

Dear Brethren,

**From the East**

You and your Masonic friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the **512<sup>th</sup> & 513<sup>th</sup> Stated Communications** of Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647 F.& A.M. to be held on

**Thursday Evening, June 8, 2017  
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

**School of Instruction / Rusty Nail Night**

and on

**Thursday Evening, June 22, 2017  
at 7:30 p.m.**

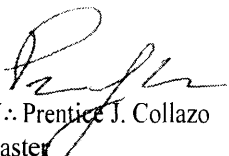
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**SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVE BOARD**

**Officers' Dress:**

June 08.....Dark Business Suit  
June 22.....Dark Business Suit

By order of:

  
W.: Prentice J. Collazo  
Master

  
W.: Frank A. Mesa  
Secretary



Greeting Brethren,

Thank you for electing me as the Master of AGDS. I would also like to express my thanks to the outgoing Master W.: Frank Mesa. Frank provided the Lodge with excellent leadership. He will continue his work with the Lodge as the Secretary. The newly elected officers and I will continue to work hard to meet the challenges that lie ahead. We will continue our efforts to reach out to every member and widow of this lodge. My personal goal is to increase the communication and participation between the members and the lodge. This year we will focus on ritual instruction and membership retention. The future of this Lodge rests on the increased participation of its members. We welcome your increased participation and involvement in our lodge. There are several committees which will be revived this year and need members. So if you have the time to volunteer please contact the secretary. I have assigned almost each officer of the lodge a committee. This will ensure that committee work will get done.

The Lodge will continue to support our social activities. I plan to increase the social activities we have. I have received a lot of input from our senior members of the social activities this lodge has had in the past. For this to occur we need your participation.

Fraternally,  
W.: Prentice J. Collazo  
Master

**From the West**

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the newly appointed Senior Warden of Aurora

Grata Day Star Lodge #647. I congratulate Worshipful Prentice Collazo as our newly elected Master. His dedication to this lodge and district over the years have been exemplary, and I look forward to the upcoming Masonic year with him at the helm. What an august time to be a Freemason. June 2017 marks the 300th anniversary of the initial meeting of four Operative Lodges at the Goose and Gridiron Tavern that would lead to the formation of the first Grand Lodge, and modern Freemasonry as we know it. Freemasonry has since shone as a beacon of light to the world, through its members. Its presence is felt on six continents, but felt most strongly in the individual lives of its members, and all those who know its members. This Tricentennial however is not just a time to reflect on the greatness the Fraternity has enjoyed through these centuries, but also a reminder to live by those same values, and encourage one another to invoke and perpetuate that greatness every day. Let this generation of Freemasons, and generations to follow be encouraged, and given the working tools they need to leave an indelible mark in their homes, in their communities, within the Brotherhood and also on our society as a whole. Greatness is not behind us, it is ahead us. We invite you to our Saint John's Day Festive Board on Thursday, June 22nd. This was celebrated 300 years ago when those four lodges met. It had already been an ancient tradition by then, and we hope that you will come out and be with us as this lodge carries out this time-honored tradition.

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. This is my first communication from the south and I would like to thank the Brothers of the Lodge for electing me as Junior Warden. I look forward to working with our new Master W.: Prentice Collazo and all the officers this year. Also, many thanks to W.: Mark Amerise and R.:W.: Joseph Quinones for doing an excellent job installing the officers. I want to congratulate our Past Master W.: Frank A. Mesa on a job well done. He did an excellent job of including Masonic education in every meeting I attended this year. I look forward to working with him in the future. At our second meeting in May the Master reviewed the Trestle Board and committees for the year. W.: Prentice Collazo has planned masonic education and social events for the coming year and I urge you all to attend as many events as possible. There was also a presentation by R.:W.: Joseph Quinones on the procedures for balloting on a candidate which was very informative. The Summer Solstice will be held on June 22nd. We will be honoring our Past Master W.: Frank A. Mesa please come out and congratulate him on a job well done. This will also be a Brother bring a Friend Night. Please invite any member of your family or friends that are interested in becoming members of the craft. The Lodge & the District are planning several activities for the summer months. Letters and emails will be circulated with details of these events. As we go from labor to refreshment for the summer months I hope that the Brothers and their families all have an enjoyable summer. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Walter R. Leong  
Junior Warden

## Message from Our Junior Deacon

Dear Brethren,

May this brief message find you and yours in good health of mind, body and spirit! I am impelled to congratulate our most recent past WM Brother Frank Mesa on an outstanding year of leadership of labor in the quarries...placing us in a better position financially, socially and educationally! We should be excited about the coming Masonic year as the torch has been passed to the very able brother and craftsman who has proven himself in the quarries this past year as a stellar secretary, our newly elected WM Brother Prentice Collazo. Let each of us remember that no great edifice such as the pyramid of Giza was built without the sum of its parts. Hence let each one of us become proactive in the creation of a great new year in collaboration with our newly elected W. M. ---- void of all discordant passions!

Fraternally,  
Bro. Michel Barreau, Jr  
Junior Deacon

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jun 8**.....School of Instruction Rusty Nail Night

**Jun 22**.....Summer Solstice Festive Board, Brother Bring a Friend Night

**Jun 30**.....Comedy Night

**July 22**.....Summer Barbeque

## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren I thank you for electing me as your secretary for the ensuing year. I want to thank all the brothers who supported me.

Please turn in your MORI Data Sheets. If you haven't paid your dues please do! If you are having financial difficulties please contact me.

# Thank You!

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

