



Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge #29 Trestleboard September 2023

On December 3, 2022 the new and returning Officers were installed.
The officers are

Worshipful Master: Mustafa Karamujic, PM
Senior Warden: Jovan Boskovski, PM
Junior Warden: Michael Kosatka
Treasurer: Christopher Goyette
Secretary: Pending
Senior Deacon: Reynold Ramsey
Junior Deacon: Nicholas Gregory
Senior Steward: William Kozuh
Marshall: Mussa Able
Chaplain: Aram Hosepian
Tyler: Ivan Ananyev

The Installing Master was Most Worshipful Brother Gregory Vasquez
The Installing Marshall was Suresh Muthumani

Worshipful Master Mustafa Karamujic laid out his vision for the 2022/2023 Masonic Year, which you can read in the Officer Introductions further along in this issue.

The Great Season

The Mystic Season is Coming!

Dear brethren, we are so excited to announce a beautiful season is approaching us and with that many things to adorn as well as appreciate. There has been a lot of changes happening at your lodge and we are happy to announce many of them. We hope to entice you to be part of this change and help us grow our lodge to its full potential. The first step is to create systems to keep all of you informed of all of our lodge doings. For this reason, we are working hard to roll out smoother trestle board editions and a new engaging website of our own again. We have a new website coming out, a once in lifetime longevity award celebration, and elections approaching.

The new trestle board committee is dedicated to keeping up with calendars and creating opportunities for you to learn about some of our new candidates coming through. We currently have about 4 to 5 candidates who would like to join our beautiful fraternity and be part of our PVST family. If the consent of the lodge is to let them through, it will be really important for you to have a better understanding of what they are all about. A great start is by being part of their initiation degrees. After all, they will be potentially our family. In addition, we want to make our trestle boards to be more engaging so we would like to invite you to share or be part of them by submitting your thoughts and ideas. Please reach out to me or the secretary and we will make it happen. You never know how one brother can change a life of another.

We are super excited to announce that we are in the process of creating a new and easily to manage website that will allow us to keep it up to date. It will include direct messaging systems to our officers, really engaging blogs and constantly updated calendars. This would allow brothers to be engaged and be up to date with all our lodge doings. Do you miss the good old days? Then check out our history section on the website showcasing our proud and long history in Phoenix. Want to know what PayPal can do for you on our website? Well, you are about to find out soon. Brother Billy Kozuh has been leading role and needs to be credited for such an important endeavor. Many of you have expressed concerns with our communication systems so we are updating everything and taking in all of your feedback into account.

October will be a month we will all remember for sure. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate almost 40 longevity awards. They range from 25 to 70-year longevity awards. This will be grand experience to be part of. Not only are we celebrating a proud PVST history but also celebrating lives well spent serving. You probably haven't seen some of our brothers in years. Come and find out what the force, philosophy, perspectives and masonic manners have done for our brothers. The longevity awards will be held on October 18th at our lodge. Dinner will begin at 6:30 and the actual ceremony at 7:30 pm. Let's learn from the ones who have waked the path.

Wait! There is more for us to talk about. November is one of our most special times of the year. It is the month we celebrate the accomplishments of the old line and vote in the new officers for the upcoming year. We encourage you to come out and meet all the new officer candidates and learn what they have envisioned for us. This year, Wb. Richard Jenkins will be retiring as our official secretary in pursuit of greater professional growth which means we have to elect a new secretary. Please join us to elect our new secretary.



Senior Warden—Jovan Boskovski, PM

Greetings from the west.

After a long hot summer, fall is upon us and it is a welcome change. We have been working diligently in the background and have completed many tasks that have been neglected over the years. In the next few weeks, I will be putting together a team to start work on the gate and fence. If you are interested in helping, please contact me or the WM. Thank you, looking forward to seeing you all in lodge.

Fraternally

Jovan Boskovski PM



Junior Warden—Michael Kosatka

Ahh the coming of fall. Mother nature has again become accountable for the changing of the seasons and with that change the intense heat shall pass and the colors of fall and the lower as well as slightly chilly air shall be upon us. It's a special time that we get to see the dormant and colorful leaves change color and leave their branches only to make room for next year's incoming leaves. But before that can happen, we must follow the rituals of progression, which means the celebration of Labor Day, Halloween (yes in my book it's a holiday) Thanksgiving and Christmas of course. Speaking of chilly air and my favorite holiday it is almost time for several things such as children back in school and of course it time for the ghost and goblins to appear. But fret not, some of little ghost and goblins might someday be your brothers. So please watch out for our future brothers and future rainbow girls, unfortunately we do really have some sinister people out there that are the real nightmare. The next Holiday for us to enjoy is the celebration of our ancient brethren arriving in our great country. It is a time for a wonderful feast which will prepare some brothers and their families to have enough energy to go shopping for when we celebrate the birth of our Great Architect's son and of course the big man in the red suit. And then a New Year and a new beginning. Whatever your favorite holiday is my brothers, please enjoy each one with the knowledge that you do have an extended family that celebrates alongside of yours. Thank you for allowing me to be your Junior Warden this year and I look forward to serving you in my next chair.

Michael Kosatka
Junior Warden



Grand Master's Talk



September 2023

Brethren,

September. Summer finally comes to an end and Autumn starts this month. With the end of summer comes the renewed energy of the craft and the many events that accompanies the change in weather in Arizona. In days gone by, September was the time to gather up the rest of the harvest and prepare for the winter months. This was accompanied by feasts and celebrations. Keep a lookout for the Harvest Moon on September 29th. September also marks the National celebration of workers and their achievements in America, on Labor Day. This national holiday was created when labor activists pushed to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. This reminds me of our lesson about the 24-inch gauge, which mentions "...for our usual vocations...". The importance of a mason's vocation, whatever it may be, his ability to support himself and his family, cannot be understated. Set time aside this month to recognize the many vocations you have in lodge and look a little deeper into the origins of why we celebrate Labor Day.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Grand Master
Grand Lodge of F&AM of Arizona
George R. Rusk

Grand Lodge Mission Statement, Values, Goals & Objectives

Mission Statement:

Freemasonry is a voluntary organization promoting a way of life that binds men together in a worldwide brotherhood. It transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences in order to promote positive changes in Arizona Freemasonry and the world. We strive to make good men better men.

Vision Statement:

To be a relevant and well-respected organization that makes a difference, thereby improving the world for future Masonic generations.

Values:

Our values are guided by the enduring and relevant tenets of our fraternity:

Brotherly Love

We value respect, freedom, kindness, tolerance, and our differences – religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational while striving for harmony in our personal lives, in our lodges, and in our communities.

Relief

We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and our communities. We provide relief through philanthropy, community involvement, and education.

Truth

We stay true to our personal code of conduct and ethics – honor, integrity, personal responsibility, and the continual pursuit of self-improvement (progress).

September Calendar

September 6th: Stated Meeting

**September 13th: 1st Degree Practice/
Fellowship Night 6:00 pm**

September 20th: EA degree 6:30 pm

**September 27^h: Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:30 pm**



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Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge #29 Our Past Masters

Dean Graham—Charter Master (2000)*
James Miller, PM (2001)*
William “Skip” Boyer, PM (2002)*
Stafford O Gormley, PM (2003)
William R HEarter, Jr. PM (2004)
David P McArdle, PM (2005)*
Philil J “Jack” Buta, PM (2006)
James E Boniface, PM (2007)
Eric T Carter, PM (2008)
Scot M Baker, PM (2009)
Kirk Lockett, Sr, PM (2010)*
Shane Crabtree, PM (2011)
Tod Truettner, PM (2012)
Leonard Shaprio, PM (2013)
P Bryan Westerman, PM (2014)
Mustafa Karamujic, PM (2015)
David Cassaday, Honorary PM
David McArdle, PM (2017)*
Timothy M Dougherty, PM (2018)
Timothy M Dougherty, PM (2019)
William Greenen, PM (2020)
Lukas Siegfried, PM (2021)
Mitchell Robinson (2022)

