

# Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

Chartered January 18, A.D. 1888, A.L. 5888

904-826-4086



January, 2023



## STATED COMMUNICATIONS

Masonic Temple

4 Martin Luther King Blvd.

St. Augustine, FL

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Thursdays

Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Stated Communication — 7:30 p.m.

## DEGREE WORK AND PRACTICE

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Shrine Hospitals

help those in need. Charity is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. I am looking forward to not only being charitable through monetary donations, but also by reaching out into our community and helping our Brothers, widows, and local charities by getting our hands dirty together and making a difference.

By working together outside the Lodge, side by side, we will not only be helping others and changing their lives for the better, but we will also get to know each other, and hopefully become more understanding of our similarities and differences. As brothers, we will not always agree, but we should be able to get along as brothers despite our differences.

I am excited to serve as Worshipful Master of Ashlar Lodge in 2023.

I want to thank you all in advance for all the support and guidance you will provide me this year.

Fraternally,  
Brother Tom Torretta

## From the East

Hello my Brothers,

As I take on my new role, I am both humbled and excited. This year, I am hoping to get “back to basics” and I hope you will join me. I plan on visiting our Brothers throughout the district each month to strengthen relationships. I will work to reconnect with Ashlar’s Brothers who have taken a step back, in the hope they (possibly you) will come back to the Lodge.

I will also look for opportunities to come together outside the Lodge to

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 OES	3	4 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	5 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10 Shrine Club 7:00 pm	11 District Instruction Hastings No. 183 6:30 pm	12 MM Degree Practice 6:00 pm	13	14
15	16 OES	17 York Rite Chapter/Council 6:30 pm	18 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM Open Books Pineland 86 6-9	19 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	20	21 MM Degree 10:00 am
22	23	24 York Rite Commandery 6:30 pm	25 Dist. Assn. Pineland No. 86 6:30 pm	26	27 Fried Chicken, Shrine Club	28
29	30	31				

## FROM THE WEST

This year has gone by so quickly and a new one is about to start with our installation on December 27 and planning for next year has already started with the scheduling of several things one of them being a Widows Luncheon on **February 18, 2023** at the St. Augustine Shrine Club. Time will be posted soon. This is an event for our departed Brothers wives as close to Valentine's Day as possible and has been done for many years by Ashlar Lodge No.98. I will be reaching out to any who can be there to help seat and serve these ladies and I will have more information to come.

I would like to thank my brothers for affording me the privilege of being your senior warden, and I will give you my word that I will give my best thank you for your support.

Respectfully, Terrell Jones, SW.

# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>RAINBOW</b> 7 pm	2 <b>STATED</b> <b>COMM</b> 6:30 PM	3	4
5	6 <b>OES</b>	7	8 District In- struction Bunnell 200 6:20pm	9	10	11 <b>OES</b> Souperbowl 12:00pm
12	13	14 <b>SHRINE</b> <b>CLUB 7:00</b> <b>pm</b>	15 <b>RAINBOW</b> 7 pm	16 <b>STAT-</b> <b>ED COMM</b> 6:30 PM	17	18 Sweet- heart's Lunch Shrine Club TBA <b>Open Books</b> Pineland 86 9- noon
19	20 <b>OES</b>	21 <b>YORK</b> <b>RITE CHAP-</b> <b>TER/</b> <b>COUNCIL</b> 6:30 PM	21 Dist. Assn. Melrose No. 89 6:30 pm	23	24 <b>Fried</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>Shrine</b> <b>Club</b>	25
26	27	28 <b>YORK</b> <b>RITE COM-</b> <b>MANDERY</b> 6:30 PM				

## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, it is an honor to serve you as Junior Warden, and I am confident that 2023 will be great year for Ashlar Lodge. I have learned over the past thirty-five years that only with the dedicated, capable assistance of its Committeemen can a Lodge continue to function and prosper.

If you are willing to accept one of these important assignments, please select one or more and let W:. Tom or myself know.

- ( ) Athletics & Recreation ( ) Mentor Committee
- ( ) Attendance & Membership ( ) Masonic Information & Publicity
- ( ) Blood Bank ( ) MH-100
- ( ) Charity ( ) Property & Maintenance
- ( ) Civic Improvement ( ) Public Education & Citizenship
- ( ) Community Betterment ( ) Remembrance & Welfare
- ( ) Degree Teams ( ) Safety
- ( ) Sick & Hospital Visitation
- ( ) Health & Welfare ( ) Social Activities
- ( ) History ( ) Work & Instruction
- ( ) Investigating ( ) Youth Activities
- ( ) LYPMGC ( ) Dining & Refreshment

Brother George

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### **LODGE OFFICERS 2022**

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Senior Warden	
Terrell Jones	904-669-5249
Junior Warden	
George Maulsby	703-956-0228
Secretary	
Troy Usina	904-451-5283
Treasurer	
Oscar Patterson III	904-955-9175
Senior Deacon	
Mark Williams	904-669-9694
Junior Deacon	
Darrell Lindsey	904-814-7158
Chaplain	
Robert Harry, Jr.	904-806-1255
Tyler	
Russell Sellers	512-801-7831

### **FRATERNAL NOTICES AND DATES**

O.E.S. Chapter #12.....1st & 3rd  
Mondays  
Rainbow Assembly #42.....1st & 3rd

### **OTHER 11th MASONIC DISTRICT LODGES**

#### **Palatka No. 34**

Palatka—2nd & 4th Mondays

#### **Lake No. 72**

Crescent City—1st & 3rd Mondays

#### **Pineland No. 86**

Peniel—1st & 3rd Thursdays

#### **Melrose No 89**

Keystone Heights—2nd & 4th Tuesdays

#### **Middleburg No. 107**

Middleburg—1st & 3rd Tuesdays

#### **Cabul No. 116**

Green Cove Springs—2nd & 4th Thursdays

#### **Hastings No. 183**

Hastings—2nd & 4th Tuesdays

#### **Bunnell No. 200**

Bunnell—1st and 3rd Tuesdays

**Ashlar Lodge No. 98**  
**F.& A.M**

**2023 Lodge Officers**

<b><u>Title:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Phone #:</u></b>
Worshipful Master	Thomas John Torretta	602-881-3206
Senior Warden	Terrell William Jones	904-669-5249
Junior Warden	George Tyler Maultsby, Jr. PM	703-956-0228
Secretary	Troy Jesse Usina, PDDGM	904-451-5283
Treasurer	Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM	904-955-9175
Senior Deacon	Mark Trevor Williams	904-669-9694
Junior Deacon	Darrell Wayne Lindsey	904-814-7158
Senior Steward	Kevin Bruce Stees	803-406-0005
Junior Steward	Elias David Sliman	904-806-4280
Chaplain	Robert P. Harry, PGM	904-806-1255
Marshall	Justin Ryan Buxton	904-377-5847
Tyler	Russell Earl Sellers	512-801-7831
Lodge Mentors	George Tyler Maultsby, Jr. PM	703-956-0228
	James Carrick, PM	904-501-4348
Lodge Instructor	Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM	904-955-9175

**Ashlar Lodge No. 98, F. & A. M.**  
**2023 Lodge Committees**

**Finance - SW + up to 6**

Terrell Jones\*  
Oscar Patterson, PDDGM  
Bo Bozard, PM  
Darrell Wayne Lindsey  
Ken Champagne  
Mark Williams

**Vigilance – JW + 2**

George Maultsby, PM\*  
Mark Williams  
Chris Cannan, PDDGM

**Petitions – 3-7**

Terrell Jones\*  
Justin Buxton  
Bob Harry, PGM

**Masonic Education – >=5**

Oscar Patterson PDDGM\*  
George Maultsby, PM  
Jim Carrick, PM  
Darrell Wayne Lindsey  
Kevin Stees

**Scholarship - SW,SD,Sec+2**

Terrell Jones\*  
Mark Williams  
Troy Usina  
Kevin Stees  
Darrell Wayne Lindsey

**Charity**

George Maultsby, PM\*  
Ken Champagne  
Elias Sliman  
Darrell Wayne Lindsey  
Jim Carrick, PM

**Board of Relief**

Tom Torretta\*  
Terrell Jones  
George Maultsby, PM

**Building Renovation**

Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM\*  
Chris Cannan, PDDGM  
Bob Harry, PGM

**Lodge Property**

Terrell Jones\*  
Rick Bailey, PM  
David Faust

**Council of Past Masters**

Bob Harry, PGM\*  
Troy Usina, PDDGM  
Chris Cannan, PDDGM  
Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM  
Rick Bailey, PM  
Jim Carrick, PM  
Bo Bozard, PM  
George Maultsby, PM

**Visitation**

Terrell Jones\*  
Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM  
Ed Manfredi

**Membership Development**

Oscar Patterson, PDDGM\*  
Ken Champagne  
Mark Williams  
Elias Sliman  
Justin Buxton

**Public Education**

George Maultsby\*  
Kevin Stees  
Jim Priester

**Rainbow Girls Board**

Tom Torretta\*  
Jim Carrick, PM  
Terrell Jones

**Lodge Mentors**

George Maultsby, PM  
Jim Carrick, PM

**Lodge Instructor**

Oscar Patterson, PDDGM

**Legend: Cmte Chair\***

# **Auld Lang Syne.**

## **By Bro. Robert Burns**

I.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to min'?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And days o' lang syne?  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne!

II.

We twa hae run about the braes,  
And pu't the gowans fine;  
But we've wander'd mony a weary foot,  
Sin' auld lang syne.

III.

We twa hae paidl't i' the burn,  
Frae mornin' sun till dine:  
But seas between us braid hae roar'd,  
Sin' auld lang syne.

IV.

And here's a hand, my trusty fiere,  
And gie's a hand o' thine;  
And we'll take a right guid willie-waught,  
For auld lang syne.

V.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp,  
And surely I'll be mine;  
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne!

Robert Burns was a Freemason. He was initiated on July 4, 1781, in St David's Lodge, No, 174, Tarbolton. He was passed and raised in the same Lodge on October 1, 1781. He was elected Depute Master of St James's Lodge on July 27, 1784, a position he held for 4 years.

A professor of musicology at the University of Edinburgh has noted a Masonic link in Burn's best-known song Auld Lang Syne. At the end of Lodge meetings, especially in the 19th century, the Brothers would form a circle, link crossed hands, and sing a parting ode—this was also common in other fraternal organizations.

Auld Lang Syne was commonly sung. By the 1850s, it was not uncommon to hear the song at college graduations and it was one of the first songs recorded on Berliner's gramophone. It is a song about "ties that bind," and though now synonymous with New Year, it is founded in the world Bro. Burns inhabited—that of Brotherly Love.