



August, 2025 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°. 2 F. & A. M. Last Month?

At the end of July, Arizona N. 2 hosted a great seeker social event at Top Golf Scottsdale. We had roughly 22 Brothers and seekers in attendance. Great conversations were had and it gave everyone an intimate opportunity to connect and fellowship with one another.









Wisdom from the East

President & Brother George Washington

272 years ago this month, August 4th, 1753 - the father of our Country became a Master Mason. Some might think that Masons merely “Latch onto” George Washington to bring favor onto our fraternity. The life of George Washington tells a different story. Past Grand Master James Raymond Malott (1936) believed that Washington embodied the values of a Mason. In 1924, as Grand Orator, he gave this oration at the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona:

“...True Masonic work by the individual includes work for the organization, as such, and work outside the organization consisting of an application of Masonic principles to the problems and conditions of everyday life. Probably the most brilliant and successful example of such work in our country is illustrated in the life of our first President, George Washington. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master has spoke today of his recent trip to Alexandria where he and all of the other Grand Masters of the United States took part in laying the Corner-stone of the Masonic Memorial to George Washington. Possibly some of you felt, as I did at one time, and wondered if Masonry was not attempting to capitalize for its own benefit the great achievements of the founder of our Republic. I confess that I did not then realize how truly that revered Brother exemplified those virtues which we all regard as Masonic. As a Mason he attempted to practice outside of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it.

We find a record of his belief in a Divine Creator and a reliance upon his God which he was not ashamed to publicly express. We find him practicing charity and even while engaged as Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Army he took time to write to the Superintendent of his estate insisting that the policy of his home be maintained so that none should leave there hungry or in want. He was noted for his poise which indicated he had learned to subdue his passions. As one necessary method for the dissemination of truth he believed in education, and we find him supporting the schools of the day because he realized that public education was a necessity in a Republic, But he did not stop with a mere oral expression in favor of public education. He was not an advocate of public schools who failed to attend board elections. He personally established the first free school in Alexandria and for many years contributed to the college training of young men of his acquaintance. He believed in the equality of man and truly proved the honesty of that belief, for, when after the surrender of Cornwallis, an almost universal demand went up that Washington become king of this country, he declined to consider such an appointment. He felt that a government could be established on a new model which need not include any kings or classes on a higher basis than the balance of mankind. During the five years preceding the constitutional convention and during that great convention he and his other Masonic Brethren prepared and wrote into our fundamental law the Masonic principle, that all men are equal before the law.”

WM Bo Buchanan

Strength from the West

Surviving the Summer

Arizona summers provide an opportunity every year to practice perseverance. It affects all of us to different degrees but the sheer length of extreme heat weather forces us all to deal with it eventually.

I tend to hunker down and hide when perseverance is necessary. I'm not sure if this is a good or bad thing. It just seems to be how I tend to deal with it. Freemasonry speaks of strength as a virtue, but how does one employ it? Logic would say, if you want to learn to be strong then you would have to practice being strong. If you are given nothing to endure, strength cannot increase.

Settle in for the final three months of "summer" this year and endeavor to persevere.

Fraternally,
Bro Kevin Michael Prier SW AZ2

Beauty from the South

Meals as a Ritual of Fellowship

The meal itself is a ritual of fellowship. From the toasts honoring the Craft and its traditions to the cheerful banter among Brethren, each element reinforces the Masonic values of charity, tolerance, and mutual respect. Breaking bread together is an ancient gesture of trust, one that echoes the sacred principles taught within the lodge.

Just as operative Masons once worked side by side to build great cathedrals, speculative Masons today share the labor of self-improvement and moral edification. The communal meal serves as a reminder that no Mason journeys alone; every Brother is supported by the warmth and light of others.

In the harmony of a shared table, Masons celebrate not just food and drink, but the enduring ideals of the Craft—brotherly love, relief, and truth—made tangible through fellowship and heartfelt communion.

JW Cory Whalin

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

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

- 8/5 - AZ2 Stated Meeting @ 7:00p
- 8/10 - Degree Practice @ 3:00p
- 8/11 -AZ #2 Trustees. Meeting @ 6:30p
- 8/12 - 1st Degree Practice @ 6:00p
- 8/15 - 8/16 Grand Lodge Leadership Conference
- 8/19 - 1st Degree @ 6:00p
- 8/24 - Degree Practice@ 3:00p
- 8/26 - 1st Degree @ 6:00p
- 9/1 - AZ #2 Trustees Meeting @ 6:00p
- 9/2 - AZ #2 Stated Meeting@ 6:00p

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](#).