

Dear Brethren,

**From the East**

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the **522<sup>nd</sup> & 523<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communications** of Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647 F.& A.M. to be held on

**Thursday Evening, Feb. 8, 2018  
at 7:30 p.m.**

for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge and then we will have

**Guest Lecturer**

and on

**Thursday Evening, Feb. 22, 2018  
at 7:30 p.m.**

for the transaction of such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge and then we will have

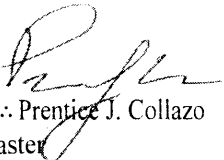
**MDC FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

**Officers' Dress:**


**Feb. 08**.....Dark Business Suit

**Feb. 22**.....Dark Business Suit

By order of:

  
W.: Prentice J. Collazo  
Master



  
W.: Frank A. Mesa  
Secretary

Greeting Brethren,

Lodge. We held a Fellowcraft Degree at our first meeting, and at our second meeting we had our Robert Burns Festive Board. I want to first thank our Senior Warden Americo Paez and all who participated in conducting a great Fellowcraft degree. We are attempting to follow in the footsteps of the great ritualists that this lodge has produced. Our Robert Burns Festive Board was a success. Whether it was your first time attending or you are a regular at this event I am sure everyone who attended had a great time. Oh and let me not forget the Haggis and for those of you who had some I tip my hat to you. Brethren we have a new service that the lodge is providing, it is called Our Lodge Page (OLP). One of the great benefits we get from using OLP is it fully integrated with MORI. Members can now pay their Dues online and OLP will automatically update MORI. There are a lot of other benefits and features that I will go over at our next meeting.

Fraternally,

W.: Prentice J. Collazo

Master

**From the West**

Greetings,

What an exciting way to start the New Year. At our first communication, six worthy Brothers were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. It was a beautiful evening and the members of aurora Grata performed a great ritual. Relative to the 2nd degree, there is a wonderful podcast that I listen to called Whence Came You, hosted by R. W. Robert

Johnson. There is a segment called 'The Masonic Minute' and episode 069 - We Are All Scientists, released this week by Brother Steve Harrison, was about the reconciliation of the Natural Sciences and a belief in Deity. It was worded so eloquently that I'm bound to do the segment injustice. It highlighted the fundamental truth that a sound understanding of Logic and mathematics leads one to being able to grasp the remainder of the Liberal Arts and Sciences; and understanding all of them aid us in knowing the Great Architect. I would recommend the podcasts to all my brothers, particularly the newly passed Fellowcrafts. <https://youtu.be/0ZX8SAfUbx0>.

As has been our custom since Kilwinning Sunset lodge and Aurora Grata merged and became a single and greater lodge, in January, we also held our Robert Burns Festive Board. It was not only well attended, but the strength of tradition was strong. From the piper, to the haggis, our Scottish beginnings are in no danger from being forgotten. I commend our Junior Warden Walter Leong and Toast Master R.W. Joe Quinones on organizing such a memorable event. I look forward to meeting you brothers again soon, on the level.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Americo Paez  
Senior Warden

### **From the South**

Greetings from the South,

I hope that when you receive this communication that you and your families are doing well. At the first meeting in January our Senior Warden Americo Paez conferred the Fellow Craft Degree upon Brothers Andre Cherrington, Damon Clark, Daniel Leavy,

Derrick Bowers, Javier Alcantarilla & Jorge Anton. Congratulations to Brother Americo Paez & the rest of the degree team for doing an outstanding job.

The second meeting in January was our Annual Robert Burns Festive Board. The event was attended by approximately 40 Brothers of the Lodge, visiting Brothers, Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts & Candidates & everyone enjoyed the evening. Our Toastmaster for the evening was R.: W.: Joseph Quinones & he did a great job. I would like to thank W.: Richard Dutton for doing the Ode to the Haggis, R.:W.: Robert Remington for the Ode to his Immortal Memory & Jerry Dixon for playing the bagpipes. I want to thank Brothers Americo Paez, Joseph Pagan, Bryan Barkhurst, Michael Barreau & Edward Martinez for helping with the set up & clean up. Also, a special thanks to R.: W.: Joseph Quinones for picking up the wine, Scotch & Scottish pastries. As I was making the preparations for Robert Burns Night I thought back to the time I was raised in Kilwinning Lodge. I thought about the Brothers who initiated, passed & raised me & it brought back many fond memories. It also reminded me of how much my father & all the members of Kilwinning Lodge enjoyed Robert Burns night when we met in Brooklyn years ago. During the month of February we will be having a guest lecturer & the Fellow Craft Section of the MDC Course. I urge all the Brothers to come to these meetings to further their light in Masonry.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Walter R. Leong  
Junior Warden

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



**Brother George Washington's  
Masonic Apron**

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Founding President of Phoenixmasonry  
Cont. from Dec 2017 Communication

The "All-Seeing Eye" is a symbol of watchfulness and the eye of the Grand Architect. It is the symbol of his Divine watchfulness and care of the Universe. The All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun, Moon, and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits. The "Rays" represent "Light". Freemasons are emphatically called "The Sons of Light" because they are entitled to be in possession of the true meaning and knowledge of this symbol. It is in fact the first of all symbols presented to the initiate, and continues to be presented to him in various forms throughout his Masonic career. But as Light not only came from God, it also makes man's way clear before him, so it is employed to signify moral truth. The "Dove" in early Masonry is a symbol of Noah's messenger. In ancient symbolism, the Dove represented purity and innocence and was often seen bearing an olive branch.

The constellation of "Seven Six-pointed Stars" in Masonry represents the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences: They are Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy. The Six-pointed Star symbolizes Divine Providence and is the Star of David or Shield of David. This starry-decked heaven is where all good Masons hope at last to arrive by aid of that "Theological Ladder" which Jacob

in his vision saw extending from Earth to Heaven, the principal rounds of which are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity, which admonish us to have Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity toward all Mankind. The greatest of these is Charity; for our faith may be lost in sight, hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity!

**From the Secretary's Desk**

Please send in your 2018 membership dues if you have not already done so. If you are having financial difficulties please contact me.



# Thank You!

May the Great Architect of the Universe  
Protect and keep us all, Amen...