

Happy Holidays

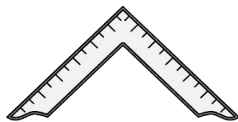
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Hobbs Masonic Lodge #63 AF & AM



From the East:

Hello Brethren,



The year is almost done and we have tried to renew older events and create new ones. Some have worked out and others haven't. I am pleased with my year as Master Hobbs Masonic Lodge #63. There is so much more to try and do but the year is just not long enough and still keep up with the traditional workings of the Lodge.

The Past Masters Dinner was a success with RWB Matt White being our special speaker. His talk was very interesting and it was good to see everyone who came out.

I want to congratulate our new officers for the upcoming 2025-26 year. I know it will be another great year. WB. Isaac Huskey, is our new Worshipful Master elect. He

"There are no strangers in Freemasonry...only friends you've yet to meet."

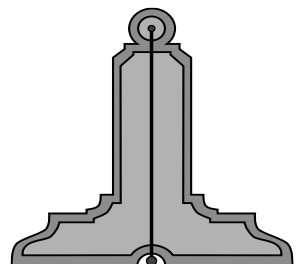
will do excellent. Brother Austin Musgrave and Bro. Michael Walker who will be our Senior and Junior Wardens respectively will also do a great job. These men have moved up twice this year and are a great asset to the lodge.

Thank you to everyone for your help during this year.

WM Jimmy Dendy 2024-25

From the West:

Reflections on a Successful Masonic Year



As we near the end of the 2025 Masonic year, I am honored to look back on the journey we have shared during my time as Senior Warden of Hobbs Lodge No. 63. Together, we have accomplished much and grown closer as brethren,

continuing to build the strong foundation of brotherhood that defines our lodge.

Highlights of the Year

Successful Degree Work: Our degree teams conducted themselves with precision, dignity, and unwavering dedication; opening and closing the lodge, initiating new brethren, and advancing others through the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. The pursuit of ritual excellence was unmistakable in every conferral.

Community Outreach: We upheld our tradition of service through participation in Masonic scholarship programs, support of the Widows Program, and by honoring the accomplishments of our youth with well-deserved recognition. The Lodge's presence in the community reflects our values and enhances Freemasonry's reputation in Dublin.

Lodge Improvements: This year, our Building & Grounds Committee has performed excellently. Keeping the lodge grounds free of weeds that pop up every year. Though we did not replace the roof, the team worked hard on the investigation and getting bids for replacement. New thermostats and AC were worked on to make the lodge as comfortable as possible. So many behind-the-scenes efforts were made by this team, and they did not go unnoticed. Thanks, Brethren.

Fellowship Events: Our social calendar was full of memorable events—monthly lodge breakfasts, the Past Masters' Dinner, and even an attempted campout weekend that unfortunately didn't come together. Each gathering strengthened our bonds and gave brethren meaningful opportunities to connect beyond formal meetings.

Masonic Education: Masonic programs were held every week to explore Masonic philosophy, history, and symbolism. The enthusiastic participation from members demonstrated our collective commitment to lifelong learning. We even explored topics not connected to Masonic education, and I truly hope we continue organizing events like this in the future.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the officers, past masters, and every brother who contributed their time and talent this year. Your support made my role as Senior Warden both rewarding and inspiring. I am proud to serve alongside men of such integrity, kindness, and dedication.

As we are preparing for the installation of new officers, I am confident that Hobbs Lodge #63 will continue to thrive. Let us carry forward the lessons learned and build on this year's successes, ever mindful of our Masonic obligations and the values that unite us.

December 13 at 2:00 p.m. is a date we won't soon forget, as many first-time officers will step into their appointed and elected positions.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as your Senior Warden. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless our Lodge and guide us in our endeavors.

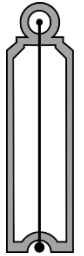
Fraternally,

SW Isaac Huskey-Master Elect

From the South:

Brethren,

As your Junior Warden this year, I stood proudly (and sometimes nervously) in the South—guardian of refreshment, overseer of snacks, and the man everyone looks to when their stomach growls louder than the gavel. It is now my honor to present this end-of-year review, written with sincerity, gratitude, and a dash of humor—mostly to keep you awake while you read it.



Accomplishments of the Junior Warden (Yes, I Promise There Were Some)

1. Master of Refreshment

I ensured the meals were warm, the drinks were cold, and the cookies didn't mysteriously disappear before the meeting. If refreshments were ever late this year, remember: patience is a virtue—and also the fault of the Senior Steward.

2. Keeper of the South

I fulfilled my duty of watching over the Lodge when "at refreshment." If a brother didn't get his snack, it was his fault.

3. Welcoming New Brothers

I greeted candidates and new Masons with enthusiasm, encouragement, and a reassuring smile that said, "Don't worry, we were confused on our first night too." I may not have had all the answers, but I had snacks—and that counts for something.

4. Ritual Participation

I participated in our degree work and did my best to remember my lines before the Worshipful Master reminded me that I had forgotten them.

But in all seriousness, each degree was an honor to help confer.

5. Maintaining Fellowship

As Junior Warden, I promoted unity, harmony, and the delicate balance between "fun" and "the Senior Warden giving me the look."

Our Lodge dinners and gatherings were full of good spirits.

Challenges & Lessons Learned

I learned that:

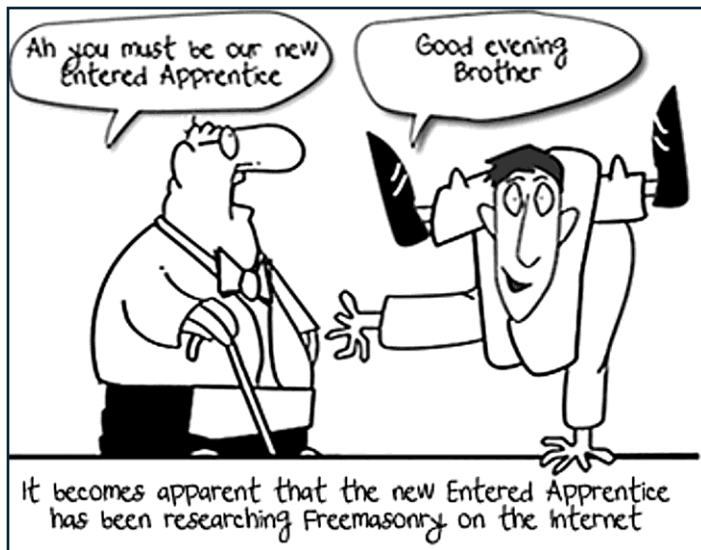
Brothers get hungry faster than expected. And no matter what the calendar says, at least one Brother will show up early and ask, "Are we eating tonight?" But most importantly, I learned how much work goes into keeping a Lodge running smoothly and how much each officer depends on the others.

Looking Ahead

As we move into a new Masonic year, I look forward to serving wherever needed, improving my ritual work, and continuing to protect the Lodge from snack shortages and empty coffee pots. I promise to help keep the South warm, welcoming, and fully stocked.

Brethren, thank you for your trust, your patience, and your appetite. It has been an honor to serve—truly. I look forward to serving as your Senior Warden next year!

Fraternally (and humorously) submitted,
JW Bro. Austin Musgrave-SW Elect



Installation of Officers for 2025-26

December 13th, 2025

Time: 2 pm

Installing Officer:
MWB Bobby Arther

Installing Marshal:
MWB Gary Deck

Installing Chaplain:
RWB Eddie Lynch

Officers for 2025-26

Worshipful Master: **Isaac Huskey PM**

Senior Warden: **Austin Musgrave**

Junior Warden: **Michael Walker**

Treasurer: **Bobby Arther PGM**

Secretary: **Bobby Clark PM**

Chaplain: **Bob Jackson PM**

Assistant Secretary: **Dan Dodson PM**

Senior Deacon: **Guillermo Garcia**

Junior Deacon: **Lorenzo Velasquez**

Senior Steward: **Dyllan Yarbrough**

Junior Steward: **Joshua Dougless**

Marshal: **Larry Bishop PM**

Tyler: **Jim Dendy PM**



⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. **LUKE 2:9-11**





Mark Twain: *A Legacy of Pipe Smoking*

November 30th is Mark Twain's birthday—a date that really ought to outrank Groundhog Day. He's the father of American literature, the father of American humor, and very much the patron saint of

tobacco jokes.

One of the most iconic things about Twain is his smoking. In *Huckleberry Finn*, Huck asks the Widow Douglas if he can smoke and she refuses because it's "a mean practice"—while she herself takes snuff. Huck instantly spots the hypocrisy: her tobacco is fine because *she's* the one using it. That's Twain's humor from the start—tobacco as a mirror for human double standards.

Twain saw that same attitude in real life. When he first walked through Hartford "smoking, of course," he noticed hardly any other men were. Later, in "The Moral Statistician," he mocked anti-smokers who piled up numbers about damaged health and wasted money, saying he could light his pipe with their statistics and that they only ever saw one side of the question.

In the 19th century, tobacco came in many forms: snuff and chewing tobacco, cigars, and the newly popular cigarette—but above all, the pipe. Twain owned briar, cherry, and especially meerschaum pipes, those delicate white Turkish pipes that gradually turn honey-colored as they're smoked. They were expensive, fragile, and very dignified—perfect for the respectable Samuel Langhorne Clemens side of his personality.

But Twain's favorite was the lowly corncob. When Rudyard Kipling scolded him for putting fine tobacco in a cheap cob, Twain grandly replied that it was not a corncob at all, but a "Missouri Meerschaum." He even claimed he wouldn't smoke a new cob: it had to be "broken in" for a couple of weeks first. The meerschaum suited the gentleman; the corncob suited "Mark Twain," the riverboat pilot telling tall tales.

In old age, he joked about his "tobacco heart," but never really regretted a single puff. When warned that smoking might shorten his life by ten years, he said any

decade without smoking wouldn't be worth having anyway. On his 70th birthday he summed up his policy: he never smoked when asleep—and never refrained when awake.

His final word on the subject came in "Concerning Tobacco" (1906), where he concluded that taste in tobacco has no real standard at all: each man's preference is the only rule that can command him. In other words, Mark Twain smoked what he liked, how he liked, and turned even that habit into literature and laughter.

Summarized from an article by Sasha T. Miller,
<https://capitalwriters.net/2016/04/07/cultural-pipe-smoking/>

From the Secretary's Desk:

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE?!?

Go to <https://nm.grandview.systems> then click on the member portal link in the upper right corner. There you can register. There is also a video that tells you how to do it. The system will let you register with or without the "M" in your member number.

