

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

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



December, 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

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FROM THE EAST

Hi Brothers,

It is amazing how quickly this year has passed. Thank you all for your involvement, commitment, and fellowship this year. I am hoping it was as good a year for you as it was for me. We have done a lot of traveling and have had a great year of fellowship and brotherly love.

Brother Terrell Jones and I were talking while driving back from the spaghetti dinner at Cabul Lodge on 11/10 (which was delicious, by the way), and we realized that we have managed to do at least 36 different lodge visits between Stated Communications, special events, District Association meetings and the like. I want to thank Brother Terrell for being my traveling companion on all those visits, as well as the chauffeur on most of them. I also want to thank the other brothers who traveled with us throughout the district. I know the brothers from the other lodges loved seeing us this year and they hope to see more of us next year, as do I!

Brother Terrell and his officers will be installed on 12/27 at 6:00pm. Please come out and support our new

line officers as they start the new year.

I also want to thank RW Oscar, RW Walt, W Nick and any other brother I am missing for sharing their Masonic and historical knowledge this year in the lodge. To me, learning about the history of Freemasonry and the esoteric work is so fascinating. Thanks to RW Oscar, W George and W Jim for making the lodge training and mentorship programs so successful. Thanks to RW Troy for stepping in and taking on the role of Secretary (or as RW Troy calls it Suck-retary). Thanks to Brother Kevin Stees, his wife Jocelyn, and everyone who has helped with the meals this year. The food was amazingly delicious, and the preparation seamlessly executed. Thanks to all the brothers who helped make the degrees at Ashlar Lodge so memorable this year. Thanks to RW Dwight, RW Chris and MW Bob for working together to develop the beginnings of a plan for the lodge. And if I missed you here, Thank you!!! Great work everyone! I feel very blessed!

Speaking of which, 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. On Thursday, 11/30, we are starting a round table group to help train anyone interested in a fun, low pressure environment. We will start with the EA catechism and opening and closing a lodge. Come be a part of the important work we are doing to help our newer brothers.

What a whirlwind year! Thank you all again for your support and commitment to Freemasonry at Ashlar Lodge! I am sorry if I missed anyone here, but I have space limits for the Trestleboard. Please know that I love and respect each of you, and I am so proud to be a member of Ashlar Lodge and a Freemason!

Fraternally,
Tom

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	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 WEST

As our Masonic year is coming to a close for 2023 for myself looking back it has been a great year for Ashlar Lodge No. 98.

First, I would like to think our Worshipful Master, Thomas Torretta, for his leadership and example by helping see our Lodge grow as men and Masons not just in our Lodge, but also in our District with the other Lodges by traveling and visiting every Lodge in the District 11 at least one time for Stated communications, district meetings, and being there for their special events and fundraisers.

I also appreciate having Masonic education at our meetings regularly; the special events recognizing school, teachers, and principals from Webster elementary school, teacher of the year and rookie teacher of the year, and presenting them with some certificates of appreciation and a monetary donation do use as they please to help these teachers with the things they need to continue, and to help and prepare their students for the future in our community.

Also for recognizing our first responders, military men and women, and help prepare our youth with their Cadet programs for the future of our community there will be young people to step into these roles and ranks of these people that work with them so our community and country may be safer for the future.

Last, but not least, to our Worshipful Master, Tom Torretta for his example and conduct within our Lodge and community. Ashlar Lodge will continue to grow and prosper by taking good men and making them better. Thank you Worshipful Tom

Fraternally yours

Terrell W. Jones Sr. S.W.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 2024	2	3 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	4 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	5	6
7	8	9 Shrine Club 7:00 pm	10 District Instruction Lake No. 72 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14	15 OES	16 York Rite Chapter/Council 6:30 pm	17 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	18 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	19	20
21	22	23 YORK RITE COM-MANDERY 6:30 PM	24 District Assn. Middleburg No.107 6:30 p.m.	25 Lodge Instruction TBD	26 Fried Chicken, Shrine Club	27
28	29	30				

FROM THE SOUTH

**Merry Christmas to All
and a Blessed New Year**

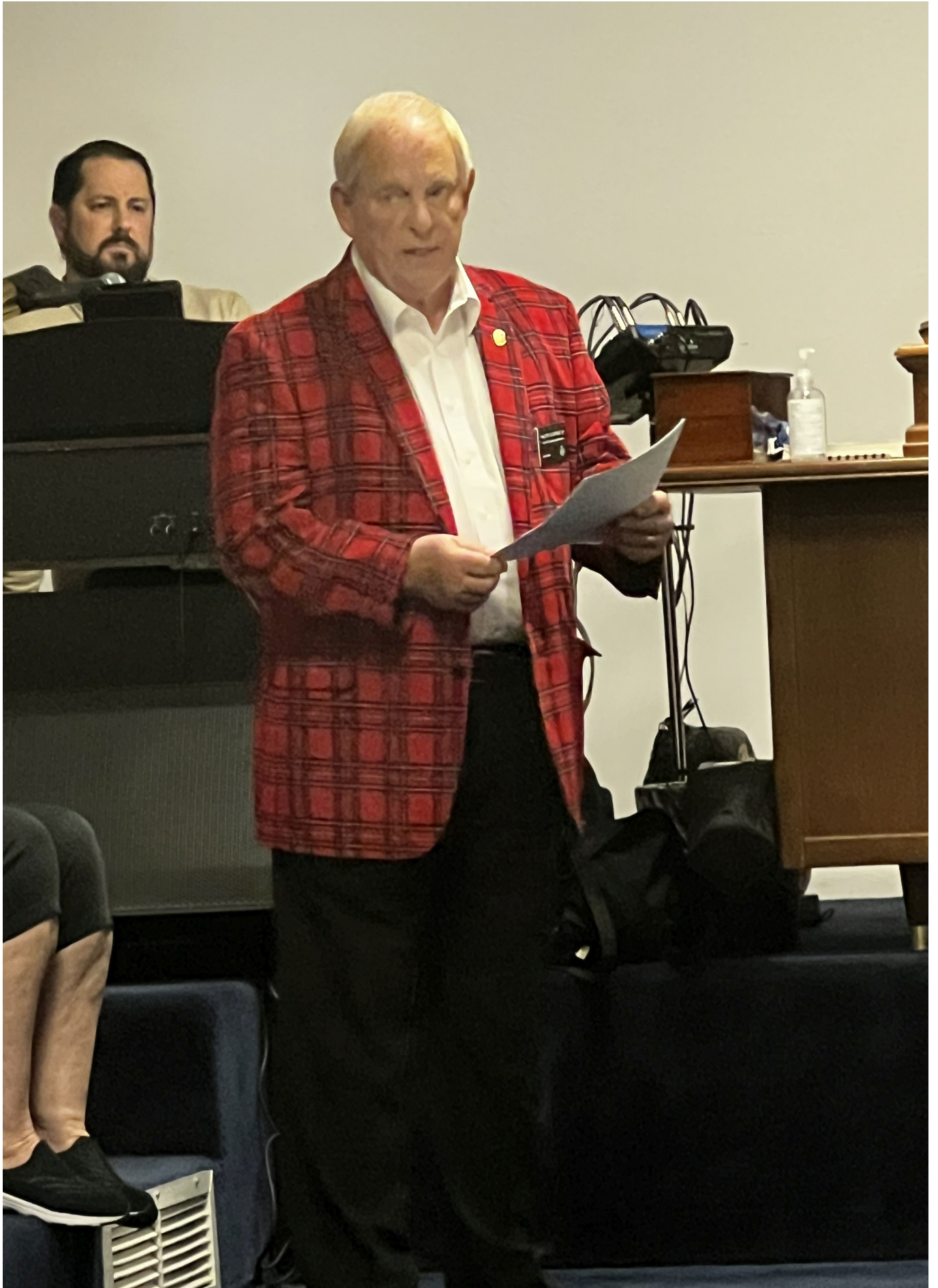
George Maultsby, J.W.

FAMILY & FRIENDS at Ashlar No. 98, November 16, 2023
Military and Firefighter Awards, Pledge of Allegiance and
Santa















R.W. Tom Kolieot 40-year Certificate



LODGE OFFICERS 2022

Worshipful Master

Thomas Torretta	602-881-3206
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

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