

# 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

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**Jeffrey S. Mayer**

Worshipful Master

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### **Have you paid your 2026 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) 681-4837. I will be glad to assist with next steps. TY, WM Jeffrey.

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 Jeffrey S. Mayer



Formally, I would like to thank the brotherhood for their confidence in electing me. I am truly humbled by your support, and I will do all in my power, God willing, to steward this ship, and keep a steady course towards a brighter horizon. While our previous Worshipful Master of the past 2 years has remarked on occasion that he is a Boomer, I must casually point out that I am not.

I was born in 1981, which falls between *Generation X* and *Millennial*. This generational tight-rope walk that I have performed all my life will surely serve me well as I advocate and deliberate for the prosperity and continuity of such a wide range of generations within the lodge. We can foster a spirit of collective unity in our ideas and discussions, as our forefathers have done in the country we all love and cherish. The work we undertake will solidify our legacy for all our future brothers to prosper in our Lodge, the home we have built.

As we start the year of 2026, there is an optimism of hope regardless of many new challenges that developed and surfaced in 2025. For many years we have operated under one set of financial principles that are no longer valid, and we must now create and implement a new business model that adheres to our present condition. We are a brotherhood full of able-bodied men of sound mind, and I know that we will rise to this challenge as we have always done. This past year has provided us with a solid core of new brothers, and it seems like we have finally gotten our membership to increase. This year we will work hard to move that membership forward with a goal for ending next December in a surplus.

Briefly speaking of our home, PM Joe Grieco has left us in good repair. The building upkeep and maintenance has been completed. This will allow us to focus all our attention on our financial situation, and membership. While we ended on a strong note, a large focus this year will be on expanding membership and greater retention of those we already have. In this past year, I have seen an incredible effort put forth by WB Richard Berson, our Historian, at inculcating the new brothers into our craft, and I commend him for that service. We will work hard to continue this effort and expand on it.

I would be remiss to mention the success of the Blue Wave program that has been led by RWB John Dicioccio, Jr. This is quickly becoming the heartbeat of our membership, and I commend all that have taken part in its success. It is not easy and you have all done incredible work. We must continue to do so.

Finally, we will discuss our financial situation at our first meeting. I would like to start a committee to explore and meet this head on. We may need to develop and implement a new business model to solidify our future and bring in a strong measure of fiscal responsibility.

We do have degree work on the horizon. We have an EA in February. I hope you can join us. I look forward to a prosperous year, and I hope to work with all of you to build our future.

Fraternally,  
WM Jeffrey S. Mayer

## From the Secretary's Desk

By Eric H. Hoy



:Tis the season for free association exercises.

Christmas shopping. Christmas Cards. Lodge elections & installations. Budgets. Wondering why my hands are so cold. Wondering what the temperature is in Scottsdale (60, with a high of 76). Planning a family party (my son's birthday) around installation and the only football game that really matters. Plotting the demise of the various rodents that look to my house for warmth. Red Ryder BB guns. Simonize (from Bolton!). Boris Karloff. My grandson beating me in chess. Cookie deliveries from elves (I almost caught them last year). Year-end reports. Wondering if I've got enough heating oil (OK until January). De-cluttering (to make room for new clutter). Scotch tape, paper, bows and ribbons. Gift Cards. Comfort food (Biscuits and Gravy is my go-to). Eggnog. Charity. Seasonal music. Franz Gruber. Hans Gruber. Cousin Eddie. Skating. Mittens. Hand warmers. Dang, my hands are cold! Flannel sheets. Wool socks (my feet are cold too). Turkey. Cranberries. Cocoa. Candles. Family. Giving. I could go on of course. Some of these might resonate with you, some might confuse you, some (I hope) will make you smile if not laugh.

I have a snapshot of me in front of my very first Christmas tree (age 11 months). Cute, chubby little guy with red cheeks, surrounded by gifts. A toy dog that is in no way cuddly, being made of a weird thick rubber-like material that manages to be squeezable without being soft. Squeaks when squeezed. Long ears that are faux-fur on the outside, red satin (OK – nylon) on the inside. Has a molded-in tag that says his name is Bowser. Behind him is – I kid you not – a 1.5 gallon plastic gas can. Not sure if Dad gave to Mom or the other way around. Maybe it was meant for me? (here's some matches, kid, go have fun). Anyway you look at it, it's funny. I still have Bowser, and he's NOT going to be decluttered.

Congratulations to WM-elect Jeff and all the officers for 2026 and I hope to see all of you in Lodge this year.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, peaceful Christmas, full of pleasant memories and events that create new ones!

P.S. GO NAVY – BEAT ARMY!

*RWB Eric Hoy*  
*Secretary*

## Calendar

<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i> <b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Business Meeting (C)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Blue Lodge Council</b> <i>Washington #70</i>
<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>EA Degree (F)</b> <i>Stated Communication</i>
<b>Feb 19</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*

## 2026 Lodge Officers

		<b>WORSHIPFUL MASTER</b> <b>Jeffrey S. Mayer</b>	
			
<b>Sr. Warden</b> David S. LaFargue	<b>Jr. Warden</b> Stephen K. Spencer	<b>Treasurer</b> Russell L. Scull, II	<b>Secretary</b> Eric H. Hoy
			
<b>Sr. Deacon</b> Ismael Robles	<b>Jr. Deacon</b> Juan M. Villalobos Ulloa	<b>Sr. Steward</b> Cyrus Steadman	<b>Jr. Steward</b> J.P. Olynyk
			
<b>Marshal</b> Daniel A. Boyington	<b>Chaplain</b> Scott T. Reid	<b>Tiler</b> Charles J. Jenkins, Jr.	<b>Historian</b> 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
Jeffrey S. Mayer	2026