

MASTER BUILDERS, PCT

"Helping make houses into homes"

An Introduction to Master Builders

For those who are not familiar with Frank or Master Builders perhaps a brief background is in order. First, the name. Master Builders was chosen for a threefold reason, first, and foremost, it's our desire to honor the true Master, Jesus Christ, in all the work we do. We try to design and build with the objective to bring glory and honor to the true Master. Second, we attempt to bring a level of master craftsmanship to our work, like the workers of old. We reject the modern ethos of 'minimalist' effort. Yes, this is more work, but your project is worthy of this. Third, we implement the 'master planning' paradigm, which Frank learned in his training as a Landscape Architect, in all of our design work. This ensures a well thought-out project that will endure past our lifetimes.

Frank was raised in a blue-collar steel town in West Virginia. Having lost his father at age 9 he was quickly left to be the man of the house as his much older brother married and moved away soon after this death. Frank rebuilt his first stairway at age 10, 1968, due to the circumstances of his mother not being able to afford a carpenter. It wasn't much to look at, but it held for years to come. Being in a very ethnic town Frank was surrounded by welders, masons, concrete guys, painters, carpenters, roofers, and landscapers. He started working in his early teens for people needing help at the construction site. During his later teen years word spread that he was available for painting projects. So he began his first, part-time business venture of house painting. The ladders and 'scaffolding' was rickety but strong, and provided many adventures on the upper rungs. Frank did a painting job for a church for his Eagle Scout project. Other jobs included many concrete pour laborer stints, try screeding concrete up those WV hills!, carpentry projects, and landscape jobs. Frank even worked in the steel mill for two summers while in college; blast furnace and tandem mills.

Frank went to West Virginia University in 1976 and majored in Landscape Architecture. During his time in Morgantown he became known for his construction abilities and began a small business which one of his roommates coined, 'Call Frank'. This included many aspects of construction and remodeling. So his construction background, now backed by the architecture and engineering training at the university led him down the road to incorporate both, thus the design-build focus of the business.

After WVU Frank moved to Colorado in 1981 and began a full-fledged construction company in Woodland Park. This was both new construction and remodeling. This went well for several years and then, in 1987, he met his wife Melanie. Shortly after their marriage, in 1989, they moved to the west slope where Frank picked up a position as a plans examiner and building inspector for Pitkin County. He took this so he could learn the building codes, an area that he saw as integral to the business. After several years he continued construction in the Aspen/Roaring Fork Valley area learning the higher end of construction and finish work with many highly specialized applications. Very beneficial.

Shortly after that, in 1993, they moved to South Carolina where Frank finished his Masters of Divinity degree. While in seminary Frank established a construction company, Master Builders, to serve the local area. Business went well with very nice projects around the Lake Murray area. This continued for seven years and after graduation they decided to move back to Colorado.

The move back to Colorado was logical since Melanie's parents lived in Pueblo County, so they decided to move there where they soon built their model home, raised their family, and have called it home ever since. The business expanded to include custom woodworking including full, custom doors, cabinets, fireplace mantles, and furniture. You might say it's a full-circle experience, born and raised in a steel town and now living in a steel town county. Feels like home.

Having lived here Frank loves the people and enjoys helping people with their residential projects. We hope this gives you a better idea of who Master Builders is and how we've been equipped over time to give you the benefit of our experience.