Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Masonic Lodge NO. 29, F.&A.M.

Jan Calendar

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- Jan 01: Lodge is Dark
- Jan 04:
 First Degree
 Practice
- Jan 08: Dinner and Stated Meeting
- Jan 15: First Degree
- Jan 22: First Degree
- Jan 29: Officers and Trustees Meeting

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From the East



Greetings from the East,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ahh, January—the birth of an exciting new year for our lodge. We have a whole new line of officers who are extremely confident that the programs and changes we are implementing will lead us toward solid growth. This year, we are fortunate to have some great minds in our line, bringing fresh ideas to the table. I, for one, am excited about our future.

As the new Worshipful Master, my goal is to ensure that our current brothers are well taken care of while striving to spread the word about what we do. It's time to dispel the dark, clouded opinions many hold about Masonry. How do we do this? By talking openly about Masonry, staying active within our communities, and encouraging good men in this world to ask the one important question. Be proud to share with those good men what you and our brethren do. Let's move beyond the "cloak and dagger" persona and show the world our true light.

I want to thank all the brothers who have entrusted me with the future of our lodge, and I hope to live up to the standards of our illustrious forebrothers. I also want to express my gratitude to the officers who have stepped up to help make this a banner year for our lodge.



Remember: "To the world, you might be one Mason, but to our lodge, you may be the world."

Fraternally, Michael Kosatka, Worshipful Master

Save the Date:

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.





Stated Meeting Menu:

Indulge in a delicious meal featuring creamy Chicken Alfredo served over tender pasta, paired with steamed broccoli and a crisp Caesar salad. Enjoy golden, buttery garlic toast on the side, and end the evening with a selection of specialty cakes for dessert. A perfect combination for a delightful dining experience!

From the West



Greetings from the West,

Those of us fortunate enough to have endured the holidays and New Year with friends and family had a chance to discover the subtle wonders of the Great Architect of the Universe. From the smile on a face to the kindness humanity is capable of; from the wagging of a dog's tail to the thoughtfulness of a neighbor—it's the little things that nourish our souls and allow us to pass that smile along.

As the sun sets in the West, let us take delight in the work we have done on our rough ashlar as we transition it toward perfection. When we pull together, mountains are shaped, and nations arise. Let us adorn our surroundings with beauty, strength, and wisdom.

Fraternally,
Mitchell Robinson, PM,
Senior Warden



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From the South



Greetings from the South,

We welcome everyone to a brand-new Masonic Year! With the new year come many changes, and in our Lodge, we've already seen a transformation in our social hall. A pool table has appeared, along with a shuffleboard game. Thank you to everyone involved in acquiring these items and donating their time and resources to enhance our social hall. Now, candidates and brothers can gather for fellowship in a fun and friendly way.

As you know, the New Year also brings new opportunities, and I am particularly fond of the famous "New Year's Resolutions." According to Statista, a statistics portal that provides data and analysis on a wide range of topics, including business, politics, media, and technology, the three biggest New Year's resolutions for 2025 are: saving money (21%), eating healthier (19%), and exercising more (17%).

The New Year is also a perfect time for us as Masons to take a renewed look at removing the superfluities in our lives and focusing on what truly matters. One way to do this is by taking a moment to meditate and reflect, removing distractions that pull us away from what is most important at any given moment. One of the simplest ways to achieve this is by being mindful of the present.

To be truly present in the moment means setting aside outside distractions, including thoughts about the past or future. Being fully present with another person is a powerful example of this. By removing distractions and focusing on the Brother or individual you're with, you are actively eliminating the superfluities of life. It's one of the easiest resolutions to adopt—and while it doesn't involve physical exercise, it does require a bit of work for your brain, spirit, and thoughts.

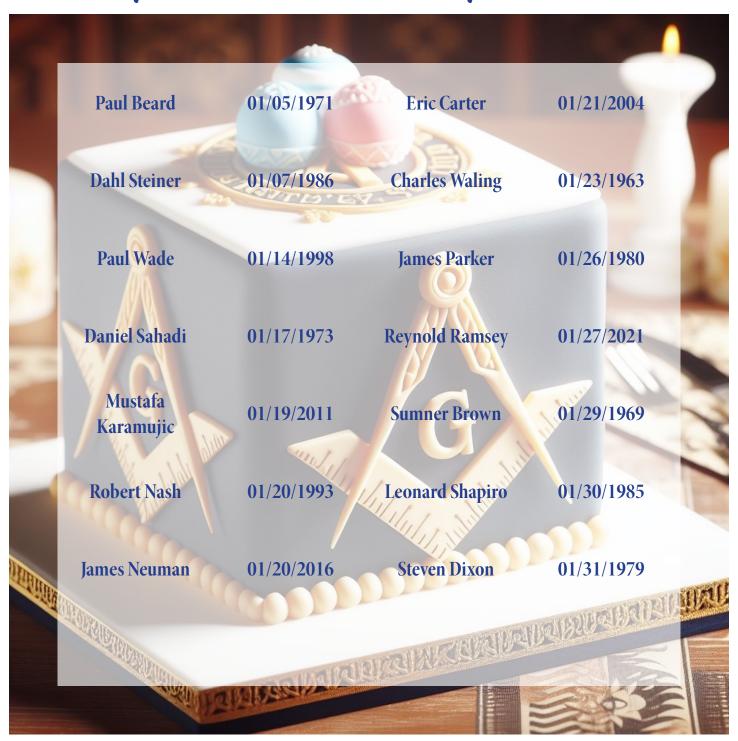


Happy New Year to one and all!

Fraternally, Darren Reale, Junior Warden



January Masonic Birthdays



Wish Your Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!



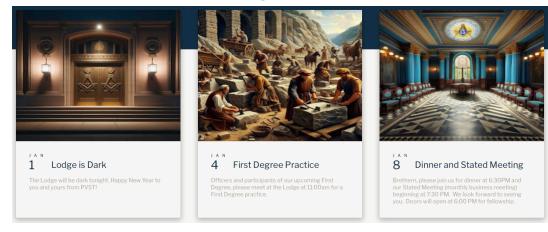
2025 Craft Builders

Support your Lodge and be recognized! With a donation of \$20, you can have your name—or the name of a Brother of your choosing—listed for the 2025 calendar year. This is a wonderful way to honor our beloved deceased Brothers or celebrate new Brothers just joining our Craft. Please make your donation to the Secretary and let him know it is for Craft Builders & send an email to webmaster@pvst29.org.



Be sure to check out our website and make use of the Calendar for all of the most up-to-date Lodge activities! www.pvst29.org

Check out our Lodge Calendar!



Say Hello to the New Officer Line!



Pictured left to right:

Marion Hemby - Chaplain, Adam Crawshaw - Junior Deacon, Jovan Boskovski, PM - Secretary, Darren Reale - Junior Warden, Michael Kosatka - Worshipful Master, Mitchell Robinson, PM - Senior Warden, Mustafa Karamujic, PM - Treasurer, William Kozuh - Senior Deacon, Mussa Able - Marshall



Fun Fact:

Worshipful Master Michael Kosatka holds a unique place in our Lodge's history as the first Brother to be raised as a Master Mason in the combined Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29. Now, he carries this distinction further as the first Worshipful Master to have been raised in the combined Lodge.



Many thanks to Worshipful Brother Jovan Boskovski for his dedicated service during his second year in the East. Worshipful Brother Jovan now holds the distinct honor of being PVST's newest Past Master, and he is celebrating this milestone by taking on the important role of Secretary. We wish him great success in the year ahead!

We've made some new additions!



We are excited to share some wonderful new additions to our Lodge dining room for the enjoyment of Brothers, candidates, family, and friends alike.

First, we now have a pool table, thanks to Brother Brian, who helped us track it down. This table, previously owned by one of his friends, had not seen a game in quite some time. The Lodge arranged for its relocation and had it fitted with beautiful new Masonic blue felt. While the rails are currently a bit worn, we have plans to







repair them in the near future. For now, it's still perfect for a friendly game of "avoid the rail!"

Next, Brother Don suggested acquiring a used shuffleboard table for the Lodge, and Brother Chris took the initiative to make it happen. Not only did he find a fantastic table at an unbelievable price, but he also picked it up and arranged its delivery with the help of The Widows' Sons. To top it all off, he generously gifted the table to the Lodge—a true act of brotherly love!



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Doing the Most Good by Bell Ringing PVST rang in the holiday season with some wonderful volunteer work with the Salvation Army.



















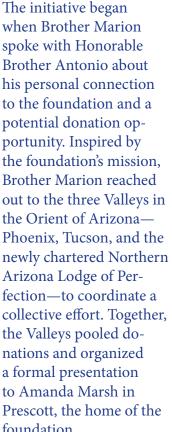
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Eric Marsh Foundation Donation Trip

Supporting the Eric Marsh Foundation: A United Effort by **Arizona Valleys**

Two of our dedicated Lodge Brothers, Worshipful Master Mike and Brother Marion, recently participated in a meaningful trip to support the **Eric Marsh Foundation** for Wildland Firefighters. This foundation, founded by Amanda Marsh in memory of her husband Eric Marsh, honors the legacy of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, 19 of whom tragically lost their lives in the Yarnell Hill Fire of 2013. The foundation provides essential assistance to the families of fallen and injured wildland firefighters across the country.

when Brother Marion spoke with Honorable Brother Antonio about his personal connection to the foundation and a potential donation opportunity. Inspired by the foundation's mission, Brother Marion reached out to the three Valleys in the Orient of Arizona— Phoenix, Tucson, and the Arizona Lodge of Perfection—to coordinate a collective effort. Together, the Valleys pooled donations and organized a formal presentation to Amanda Marsh in Prescott, the home of the foundation.





The presentation not only showcased the fraternity's commitment to supporting those who risk their lives for the safety of others but also provided an opportunity to strengthen ties between the Masonic community and the firefighting community. Representatives from the Valley of Phoenix and the Northern Arizona Lodge of Perfection attended the event, along with Prescott Fire Chief Holger Durre, adding to the significance of the occasion.

The trip also highlighted the important role of the newly chartered Northern Arizona Lodge of Perfection, giving it well-deserved recognition in its region. This collaboration between the Valleys demonstrated the power of unity and the Masonic values of charity and brotherhood. →







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Looking forward, there are plans to continue this meaningful partnership. Brother Marion is working with the Valley of Phoenix Scottish Rite to organize a similar initiative for 2025, with hopes of establishing regular contributions to the Eric Marsh Foundation. This ongoing effort would not only honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice but also provide critical support to their families.

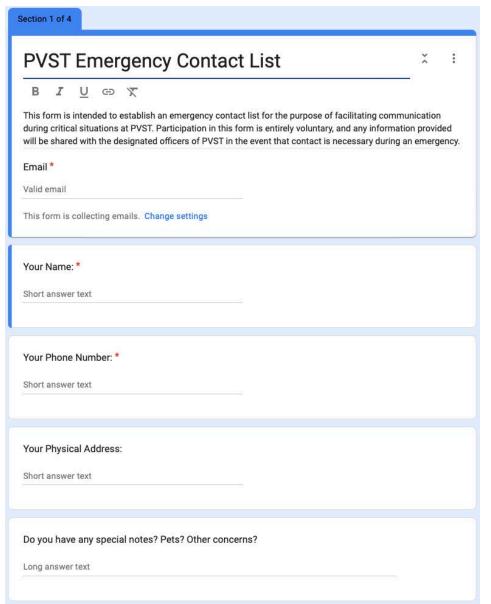
The Lodge extends its deepest gratitude to Worshipful Master Mike, Brother Marion, and everyone who contributed to this successful trip and donation. Their dedication embodies the Masonic principles of relief and brotherly love.



If you would like to learn more about the Eric Marsh Foundation and its vital work, visit ericmarshfoundation.org.

PVST Emergency Contact List

The officers at PVST would like to ensure we have up-to-date emergency contact information for our members in case of an unlikely emergency at the Lodge or a personal situation requiring our assistance. Participation in this effort is completely voluntary, but we encourage you to consider filling out the form today!





Scan the QR code above to get started, or navigate to the following link: https://forms.gle/3xMj8ShszL14jKD98



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Making Good Men Better, One Day at a Time



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



Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge #29 Our Past Masters

Dean Graham, PM-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)*

Phil "Jack" J Buta, PM (2006)

James E Boniface, PM (2007)

Eric T Carter, PM (2009)

Scot M Baker, PM (2010)

Kirk Lockett, Sr, PM (2010)*

Shane Crabtree, PM (2011)

Tod Truettner, PM (2012)

Leonard Shapiro, 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)

Jovan Boskovski, PM (2024)

