”
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What's Happening?

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6 OCT, MON

6:30PM

AZ#2 Trustees Meeting

7 OCT, TUE

6pm

AZ#2 Stated Meeting

8 OCT, WED

6pm

Research Lodge

12 OCT, SUN

3pm

Arizona Lodge No. 2 Degree or Practice

14 OCT, TUE

6pm

2nd Degree

21 OCT, TUE

6pm

Charity Event

26 OCT, SUN

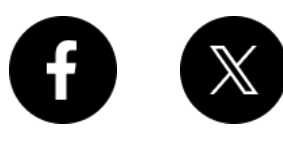
3p

Degree Practice

28 OCT, TUE

6p

Education Night



Pay Dues

Buy a Brick

Lodge Calendar



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