

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE
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FROM THE EAST

My Brethren,
As we enter the months of September and October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we have made together this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master, and I am truly grateful for the continued support, dedication, and brotherly love shown by the Brethren of Owens Lodge No. 164.

Our Lodge is only as strong as the Brethren who are willing to participate. Whether you are serving in the Officers' line, assisting with degree work, attending Stated Communications, helping with our committees, supporting our charitable activities, or simply showing up to spend time with your Brothers—**your presence matters.**

One of my goals this year has been to strengthen our Lodge through **Brotherhood, Education, Ritual, and Service.** We have made progress in each of these areas, but there is still much work to be done. I encourage every Brother to find a place where he can contribute. You do not have to do everything; simply do what you can, when you can.

September and October are especially important months for Owens Lodge. We will continue our ritual work, Masonic education, Lodge activities, and fellowship while preparing for the final months of the Masonic year. I especially encourage our newer Brethren to become involved and take advantage of every opportunity to learn our ritual, attend Calcott School, participate in degree work, and learn what it truly means to be a Mason.

Freemasonry is not something we simply belong to—it is something we practice.
Let us continue to live our obligations outside the Lodge as well as within it. Let us be examples to our families, our communities, our fellow Brothers, and those who may one day seek admission into our fraternity.

I also want to thank our Officers, Past Masters, Committee Chairmen, and every Brother who has contributed his time and talents to Owens Lodge this year. No Master accomplishes anything alone. The success of this Lodge is the result of Brothers working together toward a common purpose.

As we approach the final months of my year in the East, I ask that we remain committed to finishing strong. Let us continue to support our Senior and Junior Wardens, prepare our future leaders, strengthen our membership, and leave Owens Lodge better than we found it.

Most importantly, Brethren, remember our **24-Inch Gauge.** Masonry teaches us to properly divide our time between our service to God, our families, our vocations, and our duties as Masons. We should never lose sight of the people and responsibilities that matter most.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless Owens Lodge No. 164, our families, our Brothers, and our great fraternity.
I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge.

Achievements & Lodge Visits: