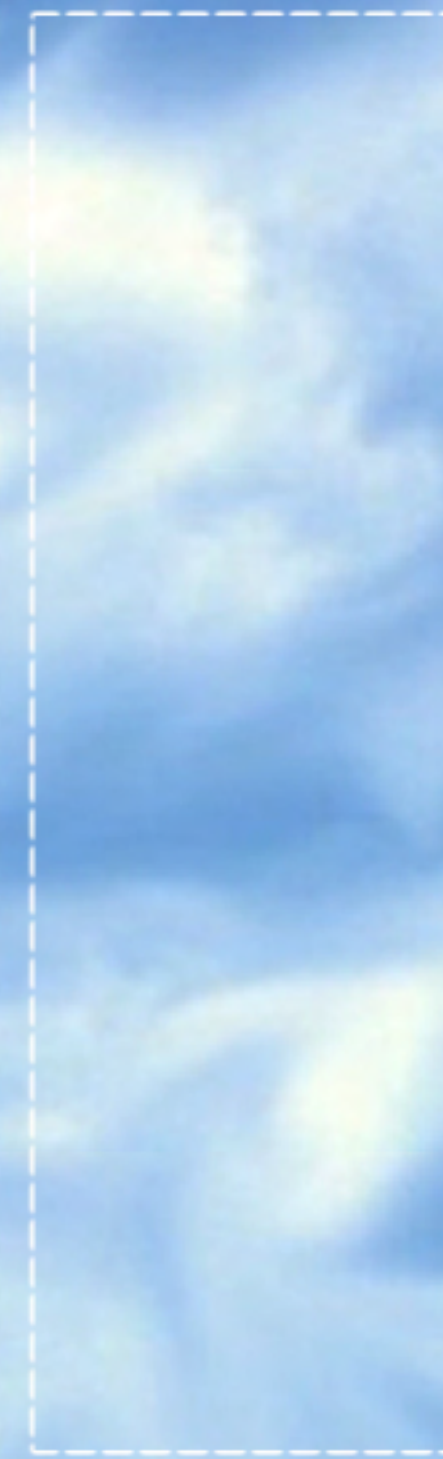


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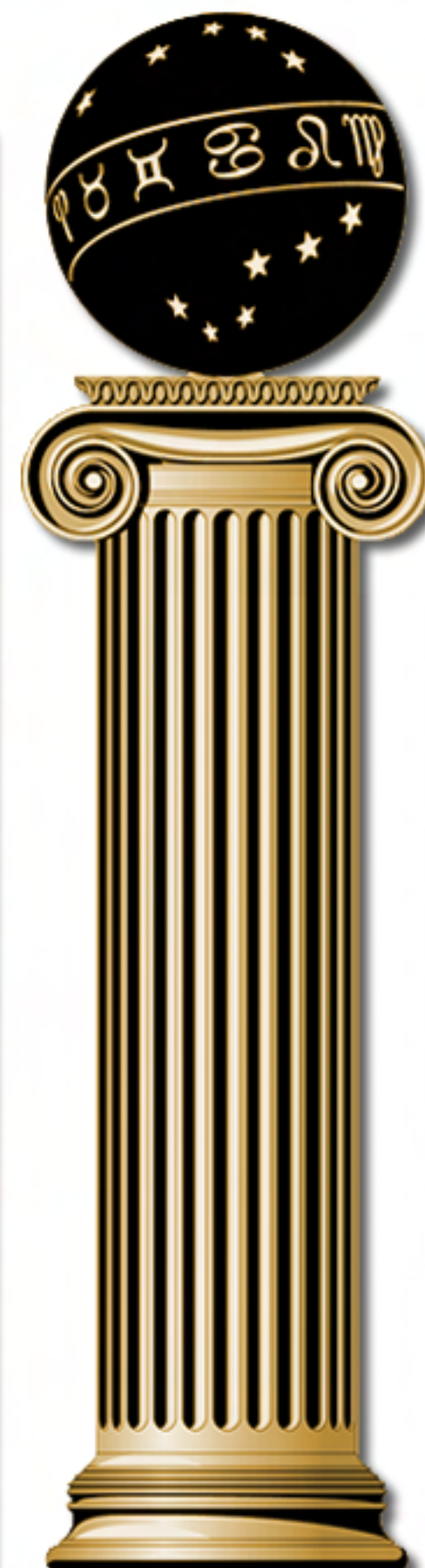
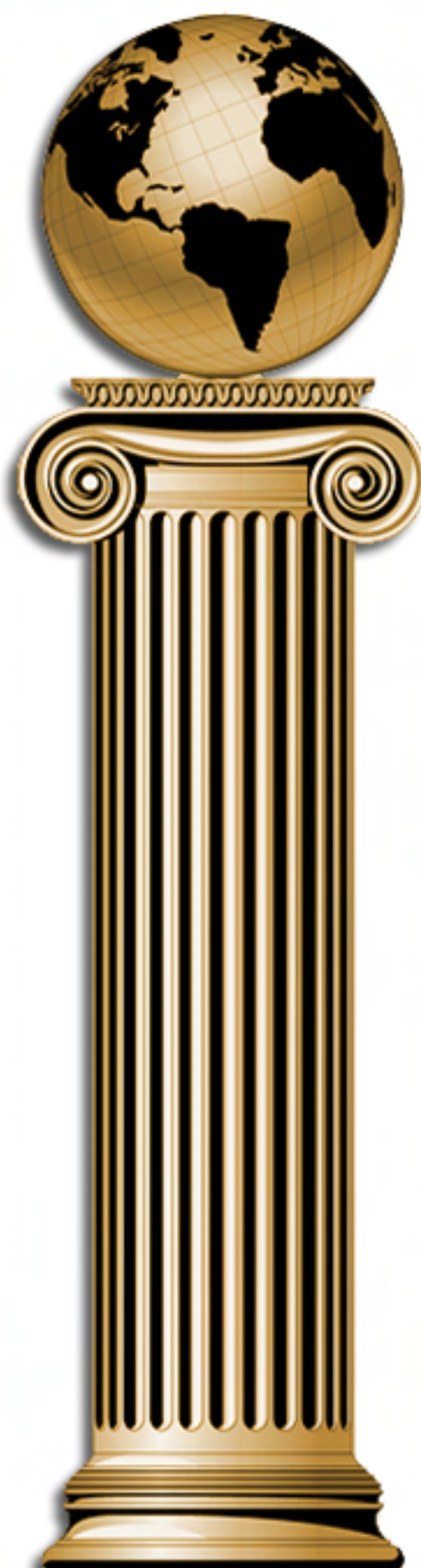
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Wor. Francis Taguchi,  
Brother Christopher Coppola, and  
Wor. Richard Pierce, P.M.  
shown left of donated turkeys.)

(Brother Luis Martinez and  
Brother Jeffrey Edward  
shown right of donated turkeys.)





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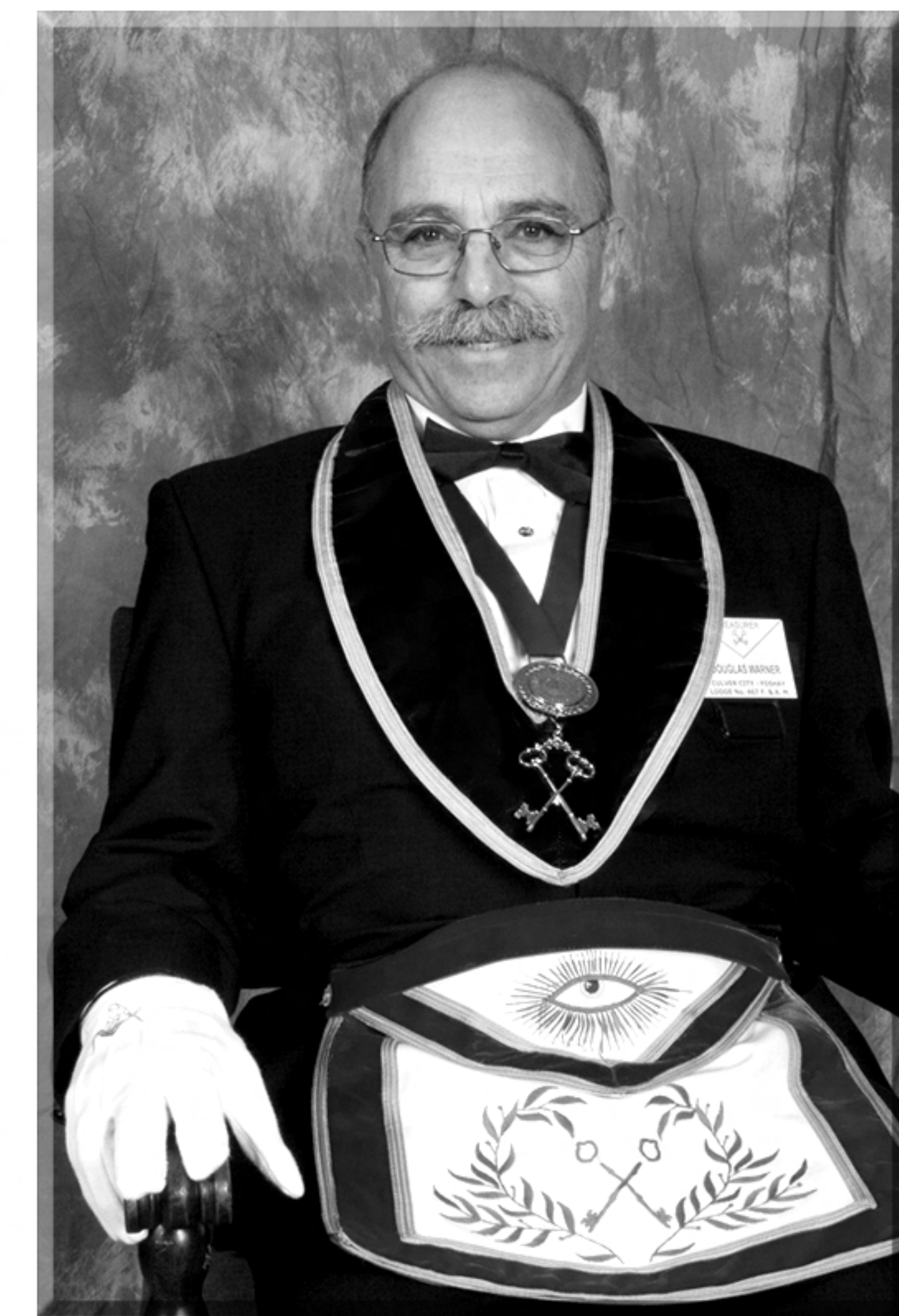
## From the East



Greetings Brethren!  
Happy Holiday Season!

A large portion of my task as Master was consummated last month at the Stated Meeting when the lodge held its annual election of officers. The election was held in traditional form and I am pleased to announce that successors have been named: Worshipful Brother Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM, was elected Master, Brother Kenneth Lionel Burgess, III was elected Senior Warden, Brother Adam William Wolf, Junior Warden, Brother Douglas Scott Warner, Treasurer, and Worshipful Brother Clarence David Kussner, PM, Secretary. Offices subject to appointment by the Master will be announced soon.

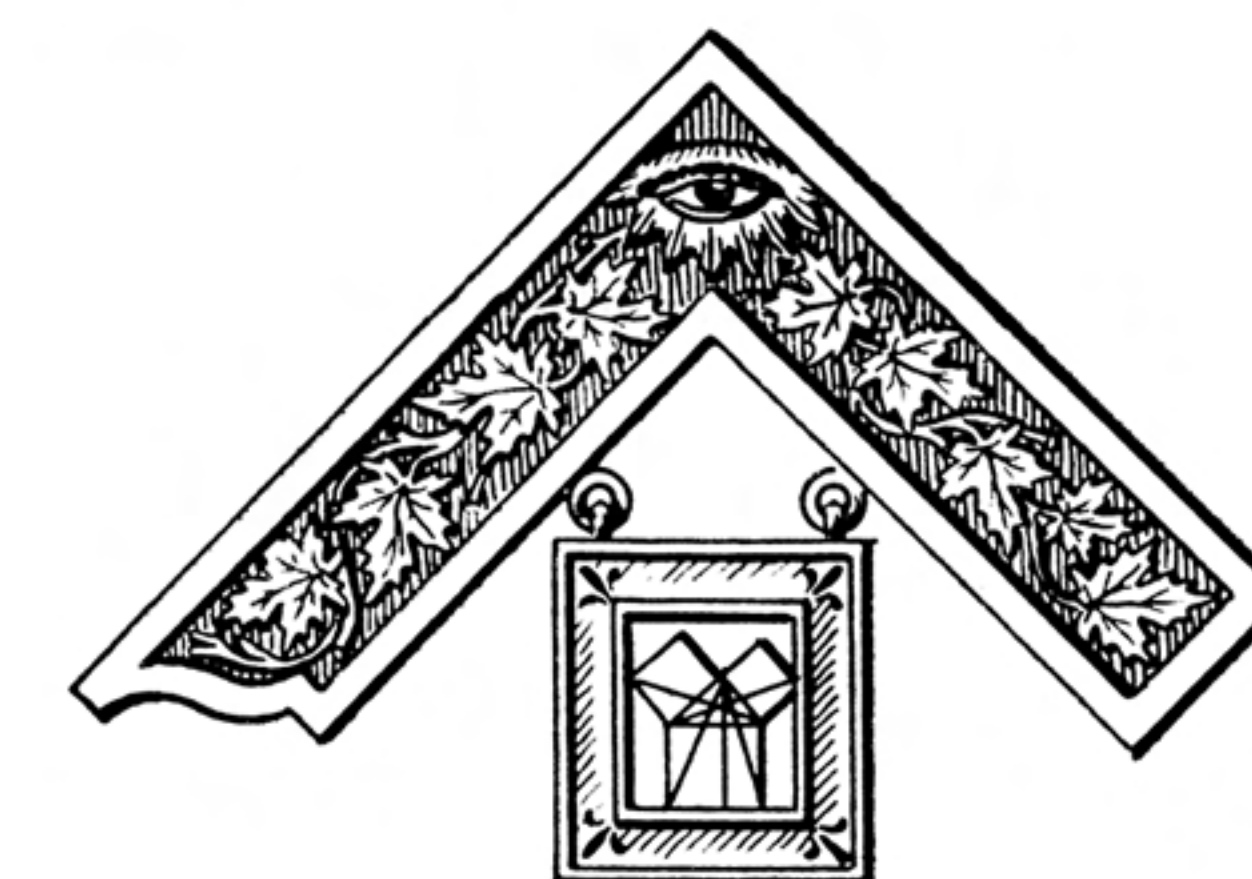
It is fitting to mention that Brother Warner is now serving his nineteenth "glorious" year as Treasurer. Sitting at the Master's right, he has evinced good advice to many a master of the years. He continues to joke that he is ready to retire, although that joke has been repeated each year for more than a decade. We are certain, however, that, once he actually retires as Treasurer, he will continue to serve the lodge. He is known for his loyalty, dedication and as a good example for others to follow. Brother Warner has also served several years as President of the Building Association. We all appreciate his untiring and impeccable service, and we very much appreciate his wife, Amy, who has supported him and our lodge in all the years he has served.



It would appear that my tenure as Master will soon be ending, yet, I am confident that the duties of the Master will be transferred to excellent hands, as will the duties of the Senior and Junior Wardens. The officers have worked faithfully and diligently to quality above the minimum requirement and ahead of schedule. This is indicative of an important trend, not only in regard to officers, but of brothers in general who are coming forward to become involved.

Fraternally,

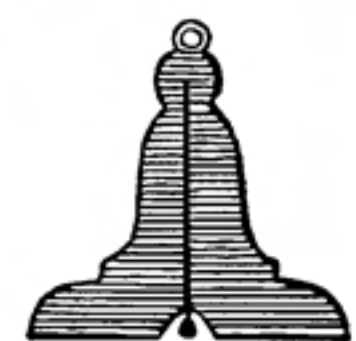
Masato Francis Taguchi.  
Worshipful Master







# From the West



## Time to dust off next year's task list!

It is the time of the year again! Be Jolly! Spend a lot and start thinking of next year's resolutions! We all have a tendency to compartmentalize our roles and responsibilities as we express them in holidays and celebrations: Thanksgiving to give thanks and to be giving; Labor Day, to appreciate the labor force; Christmas, to celebration and gift giving; and so on. Yet, wouldn't it be better if we were to have that spirit every day in our lives and try to be jolly and giving?

One thing most of us think about at the beginning of each year is the creation of task list and the setting of goals for ourselves, believing we can accomplish these things and yet knowing, if we do not, we can start with a clean slate the year after. My ideal approach would be the setting of a long term project; perhaps one ranging from five to twenty years. Certainly, we can't do everything in life, but high level goals should be our guiding light and we should adhere to them and think of them as a longer term project, and thence, the passing of each year would help us to realize how far we have come. As an example, when I quit smoking 22 years and 11 months ago I decided that I would celebrate this as milestone every year and that my final year of accomplishment would be when I am no longer on this earth. This gave me the framework in which I could visualize the accomplishment of anything, not merely within a year, but within the context of a lifetime.

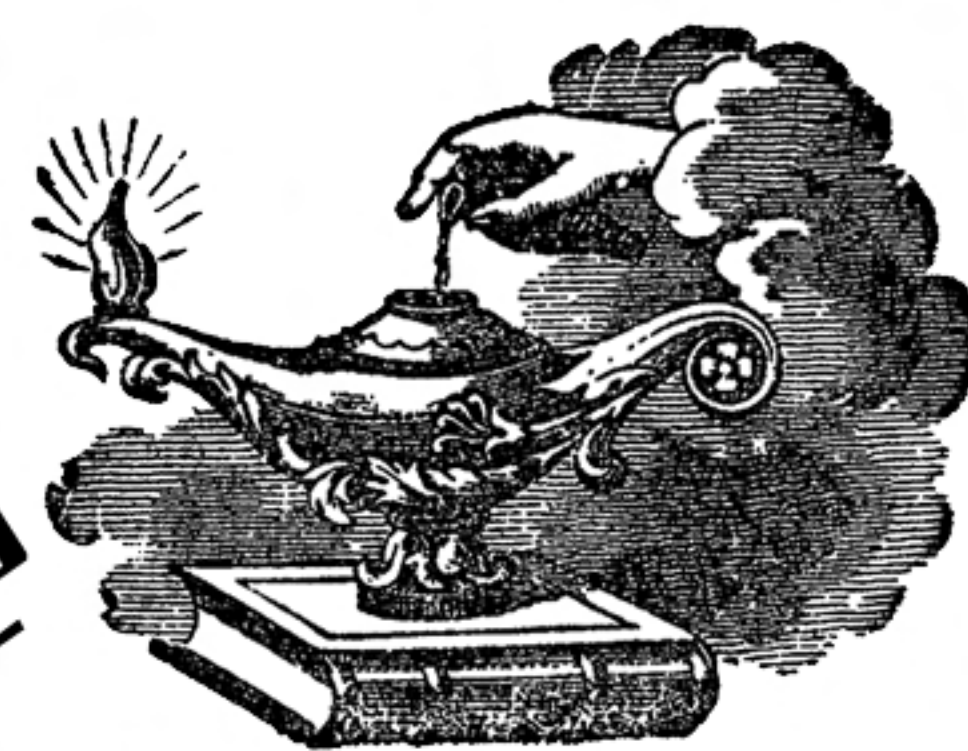
The same is true with service to fellow brothers, the giving nature in all of us, love of family, giving back to the society, our jobs and so on. I found that in such a case I am more confident and nothing that anyone says or does or thinks, would bother me, as my goal is long term and well beyond the scope of what others think. In essence, we ought to make our goals long term and our tasks simple and few in number, and work on achieving them every hour and day in our lives. Thus, I guarantee that we shall all be happier in our daily lives!

Faternally,

Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM,  
Senior Warden



# From the Lamp of Knowledge



## The Star of Wonder

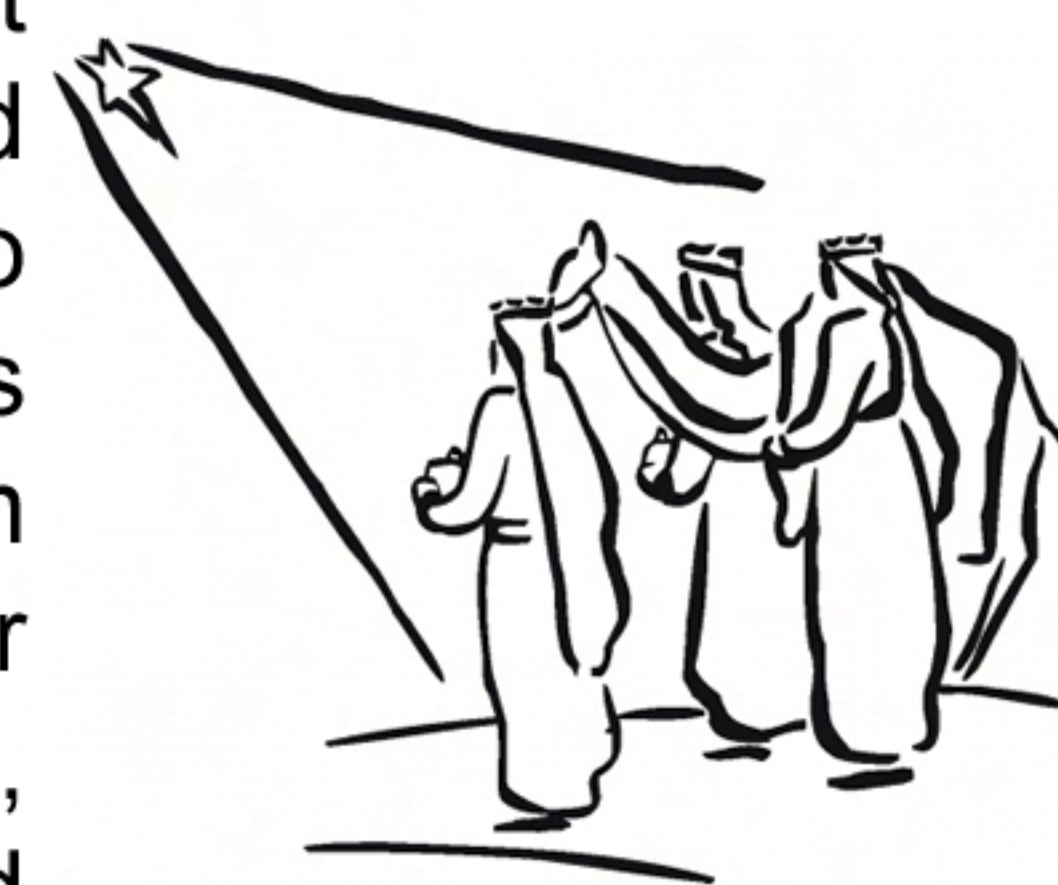
Beloved Brethren,

The Christmas tide is that especial time for reflection, when preparation for the great event of the year has subsided, while faithful observers of the stars await the day of Epiphany to which a single star awakens them. One may recall the lyrics of the familiar carol:

*O star of wonder, star of light  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

These words and the haunting music that accompanies them, offered by the theologian John H. Hopkins, Jr. in 1857, remind us of destiny, not only pertaining to what we shall discover, but what we shall also bear, an important message for Christians and non-Christians alike. The star which was westward leading evidently originated in the East, as do the radiance of God and the luminary of a new day. The light which it bore brought hope where hope had been lost and may still dispel the clouds of darkness under which are the sick and distressed, the poor and oppressed, the ignorant and the lonely, in whose lives we may yet instill a sense of hope.

The mysterious men who traveled from the East brought with them gifts of myrrh, frankincense, and gold signifying perhaps dignity, health and glory. Two of these, myrrh and frankincense, are resins of trees and gold, the most precious material that bleeds from the veins of rocks. These materials, known for their vital nature, were used for embalming and healing, purification, and the attainment of luster beyond corruptibility. All are taken in sacrifice and offered accordingly.



Now we who travel and seek a splendid end must not be without care as we traverse the barren terrain, lest the great mystery of self-sacrifice be for naught. The nightly sky is manifest with starry objects, one of which is shining for our destined course. Take care, my brethren, that the activity of the season shall not dim the constellation of each person's epiphany. A Star shines for each, whose light each must yet follow.

Faternally,  
Merrick Rees Hamer, P.M.

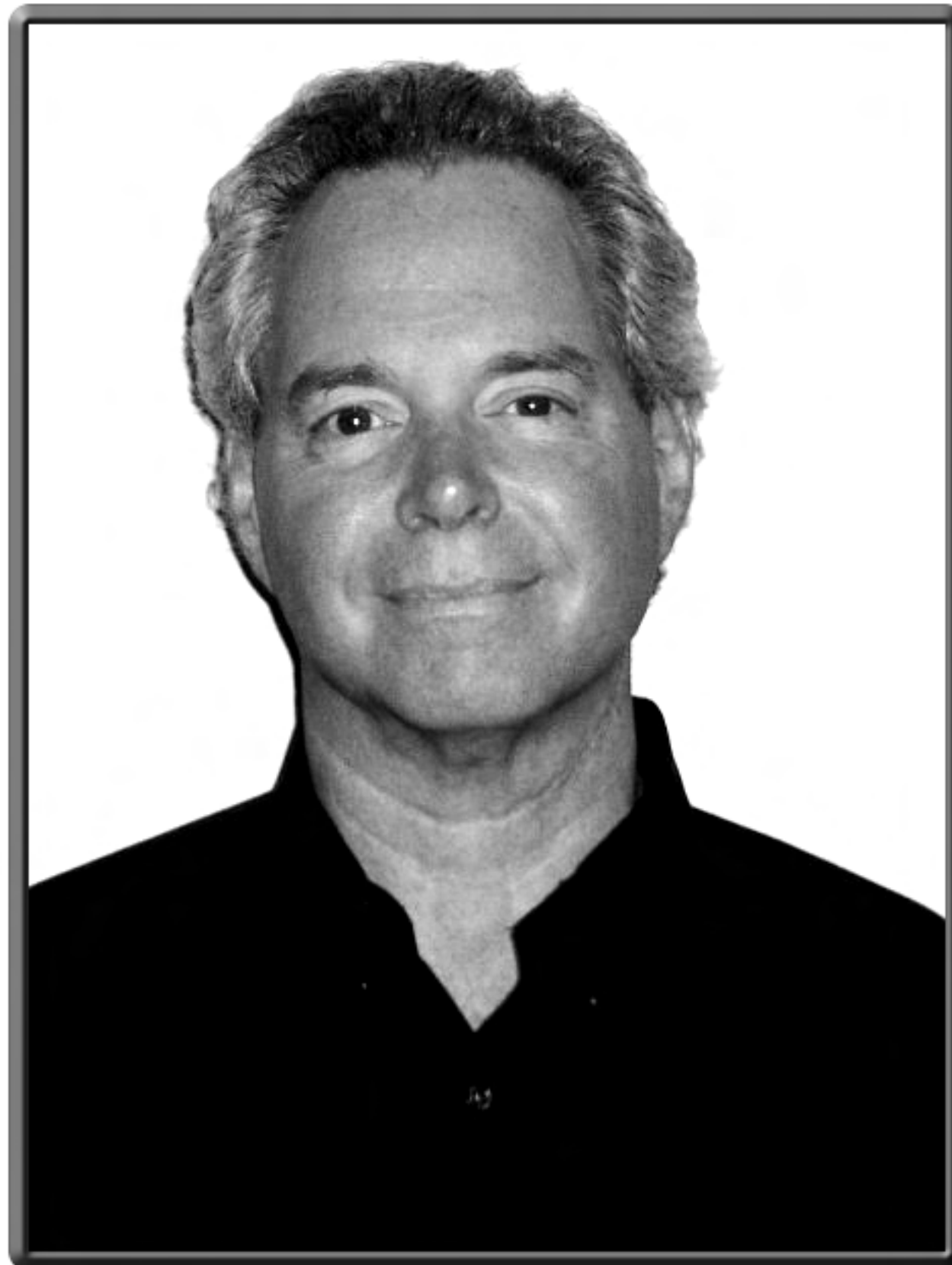




# In Memoriam

Remember our Brother who has passed on to the Celestial Lodge above:

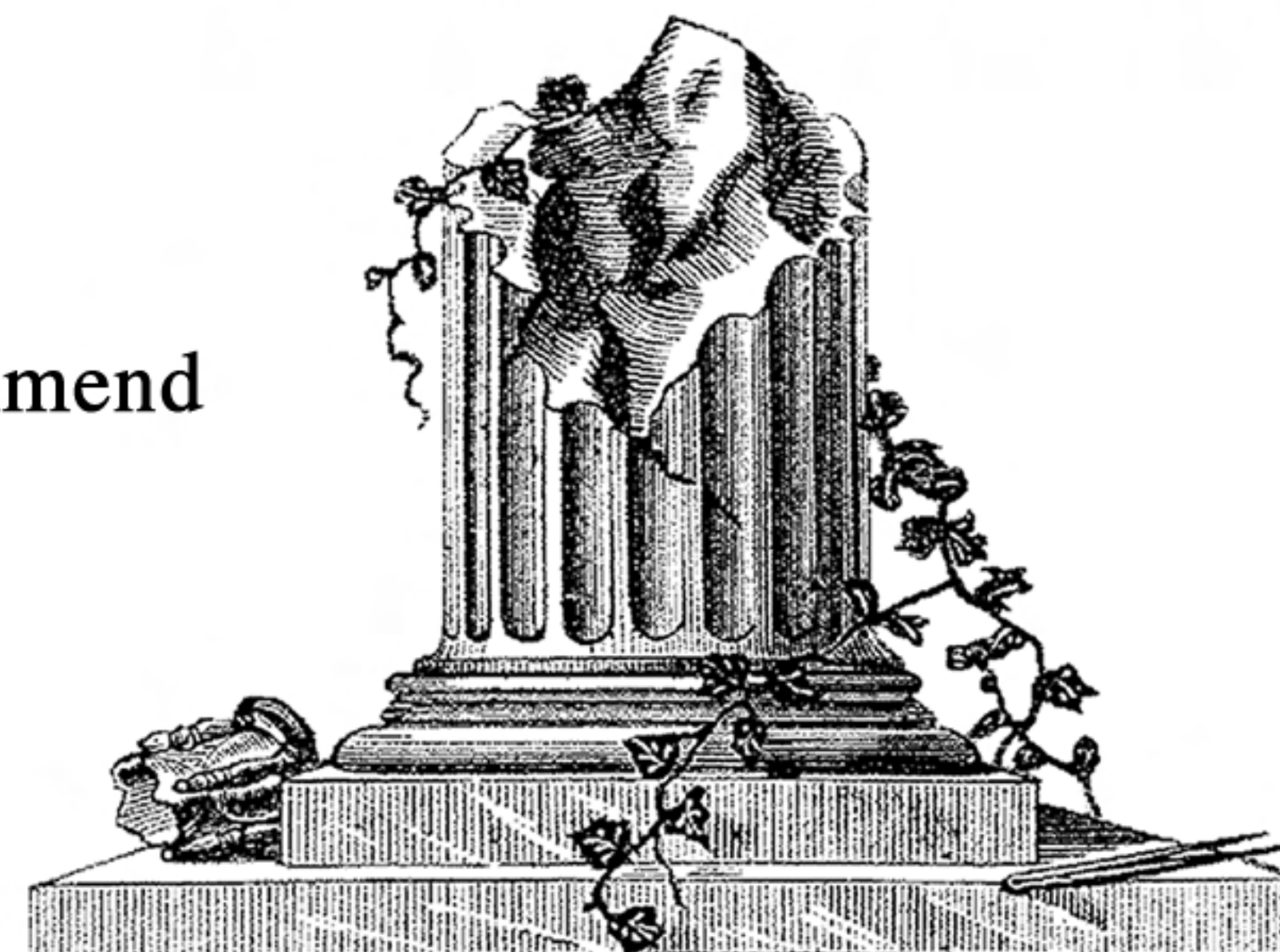
## Brother James Picard Blumenthal



**Entered into Life April 27, 1955**  
**Initiated December 8, 1999**  
**Passed February 23, 2000**  
**Raised March 24, 2000**  
**Entered into Rest December 1, 2012**

Brother Blumenthal received the Degrees of Masonry in Santa Monica Palisades Lodge, No. 307 and affiliated with Culver City-Foshay Lodge in 2001. He served as Senior Warden of the latter in 2008. His service and charitable acts in Freemasonry were extensive. His work in natural medicine was highly respected. He is survived by his wife, Linda. We shall miss our brother with deep sorrow.

Almighty Father, into Thine hands we commend the spirit of our beloved Brother.



# From the South



## Shadow Play

The realm of experience is defined by duality. Cold is determined by it's relation to Hot as Yin is by it's relation to Yang, Night to Day and Dark to Light.

This meditation is inspired by the time of the year that is upon us. The coolness of autumn reminds us that the year becomes darker and darker as we journey toward winter. But what is the Divine Purpose of Darkness for those who actively seek more Light?

When "darkness" is used as a metaphor for ignorance or blindness it becomes a symbolic tool to gauge our personal growth into it's opposite, a concept against which to compare and contrast our progress. To what degree were we previously in that kind of "darkness"? And to what degree will we receive (and continue to receive) more "Light"?

There are, however, many other definitions and metaphors associated with darkness as well: that which is hidden/occult or not accessible through means of conventional perception; the initial dissolution phase of the Alchemical Maxim of Transmutation ("Solve et Coagula"); and even the primordial condition that precedes the act of Creation (this last expression is represented in the Ancient Mesopotamian Scripture "Enuma Elish", the Judaic Bible and numerous other Creation Myths). These all have traditionally been in the jurisdiction of the symbolic Darkness as well.

The Degrees of Masonry are designed to empower us with the proper tools and perspectives to realize out of which forms of "darkness" we should be progressively growing, and which others we may better come to appreciate and integrate. It has been said that "the brightest light casts the darkest shadow".

Yuletide Greetings and Happy Holidays, Brethren!

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Burgess II  
 Junior Warden







# Secretary's Corner

## CULVER CITY-FOSHAY LODGE ROLLS UP IT'S SLEEVES AND GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS!

I just wanted to report to the Lodge about the donations to purchase turkeys and the brothers and others that volunteered to cook them.

We received \$1,077 in 10 donations which purchased 27 turkeys. These turkeys will be taken to One Incredible Family to be cut up into meal sized portions and placed into boxed meals of mashed potatoes, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing, veggies and rolls. There are anywhere from 1,600 to 1,800 meals at the end of the day ready to be distributed to the many shelters.

The Brothers and non Masons who picked up turkeys on Friday morning and returned them fully cooked on Saturday are as follows;

Merrick Hamer	5	Clarence Kussner	1
(Cooked at the Lodge with help from a sojourner Bro. Paul Angelini from Michigan)		Carol Solomon	1
Richard Pierce	1	(my neighbor)	
Francis Taguchi	1	Leigh Ann Magier	2
Bobby Arnold	1	(my daughter)	
Rand Ehler	2	Jason Townsend	3
Jason Berry	1	(not a member as yet but enlisted the help of 2 of his friends)	
Michael Miller	1	Grizelda Mendoza	2
Christopher Coppola	3	(my dentist's reception clerk got involved when I explained what was happening)	
Luis Martinez	2	Bro. Cameron Striewski	1
Jeffery Edwards	1	(purchased and dropped off his own turkey)	

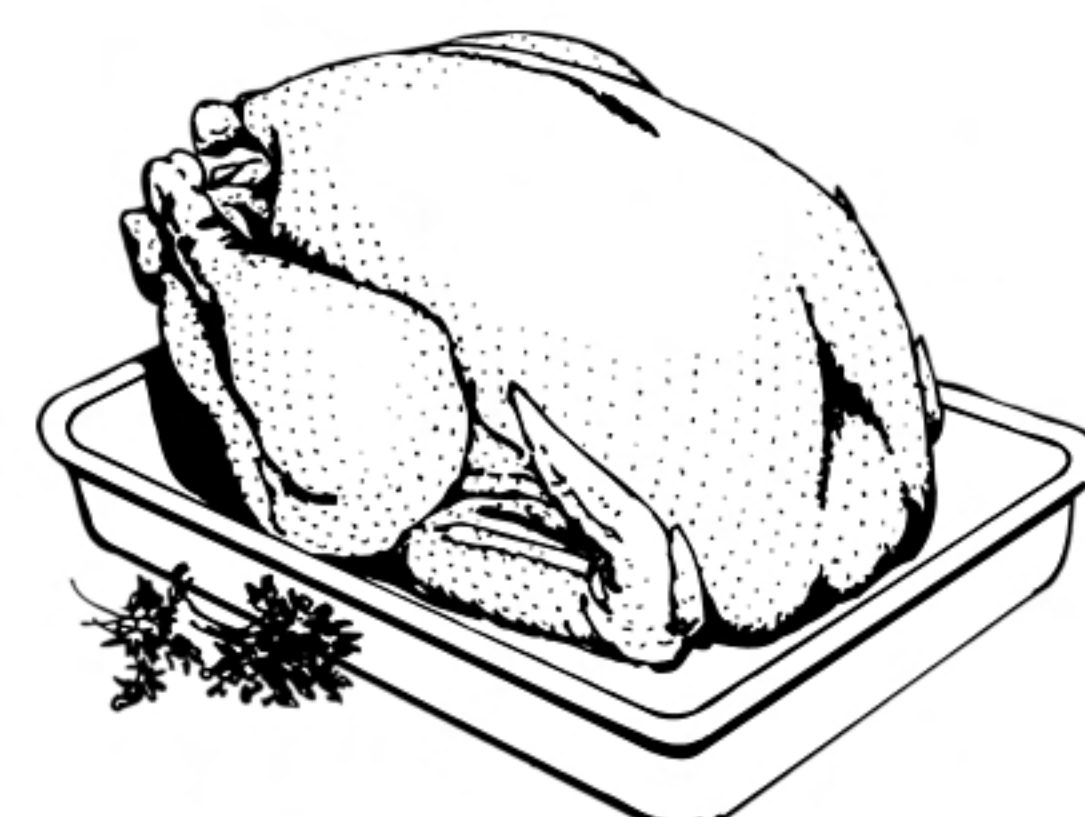
Our expenses were \$623.05 which leaves us with a surplus of \$453.95. We will donate that equally between Bethel 2 and Theodore Roosevelt DeMolay.

I received an additional commitment from Brother Donald Myers for \$250 for the Bethel and Chapter. When the check arrives it will be sent on as well.

Thanks to those who donated funds and those who cooked for the support. This exceeded last years' effort.

Fraternally,

Clarence Kussner, Secretary  
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# December Birthdays



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Geoffrey S. Sindon	12/03/1952
Richard V. Gorton	12/04/1952
Michael P. Hartman	12/11/1974
Richard A. Byrd	12/17/1965
Kenneth L. Burgess	12/20/1975
Ansel E. Young	12/20/1977
Randy N. Polinsky	12/27/1956
Frank D. Shultz	12/31/1930



If you would like to contact one of these Brothers to wish them a Happy Birthday, you may retrieve their contact information from [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org)

# Chaplain's Prayer



Great Architect of the Universe:  
We gather under the canopy of heaven.  
For as overseer of the work, You watch over us all.  
Help us, we pray, to be as productive as we may.  
May the new line of officers govern with wisdom!  
May the lodge grow and become more than it is.  
May the future be brighter with every New Year!  
And may the sands of time be gentle to us all.



Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



# Chef's Menu



## Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

*Chicken Pesto*  
*Baked Tilapia*  
*Garden Salad*  
*Garlic Roasted Potatoes*  
*Steamed Vegetables*  
*Lemon Cake*  
*- Buffet \$15.00 -*

The Stated Meeting Dinner is always at 6:30 PM, one hour before the Stated Meeting of the Lodge, which is the First Wednesday of each Month.

George J. Wollin, Tyler



# Reports & Announcements



**Congratulate  
our newest  
MASTER MASON**



**Cameron Striewski**



**also  
Welcome our  
newest Entered  
Apprentices,**



**Evan Holloway  
and  
Dillon Trankina**



**and...  
Entered  
Apprentices,**



**Jeffrey Edward  
and  
Max Wild**



# Calendar

Meet the Masters & Candidate Education every Sunday 9AM - 2PM  
The lodge is open to guests and men inquiring about Freemasonry.  
Candidates may receive assistance with their Masonic Education.

## December

5th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
6th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
12th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
18th	Funeral Service Qualification	6:30 PM @ Ionic
19th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
20th	Social night	7:00 PM
26th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM

## January (2013)

2nd	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
3rd	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
9th	Practice for Annual Installation	7:00 PM
12th	Annual installation 2013	4:00 PM
16th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
23rd	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
24th	Social night	7:00 PM
30th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM

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