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From the East

Brethren.

Please join me in congratulating Br. Patrick Kane on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Let us also congratulate and welcome our 4 newest Entered Apprentices, Brothers Israel Campbell, Nick Chelman, Jordan Nichols, and William Watson. Well done!

September was quite a busy month! We had a multitude of happenings both in and out of Lodge. To name a few, we cohosted a putt putt picnic with OES, Lodge cleaning day, EA degree with 4 new Brothers, and hosted open books. If that was not enough, we also held a car cruise in and 100 Mason Night!

Thank you to all the Ladies and Brothers who attended 100 Mason Night this year. While we did not reach 100, we had a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. It was truly an honor and privilege for Pearl of the West to host our Grand Master and members of our Grand Line.

am certain we can hit 100 Masons next year!

Notable events in October: Pearl of the West will host the Masonic funeral of Worshipful Paul Thatcher on 10/7 at 4pm. The service will be performed by our District 14 Memorial Lodge. Please come out to honor Worshipful Thatcher, and show support for his wife and

family. For our family night, we are holding our annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween at 6pm. This is an opportunity to be a presence in our community and bring joy to local families, so decorate your car spooky, bring some candy, and lets have some fun!

As a reminder Brothers, nomination forms and letters of acceptance for elected officer positions are due to the Secretary before the gavel drop at our November Stated Meeting. MM exams and MLT must also be completed before that time, in order to be eligible. If you are interested in holding an elected officer position next year, please be sure to complete these requirements. If you need a nomination form and letter of acceptance, please speak with our Secretary.

In the interest of keeping it in the forefront, our fundraising efforts continue to be a priority. I welcome everyone to bring suggestions to the fundraising committee. We have put several of these ideas into action, and no impact is too small. If you would like to participate and support these efforts, it is welcomed and appreciated!

If the officers and I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. This is your Lodge, and we are here to serve and support you!

Fraternally, Jacob Carter Worshipful Master



From the West

Happy October Brethren,

The time is surely flying by!!

Congratulations to our Brother, Patrick Kane on being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Keep up the great work you are doing Brother. We welcome four new EA's to our house and to our great Fraternity, Brs. Israel Campbell, Nick Cherman, Jordan Nichols, and William Watson. Congratulations and we all look forward to seeing your progress.

We like to welcome back home our very own, RWDDGM Creg Bell. He has a long road for his recovery, but he will not falter.

Pearl Of The West hosted a 100 Mason night, and we had a great time. Thanks to all the Brethren who came out and supported our event. Our MWGM Glen Bishop and some of the Grand Line were in attendance as well. What an honor. We have to recognize the hard work and dedication that our WM Jacob Carter and his wife Lady Lynn Carter, on such a spectacular job.

Brethren, the next few months will be an extremely busy time here at POW. We will not only be having officer nominations, but we will be presenting the 2024 budget as well. The November Stated meeting will be the deadline for anyone in the lodge who wants to submit their nomination for the election in

December. If you are interested, you must have MM 1,2,3 and MLT completed by the drop of the gavel in November. In December we will have officer elections.

Save this important date; on January 6, 2024, starting at 10:00am, we will be having the Installation of the elected officers.

If you have not noticed, work has started on our roof and should be completed relatively soon. As a reminder, every Thursday night at 6:00pm at POW, we have catechism studies for all degrees. Food first, then studies shortly after.

Happy Halloween Brs, don't forget to stop by the lodge on Tuesday October 31st, for Pearl Of The Wests "Trunk or Treat" It will a great night to pass out candies to those ghosts and goblins who swoop in

"Your reputation is made by others, your character- is made by you"

Stay well, stay safe and God Bless

Respectfully and Fraternally, SK Glenn Valcárcel Senior Warden

District 14 Membership Development Chairman



From the South

Greetings from the South.

September has been a busy month. We had a cleaning day at the Lodge then set up the Lodge for the Grand Masters official visit followed by Masters & Wardens at Brotherhood Lodge the next day. The following day we had an Entered apprentice degree where we welcomed four new Brothers. Two days later we held open books at Pearl of the West. The roof is finally being replaced. Please know with

any construction there will be left over debris and you should pay attention to the parking area closest to the Lodge for nails. The contractor did a good job of cleaning the parking lot for the scheduled car show on Sept. 30, 2023. Lastly, thank you to all who came out to the blood drive in September. There were 6 donors who contributed to saving others lives.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Craig Franklin, Jr. Warden



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Cameron Hall

Jordan Nichols

William Watson

Nick Cherman

October ANNIVERSARIES Years Date Brother's Name

53 Years 10/25/1970—Lynn McLarty 40 Years 10/17/1983—Charles Keav 40 Years 10/24/1983-Roger Smith 37 Years 10/13/1986—Claude Stewart 36 Years 10/12/1987—Morton Said 33 Years 10/20/1990—Wayne George

04 Years 10/12/2019—Brian Signore
04 Years 10/12/2019—Glenn Valcarcel
02 Years 10/02/2021—Gregory Yurcus

Honorary Perpetual Members and Friends

MWGM Glen Bishop William Buck Gerald William Fultz **Emily Mitchell** Henry Remling John Snell Charles Tansill

33 Years 10/20/1990—Wayfie George 30 Years 10/18/1993—Salvatore Grillo 17 Years 10/03/2006—Robert Lippmann 16 Years 10/29/2007—Bradley Watson 16 Years 10/29/2007—Jason Connors 16 Years 10/29/2007—Jason Connols 16 Years 10/12/2009—Wayne Johnson, Jr. 08 Years 10/10/2015—Shawn Abel 08 Years 10/10/2015—Sammer Radwan 10/31-Paul Craft 08 Years 10/10/2015—Salmillel Radwall 08 Years 10/10/2015—Roberto Hernandez 08 Years 10/10/2015—Seneca Beal 06 Years 10/03/2017—Brian Reapp 04 Years 10/12/2019—Gerald Fultz

October BIRTHDAYS **Date Brother's Name**

10/01-William Herrera, Jr 10/04—George "Ray" Vance 10/05—David Lawrence 10/06—Justin Crook 10/08—Donald Peyton 10/09—Charles Geiniman 10/11—Matthew Montano 10/13—William Belcher 10/15—Kiran Kumar 10/20—Wayne George

BROTHERS STUDYING FC CATECHISM

BROTHERS STUDYING EA CATECHISM

Edward Taylor

Jeremy Walker Blake Barron

Danny Isaza

Michael Bevilacqua

BROTHERS STUDYING MM CATECHISM

Jerome Grace Joseph Balogun

Robert Schmidt

Bryce Decker

Josh Graham

Danny Polen

Robert Kane

Isreal Campbell

PETITIONS IN MEMORIAM-2022 Bruce Reinartsen Ron Bart Three Degrees of Freemasonry **Bill Crane** Jordan Andrews Justin Billings Donald Becker Ader Culanding Cody Rose Rhett Gorman John Glass **IN MEMORIAM-2023 Guy Dinkins** Paul Thatcher Milton "Ray" Trahan

DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting will be held at Brotherhood Lodge No. 375 on Wednesday, October 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.

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2023 OFFICERS				Past Masters of Pearl of the West No. 146	
Worshipful Master W∴ Jacob Carter	(727) 233-2763	Junior Steward Brian Sheehan	(727) 477-2519	1922 / 1924 C.A. Tansill	1989 Paul Schatzel 1990 Paul Craft
<u>Senior Warden</u> Glenn Valcarcel	(732) 778-5314	Marshal RW∴ Dave Lawrence, PDDGM	(803) 410-2422	1923 J.G. Snell 1925 H.C. Remling -NP	1991 / 1993 Baxter Holland
<u>Junior Warden</u> Craig Franklin	(860) 729-3819	Tyler W∴ Dan Anger, PM	(003) 410-2422	1926 / 1939 M.L. Bailey 1927 / 1928 C.W. Barnett 1929 Edward Y. Wilkes	1992 Herman J. Schaefer 1994 Keith A. Richard 1995 Barry W. Breland
<u>Treasurer</u> RH∴Creg Bell, DI	(727) 243-2468	Musician John Nagy		1930 Fred Shaw -NP 1931 / 1932 / 1946 M.A. Fullington	1996 Gary Dobraski 1997 Shawn D. Borth
Secretary RW∴ Scott Mitchell, PDDGM	(727) 514-4341	Historian RW∴Creg Bell, DDGM	(727) 243-2468	1934 / 1941 E.P. Scofield	1998 Charlie T. Cox 1999 R∴ W∴ William Petrey
<u>Chaplain</u> Robert Adams	(727) 787-4574	Lodge Instructor RW∴ Ray Vance, PDDGM	(727) 514-3181	1936 G.S. Holbrook -NP 1937 / 1940 R.W. Huddleston	2000 Lawrence H. Ruby 2001 Bryce K. Smith
<u>Senior Deacon</u> Kenneth Leonard	(727) 237-8413			1938 G.L. McKay 1942 / 1949 G.A. Dame	2002 Harold Banter, Jr. 2003 Luke DeRoberts
Junior Deacon Shawn Wright	(813) 778-2399			1943 C. Jones 1944 / 1945 P.G. Mayer 1947 W. Long	2004 David Brischler 2005 / 2006 Judson A. Hiscutt
<u>Senior Steward</u> Phillip Holly	(727) 271-2242			1948 E.J. Harrison -NP 1950 / 1953 R., W., H.K. Richmond	2010 Milton "Ray" Trahan 2007 Jon Kueny 2008 Glenn Clarke
2023 COMMITTEEMEN				1951 F.B. Riley -NP 1952 / 1954 Malond Mott	2009 / 2016 R∴ W∴ Ray Vance 2011 R∴ H∴ Bradley Watson
BOARD OF RELIEF W.: Jacob Carter * Glenn Valcarcel Craig Franklin RW.: Creg Bell, DDGM	(727) 267-2783 (732) 778-5314 (860) 729-3819 (727) 243-2468	RW.: Creg Bell, DDGM * RW.: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM RW.: Dave Lawrence, PDDGM RW.: Ray Vance, PDDGM	(727) 243-2468 (727) 514-4341 (803) 410-2422 (727) 514-3181	1955 Carl Hatcher 1956 William Morgan -NP 1957 Russell Barford 1958 Francis Jones	2011 R.: H.: Brauley Walson 2012 R.: H.: Richard Sikes 2013 R.: W.: Scott Mitchell 2014 Henry Eichner 2015 R.: W.: Creg Bell
RW∴ Scott Mitchell, PDDGM CHARITY	(727) 514-4341	PUBLICITY AND INTERNET Craig Franklin *	(860) 729-3819	1959 Albert Cliffe -NP 1960 E. Thonneson	2017 Dan Anger 2018 Anthony Straquadine
W∴ Jacob Carter * Glenn Valcarcel Craig Franklin RW∴ Creg Bell, DDGM	(727) 267-2783 (732) 778-5314 (860) 729-3819 (727) 243-2468	REFRESHMENTS Craig Franklin * Phillip Holley Brian Sheehan	(860) 729-3819 (727) 271-2242 (727) 477-2519	1961 Donald Sommer -NP 1962 Ralph Taylor -NP 1963 D.C. McClearen -NP	2019 Shawn Abel 2020 Seneca "Ponytail" Beal 2021 Bruce Reinartsen
RW: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM FINANCE Glenn Valcarcel *	(727) 514-4341 (732) 778-5314	VIGILANCE Craig Franklin * Glenn Valcarcel	(860) 729-3819 (732) 778-5314	1964 Fred Smith 1965 W.E. Westerberg -NP 1966 W.A. North	2022 R∴ W∴ David Lawrence
W∴ Jacob Carter Craig Franklin W∴ Seneca Beal, PM RW∴ Creg Bell, DDGM	(727) 267-2783 (860) 729-3819 (727) 457-5309 (727) 243-2468	CATECHISM INSTRUCTORS RW∴ Ray Vance, PDDGM * Glenn Valcarcel W∴ Seneca Beal, PM	(727) 514-3181 (732) 778-5314 (727) 457-5309	1967 Joseph McMath 1968 J.P McAllister -NP 1969 W.C. Calkins -NP	
RW∴ Scott Mitchell, PDDGM RW∴ Dave Lawrence, PDDGM Fred Fleet	(727) 857-7734 (803) 410-2422 (727) 810-9013	Brian Sheehan Shawn Wright Kenneth Leonard Phillip Holly	(727) 477-2519 (813) 778-2399 (727) 237-8413 (727) 271-2242	1970 / 1971 Roger E. Michels 1972 Arthur Riess -NP 1973 Norman R. Wakefield -NP	
LODGE PROPERTY Craig Franklin * W∴ Jacob Carter	(860) 729-3819 (727) 267-2783	W∴ Jon Kueny, PM <u>VISITATION</u>	(727) 742-5381	1974 Gary Joiner 1975 K.M. Olson	
Glenn Valcarcel Phillip Holley RW∴ Creg Bell, DDGM	(732) 778-5314 (727) 271-2242 (727) 243-2468	W∴ Jacob Carter * Robert Adams W∴ Jon Kueny, PM	(727) 267-2783 (727) 787-4574 (727) 742-5381	1976 Lynn McLarty 1977 Perry A. North 1978 D.W. Prescott	
PETITIONS RW∴ Scott Mitchell, PDDGM * W∴ Jacob Carter Glenn Valcarcel	(727) 857-7734 (727) 267-2783 (732) 778-5314	INVESTIGATION Craig Franklin * W∴ Seneca Beal, PM	(860) 729-3819 (727) 457-5309	1979 Jed Pittman -NP 1980 Gene Ore 1981 George Morgan	
RW∴ Creg Bell, DDGM Craig Franklin	(727) 243-2468 (860) 729-3819	ACACIA AND FUNERAL Robert Adams * W∴ Jon Kueny, PM RW∴ Ray Vance, PDDGM	(727) 787-4574 (727) 742-5381 (727) 514-3181	1982 Joseph W. Blum 1983 George Justin -NP 1984 Michael Helsel	
MASONIC EDUCATION RW: Dave Lawrence, PDDGM * MENTOR	(803) 410-2422	RW∴ Ray Vance, PDDGM Events W∴ Jacob Carter *		1985 J.A. Thompson 1986 Seth B. Willets	
RW.: Creg Bell, DDGM * W.: Jacob Carter RW.: Dave Lawrence,PDDGM RW.: Scott Mitchell, PDDGM	(727) 243-2468 (727) 267-2783 (803) 410-2422 (727) 514-4341	Glenn Valcarcel Craig Franklin W.: Seneca Beal, PM RW.: Ray Vance, PDDGM	(727) 267-2783 (732) 778-5314 (860) 729-3819 (727) 457-5309 (727) 514-3181	1987 Ronald C. Newton 1988 R∴ W∴ Angelo Rossello	
W∴ Seneca Beal, PM TRESTLEBOARD	(727) 457-5309	Lodge History RW∴ Creg Bell, DDGM *	(727) 243-2468	Charities Our Lodge Contributes To In 2023 Masonic Home General Fund, Masonic Home Resident's Tree of Life. Endowment	
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RW∴ Creg Bell, DDGM	(727) 243-2468	Phillip Holley	(727) 271-2242	Suggestion Box	

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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,

Quarter four sure did sneak up on us! It's been so busy that I almost didn't realize we are almost at the end of another year. This month, we'll see a little less activity, so we'll have some time to come up for air. But there is still work to be done. Speaking on that ongoing work, you may or may not know that several Brothers from Pearl of the West formed a 501(c)3 a few years ago called Phunzi Distribution. The goal was and continues to be to provide bikes free of charge to kids in need. Yesterday, with the partnership of Rotary Club of New Port Richey and Pearl of the West, Phunzi held a Cruise-In which was wildly successful. Rotary Club of New Port Richey provided a beautiful basket for raffle and sent many attendees from several local Rotary clubs who donated to the cause. We ended up raising over \$500.00 after costs for bikes and another \$335.00 for the Lodge roof. Great job, Brothers!

Denotes Chairman

I would like to not only thank Pearl of the West, our partners from Rotary and our attendees for this success, but especially those who worked so hard to put the event together. It was hot, but fun and productive. Our Brothers and their wives did a fantastic job—second to none. If you missed this one, you won't want to miss the next!

We have our typical meetings and Thursday socials this month and our next big event is an Entered Apprentice Degree and lastly our Family Night for Trunk or Treat on Halloween. It's always a fun way to socialize and get our name out in the community. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

R∴W∴ Scott Mitchell, PDDGM Secretary District 14 Chairman for Perpetual Membership