

# Ernest Everett Just Lodge No.27 TRESTLEBOARD

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# View From the East

By Juan Burney, W.M.

# **Stated Meeting**

Third Saturday: 9:00 AM

## **Executive Meeting**

Third Wednesday 7:30 PM

Juan C. Burney **Worshipful Master** 

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Greeting from the East,

Brethren, I humbly accepted this great honor and privilege that you have bestowed upon me as the Master of this Lodge. Brethren, having accepted this position as the Worshipful Master, I understand that this is not position but a responsibility. As stated before, I sincerely promise and swear that I will give the upmost care to ensuring this Masonic year is successful. I also congratulate the dedicated Brothers who have been elected and appointed as Officers and committee members and greatly look forward to working with each of you in shaping this Masonic year into the best ever.

Now, how do I as the Worshipful Master accomplish this? Through providing leadership, enforcing the standards, and developing achievable goals with the assistance of our Senior/Junior Wardens, the support of our Craft and capitalizing on the experiences of our Past Master's.

As of October 21,2023, our membership is at 27. I have no doubt that this will increase by at least 15 at the end of this administration. I leave you with, Matthew 7, vs 7:8.

Fraternally Yours, Juan Burney Worshipful Master



By Sheldon Smith Senior Warden



Greetings from the West,

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. It is with a sense of duty and responsibility that I address you today as the Senior Warden of our esteemed craft.

I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment and support in upholding the principles and values of our lodge. In the upcoming months, we have several significant events and activities planned. These include degree work, educational presentations, and various social gatherings. I encourage all brethren to actively participate and contribute to these events. Your involvement not only strengthens our Lodge but also enhances your personal Masonic experience.

I also want to emphasize the importance of open communication and transparency within our Lodge. If you have any concerns, suggestions, and/or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the leadership team. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and adapt to the changing needs of our craft.

In conclusion, let us continue to work together as a united and harmonious Lodge, upholding the tenets of Freemasonry and enriching our own lives in the process. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and sharing in the fellowship that makes our craft so special.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless and guide each of you on your Masonic journey.

Fraternally Yours, SW Smith



By Anthony Thomas Junior Warden



Greetings from the South,

Brethren,

It's an honor and privilege to serve as the Junior Warden. It is with great pride and gratitude that I accept this opportunity. The characteristics of a servant leader is what I will bring to Ernest Everett Just Lodge No.27. Empathy, listening, stewardship, and commitment to the personal growth of others. I humbly accept this opportunity to gain knowledge, and experience, empowering, and developing others by providing them with the tools they need for us to grow amongst the leadership in our craft. I am committed to the growth of others and building the community. I understand that I will be charged with assisting the Worshipful Master in performing his duties and the Senior Warden in executing his duties. I will ensure the well-being of the brethren during the lodge's hours of refreshment, which will remind us to find balance in our lives and cultivate moral discipline in our pursuit of truth.

"As the Sun in the South at its Meridian height is the glory and beauty of the day, so stands the Junior Warden in the South."

Fraternally Yours, JW Thomas

#### **2023-2024 MASONIC YEAR**

#### **Elected Officers**

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# DECEMBER 2023 (NATIONAL AIDS/HIV AWARENESS MONTH)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 D.H. Jackson (7:00pm est)	7 First Day of Hanukkah USC-DC (New Orleans, LA)	8 USC-DC (New Orleans, LA)	9 USC-DC (New Orleans, LA)
10	11	12	13 E.E. Just Executive meeting (7:30 pm est)	14	15	9:00 am  DARK  11:00 am  12:00 pm
17	18	19	20 NAJIB Divan meeting (8:00 pm est.)	21	22	23 11:00 12:00 pm
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanza	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

# E.E. Just No. 27

**12/06** D.H. Jackson meeting: 7:00 pm est.

12/13 Executive meeting 7:30 pm est. (elected/appointed officers) 12/16 Stated meeting, 9:00 am est.

CONSISTORY 12/23 MHE 12:00

## YORK RITE

12/16 HRAM: Dark 12/16 R&SM: 11:00 am 12/16 KT: 12:00 am

#### SHRINE

**12/20** Divan meeting: 8:00 pm **12/23** TEMPLE: 11: 00 am

# JANUARY 2024 (NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31	1 New Year's Day	2	3 D.H. Jackson (7:00pm est)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 E.E. Just North Hands-on Training 10:00 am
14	15 MLK Day	16	17 E.E. Just Executive meeting (7:30 pm est)	18	E.E. Just (North) IHOP Fellowship 7:00 pm est	20 \$\int \text{9:00 am}\$  10:00 am  11:00 am  12:00 pm
21	22	23	24 NAJIB Divan meeting (8:00 pm est.)	25	26	27 11:00 12:00 pm
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# E.E. Just No. 27

1/03 D.H. Jackson meeting: 7:00 pm

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1/13 HoT Smiths Station, AL

10:00 am

1/17 Executive meeting 7:30 pm est. (elected/appointed officers)

1/19 (North) Fellowship 7:00 pm

est.

IHOP, Phenix City, AL

1/20 Stated meeting, 9:00 am est.

(E.A. via Zoom)

**CONSISTORY** 

**1/27** MHE: 12:00 pm

## YORK RITE

1/20 HRAM: 10:00 am 1/20 R&SM: 11:00 am

**1/20** KT: 12:00 am

#### **SHRINE**

1/24 Divan meeting: 8:00 pm 1/27 TEMPLE: 11: 00 am

# FEBRUARY 2024 (BLACK HISTORY MONTH)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 E.E. Just (North) in-person training 11:00 am
4	5	6	7 D.H. Jackson meeting (7:00pm est.)	8	9	10 New Year's Day
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	E.E. Just Executive meeting (7:30 pm est)	16	9:00 am  10:00 am  11:00 am  12:00 nm
18	19 President's day	20	21 NAJIB Divan meeting (8:00 pm est.)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

# E.E. Just No. 27

2/07 D.H. Jackson meeting 7:00pm est. 2/03 (North) in-person training 11:00 am est. (Location: WM's

residence)

2/15 Executive meeting 7:30 pm est. (elected/appointed officers)
2/17 Stated meeting, 9:00 am est.

(F.C. via Zoom)

CONSISTORY

N/A

#### YORK RITE

**2/17** HRAM: 10:00 am **2/17** R&SM: 11:00 am **2/17** KT: 12:00 am

#### SHRINE

**2/21** Divan meeting: 8:00 pm **2/24** TEMPLE: 11: 00 am

# MARCH 2024 (WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 D.H. Jackson meeting (7:00pm est.)	7	8	9
10	11 Ramadan begins	12	13 E.E. Just Executive meeting (7:30 pm est)	14	15	9:00 am  10:00 am  11:00 am  12:00 pm
7 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 First Day of Spring	20 NAJIB Divan meeting (8:00 pm est.)	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter Sunday						
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# E.E. Just No. 27

N/A

**3/06** D.H. Jackson meeting 7:00 pm est.

3/13 Executive meeting 7:30 pm est. (elected/appointed officers)
3/16 Ancient Craft Raising

(Location TBD) York Rite Weekend (Location TBD)

CONSISTORY

## YORK RITE

**3/16** HRAM: 10:00 am **3/16** R&SM: 11:00 am **3/16** KT: 12:00 am

#### SHRINE

**3/20** Divan meeting: 8:00 pm **3/23** TEMPLE: 11:00 am





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January								
	February							
March								

# **WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CORNER**

How to Act in Lodge

Masonry has a formal etiquette of its own. A certain level of decorum is required at all times and the Master is always in charge. Unlike most other organizations, the Master has a great deal of latitude in the way he conducts his Lodge, and his decisions can be appealed only to the Grand Lodge.

The gavel in the hands of the Master of the Lodge is one of the symbols of authority by which he governs. When the gavel is sounded in the East, at the beginning of Lodge, the brethren must come to order. Two raps call the Officers to their feet, and three raps mean that all brethren must stand. One rap seats anyone in the Lodge who is standing.

If the Master addresses you by name, arise, face the East, give the due guard and sign of the appropriate degree and listen to his instruction. If you wish to speak, arise, face the East, and wait until the Master recognizes you; give the due guard and sign of the appropriate degree, then address your remarks to him.

When entering or retiring from an open Lodge, you must always approach the Altar and salute the Master by giving the due guard and sign.

When prayers are given, all Masons stand and bow their heads. No Lodge can be opened, stay open, or be closed, without prayer which is offered by the Master or Chaplain. The prayer should avoid offense or sectarianism in the Lodge. At the end of the prayer, each brother responds with the words "So Mote It Be," which mean "So May It Be."

Lodge Education Program
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Jurisdiction of the U.S. Virgin Islands



# GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

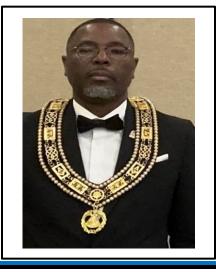
Good day Brothers,

I am John Wallace, your District Deputy Grand Master of District 3, U.S. Virgin Islands, and its Jurisdiction. Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution that as some must of necessity guide and teach, so others must of course learn, submit, and obey; humility in each is an essential qualification.

I therefore trust that we shall have but one aim in view, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communication happiness. As this Lodge has been formed and perfected with so much unanimity and concord, long may it continue; may brotherly love and affection ever distinguish us as men, and as Masons.

May the principle and tenets of our profession, which are founded on the basis of religious truth and virtue. Teach us to measure our actions by the rule of rectitude. Square our conduct by the principles of morality and guide our inclinations and even our thoughts within the compass of propriety. Hence, we learn to be meek, humble, and resigned, to be faithful to our God, our Country, and our laws, to drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother and to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted. May these principles and tenets be transmitted pure and unpolluted through this Lodge from generation to generation.

Fraternally, John Wallace PM, DDGM



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