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#### **Greetings from the East**



I hope that everyone had a terrific Easter. I am looking forward to a great spring. We had D.D.G.M. Right Worshipful Matt Buxton visit us on April 3rd for his final visit. It was a nice turnout and we had lots of brotherhood and fellowship. He is a great Mason and a great friend.

I am proud to say that on Wednesday April 24th we had two Brothers that became 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons; I am so proud of them. Brother Tommy Rudd and Brother Mike Castillo joined the Valley of Lake Worth Scottish Rite. Congratulations are in order.

Hope to see all my Brothers in Orlando the end of May for Grand Lodge. I would also like to have you all come and have a good dinner at Sugarland lodge soon.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

**W**∴ Rov Gattone Worshipful Master

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#### From the Secretary's Desk



We are fast approaching the midpoint of the year, and more importantly our deadline for the 50/50 Raffle Drawing for our Education Scholarships. I had the honor of being in the selection process of two worthy students who'll receive \$500 towards their college education. Now is the time to make

the big push to sell as many tickets as possible towards funding them.

I once again want to remind all the Brothers to continue working on your qualifications—Master Mason I, II, & III, and your MLT training. These are required if you wish to move through the chairs. Even for Brothers who have been through the chairs before, this is required for you to now be elected to sit in the JW, SW,& WM chairs. The training is very beneficial and will help you to move through the Chairs. Please see me to set up the training.

My Brothers, as we progress through this 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 or our great fraternity.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

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#### STATED COMMUNICATION



May 1

Dinner at 6:30 PM Communication at 7:30 PM

May 15

Dinner at 6:30 PM Communication at 7:30 PM



#### The five (5) elected officers are hidden in the word puzzle below. Can you find them?



#### Worshipful Master Senior Warden Junior Warden Treasurer Secretary



A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. " — Douglas MacArthur

(Manila Lodge No. 1 in Philippines)

#### 2025 Officers

Worshipful Master Roy Gattone

Senior Warden Tommy Rudd

Junior Warden Khristian Moore

> Treasurer Jon Basquin

**Secretary** *Richard Clemmons, PM* 

**Chaplain** Jim Rusty Griffin, PM

Marshal Joel Case, PDDGM

**Senior Deacon** *Juan Carlos Santana* 

Junior Deacon Mark Branaman

Senior Steward
Mike Castillo

Junior Steward Jesse Gutierrez

> **Tyler** Joe McLendon



### **DISTRICT 22**

District Deputy
Grand Master

R∴W∴ Matthew Paul Buxton

District Instructor
R∴W∴ Jeff Zarrella

## Musings From A Chaplain

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

In the 60-plus years that I have been a Master Mason I am pushed to recall a Stated or Called Communication that didn't begin with Brethren gathering at a table to share a meal. With this realization I conclude, and accurately I submit, that Masons like food.



In fact, inviting others to our Masonic table is rewarding for members of the Fraternity and can also be a powerful recruiting tool among friends, relatives and neighbors. I suspect there are numerous Master Masons among our ranks, including myself, who accepted an invitation to come to dinner so our application could be given to the secretary.

Masonic Lodges often provide special meals to raise funds for community projects. I recall that years ago when I was being initiated, fried fish dinners were popular. Others also use food to promote special causes. The church I attend does chicken dinners grilled over charcoal, the American Legion Post holds "steak night" events to raise money, Boy Scouts sell hot dogs at high school baseball games, and Girl Scouts sell cookies..

Why this focus on food? It is because food is central to life and our joy in being alive is best expressed through food. Who can think of a more appetizing idea than that?

#### PAST MASTERS C.M. Pickle 1948-1949 Oswell L. Sutton 1973 Kevin M. Moore 1997 W.W. Perry 1950 1974 Ronald Evans 1998 Trov T. Cotton Ezra E. Kelly 1951 **Thomas Adams** 1975 Wayne Wilkins 1999 James C. Jackman 1952 James Sorrells 1976 Glen R. Mickey 2000 1953 1977 W.J. Robinson T.W. Jack Wynn 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 1981 **Richard Clemmons** 2005 E. Edwards John Doty 1958 William Griffin Perry 1982 Melvin Keen 2006-2007 William "Bill" Thomas 1983 2008-2009 Robert E. Goedhart 1959 Teodoro "Ted" Reyes 1960 Wayne Wilkins 1984 2010 John W. Wynn John Cote 1961 1985 Lewis W. Wethington John David Thomas Kevin M. Moore 2011 Thadis W. Wynn 1962 1986 Kevin Nelson 2012-2013 John Stanberry John M. Drake 1963 James Armstrong 1987 Cecil O. Akin 2014-2015 Donald M. Galassini 1964 Wayne Wilkins 1988 Teodoro "Ted" Reves 2016 Melvin C. Keen 1965 T.W. Jack Wynn 1989 William T. Maddox 2017 1966 Price Wileman 1990 R.L. Marsh 2018-2019 Abner H. Vann **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 **Perl Corrington Spires** 1972 Alvin Akridge 1996

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