



# TRESTLEBOARD

**Winter Garden Masonic Lodge No. 165 F&AM**

*Making good men better since 1907*

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# GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East,

I hope that as of the publication of this Trestleboard every one of the brethren and their families are fine and enjoying great health. The Installation of Officers for 2022 held on January 8th, was a huge success. I would like to thank all the officers, families and guests who attended. A special thanks to R.W. Ryan Killmartin who did an outstanding job as the Installing Marshall and to the R.W. Eric J. Romano, for the Installing of the Officers. It was an honor to have him be in the East

during this transition/Installation, his wisdom and knowledge are truly valued and appreciated. Additionally, I would like to thank and recognize the efforts of all those who participated in the set-up of the lodge and for the fantastic meals prepared. I received a lot of positive feedback on the decorations and the food we presented. Our visitors were truly impressed with our table set up, decorations and the delicious selection of food. This event could not have been such a success without everyone who assisted and for that I am truly proud and grateful.

It goes without saying that it was truly my honor to work closely with W. M. Luis Oliveira during 2021. Although it was sad to see him go as Worshipful Master, he has promised to remain involved in our lodge and assist in any activity or project during this year. He will contribute to our continued efforts of community involvement and lodge improvement to help us make it a more beautiful place for the Brethren and their families to enjoy.

One of the goals I have set out to fulfill this year is to increase our community involvement and support of our members who are in most need. For us to achieve this goal we will follow the rule of the “Plumb” by which we will display to our neighbors, our community, and the world how beautiful it is to walk with and exhibit good moral conduct. We will commit to increasing our participation in helping our fellow brothers and their families, as well as aiding those community members who are less fortunate than us. I hope that by our actions the world will observe how Masons support our communities and each other with love and compassion and would want to join our fraternity.

Finally, I would like to ask the brethren to please continue to pray for the sick and needy in 2022. See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,  
W.:M.: Jose Morales

# GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West my brothers!!!

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

Hope to see you brothers soon!

Fraternally,  
Steve Czerniejewski  
Senior Warden



# GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings from the South,

I pray that each of you and your families are well and staying safe. With the OMICRON variant of COVID-19 and its contagious ability, I would ask you all to be mindful of the safety precautions outlined by the CDC. We have hand sanitizer in just about every location in the Lodge. If you see one that is out, let me know and it will be replaced.

I would like to thank Worshipful Luis Oliveira for an outstanding Job as the Worshipful Master of Winter Garden Lodge #165 F&AM for the year 2021. It was an honor to be his Senior Deacon and part of the first Table Lodge for this Lodge. Many Brothers participated in this ceremony and all stated they had a great time. Worshipful Oliveira increased our membership by 10% during his tenure as Worshipful Master. That in itself is a tribute to his leadership.

I thank the Brethren of this Lodge for having the confidence in me to allow me to serve as the Junior Warden. I hope that I can fill the shoes of the last Junior Warden, Worshipful Master Jose Morales. We have some outstanding Stewards who know their way around the kitchen and have promised great meals for our Stated communications. Feb 3 we will have Southern Chicken and Biscuits with Salad. Feb 17 we will have Pork Loin with mashed potatoes and green beans. Each meal will have coffee, tea, and Lemonade.

As other Junior Wardens have asked in the past, if any Brother has ideas for Masonic Education, please bring them to my attention along with the date you or your invitees would like to present and barring any scheduling conflicts, I will make it happen.

Events in February are:

- 3 and 17 Feb WG Lodge #165 Stated Communications to include Masonic Education given on the 17th by RW Steve Teal.

- 5 Feb, Masters and Wardens, Eola Masonic Lodge #207 F&AM. All officers in the Lodge should attend this. This is where you get to meet other officers in our district.

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- 5 Feb, Mokanna Lodge #329 F&AM Installation of Officers, 5 pm
- 12 Feb, MM Degree @ Winter Park No. 239. 8:30 am–11:30 am 7:30 am breakfast; 8:30 am 1st section;
- 19 Feb, Annual Fellowship Ball, at the ORMAZD GROTTTO Building 5 to 9 PM Address: 1700 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32804
- 22 Feb, Fellowcraft Degree, Winter Garden Lodge #165 F&AM, 6:30 light meal, 7:30 Degree. With Brother Ken McGowen in the East for his first degree.
- 23 Feb, District School of Instruction 6:30 to 9:00, EOLA Lodge #207 F&AM. All officers should make a great effort to attend.
- 26 Feb, Open Books, Winter Park Lodge #239 F&AM, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Sincerely,  
Stephen (Steve) Dimond  
Jr. Warden



# FROM THE SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers,

This New Year has gotten off to a quick start. We have already collected approximately 70% of our dues payments thus far and have received our perpetual memberships check from Grand Lodge for close to \$5800. Our per capita check for Grand Lodge in 2021 will be around \$4000 leaving the lodge close to \$1800. Thank you to all the perpetual members for their investment in our lodge. We are in the process of preparing our Annual Returns for Grand Lodge. Our

membership currently stands at 161 members. In the year 2021, we took in 13 new members between new master masons and new dual/plural members. We did not have any deaths but did lose 5 brothers for non-payment of dues. For the year we were plus 8 new members.

We continue to have momentum in our membership 2022. We are currently processing a couple new petitions for the three degrees of freemasonry as well as a couple of petitions for Dual membership. We should have an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degree coming soon in February and March. Look out for upcoming dates for the degree work and come out and support our new Brothers.

I would like to send the following Brothers warm Birthday Wishes in the month of February:

Dan Annis 2/17

Rick Avera 2/7

Thomas Brassil 2/7

Robert Borr 2/14

Sly Cawley 2/28

Darrel Clay 2/2

Joe Gasaway 2/5

Brian Gibson 2/15

Mark Jones 2/20

Jose A Martinez Gomez 2/3

Micheal Walz 2/11

Lastly, please keep an eye on the Trestle Board, our Facebook page, and website ([www.wintergardenmasoniclodge.org](http://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](mailto:gatordoc05@hotmail.com). Thanks again for the opportunity to serve. Remember that we meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. We will be serving dinner at both meetings starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you at our next stated communication.

Fraternally,

W.: Frank Lopez (2015)

Secretary / Winter Garden Lodge No. 165



# FROM THE CHAPLIN



Brothers,

Here we are in the second month of the new year, still facing a world and nation that seems to be wrapped in chaos. Sickness and death surround us and the news reminds us on a daily basis of the issues that are spinning around. What can we do, turn to our heavenly Father, the great architect who in spite of what is going on is still in control. I have in previous messages encouraged us to turn to Him in prayer, but I think that it is time for our prayers to be larger and stronger.

Yes, we pray for healing for friends and family and for guidance in dealing with things that are going on in our lives. These are very important but let us not forget how this message started, let us not forget God's WOW. We are taught to pray FOR God's kingdom to come and His will be done in the world. All peoples, nations and indeed the entire planet are His creation, therefore we need to pray that He will cause His will to be done in all the world. That His kingdom of love and grace would fill the earth and be manifest in all peoples lives. Pray for our nation, its leaders and the leaders of the whole world that God's will be done.

Brothers, be blessed, love one another and pray.

Fraternally,  
Ed McMullen  
Chaplin



# MASONIC EVENTS

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## Winter Garden Masonic Lodge 2022 Clean Up Dates!

**February 19th**  
**August 20th**

**May 21st**  
**November 19th**

### Time

**8:00 A.M.**

We will meet at the Lodge for a safety meeting and overview. After which we will car pool to the work location and expect to finish by **12:00 P.M.**

### Location

Winter Garden  
Masonic Lodge No. 165  
**230 West Bay Street**  
**Winter Garden, FL 34787**

We will be cleaning up a section of Highway 50 from Dillard Street in Winter Garden heading west to Tubs Street in Oakland. Please wear appropriate clothing. Other things to consider are Sunglasses, Sunscreen, Water bottle, and a Snack. We will provide you with trash bags, rubber gloves, and required safety vests.

For youth needing volunteer hours if you are between the ages of 12 and 15 you **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No volunteers under the age of 12.