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Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M.



Stated Communications

First and Third Thursday - 7:30 P.M.
24 Golway Street Manchester, CT 06042
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James B. Young (Brad)
Worshipful Master

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Have you moved or changed your email address? If yes, please contact our secretary, Eric Hoy, with the change(s). This will ensure that we have the proper contact information for you. Thank you.



Please stay safe and healthy!!

SAVE THE DATES—RENTSCHLER FIELD—BEER KIOSKS

<p>Sat., Oct. 1 Sat., Oct. 29 Fri., Nov. 4 Sat., Nov. 12</p>	<p>Please call or text Chris Ramsey at (860) 490-1847 if you are available to work a Beer Kiosk on any of these dates. Arrival time is normally about 2 hours prior to game time. Thank you.</p>
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Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Brad Young



Brothers it is hard to believe that summer is almost over. Seems like just yesterday we were having our June awards night. I hope everyone had a nice summer. I would like to thank everyone who came to our summer picnic, it was great getting together again.

With the increase in COVID cases this year the hard decision was made to cancel our trip to Queensbury Lodge in New York. This August I tested positive, fortunately I had all my vaccinations so the symptoms were mild and not long lasting.

Times are changing for Masonry. I remember when I first became a mason it was common to have twenty to thirty brothers on the sidelines. Today it is usually three or four brothers on the sidelines. As for officers, it is getting harder and harder to fill the chairs. Many are being filled by Past Masters, and this year we have one office vacant. This is happening in lodges throughout Connecticut and the country. Many lodges are surviving by merging. Orient Lodge and Daskam Lodge merged with Columbia 25. One of the oldest lodges, St. Johns Lodge, merged with Wyllys Lodge. Four lodges merged to form Composite Lodge in Suffield.

This spring Manchester Lodge #73 approached our lodge inquiring about our two lodges merging. After numerous meetings the decision was to bring it up for a vote in each lodge.

At the September meeting we will be voting on the merger. The most important thing is what we can do to help Masonry survive and grow.

Brad Young
Worshipful Master

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From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric Hoy, Jr.



My boss circulated an article from the Harvard Business Review the other day – not for the first time, either, since it was originally published in 1990 and re-printed (as a “best of HBR”) in 2001. So at least he thinks it’s worthwhile. Here’s my view (take it or leave it).

Entitled “What Leaders Really Do”, it proposes that while management and leadership are completely different things, both are necessary and complementary. To illustrate the paper’s theme, consider the following:

- Management involves planning and budgeting. Leadership involves setting direction.
- Management involves organizing and staffing. Leadership involves aligning people.
- Management provides control & stability and solves problems. Leadership provides motivation.

It got me to thinking about how we – as Masons – demonstrate and develop these skills.

We take a Candidate, sit him down and talk about Masonry. The Management part is explaining the structure and history of our institution and having him fill out the petition correctly so that we can do management stuff to it. The Leadership part is communicating the internal rewards to be gained by experiencing the degrees and the fellowship of our order.

We take a Master Mason and make him an officer. He learns (or improves) management skills by learning his ritual (self-management) and performing the stated duties of a station. His Leadership skills are challenged and developed by aligning his Brothers’ talents with opportunities for service (degree cast parts, special events, subordinate officer positions, etc.).

We take a group of Master Masons and make them a Lodge. The Lodge (as a body) makes and keeps a budget, obtains and maintains a place to meet, etc. Lodge Leadership aligns the vision of where it wants to go with the talents and passions of its members.

To what end does all this effort lead? The fulfilment of the promise to “take good men and make them better”. It’s not easy, but with the Brotherly Love provided by Masonry and everything it entails, I believe that we all turn into better leaders than we were when we started.

Better managers? Judging by an honest self-appraisal of this being so late to our esteemed Trestleboard editor – maybe not.

Eric Hoy
Secretary

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CALENDAR

Sept 1 **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

Sept 15 **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

Sept 28 **Blue Lodge Council(C)**
Composite #28
Dinner at 6:30PM

Oct 6 **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

Oct 20 **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

**All Stated & Special Meetings -
Meeting 7:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:30PM unless stated
otherwise**

F = TUX, SF = Suit & Tie, C = Jacket /Tie

2022 Lodge Officers



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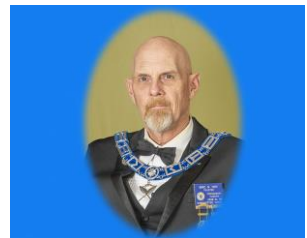
Sr. Warden
John DiCioccio, Jr



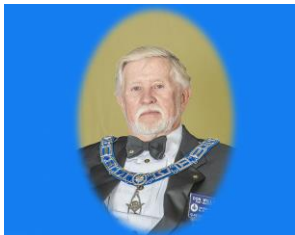
Jr. Warden
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr



Treasurer
Russell L. Scull, II



Secretary
Eric H. Hoy, Jr.



Sr. Deacon
Donald A. Wills



Jr. Deacon
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.



Sr. Steward
Peter V. Letteri



Jr. Steward
Chris Vannier



Marshall
Kevin C. McCrewell



Chaplain
Scott T. Reid



Tiler
Charles J. Jenkins, Jr.



Historian
Richard E. Berson

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Active Past Masters

Richmond G. Shuttleworth	1975
Stephen T. Penny	1979
John DiCioccio, Jr., PAGM 6-B	1980, 2007
James H. Wilson, Jr.	1982, 2009
Russell F. Haugh, Jr., 33 ^o	1983
Richard G. Claing, PAGM 6-A	1985
Donald W. Dean, PDD 6-A	1987
Dustin C. Wood, Jr.	1989
Carl E. Benson, II, PDD	1990, 1992
Anderson H. Zeidler, Jr., PDD 6-A	1991
Dwight C. Mertens, PDD 6-B	1993
Albert J. Reid	1993, 1996, 2000
Scott T. Reid	1995, 1998, 1999, 2010
Stanley H. Ostrinsky	1997
Stephen K. Kraft	1997
Paul A. Edberg, PDD	2000
Eugene A. Bacon	2001, 2002
John A. Pierce, Jr.	2004
Christopher D. Ramsey, PAGM 6-A	2005
Stephen K. Spencer, PAGM 6-A	2006
Jose C. Dias	2008
Andrew S. Warren	2011

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Eric H. Hoy, PDD	2012
Russell L. Scull, II	2013
Madhu Renduchintala	2014
Scott D. Pierce	2015
Dennis W. Bellamy, Jr.	2016, 2017
David S. LaFargue, 33 ^o , PDD 6-A	2018
Gabriel A. Garmendia	2019
Marcos G. Garcia	2020, 2021