



FRANKLIN LODGE TRESTLEBOARD  
DECEMBER 2025

Notice of December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

Dinner at 6pm, Lodge opens at 7 pm

This will be a gala dinner consisting of crown roast of pork, mashed and gravy and salad.

Your attendance at our holiday meeting dinner is earnestly requested.

A convivial holiday spirits celebration to be held in the parlor after the meeting/

MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Dear Brothers,  
Happy Thanksgiving!

As we gather with family and friends during this season of gratitude, I want to pause and express my deepest appreciation to each of you—members of our beloved fraternity, and especially my Brothers at Franklin Lodge. The wisdom, guidance, and lessons you have shared with me over the years have profoundly shaped me into a better man, husband, and Mason. For that, I am forever grateful.

The holiday season, while joyful for many, can also be challenging for some. Let us take this opportunity to reach out with warmth and brotherhood—not only to our fellow Masons, but also to the special ladies. A simple call, a kind word, or a thoughtful gesture can brighten someone's day more than we might ever know.

To the Brothers of Franklin Lodge: thank you once again for the extraordinary honor of electing me as your Worshipful Master. Serving in this role for the better part of this year has been one of the most rewarding and transformative experiences of my life. It has revealed strengths I didn't know I possessed and deepened my commitment to our shared principles.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to the officers of Franklin Lodge. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support have been the foundation of every success we've achieved this year. None of our accomplishments would have been possible without each and every one of you.

Wishing you and your families a Thanksgiving filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of brotherhood

SECRETARY'S CORNER

I will be out of town at my annual golf pilgrimage to Myrtle Beach with family and friends. A few of the 120 are Brother Masons from around the country that I look forward to seeing every year. Just a reminder that lodge dues are payable after Jan1, 2026. \$120 for regular members and \$77 for 35 year members as in the past.

Dues cards will be distributed on receipt of dues. The small number of you who are in arrears will receive an email or call from me to come current. Unfortunately, 3 members are in arrears for multiple years and will get a registered letter informing them of their upcoming suspension.

One other note: 20 Elm Street is YOUR lodge. We still have some outdoor fall cleanup to finish before the snow flies, mainly raking out gardens and around the building. If 5 brother each gave one hour raking onto a tarp and moving the leaves to a pile out by the fire pit, this job would be completed.

#### **Birthdays:**

David Crandll 12/22  
Clyde Amos 12/26  
Gary Latz 12/16  
Timothy Mclellan 12/17  
Kenneth Salyer 12/10

#### **Dates to remember**

December 4 – Mt. Vernon regular meeting  
December 4 – Charity Lodge regular meeting  
December 10 – Hope Lodge regular meeting  
January 17, 2026 – Franklin Lodge annual meeting

#### **Masonic Birthdays**

Leverett Andrews 12/9/1975  
Christian Baker 12/12/2017  
Robert Bridges 12/8/2009  
Robert Caron 12/12/2017  
Henry Collings 12/12/1972  
Paul DeRita 12/11/2007  
Samuel French 12/13/1966  
Christopher Harrell 12/08/2009  
Tony Keller 12/30/1997  
Harold Prosser 12/7/1954  
Sean Ryan 12/10/2019  
Kenneth Salyer 12/12/1967  
Raymond Schilke 12/10/1963  
Thomas Stafford 12/5/1984