



Greetings from the East



I would like to wish all my Brothers a safe and holiday season. Christmas is quickly approaching us and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday.

We will be having our installation of officers on January 15th and I am proud to be voted in as Worshipful Master for another year. I would like to thank my officers for their past year service.

Looking forward to a hopeful, better New Year. I hope to see you all at a meeting some time soon. Remember we meet the first and third Thursday each month.

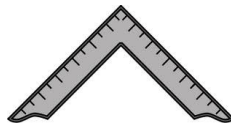
Thank You and God Bless.

W.: Roy Gattone

Worshipful Master

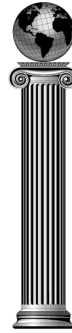
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STATED COMMUNICATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY



DECEMBER 4

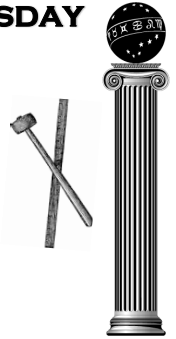
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From the Secretary's Desk



As you are reading this we are entering the final month of the year, the month of elections and reflection on the past year's accomplishments. I strongly urge the newer members of our Lodge to begin considering what you can do to help grow our Lodge, as well as the part you can play in leading it into the future. The Lodge can only survive by Brothers who will take on that challenge and become the Officers the Lodge needs to continue doing things that help our community and increase awareness of who Masons are and what we do.

The Dues Notices for 2026 have been mailed out. If you have not received a dues notice please let me know. If you want to pay your dues sooner, come see me at our next stated communication.

I want to remind all my Lodge Brothers to continue working on your qualifications—Master Mason I, II, & III, as well as your MLT training. These qualifications must be recorded in your Masonic Service Record, before you can be nominated and are required if you wish to move through the chairs. NO Brother is exempt from these requirements. Even for Brothers who have been through the chairs, this training is required by Grand Lodge before you can be elected to sit in the JW, SW, or WM chairs. I can say this training is very beneficial and it will be an enormous help to you on your journey through the Chairs. Please see me so we can go about setting up training.

Brothers, as we prepare to go into next year, let us do our best to grow our Lodge and promote it throughout our community. Let everyone who meets a Brother come away with a favorable view of Freemasonry in how we conduct ourselves, care about our community and reflect the values of our great fraternity.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

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Merry Christmas!



HO, HO, HO! DID YOU KNOW?

The figure of Santa Claus is primarily based on St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourth-century bishop known for his secret acts of kindness and generosity to the poor. These acts, like providing dowries for impoverished daughters, are seen as a precursor to the charitable nature of Freemasonry.

2025 Officers

Worshipful Master
Roy Gattone

Senior Warden
Tommy Rudd

Junior Warden
Khristian Moore

Treasurer
Jon Basquin

Secretary
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Jim Rusty Griffin, PM

Marshal
Joel Case, PDDGM

Senior Deacon
Juan Carlos Santana

Junior Deacon
Mark Branaman

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Junior Steward
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Joe McLendon



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Musings From A Chaplain

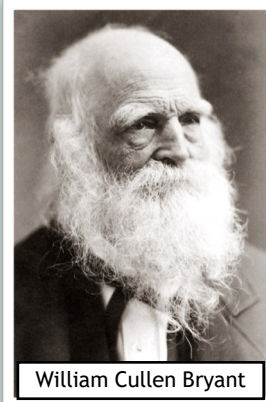
By Brother Phil Keyes, LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

The William Cullen Bryant poem, *Thanatopsis*, is an important piece of literature for Freemasons in that it helps reinforce one of the key lessons our Fraternity strives to teach its membership. Yet, it is not necessarily "Masonic". Thanatos is from the Greek meaning death and opis means a view or sight.

Bryant was born in 1794 in Massachusetts and grew up in a Puritan family. His father, Peter, was a physician and also Bryant's early school master. William had unlimited access to Peter's extensive personal library and used it to full extent. He eventually entered Williams College but for a lack of money dropped out in 1810. It is uncertain when he wrote *Thanatopsis* and it could have been shortly after he left college.

Other William C. Bryant poems include *The Embargo*, and *The Fragment*. It is the final stanza of *Thanatopsis* that we are most familiar with and most often hear recited.

"So live that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan, which moves to that mysterious realm, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death..."



William Cullen Bryant

PAST MASTERS

C.M. Pickle	1948-1949	Oswell L. Sutton	1973	Kevin M. Moore	1997
W.W. Perry	1950	Troy T. Cotton	1974	Ronald Evans	1998
Ezra E. Kelly	1951	Thomas Adams	1975	Wayne Wilkins	1999
James C. Jackman	1952	James Sorrells	1976	Glen R. Mickey	2000
W.J. Robinson	1953	T.W. Jack Wynn	1977	Alvin Akridge	2001
John R. Barton	1954	Bob Goedhart	1978	David J. Veale	2002
Floyd Andrews	1955	Melvin Keen	1979	Melvin Keen	2003
C.M. Giddens	1956	David Veale	1980	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2004
Lawrence E. Lee	1957	E. Edwards	1981	Richard Clemmons	2005
John Doty	1958	William Griffin Perry	1982	Melvin Keen	2006-2007
Robert E. Goedhart	1959	William "Bill" Thomas	1983	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2008-2009
John W. Wynn	1960	Wayne Wilkins	1984	John Cote	2010
Lewis W. Wethington	1961	John David Thomas	1985	Kevin M. Moore	2011
Thadis W. Wynn	1962	John Stanberry	1986	Kevin Nelson	2012-2013
John M. Drake	1963	James Armstrong	1987	Cecil O. Akin	2014-2015
Donald M. Galassini	1964	Wayne Wilkins	1988	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2016
Melvin C. Keen	1965	T.W. Jack Wynn	1989	William T. Maddox	2017
Abner H. Vann	1966	Price Wileman	1990	R.L. Marsh	2018-2019
Bobby Giddens	1967	John Drake	1991	John Cote	2020
Robert I. Pearce	1968	David J. Veale	1992	Kevin M. Moore	2021
W. Perry	1969	Wayne Wilkins	1993	R.L. Marsh	2022-2023
Robert Stacey	1970	Jim Griffin	1994	Antonio Weems	2024
Carl E. Wilson	1971	Glenn R. Mickey	1995	Roy Gattone	2025
Perl Corrington Spires	1972	Alvin Akridge	1996		

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