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

Like A Pillar



My Dearest Brethren,

I apologize for my absence for the month and a half. Unfortunately,

my move to the west valley and new work schedule have precluded me from attending Lodge. I promise that, as soon as I am able to get things worked out here, I will be back in to run the show. In my absence, you have been in the best of hands, that being those of our pedestal officers, the secretary, and the treasurer. They have stepped up to show the necessary leadership to keep things rolling while I am away, and I am extremely grateful for their work.

As a Lodge, we have kept moving forward to repair that which is broken and reinforce that which has stood the tests of time. Like the pillars of King Solomon's Temple, you have held this Lodge up. You have stood tall and weathered the storms. This is instrumental to the perpetuity of Masonry.

Your experience, expertise, and, most of all, time has been greatly appreciated. As such, there is still more work to be done. Fundraising, to be honest, is one of our greatest obstacles which we need to overcome. We are a large Lodge that has many great programs which improve our community. We can't run these programs without money, and we certainly can't keep asking brethren to "pass the hat" to pay for them, hence why fundraising is so important. It is a difficult thing to do sometimes, but with the cohesive effort of every member, we can make this happen. Bro. Brian has been working on

getting a Smoker Fundraiser going, as well as the idea of putting on a table lodge at the end of the year. Even though these are decently sized events, we must still come up with more ideas to maintain the financial foundation of our Lodge. I encourage each of you to get with your pedestal officers, or even some of the junior officers, to come up with more ideas. Please keep assisting us in pushing the wheel forward.

Like pillars, our Lodge is large, strong, and bears the weight of many people. We have strength, and we have established a solid foundation. Occasionally, we must repair and replace those pillars due to wear, age, and disrepair. If we think of ourselves as those pillars, you know that it is essential that we ensure we are bringing in good, upright, like-minded men to replace us when our time on Earth is no more. Membership, according to the Grand Lodge of Arizona, is still dropping at about three percent per year. We must replace that three percent through talking to others and promoting our great fraternity.

If you know someone who you think would be a good fit for us, bring them by. Show them the brotherly love which we all partake in each day. Show them the light which has been cast upon you, and made you a better man.

I will see you all again very soon. I wish you all nothing but the best.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Timothy M. Dougherty, P.M.
Worshipful Master
PVST #29

From the West



Greetings
Brethren,

Well it's been a great month so far at PVST. So allow me to give you some updates. First off we are preparing to paint our building. Brother Corbin (sd@pvst29.org) heads up the building committee and has been doing a great job. So if you're interested in helping out with the painting of the building or any other building matter please see Brother Corbin.

I want to take a minute and just say that if you haven't noticed our Secretary and our Treasurer have been doing an amazing job at keeping our lodge running the way it should be. WB Rick Jensen and Brother Jason Huber show us every day what it is to be a mason and lead by shining example. So the next time you see them be sure to pay some wages their way.

Brother Luke Siegfried along with Brother Allen Hatfield have made an exciting announcement about the stated meeting dinner. From now on we will be having Steak and Potatoes for every stated meeting. I couldn't be more excited about this, I feel it will not only increase the number of our own brethren to come out and enjoy a good meal but I think once word gets out it will increase the number of visiting brethren that come out.

Next let tell you about the amazing 3rd Degree we had for Brother Barney Gilmer Gilly. To start off we had some amazing guests! First time visitors Matthew Lawrence from Sun City #72, WB Suresh Muthumani from Oriental #20, and Prometheus #87 and Brother Darreld Hogeland from Flagstaff #7. Then we also had some very special returning guests. Starting off with our own WB Tony Hernandez DDGM #14, Cal Magnus DDGL #1 and very special guest RWB David Leggatt PM, PGC - GL of Canada, Province of Ontario. So it started off with all these amazing guests then it really became special as we all worked in harmony to raise our Brother to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. The highlights that are freshest in my mind was of

course the fantastic job that WB Raymond Najjar did as our second half Senior Deacon as well as giving a perfect charge. Then a most moving soliloquy given by WB Pat Hayes and the most beautiful Lecture given by WB Suresh Muthumani. After all that I was blown away by the fantastic job that all my officers did for this degree. It truly was an amazing evening and if you weren't there you really missed out.

So last but not least on March 27 we have a very special treat. Its masonic education night and WB John Amadon is going to give a class on Masonic Candidate Investigations. I can't wait to be there, as you all know this Brother has years of experience and information to impart to us.

Until next month Brethren keep spreading the Brotherly love!

Brother Brian Colkitt
Senior Warden | PVST #29

*The journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step –Lao Tzu*

PVST Lodge #29 ANNOUNCES
!!!STEAK NIGHT!!!



THIS & EVERY
STATED MEETING
\$10

sirloin, mashed potatoes & veggies

From the South



tongue we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

Brethren, we have all been squared
So We All Are True
On the level we meet
So smile the next time I see You :)

Luke Siegfried
Junior Warden | PVST #29

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom –Thomas Jefferson

The Beauty in Truth

The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives. – Albert Einstein

Those who know the truth are not equal to those who love it. – Confucius

If you want a healthy mind you must feed your mind with truth. You must not feed your mind not with junk or poison but with truth. – Rick Warren

Hence, while influenced by the truth, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us. Sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and with heart and



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From the Secretary's Table

Goal setting for the lodge

Brethren, in order for a lodge to grow and achieve it needs to have well defined goals and a detailed path to reach those goals. Achieving those goals requires, among other things, a vision and a mission.

Looking on the internet for various Masonic mission statements, one will find numerous examples that can inspire and motivate masons.

Minnesota: The Mission of the Freemasons of Minnesota is to engage and inspire good men, who believe in a Supreme Being, to live according to the Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Reading Lodge #254 (California): The mission of Reading Lodge #254 is to promote Masonry in Shasta County in a way that attracts new members, inspires existing members to be active and continue their Masonic education, brings value to the community, instills pride in the Lodge, and creates interaction with the entire Masonic Family.

Grand Lodge of California: A man who strives to improve himself can also improve his community and the world at large. This is the mission of the Masons of California. Through Masonic principles and tradition, we foster personal growth and improve the lives of others.

Friendship Lodge #210 (California): Our Mission is to provide an environment that makes good men better for his family, community, faith, country and fraternity, through the practice of the most important tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth. To Educate, Promote and Practice a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that overcomes all cultural, social and educational differences.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Freemasonry is the premier Fraternal Organization in Nebraska promoting the universally acknowledged values of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia: To unite men of different beliefs into a harmonious and productive community through the application of Masonic moral values and

the practice of benevolence, intellectual development, and mutual respect.

Grand Lodge of Arizona: The mission of Freemasonry is to promote a way of life that binds like minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth: and, by the outward expression of these, through its fellowship, its compassion and its concern, to find ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self.

With a well thought out mission and a vision, we can set the direction of the lodge for years to come. Over the next few months, we will be developing our mission, vision and goals. With our goals we will also develop a series of steps that will help us reach these goals.

To effectively reach a goal, be it a Masonic goal or a business goal, we need to manage the path and figure out every step along the way to each of the ultimate goals that we adopt. In the business world, this is called Project Management. It can be a short term project to reach a short term goal, or it can be a multi-year project to reach the more involved or difficult goals.

Each goal we set should address one of the issues facing the lodge and it must be a solvable problem. With each problem that we identify, we should also propose at least two possible solutions for that problem. We don't need to be identifying problems and declaring that there is no solution. We need to be proposing solutions to every problem and be willing to put forth the effort to see the problem resolved.

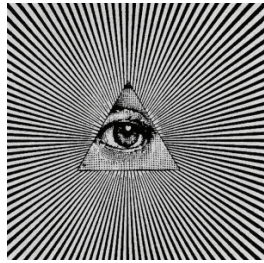
I therefore challenge each and every one of my brethren to identify a problem, propose two (or more) viable solutions and be willing to step up and help fix the problem. I do not want to see anyone finding fault with the way things have been done in the past, I want to see you man up and be part of the solution. Anyone can whine about a problem, it takes a true brother to step up and be a solution to the problem

Thank you!

Richard Jensen, PM
Secretary | PVST #29

God, Geometry & Gematria

Posted on February 19, 2019 by David Harrison



As Freemasons, we perceive God within geometry, we even see God represented as a geometrical image, as mathematical perfection. For example, the equilateral triangle becomes an image of

the Trinity, which is a perception of a Christian form of God, and thus the common image of the all-seeing eye of God placed within the triangle, becomes apparent, three bringing completeness and stability. Geometry and the perfection it creates enabled the great Temples of antiquity to be constructed, and can be seen being practiced in ancient cultures, especially with the existence of the Egyptian Rhind Papyrus for example (BM 10057 & BM 10058) dated c.2000-1800 BC, and of course, by Pythagoras c.570-495 BC.

Geometry was seen as a language of God. Indeed, the seventeenth century English philosopher Thomas Hobbes once said that "Geometry is the only science that it hath pleased God hitherto to bestow on mankind." Even Plato said "God ever geometrizes." The dimensions of Solomon's Temple were given by God, as were the dimensions of the Ark. This sacred geometry became the essence of God, and this geometry was used

by the medieval stone masons to construct the beautiful cathedrals of Europe; houses of God built for his worship. To understand this Divine measurement became a focus of natural philosophers such as Sir Isaac Newton, who saw it somewhat as a code to crack.

Divine codes within geometry and mathematics have somewhat of a parallel to the practice of Gematria, a method of assigning numerical values to Hebrew words, based on the letters. The use of Gematria can be seen with certain stories within Biblical narrative, such as in John 21:11, where 153 fishes were caught, the number 153 being a reference for "the children of God." Another example can be found with the number 318 in Genesis 14:14, where 318 is the number given of Abram's men, which has the same numerical value to Eliezer's name in Genesis 15. This "Kabbalistic art of Gematria" may have also filtered into the 1674 edition of Milton's Paradise Lost.

To conclude, we bring ourselves back to perceptions of God, and in particular the interesting art of Gematria; in Gematria the number 15 spells the word YH, (Y=10, H=5) the syncopated form of the Tetragrammon (the word of God), the number assigned to Tetragrammon being 26:

Y H W H
 $10+5+6+5=26$

David Harrison's books are available at http://www.lewismasonic.co.uk/david-harrison_1

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Masonic Birthdays!

If you talk to any of these brethren, take a moment and wish them a Happy Masonic Birthday!



Masonic Brother	Date	Age
Allen Kleinman	03-May-89	30
Scot Monroe Baker PM	06-May-00	19
Michael John Behl	06-May-00	19
David James Baumann	06-May-00	19
Robert Charles Silver	06-May-00	19
Nickolas Adam Marotta	06-May-00	19
Thomas Lee Wible	07-May-62	57
Joseph Warren Mance	09-May-12	7
Christopher Shawn Amundsen	09-May-18	1
William Martin Gibson	09-May-92	27
Charles Buck Head	09-May-07	12
John Fredrick Frauendiener	10-May-89	30
Paul Bryan Westerman	12-May-10	9
William Clarence Lau Jr	13-May-61	58
Frederick Edward Miller	13-May-53	66
Dean Louis Dennis	14-May-08	11
Kirk Daniel Thompson	14-May-86	33
Timothy Michael Dougherty	14-May-14	5
Thomas Elliott McCowan	15-May-64	55
William Anthony Kenny IX IX	15-May-10	9
Brando Lepro	16-May-18	1

Masonic Brother	Date	Age
Robert William Rimer PM	17-May-61	58
Lloyd Deo Redford	17-May-66	53
Richard Leon Drinen	17-May-61	58
George Edward Spencer	18-May-77	42
Daniel Clifford Smith	18-May-60	59
Micheal Douglas Briles	18-May-16	3
Daniel Staton	19-May-65	54
James Mark Crigler	20-May-08	11
Alexander Theodore Borgeas	21-May-69	50
Robert Eugene White PM	21-May-53	66
John Mario Buneta	22-May-13	6
Freddie Ray Beaty	22-May-85	34
Christopher Matthew Reed	22-May-03	16
Mack Wiltcher	23-May-58	61
Murray Greiff	25-May-66	53
Dale James Borger	25-May-91	28
Thomas Alonzo Nelson	25-May-66	53
Matthew John Cottini	25-May-95	24
James Allan Calvin	26-May-76	43
Ronald Bruce Crownover	26-May-71	48
Raymond Arthur Freeman	26-May-71	48
Gene Kelly Barner	27-May-09	10
George Copes Alkire Jr	27-May-59	60
Doyle Wesley Carleton	27-May-81	38
John Earl Clarke Sr	28-May-94	25
Charles Fred Krantz	29-May-74	45

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Allen McDonald
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James Crigler
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We thank these brothers for their continued support of the lodge and our programs!

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.) 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.

MAY 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

Tuesday Mornings

Breakfast & Fellowship 7 am
The Breakfast Joynt on Bell

Please visit the calendar on the lodge website
for more detail—pvst29.org/calendar/

Phoenicia #58

2nd Tuesday of the month - 6 pm
Dinner Stated Meeting

All other Tuesday Meetings if no special events
(details on website or Facebook)

Stars of Paradise – OES #56

2nd & 4th Thursdays 7 pm

Bethel #19 – Job's Daughters

2nd & 4th Mondays 7 pm

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