

## Sep Calendar

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- **Sep 04:** Dinner and Stated Meeting, Official Visit from Grand Lodge
- **Sep 11:** First and Second Degree Practice and Proficiencies
- **Sep 18:** Dinner and First Degree
- **Sep 25:** Officers and Trustees meeting

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# PVST TRESTLE BOARD

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## From The East



As summer draws to a close and members return to their Masonic lodges, it's a great time to refocus on the values and activities that strengthen the fraternity. The end of summer often signifies a return to routine, which can bring renewed energy and enthusiasm to lodge activities. Here are a few ideas to help with the transition back into lodge life:

**1. Rekindle Connections:** Use this time to reconnect with fellow members. Catch up on each other's summer experiences and share any insights or inspiration gained during the break.

**2. Plan Upcoming Events:** Start organizing and planning for the coming months. Whether it's charitable events, degree ceremonies, or social gatherings, having a clear plan can energize the lodge and keep members engaged.

**3. Review Lodge Goals:** Assess the progress of ongoing projects and set new goals. This is an opportunity to realign with the lodge's objectives and ensure everyone is on the same page.

**4. Reinforce Rituals and Practices:** Revisit the rituals and traditions that are central to the lodge's work. This can help refresh members' understanding and commitment to Masonic principles.

**5. Focus on Membership:** Reach out to members who may have been less active over the summer and encourage their participation. Engaging with new or prospective members can also be a fruitful focus.

**6. Promote Unity:** Use this time to strengthen the sense of unity within the lodge. Collaborative activities and open discussions can help solidify bonds and reinforce the Masonic spirit of brotherhood.



Returning to the lodge after summer can be a time of revitalization and renewed commitment, providing an excellent opportunity to deepen relationships and advance the lodge's mission.

Fraternally,

**Jovan Boskovski, Worshipful Master**

"With courage, you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity." **Brother Mark Twain**

## 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



Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday of September, honors the contributions of workers to the development and prosperity of society. For Masons, this day resonates deeply with the principles and teachings of the craft, where labor is not merely physical work but a spiritual and moral endeavor that shapes both the individual and the community.

In Freemasonry, labor holds a central place, symbolized by the working tools of the craft—each with its own moral lesson. The Square teaches us to square our actions, the Compasses remind us to keep our desires within due bounds, and the Level and Plumb symbolize equality and upright conduct. These tools, while rooted in the operative stonemason’s trade, have been adapted in speculative Masonry to represent the moral and spiritual labor that every Mason must undertake.

Labor in Freemasonry is not limited to physical tasks but encompasses the continuous work of self-improvement. The “work” of a Mason is the building of one’s character, the refinement of one’s virtues, and the pursuit of wisdom. Each Mason is a builder, working on the construction of a symbolic Temple—not of stone, but of the spirit.

Labor Day invites us to reflect on the dignity of work. In a world that often values success and material wealth over the virtues of hard work and in-

tegrity, Freemasonry stands as a reminder that all honest labor is honorable. Whether one is a craftsman, a professional, or a laborer, the effort put into one’s work is a reflection of one’s character.

Freemasonry teaches that the dignity of labor lies not in the job title or the salary but in the quality and intention behind the work. A job done with care, precision, and integrity is a reflection of a well-ordered mind and a virtuous heart. As Masons, we are encouraged to see our work, whatever it may be, as a means of contributing to the welfare of society and the betterment of ourselves.

Labor Day also serves as a reminder of the unity and brotherhood that can be found in shared labor. In the Lodge, Masons from all walks of life come together, leaving behind the distinctions of rank and profession. This fellowship in labor reflects the Masonic ideal of a universal brotherhood, where each man is valued not for his wealth or status but for his character and contributions.

This unity is mirrored in the labor movements that gave rise to Labor Day, where workers came together to demand fair treatment, safe working conditions, and a living wage. The struggles of those early laborers resonate with Masonic principles of justice, equality, and the dignity of every individual.

As we celebrate Labor Day, it is fitting for Masons to reflect on the nature of our own labor—both in our daily lives and in our Masonic journey. Are we approaching our work with the diligence, care, and integrity that our Masonic teachings demand? Are we building our symbolic Temple with the same precision and dedication that the ancient stonemasons applied to their craft?

Labor Day is an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the principles of honest work and moral labor. It is a reminder that every task, no matter

how small or seemingly insignificant, contributes to the greater good when done with the right intention and spirit. This was especially true of the contributions from our lodge brothers and visiting brothers from other lodges who unselfishly volunteered their labors to assist our lodge in the raising of our newest Master Mason, Don Fendon.

### Conclusion:

Labor Day, with its emphasis on the dignity and value of work, aligns closely with the teachings of Freemasonry. It is a day to honor not only the physical labor that has built our society but also the moral and spiritual labor that builds our character and our communities. As Masons, let us take this opportunity to reflect on our own work, strive for excellence in all our endeavors, and continue to labor in the service of our fellow man, ever mindful of the symbolic tools that guide our path. And let us trust in the future leadership to ensure the growth of our craft.

Please, my brothers, we all know that this is the last big weekend for fun and frolic before the harshness of winter. Enjoy the barbecues, but be safe while celebrating and rewarding yourselves for your hard work.

Yours fraternally,

**Michael Kosatka, Senior Warden**



“Masonry is an association of men, bound together by a chain of brotherly love and affection.”

**Unknown**



# From the South



Greetings Brethren,

September is upon us! Our year in the pedestals is now in its autumn season. The sun is past its meridian but still reminds us of the beauty and glory at its height. Our years ahead are declining, and the shadows are creeping ever longer. The colors of nature's hair are changing in the trees, plants, and grasses. The beasts and creatures of the

land are busying themselves with final preparations for the coming winter and the changing of the year. Likewise, your brethren are busying themselves to complete their work in the lodge on time. In due course, we are also preparing for our final celebrations of the year and one very important visit. Please join us in these last months within the lodge.

Indeed, in the celestial heavens above, the sun is entering its autumn equinox, one of the two in the year. The hours of day and night are of equal length. We see before us that the route we take is one of the setting sun in the West. We also see before us a harvest to be gathered. In ancient times, this was the period of games and celebrating the first fruits of their earlier labors. Our grapes would be harvested, and the first presses for juice and wine would be celebrated for the final season in the lodge as your officers.

Likewise, we will be celebrating our own games with a special meal and

drink for our visiting dignitary. We have a visit from the Grand Lodge at our stated meeting. Accordingly, we are preparing a handmade meal for him and the brethren, one that you will not want to miss. In turn, we will be discussing our plans for finishing the work of the year and what we'd like to see for the Lodge in the future.

So please join us this September for our stated meeting to hear what the Grand Lodge has to say and what our Lodge wishes to communicate to the brethren. In honor of this, we will be giving an early toast to St. Michael and his season of Michaelmas with this special dinner, ever remembering he is our Guardian and Victor over evil, vices, and superstitions that all Masons endeavor to cut away from the rough rock of mankind. See you soon, brethren.

Yours fraternally,

**Reynold Ramsey, Junior Warden**

“We strive to destroy the evil around us. Yet, we often forget that there is no light without darkness, nor darkness without light.

Perhaps a plant is the best analogy. A plant realizes that too little light is deadly, but it also knows that too much light is equally deadly. It is the balance of the two that makes the world.”

**Unknown**





## September Masonic Birthdays

Be sure to wish your Brothers a happy Masonic birthday!

Douglas Spencer	09/06/1987	Christopher Reed	09/19/2002
Robert Cooperider	09/07/1977	Douglas Hanson	09/22/1976
Jeffrey Steinbeck	09/10/1981	Kenneth Gearhart	09/27/2003
Scott Durgan	09/12/2007	Stephen Takesian	09/27/2003
Francis Trenholm	09/14/1985	Shaun Stapleton	09/29/2007
William Kozuh	09/14/2022		

## 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!



SEP 4 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.



SEP 11 First and Second Degree Practice and Proficiencies

Officers, please attend a First and Second Degree practice and proficiencies starting at 7:00pm. Doors will open at 6:00pm for fellowship.



SEP 18 First Degree

Please join us for dinner at 6:00pm followed by a First Degree at 7:00pm.

## Around the Lodge

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Don Fendon. Our thanks to all of the members of PVST and our Brethren at Glendale and Scottsdale who helped us pull this Degree off. Thanks to all!



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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.

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## 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