

Aug Calendar

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- **Aug 06:**
Dinner and Stated Meeting
- **Aug 13:**
TBD
- **Aug 20:**
TBD
- **Aug 27:**
Officers and Trustees Meeting

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From the East



Greetings from the East,

As Masons, we are taught from the very beginning the value and dignity of labor. The working tools presented to us; be it the plumb, level, or square, remind us that labor is not merely a means of livelihood, but a sacred expression of character, purpose, and contribution to the building of both ourselves and society.

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday in September, honors the contributions of working men and women and celebrates the achievements born from diligence, perseverance, and unity. For the Freemason, this secular holiday echoes profound Masonic lessons.

Freemasonry reveres the role of the craftsman. The operative Mason of old physically shaped stones for cathedrals and temples; the speculative Mason of today shapes moral character and a life of service. Labor Day is a fitting time to reflect on our personal commitment to industriousness. Not only in our professions, but also in our spiritual and moral endeavors.

We are also reminded that rest is a part of the work. The 24-inch gauge teaches us to divide our time wisely; allocating portions for service to God and a distressed worthy Brother, for our usual vocations, and for refreshment and rest. Labor Day is not just a celebration of toil, it is a recognition of the need for balance, renewal, and reflection. In rest, we gain strength to return to our labors with renewed purpose.

The origins of Labor Day lie in the spirit of brotherhood among workers. In Freemasonry, we cherish that same principle. We are united in the quarry, regardless of title or station. The Lodge reminds us that all honest labor is noble and worthy of respect. On this day, we reaffirm our commitment to equality, dignity, and fraternity.

Masons are builders of temples not made with hands. Labor Day calls us to remember that through our daily efforts, we are also building a better world. Let us labor not just for ourselves, but for the benefit of all mankind, ever acting on the level and by the square.



As we observe Labor Day, let us remember the high Masonic calling to be diligent in our work, compassionate in our service, and steadfast in our pursuit of truth and light. May our labor, like that of our ancient Brethren, leave a lasting legacy upon the trestleboard of time.

And finally, dear Brothers, please be safe and mindful during this festive holiday.

Fraternally,
Michael Kosatka,
Worshipful Master



Stated Meeting Menu:

Get ready for a feast! Join us for a mouthwatering seafood boil featuring tender mussels, succulent shrimp, and miniature potatoes, served alongside a fresh salad. To top it off, we'll be dishing out cake and ice cream for a sweet and satisfying finish. Don't miss this delicious evening of good food and great fellowship!

From the West



Greetings from the West,

August - Get ready to sweat (if you haven't already)!

This is also the season when traveling Masons begin to appear at Lodge. Come meet your Brethren, make new friends, and learn what's happening in other parts of the world.

Of course, it's entirely possible that you may be one of those traveling Masons. If so, we'd love to hear from you! Come in out of the heat and share your experiences with the Lodge.

After all, any reason that brings us together in joy and harmony is surely a good one.

O' my Brothers, remember: a happiness shared is multiplied; a sadness shared is lessened.

Fraternally,
Mitchell Robinson, PM,
Senior Warden



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From the South



Greetings from the South,

Congratulations to our newly obligated Fellowcraft Brothers, Daniel and Nick! This marks the first time in years that I can remember our Lodge having the privilege of conferring back-to-back Second Degrees just one week apart!

I've always loved hearing the words in Lodge that speak of the Lodge's covering, the "canopy of heaven." This phrase harks back to our ancient Masonic gatherings, when meetings were held beneath the open sky, the blue canopy of heaven, or later, beneath a simple tarp stretched over crossbeams where workers lived and met. Today, our Lodges are enclosed buildings, some quite ornate, but many still symbolically represent the sky on their ceilings.

The "Covering of the Lodge," described so eloquently by W/Bro. Albert Mackey refers to the heavens, where "the innumerable stars that decked its concave surface were as living witnesses of the power and wisdom of Him, at whose sacred name they were taught to bow, and were nightly winning from the virtuous Mason, by their bright effulgence, the prayer of hope and the hymn of praise." Our Lodges still claim this noble roof emblematically as their only true covering.

To aspire "from earth to heaven" (a terra ad caelum aspirare); to seek refuge in the Lodge after a long day's labor while still casting our eyes upward, is a beautiful and worthy aspiration for all Masons.



Fraternally,
Darren Reale,
Junior Warden



August Masonic Birthdays

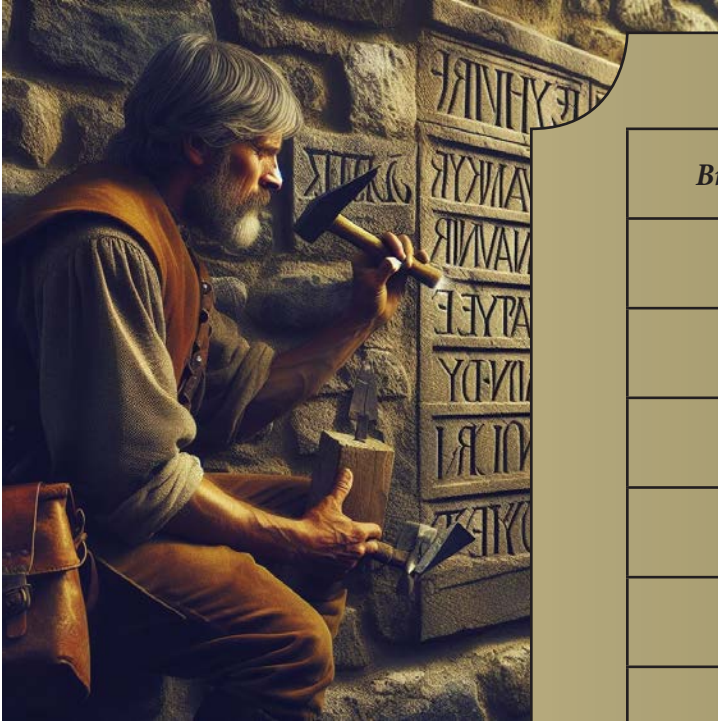


Wish Your Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!



2025 Craft Builders

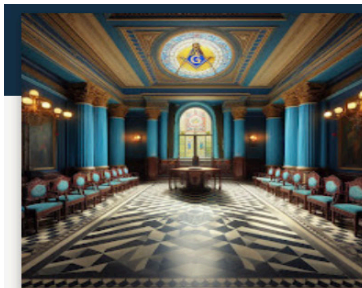
Support your Lodge and be recognized! With a donation of \$20, you can have your name—or the name of a Brother of your choosing—listed for the 2025 calendar year. This is a wonderful way to honor our beloved deceased Brothers or celebrate new Brothers just joining our Craft. Please make your donation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



<i>Br. Steven Proctor</i>	<i>Br. Dewey Looney</i> Sandy Valley Lodge #19, Grundy VA

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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AUG 6 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 13 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.



AUG 20 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.

Congratulations to Our Brothers!



Congratulations Brother Brian!

Brother Brian was raised to MM on August 2nd.



Congratulations Brother Nick!

Brother Nick was passed to FC on July 16th.



Congratulations Brother Daniel!

Brother Daniel was passed to FC on July 23rd.

Light Beneath the Pines Camping Trip



August 14-17

Get ready for a weekend of fellowship and adventure in the great outdoors! Join your Brothers for a Masonic camping trip from August 14–17 near Payson, nestled at the scenic intersection of Rim Road and Young Road. This is your chance to unplug, relax under the pines, and enjoy meaningful camaraderie around the campfire. Whether you're in it for the hiking, the stories, or simply the peace and quiet, there's something for everyone. Bring your tents, your sense of humor, and your love for the Craft. For details or to reserve your spot, reach out to Worshipful Master Mike Kosatka. Don't miss this opportunity to create lasting memories with your Brothers!

Contact WM Mike Kosatka for Details or to RSVP

Beneath The Star-Decked Canopy

Beneath the star-decked canopy I stand,
Trowel in hand, and ashlar rough,
The world below; base lead and sand,
Above me, silence deep and tough.

The heavens arc with ancient fire,
A vault of wisdom, veiled yet bright.
Each star, a spark of lost desire,
Each constellation, glyph of Light.

The square and compasses align,
To chart the soul's ascent through night,
And in that vault, so crystalline,
I seek the blazing inner rite.

For here, the Lodge is not of stone,
But consciousness refined and tried;
A temple built by thoughts alone,
Where truth and spirit coincide.

O Sirius! Thou eye of flame,
That beckons from the eastern gate,
Reveal the Word, the sacred Name
Which once was lost to time and fate.

Transmute this mortal coil to gold,
Not that which Midas grasped in vain,
But virtue, wisdom, courage bold;
The Master's wages we would gain.

The Plumb reminds me to be true,
The Level whispers, "All are one,"
The Square commands my thoughts to hew
To justice, till the work is done.

Each tool, an emblem of the soul,
Each grip, a vow to rise again;
To lift the stone, to find the whole,
To labor not for self, but men.

Within the chamber of reflection,
Where salt and sulfur hide in glass,
The alchemist sees his own defection,
And through the fire, lets darkness pass.

So mote it be, the phoenix cries;
The inner sun must burn to birth,
From lower lead to spirit-wise,
The Great Work forged in Lodge and Earth.

Now upward, still, my gaze does climb,
Past blazing suns and Saturn's ring,
The canopy becomes sublime,
A mirror for the soul to sing.

O Architect, whose hand did trace
The angles of the stars above,
Impress upon this sacred space
The geometry of Light and Love.



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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)

