

# 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/>

**Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.**  
Worshipful Master

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### Have you paid your 2024 dues?

Have you moved or changed your email address? If yes, please contact our secretary, Eric Hoy, with the change(s). If you need to speak with Eric, please call 860-202-1154.

### 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).

We need new members! Please speak to your friends, co-workers, sons, nephews, brothers and uncles about our fraternity. If you uncover any interest in learning more, please call me at (860) 716-2788. I will be glad to assist with next steps. TY,  
WM Joe

Are you on Facebook? So are we!! Search for Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145 and request to join us there.



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## Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.



Well, it's almost September, and time to return to Labor. Ask yourself this question – “Do you have your Elevator Speech ready?” Now what's the Master talking about? What is an “elevator speech”? In Marketing, the elevator speech is a quick presentation designed to get someone's interest during the time it takes to wait for and ride on an elevator. This is the pre-pitch to see if the listener is interested in continuing to listen to you.

There is an old story about Aristotle Onassis. A film producer managed to jump into Onassis' waiting limo while trying to pitch a movie. Onassis gave him until the end of the block to convince him to listen further. By the end of the block, the producer convinced Onassis to pitch Five Million Pounds to the film project. THAT's an elevator speech.

Now what, you ask, does that have to do with being a Mason? Everything. So let's say you are in a public venue. Someone looks and sees your ring, or lapel pin, or hat, some other article of clothing with the Square and Compasses, or some other publicly recognized Masonic symbol. They ask you if you are a Mason and what do you guys do. Now is time for the elevator speech. You have around two minutes to get and keep his interest.

I can practically guarantee if that speech includes “It's a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols” you will have lost them before you get started. They aren't ready to hear that yet. Instead, lead with something like it being “the oldest Fraternity, dedicated to making good men better” and our local charitable involvement. If they ask follow-up questions like what got you involved, or what benefit you get out of it, they've opened the door for further conversation.

However, if their questions tend to Dan Brown, the Templar treasure, the Priory of Sion, or the Illuminati, be polite and explain we have nothing to do with any of those.

So, you answered their questions and now they want more information. **DO NOT** hand them a petition! We want to keep their interest, not send them running for the hills! Invite them to stop by the Lodge for Fellowship before our next meeting. Direct them to [ctfreemasons.net](http://ctfreemasons.net). Give them your email address. You notice I did not suggest giving them your phone number. The goal here is to get them interested enough to submit a petition.

As I mentioned above that it's time to return to Labor. In that aim, we will be presenting an Entered Apprentice Degree on September 19. It will also be our annual inspection. Let's make sure we properly support our candidates that night.

Fraternally,

WM Joseph P. Grieco

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## From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric H. Hoy



I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer – I'm really looking forward to re-starting our Masonic labors. As promised, here's the second half of the "Bill of Responsibilities" as published by [www.freedomsfoundation.org](http://www.freedomsfoundation.org) – I've included the Preamble again because I think it bears repeating. Enjoy.

**Preamble to the Bill of Responsibilities:** Freedom and responsibility are mutual and inseparable; we can ensure enjoyment of the one only by exercising the other. Freedom for all of us depends on responsibility by each of us. To secure and expand our liberties, therefore, we accept these responsibilities as individual members of a free society.

### ***Bill of Responsibilities***

- ◆ To respect the property of others, both private and public. No one has a right to what is not his or hers. The right to enjoy what is ours depends on our respecting the right of others to enjoy what is theirs.
- ◆ To share with others our appreciation of the benefits and obligations of freedom. Freedom shared is freedom strengthened.
- ◆ To participate constructively in the nation's political life. Democracy depends on an active citizenry. It depends equally on an informed citizenry.
- ◆ To help freedom survive by assuming personal responsibility for its defense. Our nation cannot survive unless we defend it. Its security rests on the individual determination of each of us to help preserve it.
- ◆ To respect the rights and to meet the responsibilities on which our liberty rests and our democracy depends. This is the essence of freedom. Maintaining it requires our common effort, all together and each individually

There they are. I believe that they are excellent reminders for us as Citizens and Masons.

Hope to see you in Lodge this fall!

RWB Eric Hoy

*Secretary*

## Calendar

<b>Sep 5</b>	<b>Business Meeting (Hawaiian Shirt)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Sep 19</b>	<b>Business Meeting (T)</b> <i>EA Degree</i>
<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Statewide FC Degree (SF)</b> <i>Brainard Lodge #102, Niantic, CT @ 9:230am</i>
<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>Grand Lodge (SF)</b> <i>Semi Annual Grand Lodge Meeting</i> <i>22 Masonic Ave., Wallingford, CT</i> <i>Election of Grand Lodge Officers @ 8AM</i>
<p><b>All Stated &amp; Special Meetings - Meeting 7:30 pm</b>  <b>Dinner served at 6:30PM unless stated otherwise</b>  <i>F = TUX, SF = Suit &amp; Tie, C = Jacket /Tie</i></p>	

## 2024 Lodge Officers



**Worshipful Master**  
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.



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



**Jr. Warden**  
Richard E. Berson



**Treasurer**  
Russell L. Scull, II



**Secretary**  
Eric H. Hoy



**Sr. Deacon**  
Jared C. Garthe



**Jr. Deacon**  
Juan M. Villalobos Ulloa



**Sr. Steward**  
Jesse J. Chadwick



**Jr. Steward**  
Bismark O. Amedzro



**Marshal**  
TBD



**Chaplain**  
Scott T. Reid



**Tiler**  
Charles J. Jenkins, Jr.



**Historian**  
Richard E. Berson

## Active Past Masters

Stephen T. Penny	1979
John DiCioccio, Jr., DD 6-A	1980, 2007, 2023
James H. Wilson, Jr.	1982, 2009
Russell F. Haugh, Jr., 33°	1983
Richard G. Claing, PAGM 6-A	1985
Donald W. Dean, PDD 6-A	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, PAGM 6-A	2005
Stephen K. Spencer, PAGM 6-A	2006
Jose C. Dias	2008
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, 33°, PDD 6-A	2018
Gabriel A. Garmendia	2019
Marcos G. Garcia	2020, 2021
James B. Young (Brad), AGM 6-A	2022