



# January/February 2025 Trestle Board

Brainard No. 102 Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons





**From the East:**

**Worshipful Master Seth Beebe**

My brothers, Happy New Year!

I want to say it was a privilege and honor to be Worshipful Master of Brainard Lodge. Memories were made and friendships were formed. Everything we accomplished could not have happened without the dedication and effort you all put in to make these events happen.

In less than two weeks, I pass the torch to Right Worshipful Brother Craig Pedro. I could not think of a more worthy brother to sit in the East with as I transition to Chaplain. I have no doubt that he will expand every brother's knowledge and push each brother to become successful and more proficient in their ritual. Afterall, Henry Ford said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young".

Freemasonry has opened my eyes to keep learning and I hope that each brother, whether they are the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner, or the grumpy Past Master on the sideline, can learn something new each and every day.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in lodge this coming year.

Fraternally,

**Worshipful Brother Seth Beebe**

# **Worshipful Master Elect 2025**

## **RWB Craig Pedro**

Brethren,

Happy New Year brothers. I am honored to be elected to serve as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. My vision from the East is to help Brainard 102 become a 21st century Lodge of Freemasonry, while still being able to adhere to the finest traditions of the past. This fusion of past traditions and 21st century technology will take the collaboration of all our brothers, from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the oldest Past Master.

Openness to new ideas from our younger brothers is mandatory, for they are the future of Freemasonry as well as the future of Brainard Lodge. Yet, reciprocation of attention to our elders will ensure the foundation of Freemasonry and the traditions of Brainard Lodge will accompany these youthful brothers through their advancement in Masonry.

My role is to provide an open and unbiased platform for every brother to express their concerns or ideas freely without fear of intimidation. Every brother is entitled to be heard before the brethren, and I intend to create an atmosphere in lodge that will encourage anyone to feel comfortable enough to stand and present.

At this time of New Year's Resolutions, I would like to ask every brother to ponder the age-old Masonic question; "How do we keep new brothers interested in Freemasonry?" As well as the even more difficult question of; "How do we get brothers back in lodge who no longer attend?" Friendship, morality and brotherly love is all our responsibility. I suggest we first focus on brotherly love, from which I believe all things are possible.

The Installation of Officers will be January 14th at 7:30pm with an open house dinner preceding at 6:30pm. While the Installation will be a closed ceremony, please feel free to bring anyone interested in our fraternity to the dinner and to any meal preceding any meeting. Thank you for your attention to this message. I look

forward to working together for our future. May the Grand Architect bless you all this new year.

Fraternally Yours,  
**RWB Craig Pedro**  
Worshipful Master Elect 2025

## EVENTS CALENDAR



**Tuesday, January 14th — Installation of Officers (Closed)**  
**Open House Dinner: 6:30 PM | Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- *EA Presentation* by District Lecturer WB Andrew Pedro

**Tuesday, January 28th — Stated Communication**  
**Dinner: 6:30 PM | Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- Business Meeting and Lodge of Instruction
  - *Floor Work and Lodge Officer Responsibilities*
  - *Light and Truth Presentation* by Worshipful Master Craig Pedro

**Tuesday, February 4th — Fellowcraft Degree at Coastal 57 Lodge**

- Travel to Coastal 57 with two brothers to be passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.
- *All brothers are encouraged to attend with WM Craig Pedro and support our candidates.*

**Tuesday, February 11th — Fellowcraft Degree at Brainard Lodge**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM | Degree: 7:30 PM**

- *Degree Rehearsal TBA*

**Thursday, February 20th — Trip to Warren 51**

- Travel to Warren 51 to present *Light and Truth EA Symbolism*.
- Dinner: Provided by Warren 51 at the Portland Ale House (Donations accepted). *Please RSVP with [Secretary](#). Headcount needed for planning purposes.*

**Monday, February 24th - Blue Lodge Council Meeting**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM | Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- Blue Lodge Council hosted by Brainard 102.

**Tuesday, February 25th — Stated Communication**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM | Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- Business Meeting
- Lodge of Instruction for EA Degree
- *Masonic Education* by Senior Warden Jonathan Lamas

## Labor to Refreshment



On Saturday December 7th, Brainard Lodge #102 participated in Outer Light Brewing Company's 4th Annual Toy Drive for the Tommy Toy Fund. In all, Brainard donated more than \$700 worth of toys to children in need.







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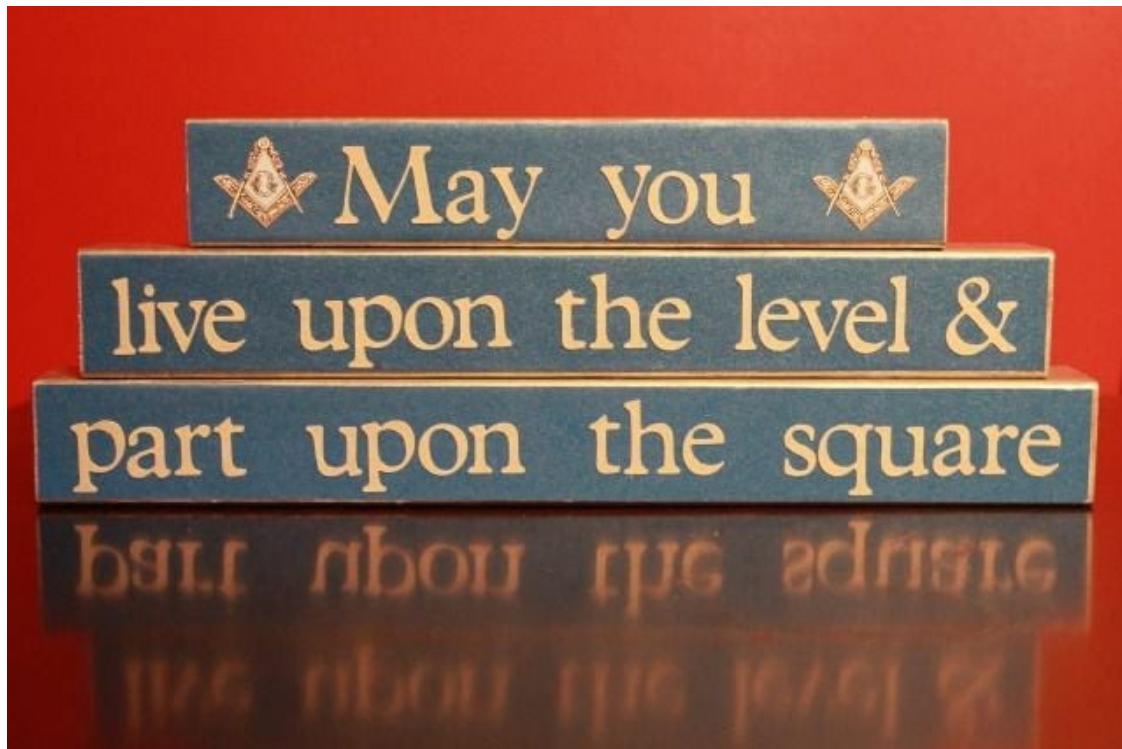
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If your are interested in joining a committee, please contact the [WM](#) or [Secretary](#).





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