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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.

24 Golway Street - Manchester, CT 06042

<https://lodgelocator.com/friendship-tuscan-145>

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!!

Rent Our Lodge Hall

If any lodge brother needs information about hosting a family event at Friendship Hall please contact the rental manager at:

Fftl145rentals@gmail.com

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Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Brad Young



We're now into the second week of February, the days are getting longer. I saw my first sign of spring, lawnmowers for sale in the hardware store. The past two winters have been the hardest to endure that I can ever remember. Living with COVID the past two years has been difficult for everyone, especially in the winter. Mostly staying indoors, limiting contact with the public as much as possible. Always afraid you might become infected. There is so much anger in the world; turning on the evening news is no longer relaxing and informative.

It is times like this that I am proud to be a Mason. Whether I am at my Lodge, or visiting another Lodge, it is always the same. Brothers together all with a common goal of friendship and brotherly love, working for a common goal, improving mankind. With the coming of spring and warmer weather, I am hopeful that we can gather more freely and be able to enjoy life again.

In 1969 I turned 21 and was no longer active in DeMolay. I decided to join Orient Lodge where my father belonged. It was a whirlwind initiation, EA degree in September, Fellowcraft in October, and Master Mason in November. I was just starting to enjoy Masonry when in March 1970 I received my draft notice and that September I was in the Navy. When I returned home four years later so many things had changed. I was a member of the Glastonbury Auxiliary Police Ambulance on duty every five to six nights with a rotating schedule. It became difficult to be involved with the Lodge and I drifted away. Around 2015 my niece's husband decided to become a Mason. My desire to see him become a Mason is what inspired me to become active again and I have never once regretted it. Within a few months of joining Friendship Tuscan Lodge I was asked to fill a vacant office and the fun hasn't stopped. From cooking lodge night dinners, putting on the Pancake Festival, learning all the ritual work and helping with so many degrees, and all the great friends whom I'm proud to call Brothers who had faith in me to elect me Worshipful Master. All these great memories I will cherish forever.

The Grand Lodge of CT has moved our page to Grandview. I urge all brothers if you haven't already done so to go to Grandview at ct.grandview.systems and review and update your personal information. If you have not already signed up, I highly recommend you do. This is a great way for brothers to stay in contact and learn what is happening with your lodge.

This spring is a busy time for our Lodge. On March 3rd we are holding a Fellowcraft Degree and on May 21st a Master Mason Degree. It's great to be active again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the building committee, especially Brother John DiCioccio, for all the hours of work he has done to maintain and upgrade our building.

My best wishes for a healthy and fruitful year,

Brad Young

Worshipful Master

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From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric Hoy, Jr.



I confessed this morning to a co-worker that I am heartily sick of being a hermit. We two used to sit near one another and while our conversations were mainly work-related, we got to know each other pretty well. There was a degree of comfort in just being around each other, and knowledge and opinions were exchanged with a great deal of understanding in only a few seconds.

Today, it took the better part of 15 minutes of back-and-forth texts (while we were both doing other things) to reach an understanding and agreement on a simple matter. Before, I wouldn't have thought about the exchange we just had. Today, even though the matter was satisfactorily closed, I was left feeling frustrated.

It's been more than 2 years since I last saw him. Working as I do for a large company, there's been considerable turnover over that time as well, with the result that I interact with a number of people who I've never actually met. There's no doubt in my mind that my work has suffered by this physical isolation. So too has my job satisfaction.

Perhaps some of you are experiencing similar frustrations. Some no doubt prefer working from home. There are those too whose routines are not much affected by the current situation. Nevertheless, it's safe to say that everyone gets less personal contact than they used to and all are affected to some degree.

Analyzing my own situation, it turns out (somewhat to my surprise) that I actually enjoy being around people. More than just enjoy – it seems I *need* to be around people. Which is why I so look forward to each and every “night out with the boys” that Masonry affords – it's not merely human contact I get when we meet but friendly, brotherly contact where I leave a better man than when I came in. Know that when we meet, no matter the circumstances, I'm better for seeing you.

Grandview is a good resource and I too encourage all to visit the site. All you need is your member number from your dues card to start. If you have any problems with it give me call and we'll work it out together.

Looking forward to our next meeting...

Warmly & Fraternaly,

Eric

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Lodge Calendar

CALENDAR

- Mar 3** **Fellowcraft Degree (T)**
Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145
- Mar 17** **Business Meeting (C)**
Family Style Dinner
Dinner @ 6:00PM RSVP
- Mar 26** **Grand Lodge (SF)**
Windsor Marriot 8AM
- Apr 7** **Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication
- Apr 21** **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

BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION (BIA)

The Manchester Brotherhood in Action (BIA) proudly announces that our annual fundraiser is back after one year off due to the pandemic. Although we will not be holding an in-person breakfast this year, we have decided to hold a fundraiser for the family of Victoriana Diaz from East Hartford, CT. Proceeds will help the family offset expenses incurred from medical bills. The BIA has been in existence since 1987 and has fundraised over \$132,000 in charitable contributions to help children with life threatening illnesses. Volunteer members are from UNICO, Knights of Columbus, Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Brotherhood, and both Manchester Masonic Lodges.

Five-year old Victoriana suffers from a brain cancer called Medulloblastoma. It is an invasive, rapidly growing tumor that spreads through the cerebrospinal fluid. She has had surgeries to remove the tumors and has also undergone numerous chemotherapy and radiation treatments at Boston Children's Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. With these treatments, Victoriana has endured many side effects including partial hearing loss in one ear as well as speech challenges. Currently undergoing physical and occupational therapy, Victoriana hopes to return to a normal, healthy life in the very near future. In between treatments she enjoys listening and dancing to K-Love Radio with her Mother and Father, Sister, and Brothers.

If you would like to make a donation by March 15, 2022, please send check to:

Brotherhood in Action
c/o Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 1832
Manchester, CT 06045-1832

For more information, please call John Connolly at (860) 748-5013, message us on Facebook Messenger or visit brotherhoodinaction.blogspot.com

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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.



Sr. Steward
Christopher A. Vannier



Jr. Steward



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	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
Russell L. Scull, II	2013
Madhu Renduchintala	2014
Scott D. Pierce	2015
Dennis W. Bellamy, Jr.	2016, 2017
David S. LaFargue, DD 6-A	2018
Gabriel A. Garmendia	2019
Marcos G. Garcia	2020, 2021