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From the East

Happy February Brethren,

It has certainly been a very busy beginning for me and I welcome the opportunity to serve our lodge as WM. I will do my very best to continue the hard work and dedication to the Craft.

Congratulations to Brs. Decker, Kurish, and Dasinger on their successful EA giveback last month!!! I would ask the lodge to come out and support these Brs on their FC Degree which will be on February 13,2024 at POW. Dinner is at 6:00pm and the degree starting promptly at 7:00pm.

Trilby Lodge will be having an EA degree on <u>Saturday February 10th</u>, where one of our candidates will be attending. Breakfast will be at <u>8:00am</u> and the degree <u>starting at 9:00am</u>. Please make every effort to support our new Br on the beginning of his Masonic journey.

Congratulations to POW for receiving the Masters and Wardens Association

District 14 F. & A.M. of Florida 2023 Attendance Award. Their meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Paul Revere Lodge located in Brooksville. Their doors open at 6:00pm for dinner and meetings start at 7:00pm. Every Mason of District 14 is welcome.

As a reminder, every <u>Thursday night</u> at Pearl Of The West, we have catechism for all degrees. Any of the Officers who want to practice their floor work or simply brush up on their studies, this is a great opportunity to do so. Come on out and enjoy our time with Fellowship, dinner is at <u>6 PM</u>. Lastly, don't forget that special someone in your life and remind them how special they are on Valentines Day!!!

"Everyone you meet has something to teach you" Stay well, stay safe, and God Bless

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



From the West

the holidays.

There will be a blood drive on Thursday Feb. 22 from 2-6 pm at the Lodge with a free health screening, free t-shirt and a free e gift card. Please go to <u>oneblood.org</u> to schedule your appointment. Walk ups welcome.

Lastly, Gulf Middle School is looking for very gently used or new sneakers for mens size 8 to 12. If you can help it would be appreciated. I will coordinate the collection and donation of the sneakers.

Respectfully and Fraternally Bro. Craig Franklin Senior Warden

Greetings from the West.

We are going to have a busy next few weeks at Lodge with Family Night, both a stated meeting, a Fellowcraft Degree practice and 2 called meetings with a Fellowcraft Degree on Feb. 13th.

Please remember to bring in one non perishable food item to help fill the Blue Barrel in the Lobby. We did not have enough food to make our Christmas donation. If each member just brought in one item, we would fill the barrel quickly. Remember hunger in Pasco County is not just during

From the South

Greetings from the South:

January was a flurry of excitement in and around the lodge with installations, DDGM Visit, EA Catechism give backs, Open Books and Family night just to name a few events.

Thank you everyone that attended our first Family night of the year. I couldn't have done it without the help of my wife Nicky, Bro. Secretary Scott Mitchell and Lady Emily, Worshipful Glenn Valcarcel and Lady Rhonda and Bro Senior Warden Craig Franklin it was a team effort to pull Taco Tuesday off. I hope that everyone that attended had a great night of fellowship and I look forward to the next Family event (I think in March?)

Congratulations to our 3 EA's on their givebacks, Let's support these brothers on their next steps in Masonry on Feb 13th for our FIRST Fellow-Craft degree in a YEAR!

Brothers if you have any ideas for pre-meeting dinners, or Thursday evening dinners please let me know; or if you would like to supply the meal for one of those nights let me know (you will be reimbursed for the expense). I think if we can keep the dinners festive more brothers and their families will attend in the future.

Respectfully and Fraternally, Bro. Junior Warden Ken Leonard "Many Hands make light work". -John Haywood



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68 Years 02/16/1956-William Petrey, Jr 51 Years 02/15/1973—Finley Gable, Jr. 24 Years 02/03/2000-Brice

24 Years 02/03/2000—Brice Cross 22 Years 02/07/2002—John Nagy 21 Years 02/27/2003—David Anderson 09 Years 02/26/2015—Richard Shoun 09 Years 02/26/2015—Jeffrey Deremer 08 Years 02/20/2016—Jacob Manning 07 Years 02/27/2017—Nidal Samad 07 Years 02/27/2017—Joseph Ballogun 23 Years 02/06/2014 Billie Jelly

03 Years 02/06/2021—Phillip Holly 03 Years 02/06/2021—Kevin O'Connor 03 Years 02/06/2021—Richard King

February BIRTHDAYS Date Brother's Name

02/05-Patrick Kane 02/07—Lawrence Ruby 02/08—Jacob Manning 02/13—Greg Johnson 02/14—Thomas Curlew 02/15—Ryan Dodd 02/18—Cary Shontz 02/20—Joseph Geiniman 02/25—Gary Marchant 02/27—David Anderson 02/27—Mark Gelling 02/28—Tony Seoud

DISTRICT 14 MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting will be held at the new Paul Revere Lodge on Wednesday, February 21st. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the meeting will start Come out and see what is happening throughout our District and what events are coming up in other lodges.

					February 2024
2024 OFFICERS				Past Masters of Pearl of the West No. 146	
Worshipful Master Glenn Valcarcel	(732) 778-5314	Junior Steward W∴ Larry Spector, PM	(317) 908-6304	1922 / 1924 C.A. Tansill	1989 Paul Schatzel
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Brethren,

We've got a busy month ahead—degrees, meetings, socials, education, Open books, a blood drive and more. There's always something to do and who better to share in these activities than your Brethren! Check out all the events on the calendar.

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We collected \$790.20 for Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents in quarter four of 2023. Wow! That is impressive! Let's see if we can beat that for Q1 of 2024. Remember to bring in your can tabs as we are getting close to our goal of 100 gallons. Also, it's always the season for canned goods as there is unfortunately always a need. Please help us fill the big blue barrel. Speaking of food, there's still hot sauces and BBQ sauces available in the "On The Level" store in

the lobby. All sales of these sauces go back into our investments portfolio to help cover the cost of the roof.

Master will review any comments, and will seek to improve on the suggestions.

Masonic Home General Fund, Endowment Procurement (MH-100 and FA-100), Two

Gulf High School Scholarships, Gulf Middle School, Masonic Relief, Masonic Charities

A suggestion box is provided in the lobby of the Lodge for our Brothers. The Worshipful

of Florida, Masonic Youth, Lodge Roof Fund, Metropolitan Ministries

Dues are steadily coming in and we are two thirds of the way to 100% collected. Great job, Brothers! This money goes to keeping the lights on and allowing us to do our philanthropies. The quicker we can deposit it, the better we can use it for our bills and to spread around the community. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please consider doing so.

I look forward to our many accomplishments this month and making those milestones and memories with my Brethren!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Suggestion Box

RW Scott Mitchell, PDDGM Secretary D14 Chairman of Perpetual Membership