



THE TRESTLE BOARD

PARADISE VALLEY SILVER TROWEL MASONIC LODGE NO. 29, F. & A.M., PHOENIX, AZ

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Turning the Tides

My Dearest Brethren,

Welcome to the new year of fun, excitement, and brotherhood. As we move forward from a tumultuous year, I hope that each of you has found a new sense of belonging within our Lodge. I hope that you have found your niche and that you are prepared to help bring our Lodge into the future. Several brethren have stepped up as Officers and Trustees for this year, and I want to thank each of them from the bottom of my heart for showing their dedication to the Fraternity and the Lodge which we all love.



We have effectively turned the tides, brethren. The waves have died down and the clouds are parting for the sun to lighten up the path ahead of us. Now, more than ever, is the time we pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and soldier on. Fundraising is going to be tantamount to our success this year. We have to build the foundation for the future of Masonry in PVST. I truly believe that we have started along the right path. Let's keep up the momentum. I encourage all of you to put your best foot forward and endeavor to better our beautiful Lodge. You have the skills, the ideas, and the dedication. We need you to be a part of the future.

I want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve you as your Worshipful Master again for the ensuing year. We have a long and arduous road ahead, and I look forward to helping to lead you into the next generation of Masonry in Arizona. To the Officers, you will be tested this year. I am expecting nothing but your best in ensuring we meet our goals and showing your utmost capabilities in leading this Lodge. I trust that you will give your all.

Welcome to the new Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29, brethren. Together, we are unstoppable. Together, we will succeed.

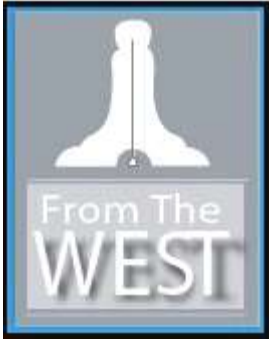
May the Supreme Architect bless you and your families during this holiday season, and may he bless Freemasonry and give us the wisdom and strength necessary to build a better tomorrow.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Timothy M. Dougherty, P.M.
Worshipful Master





Greetings Brethren,



This month I would like to address the topic of EGO. All-too-frequently we hear of Masons being on an ego trip. Or, we hear that they are stumbling over their own egos. Then there are such remarks as, whatever happened to meeting on the level?

Those comments are not all without some foundation. There are, and have been, Masons who are carried away with their own importance. Yes, and there are some who let the title go to their heads, and who forget from whence they came.

Ego is a strange thing. We all should have a certain amount of it to demonstrate our pride in our abilities, in our accomplishments, and in our self-respect. It is only when we get to the point that we tend to believe that were better, smarter or more important than the next fellow that ego gets in our way. Masonry has never been considered a democratic society. The Master of a lodge is not only its leader, but more importantly he is its greatest servant.



As such, he has an obligation to serve his lodge and his brethren, not for his own glory and honor, but for the good of the lodge. He must be prudent in all of his words and actions, and if necessary, subjugate his own desires to those of the lodge.

Masters, though, are not the only ones whose egos have a tendency to hurt the Craft. Longfellow said, Into each life some rain must fall.... The phrase might well be reworded to In almost every lodge there is a nitpicker. Or so it seems. There are some of our brethren who are never satisfied. They look for an excuse to: criticize; to complain; to jaw, to sound off; to grouch;--to nitpick. Their ego, as shown by their need to be heard, is frequently a thorn in the side of the Master and officers. They have a tendency to ruffle feathers.

The story has been told of a Grand Master who was so puffed up with his own importance that his officers jokingly suggested that his theme song should be, How Great Thou Art. Most of us have seen Masters of lodges who think that the title Worshipful was created just for their benefit.

And then there are PAST officers whose egos won't let them relinquish the gavel. Two people with their hands on the steering wheel at the same time can make it an unpleasant trip for the other passengers. If the Master is not in control of the lodge, it's an unpleasant experience for the brethren. The old expression, too many cooks spoil the broth, is equally applicable to the management of a lodge or a grand lodge.

Yes! An overzealous ego can and does damage our Craft. It is a by-product of poor leadership traits, which we need to identify early in our progressive lines. In many cases, ego can be temp-ted by whispering words of wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother. In a worse-case scenario, when it is obvious that the over-blown ego cannot be controlled, it may be necessary to pass the brother over at the next election.

In The Freemasons Monitor, written by Thomas Smith Webb in 1799, he observes: that all, who accept offices and exercise authority, should be properly qualified to discharge the task assigned them, with honor to themselves, and credit to their sundry stations. The same is just as true almost two hundred years later.

When elected to office, the brothers are confident that the one elected has the qualifications and ability to lead and has the best interests of the lodge at heart. He is expected to conform to the principle of the order, by steadily persevering in the practice of very commendable virtue.

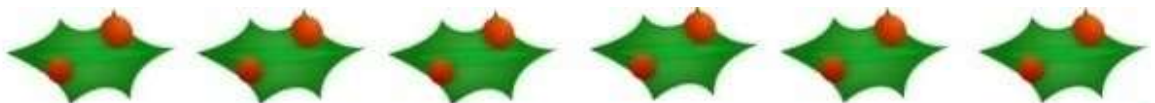
An often-quoted verse, titled The Indispensable Man, is frequently used to illustrate the unnecessary value of egotism. It bears repeating.

Sometime when you're feeling important,
Sometime when your egos in bloom, Sometime when you take it for granted You're the best qualified in the room;
Sometime when you feel that you're going, Would leave an unfillable hole
Just follow these simple instructions, And see how they humble your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water, Put your hand in it up to the wrist,
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You can splash all you want when you enter, You may stir up the water galore:
But stop, and you find that in no time It looks quite the same as before.
The moral in this quaint example, Is to do just the best that you can;
Be proud of yourself, but remember, There's no indispensable man.

Brethren it is of the utmost importance that we remember when we pass through the door of our lodge that there is no man in that room that is above another in any way no matter his badge of office or time as a mason, we are all brothers on the level.

Fraternally,

Brother Brian Colkitt
Senior Warden





STARS OF PARADISE #56 OES, Virginia Valente

Happy holiday season to everyone, enjoy it with family and friends, be thankful for our many blessings and stay safe. We are looking forward to a visit from our Grand Family on January 8, WGM Dotty Lou Cox and WGP David Gillis and their officers.

On Thursday night, November 8, our Chapter was privileged to welcome three new members. It was wonderful to see members on the side lines. Our Worthy Matron paid a visit to our member, Dwina Stell, and presented her with her Fifty-Year pin. Plans are progressing for our planned "Pet Parade" in the Spring.

Collections for Christmas giving,,,,,food and gift cards to be given at our visit to "FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER PHOENIX" on December 8, also visits to our shut-in members will be made during the holidays.

Our member, ANN KLENMAN has returned to her home after two month of recovery from vein-surgery. The Grand-daughters of Virginia Valente were involved in separate auto accidents that totaled their cars (a deer met his fate and one car hydroplaned into the side of a moving semi.),they both escaped with only scrapes and bruises. (Angels do watch over us.) Bill Lau made his usual phone calls to our shut-ins and found them all doing well.



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PVST #29 Trestle Board: The Trestle Board is a monthly publication that delivers to the website by the 1st week of every month. The purpose of the Trestle Board is to provide a means of communication throughout our Brotherhood and constituent bodies on a regular basis. (Our publication is available online at [www.pvst29.org](http://www.pvst29.org).) Contributors may send their submissions in via email to the Editor no later than the 15th of every month. These should be articles of education, interest, creative writing and items pertinent or of interest to the Masonic family. All submissions are subject to available space, as well as editing or rejection by the Editor.  
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Challenges for the True Mason

By William Arthur Ward

I will do more than belong -- I will participate.

I will do more than care -- I will help.

I will do more than believe -- I will practice.

I will do more than be fair -- I will be kind.

I will do more than forgive -- I will forget.

I will do more than dream -- I will work.

I will do more than teach -- I will inspire.

I will do more than earn -- I will enrich.

I will do more than give -- I will serve.

I will do more than live -- I will grow.

I will do more than be friendly -- I will be a friend.

I will do more than be a citizen -- I will be a patriot.



THE LIBRARY CORNER

Hello Book Lovers!

PVST NEEDS BOOKS!

We need your Masonic relevant donations for our Library.

Plans are in the works for re-registering and numbering all books & we're also seeking out new and informative materials to add to our collection!

Watch this space for news on additions!

See you at Lodge!

Fraternally,
Friends of the Library





December 2018 Masonic Anniversaries

NAME	MM Date	Years
Brian Louis Colkitt	19-Dec-14	4
James Edward Boniface PM	17-Dec-02	16
Terence John Hudson	17-Dec-02	16
James Gillard Hamilton	22-Dec-93	25
James Albert Smidt	01-Dec-76	42
Vernon Wilson Clyne Jr PM	03-Dec-75	43
Edward Wynn Turns	14-Dec-63	55



PVST #29 Rifle Raffle!

\$20 Each

Draw Date: 12/5/2018

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150 tickets MAX





DECEMBER CALENDAR of EVENTS

PVST #29 Stated 1st Wednesday of the month. Dinner @ 6:30. Gavel drops @ 7:30
All other Wednesdays – 7 pm meetings - See website for details.

Weds – 12/5 – Stated

Sat – 12/8 – 8:30 am - TMO

Mon – 12/10 – 5pm – JOB's

Weds – 12/12 – TBA

Sat – 12/15 – Trestle Board Deadline

Weds – 12/19 – 6:30 – Lodge Open

Weds – 12/26 – Officers & Trustees – TBA

Tuesday Mornings - Breakfast & Fellowship - 7 am - The Breakfast Joynt on Bell

Phoenicia #58 2nd Tuesday of the month – 6 pm Dinner Stated Meeting
All other Tuesday Meetings – details on website or on Facebook if no special events.

OES #56 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7 pm

Job's Daughters Bethel #19 2nd & 4th Mondays 7 pm



LeRoy's Food Bank ADD A CASE OF BOTTLED WATER, socks & gently used shoes TO YOUR DONATION!

Our Lodge needs donations of **non-perishable** food items, as well as **blankets, shoes & socks** and **bottled water** for distribution to local needy families. This will be an ongoing effort; Donations will be accepted continually at the Lodge, or by contacting the Master!

Please HELP needy families in the Phoenix area.

Thank you so much for those donations already made. The families that are on the receiving end of those donations certainly appreciate your generosity!





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***Our Rewards Check last quarter was \$46 from only 5 families participating! WAY DOWN!

Let's build up savings & get your friends & family to sign up.

This is a great opportunity to do some Fundraising for the Lodge.

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*"As we express our gratitude,
We must never forget that the
Highest appreciation is not to utter
Words, but to live by them"*

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The Christmas Tree

Up here in the Northeastern corner of the United States, while digging through ice and snow from a recent Nor-Easter, I came upon a branch of Douglas fir that I had trimmed off the bottom of our Christmas Tree and thrown out in my front yard for future disposal. Its dark blue-green needles poked out of the icy white snow with a promise of life amidst the coldest winter fury that mother nature could muster. It reminded me of the sprig of Acacia, symbol of the immortality of the soul.

I sometimes think up here in the Northern parts of the Northern Hemisphere, when in the grips of a cold and snowy winter, the evergreens symbolic meaning rings truer than in warmer climates because of its stark contrast with the rest of the environment, but like in the picture of the famous Tree of Ténéré, an evergreen's tenacity for life is evident even in the hottest environment.

That is why the Acacia is an important symbol in Freemasonry and the evergreen tree has become one of the symbols of the Christian celebration of Christmas. But how did the evergreen tree end up in a Christian festival of Christ's birth?

There are many myths and stories from all over the globe claiming paternity to the Christmas tree. But we must first discuss the day which Christmas is celebrated around, the Winter Solstice.

The celebration of the Winter Solstice is one of mankind's oldest traditions. It marks the shortest day of the year. After days and months of growing darkness, light begins its gradual return to our planet with a promise of new life and longer days. Mankind has revered this day in one form or another and throughout all of history gathered together to rejoice. The early Christian Church was very good at integrating festivals from all sources, and although the actual date of Christ's birth varies according to scholars, December 25 was chosen by Pope Julius in the 4th century bringing the day of Christ's birth in harmony with the most cherished celebration in the ancient world.

Now to the Tree.

There are many stories from all over the world about the first Christmas tree. There is an old Scandinavian myth of a fir tree, which sprang from blood drenched soil where two lovers met a violent death, that lit with mysterious lights (like candles) on a certain night during the Christmas season. Another myth is about a chivalrous knight traveling deep in the woods coming upon a gigantic pine tree whose branches were covered with candles. Some were standing straight and some bent in weird crooked shapes and at the top of this tree was a vision of a child with a halo around its head. This represented the tree of life decorated with the deeds of mankind watched over by the Savior.

One of my favorites is of Martin Luther, who, while traveling one Christmas Eve in snow covered country, looked up through the trees and was struck with the beauty of the stars peeking through the dark green boughs above him. He returned home to his family and wanted to share his feelings of the beauty and peace of the scene he just experienced. So he went outside and cut a small fir tree from his garden and placed candles on its branches and lit them for his family to experience. During Christmas we adopt one or all of these myths and bring an evergreen and decorate it with lights to be shared by all.

I have always loved to go out for a walk at night during snow storms. There is an ethereal quiet and otherworldly glow at night during a snow storm that soothes my soul. During the last snow storm I had to run out on an errand and after I stepped out into the cold and looked out on the beauty surrounding me, called my wife to get her in her snow gear so I could share with her my vision of peace and light.

Christmas is a time to surround yourself with the people you love and share in the light of promise of the new year ahead. My study of esoteric Freemasonry has reignited the spark of deeper thought and philosophy that was smoldering inside of me and I want to share my light with my family and my Brethren. No matter what celebration of Winter Solstice you practice, may yours be filled with light and love.

M.M.M. A brother from the NorthEast.





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because of the brave



Thank you Veterans of PVST.
Jobie Love, Bethel 19



The Masonic Family of Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge #29

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Trustees meet at 6:30 on the last Wednesday of the month. (Officers same day at 6:00)

Paradise Valley Silver Trowel #29 Committees For 2018 (To volunteer for a committee: Call the Master)

Committees for 2019 have not been finalized at present. Contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary if you would like to help with a committee...

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Trestle Board - (Email submissions to: bob@studiobonline.com by the **15th** of the month)

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AVAILABLE ONLINE at www.pvst29.org **Email Secretary with special requests. Calendar is online too!**

PVST Stated Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. family Pot luck dinner, 7:30 meeting.

PVST Officers & Trustees: Officers 6pm, Trustees 6:30pm - both on the LAST Weds. of the month

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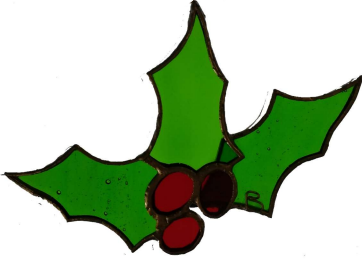
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