

February  
Calendar

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- **Feb 07:** Dinner and Stated Meeting
- **Feb 12:** Audit Committee Quarterly Audit
- **Feb 14:** Widows' Dinner
- **Feb 17:** George Washington Oratorical Contest
- **Feb 21:** Second Degree
- **Feb 28:** Officers and Trustees meeting

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## From The East



Masonic education is a cornerstone of the Freemasonry tradition, a vital aspect that distinguishes the fraternity as a bastion of knowledge, wisdom, and self-improvement. Rooted in the ancient traditions of stonemasonry, Masonic education goes beyond the surface-level rituals and symbols, delving into the profound teachings and philosophical underpinnings that define the craft.

At the heart of Masonic education is the commitment to lifelong learning and intellectual enlightenment.

Lodges often organize regular educational programs, lectures, and discussions aimed at deepening members' understanding of Masonic history, symbolism, and the moral and ethical principles embedded in the rituals. These sessions serve to connect Freemasons with the rich heritage of the craft, fostering a sense of continuity and shared purpose.

Moreover, Masonic education extends beyond the confines of the

lodge, encouraging members to explore diverse fields of knowledge and apply the principles of Freemasonry to their everyday lives. The fraternity inspires a quest for self-discovery and personal development, emphasizing the importance of cultivating virtues such as integrity, charity, and humility.

Through the study of sacred texts, philosophical writings, and Masonic literature, members engage in a continual process of intellectual and moral refinement. Masonic education not only imparts historical and esoteric knowledge but also challenges individuals to reflect on their own actions and character, fostering a commitment to becoming better men, both within the fraternity and in society at large.

In essence, Masonic education serves as a transformative journey, guiding members toward a deeper understanding of themselves, their fellow brethren, and the world. By embracing the principles of Masonic

teachings, individuals are not only equipped with profound knowledge of the craft but are also inspired to embody the virtues of Freemasonry in their daily lives, contributing to the betterment of themselves and the communities they serve.

**Jovan Boskovski, Worshipful Master**



“Masonic lodges are sanctuaries of wisdom, where seekers of truth gather to learn and grow.”

**Unknown**

## From the West



It was a wonderful January indeed. We had the honor and privilege of passing our Brother Eddie to his second degree, and what a great ceremony it was. As we embark upon February, which is the month of the celebration of love with the Valentine's Day holiday, we at Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge are also embarking upon spreading brotherly love. We have a few more candidates that are looking for further light this month and another brother who is knocking on the door to endeavor to see the light by which we work. It fills my heart with joy knowing that all the work that our previous year's line of

Officers, and the current line of officers and brethren, are working very hard at one common goal, which is to make our lodge great again. With these new brothers, I see the makings of our lodge's future looking extremely bright. Also, we do have the George Washington Oratorical contest coming up. If you would like to be a Judge, you can contact me or Brother Rob Reiner. If you do not want to be a judge, come on out and support these children; it's a great time.

**Michael Kosatka, Senior Warden**

“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.”

**Benjamin Franklin**

## Congratulations Brother Eddie!



# From the South



As we begin the New Year, in the depths of winter, the sun in the west is slowly leaving its slumber of darkness and beginning its waxing strength. So we look forward to planning the remainder of the year. Some of us already have our New Year's resolutions in mind and are adding onto them all the other goals of the year with hope and expectation.

Consequently, February is some of our busiest planning months as we look to

fill our calendar. We get very excited about all the things we are going to do, including keeping our New Year's resolutions. It's easy to get lost in the excitement, but we must keep ourselves on an even keel to ensure our year should go the same way. This goes for us both as a Lodge and as individual Masons.

Indeed, it is fitting to realize that in this season, as we begin our journey through the year, that in the heavens above, we are still floating in the sign of Capricorn. This sign is one of the Cardinal signs of the Zodiac. Not coincidentally, this Cardinal sign also corresponds to one of the Cardinal virtues we as Masons aspire to remain faithful. That Cardinal virtue is Temperance.

A virtue is considered a trait of excellence, especially concerning physical, moral, and intellectual actions. The word derives from Latin. The ancient Romans used the Latin word "virtus" (derived from "vir," their word for man) to refer to all of the spiritual and excellent qualities of men, including physical strength, valorous conduct,

and moral rectitude.

This would include moderation or voluntary self-restraint. It would include practicing mercy and forgiveness, humility, and modesty, restraint from excesses.

So as we begin the year with excitement, let me advise as the Junior Warden to keep your goals and actions throughout the year in Temperance. Plan carefully and execute with mindfulness and humility but strive with excellence to perform them in action. Do unto others, including yourself, throughout the year with mercy, forgiveness, and humility. This way we can be virtuous in our actions and hold to one of our Cardinal virtues as Masons. May the blessings follow you throughout the year.

**Reynold Ramsey, Junior Warden**

“Virtue: Conformity to moral law or accepted moral standards, the possession of morally good qualities; behaviour arising from such standards...”

**Oxford English Dictionary**

## Capricorn and Temperance

“The ruling planet of the sign of Capricorn is Saturn.

Saturn brings **structure and meaning to our world as it is fully aware of the limits of time and matter.** Saturn reminds us **of our boundaries, our responsibilities, and our commitments.**

It brings definition to our lives. Saturn makes us aware of the **need for self-control and of boundaries.”**

<https://cafeastrology.com/capricorn-symbols.html>





## February Masonic Birthdays

Be sure to wish your Brothers a happy Masonic birthday!

Coleton Hogstrom	2/5/1975	Thosmas Theel	2/20/1980
William Hearter	2/6/1999	Sam Brown	2/25/1953
Mark Newman	2/9/2000	Gilbert Craven	2/25/1976
Kenneth Bremer	2/11/1955	Lukas Siegfried	2/25/2015
Frederick Lyddon	2/13/1963	Ronald White	2/26/1975
Stewart Cramer	2/13/2002	Serop Bebekian	2/26/1985
Lynn Ford	2/15/2006	Cecil Neal	2/27/1974
Allen Hatfield	2/16/1976	Darren Reale	2/27/2002
William Crider	2/19/1969		

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[www.pvst29.org](http://www.pvst29.org)

## Check out our Lodge Calendar!

CALENDAR

# PVST #29


PVST #29 meets every Wednesday

**OES**  
Meets every other Thursday

**Phoenicia #58**  
Meets on Tuesdays

**AMORC**  
Meets on select Sundays

If you are interested in using our building, please contact our Secretary




**7** 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 5:00 PM for fellowship.



**12** PVST #29 Audit Committee

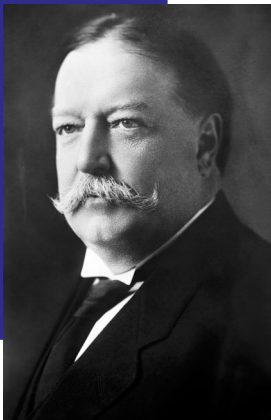
The Audit Committee will be conducting the quarterly audit at the Lodge. Meeting will convene at 6:30pm.



**14** Widows' Dinner

Brothers and Widows of our quarry, please join us for dinner at the Lodge at 6:30pm.

Fun Fact:  
14 US Presidents were Freemasons



## Words of Wisdom

“The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone.”

**William Howard Taft**

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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 (2015)

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)

Mustafa Karamujic (2023)

