

Mar Calendar

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- **Mar 05:**
Dinner and Stated Meeting
- **Mar 12:**
Tentative First Degree
- **Mar 19:**
TBD
- **Mar 26:**
Officers and Trustees Meeting

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From the East



Greetings from the East,

What a month we've had! We hosted a highly successful oratorical contest, featuring some truly remarkable young speakers. Their speeches were inspiring and gave me hope that these young men and women may one day help guide our country—and perhaps even our fraternity—toward a brighter future. Thank you to all the Brothers who stepped in to help make this event a success.

As we move into March, we look forward to the magic of Saint Patrick's Day—a time filled with tradition, symbolism, and the legendary Leprechaun. While Masonic references to Saint Patrick's Day can be found throughout history and symbolism, it is not as universally celebrated as other Masonic holidays. However, Saint Patrick—the patron saint

of Ireland—is often associated with virtue, wisdom, and good deeds, traits that resonate deeply with Masonic principles.

In Irish Freemasonry, Saint Patrick's Day holds particular significance. Some lodges, both in Ireland and among Irish expatriates, honor his legacy of spreading moral teachings and virtue. The day is also a celebration of brotherhood, charity, and fellowship—central tenets of Freemasonry. While Saint Patrick himself is not considered a formal figure in Masonic mythology, his teachings on living a moral and virtuous life align with our core Masonic values of self-improvement and moral rectitude.

For many Masonic groups with Irish heritage, Saint Patrick's Day is an opportunity to reflect on these values while also celebrating their cultural traditions. Some lodges hold



special events or ceremonies, incorporating elements of Irish Masonic customs while emphasizing Saint Patrick's virtues of wisdom, integrity, and compassion.

Fraternally,
Michael Kosatka, Worshipful Master



Stated Meeting Menu:

Join us for a delicious Stated Meeting meal as we celebrate the spirit of the season with a classic Irish feast! Enjoy tender corned beef and hearty cabbage, cooked to perfection and served with all the fixings. To top it off, indulge in a delightful selection of holiday-themed desserts, guaranteed to satisfy your sweet tooth. Don't miss this evening of great food, brotherhood, and fellowship—come hungry and ready to enjoy a warm and festive meal!

From the West



Greetings from the West,

Once again, the winds of March will be upon us—that time of year when, long ago, we built kites to lift our dreams into the heavens. Though, truth be told, some of us built rockets—just to see them fly!

Take a moment to reminisce about those times with your children or grandchildren. If you haven't done it

yet, consider sharing the experience with them or even with your Brethren. If you're still here, then the fun can still be had, and memories can still be made.

O my Brothers, remember: Happiness shared is multiplied, and sadness shared is lessened.

Fraternally,
Mitchell Robinson, PM,
Senior Warden



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From the South



Greetings from the South,

If you're reading this article, let me know. If you didn't, well...

Failure. Death. Not something we as Masons like to dwell on, but they are unavoidable parts of life. Failure happens - it just does. Not everyone who tries out for the varsity football team makes it. Not everyone reaches the goals they set or hope for. Disappointment and sadness are part of the human experience.

The weekend of February 22nd and 23rd was one of reflection for me, as I attended two funerals back-to-back. On Saturday, February 22nd, I attended a military funeral at Luke Air Force Base. The next day, Sunday, February 23rd, was the Masonic funeral for Brother Chaplain Aram Hosepian.

At Luke AFB, I stood in full Navy dress uniform to honor the Army veteran father of a dear friend. I was requested to be part of the Last Man Roll Call ceremony. One by one, those of us in uniform were called forward by name. Then, the veteran father's name was called. Silence. A second

time - silence again. A third and final time, his name was called. Silence. Then, the command was given for the rifle firing squad. Three volleys were fired into the air to honor the one who could no longer answer the call.

It was at that moment that the number three struck me. Why three?

The following day, at Brother Aram's Masonic funeral, our Brethren lifted the sprig of acacia three times to honor his passing. Three salutes. Three degrees. Birth, life, death. The pattern is undeniable.

In some ways, I felt like I had failed. I only visited Brother Aram twice after his stroke - I never made it back for a third visit. I should have been there more. I also failed at something I deeply aspired to within Masonry. But death is not the end. Failure is not the end.

As Masons, we believe we go on to the Great Architect of the Universe - death is not an end, but a new beginning. Likewise, failure does not have to be the end; it can be the foundation upon which we build greater effort, striving to become worthy,



well-qualified, and ultimately, successful.

Each moment of life is precious and should be used wisely. Three lessons came to mind:

Plan the work. — Set out the tools. — Work the plan.

Though we mourn the passing of a beloved Brother, we are reminded of the sprig of acacia - the evergreen - a symbol of immortality, hope, and the spirit that survives beyond the grave.

Fraternally,
Darren Reale,
Junior Warden



March Masonic Birthdays

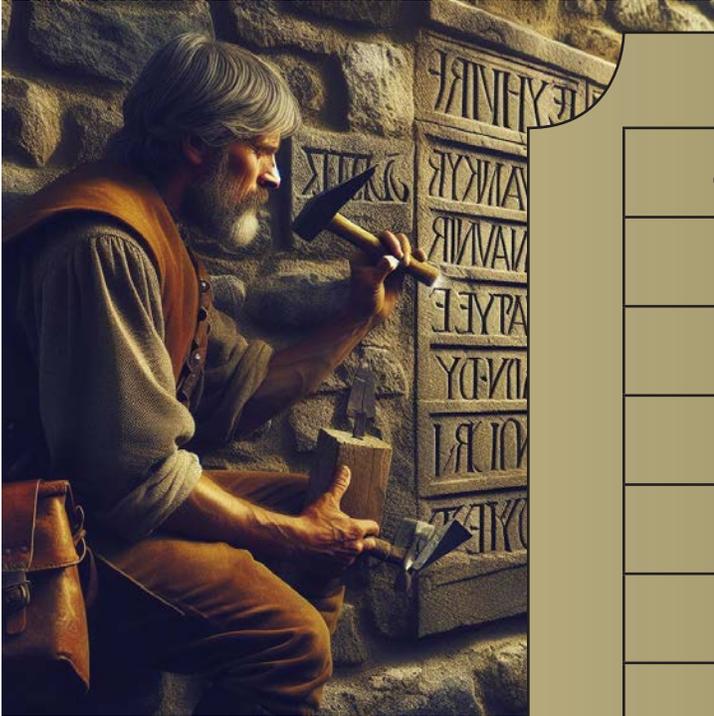


Wish Your Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!



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.



<i>Steven Proctor</i>	

Check out our Lodge Calendar!

Be sure to check out our website and make use of the Calendar for all of the most up-to-date Lodge activities!
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MAR 5 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.



MAR 12 Tentative First Degree

Brothers, please join us for a First Degree. Doors open at 6:00pm, Degree commences at 7:00pm. No dinner will be served.



MAR 19 PVST #29

Brothers, please come and join us at Lodge! Door will be open by 6:00PM unless otherwise specified. Please see specific event details for more information.

Please Join Us for a Special UK Visit at April SM

I encourage you all to join us for our April Stated Meeting, where we will have the special honor of welcoming a visiting Brother from the United Kingdom. This is a unique opportunity to share in Masonic fellowship across borders, exchange insights, and strengthen our bonds as Brothers in the Craft. Let's show our guest the warmth and hospitality of PVST and come together for an evening of camaraderie, tradition, and enlightenment. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Fraternally,
Worshipful Master Mike Kosatka



Thank You All for a Successful GWOC

Brethren,

A heartfelt thank you to all who came out to support the 2025 George Washington Oratorical Contest. It was an honor to continue this proud tradition started by Worshipful Brother Robert Rimer, and we look forward to expanding it to more schools and Lodges across Arizona in the future. The inspiring and passionate speeches delivered by these gifted young students were truly a joy to witness, reminding us of the power of knowledge, eloquence, and the bright future ahead. Your support helps keep this tradition alive, and we appreciate each of you for being part of this meaningful event!



We Will Miss You Brother Aram

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of our dear Brother Aram, a long-serving Chaplain of PVST and a true pillar of our Lodge. His warm greetings, coy smile, and sharp sense of humor brought light to every gathering, while his wise counsel and heartfelt prayers provided guidance and comfort to us all. Brother Aram embodied the very essence of Masonic fellowship, always ready with a kind word, a knowing glance, and a steady hand to support his Brethren. Though he has laid down his working tools, his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him. Farewell, dear Brother—until we meet again in the Celestial Lodge above.





Br. Aram,

I will miss you dearly.



Br. Billy



Congratulations to our Newest Entered Apprentice Brother Stephen



PVST Welcomes You!

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!

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PVST Emergency Contact List

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This form is intended to establish an emergency contact list for the purpose of facilitating communication during critical situations at PVST. Participation in this form is entirely voluntary, and any information provided will be shared with the designated officers of PVST in the event that contact is necessary during an emergency.

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Tod Truettner, PM (2012)

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P Bryan Westerman, PM (2014)

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David McArdle, PM (2017)

Timothy M Dougherty, PM (2018)

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Lukas Siegfried, PM (2021)

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