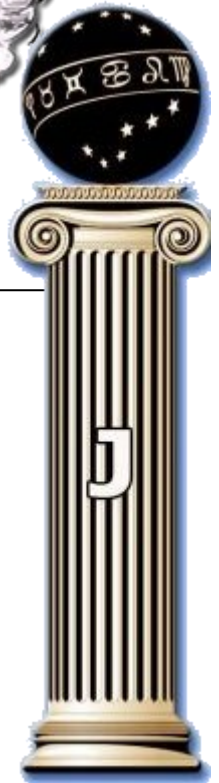
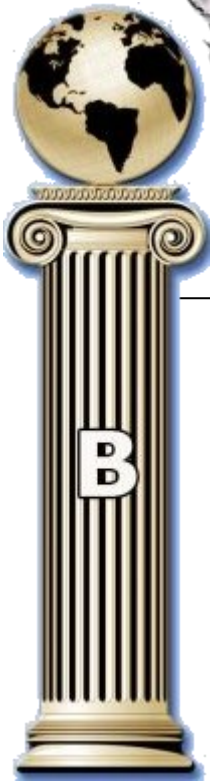




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### From the East

Greetings from the East:

The month of December has come and gone by rather fast. First, let me take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to become your next Worshipful Master. I am beyond humbled and will work hard for you in 2025.

December saw over 100 toys collected and donated to Toys for Tots. We also collected 400 lbs. of food and 600.00 in cash for a donation to Metropolitan Ministries. The 600.00 in cash was donated on Giving Tuesday which means the donation was tripled in value by a benefactor to

Metropolitan Ministries. Our ability to donate this holiday season has been overwhelming with a total non perishable donation total of 711 lbs. Thank you all! Lastly, there will be a blood drive on Thursday Jan. 30, 2025 from 3-6 pm. You can walk up or schedule an appointment at [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org) in the next week or so.

Respectfully and Fraternally,  
 Craig Franklin  
 Worshipful Master  
 Dist. 14 Chairman Child ID and LYPMGC



### From the West

Greetings from the West:

Happy New Year brothers. Thank you again for having confidence in my integrity to allow me to serve as your Senior Warden this year. I have big shoes to fill.

I am beyond honored and was totally surprised to receive and share Master Mason of the year with Brother Shawn Wright. Thank you for the recognition brothers.

As we embark on this new year, I would like to encourage the same support the craft has given the officers the past few years for this coming year. Family nights, lodge events outside of the

building, etc; we are only as strong as the brothers who attend these events. I would also like the craft to reach out to any brother they have not seen in the lodge in a while, I would love to see the North seats occupied but will settle for 2/3 of the South.

Lastly, Past Master Glenn V. Thank you for everything you have done for the Lodge and the Fraternity. Thank you for mentoring me to be the best I can be. You won't be missed because I know you will still be here supporting your brothers.

Respectfully and Fraternally,  
 Bro. Senior Warden Ken Leonard  
*"Words may show a man's wit, But actions his meaning."*  
 Bro. Benjamin Franklin  
 St. Johns Lodge, Philadelphia, PA.



### From the South

Greetings from the South:

I would like to start off by thanking Worshipful Valcarcel for leading us in the East, it was an amazing year with many accomplishments. It was a pleasure to serve as Senior Deacon under your leadership. I am looking forward to serving as Junior Warden under Worshipful Franklin for this year.

I would also like to thank the Brethren for all your support this past year. It was a joy to serve as your Senior Deacon and being able to

contribute to our Lodge as much as possible.

Lastly, I am honored to be entrusted as your Junior Warden for this year and I am looking forward to an awesome year in the South. I would also like to ask any Brothers that would like to contribute to cooking meals or food ideas for catechism on Thursday's to get with me. I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Let's make this an amazing year for our Lodge.

Respectfully and Fraternally,  
 Bro. Shawn Wright  
 Junior Warden-Elect



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Joseph Balogun	Bryce Decker

January ANNIVERSARIES		January BIRTHDAYS	
Years	Date	Brother's Name	Date
50 Years	01/27/1975	Henry Parnell	01/02—Donald Venedam, Jr.
41 Years	01/10/1984	Phillip Bell, Sr.	01/12—William Niehr
25 Years	01/01/2000	Thomas Hallowell	01/13—Barry Breland
16 Years	01/15/2009	Scott Stoppelbein	01/20—Roger Smith
12 Years	01/24/2013	William Belcher	01/22—Gregory Yurcus
12 Years	01/24/2013	William Ferraro	01/23—Joseph Graves
10 Years	01/20/2015	Reinaldo Gonzalez	01/24—William Gentile
05 Years	01/27/2020	Justin Crook	01/25—Richard Sikes
05 Years	01/27/2020	Brian Parnell	01/29—Michael Presson
05 Years	01/27/2020	Gilbert Wise	01/31—Edwin Nickerson

<b>IN MEMORIAM-2024</b>	<b>PETITIONS</b>
Phillip Reed William David Hart	<u>Three Degrees of Freemasonry</u> Jeffrey Olinger Gian Framingheddu
<b>IN MEMORIAM-2025</b>	<u>Dual Membership</u> William Zeltman



**DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION**

Monthly meeting will be held at Paul Revere Lodge on Wednesday, January 15th. 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.

**2025 OFFICERS**

<b>Worshipful Master</b> Craig Franklin	(860) 729-3819	<b>Junior Steward</b> W.: Dan Anger	(727) 645-3844
<b>Senior Warden</b> Kenneth Leonard	(727) 237-8413	<b>Marshal</b> RW.: Dave Lawrence, PDDGM	(803) 410-2422
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<b>Junior Deacon</b> Matthew Dasinger	(727) 251-0738		
<b>Senior Steward</b> Chris Andrick	(727) 212-8031		

**Past Masters of Pearl of the West No. 146**

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	2024 Glenn Valcarcel
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	
1983 George Justin -NP	
1984 Michael Helsel	
1985 J.A. Thompson	
1986 Seth B. Willets	
1987 Ronald C. Newton	
1988 R.: W.: Angelo Rossello	

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Masonic Home General Fund, Endowment Procurement (MH-100 and FA-100), Two Gulf High School Scholarships, Gulf Middle School, Masonic Relief, Masonic Charities of Florida, Masonic Youth, Lodge Roof Fund, Metropolitan Ministries, OneBlood, Toys For Tots, Hurricanes Helene and Milton Relief

**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 am hoping everyone had an opportunity to rest and catch up with family and friends over the last few weeks. We were very fortunate to spend time a bit south of here floating in the Caribbean which was a nice change of pace. Coming back, I've jumped in head-first to pull all of our various pieces together for Lodge requirements. But, some good news on that.

Most Worshipful Cowart signed off on our 4.01 By-Laws change for dues on December 27th. This has caused quite a delay in dues notices going out as they could not be sent until they were approved by The Grand Master. Please expect those to be distributed very soon. It will take me many hours to prepare, but I'll prioritize anyone

who has already paid, is a Perpetual Member, or is a 50-Year Exempt Member. In any event, please do your best to pay promptly as we need the money to keep the lights on and our doors open to various philanthropies we support.

In closing, I would like to thank The Craft for having faith in me to support our incoming Officers and Worshipful Master Craig Franklin in 2025. And I would also like to congratulate our 2024 Officers and Worshipful Master Glenn Valcarcel on a stellar year full of successes. What a fun time. It went by way too fast. Now, let's get to work, Brothers! There is much to do!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

RW Scott Mitchell  
Secretary  
D14 Chairman—Perpetual Membership