

# Electronic Trestleboard

## Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M.



### **Stated Communications**

First and Third Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

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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.



***Vale atque ave. Farewell and hail!*** With those words, I pen my last Trestleboard.

First, I say farewell from the East - the office to which I was elected and reelected. I will never forget that time as it was an opportunity of growth and learning for me. I want to thank the Brothers and Officers for the faith you placed in me, and I hope I lived up to your expectations. Without your support and encouragement, I would never have this opportunity.

There are way too many of you to thank in this without the Trestleboard Editor having some choice words for me.

Some parting advice, especially for our newer Brothers. Masonry offers many opportunities to seek additional Light. Some are Social, some are Ritual. All can bring you the Light if you know where to look.

However, before jumping into any appendant body, take a look at what Blue Lodge offers you for at least one or two years. This makes sure you are well grounded in your Masonic experience. Also, make sure your involvement does not interfere with your personal or professional lives. Yes, you can join Scottish or York Rite, show up for your Degrees/Orders and never do anything in those bodies afterwards, except pay your dues and show up every so often. Same with the social organizations - Tall Cedars, Grotto and Shrine. (Although the latter will try to put you to work!) Remember – you will get out of it what you put into it. However, if you get involved, there will be a lot of nights you are not home having dinner with your family. That's why you need to marshal your time.

The next two months are going to be busy for all of us. First, it is the Holiday Season. Someone told me that there are over 60 religious and secular celebrations between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. That means someone, somewhere has a special occasion they are celebrating. One of particular note is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist on Dec. 27! Yeah, that St. John, whom we as Masons honor.

On the Lodge side of things, in November we have the State Wide Open House on Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup>. We have the Grand Master's Visitation and Awards Presentation on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We have the LLC Closing of the Books on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. We have the Lodge Closing of the books on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>. As an added "treat", we are hosting the Blue Lodge Council the next night – the 21<sup>st</sup>. Hey, at least they didn't try to schedule it for the day after Thanksgiving, as they have tried on previous years! In December, we have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Installation on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and our last Communication of the year on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

I wish to hail my successor. Yes, we are all fairly certain of who it will be. I just don't want to jinx it by mentioning his name. He has put together a fantastic Officer line for next year and has already set his plans for what he hopes to accomplish. My caution for him is to remember that the schedule being planned is written in wet sand, and the tide is coming in. So, be prepared to improvise, adapt and overcome. Trust your Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and other Officers to keep you focused.

I'm going to close with the same line I opened my first Trestleboard with two years ago – the second question in the EA Lecture and Lodge opening. "What come you here to do?" You all know the answer. Just remember to insert that comma some editor left out of Webb and Duncan many decades ago.

Fraternally,  
WM Joseph P. Grieco

## From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric H. Hoy



### *"Retirement" part deux*

Today (Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) marks the beginning of my retirement, even though I left work on the 30<sup>th</sup> of last month. The intervening 2 weeks have been nothing more than a (much-needed) stay-cation, wherein I have been getting used to not going into the office (an easy transition), puttering around the house taking care of odd jobs while planning for the bigger projects.

I would've needed some time away from work to prepare for several Masonic things anyway: Washington Commandery put on an excellent Order of Malta last week where I had a large role, We here in FTL put on a superb FC a couple of days later, Pythagoras Chapter has a couple of degrees next week where I have ritual work to do, and there's the secretarial tasks: this newsletter's article, finalizing this years and preparing next years budgets, chasing down the dues delinquents, preparing for the upcoming Awards night, etc. etc..

But, since there's no longer a paying job to go to, I find myself able to do these things in a much less stressed-out manner, not having to cram all my extra-curricular activities into the 5 to 7 time slot. It's been a blessing, and already I am beginning to understand the comment that my long-retired friends have made: "I don't know how I managed to fit an actual job into my schedule".

*RWB Eric Hoy*  
*Secretary*

## Calendar

<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>Football Game at the Rent</b> <b>UAB vs UCONN</b>
<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>Statewide Masonic Open House</b>
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Awards Night (F)</b> <b>Grandmaster Visitation</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Football Game at the Rent</b> <b>Duke vs UCONN</b>
<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Football Game at the Rent</b> <b>Air Force vs UCONN</b>
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i> <b>Closing of the Books</b>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Blue Lodge Council</b> <i>Friendship Tuscan #145</i>
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Installation of Officers</b> <i>Friendship Tuscan #145</i>
<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>Hartford County Past Masters</b> <i>Friendship Tuscan #145</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**  
Jeffrey 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°	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
Scott T. Reid	1995, 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°, PDD 6-A	2018
Gabriel A. Garmendia	2019
Marcos G. Garcia	2020, 2021
James B. Young (Brad), AGM 6-A	2022
Joseph P. Grieco, Jr.	2024, 2025