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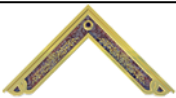
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From the East

Greeting from the EAST,
What is typically a slower time of year for the Lodge certainly doesn't seem to be the case this year!

At our Stated Communication on Tuesday, August 4th, we will be balloting on three new candidates seeking the Degrees of Freemasonry. If elected, we should be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree toward the end of the month. We also have several Brothers preparing to complete their Master Mason proficiency (giveback) so they can receive their ceremonial aprons and Masonic Bibles. In addition, we have a few Entered Apprentices working toward their proficiency, which means a Fellow Craft Degree should soon follow. It is exciting to see our Lodge continuing to grow and remain active.

A reminder that the Celebration of Life for Shere Mason, the wife of Right Worshipful Brother Jim Mason, will be held at the Lodge on Saturday, August 8th, beginning at 12:00 PM. The event is being hosted by the Amaranth, LOS, and Eastern Star. I hope to see many Brothers there as we come together to support Brother Jim and his family during this time.

hosted this event, and we will need all hands on deck to make it a success. There will also be a ladies' event taking place while the Brothers are meeting in the Lodge room. This evening is open to all Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, regardless of Lodge affiliation. Let's work together to make it a memorable night and showcase the spirit of Pearl of the West.

A sincere thank you to Brother Ray Lindstrom, Worshipful Brother Craig Franklin, and Worshipful Brother Dan Anger for helping with the mulch delivery and spreading it around the Lodge grounds. We will have additional Lodge cleanup days as we prepare for 100 Mason Night and continue making Pearl shine. This is *your* Lodge. Let's all pitch in, take pride in our home, and make it a place we are proud to call our own.

Finally, Brothers, we can only become as good as we are willing to practice. Worshipful Brother Glenn V. continues to lead our catechism on Thursday evenings, but learning cannot happen only one night each week. Freemasonry is a lifelong journey of learning, and you truly get out of it what you put into it. We are exploring additional opportunities and meeting times to help bring more Light to the Craft. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share them with one of the officers. We would love to hear them.

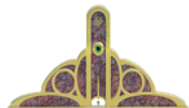
I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge. Thank you for everything you do to make Pearl of the West a place where Brothers want to be.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Worshipful Master Ken Leonard

"The only thing needed for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
-John Stuart Mill

Please also remember that September 18th is the Grand Master's Official Visit (GMOV) at Tampa Bay Golf Club. This ticketed event is hosted by the District 14 Masters & Wardens Association and is open to all Masons and their families. I encourage everyone who can attend to do so.
SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 PM is our 100 Mason Night. It has been several years since Pearl of the West has



From the West

Greetings from the West:

Thank you to all the Brothers who came out for our official DDGM visit. It was a great night of fellowship and Brotherly love.

Our called meeting this month will be our step up degree, giving our Brothers who are moving up chairs some practice for their next position. If you can make it out we'd love the support.

We also have a few EA's that will be getting initiated at a later date most likely this month. Keep an eye out for the announcement on that so we can get as many Brothers as possible out to be there for our new Brothers getting initiated.

As a reminder Brothers, Thursdays are not only for our catechism practice. We welcome all Brothers to come out for food and fellowship. Dinner is at 6 and we break out into groups around 6:45.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Bro. Shawn Wright
Senior Warden

From the South



Brethren,

August often marks a transition. As summer begins to wind down and we look toward the busy months ahead, it is a fitting time to reflect on the balance between labor and refreshment that is so important in Freemasonry. The duties of daily life can easily occupy our time and attention, but our Craft reminds us of the value of pausing to reconnect with our Brothers, our families, and the principles we have obligated ourselves to uphold.

As Junior Warden, I encourage each Brother to make an effort to attend Lodge regularly and participate in our upcoming activities. Whether through degree work, education, fellowship, or simply sharing a meal before a meeting, every interaction strengthens the bonds that unite us. The greatest resource any Lodge possesses is not its building or its finances, but the active involvement of its members.

This month, let us also remember those Brothers who may be unable to attend due to health, work, family obligations, or other circumstances. A phone call, text message, or visit can go a long way toward reminding a Brother that he remains an important part of our Masonic family.

I would like to thank all of the Brethren who continue to dedicate their time and talents to the success of our Lodge. Your willingness to serve exemplifies the spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth that guides our fraternity.

As we move forward together, may we continue to labor in harmony, support one another in times of need, and strive to leave a positive impression upon all those whose lives we touch.

Fraternally,
Ray Lindstrom
Junior Warden

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August ANNIVERSARIES
Years Date Brother's Name

45 Years 08/31/1981—Kenneth Snow
42 Years 08/27/1984—George "Ray" Vance
22 Years 08/19/2004—William "Chris" Andrick
18 Years 08/19/2008—Nikolas Pavlides
01 Years 08/26/2025—Isreal Campbell, Jr.
01 Years 08/26/2025—Nick Chelman
01 Years 08/26/2025—Gian Framingheddu
01 Years 08/26/2025—Cameron Hall
01 Years 08/26/2025—Jordan Nichols

August BIRTHDAYS
Date Brother's Name

08/01—Morton Said
08/03—Dan Anger
08/04—Angello Rossello
08/05—Matthew Passmore
08/06—Joseph Sibley
08/07—Shawn Borth
08/07—Edwin Kincer
08/08—Edward Smith
08/09—Scott Bober
08/09—Craig Franklin
08/12—Marcus Coe
08/12—Salvatore Grillo
08/19—Kenneth Smeets
08/20—Terrance McGowan
08/20—Don Robinson
08/25—Hubert Crabb
08/25—Merl Faupel
08/26—Michael Lehto, Jr.
08/27—Richard Lovett

IN MEMORIAM-2025	PETITIONS
David Brischler Gary Joiner Finley Gable John Thompson Mark Gelling	<u>Three Degrees of Freemasonry</u> Hunter Hart Brendan Gorman Jason LaGreco Wilson Valez
IN MEMORIAM-2026	<u>Dual Membership</u>
Louis Grasso, Jr. Dale Bieber	<u>Plural Membership</u>
	<u>Transfer of Membership</u> Michael Netherly Jeremy Finnel
	<u>Reinstatement</u> Larry Wingo

**DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION**

Monthly meeting will be held at Paul Revere Lodge on Wednesday, August 19th. 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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1948 E.J. Harrison -NP	2008 Glenn Clarke
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1952 / 1954 Malond Mott	2011 R.: H.: Bradley Watson
1955 Carl Hatcher	2012 R.: H.: Richard Sikes
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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
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1966 W.A. North	2024 Glenn Valcarcel
1967 Joseph McMath	2025 Craig Franklin
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1969 W.C. Calkins -NP	
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1972 Arthur Riess -NP	
1973 Norman R. Wakefield -NP	
1974 Gary Joiner	
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1976 Lynn McLarty	
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1978 D.W. Prescott	
1979 Jed Pittman -NP	
1980 Gene Ore	
1981 George Morgan	
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1983 George Justin -NP	
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1988 R.: W.: Angelo Rossello	

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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,

It's been a busy month at Pearl of the West. We've had some repairs which have been completed by various Brothers: Ken Snow replaced the push bar on the door from the kitchen out to the parking lot Andy Demers identified a leak when analyzing the bills, Craig Franklin got the leak detection company to find it and a plumber to fix it and Michael Netherly opened the concrete and replaced it before and after the leak was fixed. Dan Anger had mulch delivered and Ray Lindstrom helped spread it out. This is a fine example of our Brothers coming together to solve problems and keep our facility in shape. Thank you, Brothers!

It looks like we won't be slowing down any time soon. We have degrees, degrees, degrees! An Entered Apprentice Degree is in the

works for four Brothers, a Fellowcraft Degree and a Master Mason Degree are all coming soon.

We've made some improvement on dues collections and we're still encouraging payment as quickly as possible. So, if you haven't paid, please consider doing so immediately. If you aren't sure, just give me a shout and I'll check for you.

Keep an eye on our District 14 Masters and Wardens Facebook page. There are important upcoming education dates listed that we should all strive to complete—some which are required to move into specific Officer positions. Or, come out to our Masters and Wardens meeting and enjoy fellowship and learn about these education dates in person.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
RW.: Scott Mitchell
Secretary