

July Calendar

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- **Jul 03:** Dinner and Stated Meeting
- **Jul 10:** Brother-to-Brother offsite Dinner @ Dillon's KC BBQ Arrowhead
- **Jul 17:** Masonic Education
- **Jul 24:** Friend-to-Friend Event
- **Jul 31:** Officers and Trustees meeting

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From The East



"The pendulum swings" is a metaphor often used to describe the cyclical nature of change or opinion. It suggests that trends, beliefs, or situations tend to oscillate back and forth between extremes over time. This concept can be applied to various aspects of human life, such as politics, culture, and even personal perspectives.

In a broader societal context, the pendulum swinging may refer to shifts in public opinion or policy direction. For example, political ideologies might alternate between conservative and liberal dominance in different eras, reflecting changing social values and priorities.

On a personal level, the pendulum swinging could describe fluctuations in individual attitudes or emotions. People may experience periods of optimism followed by pessimism or moments of certainty followed by doubt. This metaphor acknowledges the dynamic and unpredictable nature of life's ups and downs.

Overall, "the pendulum swings" captures the idea that change is constant and inevitable and that what is prevalent or favored at one time may give way to its opposite in due course. It encourages awareness of the fluidity of trends and opinions, reminding us that balance often lies in understanding and navigating these shifts with adaptability and wisdom.



Fraternally,

Jovan Boskovski, Worshipful Master

"God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: 'This is my country.'" **Brother Benjamin Franklin**

Help Wanted, We Need You!

Brethren, please consider stepping up and helping out your Lodge. PVST has been struggling to operate without a secretary, and is seeking to fill the position. If you are interested, please contact me at 602-692-2350. Some prior office work would be beneficial. Thank you.

Fraternally

Jovan Boskovski, Worshipful Master



From the West



Brethren,

Independence Day, celebrated on July 4th in the United States, marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

This historic event not only signifies the birth of a nation but also highlights the profound influence of Freemasonry on the founding fathers and the principles upon which the United States was established. There are deep connections between Freemasonry and the American Revolution, shedding light on the contributions of notable Freemasons in the fight for independence.

Many of the founding fathers of the United States were Freemasons. Their Masonic values of liberty, equality, and fraternity played a crucial role in shaping the democratic principles of the new nation. Some of the prominent Freemasons among the founding fathers include George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and John Hancock.

The Declaration of Independence reflects many ideals central to Freema-

sony. The emphasis on equality, natural rights, and the pursuit of happiness can be traced back to Masonic teachings. The document's assertion that "all men are created equal" resonates with the Masonic belief in the inherent dignity and worth of every individual.

Masonic lodges served as important meeting places for patriots during the American Revolution. These lodges provided a space for open discussion, planning, and strategizing. The fraternal bonds formed within the lodges helped foster trust and cooperation among the revolutionaries.

The principles of Freemasonry, such as freedom of thought and the importance of individual liberty, were disseminated through Masonic lodges across the colonies. These lodges acted as networks for the exchange of revolutionary ideas and helped galvanize support for independence.

The intertwined history of Freemasonry and the American Revolution highlights the significant impact of Masonic principles on the founding of the United States. The commitment of Freemasons to the cause of liberty and their contributions to the fight for independence are integral parts of the nation's history. As we celebrate Independence Day, it is fitting to remember and honor the Masonic ideals and the Freemasons who helped shape the United States into a beacon of freedom and democracy.

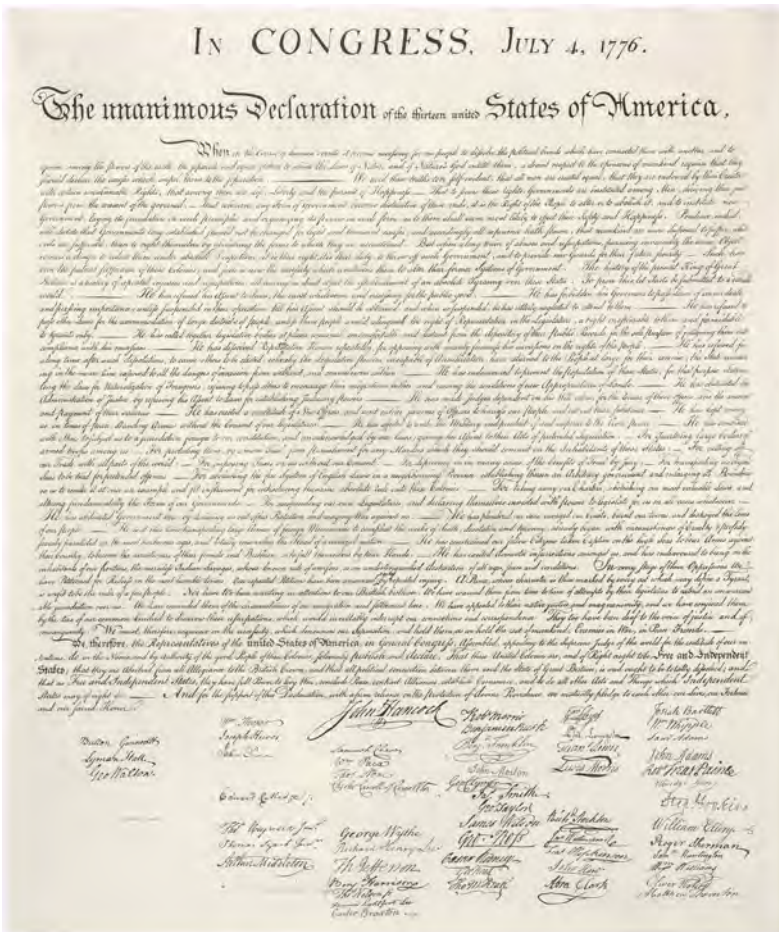
One last note: Please protect your pets from the noise of the fireworks. Enjoy your holiday, my Brothers, and celebrate not only the nation's history but also our history and legacy forging into the future. Walk proud as a Mason; you are in the great company of present and past Brothers, and I, for one, am humbled by being in our ancestors' and your company.

Yours fraternally,

Michael Kosatka, Senior Warden

"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

Brother George Washington



From the South



Brethren,

This first Thursday of July, we American Free and Accepted Masons will be celebrating with our fellow citizens our country's independence from the British Empire. Of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence, upwards of 21 have been documented as Masons by scholars. At the time, Masons were known throughout Europe as advocates of self-responsible government, protectors of the liberties of the people, and resisters to absolutist and tyrannical governments. In some countries, principally among the Reformed Christian monarchies, they were con-

sidered patriots. In others, especially Catholic monarchies, they were viewed with suspicion if not outright hostility. This was especially true when they were engaged in advocating re-establishing or creating freedoms for the common people in Catholic monarchies. But in Protestant countries, they usually enjoyed the widespread support of the ruling authorities.

Thus, it was with great trepidation that British American colonial Masons met with their fellow patriots to determine their future. Already, the leaders of the patriots had gone far beyond what they intended when their supporters had been forced to engage Royal troops in active combat. For the first two years of resistance, they had pleaded with the British Imperial Parliament, specifically the Crown, to defend their historic liberties and rights as loyal British subjects. Those pleadings had been ignored at best, if not denounced, by the King's government and Parliament. Major battles had occurred between patriot militia and the King's militia and regular forces, with Masons on both sides.

The meeting the patriots held in Philadelphia was to decide whether they would lay down their arms and plead for mercy, continue fighting to retain

their rights as loyal British subjects of the King, or firmly separate themselves from the British Empire and declare an independent republic that would secure their long-held rights and beliefs about government. After much discussion, the conclusion still hung in the balance. Late in the night, a man known only to history as the Doctor, but respected as the leader of the Masons, stood forth in great eloquence and spoke on behalf of independence. He said that God was the ultimate authority of governments, that the present British imperial government had proven its illegitimacy by attacking the colonials' rights, which the same government had been pledged to protect. After much time, they all voted to declare independence.

This was just the beginning of the great commission to write the Declaration of Independence. After the initial vote, the patriots dispersed from labor to refreshment, until they were called again by the sound of the gavel in the East by the Chairman. Subsequently, they met again to iron out the wording of their grievances and reasons for declaring independence.

As your Junior Warden, during this month of rest and refreshment, I encourage all Worthy Brothers to ponder the work of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the vulnerability

they placed on themselves, their families, and their fortunes in implementing the philosophy of natural and moral law, that we as Free and Accepted Masons today pursue to exemplify.

Yours fraternally,

Reynold Ramsey, Junior Warden

“The greatest fear in the world is of the opinions of others. And the moment you are unafraid of the crowd you are no longer a sheep, you become a lion. A great roar arises in your heart, the roar of freedom.”

Brother John Hancock



July Masonic Birthdays

Be sure to wish your Brothers a happy Masonic birthday!



John Alamshaw	07/10/2013	Thomas Rindahl	07/20/2002
Wallace Nichols	07/11/1991	Donald Kelley	07/28/1958
Steven Proctor	07/17/2013	David Skipton	07/29/1999
Brad Majercin	07/20/2002		

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!



JUL 10 Brother-to-Brother Offsite Dinner

Brothers, please join us for an offsite Brother-to-Brother dinner at 7:00pm at Dillon's KC BBQ Arrowhead, 20585 N 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308. Each Brother is responsible for paying for his own food and drink tonight.



JUL 17 Masonic Education

Brothers, please join us for Masonic Education roundtable discussion. Doors will open at 6:00pm for fellowship, event to start at 6:30pm.



JUL 24 Friend-to-Friend Event

Brothers, please join us for a friend-to-friend event at the Lodge. Please invite anyone who has expressed an interest to you to join us to see what Masonry is all about. Doors will open at 6:00pm.

Around the Lodge



Thank you to our
Officers and Brothers
who attended the
Grand Lodge
Communication!



GLC 2024 Legislation Results

Resolution	Title	ce	Policy	Result
GMR 001	GL Voting rules	Approved	Approved	Withdrawn
GMR 002	"in session" defined	Approved	Approved	Passed
GMR 003	Don't know	Approved	Approved	Failed
2024-01	Definitions	Amended	Approved as amended	Passed
2024-02	DDGM responsibilities	Approved	approved	Failed
2024-03	Ritual			Automatic hold
2024-04	Statute Housekeeping	Amended	amended	Passed
2024-05	Amendments to Definitions	Approved	Approved	Passed
2024-06	Statute Amendments	Amended	amended	Passed
2024-07	Proficiency Cards	Amended	Approved as amended	Passed
2024-08	Petition certification	Approved	Approved	Passed
2024-09	Composition	Approved	Approved	Failed
2024-10	Possible Statute update	Approved	Approved	due to 09 failing
2024-11	Right of Burial	Approved	Approved	Passed
2024-12	Right to Visit	Approved	Approved	Passed
2024-13	Amendment of Certificate of Proficiency - Added Issuer of Proficiency Cards	Approved	Approved	Passed
2024-14	Proficiency - Expiration Change	Approved	Approved	Passed
2024-15	Proposed Per Capita Addition for Widows	Approved	Not approved	Failed, does not carry over
2024-16	Removal of "Lecture" for Candidate Proficiency	Approved	Approved	Automatic hold over to 2025
2024-17	Ritual Change to Circumambulation Scripture	Approved	Approved	Automatic hold over to 2025
2024-18	Ritual Clarification	Approved	Approved	Automatic hold
2024-19	Signature Time Requirement	Approved	approved	Failed
2023-01	Annual Communication Emergency Provisions	Approved	Approved	Passed
2023-08	Ritual Correction of Stewards Seating	Approved	Approved	Failed
2023-09	Constitution §3-1.4.3	Approved	approved	Failed

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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