Meridian Lodge No. 77

SENIOR OFFICERS



WB TIMOTHY J.
VENDETTI
WORSHIPFUL MASTER



WB PETER NESSING SENIOR WARDEN



BRO. ROBERT L.
MORRISON
JUNIOR WARDEN

PRIME MERIDIAN

Master's Message Winter 2025

My brothers, as we come to the close of the year I want to take time to formally thank WM Michael Waite for guiding the lodge through these last two years. We have seen a lot during the last two years as we have combined lodges, raised new brothers, and continued to strengthen the foundation of



Meriden Masonry to be strong and fortified as we move forward into the future. I also want to express my humble gratitude for entrusting me with the privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master of Meridian No. 77 for 2025! I will cherish this experience to the fullest and fully realize that this would not have been possible were it not for the guidance and support of the fraternity and more especially the Past Masters and brothers of Meridian Lodge No. 77 and Center Lodge No. 97. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for 2025 as well as we will continue to drive positive momentum in the fraternity!

Brethren, remember that even the smallest of actions are louder than the greatest of any uttered word so let's work together to continue the momentum we have in our lodge in 2025! I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As 2024 comes to an end and we begin a new year, I encourage you to remember the obligations we took and lessons we have learned in lodge. We should use our blessings to bless others around us.

I look forward to working with all of you to make lodge fun and informative and promote charity and fellowship as much as we can to help benefit the overall fraternity.

Fraternally, W.B. Tim Vendetti Worshipful Master, Meridian Lodge No. 77

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Senior Warden's Message

Brothers, warmest Fraternal and Holiday greetings from the West. As we turn a page in the Masonic year, I look forward to good work and nourishing fellowship, under the direction of the Worshipful Waster. I am sure the new year will bring challenges, but with steadfast resolution we will face the future unwavering, like a light illuminating the darkness.

Fraternally, W.B. Peter Nessing Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Message

It is truly an honor to be elected as your Junior Warden for the coming year. Many thanks to all my brothers that have supported me thus far in my masonic journey. For the upcoming year one focus will be on masonic education. To that end, I have two goals. First, to make sure that all our newly admitted brothers have the knowledge to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Second, I want to institute a program of ritual education for our Master Masons who have never been a master of the lodge. The goal of this program is to have all of brothers learn the opening and closing rituals for all the degrees to give them the opportunity to step up and show what they have learned.

I believe that education is just one motivation for brothers to stay engaged with the art so they feel they are getting something out of our bi-weekly meetings. Another motivation is assure all our brothers that all the lodge members have their back, not matter what challenges they face in their personal lives. This is something that I have experienced in light of my recent struggles of life.

As we embark on this journey for the coming year, let me say that if any brother needs anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of your brothers for help. Please do not just stop coming to the meetings because you are in a tough situation. Let us help you through these rough patches. We are all guaranteed to have bumps in the road. It's how we handle these situations that makes us better men.



Fraternally, Robert L. Morrison, Junior Warden

7:00pm

Meridian Lodge now meets at 7:00pm in order to facilitate more discussion after lodge and ensure that brothers who need to get home a little earlier can do so.

The Lodge voted at its annual meeting to adjust the start time and the Master's trestleboard reflects that change in his programming. Set your watch!



Congrats!

A hearty congratulations to our Junior Warden Bob Morrison who retires from a long and dedicated career in Wallingford Public Schools this new year.

Upcoming Events			
12/16/24	Stated Communication - Introduction of WB Tim Vendetti, committee selections, budget discussion and expectations for 2025. Fellowship afterward in dining suite.		
1/6/25	Stated Communication – Duties of each chair in the lodge as read by that officer. Festive Discussion post meeting in dining suite. Officer Pictures TUXEDO		
1/20/25	Entered Apprentice Degree - Fellowship to follow post meeting in dining suite. (TUXED)		
2/3/25	Stated Communication – Mentor/Mentee Education Topic. Festive Board Discussion Questions post meeting in dining suite.		
2/17/25	Stated Communication – Rite on the Road.		
3/3/25	Master Mason Degree - Fellowship to follow post meeting in dining suite. TUXEDO		
3/17/25	Stated Communication – Table Lodge with Dayspring No. 30		
4/7/25	Stated Communication – Q1 YTD Finance Update. Mentor/Mentee Education Topic. Fes Board Discussion Questions post meeting in dining suite.		
4/21/25	Stated Communication - Mentor/Mentee Education Topic. Festive Board Discussion Que post meeting in dining suite.		
5/5/25	Stated Communication -Guest speaker Maria Campos-Harlow: Executive director of Meri Wallingford United Way for partnership discussions.		
5/19/25	Stated Communication - Mentor/Mentee Education Topic. Festive Board Discussion Que post meeting in dining suite.		
6/2/25	Fellowcraft Degree and Inspection Night - Fellowship Post meeting TUXEDO		
6/16/25	Stated Communication – First half of year pulse check discussion. Festive Board Discussions post meeting in dining suite.		
6/30/25	Meridian Lodge No. 77 BBQ - Branford Yacht Club		

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Active Past Masters of Meridian Lodge #77			
WB Michael J. Waite	2023, 2024		
WB Timothy J. Vendetti	2022 (97), 2023(97), 2025		
WB Nicholas A. Valinsky	2020, 2021		
WB Billie Ray Keene II	2019		
WB Kenneth Cuccaro	2019 (97)		
RWB Robert J. Kovi DD	2017		
RWB Thomas J. Gondek, Grand Treas.	2014 (97) 2022 (77)		
RWB Nicholas H. Ives, Grand S. Stew.	2013		
RWB James M. Anderson, Grand Sec.	2011-2012		
WB Gokhan Kuruc	2011 (97)		
WB Matthew D. Matsil	2010		
WB Steven Abati	2010 (97)		
WB Robert A. Simon	2006, 2021 (97)		

Active Past Masters of Meridian Lodge #77			
WB Peter A. Nessing	2007-2008, 2016, 2022		
RWB Robert J. Knowles, PDD	2006 (97)		
RWB Daniel M. Luft PDD	2005		
RWB Richard A. Paquette, PDD	2004 (97)		
WB Kevin Matsil, PAGM	2003		
WB Raymond A. Basley Jr.	2002 (97)		
WB John L. Anderson, PAGM	2001, 2003 (97)		
WB Robert W. Wlodyka	1999		
WB Mark J. Fiderio	1993		
WB Theodore C. DePaola Jr.	1991		
WB John C. Fiderio	1985		
RWB Bruce Padula, PDD	1984, 2005 (97)		
RWB Roger R. Cole, PDD	1976		
RWB James R. Spencer, PDD	1972 (97)		