

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 23

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MARCH 2026

Spring 2026

Light, Wisdom & Unity



**MESSAGE FROM
LODGE LEADERSHIP**



KEY DATES



**OFFICERS &
COMMITTEES**



**BENEFIT OF
THE CRAFT**

A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

W.: David Callaway
Worshipful Master



Brothers,

I hope this message finds each of you in good health and enjoying the arrival of Spring. The warmer weather and longer days provide a wonderful opportunity for renewed energy, both in our personal lives and within the Lodge.

Our Lodge continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, and I encourage all Brothers to join us as we move through this important season in our Lodge's history.

As many of you know, there has been a significant amount of discussion regarding the proposed consolidation. We are approaching a crucial moment, as another vote will take place on March 16, 2026.

I strongly urge every Brother to attend. Your voice and your presence are vital in helping determine the future of our Lodge. In accordance with the guidance of the Grand Lodge, I am sending a letter under the seal of the Worshipful Master to ensure all Brethren are properly informed ahead of this vote. Please take a moment to review it when it arrives, and encourage your fellow Brothers to attend Lodge regularly and make it a priority, especially during this important time.

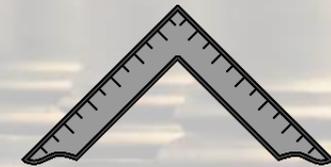
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MARCH

March 2 – District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit

Stated Communication

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

March 16 – CONSOLIDATION VOTE

Stated Communication

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

APRIL

April 6 - Stated Communication

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

April 20 - Stated Communication

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

**KEY
DATES**



LODGE OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER DAVID CALLOWAY
 SENIOR WARDEN W. BILL HOLLY, Pro Temp
 JUNIOR WARDEN
 TREASURER..... LARRY M. HECHT, PM
 SECRETARY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, JR
 SENIOR DEACON..... HAMPTON C. RAY
 JUNIOR DEACON JOSE HERVIAS
 SENIOR STEWARD BERT WATSON
 MARSHAL JACOB HECHT, PM
 CHAPLAIN BENJAMIN A. HECHT, PM
 TYLER BRETT TICKELL

COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Vote Pending
Larry Hecht
Jose Hervias

VISITATION AND FUNERALS

*Carl Thorwart, PM
Bert Watson

INSTRUCTION

*Carl Thorwart PM
Bert Watson

PETITIONS

*Benjamin Hecht, PM
Hampton Ray
Robert Fitzsiommons

DEGREE WORK

Carl Thorwart PM
Bert Watson

PROPERTY

*Carl Thorwart
Benjamin Hecht, PM
Larry Hecht

VIGILANCE

Jacob Hecht, PM
Benjamin Hecht, PM

CHARITY AND OUTREACH

*Benjamin Hecht, PM
Lake Ray, IV
Carl Thorwart. PM

AMERICANISM

*Hampton Ray
Lake Ray, IV

PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Jacob Hecht
Shawn Jasmin

TECHNOLOGY

*Larry Hecht, WM
Carl Thorwart
Jose Hervias

MENTORS

Benjamin Hecht, PM
Larry Hecht, WM
Carl Thorwart, PM

*Committee
Chairman

LIVING PAST MASTERS

John H. Pratt Lodge Members*

1969 Stanley Ruby
 1972 Henry H. Simmons
 1975 Seeman Zimmerman
 1981 Robert L. Howard, Jr.
 1981 Harvey E. Schlesinger
 1983 Donald O. Rogers
 1985 Eugene M. Hagan, Jr.
 1985 Robert E. Meares*
 1986 James H. Koivisto
 1987 R. Carl Thorwart, Jr.
 1988 Sherwin L. Burman*
 1991 Donald J. Mock*
 1991 Bennett A. Tavar*
 1992 Brian R. Johnson*
 1996 Robert L. Durst
 1997 Mark Cartier
 1998 Billy Heisler
 2000 James Weese
 2001 John Barber
 2002 John Holden
 2003 Terry Rigdon
 2004 Ken Harris II
 2005 Ted Bock
 2006 Rob Forbus
 2007 Gaylon Barcom
 2008 Ted Bock
 2009 Ed Vaughn
 2011 Mike Vickers
 2012 Mike Vickers
 2013 Gaudelupe "Wally" Ramos
 2014 Jason France
 2015 Alan Jordan
 2016 R.J. Aenchbacher
 2017 R. Carl Thorwart, Jr.
 2018 R. Carl Thorwart, Jr.
 2019 Grover Childress, Jr.
 2020 Tommy Henricks
 2021 Benjamin A. Hecht
 2022 Larry Hecht
 2023 Jacob Hecht
 2024 Jacob Hecht
 2025 Carl Thorwart

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