



Trestle Board

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July Charity

United cerebral palsy
of Winter Garden



Calendar of Events

June 29: Entered Apprentice Degree, Winter Garden Lodge, 6:30 PM

June 30: Zone 5 MLT w/Guest 7:00 PM Zoom Meeting

July 1: Stated meeting of Winter Garden Lodge, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM

July 1: Stated meeting of Bahia Shrine at the Shrine, supper 6 PM, meeting 7:30 PM

July 4: 17th Annual All American Kids Parade, Winter Garden Lodge 10:00 AM

July 8: York Rite Chapter meeting at Eola 207, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM

July 9: Grotto meeting at the Grotto, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM

July 15: Stated meeting of Winter Garden Lodge, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM

July 22: York Rite Commandery meeting at Eola 207, supper 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM

July 28: District School of Instruction, 7:00 PM

Degree practice every Tuesday



My Brothers,

It is with deep sympathy but with his belief in His God above, P.M. Herb Blitch of Winter Garden No. 165 went to be with the Lord on June 26th at 5:00 A.M. Please my Masonic Brothers lift his wife Myrtle and family up in your prayers, as they begin the healing process.

Service begins Friday July 2, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

1022 South Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, Florida 32703

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My Brother's this will not be a Masonic Memorial Service, but I do think that it would be with Honor we attend this service too show his family that we do cherish his memories as a leader in his Lodge. W.B. Was Master in 1977.

Fraternally Yours,
Rev. Bro. Dennis Ickes

From the East



Greeting from the East brethren!!

I can't believe that we are in the middle in the year. Time is flying so fast. Last month we had a busy month with a lot of accomplishments: the DDGM Official Visit, Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Fellow Craft Degree, 4th of July Parade meeting, Entered Apprentice Degree, Degree Practices, Open Books, St. John's Day, GMOV at Rosen Plaza... wow.... Really busy month.

First of all, I'd like to thank Brother Jose Morales, Leo Pedro, Brad McDowell and all brothers who helped in the kitchen, especially for the roast beef we had on June 17th. The kitchen crew has been doing a fantastic job.

In our meeting on June 3rd the crafted balloted on the petition for Honorary Membership for PDDGM RW Ricky Ricks. We are so honored having him as a honorary member of our lodge for all his work.

On June 8th we passed two brothers to the Fellowcraft Degree: Brother Rodrigo Segovia and Brother Randal Roig. Congratulations my brothers to this important step in Freemasonry. Brother Jose Morales was in the East and the Degree team did a fantastic job.

Another outstanding event was the DDGM official visit on June 17th. We had more than 60 people in the lodge room. Great supper, great meeting, presentations for W Gil Alvarez and W David Barron for their outstanding service in their years. We also presented to Brothers Braner Dantas, Oscar Gomez, Brad McDowell, Bart

Nyaridy their membership certificates.

On June 29th we had an Entered Apprentice Degree where we initiated Brother Robert Garay. Brother Stephen Dimond was in the East for the first time. He and the degree team again did an outstanding job. Welcome to the fraternity Brother Garay.

And we are back by popular demand! Join us for the 4th of July Kids' Bike Parade & Pancake Breakfast. 8am. Hope to see all of you there!! Spread the word. Many thanks to Brothers Steve Czerniejewski and Brother Jose Morales for all the effort spent on the planning of the 4th of July Parade and the Pancake Breakfast. Thank you, thank you!!

I could not finish this column without saying a few words:

Our focus on Masonic Education is very strong. Every month we have great presentations. Degree Practices, Open Books, DSOL. MLT are in the DNA of Winter Garden Brothers. Thanks for all the brothers who made that possible. Another one is membership development : It is amazing the number of petitions we receive every month. That's our main goal and also the goal of the Grand Master Jeffrey Foster. "Strength in numbers, Power in Education" And here's the message from the Grand Master:

"My Brothers, serving this great Fraternity as Grand Master is the highest honor that could be bestowed upon anyone, and there are not enough words that express to you how deeply privileged and humbled I am by this honor.

My vision statement is "Strength in Numbers; Power in Education".

Our membership has declined over the past few decades; we are no longer the driving force that we once were. Our numbers have dwindled from over 80,000 to 34,000. We can, and will, grow our Fraternity back to strength, all while guarding the West Gate. I

truly believe that there are more than adequate numbers of good men, both young and old, who are looking for what our Fraternity offers.

To assist our Lodges in membership, I have enlisted the help of some brothers who have been very successful with Social Media. With their help and guidance, every Lodge can have the potential to grow and become successful.

In our symbolic beginning, the only way one became "a better man" was through the transfer of knowledge by a skilled "Master". Apprentices and Fellow Crafts learned a trade by working with a Master until they gained the knowledge and skill of a Master.

The same as it should be in our Lodges. Lodge Mentors, Catechism Instructors, and the Craft should be a limitless source of information for new Brothers. Our learning shouldn't stop with the Master Mason Proficiency, as it would only benefit the Craft to increase their knowledge in both the fraternal and business aspect of our Fraternity.

Throughout time it has always been said that knowledge is power, and I encourage each of you to become powerful.

In closing, may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you, your family, First Responders, and our Military. God Bless the USA."

M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster

Grand Master 2021-22

"Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge"

Luis F Oliveira

W.: M.: Winter Garden Lodge no. 165 F&AM

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From the West



Greetings, My Brothers,

I hope this issue of the Trestleboard finds you happy and healthy! As we close in upon our nation's birthday I encourage each of you to come out to the Kids Bike Parade and Pancake Breakfast on July 4th. It's a great event for the whole family, but requires quite a few hands to make it run smoothly. We'll have support from the entire Masonic community-our color guard will be members of the Sojourner's Heroes of 76, Stovetop (and other clowns) from the Shriners Clown Unit will provide entertainment, Child ID will be offered by our Brothers from South Seminole Lodge, and there will be information tables staffed by the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. It's going to be a great event.

Now that the Grand Communication is over events in the district will get back to normal, with one exception. There will be no Masters and Wardens meeting in July as it is so close to Independence Day. On July 24th they'll be opening the safe and setting up for Open Books at Winter Park Lodge from 8am until noon. ME/MLT training will take place on July 28th at Eola Lodge at 6:30 pm. There are quite a few degrees next month, including a Master Mason degree at our Lodge (date TBD). The DDGM's Official Visits continue in the month of July as well. You can find all these events and more on the 16th District's Webpage at <https://centralfloridamasons.com/calendar/?yr=2021&month=7&dy=&cid=my-calendar>.

I look forward to seeing you at the lodge!

Steve Czerniejewski
Sr. Warden

From the South



Greetings From The South

It is important for me to express my gratitude to the kitchen crew, the brothers have been working really hard to ensure that we serve enjoyable meals. Meal sponsorship is very important because it allows for social interaction with friends and family before a meeting. Meal sponsorship can be done individually or in conjunction with another brother. There are still several months available for meal sponsorship. Please let me or the secretary know if you are interested in sponsoring a month for which you give thanks or celebrate a special occasion.

As per meals for July 1st and the 15th are TBD.

As it relates to Masonic ED, on July 1st brother Andy Jules JW from Eola Lodge will perform a Masonic presentation on the circumspect - St John's point within a circle.

As a reminder, I encourage all Brothers to attend District School and ME/MLT sessions which are held on a monthly basis. 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 you in learning the ritual and developing your proficiency.

Lodge rentals:

- Multiple reservations on the calendar!!

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

Jose Morales Jr.
Jr. Warden



Orange Assembly No. 134 Rainbow Girls



Congratulations to our very own ladies of Orange Assembly No. 134 on their Grand Assembly Offices!
Shelby is the Grand Representative of Louisiana, New York, Maryland and Liaison,
Grand Cross of Color Team Cross Bearer.
Jennifer is the Grand Confidential Observer.

Past Master's Corner

Greetings from the Jr. Past Master,

I hope that as of the publication of this Trestleboard every one of the Brethren and their families are fine and enjoying great health. I hope everyone has been having a happy and healthy first part of this year.

Our lodge continues to grow with membership and recognition within the community. Brother Vladimir Rolff Mitton continues to improve himself in Masonry and in the foreseeable future will probably be a Gold Card member. Brother Mitton is always at Masters and Wardens and always strives to take any Masonic training available. Congratulations Brother Mitton for all of your hard work, dedication and commitment to Masonry and to the Craft. We are really fortunate to have you as a member of our lodge.



This year we have also had the pleasure of having our Past D.D.G.M., R.W. Rickey Ricks as an honorary member of our lodge. R. W. Ricks was extremely helpful during my year as Worshipful Master and it will be great to have him at our lodge as a member. He is a Brother who is always seeking to share his knowledge and give brotherly advice to all who ask him.

Our lodge also now performs the second section of the Master Mason Degree. R.W. Jerry Clark and W. Michael Kramer have really been instrumental in making sure our second section is second to none. We are extremely fortunate to have these fine Past Masters as instructors, mentors and role models here at Winter Garden. I also want to thank all those who take the time to participate in this important part of the Master Mason degree.

Brother Junior Warden Jose Morales has really stepped up his commitment and dedication this year. Brother Jose rents our lodge, meets and interviews tenants, cleans up after the rentals, prepares our meals, cleans the lodge, comes in to take out the garbage on pick up dates, goes to all of the Masonic functions i.e. Masters and Wardens, Open Books, Masonic leadership training etc. I have never seen a more dedicated and hard working Jr. Warden. Brother Jose is truly a tremendous asset to our lodge and I cannot thank him enough for all the work he does.

Finally I want to thank Worshipful Master Luis for his leadership of our lodge and I wish all of the Brethren and their families' good health and happiness for the remainder of this year. Take care and I will see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Gil Alvarez, Jr. Past Master 2020

17th Annual
All American Kids
PARADE
July 4th

**Winter Garden Masonic Lodge
230 Bay Street ★ Winter Garden**

PARADE BEGINS AT 10AM
Line up - 9:45 at the Masonic Lodge

ENTERTAINMENT ★ ACTIVITIES ★ FUN ★ CHILD I.D.



For more information call the History Center at 407.656.3244

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Chaplain's Message



Brothers,

We are half way through the year and thanks to the grace of our God we have accomplished many things, made significant improvements to the lodge building, brought in many new members and have survived the pandemic. We did this with the work of our lodge offices, dedicated members of the craft, and most importantly with their blessings that have flown down to us from our Heavenly Father. Our dedication to the craft through careful attention to our ritual work have paid dividends that surpass the mere ritual presentations, for it has helped us focus on what the words mean to us as men and masons. Most importantly, however, is that we as children of our God are also Brothers. This means that we love and respect them even if disagree on some issues. We love and support each other unconditionally, just as our God love us. We need to be praying not only those who are in sickness and distress but for each other, our lodge and our officers. You all know that none of us are going to get out of here alive, so while we are here love and support each other.

Be blessed, feel His great love and grace and share it with each other.

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,

I hope that you and your families are doing well. We have now collected just over 90% of our dues payments through the end of June for 2021. For those that are still outstanding, I hope that you will be able to make those payments soon. As always, if you are having financial difficulty, or if you need to make payment arrangements, please contact me as soon as you can. 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 recently renovated the downstairs bathrooms and have removed the last of the shag carpet in the lodge room and the carpet downstairs in the dining room. Those are just a few projects that have been completed and others will soon be on their way. Your dues payments will continue to pay for these projects.

Winter Garden Lodge continues to have momentum in membership in 2021. We have recently received the petition for the three degrees in Freemasonry from Mr. Yari Gaeta, and a petition for Dual membership for Mr. Nicholas Uzaki. We will update you on their progression as things move along. We currently sit at 163 members. We continue to have a steady flow of visitors to our lodge that are interested in joining our Fraternity. 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 July:

Samuel Bean 7/28 Jerry Chapman 7/18 Joseph Gracey 7/7 Fred Kidwell 7/17

Mike Kilgore 7/16 Keith Kovatch 7/21 Mike Kramer 7/31 Phillip Moffses 7/4

Scott Penrose 7/2 James Russ 7/15 Charles Stone 7/7 Gerald Whitlock 7/9

Oscar Gomez 7/18

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 being served at both meetings at 6:30pm. Hope to see you at our next stated communication in July.

Fraternally,

W.:Frank Lopez (2015)

Secretary

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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. 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. Blith	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 Dwayne Adams