



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

June 2025

## From the East...

Brethren,

I bring warm fraternal greetings after attending our Grand Lodge's Annual Communication. It was an honor to represent our Lodge among so many dedicated Masons from across the jurisdiction. The Grand Communication served as a reminder of the strength and unity of our fraternity and the ongoing work we share in building a better world through brotherhood, charity, and truth.

As we enter the month of June, we turn our thoughts to St. John the Baptist Day on June 24th—a day rich with Masonic meaning. St. John the Baptist is regarded as a patron of Freemasonry for his steadfast character, moral uprightness, and unwavering commitment to truth. His life calls us to reflect on our own Masonic journey and to renew our commitment to the principles we espouse.

The summer season is upon us—a time of growth, light, and energy. Just as the natural world flourishes under the sun, so too can our Lodge thrive through active engagement, fellowship, and the welcoming of new brothers into our ancient craft.

With that spirit of renewal and growth, I am pleased to share that we may have two candidates prepared to take their first step in Masonry—possibly, one in late June and another in early July. These initiations are moments of great importance and solemnity, not only for the candidates but for all of us who will be reminded of our own journey into the Craft. I encourage all brethren to attend and support these new Brothers as they begin their Masonic path.

Let us use this season as an opportunity to reconnect, recommit, and rededicate ourselves to the Light. May the warmth of the summer sun inspire us to build stronger bonds within our Lodge and our communities.

Fraternally,

Omar Rivera

Worshipful Master



# From the South...

Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone's May has gone well. I had the privilege to attend the 196th Grand Communication this year. It was a very enjoyable experience and I'm already looking forward to next year. I found it a great learning opportunity to see how we function as a whole. I met Brothers from around the state and even ones from Jacksonville that I hadn't met before. If you have not been, I definitely recommend going at least once to experience everything. The brotherhood after is worth it alone.

We are now a little closer to redoing the kitchen in the fellowship hall. A good friend and Brother kindly donated two brand new stoves. Now, we just have to get the wiring fixed that I found in the attic before we can use them, but that's another story....

Keep your eye out for our Bingo nights in the fellowship hall. Hosted by my wife. Not a lodge sponsored event, but it still helps out.

-----3TF-----

3TF will be at Kazu Japanese Restaurant on San Jose blvd. Please RSVP.

Fraternally,

Daniel Breslin

Junior Warden

**Awaiting EA Degree**  
**Taylor Silvey**

# Calendar

\*Subject to minor changes.

## June 2025

4– Open Books @ Orange Park Lodge  
5– Stated Communication  
16– MM Degree @ Temple Lodge  
19– 3TF @ Kazu San Jose  
21– Open Books @ Hyde Park Lodge  
25– NEFMA @ Callahan Lodge  
28– First Coast DeMolay Annual Fish Fry @ Mandarin Lodge (11AM-2PM)  
25-29 Rainbow Grand Assembly @ World Golf Village

## July 2025

2– Open Books @ Orange Park Lodge  
3– Stated Communication  
17– 3TF (TBD)  
19- Open Books @ Hyde Park Lodge  
23– NEFMA @ Mandarin Lodge  
23-26 DeMolay Conclave @ Orlando

## **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**

Larry Mason

### **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  
Chairman- Ed Mann, PM

### **Board of Relief**

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

### **Charity**

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

### **Lodge Property**

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

### **Community Relations**

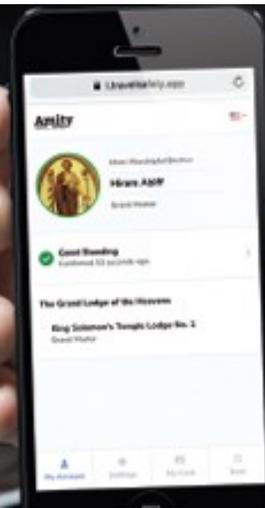
Jeff Starke, PM  
John Young, PM  
Larry Mason, JS

# 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 Hufman	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>	<b>1991 Henry B. Tucker</b>	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	<b>2017 David J. Gilpin</b>
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	



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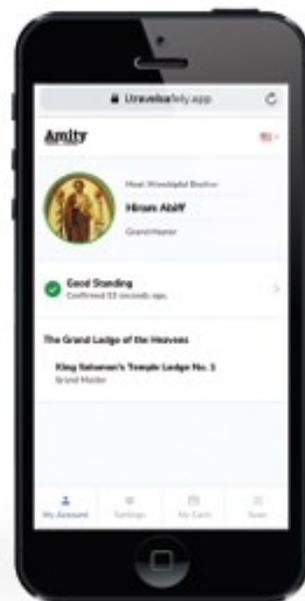
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