



Trestle Board

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Calendar of Events

- 9/3:** Our Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm sharp
9/5: Masters & Wardens, St Cloud No 221 - 8am breakfast, meeting at 9am.
9/5: Memorial Lodge DDGM Visit directly following Masters & Wardens
9/10: York Rite Chapter at Eola Lodge 207, 7:30 PM
9/15: Orange 34 Rainbow Virtual Installation 7 PM (flyer page 7)
9/17: Our Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm
9/23: District School Of Instruction, St Cloud No 221 at 7pm
9/26: Open Books at Winter Park No 239 – 8am-12pm
9/29: MLT at 7pm Eola Lodge No 207 – Modules 02, 05, 06, 07.
(This is the last MLT of the year in our District.)



We had an amazing turnout for our August 20th meeting, with our District Deputy Ricky Ricks and the District Deputy, Gary Gamache from The 15th District along with several visiting brothers

September Charity

United cerebral palsy
of Winter Garden



From the East



Greetings from the East

I hope that as of the publication of this Trestle board every one of the Brethren and their families are fine and enjoying great health.

August was a very fine month and much was accomplished at the lodge. At our second stated communication we had the pleasure of having our D.D.G.M. R.W. Ricky Ricks of the proud 16th Masonic District and the D.D.G.M. of the 15th Masonic District, R.W. Gary J. Gamache Sr. and some of his Committeemen as guests. It was indeed gratifying to know that our distinguished brethren would travel to visit our lodge for fellowship. In the coming months I would like to get some brothers together to travel to Clermont, Leesburg and lodges within our own district to show that we value their friendship, fellowship and that we care. On August 29th we are also preparing to raise five (5) brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to these bothers and thanks to the brothers who took the time to prepare them for their Masonic journey. R.W. Jerry W. Clark and W. Mike Kramer started teaching the second portion of the Master Ma-

son Degree (MMD). The classes are extremely informative and the R.W. encourages questions from the craft. I encourage all brothers to go and learn either the whole section or certain parts. It would indeed be fantastic when we at Winter Garden can perform our own second section part of the MMD. The classes are informal and require very little of your time. The classes are conducted every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Brother Steve Czerniejewski produced the first episode of our series "Speaking with the East." The graphics, sound and display are all creative products of Brother Steve who did a fantastic job with the editing and production. As you are aware, the goal of the series is to memorialize as much of our lodge's Masonic history by interviewing past Masters about their year in the East, as well as their recollections of other past Masters and Brothers who are no longer with us. Our first interview was conducted with Worshipful Bart Patria, W.M. 2006. Brother S.D. Jose has suggested that we include long serving brother members of our lodge in the series. The series will benefit future generations of Masons by allowing them see and hear the wisdom of our treasured past Masters and senior brother members. Our next two past masters up for recording are W. Paul Tinsley and W. Thomas Jenkins. If you have any questions for them or have suggestions as to who we should interview next please forward them to Brothers S.W. Luis, J.W. Steve, S.D. Jose or myself.

Communication, Accountability and Unity are the words of our M.W. Grand Master Thomas L. Turlington Jr. He believes it is important that we not only seek to encourage and grow our fraternity but to help, aid, and assist the brothers we already have. With this in mind I was

asked to please continue to provide sources of assistance for our Brethren in need. I encourage all brothers who know of ways to help, aid and assist our brethren to please share it with me for publication in our Masonic Trestle board or to be announced during our Stated Communications.

Health, Mental and Social Services

The Heart of Florida United Way connects residents to critical health and social service resources when they need help. Florida residents impacted by COVID-19 can contact 2-1-1 for financial assistance, health programs and crisis support and more.

Telemedicine allows physicians and their patients to expedite medical care during this pandemic. It ensures uninterrupted care for patients who need to see their doctors. Speak with your health care provider about this valuable service. More and more doctors are making it available.

Residents who have lost their health insurance or have experienced a change in income within the last 60 days may be eligible to qualify for a special enrollment period through the federal ACA Marketplace. Also Aspire Health Partners is offering a dedicated telephone line to assist residents with mental health concerns related to COVID-19. Residents can call the helpline to be connected with a caring mental health professional by calling 407-875-3700 ext. 2.

From the East Continued

Food Assistance

Residents in need of food assistance can visit either the Human Crisis Center or the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Human Crisis Center is located at 5514 Edgewater Drive in Orlando Florida. Their telephone number is 407-521-7750. They are opened Monday through Saturday from 9am to 6pm. The Second Harvest Food Bank's online food locator has links so as to find a list of feeding partners near you. The Second Harvest Food Bank's telephone number is 407-295-1066. Also, Brothers Chuck Norman and Jose Morales have indicated to me that they want to reach out to Second Harvest to have a representative come to our lodge to let us know of their programs, the needs facing our community and how we can help. When I have a date from them I will share it with the craft. The lodge will soon be setting up a food cart at the entryway of the lodge to collect food donations. We are also accepting cash donations for the food bank. Brother Chuck Norman indicates that for every \$10.00 of donations the food bank receives it translates to \$40.00 of purchasing power through their partnerships. Let us up those that are in need.

Our Brother, J.W. Steve provides two meals a month for our stated communications. If there are any leftover meals and you know of a brother, neighbor, friend or anyone in need who would benefit from a warm cooked meal please ask either Brother Steve or anyone assisting him in his labor to please pack a meal for you. It brings great joy and comfort knowing that someone is enjoying and benefitting from our labor of love.

Social Media Requests

At our last stated communication brother Ernie Harper mentioned a person who started a "GO Fund Me" page to raise much needed funds. I myself have contributed to needy causes on this platform. You can contribute whatever amount you want and hopefully others will do the same. If you know of a brother or family in need that have set up this type of social media request platform please let Brothers S.W. Luis, S.D. Jose or myself know so that we can investigate the need and let the craft know of these requests. W. Mike Kilgore (W.M. 2012) recently let us know of a World War two veteran who will be turning 100 and he wanted to receive 100 birthday cards. W. Brother Frank is looking into this and we are seeing that in addition to the 100 birthday cards we place flags in front of his home.

Evictions and Housing

The Orange County Eviction Diversion Program is a program designed to assist Orange County residents who are in imminent danger of being evicted due to COVID-19 crisis. The program was funded by 20 million dollars from the CARES Act. The program provides up to \$4,000 in past due financial assistance for landlords and tenants who meet eligibility criteria. Please go to the ocfl.net Eviction Diversion Program – Orange Cares, for more information.

Please continue to practice social distancing, reduce the amount of time you are outside in the presence of people and wash your hands as often as possible especially after touching objects. With the Lord's help we will get through this. Finally, I would like to ask the Brethren to please continue to pray for the sick and needy in 2020.

God Bless you all and I will see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Gil Alvarez, Worshipful Master

From the West



Greetings from the West!

August was also a busy month. We conferred a Master Mason degree on August 29th and were complemented on our performance by W.: B.: Jeff Battaglia who was in attendance and delivered the lecture during the second section. Thanks also to the Past Masters Unit for working on the 2nd Section. Let's keep up the good work and continue to improve in our ritual work. Congratulations to our 5 new M.:Ms.: raised: Brs.: Jesus Collado, Steven Eckwielen, Boris Kovitch, Rolf Vladimir Mitton and Brian Robert Selkowitz,

I've got a lot of thanks this month!!!

Thanks to all the brothers who attended all district events last month. Thanks to all brothers who helped with the Supplemental Forms and in-home investigations for the new candidates.

Thanks to J.:W.: Steve Czerniejewski and his crew for the amazing meals they have been prepared. Thanks also to the Brs.: Robert Borr and his wife Crissy, W.: Michael Kramer, Br.: Chuck Norman and Br.: Jesus Collado (big props to him) who installed and configured our Bulletin Board on the library – it looks amazing !!

In August we had a lot of presentations: Br.: Fabio M. Cesar and Br.: Chuck Norman received their Bible & Apron presented by R.:W.: Jerry Clark and R.:W.: Steve Teal; Br.: Robert Borr received his perpetual membership from R.:W.: Rickie Ricks and Br.: Robert "Bob" Opficious was presented with his membership certificate and dues card.

Not to mention a visit of the DDGM of the Grand 15th District R.: W.: Gary Gamache and his committeemen on the last meeting of August.

Good news also: We started practicing for 2nd section M.:M.: degree, led by R.:W.: Jerry Clark and W.: Michael Kramer. If you want to be a part of this group let us know. Practice every Wednesday at 7pm.

We are also planning an EA degree for 3 new members. Br.: Jose Morales will be in the East for his very first time. Date TBD and will be announced soon.

Br.: J.: W.: Luis F Oliveira
407-600-9241 (cell)



On Saturday, August 29th,
Winter Garden raised 5 Brothers
To

The Sublime Degree of
Master Mason.

They are:

Jesus Collado,

Steven Harold Eckwielen,

Boris Yefimovitch Khovitch

Rolf Vladimir Mitton

Brian Robert Selkowitz

From the South



Salutations from the South!

Brothers, the meals for this month are still in the planning stages, but they're going to be good! Br. Ken McGowan, a noted chef and foodie, has been providing guidance to help plan and prepare our meals. At our first meeting next month the entre will be fettucine alfredo with chicken, and garlic bread, of course. The second meal is going to be a hearty beef meal, probably beef stew.

Our Masonic Education this month will include either a continuation of our discussion of the Working Tools of the Fellowcraft or a visit from a special guest. We are hoping that the director of The Coalition for the Homeless, the organization that handed out our bike donations in July, will come to our meeting on the 17th to tell us a little about their work.

Brothers, I would like to invite you to download the Quizzizz app to your cell phone. It's an app I would like to use during our Masonic Ed sessions. It will allow us to have a little fun (and maybe win prizes) during our meetings.

Fraternally,

Steve Czerniejewski, Junior Warden

From the Secretary



Greetings Brothers,

I hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. We continue to move forward through this pandemic with great resolve and dedication to the craft. I will be sending out late dues notices in the coming weeks for those still needing to pay their dues per Grand Lodge requirements by September 30th. If you are having financial difficulty during these times, please contact me, so that we can arrange payment for later in the year once things normalize. Thank you for your quick attention to this matter.

We have added 6 new master masons and 3 new affiliated Brothers. That makes a total of 9 new members to our great Lodge. We still have a lot of interest in our lodge and are continuing to receive new petitions for membership. I would like to send the following Brothers warm Birthday Wishes in the month of September: Ronnie Bradshaw, Timothy Letcher, James Palow Jr., Adam Prosser, Wayne Reynolds, Wade Rich, Ralph Rodgers, Jordan Sabot, Donald Shatley, and Charles Smith.

Lastly, please keep an eye on the Trestle Board, our Facebook page, and website (www.wintergardenmasoniclodge.org) for upcoming events and information. If you have new contact information, or a new mailing address, please contact me at 407-435-9198, or email me at gatordoc05@hotmail.com. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve. Remember that we meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. We are now serving meals at each meeting starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you at our next stated communication in September.

Fraternally,

W.:Frank Lopez (2015), Secretary

Chaplain's Message



My Brothers,

Here we are again, still faced with the uncertainty of COV-19, and the seeming unraveling of our country and society. The uncertainty is pressing down on our minds even if we cannot acknowledge it occurring! It is the uncertainty that drags us down into depression and despair. If we only knew the truth of what is really going on we could deal with it without a problem. But we do not know the truth or where to find it, we are buried in information but what is true and what is false? I know that as believers in the Great Architect, our God, that we can turn to him with our problems and that He is in charge and can handle the worst of them, but what are they?

On a personal level I have spent the last week in a depressed state of mind, coming up to my 6 month cancer check. I was concerned that there were things wrong with me but I had no idea what they were. In all of the preceding visits, every six months, I had never felt this uncertainty or concern, but it was there this time. Now it is very important for you to understand that if on the exams on the past Wednesday at Moffitt Cancer Center had re-

vealed more cancer in my body, if my concerns were justified, at that point I would have turned them over to God, and said that "this is all Yours because I cannot do anything". At that point I would have ceased to worry or even thing about it because it was in God's hands. But why would I give it to Him and not worry, because It is My Fathers job to deal with things like that not mine. Why then do I not live in the same strong faith when faced with uncertainty? God is still there doing what God does, why should I be concerned if He can deal with a known situation and not have the faith that He can deal with the uncertainty that surrounds me? God can handle the uncertainty that surrounds us as well as anything else in our lives. All we need to do is to turn to Him and say that we do not know everything that is going on around us and that we give it all up to Him.

Pray for each other, pray for our country and our leaders. We know He is in charge and that everything will work out to His plan.

Bless you all Brothers, To contact me call me at 407-620-6250 (leave a message) or email me at ecm@cfl.rr.com

W.B. Ed McMullen, Chaplain





*Orange #134
Cordially invites you to our*

*"World of Fire"
Virtual Installation of Officers*

*Tuesday, September 15th, 2020
at 7 pm*

<https://join.skype.com/xvgbuyDZTKuS>

*Worthy Advisor Elect
Rachel Negron*

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Past Masters

1907 Joseph Elwell *	1931 H.C. Mink *	1956 M.T. Minor *	1980 Gordon W. Giddens +	2004 J. Steven Teal PDDGM	AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS of
1908 Charles H. Tilden *	1932 Harry M. Smith *	1957 W.H. Hinson *	1981 John H. Linebarrier +	2005 Robert Whyte	ROBERT B. SHUGART LODGE no. 393
1909 Charles H. Tilden *	1933 Harry M. Smith *	1958 L.G. Donahy *	1982 Carl A. Sheperd *	2006 Barton "Bart" A. Patria	1998 Thomas V. Lemoine
1910 George T. Smith *	1934 Waymon A. Wilkes *	1959 W.D. Hartzog *	1983 Charles D. Counterman	2007 George "Jabo" Pellam *	1999 John Carroll*
1911 J.E. Petris *	1935 Thomas D. Mack *	1960 A.J. Thunell*	1984 Bernard C. Williams *	2008 Wilbur A. Smith III	2000 Phillip E Moffses
1912 W. T. Hickman *	1936 Charles Gregory *	1961 Vard J. Hager*	1985 Robert A. Davis + *	2009 Scott Penvose	2001 Fred G McNabb
1913 Joseph Elwell *	1937 L.Frank Roper *	1962 Charles McMillian *	1986 Paul W. Tinsley	2010 Ken Lyons	2002 Jeans Claude Perche*
1914 J.E. Petris *	1938 R.M. Morris *	1963 Clarence E. Heidt*	1987 George C. Woodward*	2011 Garland "Gary" Story	2003 Edward Burchette+
1915 Roy R. Roper *	1939 C.L. Stanford *	1964 Harvey L.Davis *	1988 John W. Carroll + *	2012 Michael Kilgore	2003 Phillip E Moffses
1916 E.F.Niblaclt *	1940 W.E. Reaves *	1965 John H. Loucks *	1998 L. Wade Rich	2013 Sly Cawley	2004 Robert V Hall+
1917 A.J. Willis *	1941 O.L.Sands PDDGM *	1966 John V. Tyndall *	1990 Robert R. Jones*	2014 Jerry Clark, DDGM	2005 G Scott Penvose
1918 Charles H. Tilden *	1942—1943 O.L. Sands *	1967 D.E. Duppenenthaler	1991 Paul O. Harvey	2015 Francisco Lopez	
1919 Louis D. Jones *	1944 W.E. Reaves *	1968 Jonathan N. Branch *	1992 Veryl M. Summerlin*	2016 J. Mark Kirkley	AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES
1920 Bert H. Roper *	1945 Bruce N. Jones PDDGM *	1969 Charles W. Irrgang III *	1993 Darrell W. Clay	2017 Clawson Peacock	1970 Lou Edge
1921 H.G. Briley *	1946 Bruce N. Jones *	1970 Jack L Quesinberry PDDGM	1994 Charles F. Roper	2018 Michael Kramer	1985 Ed McMullen
1922 A. F. Landstreet *	1947 Robert H. Septemberberry	1971 Billy E. Peavey *	1995 Arthur F.Young Jr.	2019 David Barron	1999, 2000 Lawrence Drake Sr*
1923 W. Fred Roper *	1948 Harry M. Danie I *	1972 J.Gordon Russ	1996 Weldon L.Wichman		1999 Gerald Whitlock
1924 J.E. Clonts *	1949 M.G. Parramore PDDGM	1973 Nial P. Handley *	1997 Frankie D. Colburn		1999 Craig Frazier
1925 Clarence Lau *	1950 Ed C. Reaves *	1974 John Cook *	1998 Thomas B. Jenkins		2002 Mike Hatcher
1926 Waymon A. Wilkes *	1951 R.F. Anderson *	1975 Galen Cline *	1999 Rodney C. Hollis*		2007 Jim Palo
1927 L.H. King *	1952 Roger B. Seidner	1976 Walter P. Carreker +	2000 Lawrence A. Drake Jr.		2012 Adam Alvarez
1928 L.H. King *	1953 J.M. Groover *	1977 Herbert H. Blitch	2001 Reid J. Revels		2013 Derek Lacey
1929 W.H. Hamage *	1954 L.E. Johnson *	1978 Zeb C. Peacock Jr. *	2002 Robert E. Burke Jr.*		2015 Fauzi Saab
1930 Harry M. Smith *	1955 Clyde E. Roberson *	1979 Julian L. Revels *	2003 James A. Avera*		