

MAR – APR 2025

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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

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

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### **Have you paid your 2025 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.



## Message from the East

From the Worshipful Master's Desk

By Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.



It's March. It's the beginning of meteorological Spring, although being in Southern New England, you can't convince anyone of that. Soon crocuses will be pushing their way through, followed by the daffodils and tulips. It is time for renewal. Easter is in April, and both Orthodox and Western Rite Easter falls on the same day – April 20<sup>th</sup>. Baseball teams have already reported for Spring Training and Exhibition games will soon begin.

Why of this have to do with Masonry? As this is a time for renewal, it's a time to look at your own Labor and growth. Have you been working on your Perfect Ashlar? Have you been working toward the Light? Have you been practicing your Masonic Charity? If you've been idle for the Winter, perhaps it's time to get started on those again?

Have you been practicing a piece of ritual that you want to do before the Lodge? Are you looking to mentor one of our new Brothers? Are you working on a project that is for the benefit of a Brother and need some help with it? Do you have an idea for improvement to the outside of the building? Do you have any thoughts on fundraiser projects or special programs for the Lodge? How about a project that can raise our profile with the Town? All of these are examples of Masonic Growth. All are welcome.

Project Blue Wave is still in force. Grand Lodge is working with individual Lodges to help their sustainability. We have definitely benefitted from the program. But remember, we must still guard the West Gate to make sure the men coming in are ones that will bring honor to the fraternity. So, remember, when you are putting your name on that Petition, or you are sitting on an Investigation, make sure this person is one who we want, as every one of them has the potential to sit in the East.

Part of the fruits of the Blue Wave will be another State-Wide Master Mason Degree exemplification. This will be in the New Haven Temple on March 22, and we will have at least one candidate there. We will also be presenting our own Fellowcraft Degree on April 3. Since our last Entered Apprentice was held, we have had more petitions received, so we can plan on at least one more EA before we go dark for the Summer. And I hope to present a Master Mason degree before we go dark!

Grand Lodge will be on the weekend of April 4-6. If you have never seen a Grand Lodge session, I encourage any Master Mason free on the 5<sup>th</sup> to join us. You will need your dues card, and aprons will be available for your use. This will be the last official duty of MWGM Edward Page before he hands the gavel to RW Rinaldo Magliano.

Fraternally,

WM Joseph P. Grieco

## From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric H. Hoy



There is an art to crafting a short column, an endeavor that often proves to be more challenging than expected. One might assume that brevity equates to ease, but condensing thoughts to their essence requires precision, clarity, and an economy of words that can be elusive. Every sentence must carry weight; every word must be deliberate. The struggle lies in distilling complex ideas without losing their nuance, in ensuring that the message remains potent despite the constraints of space. This task demands not just skill but a deep understanding of the subject, a mastery of language, and the patience to revise until each paragraph is a masterpiece of succinctness.

As I sat down to write this, a new little icon popped up next to the cursor. This was somewhat upsetting, as I am not at all interested in learning new features on my software. In fact, one of my deepest desires is that my software never change (or better yet, revert to the way they were about 5 years ago). To me, these tools should require LESS effort on my part to use, and that has not been my experience. Every update requires more input than it used to, and I resent having to learn how to do something AGAIN. But I digress.

Anyway, that little icon turns out to be Copilot – Microsoft's AI. I'm scared to death of AI. I have read enough science fiction that I see Armageddon as more likely than Utopia for us humans as the machines take over. But I digress again.

Because I had ZERO idea what to write about, I figured I'd take my problem to Copilot. The result is the first paragraph. It's an interesting read – an articulate version of my belly-aching about writer's block. But sadly, no solution is offered. So here I am, trying to come up with a pearl of wisdom for my brethren. But, like a newly Entered Apprentice ... I am entirely destitute.

I wish you all prosperity and happiness, and hope that what you find in Masonry helps in attaining them!

*RWB Eric Hoy*  
*Secretary*

## Calendar

<b><u>CALENDAR</u></b>	
<b>Mar 6</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> St Patrick's Day Dinner <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Blue Lodge Council (C)</b> <i>Hartford Evergreen #88 South Windsor, CT</i>
<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Fellowcraft Degree (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>

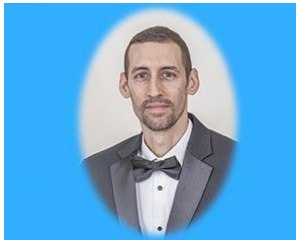
***All Stated & Special Meetings - Meeting 7:30 pm  
Dinner served at 6:30PM unless stated otherwise***

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

## 2025 Lodge Officers



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



**Sr. Warden**  
Jeff S. Mayer



**Jr. Warden**  
David S. LaFargue



**Treasurer**  
Russell L. Scull, II



**Secretary**  
Eric H. Hoy



**Sr. Deacon**  
Stephen K. Spencer



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



**Sr. Steward**  
Bismark O. Amedzro



**Jr. Steward**  
TBD



**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 <sup>o</sup>	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	
Scott T. Reid	1993, 1996, 2000
	1998, 1999, 2010
Stanley H. Ostrinsky	1997
Stephen K. Kraft	1997
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 <sup>o</sup> , PDD 6-A	2018
Gabriel A. Garmendia	2019
Marcos G. Garcia	2020, 2021
James B. Young (Brad), AGM 6-A	2022, 2023
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.	2024, 2025