

May June 2022

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

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!!

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Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Brad Young



It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of brother Bob Weidlich. He was not only our brother, but a gentleman and Great Friend. I have fond memories of Bob working to make our new lodge building what it is today. I remember him standing on the staging in the stairs to the office painting away happy as can be. He knew we would soon have a new lodge of our own. Bob, you will be deeply missed by all.

I would like to thank everyone for participating in our Fellowcraft Degree on March 3rd. Two of our brothers were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft as well as brothers from Wyllys - St. John's Lodge #4 and Composite Lodge #28. Well done!

During the past two weeks I personally experienced a brother helping another brother. Bro. Joe Grieco volunteered to accompany me to Alabama. I needed to help my family members, who need medical treatment, move back home. Two dumpsters later, an empty house, a full trailer, and 2600 miles we brought them home.

Joe, Thank you! I never could have done it without you.

This year Saint Patrick's Day fell on our regular meeting night. Instead of the usual before meeting dinner we opened it up to wives and families for a night of Corned Beef and Cabbage. The attendees enjoyed being out and mingling together. A fun night for all.

I am pleased to announce our trip to Lake George is progressing for September 16, 2022. We have visited with Queensbury Lodge #121 and plans are for us to conduct the EA Degree. I hope you will consider joining us on the trip. A flyer will be available soon.

Just as life was returning to normal after more than two years of Covid, the world is again in turmoil. War has broken out in Europe. Now, more than ever, may peace and brotherly love prevail.

Brad Young
Worshipful Master

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From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric Hoy, Jr.



While at the Grand Lodge session in April, I was requested to pick up a package of material that the Grand Lodge office had determined was taking up too much space in their archives, being either redundant or unnecessary. Once home I took the opportunity to examine the contents.

In the folder marked “126”, folded up in an envelope, there are 5 sheets of 102 year-old paper, all dated in January, 1920. Two contain first a request to the Grand Lodge requesting formation of a new lodge to be in Hartford, named Tuscan #126, along with a list of 61 signatures of Brothers requesting membership in the same. The other three are letters to the Grand Secretary from St. John’s #4, Hartford #88 and LaFayette #100, all conveying the same sentiment; that each of those lodges fully – even enthusiastically - supported the formation of that new lodge.

Among the documents in the “145” folder is one that is “only” 58 years old: a certified copy the minutes of the June 9th, 1964 Stated Communication of Manchester #73. It is 7 pages long, typed single-spaced, and is much more interesting to read than anything I have ever written. It is inappropriate to divulge any details of that document in this forum, but 4 of those 7 pages document recommendations, comments, and arguments both for and against the formation of a second lodge in Manchester.

Also in that folder is the original dispensation dated in August authorizing, Friendship Lodge U.D. to work. Eventually, the brothers of Tuscan and Friendship joined together to ensure the continuance of both of their heritages.

I was struck by the difference in tone between those two packets of paper, especially in the light of our present situation. We, the brothers of Friendship Tuscan Lodge, are now earnestly engaged in discussions with Manchester #73 about the possibility of merging. There are numerous issues to be addressed. Many are mundane, but a few will excite emotions, perhaps strong ones. All are important, and all deserve thought and discussion.

The merger committees are there to convey and address your thoughts and concerns. The Friendship Tuscan committee consists of Brothers John DiCioccio, David LaFargue and Eric Hoy. Ask them questions; let your feelings, thoughts and concerns be known. Always remember that we come here “to learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in masonry”; consider the larger questions of *what is best for masonry, what is best for the lodge, and what best serves you on your masonic journey.*

Warmly & Fraternally,

Eric

CALENDAR

- May 5 Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

- May 19 Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

- May 21 Master Mason Degree (F)**
11:00
Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145

- Jun 2 Business Meeting (C)**
Stated Communication

- Jun 16 Awards Night (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



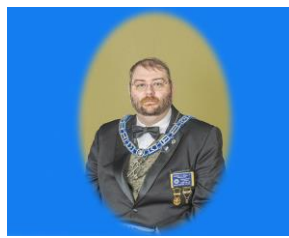
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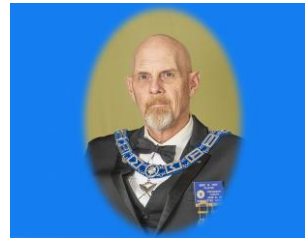
Sr. Warden
John DiCioccio, Jr



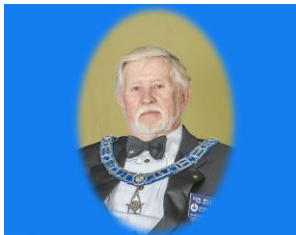
Jr. Warden
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr



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-B	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, AGM 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 6-A	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