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# Electronic Trestleboard

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  
<https://lodge145.ctfreemasons.net/>

**Marcos G. Garcia**  
Worshipful Master

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***Please stay safe and healthy!!***

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## Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Marcos Garcia



Time flies when we are having fun, this axiom reflects our regard for the things that we cherish and care about. I was elected as Worshipful Master of this Lodge in December 2019. The start of 2020 brought us the loss of Brother Geno, a sad time for the Lodge as a whole. The news of a virus felt like the sounds of a faraway place.

We started plans for degree work and Irish Night and cancelled both with just two days to go. Overnight all the plans at the lodge were put on hold and we went dark. The initial situation disrupted our customs and traditions at all levels. It was not until late spring that we received instructions to start virtual meetings.

With the help of Brother Ed Slegeski and WB Richard Berson we were able to initiate a period of Zoom meetings that allowed us to somehow get back to see and talk to each other. At this point Grand Lodge had set forth and approved regulations to perform ritual work on a hybrid form. RWB Dave LaFargue and Brother Don Janelle amongst others helped set up the meetings and we transitioned to this format, and they became a success. By the time 2020 ended I again had the honor of being elected to continue work for the year 2021. The status quo stayed, and traditional events were cancelled to follow CDC and State protocols.

We have endured a hard road and are still on the way to recovery. After the summer break we were able to come back to normal status and this opened the opportunity to move on with work around the building. The installation of A/C units and the replacement of the old boiler under the skillful eye of W.B John DiCioccio and the building committee made it possible to have worry free winters from now on.

My time in the East is about to end, but the labor in the quarry continues. There are new brothers to initiate and new activities to retake. I thank you all for your support during these past two years and I am confident that our labors as masons will continue if there are masons on this earth.

We will be working to meet the deadline for the required reports for the end of the year. Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and Christmas and New Year are around the corner. I do not want to leave without wishing every one of you and your families the very best and assure you that our fellowship will always be there. We are all masons and brothers always.

Best Regards

Marcos G. Garcia

Worshipful Master

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## From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric Hoy, Jr.



### From the Secretary

#### The 24-inch gauge

I recently got back home after taking time off to play (golf, that is). It was a non-stop vacation: I worked Tuesday morning until noon, then drove to the airport, got on the plane and by 4:30 was in Myrtle Beach. That afternoon was the only "time off" I was to have until Sunday. Rising at 5:30, breakfast at 6, tee times at 8 and 1, dinner at 8, into bed at 10 was the routine for the next 4 days. Sunday morning was more leisurely, since my plane didn't leave until noon, but upon arrival it was a sprint home to shower and change and off to a Halloween party for my grandson, then to my own bed for my first good night's sleep in 6 days.

One could easily argue that I spent 24 hours a day on refreshment and rest over that vacation, completely neglecting my usual vocation and the relief of distressed worthy brothers and falling far short of the masonic ideal.

But - I am fortunate enough to have a job that includes paid vacation: taking time off is actually part of my job, so I can say that I gave (or at least paid for) 8 hours a day to my usual vocation. What about the 8 hours a day I'm supposed to devote to others? Well, 8 rounds of golf with 6 other men (brothers, even though none are Masons) gave plenty of opportunity for fellowship and moral support. I know I got it from them.

So, taking a kindly view of myself, my time was well spent. I trust that you can probably do a similar assessment and reach the same conclusion.

Be kind to yourselves, Brothers, and remember to seek progress, not perfection.

Warmly & fraternally,

Eric

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## Lodge Calendar

### CALENDAR

- Nov 4**      **Business Meeting (C)**  
*Stated Communication*
- Nov 18**     **Business Meeting (C)**  
*Stated Communication*
- Dec 2**      **Business Meeting (C)**  
*Stated Communication*
- Dec 11**     **Installation (T)**  
*3:00PM*
- Dec 16**     **Business Meeting (C)**  
*No planned Business because*  
*Actual Past Masters Annual*  
*Meeting to be held at our Lodge*

All Stated & Special Meetings

**All Stated & Special Meetings - Meeting 7:30 pm**

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

### **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](mailto:ftl145rentals@gmail.com)

## 2021 Lodge Officers



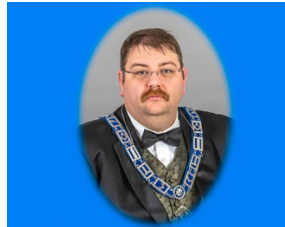
**Worshipful Master**  
Marcos G. Garcia



**Sr. Warden**  
James B. Young (Brad)



**Jr. Warden**  
Richard M. Balboni, Jr.



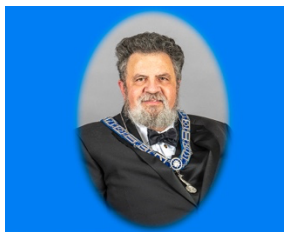
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Russell L. Scull, II



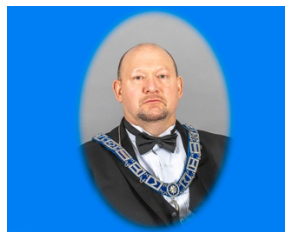
**Secretary**  
Eric H. Hoy, Jr.



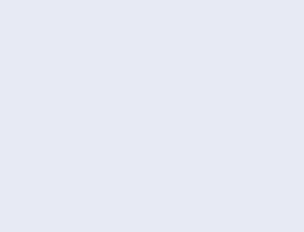
**Sr. Deacon**  
Jeffrey S. Mayer



**Jr. Deacon**  
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.



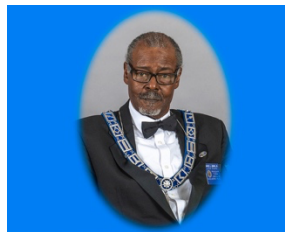
**Sr. Steward**  
Peter V. Letteri



**Jr. Steward**



**Marshall**  
Kevin C. McCrewell



**Chaplain**  
Dwight C. Mertens



**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	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
Eric H. Hoy, PDD	2012

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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