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



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First and Third Thursday - 7:30 P.M.
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Brad Young
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!!

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Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Brad Young



MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings brothers, family and friends of Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145. I would like to thank everyone who made our Installation night such a great success. To the installing officers, thank you for making this a night I will never forget.

When I first became a Mason over fifty years ago, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine myself sitting in the East.

I would like to thank my niece's husband, Joe Grieco. His desire to become a Mason inspired me to return to Masonry and the start of this amazing journey.

I especially want to thank my wonderful wife Claire, for all the support and patience she has given me throughout this journey. Helping me prepare everything from simple dinners, to cooking 80lbs of corned beef for Irish Night.

To Worshipful Brother Marcos Garcia, thank you for leading us for the past two years through the worst times Masonry has experienced in recent years. COVID-19 has affected us all. Though things are starting to return to normal, we must never let our guard down.

Hopefully this March Irish Night will return, and we can once again enjoy a night of celebration and fun with our families, brothers and friends. For the upcoming year I plan on restarting our Lodge of Fun nights out. Now that we are back meeting in person, it is important that we contact all our brothers on a regular basis, keeping them informed of what the lodge is doing, and encouraging them to come to the lodge to visit and participate.

On March 3, 2022 we are planning on holding a Fellowcraft Degree, followed by a Master Mason Degree on June 2, 2022.

2018 was the last time our lodge has taken an annual trip. Next September our lodge is planning on visiting Queensbury Lodge # 121 in Queensbury, New York, which is in the Lake George region. I would like to take this time to wish everyone a prosperous and safe New Year.

Best Regards,

Brad Young
Worshipful Master

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From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric Hoy, Jr.



From the Secretary

Last year was a good year...

That's a saying I've heard at work for years. Delivered with a slight amount of sarcasm, it serves as a reminder that pain of past problems always seems to be less than the pain of the current problems.

How was 2021 a good year for the Lodge? First and foremost, we were able to meet in person again with regularity after "holding it together" through COVID induced challenges. I cannot overstate how good it is to be with Brothers and Friends again on a regular basis. Second, we finished the year in pretty good financial shape. Thanks to the efforts of those who support their lodge through prompt dues payments, donations, and fundraising (primarily by working at Rentschler Field), we finished the year "in the black". Finally, we finished the year with the same number of members that we started with.

We're starting off 2022 with hope for a good year, too. The challenges (opportunities if you will) facing us this year fall into the same 3 categories of Social, Membership and Money.

The social calendar for the year shows the re-introduction of several of our historical functions, including Irish Night, an Awards Ceremony, and a trip next fall. For membership, we have several inquiries for membership as well as 5 Entered Apprentices and 2 Fellowcraft to conduct degrees for. The most potential pain for the upcoming year is financial: our expected income falls short of expenses by over \$3,000. In the past, shortfalls have been addressed by our Rentschler Field income, but that can't be budgeted as we don't know for sure that we will make anything, let alone how much it might be.

To ensure a successful 2022 and beyond, there are a few simple things we can all do - and I ask that every brother make a particular effort to do:

- 1) Participate! Come to Lodge. Come to Irish Night. Come to the Awards meeting. Truly, we want to see you - you are our Brother!
- 2) Talk up the Fraternity- I'll bet we all know a man who is looking for something in his life that Freemasonry can provide, and we will benefit by getting to share experiences with new members.
- 3) Support the Lodge. Donations of time, talent and money are always gratefully accepted, but we absolutely depend on your dues - please pay them promptly! If that is hardship, please allow us to help by letting us know early; we can make arrangements if we know.

I wish you all the very best for the New Year - God Bless.

Warmly & fraternally,
Eric

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Lodge Calendar

CALENDAR

- Jan 6** **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication
- Jan 20** **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication
- Feb 3** **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication
- Feb 17** **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

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

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

Rent Our Lodge Hall:

If any lodge brother needs information about hosting a family event at *Friendship Hall* please contact the rental manager at:
ftl145rentals@gmail.com

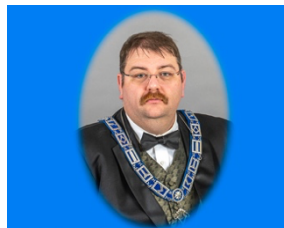
2022 Lodge Officers



Worshipful Master
James B. Young (Brad)



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
Peter V. Letteri



Tiler
Charles J. Jenkins, Jr.



Historian
Richard E. Berson

Marshall
Kevin C. McCrewell

Chaplain
Scott T. Reid

Jr. Steward

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Active Past Masters

Richmond G. Shuttleworth	1975
Stephen T. Penny	1979
John DiCioccio, Jr., PAGM	1980, 2007
James H. Wilson, Jr.	1982, 2009
Russell F. Haugh, Jr., 33°	1983
Richard G. Claing, PAGM 6-A	1985
Donald W. Dean, PDD	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	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, AGM 6-A	2005
Stephen K. Spencer, PAGM	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, DD 6-A, 33°	2018
Gabriel A. Garmendia	2019
Marcos G. Garcia	2020, 2021