

Passing on the Gavel

The infusion of good men into a Masonic fraternity is paramount, as they contribute not only to the growth and vibrancy of the organization but also uphold its principles with unwavering integrity. Beyond the rituals and symbolism, a fraternity thrives on the character and moral fiber of its members. Good men, embodying virtues such as honesty, compassion, and a commitment to self-improvement, enhance the collective spirit of brotherhood. Their presence elevates the Masonic experience, fostering an environment where mutual support and understanding flourish. In embracing the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, these individuals not only strengthen the bonds within the fraternity but also serve as beacons of positive influence within their communities. The importance of having good men join a Masonic fraternity lies in the enduring legacy they contribute, shaping an organization that stands as a beacon of moral excellence and a force for positive change in the world.

Fraternally
Jovan Boskovski



Greetings from the west

From the west

Brothers it has been a wonderful year with a lot of changes. I feel that these changes were necessary for our growth. With that being said, I am looking at the following year as being a year of further growth. The officers and trustees as well as a few other brothers have stepped in to help us accomplish our future goals which are to increase the number of candidates that we can hopefully make our brothers so that masonry grows further within our lodge and our world. We have worked hard to turn our lodge around and we are seeing positive things beginning to happen. We can not do this alone my brothers, so if you have some spare time and can help us please reach out to any of us officers. Join a committee and have some fun with us as well as some fellowship.. And with no further ado.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALLOF OUR PVST 29 BROTHERS.

Stay safe.

SW Michael Kosatka



From the South

Greetings brothers,

As Junior Warden, it was my pleasure to see our lodge brethren acting upright and admirably this last month in their labor and refreshment at the lodge. Overall, our brethren have been laboring in the lodge with outstanding morale and motivation. Additionally, we've had two young entered apprentice masons come forward to help the Junior Warden in preparing for the brethren's refreshments and social meetings.

Our first month was spent transferring the work of the Lodge to the new officers, creating new committees of work, and planning the future building of the lodge. In reward, for the labor, the brethren were called from labor to refreshment for a social meeting last week, Wednesday, the 20th. Then, the brethren met for an excellent dining and refreshments at Dillon's BBQ Restaurant. We had great attendance and good talks and laughter was had by all.

Next month in January, our stated meeting will mark the beginning of the new year. Our Worshipful Master will be drawing out the work of the Lodge on the Trestleboard for us to see his vision for the year. Following on Jan 24th, Grand Lodge will have a Lodge of Instruction at Chandler Lodge and we encourage you to come and learn with us.

For the coming year, as Junior Warden in the South, I look forward to shining a light from the meridian height onto the aspirations the brethren commit to in supporting that vision. In keeping with the season we will have pot roast and all the fixings of the season for our refreshment from labor. We encourage all Master Mason's to come visit the lodge this year and see how by the plum, our work remains upright and strong.

Fraternaly,

Reynold Rmsey

This Month At PVST



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Spreading the Light of Masonic Research No. 240: "A Brief History of the 19th Masonic District"

Announcement: Our Unstated Zoom Meetings will resume in January. Stay tuned for details!

Here is our latest installment of research papers from Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777. If you would like to be added to the list, or have a friend who would like to be on the list, just send me an email or message. This week's submission is from Rt. Wor. Ross C. Morland, entitled "A Brief History of the 19th Masonic District" which was presented to the 19th Masonic District on January 1, 2018.

Shared in District 19's 2018 Directory
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FOR THAT IS THE STUFF
LIFE IS MADE OUT OF.

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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Most Worshipful Brother George Rusk

- MW Bro. George Rusk, PM of Oriental Lodge No. 20: 2015



LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVING

Leadership stands as a cornerstone of human progress and achievement. From guiding a team toward a common goal to inspiring social change, effective leadership is paramount. Among the various leadership models that have emerged over time, one that shines brightly is the "servant leadership" approach, which emphasizes humility, empathy, and a dedication to serving others, and has gained momentum due to its profound impact on organizational success and the betterment of individuals.

At its core, leadership involves influencing, inspiring, and directing individuals toward a shared objective. While traditional leadership often centers around authority and control, servant leadership takes a markedly different path. Rooted in the idea that leaders are stewards of their teams' well-being, servant leadership shifts the focus from wielding power to serving the needs of others. This perspective nurtures a culture of trust, collaboration, and genuine care, thereby fostering an environment where individuals can thrive and contribute their best. Examples of servant leaders are Abraham Lincoln, The Dalai Lama, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Theresa, Alan Mulally, Former CEO of Ford Motor Co and Boeing, and Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks, to name a few.

Central to the concept of servant leadership is the principle of empathy. Leaders who practice this approach actively listen to their team members, striving to understand their perspectives, challenges, and aspirations. By doing so, they can make informed decisions that consider the diverse needs of their team. This empathetic connection not only enhances interpersonal relationships but also generates a sense of unity and purpose among team members, leading to increased motivation and productivity.

Moreover, servant leadership demonstrates humility as a cornerstone. Rather than seeking recognition or prestige, servant leaders prioritize the growth and success of their team. This humility engenders a sense of safety within the team, encouraging open communication and a willingness to experiment and learn from mistakes. When leaders display vulnerability by acknowledging their limitations, they create an atmosphere where mistakes are viewed as opportunities for growth, fostering innovation and adaptability

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Here are a few steps you can take to learn to become a servant leader:

- **Lead by Example:** Model your behaviors, such as active listening, empathy, humility, and a genuine interest in others' success.
- **Self-Reflection:** Understand your own strengths, weaknesses, and values.
- **Active Listening:** Listen attentively to your team members, fostering an environment where people feel heard and understood.
- **Empathy and Compassion:** Help your team members develop a deeper understanding of others' perspectives, feelings, and needs.
- **Putting Others First:** Encourage your team to think about ways they can support and elevate their team members.
- **Empowerment and Delegation:** Empower others by entrusting them with responsibilities and providing them with the resources and support needed to succeed.
- **Building Relationships:** Cultivate an environment where people feel safe to express their ideas and concerns.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Address conflicts with a focus on finding mutually beneficial solutions and maintaining positive relationships. DEAL WITH THE ISSUE NOT THE PERSON.
- **Personal Development:** Encourage continuous personal development. Servant leaders strive to improve themselves and, in turn, inspire their team members to do the same.
- **Training and Resources:** Provide resources such as books, articles, workshops, and seminars that delve deeper into servant leadership concepts and practices.
- **Coaching and Mentoring:** Provide constructive feedback and share your insights based on your own experiences.
- **Practice Patience:** Practice the principles consistently and be patient with yourself.

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INSPIRE VISION (BEFORE SETTING THE COURSE)**



Phoenix Scottish Rite-SJ

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Calendar:

January 3rd: Stated Meeting

January 6th: Brunch and FC Degree Practice 10:00 a.m.

January 10th: FC Degree for Eddie

January 17th: Education Night-Topic Pending

January 24th: Lodge of Instruction starts at 7:00 p.m.

January 31st: Officers/Stated Meeting 6:30 p.m.





SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 AT 9 AM – 1 PM

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2024 DUES CARD REQUIRED

NOTIFICATIONS

Dues Notice:

It is the time of the year again! Dues are being collected by our lodge, so please double check if you are current with your annual dues. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to our secretary. Our secretary email is secretary@pvst29.org



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