

Jul Calendar

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- **Jul 01:**
Dinner,
Stated Meeting
- **Jul 08:**
Fellowship
- **Jul 15:**
Practice
- **Jul 29:**
Officers and
Trustees
Meeting

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From the East



Hello, my Brothers,

As we embark upon the summer months, I would like to express a few thoughts.

First, with the continued support of our Brothers and the Brothers of Phoenicia Lodge, we are making great progress on the improvements to our Lodge. I want to sincerely thank each of you for your ongoing dedication and support. A special thank you goes to Brother Donald, who is heading up the painting project to spruce up our entryway and dining areas.

As most of you know, I will be leaving the state for three months to travel and visit Lodges in several different states. During my absence, our Senior Warden, Brother Darren Reale, will be sitting in the East. I have the utmost confidence that he will do an outstanding job. He will be working with our

Secretary to coordinate the day and time for beginning our wall project in October, once the temperatures begin to cool. I will also continue attending our Officer and Trustee meetings via Zoom so that I can stay informed of our Lodge's progress.

With July fast approaching, please be careful while enjoying the many fireworks displays celebrating our nation's 250th birthday. Also, please remember to keep your dogs safe indoors whenever possible. Fireworks can be frightening and painful for their sensitive hearing. The Scottish Rite will also be hosting a celebration honoring our nation's birthday. If you have never attended before, I encourage you to do so. As a Mason, you are welcome to attend.

Finally, I want to wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer, whether your travels take you far from



home or you simply enjoy the season with family and friends.

Thank you, my Brothers, for choosing to be my Brothers. It has been an honor to serve alongside each of you.

Fraternally,
Michael Kosatka,
Worshipful Master



Stated Meeting Menu:

Join us for a delicious evening of fellowship and fine food as Brother Adam prepares a mouthwatering pork tenderloin dinner for this month's Stated Meeting. Come hungry and enjoy a hearty meal, great conversation, and the warm fellowship that makes our Lodge feel like home. We look forward to sharing another wonderful evening with all of our Brothers.

From the West



Greetings from the West,

I wish you all a wonderful July and a heartfelt salute to the Brothers of our fraternity who, 250 years ago, played a role in the drafting and signing of that remarkable document we know as the Declaration of Independence. In fact, nine of the signers were confirmed Freemasons, and according to Scottish Rite tradition, another eighteen signers were also members of the Craft.

On a personal note, I had the honor of visiting Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the Declaration was signed, as well as the nearby Liberty Bell. Years later, when I met my wife, I noticed that she owned candle holders with small mirrors that were exact replicas of those used in Independence Hall in 1776.

"Where are you going with this conversation, Brother Darren?" you might ask.

Well, it has to do with seeking more Light. Just as a candle illuminates a room, we are called to seek Light in a far deeper sense. It is my hope that each of us continues that lifelong pursuit.

Seeking more Light means studying sacred writings, choosing what is right over what is easy, serving others through our actions, and speaking with honesty and integrity. In earlier times, these qualities were simply known as virtue.

In honor of this special month, I would like to share the words of Worshipful Brother George Washington from a letter written in response to King David Lodge of Rhode Island in 1790:

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother."

My Brothers, each of you is a deserving Brother in my heart because of your continued commitment to honesty, integrity, and private virtue. Thank you for the countless hours you devote to helping our Lodge continue to grow and prosper.



Fraternally,
Darren Reale,
Senior Warden

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From the South



Greetings from the South,

I have a confession to make... Somewhere along the way, I accidentally turned into the main character from National Treasure.

It started innocently enough. I took a work trip to England and thought, "While I'm here, I might as well see a few old buildings." Before long, I found myself wandering through thousand-year-old abbeys, examining Gothic arches, photographing operative masons' marks carved into stone, and enthusiastically explaining the difference between Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan, and Composite columns to unsuspecting coworkers.

I can only imagine what was going through their minds.

"There he goes again... staring at another ceiling."

My camera roll became less of a vacation album and more of an archaeological survey. Most people return from Europe with pictures of food. I came home with close-up photographs of fan vaults, tracery, medieval stonework, and enough cathedral ceilings to make any

operative Mason proud.

Every ancient doorway became a mystery. Every weathered carving hinted at forgotten craftsmen. Every old church felt like it was hiding one more story waiting to be uncovered. Thankfully, I resisted the urge to return and steal the Declaration of Independence.

The truth is, Masonry has a funny way of changing how we see the world. Once you begin learning its symbols and history, you cannot help but notice architecture, geometry, craftsmanship, and allegory wherever you go. Places that once looked like "old buildings" begin to tell stories. Stones become books. Cathedrals become lectures. The work of long-departed craftsmen becomes a conversation across the centuries.

Perhaps that is one of the unexpected gifts of our Craft. It teaches us not only to build ourselves, but also to recognize the builders who came before us.

Just don't be surprised if you catch me looking suspiciously at an old cornerstone. I promise I'm only admiring the workmanship... probably. Happy Fourth of July to all!



Fraternally,
William Kozuh,
Junior Warden

July Masonic Birthdays

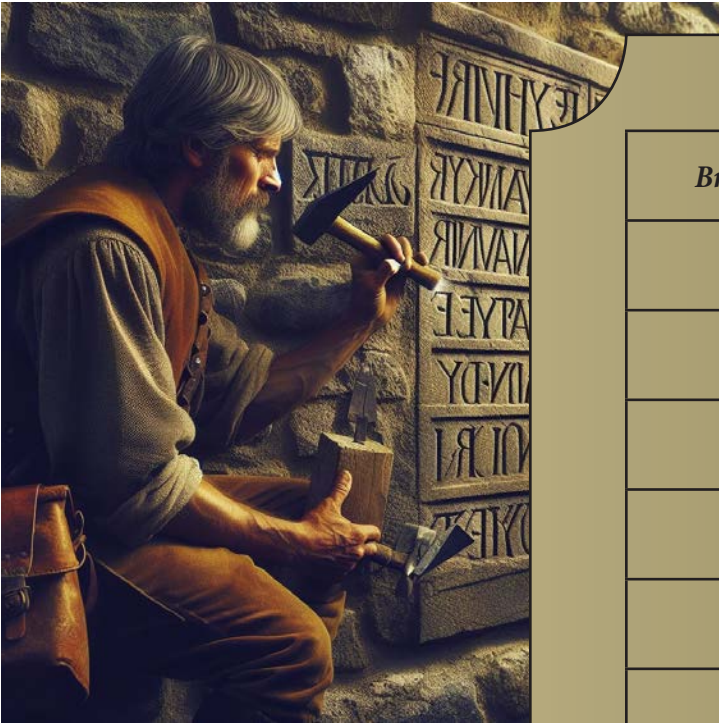


Wish Your Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!



2026 Craft Builders

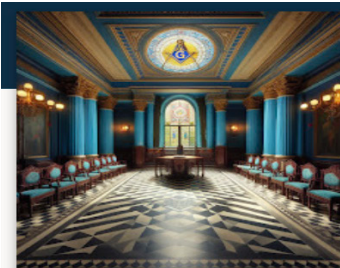
Support your Lodge and be recognized! With a donation of \$20, you can have your name—or the name of a Brother of your choosing—listed for the 2026 calendar year. This is a wonderful way to honor our beloved deceased Brothers or celebrate new Brothers just joining our Craft. Please make your donation to the Secretary and let him know it is for Craft Builders & send an email to webmaster@pvst29.org.



<i>Br. Steven Proctor</i>	

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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JUL
1 Dinner and Stated Meeting

Brothers, 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.



JUL
8 Fellowship

Brothers, please join us for a night of fellowship. Doors open at 6:00pm.



JUL
15 Degree Practice

Officers, please join us for a practice degree at the Lodge. Doors open at 6:00pm for fellowship.

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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)

