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December 2025 Trestleboard

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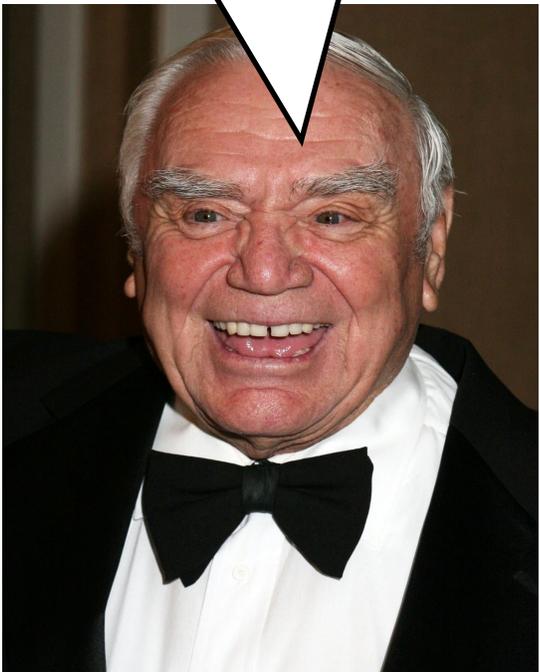
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**WE'LL SEE YOUSE  
AT DA MEETIN -  
DON'T FERGIT!!**



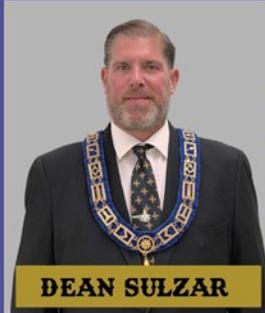
**OH YEAH, MY BROTHER!  
SEE YOU AT LODGE!**



**BRO. ERNEST BORGNINE**

# WORSHIPFUL MASTER

## SENIOR WARDEN

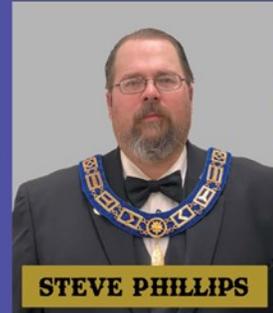


DEAN SULZAR



SCOTT SNYDER

## JUNIOR WARDEN



STEVE PHILLIPS

## TREASURER



KEITH ROSEWITZ

## SR. DEACON



BILL SEARLE



## JR. DEACON



GARRETT WRIGHT

## SECRETARY



RYAN GUEDEL

## CHAPLAIN



DON EARLE

## SR. STEWARD



JOSHUA TAGGART

## MARSHAL



DERALD HOGELAND

## JR. STEWARD



MIKE SUMME

## TYLER



TYLER ZANGHI

# AZTLAN LODGE OFFICERS LINE 2025

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chaplain  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Senior Steward  
Junior Steward  
Marshal  
Tyler

Scott Snyder  
Dean Sulzar  
Steven Phillips  
Ryan Guedel  
Keith Rosewitz  
Don Earle  
William Searle, Jr  
Garrett Wright  
Joshua Taggart  
Michael Summe  
Derald Hogeland  
Tyler Zanghi

# **A FAIRWELL LETTER**

## **From the Editor**

Dear Brethren,

It is with a mix of gratitude and heartfelt emotion that I write this farewell letter as the editor of the Aztlan Lodge Trestleboard. This issue of the Trestleboard will be my last. Pat and I are moving to Scottsdale and I will conduct my Masonic activities in the Phoenix area. Serving as your editor has been one of the greatest honors of my Masonic journey, and I am deeply thankful for the trust and support you have all extended to me during my tenure.

This position has been more than just a responsibility; it has been a profound opportunity for growth. Through the process of curating and sharing the Trestleboard, I have gained a deeper understanding of the timeless principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Each article, announcement, and reflection has been a chance to connect with the wisdom of our craft and to share it with all of you, my brothers.

I am humbled by the encouragement and feedback I have received from so many of you. Your kind words and thoughtful insights have been a source of inspiration, reminding me of the strength of our fraternity and the bonds we share. It has been a privilege to contribute to the light that guides us all.

As I step away from this role, I am confident that the Trestleboard will continue to thrive as a beacon of knowledge and unity under the stewardship of Jeremiah Scheffer. I look forward to supporting the next editor and witnessing the continued growth of our lodge's communication and fellowship.

Thank you, my brothers, for allowing me to serve in this capacity. I will always cherish the memories and lessons this experience has given me. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless and guide us all in our labors.

Fraternally yours,

Doug Hawley PM

# GREAT WORDS OF ADVICE

One of the most significant speeches in literature is the one given in *Hamlet* by Polonius to his son Laertes who leaving for France. This moment is significant because Polonius's reveals his concern with appearance, reputation, and practical wisdom, while also setting up themes of honesty, self-knowledge, and the tension between seeming and being that run throughout the play. This scene is not just parental advice—it's Shakespeare embedding **themes of honesty, prudence, and self-knowledge** into the play's fabric. Polonius's words echo throughout the tragedy, reminding us that failing to be "true to oneself" leads to betrayal, corruption, and ultimately destruction.

## Polonius' Advice to Laertes

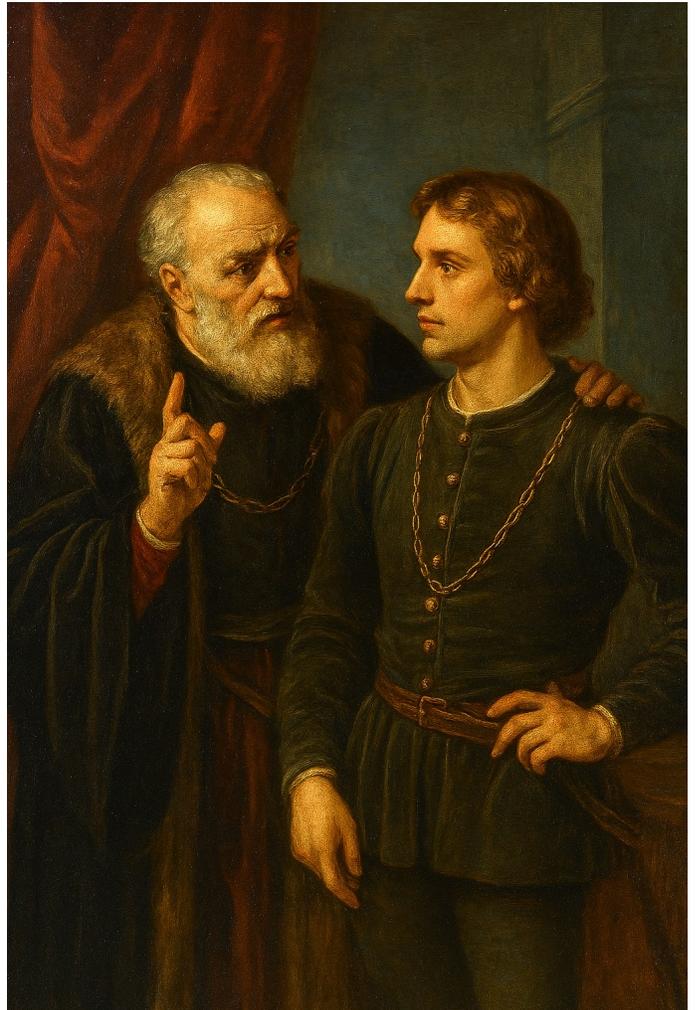
*Hamlet* I, iii, 55-81

### LORD POLONIUS:

Yet here, Laertes! aboard, aboard, for shame!  
The wind sits in the shoulder of your sail,  
And you are stay'd for. There; my blessing with thee!  
And these few precepts in thy memory  
See thou character. Give thy thoughts no tongue,  
Nor any unproportioned thought his act.  
Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar.  
Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel;  
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment  
Of each new-hatch'd, unfledged comrade. Beware  
Of entrance to a quarrel, but being in,  
Bear't that the opposed may beware of thee.  
Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice;  
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.  
Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,  
But not express'd in fancy; rich, not gaudy;  
For the apparel oft proclaims the man,  
And they in France of the best rank and station  
Are of a most select and generous chief in that.  
Neither a borrower nor a lender be;  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,  
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

**This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.**

Farewell: my blessing season this in thee!



Polonius's advice to Laertes in *Hamlet*—especially the line "*This above all: to thine own self be true*"—resonates strongly with the **tenets of Freemasonry**, which emphasize integrity, self-knowledge, prudence, and moral conduct. While Shakespeare predates organized Freemasonry as we know it, the values expressed in this speech align closely with Masonic principles of truth, virtue, and harmony

# **INSTALLATION OF AZTLAN LODGE**

**OFFICER LINE 2026**

**20 DECEMBER**

**10 A.M.— 2 P.M.**



**WORSHIPFUL DEAN SULZAR WILL BE INSTALLED  
AS THE NEW WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
OF AZTLAN LODGE #1**

**Refreshments Will be Served After Installation  
Ceremonies**

# CONFERRAL OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

**ON 13 NOVEMBER BROTHER JACOB HOBERG WAS ADMIT-  
TED INTO OUR ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY**



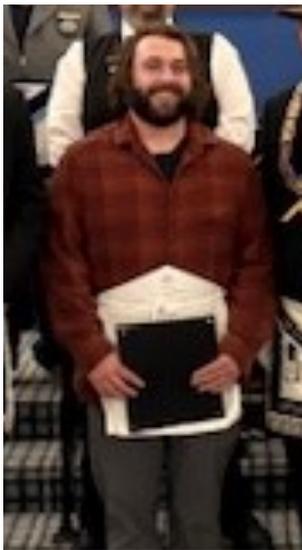
**BROTHER JACOB AND HIS GRANDFATHER,  
BROTHER RON HENDERSON**

## **BROTHER JACOB'S BIOGRAPHY**

- He is unmarried
- He has lived in the Prescott area for about two years.
- He is attending Emry-Riddle University and is a Sophomore studying Mechanical Engineering.
- He likes to fiddle around with electronic stuff, building rockets and doing all sorts of outdoor activities.
- He plays a variety of percussion instruments and sings opera arias.

# CONFERRAL OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

**ON 18 NOVEMBER BROTHER DEVIN HESTER WAS  
ADMITTED INTO OUR ANCIENT AND HONORABLE  
FRATERNITY**



## **BROTHER DEVIN'S BIOGRAPHY**

- His wife's name is Miew
- He has one son
- He has lived about 5 years in the Prescott area
- He is presently employed doing Handy-man work , and computer programming/repair.
- He likes to do computer stuff, all sorts of outdoor activities, fixing cars and has just started coin collecting.
- He can play the guitar

# A SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY

**ON 11 NOVEMBER BROTHER MAX DAVENPORT WAS AWARDED HIS 70 YEAR SERVICE PIN**



The seventy-year service award in Freemasonry is one of the highest honors a Mason can receive, recognizing a lifetime of dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the fraternity. It marks seven decades of continuous membership and symbolizes extraordinary perseverance in living by Masonic values.

The award ceremony was conducted by Most Worshipful David H. Luebke, Past Grand Master of Arizona (2007). He was aided by the Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, Worshipful Stephen Bracety, and the Worshipful Master of Aztlan Lodge, Scott Synder.

# TRUSTEES

**Monthly Meetings the Monday before the Stated Meeting and as scheduled by the Worshipful Master**

**Term Ending 2025: Rob Berryman, Ted Gambogi**

**Term Ending 2026: Ken Thomas, Scotty Hays**

**Term Ending 2027: John Olson, Joe Sweeney**

## Ex Officio

Chairman—Scott Snyder, PM

Vice Chairman—Dean Sulzar, PM

Treasurer—Keith Rosewitz, PM

Secretary—Ryan Guedel, PM

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# Affiliated Organizations

## O.E.S. Golden Rule #1

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
(Sept.-June)  
2nd Floor Aztlan Lodge  
Stacey Maxwell  
(480) 387-4000

## Yavapai Chapter Order of DeMolay

1st & 3rd Sunday's  
6:30 p.m.  
3rd Floor of Aztlan Lodge  
Bill Searle  
(928) 899-3664

## Yavapai County Shrine Club

3rd Wednesday 5:30 p.m.  
meet and greet. 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner. Call Doug for the  
latest location  
Doug Hawley  
760-521-1880

## High Country Scottish Rite Club

2nd Tuesday 5:00 p.m.  
(Jan. - Oct.)  
3rd Floor Aztlan Lodge  
Ken Davis

## Phoenix Scottish Rite Bodies

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Phoenix Scottish Rite Facility  
7726 N 59th Ave  
Glendale, AZ 85301  
(602) 212-1073

Check the [Lodge Calendar](#) on the website for the most up to date information

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## Funeral Team

We are still looking for one or two Brothers interested  
in serving on our team.

Some of the things we do are:

- Work with families of the deceased.
- Coordinate with Funeral Homes.
- Coordinate with Ministers and Churches.
- Perform the various Masonic Services for Lodge Members and Sojourners.

If you think you may be interested, please contact:

Dave Luebke, PGM: [dhlpersonal@proton.me](mailto:dhlpersonal@proton.me)



# Aztlan Masonic Cemetery

**Some might say “That’s a dead-looking place”, others, People are just dying to get in there”; however, HERE’S exactly how you can attain your reservation:**

- 1) MUST be a Member-in-Good-Standing (dues paid) of Aztlan Lodge #1 to reserve a Space
- 2) A Brother may reserve space(s) for himself and spouse ONLY
- 3) Contact a member of the Cemetery Committee for Protocols and information:
  - a. Glenn Coopey – Chairman
  - b. GW Scotty Hays – Secretary
  - c. Paul Adkins – Veterans’ Benefits
  - d. Fred Burr – Administration
  - e. Richard Guinn – Veterans’, Benefits
  - f. Joe Larive – Administration
  - g. Charles Thompson – Administration
- 4) Discuss pre-need options, responsibilities, do’s/don’ts, availability
- 5) Select a suitable space, complete Space Request Form (3 copies). \$250/space donation
- 6) Submit all requirements to Chairman, who will confirm, and give to Secretary
- 7) Secretary will forward to Lodge Leadership for approval
  - a. If approved, forward donation to Treasurer for Cemetery Fund
  - b. If denied, return donation to Brother
- 8) Secretary returns all three copies to Cemetery Committee Chairman
  - a. Copy One returned to Brother
  - b. Copy Two filed with Committee
  - c. Copy Three filed with Lodge

Henry McGrath of Scout Troop 7007 has completed his Eagle Scout Project. Eagle Review Board will meet on 15 July 2025 to review his project. He has worked with American Legion Post #6 in Prescott to build and place boxes for collecting used and damaged US Flags. There is one such box outside the Secretary's office on the second floor of the Lodge. All Lodge members are encouraged to deposit

Young Mr. McGrath is headed to the University of Alabama in the fall. He will receive his Eagle designation The Court of Honor sometime in the next few months.(no date has been set at this time)

# Sickness and Distress

<b>Elizabeth Arnold</b> 314 Double D Dr Prescott, AZ 86303-4718	<b>Ellie Martin</b> 801 Vanosdale Road, Apt 239L, Knoxville, TN 37909 (928) 775-3612	<b>Greg Hendrickson</b> 6598 East Beckett Trail Prescott Valley AZ 86314 (928) 533-8179
<b>Bruce Lamb</b> 2301 Ewin Drive Prescott, AZ 86305 (520) 778-5199	<b>Jonathon Tracy</b> PO Box 25461 Prescott Valley AZ 86312	

**Give a call to our brothers and sisters. See how they are doing. They will be most appreciative**



# MEMBER DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>BROTHER'S NAME</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>
PAUL ADKINS	909-957-3982
EDMUND BALTZELL	
WILLIAM DILLAHUNTY	949-235-4746
ADAM ENGLAND	928-642-0073
ROGER GIBSON	928-445-4911
CHARLES HEARD	719-221-4428
GEGORY HENDRICKSON	928-778-5609
DEVAN HERRICK	928-771-8967
SEAN KAUFFMAN	602-790-7954
DONALD MACKAY	928-771-7569
GEORGE RENFROE	916-529-5747
BOYD ROBERTSON	928-710-4000
WILLIAM SANTIAGO	480-201-9860
JOSEPH SWEENEY	928-642-4252
GARY TRAVIS	928-775-4669
JIMMY WILLIAMS	928-713-6944



**Please give our brethren a call and wish them a very happy birthday.**



Oh, December-borns are hardy folk,  
 They laugh at frost and chimney smoke;  
 Their candles sputter, cakes may freeze,  
 Yet they bellow "More!" through the winter breeze.  
 The carols clash with their birthday song,  
 But they belt it louder, proud and strong!

For snow may fall and bells may ring,  
 Yet December souls still dance and sing;  
 They claim the month of feast and cheer,  
 And steal the spotlight once a year.  
 So raise your glass, you winter clan—  
 You're twice the party in one short span!

# **RUSTY TROWEL**

**Attention - Freemasons**



**New to the area? Not been to Lodge in a while**

**Is your Trowel Rusty?**

**Join us to polish your trowel: 24 January, 2026**

**For More Information**

**Scotty Hays (520) 982-2544 Dave Luebke (928) 710-4818**

**[Aztlan\\_rusty\\_trowel@proton.me](mailto:Aztlan_rusty_trowel@proton.me)**

# So What's a Rusty Trowel Program?

As with most things dis-use results in tarnish and perhaps even rust. So it goes with Freemasonry, failure to attend results in forgetting and fear.



There are probably several thousand Freemasons in the Quad-City area that do not attend lodge and enjoy Masonic fellowship!

What's the cause? There really isn't just one, but some are:

1. Life changes, making the meeting night unavailable.
2. Lodge failed to deliver on its promises.
3. Moving to a new area and getting out of the "go to Lodge Habit".
4. Don't know where the Lodge is.
5. Fear of the Tyler's examination.
6. New to the jurisdiction and don't know the protocols.
7. Dues card is out of date.
8. Have a demit but don't know what to do with it.
9. Want to maintain current Lodge membership and are afraid we will push them into Aztlan Lodge membership.

The solutions to some of these can usually be resolved by having a variety of activities and education or discussion evenings on different days of the week. Some can be resolved by advertising who we are and where we are.

Several are a bit harder to deal with and that's where the Rusty Trowel Program comes in. The Rusty Trowel Program is designed to introduce Brothers sojourning in the area to the Lodge and our Brothers. It teaches them what they need to know to enjoy the lodge experience without the embarrassment of being unsure of the signs and other protocols unique to Arizona.

Perhaps the most important part of the Rusty Trowel program is the vetting of Brothers we don't know BEFORE the actual program. During the vetting process we validate dues cards, instruct Brothers on how to use their demits and answer any administrative questions that they may have. For these reasons we don't advertise the actual date of the program. Once the vetting is successfully completed we invite the Brother to attend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY the date is Saturday January 24. Please do not share this date.

Yes, we do want new Brothers but every Freemason in our area should have the opportunity to enjoy Masonic fellowship whether they are our members or not. a new member perhaps one of them will.

# **Rusty Trowel Program (Cont.)**

Oh, a side benefit is that on the day of the Rusty Trowel Program members of the Eastern Star, Shrine, DeMolay and Scottish Rite will be available! So if we don't acquire

There is a lot to do to get prepared and we need help. The current team members are myself, WB Scotty Hays and Brothers Don Earle and Mike Summe. Contact one of us if you want to participate in making Masonry stronger and more available.

Even if you are not sure about participating, you can help! If you encounter a Brother in your travels that would like more information about Aztlan Lodge and Masonry in the area refer him to one of our members or to our special email

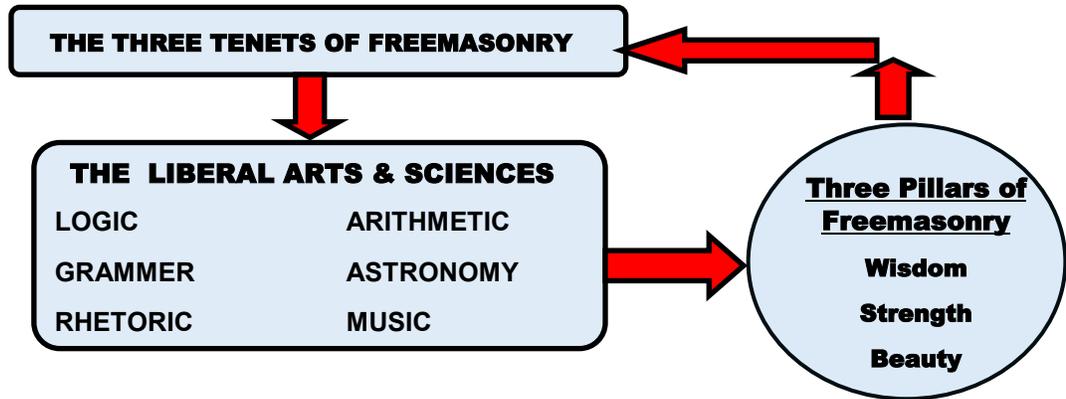
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# THE LIBERAL ARTS/SCIENCES – ARITHMETIC



Arithmetic is the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and the basic operations performed on them: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It is the foundation of all higher mathematics and is used in everyday life for counting, calculating, and problem-solving. Arithmetic is the study of numerical operations and calculations. Arithmetic is the language of numbers and the first step into the world of mathematics.

## How did the Study of Arithmetic Begin?

The study of arithmetic began with humanity's earliest attempts to count and record quantities, using tally marks, bones, and primitive numeral systems thousands of years ago.



### • Prehistoric Counting Tools:

⇒ The **Lebombo bone** (44,000 BC) and the **Ishango bone** (20,000 BC) found in Africa are among the earliest artifacts showing tally marks used for counting.

### • Ancient Civilizations:

⇒ **Mesopotamia (Babylonians)** developed positional number systems and used clay tablets for calculations around 2000 BC.

⇒ **Egyptians** used hieroglyphic numerals for trade, construction, and astronomy.

⇒ **Chinese and Indian cultures** independently created counting rods and decimal systems

### • Greek Contributions:

⇒ Greek mathematicians like **Euclid** and **Diophantus** formalized arithmetic as part of mathematical theory, moving beyond practical trade into abstract reasoning

Arithmetic first served trade, agriculture, and construction, helping societies measure land, track goods, and calculate taxes. The spread of the Hindu-Arabic numeral system (digits 0–9) revolutionized arithmetic, replacing cumbersome Roman numerals. Arithmetic started with simple counting tools in prehistoric times, evolved through ancient numeral systems in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China, was formalized by Greek thinkers, and transformed with the Hindu-Arabic numeral system into the universal foundation of mathematics we use today.

## What are the Core Components of Arithmetic?

The basic components of arithmetic are the fundamental operations with numbers: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and sometimes extended operations like powers and roots. These are the building blocks of all other mathematics and the backbone of mathematics and everyday problem-solving.

# ARITHMETIC (CONT.)

## How Does Arithmetic Provide Foundations For Higher Mathematics?

Arithmetic is the foundation of mathematics, and it naturally leads to higher branches such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, number theory, probability, and statistics. Without arithmetic, these advanced fields could not exist because they all rely on the basic operations of numbers (Example: From  $2+3=5$  in arithmetic to solving  $x+3=5$  in algebra.)

- **Geometry** → Uses arithmetic to measure shapes, lengths, areas, and volumes. (Example: Calculating the area of a rectangle length times width).
- **Algebra** → Builds on arithmetic by introducing symbols (like  $xx$ ,  $yy$ ) to represent numbers and generalize
- **Trigonometry** → Extends arithmetic into the study of angles and triangles. (Example: Using ratios like sine, cosine, and tangent, which are built on division and multiplication.)
- **Calculus** → Explores change and motion, relying on limits, derivatives, and integrals. (Example: From simple slopes in arithmetic to instantaneous rates of change.
- **Number Theory** → Deepens arithmetic by studying properties of integers, primes, and divisibility. (Example: Investigating prime numbers, modular arithmetic, and cryptography)
- **Probability & Statistics** → Applies arithmetic to analyze chance, data, and uncertainty. Example: Calculating averages, percentages, and probabilities.

Arithmetic leads directly into algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, number theory, probability, and statistics, forming the stepping stones to both pure and applied mathematics.

## What is the Use of Arithmetic and Resultant Higher Mathematics in Everyday Life?

Arithmetic and higher mathematics are useful in everyday life because they help people make better decisions, manage money, solve problems, and understand the world around them. From simple tasks like grocery shopping to complex ones like analyzing data or using technology, math is constantly at work behind the scenes .

### Everyday Uses of Higher Mathematics

- **Algebra:** Helps solve problems with unknowns, like figuring out how many hours of work are needed to reach a savings goal.
- **Geometry:** Used in home improvement, design, and navigation (measuring spaces, angles, and distances).
- **Statistics & Probability:** Essential for interpreting data, understanding risks, and making predictions—whether in sports, weather forecasts, or medical decisions. The importance of Statistical and Probability Analysis cannot be overstated. These two higher areas of mathematics are used throughout financial analysis and all areas of business. A manager of a small business operation needs to understand the use of statistics and probabilities if he wants to stay in business.
- **Calculus:** Though less visible, it underpins modern technology, from smartphone graphics to predicting changes in markets or populations.
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### Why It Matters for the Average Individual

Arithmetic helps with everyday tasks like budgeting, shopping, and time management, while higher mathematics empowers individuals to analyze data, use technology, and make smarter decisions. Together, they are not just academic subjects but **practical life skills** that shape financial stability, problem-solving ability, and technological literacy.

# THE LIBERAL ART/SCIENCE OF ASTRONOMY

## OCCUPY SPACE

By Brother Adam England

On December 4th, 1998, Space Shuttle Endeavour lifted off carrying some very special cargo: Unity, the first U.S.-built module of what would become the International Space Station. Two days later, NASA astronaut Nancy Currie skillfully maneuvered the shuttle's Canadarm to capture Russia's already-orbiting Zarya module. Eight days and three spacewalks after launch, Endeavour undocked—leaving behind a pair of connected modules and the first heartbeat of the ISS.

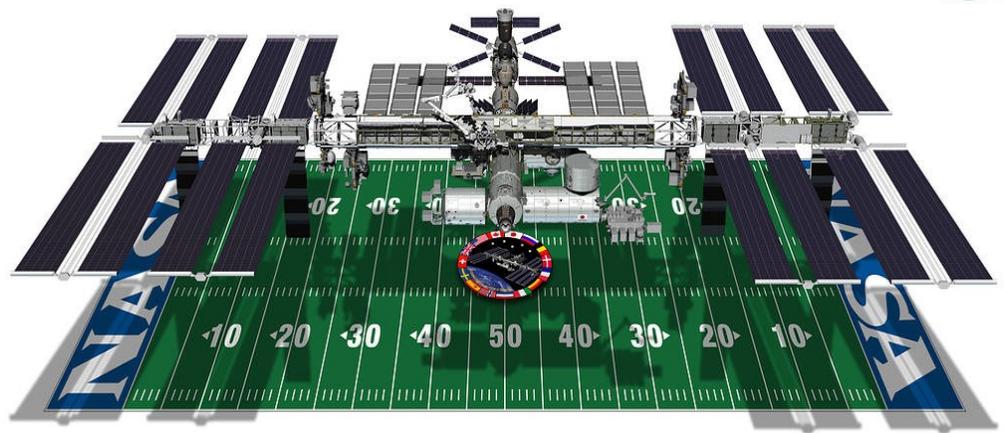
Over the next three years, the station slowly took shape as new components arrived: science labs, living quarters, trusses, and the massive double-sided solar arrays that now define its silhouette. On November 2nd, 2000, a Russian Soyuz delivered Expedition 1—three astronauts who stepped inside the ISS and marked the beginning of continuous human presence in space. As of this year, humanity has lived off-world for 25 straight years.



Contributions from the Japanese Space Agency (JAXA), the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), the European Space Agency (ESA), and private industry have expanded the ISS into a truly global endeavor. One of the more unusual additions is the Bigelow Expandable Activity Module (BEAM), an experimental inflatable habitat. Originally designed for a two-year test, BEAM has now served nearly a decade, proving its durability while offering extra storage and insight into how we might live on the Moon or Mars. Eight docking ports now allow crewed and automated spacecraft to come and go with supplies, experiments, and new inhabitants.

Today's ISS spans nearly the area of a football field—though much of that footprint comes from its enormous solar arrays. The panels gather sunlight directly and also harvest light reflected from Earth below. Inside, the station holds 35,491 cubic feet of pressurized volume, though almost two-thirds of it houses equipment, life-support systems, and storage. After a quarter century of upgrades, experiments, and expansions, the interior has become a labyrinth of cables and conduits—20th-century hardware woven into 21st-century technology.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



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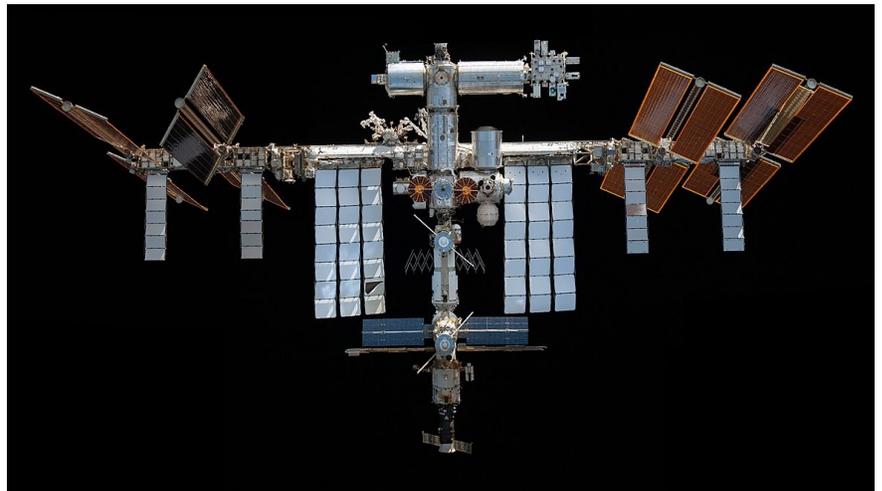
## Occupy Space (Cont.)



And like all aging spacecraft, the ISS is feeling the strain. Without the luxury of a trip to the mechanic, astronauts work constantly to keep the station healthy. But time has brought cracks, air leaks, computer glitches, and the occasional micrometeoroid impact. Originally designed for a 15-year mission, the ISS is expected to be retired and de-orbited over Point Nemo—the most remote place on Earth—sometime around 2030, having served twice its planned lifetime.

For now, though, our orbital outpost remains one of the brightest manmade objects in the night sky. At 260 miles up, its sprawling solar arrays reflect sunlight beautifully during the twilight hours. You can find sighting opportunities at [nasa.gov/spot-the-station](https://nasa.gov/spot-the-station). Passes usually last 3–5 minutes, and you won't need binoculars or a telescope—just step outside after sunset or before sunrise and watch for a brilliant, fast-moving light with no blinking aircraft markers. As we prepare to hand low-Earth orbit over to commercial space stations, take a moment this month to look up. That bright streak racing overhead at 17,500 mph represents 25 years of cooperation, perseverance, and human ingenuity—proof that we truly can learn to occupy space.

STS-88 connecting the first two modules of the ISS – Courtesy NASA.  
Artist Rendering of the ISS scale– courtesy Nasa.gov  
The ISS – imaged by SpaceX Crew Drago 1.  
Interior of the ISS – courtesy ESA Astronaut Marcus Wendt.  
ISS Transiting the Moon – Courtesy Andrew McCarthy on X @AJamesMcCarthy



# YAVAPAI COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

FOR NOVEMBER, 2025

**The Shrine Club needs you! Shriners Children's need you!**

**We Are Embarked on a Noble Endeavor and We Need You to Step Forward....and Have Fun!**

**A Few of Our Famous Nobles**



**Noble Douglas MacArthur**



**Noble John Wayne**



**Noble Audie Murphy**

**Noble Franklin Roosevelt with Other Nobles in the Oval Office**



**Noble "Red" Skelton**



**Noble Harry Truman**



**Noble Gerry Ford**



**Noble "Buzz" Aldrin**

# **The Fez and the Flame**

## **How the Shrine Supports the Basic Tenets Of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**

When the world grows cold and the night is long,  
And the weak cry out in pain,  
There walks a band with hearts made strong—  
The Shriners, in proud refrain.  
With Fez aglow and purpose clear,  
They heed the ancient call:  
To lift the low, to calm the fear,  
And raise the ones who fall.

They speak not loud, nor boast their deeds,  
But labor day by day,  
To meet the child whose body pleads  
For healing on the way.  
Their hospitals, like temples fair,  
Are built on sacred ground—  
Where Brotherly Love flows through the air,  
And hope and care abound.

Relief they give, not gold alone,  
But comfort, time, and grace.  
They stand beside the aching bone,  
And light the darkest place.  
No creed divides, no rank prevails,  
No pride shall cloud their view—  
For in their hearts, the compass sails  
By Masonic star ever true.

So let the cynic scoff and sneer,  
Let others chase their fame—  
The Shriners walk with purpose dear,  
And burn with quiet flame.  
They serve the craft, they serve mankind,  
With laughter, love, and cheer—  
And in their steps, the world may find  
The Light that draws us near.





## High Country Scottish Rite Club

### Is Santa a Mason?

December Meeting – December 9 @ 5:00 PM

This Month's Meeting is Open to the **Entire Masonic Family**



You Do Not Need to be a Member of Scottish Rite to Attend our Meetings

We will take a whimsical look at Santa as a Mason

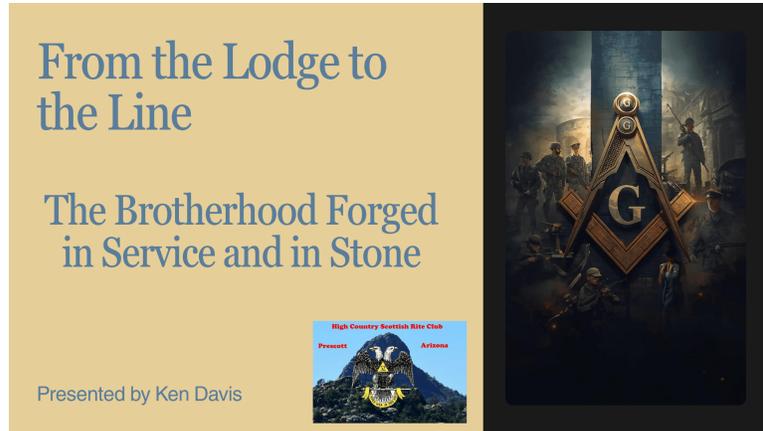
No appendant body will be spared

### A Look at the Orient of Arizona Reunion



# High Country Scottish Rite Club (Cont.)

View Our Veterans Day Tribute: Honoring Those Who Served



Our November Stated Meeting, held on Veterans Day, explored the unique parallels between Masonry and Armed Services. We honored our Brother veterans and recognized notable Masons who served our country.

## Interested in Learning More about Scottish Rite:

Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction <https://scottishrite.org/>

Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite <https://phoenixscottishrite.org/>

High Country (Prescott) Scottish Rite <https://www.facebook.com/HighCountryScottishRite/>

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season 🎄

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# AFTER THE HOLIDAYS PARTY

**JANUARY 16, 2026  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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# DeMolay



Mickey Mouse was never a Freemason, but he was a member of DeMolay, a Masonic youth organization. Mickey's creator, Walt Disney, was active in DeMolay in his youth and inducted into the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

In 1931, Mickey appeared in a series of strips sporting the DeMolay insignia. The strips and individual drawings of Mickey with the insignia were signed by Walt himself.

The only organization Mickey was ever identified with in any comic strip was the DeMolay



**If you know any young man of good character, age 12 – 21, we extend a warm invitation to you and them.** This is a great opportunity to learn more about DeMolay International and how it can benefit young men. We look forward to welcoming you.

# **A THOUGHT TO PONDER**

## **THE BALLAD OF THE FROG IN FIRST CLASS**

Now the Shriners flew out from Phoenix town,  
In fez and in laughter they soared up and down;  
The stewardess bustled with coffee and cheer,  
Till a cry split the cabin—"A doctor! Come here!"

Dr. Chuck rose up with a noble command,  
He strode through the aisle with his fork in his hand;  
In First Class lay Glenn Coopey, pale as a sheet,  
Gasping and choking right there in his seat.

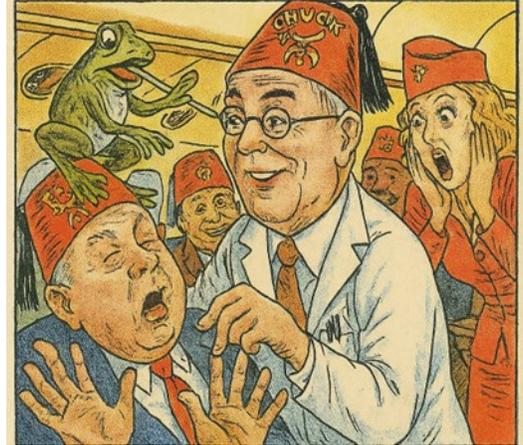
Chuck peered with the wisdom of healers of old,  
He said, "I know well what this moment will hold!"  
With a flourish, a poke, and a tug most severe,  
Out popped a live frog—still croaking with fear!

The passengers gawked, their jaws open wide,  
"What devilish banquet was Glenn set inside?"  
But the frog cleared his throat with a cough and a wheeze,  
And spoke in plain English, quite calmly at ease:

"I was stowed in the baggage, a fugitive small,  
Afraid of the customs, the guards, and them all.  
I saw Glenn's mouth open, a cavern so deep,  
And thought it a grotto where I might sleep."

Then Glenn sprang upright, his spirits restored,  
While the stewardess clutched at the frog she adored.  
"A prince!" she declared, "from the fairy-tale line,  
Perhaps with a kiss he'll be royally mine!"

So the Shriners all chuckled, the plane rattled on,  
With a frog in the galley and Glenn full of song.  
And Dr. Chuck grinned, with his fork held on high—  
For he'd saved the day, mid-air, in the sky!



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# Lodge Calendar For December 2025

This calendar is tentative

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1 Dec</b> 6:30 p.m. DeMolay Mtg	<b>2</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>STRATEGIC PLANNING MTG.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 p.m. <b>EASTERN STAR</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM TRUSTEE MEET- ING	<b>9</b> 5:00 PM SCOT- TISH RITE 6:00 STATED MTG DINNER 7:00 STATED MTG	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>DEGREE CON- FERRAL OR PRACTICE (TBD)</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 SHRINE CLUB HOLI- DAY PARTY AT JOHN & LYNN OLSON'S	<b>18</b> 7 p.m. <b>EASTERN STAR</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>MASONIC EDUCATION</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 p.m. DeMolay Mtg	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 Jan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>