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### Masonic Birthdays for December

Thomas E. Krouse, PM	1950
Kenneth O. Shelton, PM	1964
Joseph T. Evans, PM	1974
David G. Arnold, PM	1981
Richard B. Wade, PM	1981
Michael A. Cornelius	1984
Maher M. Zarou	1989
William B. Sutherland	1980
David L. Wang	2009

### Happy Masonic Birthday!!!



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## Year's End

Brethren,

First, our stated meeting and elections are on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. And we'll be balloting on 3 petitions as well. An open Installation of 2011 Officers will follow on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> (the Tuesday before Christmas). Installation practice will be Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

I've talked to the Audit committee, and I'm happy to report both that the books balance and that our recent dues increase has indeed brought us back into the black. Though not by much.

At the end of the 2010 Masonic year, as I look back, I'm humbled by what you, my brothers have achieved.

We successfully completed a Hillman award. If you've read the application form, you are already aware that this is not a trivial achievement, especially for a lodge like ours. And it would not have happened without your work. I'd especially like to thank Kevin Harp, who herded us all to the various fraternal visits; Luis Pages, who introduced me to Ms. Kaminsky-Millar (our Community Builder's Award recipient), and who is leading the effort to create a new Royal Arch Chapter at Ashburn; Jason Matchett, who led our successful Blood Drives; and Bill Buckler and Charles

Maranto, who organized another very successful Thanksgiving dinner for the folks at the Good Shepherd's Alliance.

As the year's progressed, I've also seen more of you step forward to ask "What can I do for the Lodge?" All of the ideas that have been proposed have been good ones; many we've had before. But now, you, my brothers, are putting those ideas into action; now, we finally have enough brothers to transform these ideas into actions. And this is the single most gratifying thing I've seen.

When I began this year, I said my theme was "Improvement In Masonry" – and thanks to your efforts, I believe that theme has been fulfilled. Brothers,

Congratulations and Thanks for a wonderful year,

## John F. Meehan

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District Team

### District Deputy Grand

**Master:** Rt. Wor. James Cromer

### District Instructor of Work:

Chris C. Thompson, PM, PDDGM

### District Education Officer:

Charles Maranto, PM

### District Masonic Home

#### Ambassador:

John G. McWilliams

### District Blood Coordinator:

Richard Earl Belles, PDDGM

### District Membership

**Coordinator:** Russ Baneck, PM

### District Services

**Coordinator:** Luis Pages, PM, PDDGM



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*Harry S. Truman  
President of the United States*

## Calendar of Events

### December

First Saturday – 12/4

Child ID

First Tuesday – 12/7

Master Mason's Degree

@ Hamilton-Thompson

7:30 pm

Second Tuesday – 12/14

6:45 pm

Dinner & Fellowship

7:30 pm

Stated Meeting & 2011 Elections

Third Tuesday – 12/21

2011 Installation

7:30 pm

Fourth Tuesday – 12/28

Merry Christmas; Nothing at Lodge



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