



## Pearl of the West Lodge No. 146 F&AM

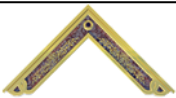
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### From the East

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.

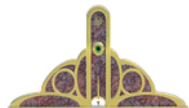
Our next Stated meeting will be a busy one as there will be a Bible presentation and an Apron presentation for Br Patrick Kane and Br Brian Reapp, we will be balloting on our 2025 budget, and introducing the next years slated officers. Congratulations all and continued success in the following year.

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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Years Date Brother's Name

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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.

**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.

**2024 OFFICERS**

<b><u>Worshipful Master</u></b> Glenn Valcarcel	(732) 778-5314	<b><u>Junior Steward</u></b> W.: Larry Spector, PM	(317) 908-6304
<b><u>Senior Warden</u></b> Craig Franklin	(860) 729-3819	<b><u>Marshal</u></b> RW.: Dave Lawrence, PDDGM	(803) 410-2422
<b><u>Junior Warden</u></b> Kenneth Leonard	(727) 237-8413	<b><u>Tyler</u></b> W.: Dan Anger, PM	
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> RW.: Creg Bell, PDDGM	(727) 243-2468	<b><u>Musician</u></b> John Nagy	
<b><u>Secretary</u></b> RW.: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM	(727) 514-4341	<b><u>Historian</u></b> RW.: Creg Bell, PDDGM	(727) 243-2468
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<b><u>Senior Deacon</u></b> Shawn Wright	(813) 778-2399		
<b><u>Junior Deacon</u></b> Phillip Holly	(727) 271-2242		
<b><u>Senior Steward</u></b> Matthew Montano	(727) 534-8272		

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

1922 / 1924 C.A. Tansill  
1923 J.G. Snell  
1925 H.C. Remling -NP  
1926 / 1939 M.L. Bailey  
1927 / 1928 C.W. Barnett  
1929 Edward Y. Wilkes  
1930 Fred Shaw -NP  
1931 / 1932 / 1946 M.A. Fullington  
1934 / 1941 E.P. Scofield  
1935 George Hollbrook -NP  
1936 G.S. Holbrook -NP  
1937 / 1940 R.W. Huddleston  
1938 G.L. McKay  
1942 / 1949 G.A. Dame  
1943 C. Jones  
1944 / 1945 P.G. Mayer  
1947 W. Long  
1948 E.J. Harrison -NP  
1950 / 1953 R.: W.: H.K. Richmond  
1951 F.B. Riley -NP  
1952 / 1954 Malond Mott  
1955 Carl Hatcher  
1956 William Morgan -NP  
1957 Russell Barford  
1958 Francis Jones  
1959 Albert Cliffe -NP  
1960 E. Thonneson  
1961 Donald Sommer -NP  
1962 Ralph Taylor -NP  
1963 D.C. McClearen -NP  
1964 Fred Smith  
1965 W.E. Westerberg -NP  
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  
1983 George Justin -NP  
1984 Michael Helsel  
1985 J.A. Thompson  
1986 Seth B. Willets  
1987 Ronald C. Newton  
1988 R.: W.: Angelo Rossello

1989 Paul Schatzel  
1990 Paul Craft  
1991 / 1993 Baxter Holland  
1992 Herman J. Schaefer  
1994 Keith A. Richard  
1995 Barry W. Breland  
1996 Gary Dobraski  
1997 Shawn D. Borth  
1998 Charlie T. Cox  
1999 R.: W.: William Petrey  
2000 Lawrence H. Ruby  
2001 Bryce K. Smith  
2002 Harold Banter, Jr.  
2003 Luke DeRoberts  
2004 David Brischler  
2005 / 2006 Judson A. Hiscutt  
2007 Jon Kueny  
2008 Glenn Clarke  
2009 / 2016 R.: W.: Ray Vance  
2010 Milton "Ray" Trahan  
2011 R.: H.: Bradley Watson  
2012 R.: H.: Richard Sikes  
2013 R.: W.: Scott Mitchell  
2014 Henry Eichner  
2015 R.: W.: Creg Bell  
2017 Dan Anger  
2018 Anthony Straquadine  
2019 Shawn Abel  
2020 Seneca "Ponytail" Beal  
2021 Bruce Reinartsen  
2022 R.: W.: David Lawrence  
2023 Jacob Carter

**2024 COMMITTEEMEN**

<b><u>BOARD OF RELIEF</u></b> W.: Glenn Valcarcel * Craig Franklin Kenneth Leonard RW.: Creg Bell, PDDGM RW.: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM	(732) 778-5314 (860) 729-3819 (727) 237-8413 (727) 243-2468 (727) 514-6008	<b><u>RITUAL</u></b> RW.: Creg Bell, PDDGM * RW.: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM RW.: Dave Lawrence, PDDGM RW.: Ray Vance, PDDGM	(727) 243-2468 (727) 514-6008 (803) 410-2422 (727) 514-3181
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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 Fraternally,  
RW Scott Mitchell  
Secretary





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# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Advent</b> <b>National Peppermint Bark Day</b>	<b>Cyber Monday</b> <b>National Mutt Day</b> Amaranth Harmony Court No. 25 Dinner - 6:30 PM Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>Let's Hug Day</b> Pearl of the West Lodge No. 146 Called Meeting Dinner - 6:30 PM Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>Santa's List Day</b> <b>National Dice Day</b>	<b>World Soil Day</b> <b>Bathtub Party Day</b> Pearl of the West Social, Catechism, Practice 6:00 PM	<b>National Gazpacho Day</b>	<b>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b>
<b>National Brownie Day</b> <b>Worldwide Candle Lighting Day</b>	<b>Techno Day</b> <b>National Lama Day</b>	<b>Human Rights Day</b> <b>International Animal Rights Day</b>	<b>Noodle Ring Day</b>	<b>Gingerbread House Day</b> Pearl of the West Social, Catechism, Practice 6:00 PM	<b>National Ice Cream Day</b> <b>Lost and Found Day</b>	<b>Monkey Day</b> <b>Roast Chestnuts Day</b> <b>More Good Today Day</b>
<b>International Tea Day</b> <b>National Cat Herder's Day</b>	<b>Stupid Toy Day</b> <b>National Chocolate Covered Anything Day</b>	<b>National Maple Syrup Day</b> <b>National Device Appreciation Day</b> Pearl of the West Lodge No. 146 Called Meeting Dinner - 6:30 PM Meeting - 7:30 PM	<b>Bake Cookies Day</b> <b>Wear A Plunger On Your Head Day</b> Masters and Wardens Paul Revere Lodge No. 419 Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM	<b>Look For An Evergreen Day</b> Pearl of the West Social, Catechism, Practice 6:00 PM	<b>Games Day</b> <b>National Underdog Day</b>	<b>Winter Begins</b> <b>Look On The Bright Side Day</b> Ladies' Oriental Shrine Nefertiti Court No. 84 10:30 AM
<b>Mathematics Day</b> <b>National Short Person Day</b>	<b>National Roots Day</b> <b>National Christmas Movie Marathon Day</b> Zara Grotto American Legion Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>National Eggnog Day</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Hanukkah Begins At Sundown</b>	<b>Kwanza Begins</b> <b>National Whiners Day</b> Pearl of the West Social, Catechism, Practice 6:00 PM	<b>Visit The Zoo Day</b> <b>Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day</b>	<b>Pledge Of Allegiance Day</b> <b>Card Playing Day</b> Open Books Trilby No. 141 Breakfast 8 AM
<b>Still Need To Do Day</b>	<b>National Bacon Day</b> <b>Festival Of Enormous Changes At The Last Minute</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Make Up Your Mind Day</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	Pearl of the West Social, Catechism, Practice 6:00 PM		