

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

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



November, 2023



STATED COMMUNICATIONS

Masonic Temple

4 Martin Luther King Blvd.

St. Augustine, FL

1ST & 3RD Thursdays

Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Stated Communication — 7:30 p.m.

DEGREE WORK AND PRACTICE

2nd & 4th Thursdays

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

St. Augustine Music Festival

FROM THE EAST

Hello My Brothers,

Wow! We are into the home stretch now! Christmas is around the corner!

A friendly reminder, we are having a Family and Friends Night on November 16th. Bring your family, friends and anyone who may be curious about Masonry. Santa will be joining us that night. Brian Iannucci will be tickling the ivories, I hope you can join us! Brian has a webpage:

<https://brianiannucci.musicprosite.com>

If you know any widows or older brothers who want to attend, but have no way to get to the lodge, please let me know. I'd like to help them attend as well.

We will also recognize a few active-duty military members, as well as remember all of our veterans, especially our brothers who have served. BTW, if you are a veteran and a member of Ashlar Lodge, I want to be sure your name is on our plaque in the lodge room. Please let me know if you are a veteran, but not on that special plaque.

We are doing a Toys for Tots drive, so feel free to bring any new toys and put them in the box for some less fortunate children in our area. If you would like, you can donate money, and the military members who are part of the Toys for Tots program will buy the toys for you.

Dues cards and dues notices are in the mail. Please pay your dues promptly, so RW Troy doesn't have to hunt you down. I hear he is pretty good at it and a very good shot...

We will be having a round table study group starting in November. We will work together to learn the three catechisms (for anyone interested in instructing and/or obtaining their silver card) and eventually move into the opening and closing the lodge and maybe even lectures. If you are interested, please let me know. I would like to start Thursday, November 30th.

As a reminder, we are always looking for new or returning instructors and lecturers. We have some brothers who are happy to help you learn the work and get you well positioned to take on these rewarding roles. Come be a part of the important work we are doing to help our newer brothers.

I hope to see you at our party on 11/16, but if I don't I wish you all have a great Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you in December.

Fraternally,
Tom Torretta

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 RAIN- BOW 7:00 PM	2 STAT- ED COMM 6:30 PM	3 GM Official Visit Putnam County Shrine Club 5:30 pm	4
5	6 OES	7	8 District Instruction Bunnell 200 6:30 pm	9 EA Degree 5:30 pm	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14 Shrine Club 7:00 pm	15 Rainbow 9 pm Dist. Assn. Melrose 89 6:30 pm	16 Family Night and Vet Recog- nition 6:30	17	18 Open Books Pineland 86 9-noon
19	20 OES	21 York Rite Chap- ter/Council 6:30 pm	22	23 Thanks- giving	24	25
26	27	28 YORK RITE COM- MANDERY 6:30 PM	29	30 Lodge Roundtab le 5:30 pm		

FROM THE WEST

This year has gone by so quickly but there are still things that we have coming up until we're finished. One thing is we only have two Stated Communications left . We also have a friends and family night at our Lodge on November 16, the Grand Masters official visit on November 3 at the Putnam County Shrine Club. and maybe we will be able to visit other Lodges in our District before this year is over.

Also, as we get closer to the end of this year, it will be time to start thinking about next year and laying some plans and some groundwork for it.

Fraternally yours

Terrell W. Jones

Senior Warden

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 OES	5	6 RAIN-BOW 7 pm	7 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13 Dist. Inst. Palatka No. 34 6:30 pm	14 Installation Practice TBD	15	16 Open Books Pine-land No. 86 9am—noon
17	18 OES	19 YORK RITE CHAPTER/COUNCIL 6:30 PM	20 District Assn. Ashlar No.98, 6:30 pm	21 DARK	22	23
24/31 Christmas Eve/New Years Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 INSTALLATION (CLOSED) 6:00 PM	28	29	30

From the South
G. Maultsby – J.W.

ANTE-ROOM ETIQUETTE GL-208

No person is to be admitted into a Masonic Lodge unless by permission of the Worshipful Master. When a would-be visitor appears, it is the duty of the Tyler to notify the Worshipful Master of the presence of the visitor. The Worshipful Master may appoint a Committee to examine the visitor and report to the Master concerning the visitor's qualifications. If his documents are in order and if he has convinced the examining Committee that he is a Mason, then in all probability the Worshipful Master will grant him permission to enter.

If a Brother is late, he does not enter the Lodge until permission is obtained from the Master through the Tyler and the Junior Deacon for him to do so; before entering he should see that his Apron and other regalia are already properly in place. He should enter through the Outer Door only, and in a manner to attract as little attention, and to avoid as much confusion as possible.

If necessary, the Inner Door should be kept locked except when the preparation room is in use, to prevent Brethren entering and retiring through it, and this applies to Past Masters and Grand Lodge Officers as well as any other Brother. It is for use by Candidates only, and to permit it to be used otherwise is a disturbance or dislocation of the entire system of the ritual. It is the Tyler's duty to see that this rule is rigidly enforced.

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 in downtown St. Augustine recognized three outstanding young people from our community on Thursday, October 19th.

The recipients were:

- **Explorer Hannah Hopkins - St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 911**
- **Lodge Chief Ben Wondracek - Echocotee Lodge 200 - Order of the Arrow**

Cadet Angelyk Gutierrez - St. Johns County Fire Rescue Fire Cadet

W. Tom Torretta presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation for the work they do in St. Johns County and the surrounding areas.





**Explorer Hannah Hopkins,
Lodge Chief Ben Wondracek,
and Cadet Angelyk
and their guest at Ashlar Lodge No. 98 on October 16, 2023.
Presentations made by Thomas Torretta, Worshipful Master.**

LODGE OFFICERS 2022

Worshipful Master

Thomas Torretta 602-881-3206

Senior Warden

Terrell Jones 904-669-5249

Junior Warden

George Maultsby 703-956-0228

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Troy Usina 904-451-5283

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Oscar Patterson III 904-955-9175

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Mark Williams 904-669-9694

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Darrell Lindsey 904-814-7158

Chaplain

Robert Harry, Jr. 904-806-1255

Tyler

Russell Sellers 512-801-7831

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

FRATERNAL NOTICES AND DATES

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

Rainbow Assembly #42.....1st & 3rd
Wednesdays

York Rite Bodies.....3rd & 4th
Tuesdays