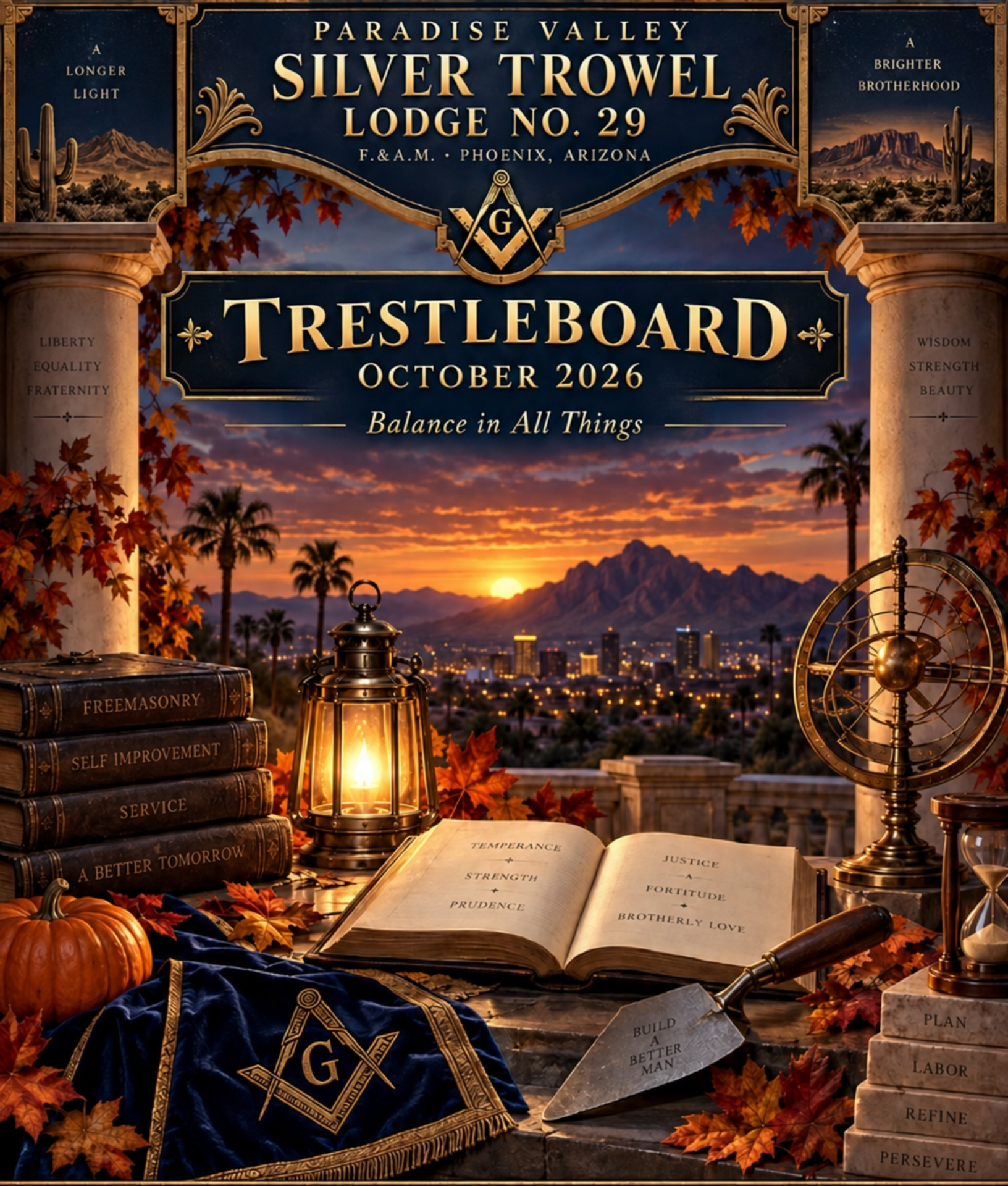


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MICHAEL KOSATKA
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

THE TRAVELING MASON

Different Lodges One Brotherhood



"I visited 14 lodges of AFAM."
Representing PVST #29 across the country



FROM THE EAST

Message from Worshipful Master Michael Kosatka

Hello My Brothers

As most of you know, I have been doing what Masons do, and that is traveling. It has been an awesome summer, and I have traveled from one coast to the other, from AZ to Missouri to Alaska to Missouri to Long Island, then back to Missouri. I even got to ride with a few Widows Sons in Missouri. It's been a wonderful journey, and during that journey I visited 14 lodges of AFAM. I was greeted by each one with open arms, and I was even invited to sit in a few chairs to help fill in. They do things a little differently, but having visited so many lodges before and hearing the differences, I was able to be a JW twice, a SD once, and Chaplain once, with very little prompting. I brought some of our Lodge pins and coins and presented them to each Master as a token of appreciation. I was also presented with a pin from the Most Distinguished Deputy Grand Master from their Grand Lodge. I even got to visit the Missouri Shriners Hall in Springfield, and what a place it is. (They even have a working still, only in the Ozarks, LOL.) I am so proud of the strides we have made in our Lodge, and it was an extreme honor for me to represent our Lodge and our Brothers. The lodges also wanted me to extend their welcome to all of you.

Now for upcoming business and some old business. Thank you to Brother Darren and Brother Donald for organizing the Brothers to help finish the painting on the interior areas of the lobby and dining areas. When I return, it is time to get our exterior wall completed in honor of our Past Brother Ivan, who is now with our Great Architect. And then the exciting time for some of our newer Brothers to advance in the chairs. We have so much work to get completed before the end of my year. I'd like to have the flooring completed and the wall completed before installation.

We are also looking for one of our Brothers who would like to sit in the South. We have Brothers working on their proficiencies but not quite there yet to fill a seat. JW is an easy station. Please reach out if you would like to join us in this new change.

It is Halloween time. Please be careful of the trick-or-treaters.

Fraternally yours,

Michael Kosatka

Brother Michael Kosatka
Worshipful Master

TRAVEL • EDUCATE • MEET • SHARE • GROW



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A BRIGHTER BROTHERHOOD

FROM THE WEST
Message from Senior Warden Darren Reale



BROTHER DARREN REALE
SENIOR WARDEN

Greetings from The West!

It's wonderful that now the evenings are starting to cool off and the Brothers are gathering to do incredible work together. I want to say how proud I am of all the hard work everyone has done to improve the Lodge recently, as well as step up to the various positions that have become open that we needed to fill. Thank you Worshipful Brother Mitchell for your assistance and stepping into the chairs as needed.

One thing that we all deal with as Masons is occasional disappointment. Something we were looking forward to did not happen. However, we realise that ultimately we are not a failure, but at the moment we might not have done as best as we could have, or circumstances did not allow this to happen. At which time, we reflect deeply into our spiritual values and Masonic teachings which involve supporting each other. Yes, my brother, that includes supporting yourself emotionally positively when necessary.

Is it easy to do this when you feel down and like a failure? No. It's difficult to pick one self up after having a major setback, but it can be done. Look forward to what must need to be done to improve, and take those steps, and do not forget you're not alone in this. The Brothers around you, will support you for this is what Masonry is all about – to support one another.

I look forward to the upcoming events we have planned for October, and the continued growing interest by the seekers that are coming to our doors, and again want to pay wages to all Brothers that have been assisting these newcomers.

Here is to a wonderful upcoming fall for all of us here in Masonry !

Fraternally,

Darren Reale

Brother Darren Reale
Senior Warden

BROTHERHOOD
CHARACTER
SERVICE
LEADERSHIP
A BETTER TOMORROW

BUILD
BROTHER
SUPPORT
PERSEVERE

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LIGHT
BROTHERHOOD
SERVICE

TRUTH
BALANCE
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

SEEK HIGHER THINGS

IN BROTHERLY LOVE

WISDOM
STRENGTH
BEAUTY

LIBERTY
EQUALITY
FRATERNITY

FROM THE SOUTH

Message from Brother William Kozuh, Junior Warden



BROTHER WILLIAM KOZUH

With the fall equinox so recently behind us, I find myself thinking about balance. As many of you already know, I have made the difficult decison to step away from the officer line at the end of this year. My responsibilities at work have grown considerably, and I need to do what is right both for myself and for the Lodge. I do not feel that it would be right to accept the roles and responsibilities of another officer position knowing that I would not be able to devote myself fully to its service.

I still plan to remain an active participant in the Lodge, and I take comfort in knowing that it will be in good hands with the Brothers around me. Perhaps one day I will find myself in a season of life where the demands upon my time are different, and I will once again be able to take a position in service to the Lodge. For now, I believe recognizing my limitations and acting accordingly is itself an important lesson in balance.

If you have not done so recently, I encourage you to take a moment, embrace the lessons of the fall equinox, and consider how you are balancing your own time. Do any adjustments need to be made? Are you stretching yourself too thin? Are you devoting too much time to something that no longer deserves as much of it? These are worthwhile questions to ask ourselves. As you consider them, remember the working tools of your First Degree and the lessons they teach us about how we divide and govern our time.

There are seasons for taking on new responsibilities, and there are seasons for setting some of them aside. Neither lasts forever. Just as the equinox marks a moment of balance before the season continues its inevitable progression, perhaps we occasionally need to stop and find our own point of balance before continuing along our path.

I truly hope that one day in the future, the length of my cable-tow will once again increase and I will be able to continue my journey toward the East. Until then, know that the journey thus far has been tremendous, and I deeply appreciate everything this Lodge and all of my Brothers have taught me. I am not ending my Masonic journey, only changing the manner in which I travel it.

Fraternally,

William Kozuh

Brother William Kozuh
Junior Warden

TIME
DISCERNMENT
TEMPERANCE
BROTHERLY LOVE
A BETTER TOMORROW

REFLECT • ADJUST • PROGRESS

TRAVEL • BROTHERHOOD • BALANCE • SERVICE

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A BRIGHTER BROTHERHOOD

LIBERTY • EQUALITY • FRATERNITY

WISDOM • STRENGTH • BEAUTY

GOOD MEN BETTER MEN

SAME IDEALS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Fellowship • Education • Service

BROTHERHOOD BUILDS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

TO LEARN TO IMPROVE TO SERVE

OCTOBER 7

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM.

Special honored guest: Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Eric Daniel Dupree Sr.

OCTOBER 14

Friend to Friend

Invite a friend and join the Lodge for fellowship and conversation.

OCTOBER 21

2nd Degree

Please support the work of the Lodge and our advancing Brother.

OCTOBER 28

Officers & Trustees Meeting

Monthly Officers and Trustees meeting.

FREEMASONRY

SELF IMPROVEMENT

SERVICE

A BETTER TOMORROW

PLAN

LABOR

REFINE

PERSEVERE

BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER, ONE DAY AT A TIME

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SPECIAL HONORED GUEST

OCTOBER 7 STATED MEETING

Brotherhood • Leadership • Service • A Brighter Tomorrow

LIBERTY
EQUALITY
FRATERNITY
SERVICE

WISDOM
STRENGTH
BEAUTY
A BETTER TOMORROW



KNOWLEDGE
CHARACTER
LEADERSHIP
SERVICE

GOOD MEN BETTER

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
ERIC DANIEL DUPREE Sr.

Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29 is pleased to welcome Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Eric Daniel Dupree Sr. as our special honored guest from the Grand Lodge at our October 7 Stated Meeting.

Brothers are encouraged to attend, enjoy dinner together, and extend a warm fraternal welcome to our distinguished visitor.

DINNER AT 6:30 PM

BROTHERS, LET US DINE TOGETHER

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Making Good Men Better, One Day at a Time

SCHOOL BBQs

BROTHERS NEEDED

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS • STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

Good Men Make a Brighter Tomorrow



Tentative school visits:

October 27 — Cactus View Elementary School
October 28 — Paradise Valley Middle School

Meet-Up at the Lodge: 2:00 PM

Brothers who are able to assist are encouraged to meet at the Lodge before heading to the schools.

Investing in Today's Students Builds a Stronger Tomorrow

2027 LODGE DUES REMINDER

A FRATERNAL REMINDER



2027 Lodge dues are due in January 2027.

Please submit payment **before June 2027** to avoid becoming delinquent for non-payment.

Thank you for supporting the ongoing work, programs, maintenance, and operation of Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29.

TOGETHER WE BUILD A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

A LONGER LIGHT

A BRIGHTER BROTHERHOOD

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BROTHERHOOD & MILESTONES

MEN • MOMENTS • A STRONGER TOMORROW

BROTHERS BUILD BETTER TOMORROWS

SAME IDEALS BRIGHTER DAYS

CONGRATULATIONS, BROTHER DONALD LEWIS



Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29 proudly recognizes Brother Donald Lewis for completing his proficiency in both the Junior Warden and Senior Warden stations on September 16, 2026. His dedication to learning, preparation, and service strengthens the officer line and supports the continued work of our Lodge.

PROGRESS THROUGH PREPARATION

KNOWLEDGE • DEDICATION • SERVICE

THANK YOU FOR HELPING IMPROVE OUR LODGE



A sincere thank you to the Brothers and Seekers who gave their time on Saturday to help finish the painting work at our Lodge.

Brothers: Brother Donald, Brother Nick, Senior Warden Darren.
Seekers: Chris, Jonathan, Pete.

Your time, effort, and fellowship help make our Lodge a place we can all be proud to call home.

A CLEANER LODGE A STRONGER FUTURE

BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS



BROTHERS ON THE JOURNEY

Honoring the Light They Bring to Our Lodge

BROTHER	MASONIC BIRTHDAY
James Vernon Secrest	October 9, 1968
Steven Lee Stewart	October 26, 1994
Bryan Warren Bowley	October 27, 2004
Nicholas Parker Gregory	October 27, 2021

GOOD MEN BETTER BROTHERS

DIFFERENT PATHS • ONE BROTHERHOOD

TRAVEL • BROTHERHOOD • BALANCE • SERVICE

KNOW THYSELF
IMPROVE THYSELF
BE OF SERVICE

FROM LABOR

TO LIGHT

PLAN
LABOR
REFINE
PRESERVE
TRANSMIT

SYMBOLISM
CHARACTER
DISCIPLINE
BROTHERHOOD
A BETTER TOMORROW

SAME SUN
SAME TRUTH
A BRIGHTER MAN

MASONC EDUCATION

TOOLS FOR A WELL-LIVED LIFE



Balance and Right Measure

A working tool is useful because it measures, tests, shapes, or helps bring order to labor. In daily life, balance serves a similar purpose. It reminds us that duty, work, rest, family, and Lodge responsibilities must be handled with thoughtful proportion.

Right measure brings harmony.

A CLEARER MIND

A KINDER HEART

A MORE USEFUL MAN



Labor and Improvement

The builder's tools remind us that worthy results do not appear by accident. Character is shaped through patience, correction, and steady labor over time. Improvement is rarely one dramatic act; more often it is the result of many small choices made well.

Steady labor builds a better man.



Brotherhood in the Work

No significant building rises through one pair of hands alone. Freemasonry reminds us that improvement is strengthened through mutual encouragement, good example, and Brothers working side by side.

Together, we build more than ourselves.



A Question for October

What deserves more of my time? What deserves less? Where am I neglecting what matters most? Honest reflection is one of the most practical tools a man can carry.

Take time to ask. Then take action.

BUILD A BETTER MAN

BETTER MEN
STRONGER COMMUNITIES
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

TEMPERANCE
PRUDENCE
JUSTICE
FORTITUDE
BROTHERLY LOVE

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OUR PAST BUILDS TOMORROW

BROTHERS
PLACES
PURPOSE
THROUGH TIME

FROM THE ARCHIVES

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF
PARADISE VALLEY SILVER TROWEL LODGE NO. 29

YESTERDAY
TODAY
TOMORROW
ALWAYS A BROTHER

PEOPLE • PLACES • PRINCIPLES • PROGRESS



Phoenix, Arizona
circa 1920s



Paradise Valley Lodge No. 61
circa 1960s

1922

A LODGE BEGINS

Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29 begins its history in downtown Phoenix.



1961

A NEW CHAPTER

Paradise Valley Lodge No. 61 is chartered at the Lodge's present location.



2000

A STRONGER TOMORROW

The two Lodges merge, combining their names as Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29 while retaining Lodge No. 29.



Today

A LASTING LEGACY

PVST No. 29 carries more than a century of history and a legacy that includes seven Grand Masters.



Same Light.
Brighter Tomorrows.





HELP US KEEP HISTORY ALIVE

Brothers and families, we invite you to share your old photographs, Trestleboards, programs, certificates, memorabilia, and stories from our Lodge's journey. Your contributions help preserve our legacy for generations to come.

OUR HISTORY LIVES
IN YOUR STORIES

MORE THAN A CENTURY OF BROTHERHOOD

ROOTED IN ARIZONA · DEDICATED TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

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BROTHERHOOD BUILDS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

TRADITION GUIDES US
SERVICE UNITES US
AND CHARACTER ENDURES

A LONGER LIGHT

WISDOM STRENGTH BEAUTY

LIBERTY
EQUALITY
FRATERNITY

FAITH
HOPE
CHARITY

PAST MASTERS & LODGE INFORMATION

HONORING OUR HISTORY • STRENGTHENING OUR TOMORROW

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"The work we do today builds a better tomorrow."

SAME PRINCIPLES.
A STRONGER TOMORROW.

PAST MASTERS

THEIR LEADERSHIP LIVES ON

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 (2008)
Scot M Baker, PM (2009)
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)
Michael Kosatka (2025)

PAST MASTERS FOREVER LIGHT OUR WAY

TRADITION
LEADERSHIP
SERVICE
BROTHERHOOD
A BETTER TOMORROW

BROTHERS BUILD BETTER WORLDS

BUILD
EDUCATE
SERVE
LEAVE A LEGACY

MORE THAN A LODGE
A BROTHERHOOD FOR LIFE