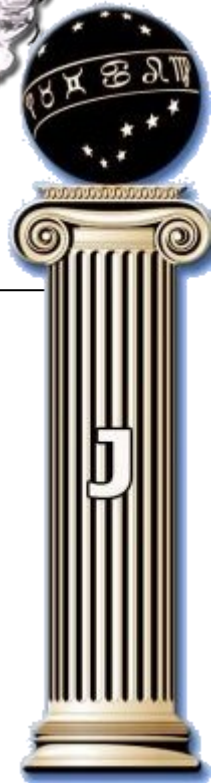
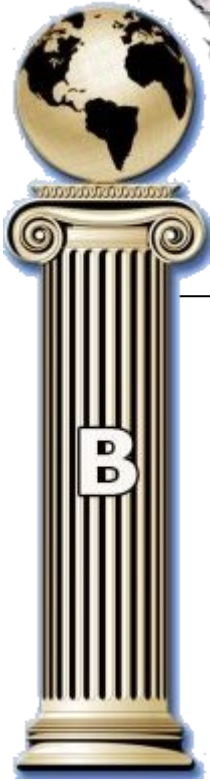




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From the East

Happy December Brethren,

As I am writing my final Trestle Board as your Worshipful Master, I am amazed at not only how quickly this year is coming to an end, but the past five years as well. I can not thank the Craft enough and the officers who have placed their trust in me. I am completely overwhelmed with emotions. It has been an honor, and definitely a privilege. There are so many Brothers to thank, and so I don't forget anyone- thank you all! I couldn't have done this without you all. You have made my year in the East a special one and one that I will never forget. I am so proud to be a part of this great Fraternity, but even more grateful to call Pearl Of The West my home.

Thank you Br John Nagy, Br Ken Leonard, Br Rick Weil of Zephyr Lodge and our very own RWDDGM Br Dave Lawrence for your Masonic Education that you provided this year for POW!!

Congratulations to our newest EA, Br Michael Benetto. Welcome to our family. Congratulations are in order for Br Shawn Wright, our SD and next years JW, who sat in the East for Br Benetto's degree for the first time and did a magnificent job!!!

Recently, the Brethren of Pearl Of The West had decided that they wanted to start cooking again for our Lodge. I would like to thank the Amaranth and LOS for providing our meals over the past

couple of years, and I would like to thank them for their continued support of our Lodge.

Our next Stated meeting will be a busy one as there will be a Bible presentation and an Apron presentation for Br Patrick Kane and Br Brian Reapp, we will be balloting on our 2025 budget, and introducing the next years slated officers. Congratulations all and continued success in the following year.

May you and your families have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas. Don't forget to leave a little something extra for Santa and his reindeer. Always remember the reason that we celebrate Christmas. Happy Birthday Jesus!!

"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always"

Stay well, Stay Safe, and God Bless

Respectfully and Fraternally,
SK Glenn Valcárcel
Worshipful Master
District 14 Membership Development



From the West

Greetings from the West:

A big thank you to all who donated to the big blue barrel. With your help, we were able to donate 311 lbs. of non-perishable food items to Metropolitan Ministries. As we approach the Christmas season the barrel is empty and we need to fill it again for a holiday donation to Met. Min. just before Christmas and Hanukkah. There is a big need for food and hygiene items and I am asking for your help. Let's see if we can do over 300 lbs. again.

We are doing great with Toys for Tots. The box is full and we have two large bags of stuffed toys to donate to the Marine Corp

Reserves. Please know that we have Christmas cards in the dining hall to be signed and will be delivered to the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg just before the Holidays.

The next blood drive with One Blood is Thursday Jan. 30, 2025 from 3-6 pm.

With this, I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and Hanukkah.

Fraternally,
Br.: Craig Franklin
Senior Warden
D14 Chairman—Child ID



From the South

Greetings from the South:

I can't believe it's December already and my year in the South is almost completed. It has been a pleasure cooking, organizing dinners and family nights this year. I couldn't have done it without the help of my fellow officers as well as the help from YOU the Craft. This is what Masonry is all about, fellowship, teamwork and making ourselves better.

Special thanks to Brother Larry Spector and Brother Craig Franklin for jumping in when I was absent from the lodge. Also to Brother Mathew Montano for supplying the grub on a few occasions, the BBQ was fantastic.

To my brothers all; thank you for your support this year, we had some great events

and some events that I wish we had more attendance, but that is how it goes. I look forward to serving you all in the West as the Senior Warden. Brother Shawn: good luck next year in the South, you will do great and I am sure the craft will support you just as they did with me.

Worshipful Glenn! WOW what a great year we had. We couldn't have done it without your leadership and guidance. Thank you for all the mentoring and help getting me through the degree work. You've earned some time off but I hope you won't stop coming to meetings and lodge events just because you are a Past Master.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Bro. Junior Warden Ken Leonard
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information is knowledge,
and knowledge is wisdom"* – Neal Degras Tyson



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December ANNIVERSARIES
 Years Date Brother's Name

65 Years 12/29/1959—Barry Dupre
 48 Years 12/13/1976—Cary Shontz
 45 Years 12/20/1979—Lawrence Spector
 41 Years 12/08/1983—David Gilmore
 29 Years 12/09/1995—"Goody" Thorsteinsson
 28 Years 12/09/1996—Scott Bober
 15 Years 12/14/2009—Matthew Quinn
 02 Years 12/17/2022—Matthew Passmore

December BIRTHDAYS
 Date Brother's Name

12/02—John Tyrkala, Jr.
 12/06—Roy Campbell
 12/08—Bruce Boyce
 12/10—John Leonard
 12/11—Jerome Grace
 12/12—Charles Keay
 12/14—Keith Richard
 12/15—John McCarty
 12/21—William Petrey, Jr.
 12/26—Timothy Watson
 12/27—Seneca Beal
 12/31—Ronald Evans, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM-2023	PETITIONS
Guy Dinkins Paul Thatcher Milton Trahan Kenneth Roark Paul Gott Lynn McLarty	<u>Three Degrees of Freemasonry</u> Jeffrey Olinger
	<u>Dual Membership</u> William Zeltman
IN MEMORIAM-2024	
Phillip Reed William David Hart	



DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting will be held at Paul Revere Lodge on Wednesday, December 18th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Come out and see what is happening throughout our District and what events are coming up in other lodges.

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1922 / 1924 C.A. Tansill	1989 Paul Schatzel
1923 J.G. Snell	1990 Paul Craft
1925 H.C. Remling -NP	1991 / 1993 Baxter Holland
1926 / 1939 M.L. Bailey	1992 Herman J. Schaefer
1927 / 1928 C.W. Barnett	1994 Keith A. Richard
1929 Edward Y. Wilkes	1995 Barry W. Breland
1930 Fred Shaw -NP	1996 Gary Dobraski
1931 / 1932 / 1946 M.A. Fullington	1997 Shawn D. Borth
1934 / 1941 E.P. Scofield	1998 Charlie T. Cox
1935 George Hollbrook -NP	1999 R.: W.: William Petrey
1936 G.S. Holbrook -NP	2000 Lawrence H. Ruby
1937 / 1940 R.W. Huddleston	2001 Bryce K. Smith
1938 G.L. McKay	2002 Harold Banter, Jr.
1942 / 1949 G.A. Dame	2003 Luke DeRoberts
1943 C. Jones	2004 David Brischler
1944 / 1945 P.G. Mayer	2005 / 2006 Judson A. Hiscutt
1947 W. Long	2007 Jon Kueny
1948 E.J. Harrison -NP	2008 Glenn Clarke
1950 / 1953 R.: W.: H.K. Richmond	2009 / 2016 R.: W.: Ray Vance
1951 F.B. Riley -NP	2010 Milton "Ray" Trahan
1952 / 1954 Malond Mott	2011 R.: H.: Bradley Watson
1955 Carl Hatcher	2012 R.: H.: Richard Sikes
1956 William Morgan -NP	2013 R.: W.: Scott Mitchell
1957 Russell Barford	2014 Henry Eichner
1958 Francis Jones	2015 R.: W.: Creg Bell
1959 Albert Cliffe -NP	2017 Dan Anger
1960 E. Thonneson	2018 Anthony Straquadine
1961 Donald Sommer -NP	2019 Shawn Abel
1962 Ralph Taylor -NP	2020 Seneca "Ponytail" Beal
1963 D.C. McClearen -NP	2021 Bruce Reinartsen
1964 Fred Smith	2022 R.: W.: David Lawrence
1965 W.E. Westerberg -NP	2023 Jacob Carter
1966 W.A. North	
1967 Joseph McMath	
1968 J.P. McAllister -NP	
1969 W.C. Calkins -NP	
1970 / 1971 Roger E. Michels	
1972 Arthur Riess -NP	
1973 Norman R. Wakefield -NP	
1974 Gary Joiner	
1975 K.M. Olson	
1976 Lynn McLarty	
1977 Perry A. North	
1978 D.W. Prescott	
1979 Jed Pittman -NP	
1980 Gene Ore	
1981 George Morgan	
1982 Joseph W. Blum	
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1987 Ronald C. Newton	
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Suggestion Box

A suggestion box is provided in the lobby of the Lodge for our Brothers. The Worshipful Master will review any comments, and will seek to improve on the suggestions.

**From the Quill**

Brethren,

I'd say we are in the Holiday Season now—with the hurricanes gone, crisp, cold nights and the light displays, it's definitely time to rejoice and spend time with friends and family. And too soon it will be a new year. A time for reflection on the year that has passed and for gratitude for the many blessings we've received. And I'm especially thankful for the outgoing Officers and our Worshipful Fearless Leader for such a great year that we can be very proud of. Without you all doing your diligence and working together, I could not function as your Secretary. Also, there are so many other

Brothers who make personal sacrifices to better our Lodge and Gentle Craft who simply cannot be overlooked. Our Lodge is harmonious because of your many contributions and they do not go unnoticed. Thank you all for such a wonderful year of successes and memories.

Finally, please don't forget to bring in canned goods for our food drive. Another push for charity through the end of the year. After all, that is the "reason for the season." Happy Holidays, My Brethren!

Respectfully and Fraternaly,
RW Scott Mitchell
Secretary