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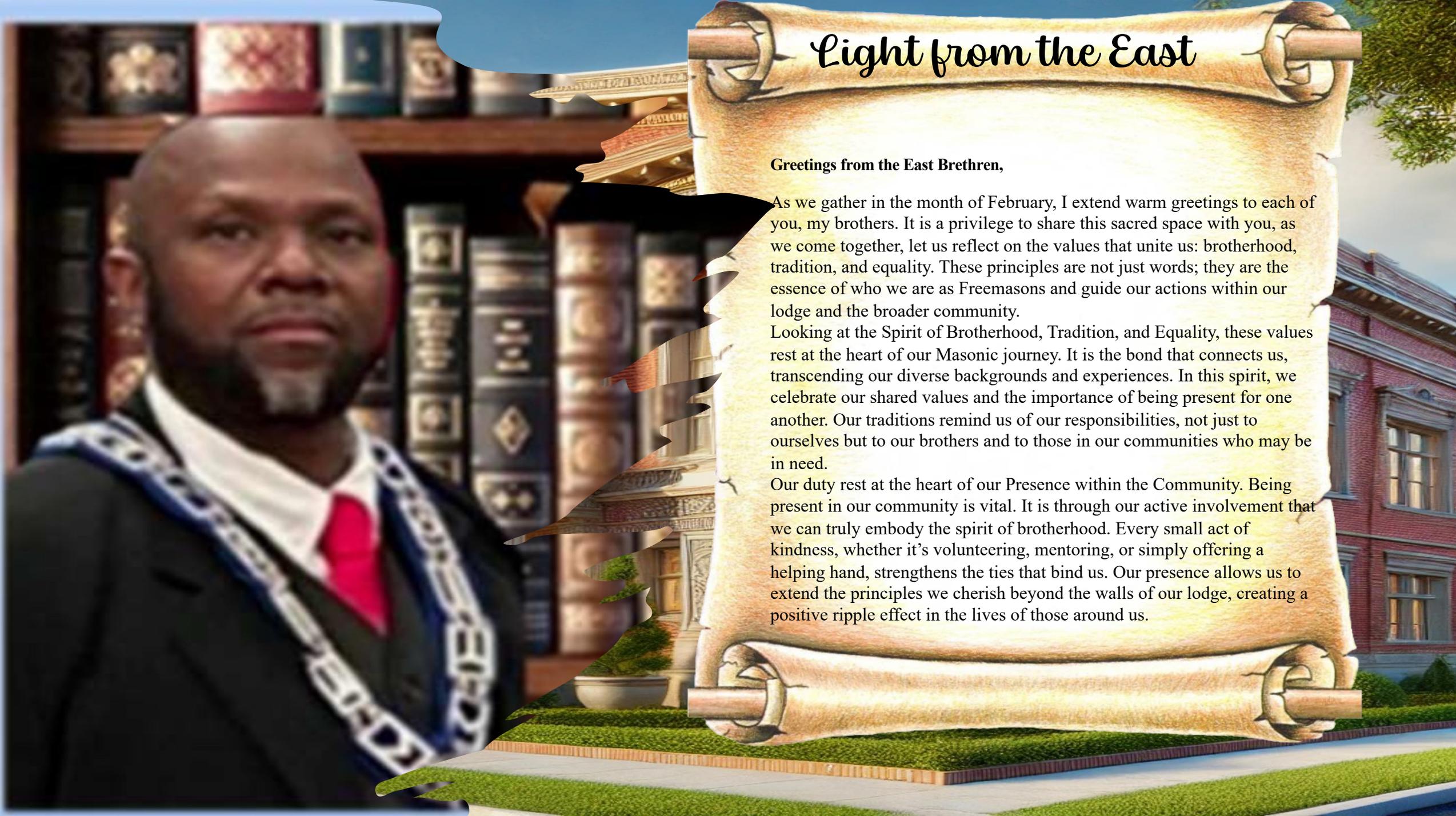


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TRESTLE BOARD



A man in a dark suit, white shirt, red tie, and blue Masonic sash stands in front of a library. The background shows bookshelves filled with books and a building with columns. A large, golden scroll is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Light from the East

Greetings from the East Brethren,

As we gather in the month of February, I extend warm greetings to each of you, my brothers. It is a privilege to share this sacred space with you, as we come together, let us reflect on the values that unite us: brotherhood, tradition, and equality. These principles are not just words; they are the essence of who we are as Freemasons and guide our actions within our lodge and the broader community.

Looking at the Spirit of Brotherhood, Tradition, and Equality, these values rest at the heart of our Masonic journey. It is the bond that connects us, transcending our diverse backgrounds and experiences. In this spirit, we celebrate our shared values and the importance of being present for one another. Our traditions remind us of our responsibilities, not just to ourselves but to our brothers and to those in our communities who may be in need.

Our duty rest at the heart of our Presence within the Community. Being present in our community is vital. It is through our active involvement that we can truly embody the spirit of brotherhood. Every small act of kindness, whether it's volunteering, mentoring, or simply offering a helping hand, strengthens the ties that bind us. Our presence allows us to extend the principles we cherish beyond the walls of our lodge, creating a positive ripple effect in the lives of those around us.



Light from the East

Thurgood Marshall: A Freemason and a Beacon of Justice

As we reflect on our legacy, I would like to honor the extraordinary contributions of Thurgood Marshall, a distinguished Freemason and the first African American Supreme Court Justice. Marshall's journey was marked by an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. His work in landmark cases, particularly *Brown v. Board of Education*, helped dismantle the legal framework of segregation, paving the way for civil rights advancements.

Marshall's life exemplifies the Masonic values we hold dear. He faced tremendous challenges yet remained steadfast in his belief that justice should be accessible to all. His legacy serves as a powerful reminder of our duty to advocate for equality and to stand against injustice.

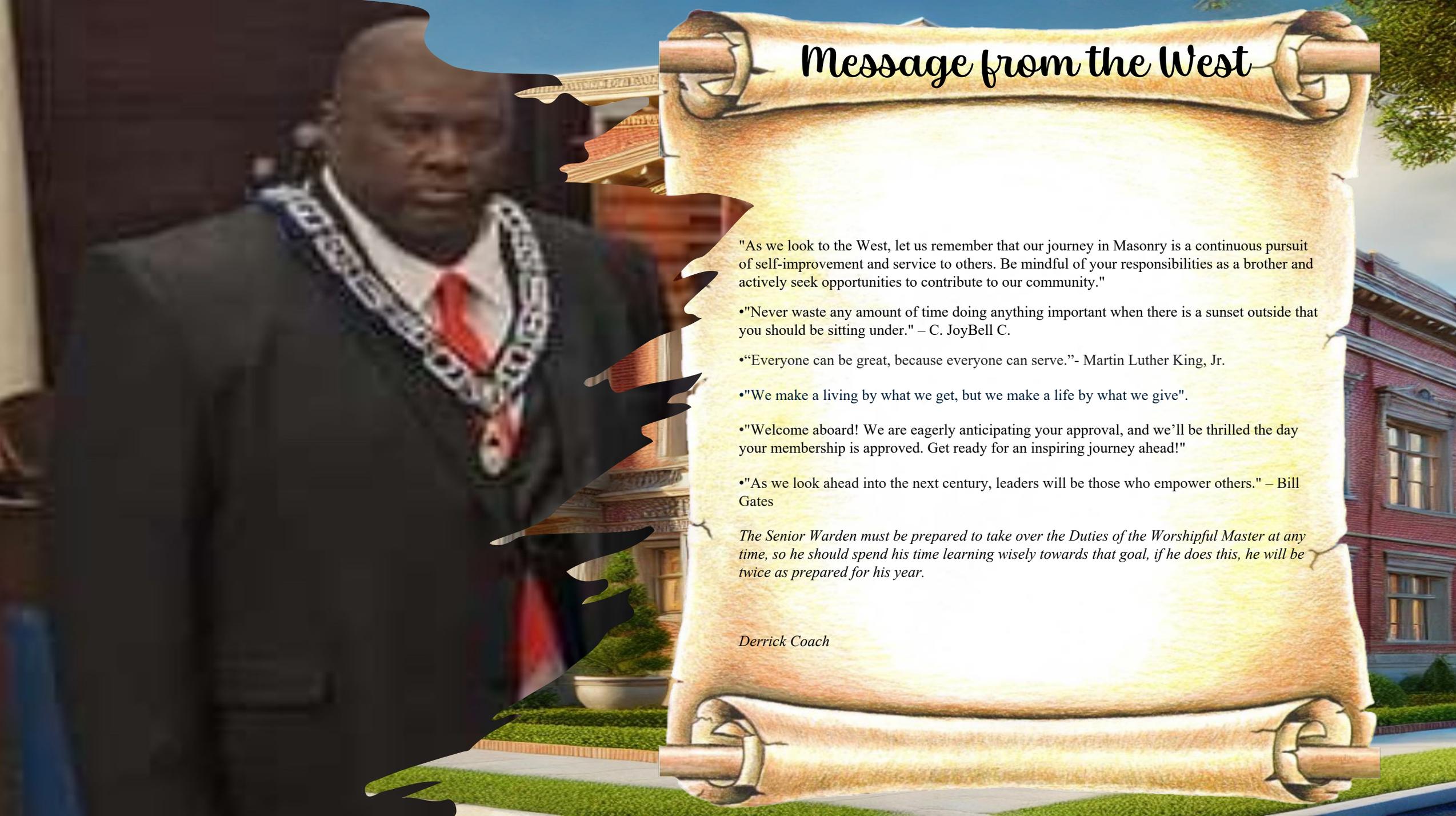
Looking deeply at the Legacy of the Lodge, we are called to uphold the values of brotherhood and equality in our daily lives. Through courage and commitment, we can contribute to a society that embodies these principles, ensuring that our actions make a difference in the lives of others.

As we embark on this journey in 2025, let us reaffirm our commitment to the spirit of brotherhood, tradition, and equality. May we honor the legacy of Thurgood Marshall by remaining vigilant in our pursuit of justice and by actively engaging with our communities. Together, we can ensure that the values we cherish continue to illuminate our paths and inspire future generations.

In a Call to Action, I encourage each of you to engage in discussions and initiatives that promote understanding and equality within our community. Let's embody the true spirit of Freemasonry, honoring our past while paving the way for a brighter future. Together, we can make a lasting impact and foster a world where brotherhood knows no bounds.

Fraternally Yours

Issac J Williams Sr, Worshipful Master Issacwilliams454@yahoo.com



Message from the West

"As we look to the West, let us remember that our journey in Masonry is a continuous pursuit of self-improvement and service to others. Be mindful of your responsibilities as a brother and actively seek opportunities to contribute to our community."

- "Never waste any amount of time doing anything important when there is a sunset outside that you should be sitting under." – C. JoyBell C.

- "Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve."- Martin Luther King, Jr.

- "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".

- "Welcome aboard! We are eagerly anticipating your approval, and we'll be thrilled the day your membership is approved. Get ready for an inspiring journey ahead!"

- "As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others." – Bill Gates

The Senior Warden must be prepared to take over the Duties of the Worshipful Master at any time, so he should spend his time learning wisely towards that goal, if he does this, he will be twice as prepared for his year.

Derrick Coach

A man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, a red tie, and a blue Masonic sash with a silver pendant, stands in front of a building with a large blue curtain. The background is a composite image of a brick building and a green lawn.

Message from the South

Greetings from the South Brethren,

This first month has been amazing! Thank you to all the Brothers who have attended our education nights, family night, practices, stated meeting and dinners. I'm thrilled with the continued enthusiasm and I will be doing everything I can to promote the energy throughout our whole year. If you enjoy sharing your Masonic experience with the Craft, I can't encourage you enough to come to the lodge to talk and work with all of our new members and officers. We are all very eager to learn and grow within the Craft and there is no better way than to have the opportunity to work hand in hand with more seasoned and learned Brothers.

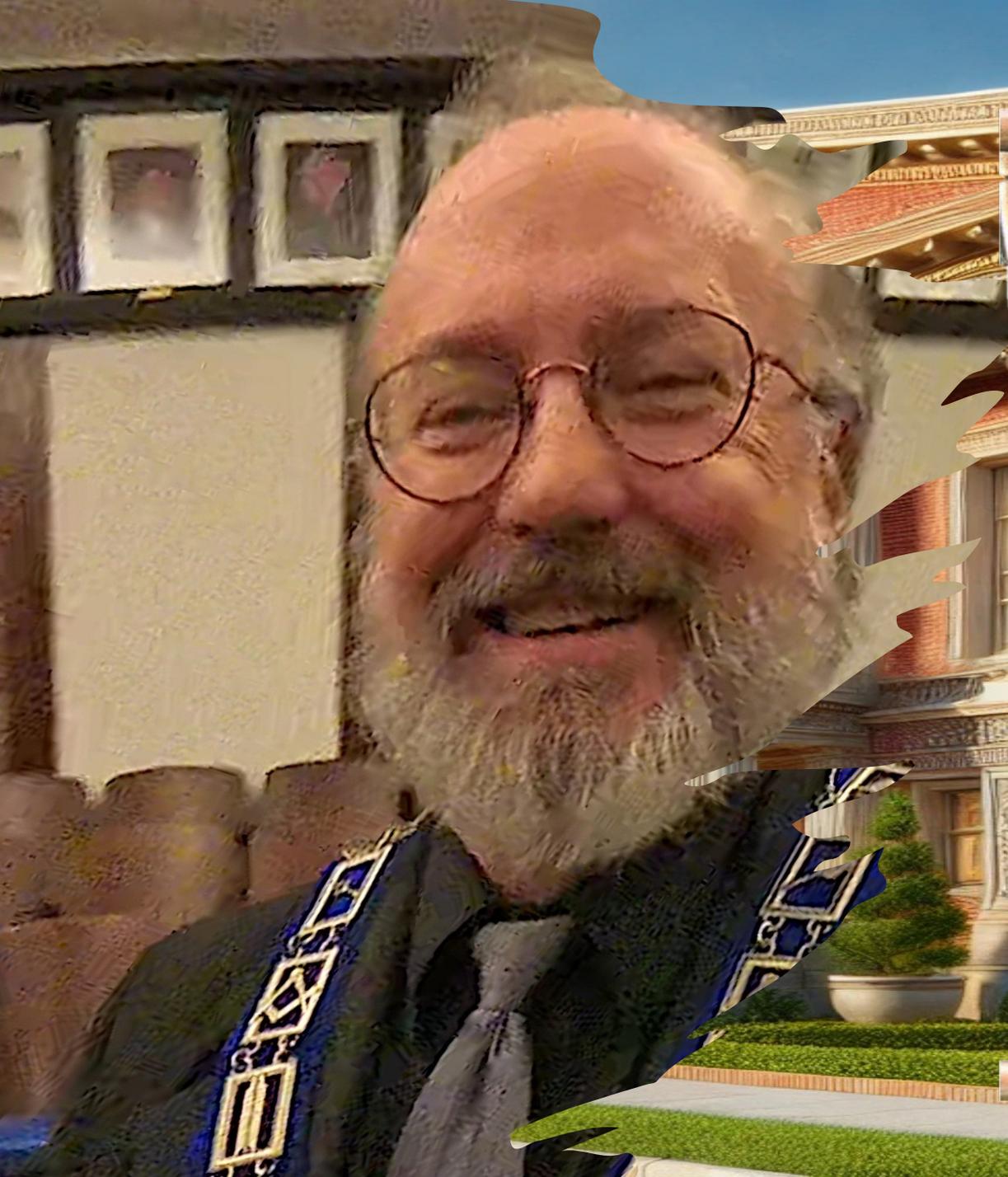
In February we have a lot on our schedule. We have the 100 Man Mason meeting between Florida and Georgia on the first. A meeting for our Building Trustees committee is on the fifth. Our official DDGM visit is the first stated meeting of the month on the tenth, where we will be serving a homemade Alfredo dinner, so please come hungry! We also have a school of instruction on the nineteenth, with a provided dinner as well at our lodge so please come and take advantage of our District Instructors wisdom and guidance. Our NEFMA meeting on the twenty-sixth at Hyde Park Lodge No. 370 is at 6:30pm, and a Family night on the twenty-fourth when we will be hosting a chili cook-off at the Lodge.

So come try your hand in the kitchen and bring your own recipe to the table. Challenge the Junior Warden by presenting your recipe to the Craft side by side with mine and letting the Craft decide who is Victor in a spoon-licking finish! This is a great opportunity to get our families back involved in our Lodge and show them this is just as much a place for them as it is for us. Trophies will be provided to the winners courtesy of our Worshipful Master. I look forward to the competition and participation from the Craft.

It is a pleasure serving you, Brothers, and I hope that the camaraderie and Brotherhood already well-established continues to foster the culture we so humbly seek within our fraternity and community.

Fraternaly,

Ian Bozeman
Junior Warden
Solomon Lodge No. 20



Message from the Secretary

Happy February my Brother,

If we had your email last year, you were sent a request from the Amity app to log on. You can pay your dues through Amity and access other information. If you have not done that yet please visit Amity and check it out. Feel free to call me if you need any assistance or have any questions using this new Masonic resource.

I am currently updating records for our membership. We need email addresses for every member who has an email account and need to know who doesn't receive email. This will save our Lodge money by only mailing trestleboards to those who absolutely need them physically printed and mailed. If you know a Brother with a new email address, new mailing address, or new phone number please let me know.

There are still a few Brothers who haven't paid their 2025 Dues as of January 31st. Please pay asap, I will be sending you an email reminding you this coming month. As the Masonic digest states, dues are required before December 27th for the following year.

Fraternally,
Clayton Vandiver, Jr., PM

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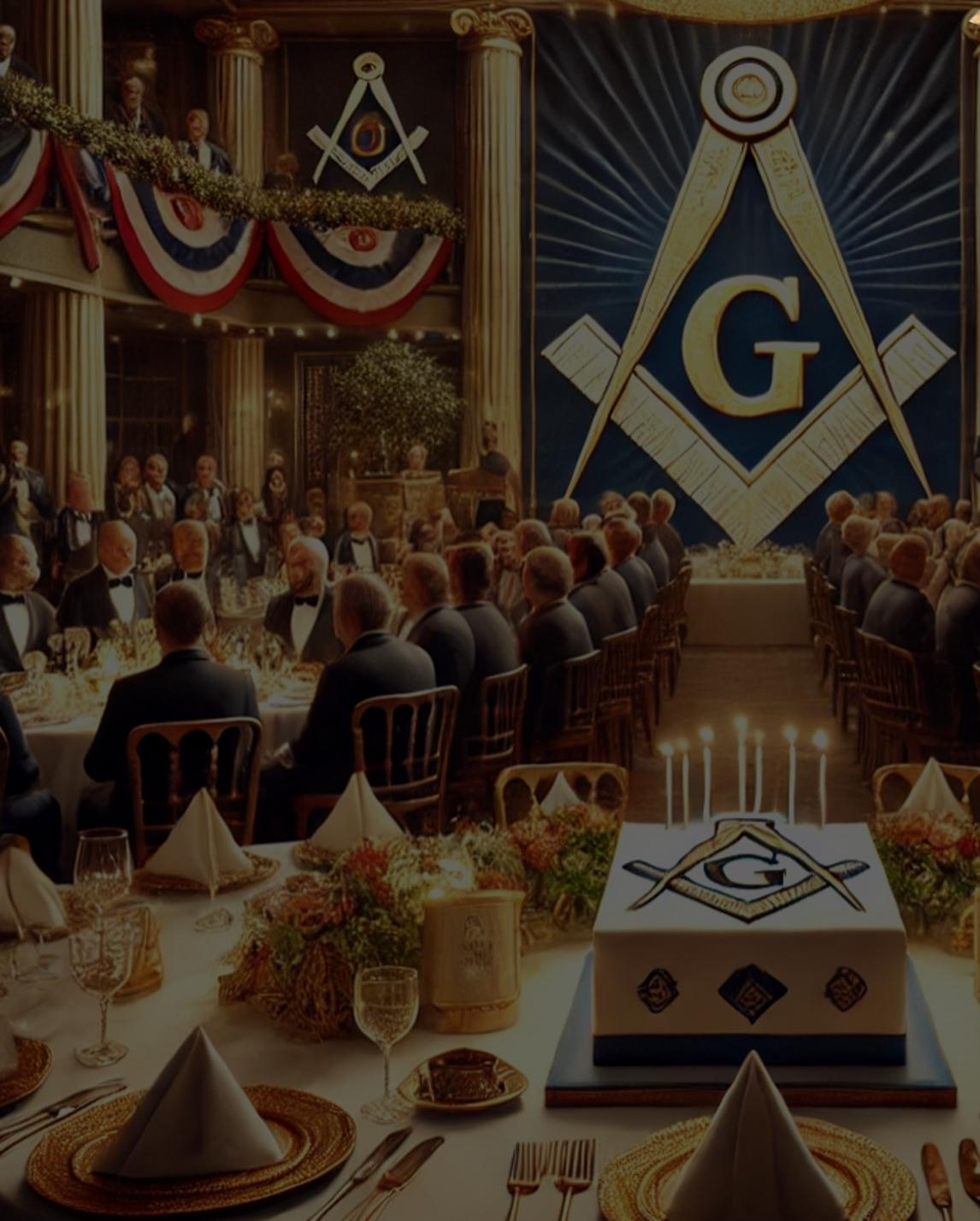
Notice

Mr. Scott Lewis Panken has been balloted on and will receive the three degrees of Freemasonry.



Notice

Mr. Michael Clayton Roland and Mr. Juan Felipe Romero Pedraza are currently petitioning for the three degrees of freemasonry.



Solomon's Birthdays February 2025

- 2-2 Thomas J. Cooper Jr.
- 2-5 James Krause
- 2-5 Christopher A. Prestwood
- 2-6 Samuel D. Allen
- 2-6 John Barfield
- 2-7 Bruce Fortadoues
- 2-7 Austin L. Waters
- 2-9 Lance M. Day
- 2-9 James C. Smith Jr.
- 2-10 Louis Frost IV
- 2-11 Emory Holsenbeck
- 2-14 Marcus P. Shallar
- 2-14 Emanuelle E. Santiago
- 2-16 Starling E. Addison
- 2-16 Keith M. O'Conner
- 2-19 Walter H. Rowland
- 2-21 James H. Vick
- 2-23 James M. Tucker
- 2-25 David E. King
- 2-27 Paul J. Nichols
- 2-29 Eric C. Roberson



Announcement

Solomon Lodge
#20 will have the
Adopt a Mile Clean
up on February 8th,
2025 at 11:00 am.



Solomon's Chili Cook Off

To be celebrated on
Family Night
Monday, February
24, 2025

Corn hole Board Raffle

Solomon Lodge will be raffling a Cornhole Board May 16th, 2025.

Tickets will be \$7 each.

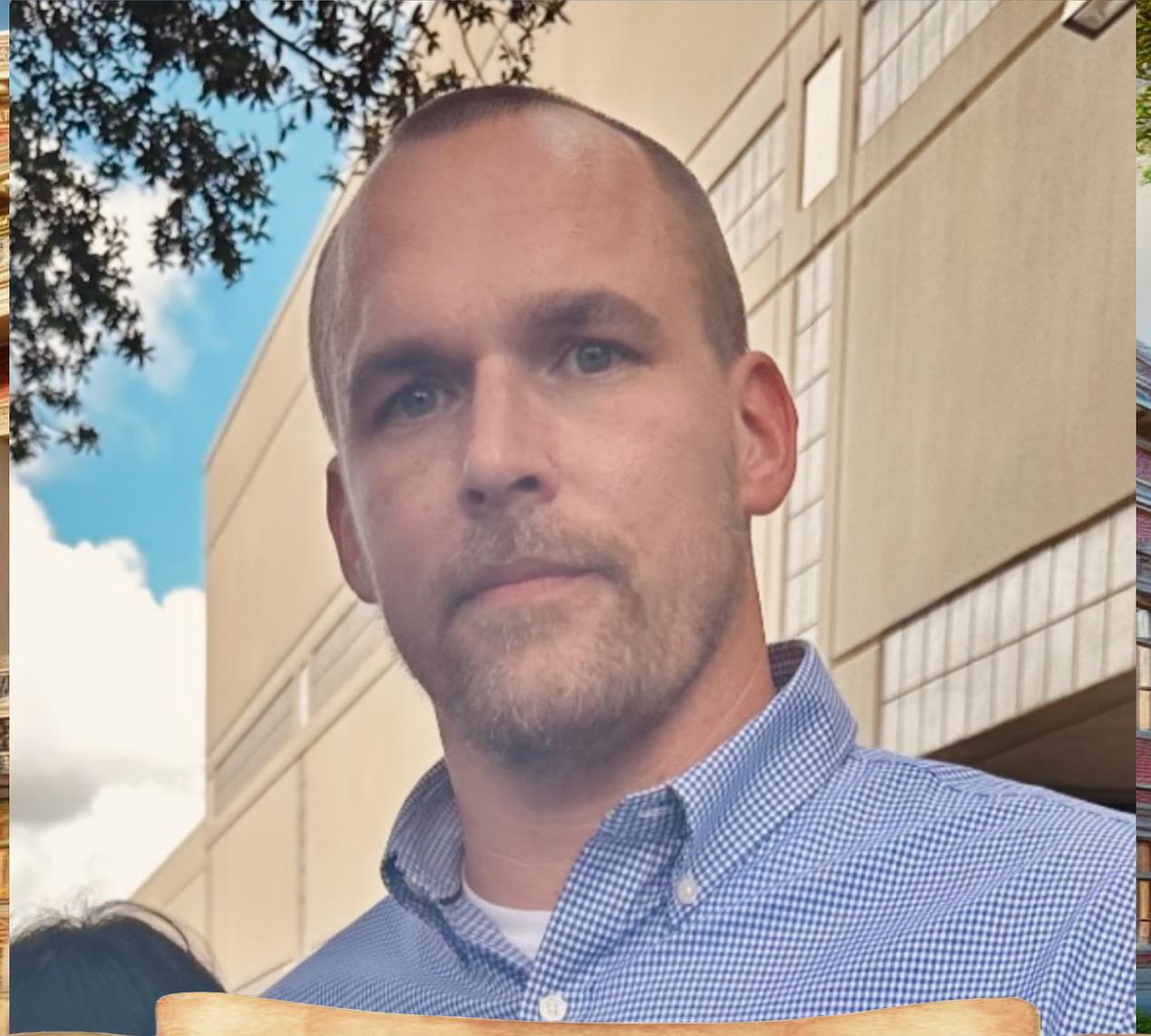
Worshipful Master Issac Williams will have the tickets in his possessions for those interested in participating.

Donations will be used for the acquiring of Christmas gifts.



On Consciousness of All

Before time, before being, there is void. And in the beginning there is something, which originated from nothing. There was a spark. That spark was the creation of this all. That spark was the origin of being. That moment was the inception of being. This moment was the union of my mother and father. For when I began, time began. When I began, this universe began, life began, the all began, as I am. This is the origin of being as I am. Before I began, there is a void and the void is indescribable. I originate from the void, yet I am not the void. I originate from the union of my mother and father, but my thought is a new thought; and before I am, there is nothing else. When I began, all began—and from the void called the mother and father truth generated as I am. For from nothing, there came something. The spark is the union of my mother and father. The will which proceeds all being is the generative aspect of my father. I was nurtured in the womb of my mother, but the origin of my spirit is my father. There was nothing and then all of a sudden there is something. This is how all began when I generated of the void. As my generation extends beyond the scope of the void, I began as silence, beyond both space and time. I generated of the celestial bodies of my mother and father, whose bodies are each equally distinct from mine. I am the first and only cause, where I come from presides outside the realms of thought. At the moment I began, nothingness became real—in the shadows of the void and the light of the sun, when two become one. I am all that ever is, ever was, and is ever to shall come, like the spark of light that originated from my father, when he and my mother became one.



Calvin Oglesby



Giving back to the Community

Secretary Clayton Vandiver, Jr. presents a check from Solomon Lodge to Julie Bergman, Community Engagement Manager of the Children's Home Society of Florida.

Visit from Barnett Lodge No. 187



February 2025 Calendar

Today < > February 2025							Month
SUN 26	MON 27 ● 2:30pm Fitzhug	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT 1 ● 10am 100	
2 ● 8am Thomas Cc	3	4	5 ● 8am Christophe ● 8am James Kra	6 ● 6am Samuel All ● 8am John Barfi	7 ● 6am Bruce Fort	8	
9 ● 6am James Smi ● 7am Lance Day	10 ● 6:30pm Solomo	11 ● 6am Emory Hol:	12	13	14 ● 6am Marcus Sh	15	
16 ● 6am Starling Ac ● 7am Keith O'Co	17	18	19 ● 6am Walter Rov ● 6pm School of I	20	21 ● 6am James Vici	22	
23 ● 9am James Tuc	24	25 ● 6am David King	26 ● 6:30pm NEFMA	27 ● 6am Paul Nicho	28 ● 6am Eric Rober:	Mar 1 ● 6am Haro	

Solomon Lodge No.20 schedule

Meetings

- ❖ Monday, February 10, 2025, Stated Meeting
- ❖ Monday, February 24, 2025, Family Night



Solomon Lodge's Leadership

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Solomon Lodge's Committees

Building and Property	Isaac Williams, Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Jim Boone, Rory St. John, Austin Waters
Board of Relief	Isaac Williams, Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman
Budget & Finance	Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Mike Davison, Jason Vymetal
Charity	Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, Tony Stevens
Masonic Education	James Vick, Robby Stokes, Emanuelle Eric Santiago
Vigilance	Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Adam Esquilin
Building Trustees	Isaac Williams, Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, A. Clayton Vandiver Jr.
Hospitality	Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Demetri Perkins, Calvin Oglesby
Catechism Instruction	James Vick, Rory St. Johns, Jim Boone
Lodge Mentors	James Vick, Bruce Oliver, Thomas Meadows, David Land
Visitation	David Land, Benjamin Flanagan, Demetri Perkins
Petitions	Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Demetri Perkins, Adam Esquilin, Emanuelle Eric Santiago
Web- social media	Demetri Perkins, Thomas Meadows, A. Clayton Vandiver Jr., Emanuelle Eric Santiago
DeMolay	Benjamin Flanagan
Masonic Rites	James Vick, Robby Stokes, Jim Boone
Widow's Program	Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, Tony Stevens, Thomas Meadows, Luis Vargas, Calvin Oglesby
e-Trestleboard	Emanuelle Eric Santiago