



# March



Tom Tompkins, P.M.

*Master*

Greetings from the East.

I was reading an article from Masonic Find “ 32 Masonic Symbols and What they mean”.

Whenever the lodge is open, we have our 2 pillars in place. Masonic tradition informs us that these pillars are representative of the pillars at the entrance to King Solomon’s temple.

These two pillars are mentioned several times in the Bible. 1 Kings 7:15-22 and 2 Chronicles 3:15-17. We refer to the pillar on the left as Boaz, this is a Hebrew word translated as “In him is strength” or “in him is power”. The pillar on the right we call Jachin (which is pronounced “yaw-keen”) which is also a Hebrew word translated as “He will establish” or “He will set up”. The names and symbolism of the pillars Jachin and Boaz in the Bible represent God’s strength and stability of his promises.

Interesting stuff.

We are honored again this year to have Diane and Worshipful Rich Duffy cooking their famous Corn Beef and Cabbage for our March stated meeting dinner. Thank you both for this great meal. Immediately following our dinner and dessert we will have our Roll Call ceremony, honoring our departed Brothers who in the past year have gone ahead to light the way.

Please join us March 12<sup>th</sup>. For a great dinner and a moving Roll Call Ceremony.

Until next time

Fraternally,

Tom Tompkins

Master

## Bruce Gavin

Senior Warden



Greetings from the West

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;"

--Matthew 7:7

A man begins his Masonic journey by asking a friend for his recommendation to be made a Mason. That recommendation is given him and he seeks admission. He knocks and the door of Freemasonry is opened to him.

His point of entry is a representation of the Great Porch built over the entrance to the Sanctuary of King Solomon' Temple. This porch was a huge structure of one hundred and twenty cubits high by twenty cubits deep and ten cubits wide, or 240 feet by 40 feet by 20 feet. It was overlaid within with pure gold.

--1 Kings 6:3

The candidate is received between two great pillars named Boaz on his left and Jachin on his right. They were hollow and cast of molten brass and a hands-breadth in thickness. Each was 40 cubits high and ornamented with networks of brass, over hung with bronze pomegranates and interspersed with lily work representing unity, plenty and peace.

These pillars were cast in the clay grounds of Jordan between Succoth and Zeredathah by Hiram Abif, a widow' son of the tribe of Naph'ta-li. His father was a man of Tyre and a worker in brass, thus Abif was filled with wisdom and understanding in all works of brass when he came to Solomon and wrought all his work. --1 Kings 7

Masonic tradition informs us Hiram Abif was the third Master Mason with King Solomon and King Hiram of Tyre.

The name "achin" comes from the Hebrew Old Testament and was pronounced as "a-Kaya" meaning firm, upright or stable. Masons interpret this as "e Shall Establish"

Boaz also comes from the Hebrew Old Testament as "aaz" meaning power or might. Masonic tradition interprets this as "n strength"

In Kabbalistic teachings, the name of the two pillars mean "n strength shall my house be established." The simple act of the candidate passing through them symbolically represents a transformation or initiation. This symbol is also widely found in music, literature and architecture. The cover image of "arry Potter and the Philosopher' Stone" shows him going between two pillars as he transforms into a wizard.

Today, two pillars stand in front of the IRS building in New Carrollton, Maryland. To most people these mean nothing, but to those versed in secret society symbolism, the implications of transformation are profound.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Bruce Gavin*, Sr.. Warden



## Doug Jones Junior Warden

Greetings from the South!

February has passed by quickly, but it has certainly been filled with some great moments. One of the standout events was our Worshipful Master's Officers Appreciation Dinner, which was a success. The evening included good company, laughter, and some fantastic food. The tip was cooked just right, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A special thank you to our Worshipful Master and to all the brothers who put in the hard work to organize and coordinate the event.

Earlier this month, we had the opportunity to host our Masonic Sweethearts for a nice Italian meal at The Old Spaghetti Factory. It was a pleasant afternoon, and we were grateful for the kind words we received from them. It was a meaningful way to show our appreciation, and we look forward to continuing to include them in future events.

The Lodge's 2nd Annual Super Bowl Party was another great success. Brothers Ben Maglanguan and Arnold Natano did an excellent job coordinating the event. The setup was well done, and there was plenty of food to go around, which made for a relaxed and enjoyable time.

Our February Meeting was also a success, running smoothly and with a positive energy. We served homemade chili, cornbread, and salad, which were well received by everyone in attendance. The food was a hit, and it was a great way to bring the group together. The timing of the evening was perfect, as the rain started right as the meeting wrapped up, adding to the comfortable atmosphere.

I'm looking forward to the March Stated Meeting dinner. Duffy style Corned Beef & Cabbage along with tasty desserts are on the menu. Please stay tuned for more details. Let's aim to make next month successful.

Sincerely,

*Doug Jones*, Jr. Warden

## John Scofield, P.M. Hall Board President



My Brothers & Friends,  
Greetings from your Hallboard,



As spring approaches, we're busy with weed abatement and our oak trees will soon start leafing. Hopefully, the rain and winds are behind us.

We've chosen a contractor for the electrical panel upgrade and will start the process soon. Meanwhile, we've replaced the motion light in the entryway, fixed the janitor's closet light, and identified other small projects to complete this month.

A special thank you goes out to the ladies of the OES sewing group. They took the time to go thru our kitchen and removed some old items and organized the stuff in them. Then the next week they washed all our cabinets. Wonderful job ladies thank you so much for that. So folks if you use the kitchen and spill food PLEASE wipe up your mess, lets keep our kitchen looking good.

Also, a big shout out to Brother James Jackson. He came down and helped me set up the new raised planter over by our dumpster. So folks be looking this spring for a burst of color in my effort to hide the dumpster. There will be Hollyhocks and Gladiolas blooming forth this spring.

Thanks James.

Stay tuned for updates.

Respectfully,

Thank you for your time

*John Scofield*, PM Hall Board President



*'Never mind the Ritual Book. We'll do it my way.'*

**2025 HSJ Lodge Officers**

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Cris Bryceson (Joy)... ..... Marshal  
Mike Ramirez (Jordan)..... Senior Steward  
Tom Angello (Theresa).....Junior Steward  
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## March 2025

### Birthdays

Brian	Vierria	4-Mar
Donavan	Rae, PM	5-Mar
Bradley	Greer	7-Mar
Evan	Beecher	8-Mar
Joseph	Grover	18-Mar
Richard	Ware, PM	19-Mar
Andrew	Sanchez	20-Mar
Gary	Reynolds	22-Mar
Roger	Hanney	25-Mar
Jeff	Apperson, Sr.	30-Mar

## March 2025

### Masonic Anniversaries

Harry	Williams	54
Jeff	Apperson, Sr., PM	49
Larry	Wood	48
James	Myers	47
Craig	Thordsen	45
Jeffery	Potts	38
Clarence	Ward, PM	38
Wayne	Getz	33
Virgil	Altstatt	31
Robert	Tamblyn	21
Justin	Whitsell	13
Gregory	Treible, P.M.	12
John	Senuca	10
Arnold	Natano	1

### Paying 2025 Due Dues to the Lodge

Contributing to the lodge by paying your dues is more than a mere financial obligation; it is a significant gesture that sustains the very heartbeat of our Lodge and community. Your contributions help maintain the day-to-day operations of the lodge, ensuring that it remains a vibrant and welcoming space for all members. The funding aids in covering essential costs, from the myriads of activities that unite us.

Moreover, your dues support our youth groups, which play a crucial role in nurturing the next generation of community leaders. These groups provide invaluable opportunities for young people to engage in educational, social, and recreational activities, fostering their personal growth and a sense of belonging.

Lastly, paying your dues contributes to the broader network of lodges, including those that have faced hardships such as the LA fires. Our collective support can make a significant difference, offering relief and resources to fellow lodges in need, ensuring they can recover and continue their mission.

In essence, timely payment of dues ensures the lodge's prosperity, supports our youth, and extends a helping hand to others within our fraternal organization. Your commitment is deeply appreciated and instrumental in sustaining our shared values and community spirit. I know many of you have already paid your dues and we thank you for being so diligent in your efforts.

Bob Jackson, Secretary

# March Stated Meeting



## Corned Beef & Cabbage

carrots, potatoes & home made soda bread.

Presented for your enjoyment by  
Wor. Duffy & his wife Diane.

**Please RSVP early so we have an accurate head count for food.**

**6:00 - Social**

**6:30 - Dinner**

**7:30 - Open Program before the Stated Meeting**

**Bring your family and friends to have dinner and socialize with us at the San Juan Masonic Center in Citrus Heights.**

**We are located at 5944 San Juan Ave at Lea Ave.**

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# HARDING SAN JUN LODGE CALENDAR

## March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10AM - Jobs
2	3 6PM - Executive Mtg 7PM - HSJ Practice	4	5 6 - HSJ Practice	6	7	8
9	10 7PM - HSJ Practice	11	12 6:30PM - HSJ Dinner 8:00PM - Stated Mtg	13	14	15
16	17 7PM HSJ Practice	18	19 7pm - OSI * HSJ	20	21	22 8AM - 10AM Lodge - Breakfast
23	24 7PM HSJ Practice	25	26 6 - HSJ Practice	27	28	29

