

Aug Calendar

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- **Aug 07:** Dinner and Stated Meeting
- **Aug 14:** Third Degree Practice
- **Aug 21:** Third Degree
- **Aug 28:** Officers and Trustees meeting

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From The East



What makes you a Mason, O brother of mine:
It isn't the dueguard, nor is it the sign,
It isn't the jewel which hangs from your breast,
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed,
It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip,
Nor lectures that flow fluently from the lip,
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word
On five points of fellowship duly conferred,
Though these are essential, desirable, fine,
They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligations are true –
'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.
Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust,
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed,
Support him who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel to vices with courage apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come;
The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care,
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square,
And then you will meet with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

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

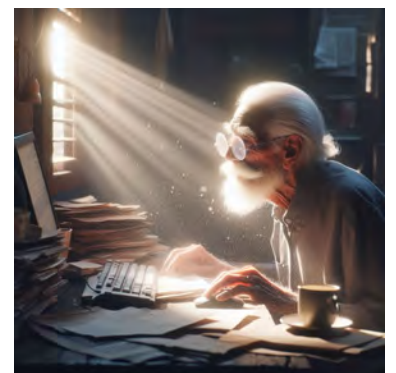
Jovan Boskovski, Worshipful Master



Fraternally,
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“The true Mason is not the man who is only a Mason in the Lodge, but the man who is a Mason all the time and everywhere.”

Brother Albert Pike, 33°



From the West



Freemasonry and the Pursuit of Knowledge

As summer transitions to autumn, August offers a reflective period for Freemasons to consider the importance of knowledge and learning within the Craft. Freemasonry has long emphasized the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and personal development as key tenets.

Freemasonry holds the pursuit of knowledge as a cornerstone of its teachings. The commitment to understanding oneself and the world is reflected in the rituals, symbols, and allegories that form the foundation of Masonic instruction, such as The

Pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, and The Working Tools of a Mason.

Freemasonry has historically attracted individuals who were dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and intellectual advancement. Many notable Masons have made significant contributions to science, literature, and philosophy. For example, Sir Isaac Newton, a renowned mathematician and physicist, was a prominent figure in the scientific revolution and a Freemason. His groundbreaking work in mathematics, optics, and gravitation exemplifies the Masonic commitment to intellectual exploration and discovery.

Voltaire, the French Enlightenment writer and philosopher, was also a Freemason. His advocacy for freedom of thought, expression, and the separation of church and state aligns with Masonic values of liberty and enlightenment.

Masonic rituals are rich with symbolism that emphasizes the pursuit of knowledge. These rituals serve as allegorical journeys, guiding Masons toward greater understanding and self-awareness. Examples include The Entered Apprentice Degree, The Fellowcraft Degree, and The Master Mason Degree, with particular emphasis on the Fellowcraft Degree that focuses on the importance of education and intellectual development. The symbolic journey through the winding staircase represents the progressive nature of learning and the pursuit of wisdom.

Freemasonry's emphasis on lifelong learning encourages members to continuously seek knowledge and personal growth. Masons are encouraged to cultivate intellectual curiosity, engage in meaningful discussions, and apply the lessons of the Craft to their daily lives.

The pursuit of knowledge is a fundamental aspect of Freemasonry, reflected in its rituals, symbols, and teachings. As Masons, the commitment to lifelong learning and personal growth is a continuous journey, one that enriches the individual and the fraternity as a whole. In August, as we reflect on the importance of knowledge within the Craft, let us recommit to the Masonic ideals of wisdom, understanding, and intellectual exploration, ensuring that the light of knowledge continues to shine brightly in our lives and Lodges.

Thank you, brothers, for the continued strength and knowledge I gain from each and every one of you. I see every brother in a different way. If you are older, you have past knowledge and experience. If you're younger, you have youth and fresh ideas. There's knowledge in each person, and I enjoy learning from it. It's why the Great Architect gave us two ears.

Yours fraternally,

Michael Kosatka, Senior Warden





August Masonic Birthdays

Be sure to wish your Brothers a happy Masonic birthday!

Brian Farrimond	08/09/2017	Eric Ward	08/22/2007
Darrel Lamp	08/10/2011	Richard Russel	08/24/1955
Anthony Buchta	08/13/2014	Marchell Larson	08/24/1994
Richard Johnston	08/16/1997	Christopher Wible	08/24/2011
David Sager	08/16/1997	Salvador Menjivar	08/25/2010
James Floyd	08/16/2000	Robert Bragaw	08/28/2004
Herbert Spohr	08/22/1988	Michael Kosatka	08/30/2000

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.

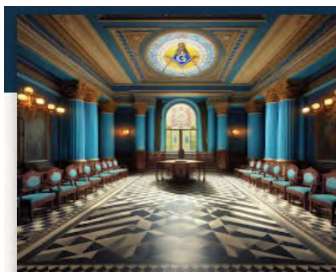
Steven Proctor	Billy Kozuh	Darren Reale	Ray Najjar
David Silliman	Michael Jones	Eddie Vela	



Check out our Lodge Calendar!

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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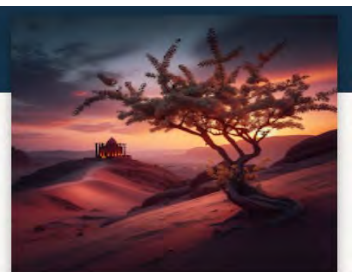
AUG 7 Dinner and Stated Meeting

Brethren, 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.



AUG 14 Third Degree Practice

Brothers involved in the upcoming Third Degree, please report for practice at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:00pm for fellowship.



AUG 21 Third Degree

Please join us for a Third Degree commencing at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 6:00pm for fellowship. No dinner will be served tonight.

Around the Lodge

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our brethren for making our recent Friend-to-Friend event a truly memorable occasion. It was a joy to come together, share in the warmth of each other's company, and strengthen the bonds of our fraternal fellowship. Your presence and participation made the gathering exceptional, reminding us of the true spirit of unity and camaraderie that defines our Masonic journey. Here's to many more such wonderful moments together!



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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