



Trestle Board

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Calendar of Events

March 4: Stated meeting of Winter Garden Lodge, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM
 March 4: Stated meeting of Bahia Shrine at the Shrine, supper 6 PM, meeting 7:30 PM
 March 5: Grotto meeting at Bahia Shrine, supper 6 PM, meeting 7:30 PM
 (ALL MASTER MASONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND)
 March 6: Masters & Wardens Assoc. meeting at Eola 207-8am breakfast, 9am meeting.
 March 11 FC Degree Winter Park No. 239
 March 11: York Rite Chapter meeting at Eola 207, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM
 March 18: Stated meeting of Winter Garden Lodge, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM
 March 24 District School Eola No. 207
 March 25: York Rite Commandery meeting at Eola 207, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM
 March 26 Open Books Winter Park No. 239 8am-noon
 March 30 EA Degree South Seminole No. 364
 MM Degree Eola No. 207

Degree practice every Tuesday

The 2021 16th District Grand Master's Official Visit Fund Raffle



3 rifles will be
raffled. Each eligible
winning ticket
drawn will win 1 rifle.

Drawing to be held: 6/26/21

Strum, Ruger & Co. 10/22 semi-automatic in .22LR.
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From the East



Greetings from the East!!!

February went so quick and was a great month.

We had our R:W: DDGM Spring Official Visit; we passed 3 brothers to the degree of fellow craft and also performed our road clean up. Due the weather we had to cut the cleanup short but we will resume next quarter.

I would like to thank Br: Steve Czerniejewski for the amazing presentation he did for the DDGM visit on the topic "Where we see this lodge in 5 years", including our goals and how they would apply to the future of our lodge. R:W: Rickey Ricks was very impressed with that presentation. The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master also recognized Winter Garden Lodge for our efforts in the "Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents" program. We contributed \$2,197, or 192% of our expected donation!

Thanks to Br: Jose Morales for stepping out in the East for the Fellowcraft Degree in which we passed 3 brothers. Br: Bart Nyarady, Br: Braner Dantas and Br :Brad McDowell (3 B's) and thank also for the delicious meal served for the DDGM visit. We are still looking for monthly sponsors to help with the meal costs.

Another round of applause to the brothers that showed up at open books in Winter Park Lodge on Feb 24th. I guess we got a record of Brothers of Winter Garden Lodge. I counted 11 brothers there. And I hope this number to continuing to grow. Always learning!!

Last month also we had a meeting with the "wood committee" and lodge property & finance committee in order to discuss lodge improvements. We had a great number of brothers attending this meeting and it went very well. We discuss some very important points and hopefully we will present in March what we have agreed. Our goal is to renovate the East, install a mosaic pavement in the lodge room, renew the bathrooms and spruce up the dining hall.

Talking about improvements, myself, Br: Morales and W: David Barron had a meeting with Br: Chris Gideos to discuss this year's Hunted House. We will start planning this event and if any brother wants to get involved, please let me know.

And lastly, I got the Rifle Tickets for 2021 GMOV. To be drawn at the Grand Master's Official Visit scheduled for 6/26/2021. The raffle of 3 Ruger Rifles which allow for 3 separate winners. There just 500 tickets selling for \$10 apiece. The proceeds of this sale benefit each of the lodges as an offset for the cost of the GMOV to our district. I have the tickets and if you want some, just ask me.

"Brothers, what we do in life echoes in eternity"

Fraternally,
Luis Oliveira, Worshipful Master

Past Master's Corner



My first recollection of the Masonic Order was as a child when my father would take us on vacations. I would see the Trestle boards as we entered certain towns with the Masonic, Moose, Elks, Chamber of Commerce and others on the boards. I pretty much forgot about that but in High School we use to play sports against Moose heart, which was for Moose families who were having problems. When I moved to Key West, there was a Moose and I was invited to join. I joined only to find out it was basically a place to get cheap drinks and play games, more like a bar. That was not my desire to be part of so I dropped my membership after only one year.

Next after spending time in Puerto Rico and moving to Orlando I had a customer come in to my Model Railroad Hobby Shop with Masonic Shirts and hats on. I finally stopped him one day and asked what it was all about. He told me about the Masons, about Scottish Rite, and Shriners Hospitals. He went on further and told me that no booze, religion, or politics are allowed in the lodge. I finally asked the right questions back in the early 1990's, how does one become a Mason. Well want do you know, I got an application, had an investigation, and reported for duty at the Winter Park 239 Lodge. I was made an Entered Apprentice, Fellow craft, and finally raised to Master Mason there. Shortly after that I joined the Scottish Rite and Shrine. Within a year a new Lodge was going to start on the South West Side of Orland-

do. Since I lived on the South West side I demitted and was a charter member of the Robert Schugardt Lodge. We met at the Orange Tree Country Club where we had a room, and I made most of the equipment. I had the staffs, the holders, the G, The visual books, and of course the ashlar. Interesting at the stone we used was from a sailing ship as ballast which had sailed from England to Boston or New Bedford MA and were now being used as Street cobble stones. When I was a Captain with PBA, we would go out and move stones from one project to another just to mess with them. Well, I left one in my trunk unknown until I got home. We had that block cut in two, one polished and one rough so they were perfect.

I was hired by American Airlines in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX and moved there in December 1999. I stayed a member of the Schugardt Lodge and also joined the Smithfield Lodge in North Richland Hills, TX. It is a Free and Ancient Lodge plus they do a lot of stuff for Texas. Very confusing. While a member I broke my right Tibia and Tibia bones in my right leg. After nearly 4 months not one call or visit from a Brother out there. I was very disappointed and never went back. I did get laid off in 2004 and since my wife had a house in Tampa we sold the house in Texas and put everything into Storage. I moved to Tampa and joined the Temple Terrace Lodge. I was in line and moved up to the Junior Deacon Position in the 3 years I was there, and was recalled to American Airlines. I went back and finished my career At American Airlines until 2015 all while being a continuing member of the Temple Terrace Lodge. When I retired I moved to Winter Garden and my wife, Ann, looked up the nearest Masonic Lodge which was Winter Garden Lodge. Robert Schugardt and Winter Garden had become one lodge and I found myself right back where I started.

I started over in the line and moved through the two Stewards positions, then to Junior Deacon for a year under Clawson Peacock. Due to some brothers that had shortened cable tows positions opened up and I was moved to Senior Warden to fill the position for about 4 months. I puttered around the Lodge doing projects in 1917 and 2018, In 2018, I was elected Worshipful Master. In all my travels I have noted that a person can do an ok job, but successful managers that make a team always seem to do better to outstanding jobs. We elected to create a team effort to make Winter Garden really stand out. We created the "Blue Feather" team, using a blue feather because Blue is the Masonic Color. Further I said that a bird cannot fly with a single feather as in a Worshipful Master working alone. It took all his feathers in order to soar to new heights. I had given each of my officers and assigned members of the team a blue feather plus the poem I had written. Due to the devastation of our line I insisted on getting each of our aspiring line members qualified and ready for their next positions such as degree work. We had a wonderful year with record income, record participation, cave degree participation, fantastic 4th of July parade, road clean ups with W. Mike Kramer, fantastic rentals and parking lot income. Our Haunted House set the bar even higher than before, at Christmas time we received a first place trophy unexpectedly. Our lodge was noted as being a leader in our District; our academic levels were rising with Master Mason 1-2-3 and MLT's being completed. Our new sign on the outside was completed, two new A/C units installed with the help of W. Clawson Peacock. Our lot was cleaned up. We must be very proud of what we have accomplished, what we had contributed to, and to those who we were able to help out. We became a closer family, a Masonic Family of brothers who care for each other like I have never seen before. Little did I know that right around the corner was a Pandemic that our next Worshipful Master, and all of us would have to deal with. From that unforeseen disaster or ashes, a new Phoenix will rise to soar again.

Fraternally yours,
Worshipful: David Baron

From the West



Greetings from the West, Brethren!

There are many events taking place in the Month of March! It's exciting to be part of such an active lodge and Masonic District. We will be welcoming several new Brothers into the fraternity with an Entered Apprentice degree with W. Frank Lopez in the East. The degree will be on March 30th. Please join us in welcoming these candidates to the fraternity.

Practices for the 2nd section of the Master Mason degree continue. Brothers, please join us for practice. We are striving to be able to perform our own second section and having a cadre of brethren ready to step into a role is a huge benefit toward that effort. As it says in Digest of Masonic Law, Chapter 26.17, "It is the duty of every Master Mason to become proficient in the work and lectures of the Three Degrees in Freemasonry as soon as possible after being Raised, and it is urgently recommended that the Masters of Particular Lodges endeavor to promote this end." We are due to have a Master Mason degree in the next month and it would be great to see some of our members be involved in the second section.

I look forward to seeing you at the lodge, and at some of our District Events!

Steve Czerniejewski
Sr. Warden

From the South



Greetings from the South,

First, I'd like to start by thanking our kitchen crew, they have been working really hard to ensure that we serve delicious meals. Everyone enjoyed the recent dinner, we served ribs with corn on the cob and mashed potatoes, on February 18th. We had a great turnout and I would like to personally thank everyone who participated. During our next meeting in March we will serving Southwest Beef Casserole with Cornbread.

As it relates to Masonic Education- First I would like to thank Brother Robert Borr for his impactful presentation on the "Level" held on February 4th. I would also like to express my gratitude to Worshipful Ed McMullen for the fellowcraft charge presentation, and a special thanks, to Brother Vladimir Mitton for conducting the fellowcraft lecture, during our recent fellowcraft degree presented on February 16th.

I'm excited to inform you that we had an incredible turnout at the "Open Books on Saturday, February 20th at the Winter Park Lodge, with ten brothers from Winter Garden Lodge #165 in attendance. Thank you for your continued engagement and positive representation of our lodge. Next month, we will have a masonic education presentation at our next stated communication by Brother Vladimir Mitton on the relationship between the square and compass.

As a reminder, I would like to encourage all Brothers to attend District School and ME/MLT sessions because our Lodge relies on the active participation of each and every Elected and Appointed officer and their continuous engagement to accomplish the numerous tasks required. Most importantly, continuing education will assist in learning the ritual and developing your proficiency.

Lodge rentals:

- So far, a great start to the year with multiple reservations on the calendar!!

Brothers, please remember to stay safe! See you at the lodge!

Jose Morales Jr.
Jr. Warden

Chaplain's Message



My brothers, how often have you felt like the author of Psalm 13, when he cries out "O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way?" Given all the things that are going on around us and in our lives it is very easy to feel alone, sickness of friends and families, the pandemic that has separated us from others, the state of our nation and the economy, the list is endless. We can fall into the trap of isolation from our God in our minds. But He is not gone, we need to turn to Him and fall on our knees thanking Him for all the blessings that he has and continues to bless us with. The psalmist ends with the beautiful words for us, "But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because he has been so good to me."

Feel down, depressed or overwhelmed, turn to the Psalm, especially the first ones. They all start with a lament and end with praise and thanks. Great lessons for us in this crazy times that we are living in. Be safe and blessed my Brothers, trust in God and seek Him in His word, you will find Him waiting for you!

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

From the Secretary



Greetings Brothers,

We continue to move forward through this pandemic. We have now collected approximately 80% of our dues payments through the beginning of March. For those that are still outstanding, I hope that you will be able to pay them soon. We depend on our dues payments to pay for the general operation and maintenance of our building. Our

building continues to get older, and we must continue to look ahead and plan for new renovation projects. We are planning on sealing and painting the exterior of the building next, so that we can then turn our focus towards the inside of the building again. The bathrooms need to be renovated, the flooring in the dining room needs to be replaced, the blue carpet in the East needs to be replaced, and we are looking to install a checkered pavement under the altar in the center of the lodge room. Those are just a few of the projects that need to be completed.

Our dues payments will help to pay for these improvements.

Winter Garden Lodge continues to have momentum in our membership this year. We currently have 157 members. We added 11 Master Masons in 2020 and lost 3 Brothers due to Death. Thankfully, we did not lose any Brothers to Non-payment of Dues in the 2020 year. We have added 4 new Entered Apprentices in the 2021 year and will be balloting on 2 more at our next stated communication. We will be balloting on the Petitions for Mrrs. Randall Roig and Austin Barrett. The future continues to look bright for Winter Garden Lodge!

I would like to send the following Brothers warm Birthday Wishes in the month of March: Adam Alvarez, Connor Eversen, Stephen Dimond, Bernie Greer, Ernie Harper, Paul Harvey, Ken Lyons, Ken McGowan, Leonardo Pedro, James Ragan, James Rooney, Carlos Vettorazzo, and Nathan Zetterland.

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. Dinner is served at both meetings at 6:30pm. Hope to see you at our next stated communication.

Fraternally,
W. Frank Lopez (2015), Secretary



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2021 OFFICERS

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| Senior Steward Bro. Leonardo S. Pedro | Junior Steward Bro. Paul Izzo, Jr. | Tyler W. Michael A. Kramer II |

Past Masters

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| 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. Donahey * | 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 LFrank 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.Niblack * | 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 | AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES |
| 1919 Louis D. Jones * | 1944 W.E. Reaves * | 1968 Jonathan N. Branch * | 1992 Veryl M. Summerlin* | 2016 J. Mark Kirkley | 1970 Lou Edge |
| 1920 Bert H. Roper * | 1945 Bruce N. Jones PDDGM * | 1969 Charles W. Irrgang III * | 1993 Darrell W. Clay | 2017 Clawson Peacock | 1985 Ed McMullen |
| 1921 H.G. Briley * | 1946 Bruce N. Jones * | 1970 Jack L Quesinberry PDDGM | 1994 Charles F. Roper | 2018 Michael Kramer | 1999, 2000 Lawrence Drake Sr* |
| 1922 A. F. Landstreet * | 1947 Robert H. Quesinberry * | 1971 Billy E. Peavey * | 1995 Arthur F.Young Jr. | 2019 David Barron | 1999 Gerald Whitlock |
| 1923 W. Fred Roper * | 1948 Harry M. Danie I * | 1972 J.Gordon Russ | 1996 Weldon L.Wichman | 2020 Gil Alvarez | 1999 Craig Frazier |
| 1924 J.E. Clonts * | 1949 M.G. Parramore PDDGM | 1973 Nial P. Handley * | 1997 Frankie D. Colburn | | 2002 Mike Hatcher |
| 1925 Clarence Lau * | 1950 Ed C. Reaves * | 1974 John Cook * | 1998 Thomas B. Jenkins | | 2007 Jim Palo |
| 1926 Waymon A. Wilkes * | 1951 R.F. Anderson * | 1975 Galen Cline * | 1999 Rodney C. Hollis* | | 2012 Adam Alvarez |
| 1927 L.H. King * | 1952 Roger B. Seidner | 1976 Walter P. Carreker + | 2000 Lawrence A. Drake Jr. | | 2013 Derek Lacey |
| 1928 L.H. King * | 1953 J.M. Groover * | 1977 Herbert H. Blitch | 2001 Reid J. Revels | | 2015 Fauzi Saab |
| 1929 W.H. Hamage * | 1954 L.E. Johnson * | 1978 Zeb C. Peacock Jr. * | 2002 Robert E. Burke Jr.* | | 2018 Sean Wallace |
| 1930 Harry M. Smith * | 1955 Clyde E. Roberson * | 1979 Julian L. Revels * | 2003 James A. Avera* | | 2018 Dewayne Adams |