

Dec Calendar

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- **Dec 04:** Dinner and Stated Meeting, Lodge Elections
- **Dec 11:** Offsite Dinner at Red Devil
- **Dec 14:** Installation of Officers
- **Dec 18:** Officers and Trustees meeting
- **Dec 25:** Lodge is Dark

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## From The East



### Greeting from the East

The winter solstice, which occurs in December, marks the longest night of the year and the gradual return of longer days. This celestial event symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, a concept central to Masonic teachings about enlightenment and the power of knowledge overcoming ignorance.

Freemasonry often uses light as a metaphor for truth, wisdom, and understanding. In December, Masons may reflect on their personal journey toward "light" in a symbolic sense, aligning their progress with the natural cycle of renewal.

As the final month of the calendar year, December is a time for reflection on past actions and commitments. Freemasons are encouraged to examine their lives, relationships,

and contributions to their communities, striving for self-improvement in alignment with Masonic principles.

It is also a period of planning for the future. Many Masonic lodges use this time to elect or install new officers, signifying a transition and bringing fresh energy to the work ahead.

December is often marked by festive gatherings within Masonic lodges, emphasizing fellowship and the bonds between brethren. These events frequently include acts of charity, reflecting the Masonic commitment to helping others, particularly during a season when many are in need.

These traditions and reflections make December a meaningful time for Freemasons to embody their values and recommit to their path of moral and spiritual growth.



Fraternally,

**Michael Kosatka, Worshipful Master Elect**



Brethren and family, as Valentine's Day approaches, we are honored to announce a special **Widows Dinner to be held at our Lodge in February 2025**. This evening will be dedicated to honoring the widows of our dearly departed brothers, celebrating their strength and continued connection to our Masonic family. Please pencil it into your calendars, and watch for further details on the date and time, along with an RSVP request. We look forward to sharing this heartfelt evening together.

## From the West



I am Mitchell T. Robinson, your Senior Warden for the coming year of 2025.

To those of you who already know me: Hello again. To those who don't: I was born in Dade County, Miami, Florida, and raised in Greenwich Village and Spanish Harlem, New York City. I served in the United States Air Force as a crew chief and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from DeVry. I owned and operated my own company, User Epiphany, before retiring. I am a Past Monarch of Rameses Grotto and a Past President of the California-Arizona-Nevada Grotto Association

(CANGA), also known as the Western Grotto Association (WGA). Additionally, I had the honor of serving as Past Master of PVST #29 in 2022.

Together, let us provide the foundation that will help our community achieve truly wonderful things. Whether you are a dollaraire or a millionaire, it all begins with an honest desire to improve our community.

Yours fraternally,

**Mitchell Robinson PM, Senior Warden Elect**

"Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality."

**Unknown**



## From the South



Brother but also as your Junior Warden.

As we approach the New Year, 2025, we find ourselves reflecting on a theme that nature in her beauty provides: the Winter Solstice. The shortest day of the year also serves as a time of spiritual renewal for many and a season for sharing. As your Junior Warden, I am reminded that we, as Masons, do not only give physical gifts to loved ones and those in need but also the gift of our time. We are taught to divide our days wisely, with a portion dedicated to aiding our Brothers and serving others.

energy should be focused on the here and now—not on yesterday's worries, tomorrow's plans, or a game's outcome. When we are fully present, we offer a gift that goes beyond material value: we give ourselves and our time to another.

Benjamin Franklin once wrote: "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Greetings from the South!

I am Brother Darren, your new Junior Warden for the coming year. I am deeply honored to have been elected as an officer, and brethren, I promise to serve you in the Masonic tradition to the best of my ability. For those who may not know me, I've been with this Lodge continuously since February 2002, observing Masonry from the sidelines over the years. I never thought I would find myself here in the South! Yet here I am, ready to labor harder for the Lodge—not only as your

December brings the holidays, filled with giving, bright lights, decorated trees, and the sound of bells ringing (a tip of the hat to Brother Marion). While the days grow shorter, the longer nights give us more time for reflection. Let us take a moment to reflect on Masonic charity and the act of giving, particularly the giving of our time.

As we journey through this month, let us remember to be truly present in the moments we share with others. When speaking with someone, our spirit and

Let us all strive to draw our Masonic wages this holiday season through our dealings with one another, spending our time meaningfully and truly being present. So mote it be.

Yours fraternally,

**Darren Reale, Junior Warden Elect**



# Departing Words From the South



Greetings Brethren,

The Lodge wishes you all a blessed year as we reflect on the journey we've shared. Our time in the offices of the Lodge has come to an end, aligning with the close of the year and the embrace of winter. Our Worshipful Master is finishing his term and riding off into the sunset, faithfully accompanied by

his Senior Warden, who aids in bringing this year to a dignified close and escorts his departure. With every end comes a new beginning, and this December, our Senior Warden will rise in the East to be bestowed with the jewel of his office, just as the Eastern Star rises at the dawn of a new day.

This year has been eventful, marked by both joy and sorrow, celebration and mourning. We said goodbye to some brothers, including our devoted Tyler, who, faithful to the end, not only guarded our gates but also prepared the foundation for new ones to be built. We shared in great dinners, diligent labor, and moments of brotherly love and friendship. New brothers and friendships have strengthened our Lodge, further cementing it in every moral and social virtue. We invite them—and all of you—to join us this month for our investiture ceremony. Let us come together with fine dining, solemnity, and a touch of revelry to close out the year.

Brothers, the Sun is nearly set in the West, and the first darkness of night is about to cover the sky. Yet, as we look to the heavens, we see the stars as our guides, reminding us that a new future awaits. The Lodge will soon welcome new officers, and the Worshipful Master will assign new work for the year ahead. Though we, like the Temple, have lost our Hiram—and our Lodge has lost Brother Ivan—we look forward with hope and determination to completing the work they began. The gates and temple, so long envisioned, designed, and planned, shall be built and completed. So, even as the Sun sets in the West to mark the close of one chapter, let us look with hope and resolve toward the New Year and the new life it brings.

Yours fraternally,

**Reynold Ramsey, Junior Warden**

"The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other, its values, and its commitment to building a better world through brotherly love, relief, and truth."  
**Unknown**





## December Masonic Birthdays

Be sure to wish your Brothers a happy Masonic birthday!

Vernon Clyne	12/03/1975	Terry Hudson	12/17/2002
Mussa Able	12/12/2018	James Hamilton	12/22/1993
James Boniface	12/17/2002	Scott Patrick	12/29/2021

## 2024 Craft Builders

Support your Lodge and be recognized! For a donation of \$20, you can get your name, or the name of a Brother of your choosing, listed for the 2024 calendar year. This is a great way to honor our beloved deceased Brothers or new Brothers just joining our Craft! Please make your donation to the Secretary if you are interested.

Steven Proctor	Billy Kozuh	Darren Reale	Ray Najjar
David Silliman	Michael Jones	Eddie Vela	



Be sure to check out our new website and make use of the Calendar for all of the most up-to-date Lodge activities!

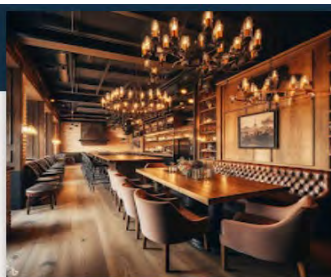
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## Check out our Lodge Calendar!



**DEC 4** Dinner and Stated Meeting

Brothers, please join us for dinner at 6:30PM and our Stated Meeting (monthly business meeting) beginning at 7:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you. Doors will open at 6:00 PM for fellowship.



**DEC 11** Offsite Holiday Dinner at Red Devil

Brothers, please join us for an offsite holiday dinner at Red Devil. Each brother is responsible for paying for his own meal. We hope to see you there!



**DEC 14** Installation of Officers

Brothers, family, and friends, please join us for the installation of our new officers for the upcoming Masonic Year. A meal will be served. Doors open at 1:30pm, event starts at 2:00pm.

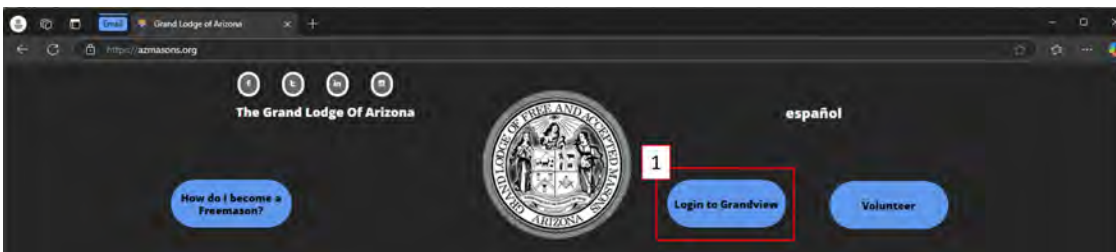
# Notice Regarding 2025 Dues and Dues Cards

Brothers,

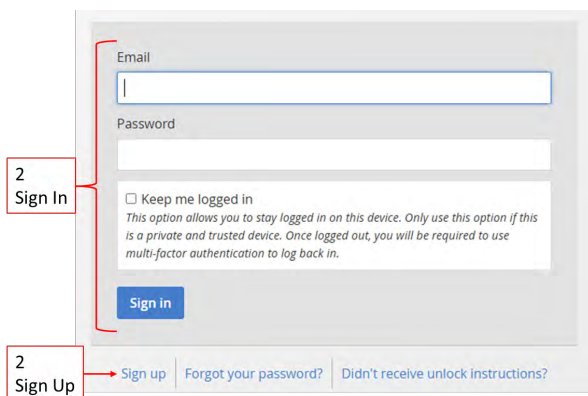
It is that time of year again. Notices will be sent out soon reminding you of your 2025 dues payment. The preferred payment method is to send a check to the Lodge.

This year, Grand Lodge is making some changes as we embrace the digital era. Paper dues cards will no longer be sent out by default. Instead, we will be relying on the digital dues card found inside of Grand View. Please take some time to create a Grand View account if you have not already done so. If you already have an account, please take some time to ensure your contact information is up to date. Our Lodge pulls all of our information for mail correspondence from Grand View, and it is your responsibility to ensure the information is accurate.

**Step 1:** Go to [azmasons.org](http://azmasons.org) and click the blue button that says "Login to Grandview"

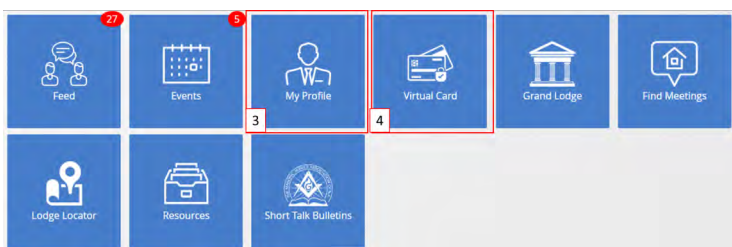


**Step 2:** Sign in or Sign Up. If signing up, you will need your Member ID, which can be located on a previous dues card.

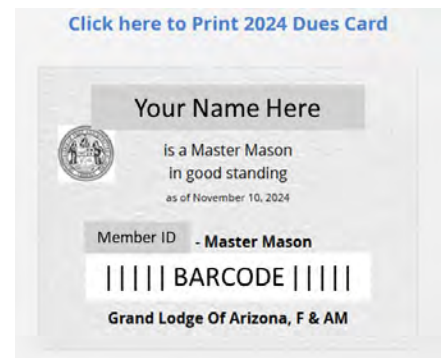


Additional Sign Up instructions can be found on the Grand View website after clicking "Sign up"

**Step 3 and 4:** Verify contact information in "My Profile" and find your dues card in "Virtual Card"



**Please Note:** If you are traveling, please be advised that some jurisdictions do not utilize or recognize the Grand View system. Please contact the secretary and ask for a paper dues card to be issued to you. It will be hand written, and will not have your name printed on it like in previous years.



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Paradise Valley Silver Trowel #29, a distinguished Masonic Lodge with over 100 years of rich history dating back to 1922 and the home to seven Grand Masters.

Making Good Men Better, One Day at a Time

## 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)

Jovan Boskovski, PM (2015)

Mustafa Karamujic, PM (2016)

David McArdle, PM (2017)

Timothy M Dougherty, PM (2018)

Timothy M Dougherty, PM (2019)

William Greenen, PM (2020)

Lukas Siegfried, PM (2021)

Mitchell Robinson, PM (2022)

Mustafa Karamujic, PM (2023)

\* Indicates deceased