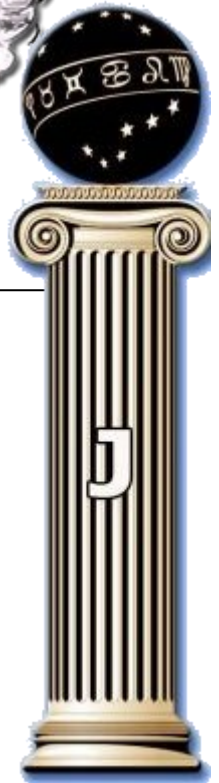
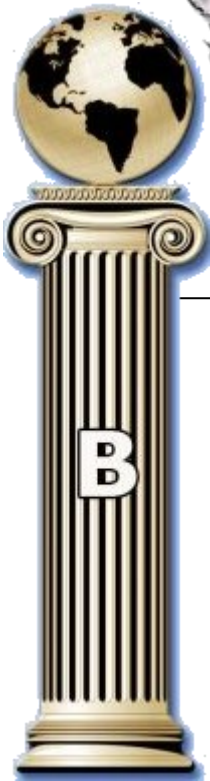




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## From the East

Happy January Brethren,

We here at POW hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable New Years!!! I would like start with a big thank you to W.: Jacob Carter for all his leadership and a successful year. With the past Masters who have sat in the East, I know I have big shoes to fill. It will be an exciting 2024 year.

Thank you to the Brethren for your confidence in me to be your WM this coming year. Congratulations to all the new line of 2024 officers. We continue to have a strong line, and we are here to serve our Lodge with pride and respect. Thank you to RW Angelo Rosello, RW Ray Vance, and all the Past Masters for their continued leadership and for their participation in this year's installation. A very special thank you goes out to all my Brothers

and Sisters who attended and supported our 2024 installation. Congratulations to our Br Goody Thorsteinsson on receiving his Lewis Jewel which was presented to him by RW John Dragneff and RWDDGM Creg Bell. Congratulations are also in order to W.: David Shields on receiving his 50 year pin. He is a Brother from California, and resides here.

We had a fun and successful "Kilt Night" at our last Stated Meeting. Since it was such a success, I believe it will be an annual event. Here are some special dates to remember: we will have an Installation practice for the new line of officers on January 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm to prepare for the upcoming installation on January 6, 2024 at 10:00 am. January 16, 2024 POW will have an EA giveback. January 27, 2024 POW will be hosting Open Books; 8:00am breakfast and 9:00 am-12:00 pm the Lodge will be open for studying. January 30, 2024, we will have the first Family Nite of the New Year. We hope that the Brethren will be there to show their support.

I am excited and looking forward to see what this year brings for all of us at our Blue Lodge. Thank you to all the Brothers who have mentored, supported, and who continue to guide me through my Masonic journey. Let us all remember, that Harmony is the strength of our Lodge. "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle" Stay Well, stay safe, and God Bless

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



## From the West

Greetings from the West. It has been a pleasure to serve under W. Jacob Carter while I sat in the South. I am looking forward to serve the Craft under the direction of W. Elect Glenn Varcárcel. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Chanukah. As we end 2023 and begin 2024, I'd like to wish each and everyone a healthy, safe and prosperous New

Year. Remember installation is on Jan. 6, 2024 at 1000 am and I would encourage all members of our Lodge to come out and be a part of this installation. Please remember to check the Trestleboard for dates and times of scheduled meetings, Master's and Wardens and open books. Hope to see you all there in 2024!

Bro. Craig Franklin  
Senior Warden



## From the South

Greetings from the South:

First and foremost, thank you Worshipful Jake Carter for a fantastic year. You had many accomplishments for our lodge which included exciting family events in the community and getting the lodge roof completed. It was a pleasure to serve as your Senior Deacon. You have made the lodge a better place and we have big shoes to fill next year.

Next, thank you to Worshipful Glenn Valcárcel for entrusting me with my duties as Junior Warden for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to doing some Masonic education as well as cooking up some vittles for the brothers, maybe even getting a FC Degree done at some point.

Lastly, thank you to the brethren for all your support this past year. It has been meaningful serving as the Senior Deacon, conducting candidates, helping out with catechisms on Thursday evenings and getting to know each of you a little better.

I have some plans for the coming year as Junior Warden to help spruce up the lodge as well as get us more involved within the community. I feel strongly it is our important part of our mission as officers of the lodge to improve the lodge by the end of our term. With the help of MY BROTHERS I know we can get that done.

Respectfully and Fraternally,  
Bro. Ken Leonard



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**BROTHERS STUDYING MM CATECHISM**

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 Joseph Balogun  
 Robert Kane

**January ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Years Date Brother's Name

49 Years 01/27/1975—Henry Parnell  
 40 Years 01/10/1984—Phillip Bell, Sr.  
 24 Years 01/01/2000—Thomas Hallowell  
 11 Years 01/24/2013—William Ferraro  
 11 Years 01/24/2013—William Belcher  
 09 Years 01/20/2015—Reinaldo Gonzalez  
 04 Years 01/27/2020—Gilbert "Rocky" Wise  
 04 Years 01/27/2020—Justin Crook  
 04 Years 01/27/2020—Brian Parnell

**January BIRTHDAYS**  
 Date Brother's Name

01/01—Philip Reed  
 01/02—Donald Venedam, Jr.  
 01/12—William Niehr  
 01/13—Barry Breland  
 01/20—Roger Smith  
 01/22—Gregory Yurcus  
 01/23—Joseph Graves  
 01/24—William Gentile  
 01/25—Richard Sikes  
 01/29—Michael Presson  
 01/31—Edwin Nickerson

<b>IN MEMORIAM-2023</b>	<b>PETITIONS</b>
Guy Dinkins Paul Thatcher Milton Trahan Kenneth Roark Paul Gott Lynn McLarty	<u>Three Degrees of Freemasonry</u> Jordan Andrews
<b>IN MEMORIAM-2024</b>	



**DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION**

Monthly meeting will be held at the new Paul Revere Lodge on Wednesday, January 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.

**2024 OFFICERS**

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<b>Secretary</b> RW.: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM	(727) 514-4341	<b>Historian</b> RW.: Creg Bell, DDGM	(727) 243-2468
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<b>Junior Deacon</b> Phillip Holly	(727) 271-2242		
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1923 J.G. Snell	1990 Paul Craft
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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	2010 Milton "Ray" Trahan
1948 E.J. Harrison -NP	2007 Jon Kueny
1950 / 1953 R.: W.: H.K. Richmond	2008 Glenn Clarke
1951 F.B. Riley -NP	2009 / 2016 R.: W.: Ray Vance
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	
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1975 K.M. Olson	
1976 Lynn McLarty	
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1979 Jed Pittman -NP	
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1981 George Morgan	
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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

**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,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to relax and slow down over the holidays to recharge. Now that we've had a breath, it's time to gear up to get more done in 2024. Be sure to check out our calendar for January as there is already a lot of things happening right out of the gate. A Fellowcraft Degree is being planned and I believe we also have an Entered Apprentice Degree in the making too. I'm looking forward to what 2024 has in store for us in and out of the Lodge and what impacts we can continue to have within our community. But I also am reflecting on this past year.

Looking back on 2023, we've done so much together as a Team of hard-working and dedicated Brothers - and Sisters, too! I have enjoyed myself more than I can relate and that is because of the bonds and bridges we've built. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our 2024 Leadership and express my gratitude for our 2023 Leadership. It has truly been a

pleasure to serve Worshipful Jacob Carter, his Team and the Lodge as your Secretary and I look forward to another year of service. Thank you for making the year so fun and fulfilling.

Please remember that we have many projects in the works: we still need to raise money to replace what we have taken from the portfolio to replace the roof, we are always collecting can tabs to benefit Shriners Hospital For Children (our goal is 100 gallons), we are always engaged with Metropolitan Ministries, One Blood, Gulf Middle School and Gulf High School. Please come out to our meetings to hear about the current charities and other non-profits we seek to assist and the many ways you can contribute. It's the reason we are here and the Obligation you took at our Sacred Altar. And the joy of keeping that Obligation to give and help is just a by-product.

I looks forward to seeing everyone in Lodge!

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

RW Scott Mitchell, PDDGM