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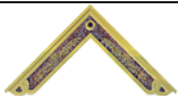
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From the East

Greetings from the East:

I would like to congratulate our five new Master Masons who were raised on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. W. Valcarcel did the Master Mason Degree and did a wonderful job from the East. A thank you to all who helped with the degree. Your help is very much appreciated. September will not be as busy, as we will have our stated meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7:30 with supper at 6:30. We will have an Entered Apprentice Degree on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Officers can wear Lodge shirts for the month of September, and we will resume wearing suits in October.

The Order of the Eastern Star has invited Pearl of the West to a friendly

competition of mini golf next Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at Congo River Golf in Port Richey. All are invited: Brothers, sisters, friends, and family. Please let us go and have a couple of hours of fun with OES. Admission is \$ 15.00 per person. The start time is 11:00 a.m. Hope to see you all there. You do not have to be a Mason to attend. Refreshments will be served right after the game.

Finally, we have about 50 Brothers who have not paid their annual dues. We need the money to pay our bills. Please make every effort to contact our Brother Secretary to settle your dues. We are already near that time of year when dues notices will be going out for 2026.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

W. Craig Franklin
Worshipful Master



From the West

Greetings from the West:

Summer's End, and a Bright Beginning at the Lodge

Though summer is winding down, the energy at the lodge is just heating up! August was a fantastic month for growth and brotherhood. We welcomed several new brothers, saw others advance to the Fellow Craft Degree, and most notably, five new Master Masons were raised!

Congratulations to Bros. Hall, Chelman, Nickols, Campbell, and Rift on being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason! This marked the first Master Mason Degree conferred in our lodge in nearly four years, making it a truly special occasion. Remember, while this is the "last degree" in your home lodge, it's just the beginning of a lifelong journey in Freemasonry. Your future in the Craft is bright, and I look forward to walking that path with you.

Looking ahead, September promises to be just as busy. We anticipate initiating a

few new candidates, advancing more Brothers to the Fellow Craft Degree, and possibly hosting another Master Mason Degree. The momentum is strong—let's keep it going!

A reminder to all: Thursdays are not just for catechism and degree practice—they're also for fellowship. We often have potential candidates visiting on these nights. Let's continue to show them the warmth, hospitality, and brotherhood that define who we are. After all, there's no better way to demonstrate that we're the right lodge for them.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Bro. Senior Warden Ken Leonard

"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

— Brother George Washington.



From the South

Greetings from the South:

August was a busy month, and September is upon us!

We welcomed two new Brothers, John Spegulia and Mark Suarez, into our amazing Fraternity. We also raised 5 Brothers to the sublime degree of MM! Israel Campbell, Nick Chelman, Jordan Nichols, Gian Rift, and Cameron Hall. Congratulations to you all, and we are excited to see where the Fraternity takes you, and we are here to help with anything you need along the way.

This month has 5 Tuesdays, so that means we will have a family night! This month's Family Night will be announced soon.

As a reminder, we have our Catechism practice every Thursday. Dinner and fellowship starts at 6 PM with practice to follow. All Brethren are invited, even if it's just for the fellowship.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Bro. Shawn Wright
Junior Warden



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Phillip Reed William David Hart	<u>Three Degrees of Freemasonry</u> <u>Dual Membership</u> <u>Plural Membership</u>
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Years Date Brother's Name

59 Years 09/17/1966—Donald Smith
57 Years 09/30/1968—Richard Hart
45 Years 09/17/1980—Dale Naismith
44 Years 09/14/1981—Michael Snyder
42 Years 09/26/1983—Angelo Rossello
33 Years 09/14/1992—Donald Toler
32 Years 09/27/1993—Shawn Borth
28 Years 09/08/1997—Robert Fisher
24 Years 09/19/2001—Steven Kober
19 Years 09/26/2006—Gary Marchant
19 Years 09/26/2006—Scott Mitchell
19 Years 09/25/2006—Ethan Acosta
17 Years 09/13/2008—Charles Geiniman
17 Years 09/22/2008—Jeff Hanson
17 Years 09/22/2008—Ernest Diaz
04 Years 09/25/2021—Robert Adams
04 Years 09/25/2021—Shawn Wright
04 Years 09/25/2021—Randy Berens
04 Years 09/25/2021—Matthew Montano
02 Years 09/16/2023—Patrick Kane

September BIRTHDAYS
Date Brother's Name

09/01—Donald Toler
09/06—Ethan Acosta
09/11—Matthew Dasinger
09/12—Harold Banter, Jr.
09/12—Creg Bell, Sr.
09/12—Reinaldo Gonzalez
09/14—Phillip Bell, Sr.
09/17—Jason Medina
09/18—William "Chris" Andrick
09/18—Gilbert Wise
09/21—Scott Stoppelbein
09/22—Stephen Williams
09/23—John Anderson
09/23—Benjamin Villa
09/26—Phillip Sanders
09/26—Kenneth Snow
09/27—Maurice "Moe" Weisberg
09/29—William Ferraro
09/30—Anthony Robinson



DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting will be held at Paul Revere Lodge
on Wednesday, September 17th. 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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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
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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	
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1988 R.: W.: Angelo Rossello	

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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'm going to repeat this message until we have better adherence in hopes that more Brothers take notice. Dues are an important part of our Lodge's existence.

If you have not already, please pay your dues! We have 177 Master Masons at Pearl of the West and of those, around 45 Brothers have not paid for 2025.

Paying your Pearl of the West dues on time is a small act with a big impact. These contributions are essential to keeping the lodge operating smoothly—from maintaining the building and covering utility costs, to supporting charitable efforts and funding events that bring Brothers together.

When dues are paid promptly, our lodge can plan effectively, meet its obligations, and continue offering meaningful fellowship, education, and service. Timely payment also reflects respect for the Craft and a Brother's commitment to the values of responsibility and accountability.

Late or missed dues, while sometimes unintentional, can place an unnecessary burden on the lodge's finances and leadership. It also creates extra work for the Secretary and Treasurer who volunteer our time to keep everything running behind the scenes.

By staying current with your dues, you help preserve the strength and legacy of the lodge—not just for today, but for future generations of Masons who will follow in our footsteps. For those that have paid, thank you! If you have not, please make it a priority to get it done soon.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Scott Mitchell, PDDGM
Secretary