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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

As we enter the months of July and August, I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and rewarding summer with family and friends. These warmer months provide us with an opportunity to recharge, strengthen family bonds, and reflect upon the principles that unite us as Freemasons.

During July, my family and I will be attending a Mendoza (Paler) Family Reunion in the Bahamas. While I will be away from July 10-20, I am confident that our Officers and Brethren will continue the good work of our Lodge. I appreciate the dedication and support that each of you has shown throughout the year.

One of the goals I established at the beginning of my term was to increase participation in Lodge activities and encourage visitation throughout our District and beyond. I am grateful for the Brethren who have joined me on visits to neighboring Lodges and District events. These visits strengthen our fraternal ties and demonstrate the vitality of Owens Lodge No. 164. I encourage every Brother to attend a Lodge visit, fellowship event, or community activity whenever possible.

The summer months also provide an excellent opportunity to reconnect with Brothers we have not seen in some time. A simple phone call, text message, or visit can remind a Brother that he remains an important part of our Masonic family. Let us continue to practice Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth not only within the walls of our Lodge but also in our daily lives.

I would also like to thank our Officers, Committeemen, and volunteers who continue to dedicate their time and talents to the success of our Lodge. Your efforts ensure that Owens Lodge remains a welcoming place for all who enter.

As we look forward to the remainder of the year, let us remain committed to supporting our Lodge, our District, our youth organizations, and one another. Together we can continue building upon the strong foundation laid by those who came before us.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe watch over you and your families, grant you health and happiness, and guide us in all our endeavors.

Achievements & Lodge Visits:

- 5-8; Maynilad Lodge No. 1521 1st Anniversary @ The Boilers Club in Washington D.C.
- 5-20; Stewart Deem School of Instruction Scene I
- 5-23; Family Day Picnic @ Chesapeake City Park
- 6-2; JW Wardens Night practice
- 6-4; Warwick Lodge No. 336 Stated Communication
- 6-6; Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778 Stated Communication
- 6-7; St. John the Baptist Feast Day @ Holy Spirit Catholic Church & WM's Luncheon @ Ocean Grill
- 6-11; Owens Lodge No. 164 Jr. Wardens Night- RW Gutierrez Guest Speaker
- 6-13; Fellowship & Sistership at Bro. BJ Floresca's
- 6-15; Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18 Stated Communication- Retrieved the Warwick Lodge No. 336 State Traveling Gavel, MW William F. Perdue
- 6-24; Stewart Deem School of Instruction Scene II

- > Ritual practice every Tuesday at 630p- WM Paler's or RWB Elefane's residence. On the 2nd Tuesday practice at the Norfolk Masonic Temple
- > Calcott Ritual School every Wednesday

Fraternally,
Worshipful Joselito "Joe" Paler