

Greetings from the East!

2016 is in the books, and 2017 is here, ready or not! I'd like to extend a hearty thanks and congratulations to outgoing WM WB Jarrod K. Coffey and his slate of officers for a successful year leading Martinez Lodge #710 to its second straight District 10 Lodge of the Year award! Well done, brethren!

I feel extremely humbled to have been elected WM of such an active and well respected lodge. Martinez Lodge #710 is one of the best lodges in the 10th Masonic district, if not the entire state! Our reputation as a lodge of distinction is what drives my desire to continue the good work that we are known for, both for our uniform work and for our benevolence. I am looking forward to leading us during the ensuing year with the help of the 2017 slate of officers. I look forward to gaining in Masonic knowledge and experience.

After some delay, 2017 dues statements have been sent out. If you have not already paid your 2017 dues, please do so as soon as possible. Again, we're sorry for the delay in getting these statements out to you all.

We have School of Instruction starting Wednesday January 4th and will continue through Wednesday February 8th. I strongly recommend all newly raised Master Masons to attend SOI to begin learning our uniform work, and I would also recommend attending to all Master Masons who desire to serve their lodges as officers, or just as active members. We are always in need of catechism coaches, degree team members and lecture deliverers. You do not have to be an officer or past master to be part of a degree team. Participation in all aspects of degree conferral are encouraged and appreciated!

Speaking of degrees, we will confer the MM degree on one candidate from Martinez Lodge #710 (Daniel Glenn Eaton,) two courtesy candidates from John S. Davidson Lodge #677 and one courtesy candidate from Unity Lodge No. 367 in Kenosha, WI! Also, on Monday January 23, 2017, we will confer the EA degree on Samuel Bryant McIlwain, son of Bro. Steven McIlwain, and grandson of Bro. Carl Bogoslawsky. It's always very exciting to have three generations of Masons represented in Martinez Lodge #710! Please plan to attend these degrees and support the candidates as we bring them to light and more light!

On January 28, 2017 at 3:00PM, WB Jarrod Coffey, Masonic Education and Leadership Development director for sub-district 10C, will conduct a Masonic Investigation class at Martinez Lodge #710. This is yet another great opportunity for Masonic education and service. One of the greatest duties we have as Masons is to guard our inner and outer doors. Find out how you can help with that by attending the course.

On Saturday February 4, 2017 at 9:00AM, The Grand Lodge Advance (formerly known as The Grand Master's Forum) will be held at The Augusta Scottish Rite building on Washington Road across from the Augusta National Golf Course. Come hear the Grand Master speak and tell us of his plans for his year as our Most Worshipful Grand Master!

And finally, please plan to attend our next regular communication on Monday February 6, 2017 at 8:00PM (dinner at 7:00PM) as we will be having an official visit from Most Worshipful Brother Gary Leazer, Grand Master of Masons in Georgia! During his visit, he will present WB Jimmie Kirkland, Bro. Joseph Taylor and Bro. Russell Williams with their 50 year aprons. I am excited for our brothers to receive this honor from our Grand Master. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,
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Masonic Anniversaries for January:

Bro. Alfred Boswell	Jan. 20, 1987
Bro. Irving Briggs	Jan. 20, 1987
Bro. John Dansby	Jan. 21, 1972
Bro. Daniel Drake	Jan. 14, 1977
Bro. William Huff	Jan. 10, 1978
WB Jimmie Kirkland	Jan. 27, 1967
Bro. David Rhoden	Jan. 26, 1989
Bro. Joseph Taylor	Jan. 31, 1967
Bro. John Tice	Jan. 14, 1977