



Mandarin Masonic Lodge No. 343 F.&A.M.

January 2025

From the East...

Brethren,

As we step into the new year, I am honored and humbled to serve as your Worshipful Master. Together, we embark on a journey guided by our shared values of brotherhood, charity, and truth, with the hope of strengthening our bonds and enriching our lodge.

My vision for this year focuses on three key areas: **Education, Engagement, and Fellowship.**

Education

Knowledge is one of the cornerstones of our craft. This year, we will deepen our understanding of Masonic history, symbols, and values, ensuring that every Brother gains a greater appreciation of our traditions and purpose. Look forward to educational sessions, discussions, and opportunities to share insights that deepen our collective wisdom. I highly encourage your attendance to Open Books, Schools of Instruction, Masonic Leadership Training, and the opportunities to attain colored Proficiency Cards.

Engagement

Let us strive to foster an environment where every Brother feels valued and involved. I encourage each of you to take part in our activities, lend a helping hand, and actively contribute to the growth of our lodge. Together, we will reach out to both long-standing members and newer ones, ensuring that everyone is warmly welcomed and connected.

Fellowship

True brotherhood goes beyond meetings and ceremonies. We are a family, and I hope to create more opportunities for us to come together outside the lodge, building memories and strengthening the ties that bind us. Great things to come. Keep an eye out on our communications for further details. We will get active.

Thank you for entrusting me with this role. I look forward to leading with humility, transparency, and dedication to our Masonic principles. May we build on the foundation laid by those who came before us, leaving our lodge stronger for future generations.

Fraternally yours,

Omar Rivera- Worshipful Master



From the South...

Greeting Brothers, it is my honor that you have entrusted me as your Junior Warden this year. I hope I do a job worthy enough to make all of you proud of the responsibility you have bestowed upon me.

I am looking forward to a great year ahead and I'm also excited for what this year will bring for our lodge. For this year's Third Thursdays, we are going to add more variety, branch out and try new restaurants (Of course we won't forget about our favorites though). I will have a list of restaurants no later than the next trestleboard of where. With a schedule for 3TF, I'm hoping it will make it easier for our Brothers to plan and attend more often. We always have a great time at 3TF and I hope we'll start seeing more of you there. If you've never been, or it's been awhile, now is your chance to start the year off with some great fellowship. I promise you won't regret it. Maybe we'll even try a quarterly cigar night

Here's to a great year ahead, with more fellowship, growth, and dedication to the craft that we all love.

Fraternally,

Daniel Breslin— Junior Warden

Calendar

Subject to minor changes.

January 2025

2-Stated Communication
6,13, 20- Ritual Practice
15- District SOI Duval Lodge
16- 3TF (TBA)
22-NEFMA
23– MM Degree
25- Lodge Cleanup (TBA)
30-WM’s Birthday (TBA)
31- Beefeaters at Breslin’s

February 2025

5-Open Books– Orange Park Lodge
6- Stated Communication
19-District SOI
20- 3 TF (TBD)
26-NEFMA
27-Fellowship (TBA)

2025 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master

Omar Rivera
(904) 864-9440

Senior Warden

Bob Davidson

Junior Warden

Daniel Breslin

Treasurer

Don Carter, PM

Secretary

Lou Govreau, PM

Marshall

Jan Lindahl, PM

Chaplain

Jack Krumbein

Senior Deacon

Carl Mankinen

Junior Deacon

Mitchel "Shane" Weaver

Senior Steward

Travis Reynolds

Junior Steward

Tyler

Bobby Bethel

2025 COMMITTEES

Finance

Bob Davidson, SW
Larry Rogers, PM
Travis Reynolds, SS

Vigilance

Daniel Breslin, JW
Jack Krumbein, Chaplain
Travis Reynolds, SS

Petitions

Lou Govreau, PM, Sec
Shane Weaver, JD
Bobby Bethel, Tyler

Masonic Education

Todd Connor, PM
Lou Govreau, PM, Sec
Ed Mann, PM

Board of Relief

Omar Rivera, WM
Bob Davidson, SW
Daniel Breslin, JW

Charity

Todd Connor, PM
Don Carter, PM, Treas
, JS

Lodge Property

Bob Davidson, SW
Daniel Breslin, JW
Carl M, SD

Community Relations

Jeff Starke , PM
John Young, PM
, JS

PAST MASTERS

1962 <i>C. P. Munger</i>	1983 <i>J. R. Knight Jr.</i>	2004 Charles Higgins
1963 <i>C. E. Futch</i>	1984 John Porter Huffman	2005 James C. Ruoff
1964 <i>W. H. Ange</i>	1985 Richard Gale Hornbrook	2006 David M. L. Randall
1965 <i>Walter Wilson Powell</i>	1986 <i>Richard Faye Mauro</i>	2007 William E. Avera III
1966 <i>M. D. Bish</i>	1987 Donald Wyman Carter	2008 George S. Blum
1967 <i>Billy Collier</i>	1988 <i>Joseph J. Frederickson</i>	2009 <i>Eddie E. Bides</i>
1968 <i>T. "Ira" Higginbotham</i>	1989 Christopher C. Ramsayer	2010 Nate Vargo
1969 <i>C. J. Bowden</i>	1990 Anthony "George" Colson	2011 Larry M. Rogers
1970 <i>R. L. Flynn</i>	1991 Henry B. Tucker	2012 Mike Minter
1971 C. R. Bell (PDDGM)	1992 <i>Elva Ray "Pete" Copeland</i>	2013 Larry M. Rogers
1972 John Ammond Peoples Jr.	1993 Walter Manfred Pace	2014 George Sarkees III
1973 <i>Earl Davis Waldrep Sr.</i>	1994 <i>Lenwood Earl Bucks</i>	2015 Angelo Echevarria
1974 <i>Donald E. Bush</i>	1995 <i>Gerald Dean Pugh</i>	2016 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
1975 <i>Earl Herndon (PDDGM)</i>	1996 Earnest Jackson Strange	2017 David J. Gilpin
1976 <i>M. C. Cassidy</i>	1997 Jimmy J. Pace	2018/2019 Todd Connor
1977 <i>Nicholas Manos</i>	1998 <i>Siegfried Rohrbacher</i>	2020 Lou Govreau
1978 <i>Cecil Lenard Platt</i>	1999 Randy Carter	2021 John Young
1979 <i>Cedric Frank Thompson</i>	2000 <i>Paul Johnston</i>	2022 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
1980 <i>G. Grayson</i>	2001 John Downes	2023 Edward Mann
1981 <i>T. Thompson</i>	2002 Charles Benham	2024 Jan Lindahl
1982 <i>Jerry Johnson</i>	2003 Larry M. Rogers	



Proficiency Cards

Digest of Masonic Law Chap.37 Sec 37.16

- (a) The Grand Lodge Committee on Work shall issue card certificates of proficiency to qualified Master Masons, who are members in good standing of regular Lodges, when in the judgment of the committee the proficiency of such Masons, in the official Form and Ceremonies, is such as to meet the standards set up by said Committee, and when otherwise qualified.
- (b) The Committee on Work shall issue a white card certificate of proficiency to a Master Mason when proficient in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and in the esoteric work of the Entered Apprentice Degree.
- (c) The Committee on Work shall issue a green card certificate of proficiency to a Master Mason when proficient in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and in the esoteric work of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the Fellow Craft Degree.
- (d) The Committee on Work shall issue a blue card certificate of proficiency to a Master Mason when proficient in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Three Degrees of Freemasonry, and the esoteric work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degree including the questions and answers of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Catechisms. (2010)
- (e) The Committee on Work shall issue to a Master Mason proficient in one (1) or two (2) of the lectures of the Degrees on an orange card with blue stripe, on which stripe shall be imprinted and impressed the lecture or lectures in which the holder is proficient. An orange card without the blue stripe shall be issued for proficiency in the lectures of the Three Degrees.
- (f) The Committee on Work shall issue a gold card of proficiency together with a certificate suitable for framing to a Master Mason when proficient in all Three Degrees and lectures of Freemasonry.
- (g) All proficiency cards except the brown and gold cards shall only be in force for three (3) years unless renewed by the committee upon examination of such and holder, or unless the holder of such cards has qualified to receive an extra card for proficiency; provided, that when any Master Mason is proficient in the esoteric work of all Three Degrees and the lectures thereof and receives a gold card, it shall be good for life, unless revoked by the Grand Lodge. The brown card shall be in force for ten (10) years. (2003)

Petitions being processed...

Mike Mason
Jorge Batten
Patrick Hinely

Brothers awaiting Master Mason Degree...

Larry Mason
Eric Finkelstein
Derek Mercer
Ray Smith

Sickness and Distress...

EA Bro. Brandon Keating still recovering from motorcycle accident.

