THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

As we enter the final two months of 2026, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have shared throughout this Masonic year. It has been a year of Brotherhood, growth, fellowship, meaningful degree work, Masonic education, and service to our Lodge and community.

Owens Lodge No. 164 has continued to move forward because of the dedication and commitment of its Brethren. I am especially grateful to our officers, Past Masters, committee chairmen, and every Brother who has given his time, talents, and resources to support our Lodge. Whether working behind the scenes, assisting with degree work, mentoring our newer members, or participating in Lodge activities, your contributions have made a difference.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember the blessings of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Let us be mindful of our less fortunate Brethren, remember our widows, and reach out to those who may need a helping hand or simply the fellowship of another Brother.

December brings us an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season and reflect on what truly matters. The principles of Freemasonry extend far beyond the Lodge room. They are demonstrated in how we treat our families, serve our communities, support one another, and conduct ourselves in our daily lives.

As my year in the East draws to a close, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the confidence, encouragement, and support you have shown me throughout this journey. Serving as your Worshipful Master has been both an honor and a privilege. I have learned that leadership is not measured by the title we hold, but by our willingness to serve, listen, encourage, and bring Brethren together.

I encourage each of you to continue supporting our incoming officers, remain active in our Lodge, and take an interest in the continued growth of our newer members. The gavel may change hands, but our Masonic obligations and responsibilities remain. Let us leave Owens Lodge stronger, more united, and better prepared for those who will follow us.
On behalf of Cat and myself, I wish each of you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. It has truly been an honor to sit in the East.

Fraternally,
Worshipful Joselito "Joe" Paler

<u>November and December Events:</u>
Nov. 4 - Nov. 7, 2026 - Grand Annual Communication in Richmond
Nov. 12, 2026 - November Stated Meeting 6:30 PM Refreshment - 7:30 PM Open
Nov. 19, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Pre-Annual Meeting of Elected Officers and Past Masters at
Gus and Georges Spaghetti and Steak House
4312 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Nov. 26, 2026 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Dec. 10, 2026 - 5:30PM - December Stated - Installation of Officers (Closed Installation).
Dec. 25, 2026 - CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec. 27, 2026 - Saint John the Evangelist Day
Dec. 31, 2026 NEW YEARS EVE

2027 Dues will be increasing to $250. Check your emails and make every effort to pay on line.