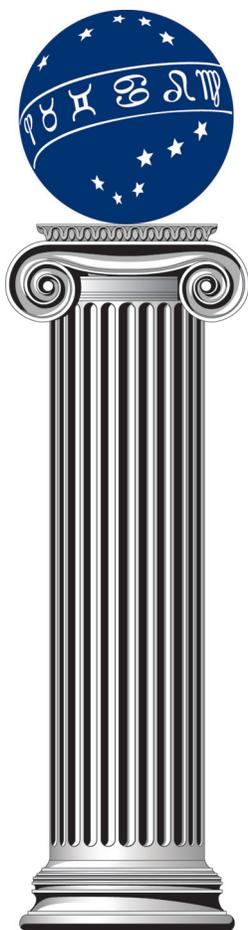


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August 2008



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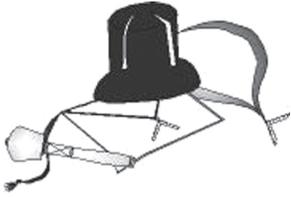
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From the Worshipful Master

W.: William (Bill) Green

Notice anything different about the Trestle Board. We've upgrade some. In July, Brother Mike Mason was initiated an Entered Apprentice. Brother Mason owns a local printing company. He got with Brother Larry Duff and here's our new Trestle Board. Brother Duff says as soon the gray matter between his ears understands the new publishing software, it'll only get better with Mike and his staffs help.

In the month of July our Lodge raised nine new Master Masons, this month we have scheduled dates to raise four new Master Masons. Please, check the calendar and the announcement on page four for dates and times. My brothers, reminder when you were raised and the work of the brothers conducting the ceremonies, and the presence of the brothers on the sidelines. Lets welcome these brothers into our Lodge and make time to attend. Not only do these new brothers need your support, but some of our officers are taking on new roles as part of their Masonic learning and preparing to be the future leaders of our Lodge.

Living here in Florida we know what season it is, yes, summer, but also Hurricane Season. We want to continue to see all our brothers and sisters and Lodge functions. So check your Family Disaster Plan, know your risk, have an evacuation plan, know the locations of shelters and have a communications plan with important phone numbers. Also, put together a disaster supplies kit, plan for your pets, gather important documents and inspect and secure your home. Be prepared, hopefully we won't need it, but if we do, see you after the storm.

Congratulations to Brothers Dean Sever, Larry Duff and Randy Jesmok who attended the York Rite, York University, leadership retreat. Topics over the three days included leadership and planning, budgeting, Masonic history, protocol, educational training, better meetings and how to interest members. Brothers Sever, Duff and Jesmok are also participating in the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman instructional program.

Secretary Office Hours – Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lodge Meeting nights 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Phone contact numbers - Lodge Office 352-787-5696 Home 352-753-3099.



From the Chaplin

W.: Wayne Parks

Brother Robert Calvert was called by the Grand Architect to the Celestial Lodge above on July 7th. At his families request a Masonic memorial service was held.

Brother William H. Willis was called by the Grand Architect to the Celestial Lodge above on July 9th.

Brother Mike Mason's father was also called by the Grand Architect the weekend of July 27.

Brother Arthur Ayris has Parkinson's, he is 79, he has caregivers and family watching him at home.

Brother Mike Holt has been fighting cancer for three years and is under Hospice care at his home.

Brother Don McIntyre (Junior Warden) had an out patient heart procedure, he is doing well.

W.: *Forest Case* had surgery on his knee. He was able to return home the same day - Lady Anne says that "he is in pain when the goofy pills wear off." Forest is expected to be back in action in a few weeks.

Brother Frank Toths wife Lois went to LRMC for a heart cath. The heart cath revealed a 50% blockage of the main heart artery where it joins the aorta. Complications have caused a hold on bypass surgery.

If you know of anyone that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep all our brothers in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.

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DID YOU KNOW

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game” was written in the summer of 1908 by Jack Norworth (1879-1959) and set to music by Albert Von Tilzer (1878-1956). For one hundred years, the song's catchy chorus has been part of the musical tradition at ballparks around the country.



INITIATION, PASSING AND RAISING DATES FOR AUGUST

Brothers, we have three new candidates and one Entered Apprentice to bring into our fellowship as Master Masons. Please plan to attend the Initiation, Passing and Raising ceremonies on the following dates and welcome them as our newest brothers.

August 12th at 6:30 p.m. — Entered Apprentice Degree

August 21st at 6:30 p.m. — Fellowcraft Degree

August 30th at 9:00 a.m. — Master Mason Degree

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.—Lunch following Master Mason Degree Work



Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

August 4th, Stated Scottish Rite Meeting, no dinner is planned before the meeting.

Save the change in your pocket! There is a special container in our SR meeting room to put it in. The change really adds up and goes to: *The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida*, become a Scottish Rite Millionaire donator, \$100 adds your name to the Ocala's Millionaire's Plaque.

Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Saturday & Sunday (PM), "October 11 & 12, 2008", Plan ahead, interested contact a Scottish Rite mason in our Lodge.



York Rite Bodies

"A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"

Ocala York Rite Bodies – Meetings at Belleview Lodge No. 95, Belleview.

Ocala Chapter No. 13 - Meetings are on the Second Wednesday of January, March, May, September and November beginning at 7:30 PM.

Ocala Council No. 22 - Royal & Select Masters - Meetings are on the Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

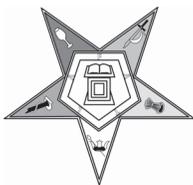
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Eustis York Rite Bodies - Meetings at Eustis Lodge No. 85, Eustis.

Eustis Chapter No. 33, Meetings are on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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Triangle Commandery No. 28 – Meeting are on the on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.



Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Linda Every – Worthy Matron
Robert Welch = Worthy Patron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. OES is DARK July, August and September, will resume in October after the September 25th, Friendship Night.

Upcoming Events;

September 25, 2008 - Leesburg Friendship night, a Special Meeting, No Business will be conducted and our District Chapters Officers will be serving.

If you know of someone in sickness or distress or have information about our Chapter, Please call Worthy Matron Linda Every at 352-669-3014 (work).

DECK OF CARDS

Here is something you might remember from years ago. Brother Ed Halpaus, publisher of Mehr Licht (More Light) received the following from W.B. Milt Youman who lives in Missouri. If you're old enough you might remember a recording of this poem in its original form by Tex Ritter. This is a newer version of the original, which may not be all bad because as time goes on some things do need to be updated from time to time. I'm told the original was a wonderful record, which unfortunately is seldom played on the radio stations today. Nevertheless I hope you will enjoy reading this poem again or for the first time. Thanks Brother Ed for sending this to me.

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an army sergeant came in and said, 'Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?' The soldier replied, 'I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.' The sergeant said, 'Looks to me like you're going to play cards.' The soldier said, 'No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.' The sergeant asked in disbelief, 'How will you do that?'

'You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God. The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Four stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Five is for the five virgins there were ten but only five of them were glorified. The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation. The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives -- the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth. The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him. The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell. The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary. The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total; one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards -- there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.'

The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, 'Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?'

Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting.

From the Great Light of Masonry: "He *that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his sprit, than he that taketh a city." Proverbs 16:32



"A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you, and were helped by you, will remember you when forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble." Charles Haddon Spurgeon - 1834-1892, Baptist Minister

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Coffee/Katch 8:00 am Stated Meeting 7:30 pm		Order of the Eastern Star Dark until October		Tall Cedars 10:30 am Check with officers if Dark
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday Dinner 11:30 am—1:15 pm Spanish Crusine w/Black Beans & Rice		Coffee/Katch 8:00 am Entered Apprentice Degree 6:30 pm			Order of the Amaranth 1:30 pm Check with officers if Dark	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Coffee/Katch 8:00 am Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	District Association The Villages Lodge 7:30 pm	Fellowcraft Degree 6:30 pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Coffee/Katch 8:00 am	District school of In- struction Mt. Dora Lodge 7:30 pm			Master Mason Degree 8:00 am Breakfast 9:00 am Degree Lunch to follow
31		NOTE: The Order serving a Pot Luck	Of the Eastern Star Dinner at 3:00 pm	has a Founders August 30th, 2008.	Birthday Party at	Wildwood Lodge,

MASONIC EDUCATION & DISCUSSION

The Lodge

By: Brother Joseph Fort Newton

A Lodge is a body of men so organized that they move and work together as if many men had but one body.

The Operative Freemasons were under necessity to work together as a body because they were engaged on the same task, at the same time, under one supervision. They knew that nowhere, nor under any circumstances, could a public building be erected if each man worked alone; nor was it a mystery that they had a room for themselves, because they had to think together, decide together, know their places and designs together, and to receive at one time instructions for their labor.

Insofar as they were a body of men of flesh-and-blood, working together because it was impossible to work alone, we also in Speculative Freemasonry are a body of flesh-and-blood men in an actual and literal body, and not in any abstract or unreal sense, because ours is the same Lodge as theirs. If we say that it is a symbolic Lodge it is not because we have turned the Lodge itself into a symbol, but because we as Speculative Masons do not make the same use of it that Operative Masons did.

In one sense it is impossible to put this meaning into words, because to possess it fully and for himself a man must enter into it, and become a member, and learn it by experience; in another sense it is not difficult to put it into words, though they would fall short; if expressed in words the meaning of the Lodge when symbolically used would be expressed in some such fashion as: "A Masonic Lodge was a body of men. The men formed a body in order to do their work in architecture. Craftsmen could not act adversely or independently of each other when constructing a building. This necessity for working as a body was true of Operative Masons; it is also true of any men engaged in any work.

To be in association, to act collectively, for many men to be as if they were one man, is everywhere necessary in work. If you cannot sustain yourself, or give your family the food, housing, furniture, clothing, and medicine which they must have in order to live, if to have those things it is for you a question of life or death, then you must be able to work together with other men, to be in association with them, to cooperate with them, to go through the days with them peaceably and harmoniously, to be in a brotherhood with them, to lodge with them, because not otherwise can you continue to work, and without work you will cease to be.

"If any man thinks that he can be a lone wolf, if he believes that brotherhood, and fraternalism, and friendliness are Utopian ideals and luxuries of sentiment or unreal dreams, he is a moron or a fool. The brotherhood of men in work is not a dream but a stark reality, not a vision but a necessity, for without it any man would starve to death and peoples would perish. Freemasonry does not hold brotherhood, which is membership in a body of men at work, before us as a desirable but remote ideal, hanging in the skies of some unattainable future, but knows it to be a necessity, and not only a necessity but one which may even be for some men a cruel necessity, because it is an iron law of things. We are not Brothers because we hope to be but because we already are; we are not Brothers because we desire to be, but because we must be."

The Lodge itself is the form taken by brotherhood in Freemasonry, so is it also Masonic sociability. Masonic fraternalism, Masonic association, is not a frame-work or background, is not an opportunity or occasion, but is itself what these things are. In substance as well as in form it is unlike any other body of men, certainly it is not to be confused with collectivism, socialism, or communism, which are either economic or political forms of association. It is not consistent with individualism if by individualism is meant that competition in which men prey upon each other; but it is consistent with competition if by competition is meant that emulation of who best can work and best agree.

Words to live by: It is never too soon to be kind, for we never know how soon it will be too late.

Only through Masonic Unity Do the Best, Get Better

By C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander

Samuel Clemens was fond of telling stories about the American West where he, as a young reporter in Nevada, began writing under the name of Mark Twain. One of his most famous anecdotes is about the richest man in a rough-and-tumble Western boomtown. Because this sturdy pioneer wanted to add some "class" to himself and the growing town, he decided to decorate the rooms of his newly built home with copies of some classic statues from Italy.

In time the pieces arrived after each endured a rough stagecoach ride across the American plains. Upon uncrating the largest piece, one labeled Venus de Milo by the Italian shipper, the rich man discovered a statue without arms. Mistakenly convinced it had been damaged in shipment, he took the local postmaster to task---and collected damages! Content with his compensation, the man began to look at the statue more kindly, and soon he like it just fine, believing that the arms, if it had any, would just be useless additions.

Today, are some of our Brethren like this purblind gentleman? Have these Brethren become so involved in one aspect of Masonry that they have forgotten how important each part is to the whole of Freemasonry? Just as the Venus de Milo, however excellent it is in part, would be perfect and complete if it were whole, so each Body within Freemasonry is only complete when it is united with the entire Fraternity. If we accent one segment of the Craft to the exclusion of the rest, we splinter and weaken the totality of Freemasonry. Our work is too great, too important, too needed. We cannot become divided. Our harmony, our Masonic unity, is imperative. If one groups breaks off from the rest, every group is affected and so, ultimately, is the Symbolic Lodge, the foundation of all Freemasonry.

We must never forget that the Symbolic Lodge is the core of our Craft. It is the foundation upon which all else in Freemasonry depends. The basic, universal and eternal lessons of the three Degrees form the sound foundation upon which we build our lives. In our Lodge new become Masons in our hearts. No other Degree is more important, for the principles of the Lodge bring us integrity and strong character, dignity and respect. In return, we strive to be of service to others through our charitable endeavors and our steadfast concern for individual liberty and freedom.

For those Brethren who wish to extend themselves further in Masonry, there are the Scottish Rite and York Rite. Here the lessons of the Lodge are expanded through ritual. Here the scope of Masonic fellowship is widened to include more Brethren who wish to become even better through living and sharing their dedication to Freemasonry. Yet always a Brother is reminded that he is first a Mason of his Symbolic Lodge and only then a member of the York Rite or Scottish Rite. These additional Degrees only expand one's horizons and opportunities. They do not change the compass direction set in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason Degrees, without which there can be no true progress in the Craft.

Many Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Masons as well as many Knight Templar's choose to become Shriners. By making the condition of Scottish Rite or York Rite membership a prerequisite for becoming a Shriner, the Shrine becomes a unique and even stronger organization. Its members already have acquired a deeper understanding of their Symbolic Lodge teachings through the participation in the Scottish Rite and/or York Rite. They are the seasoned timbers with which yet greater Masonic accomplishments can be achieved. The inner temple of commitment can now manifest itself in endeavors of even wider significance, such as support for the Shrine's outstanding Hospitals for Crippled Children and Burns Institutes.

Nor does the impact of Freemasonry stop here. There is the opportunity for participation in many other Appendant Masonic Bodies, each truly outstanding in its own province Consider the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Grotto, the National Sojourners, the High Twelve and the many other noteworthy Masonic related groups. They all contribute magnificently to the betterment of others and our Nation. Masonry works in hundreds of ways to meet special needs and helps others who would otherwise remain unassisted.

Consider also the great founding document of our Country, the Constitution. The American statesman

Salmon P. Chase described it saying: "The Constitution in all its provisions looks to an indestructible union of indestructible Lodges and Appendant Bodies. United, we work together in a diversity of ways to achieve one goal. Divided, we weaken the whole of Freemasonry and lessen the effectiveness of each separate part.

Those who desire to exercise their own authority in a limited scope adhere to the maxim of "divide and command." A better motto, and one at the heart of Freemasonry and every true Brother, is "unite and guide." Let us, then, follow the ideals established in the Symbolic Lodge. Let us build on them, in all the diverse ways that contribute to the benefit of Freemasonry. Our work is great. But we must work together to achieve the success we envision. United for the common good of all, we can share common goals and together accomplish uncommon heights for our Craft and our Nation.

As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote:

All your strength is in your union, All your danger is in discord.

MASONIC PRAYER

Sometimes a question will come up about where the prayers on the first degree come from. According to Worshipful Brother Robert G. Davis, a past president of the Philalethes society, they came from the same place, or person, and that 'one' is - Brother John Pennell.

Brother John Pennell was the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in the early 18th century. He was also the Editor of the "Irish Book of Constitutions," which was first published at Dublin in 1730. The second edition was published in 1744 and the third in 1751. It is said that the Irish Constitutions was based on "Andersons Constitutions of 1723."

In this "Irish Book of Constitutions" is a two-paragraph prayer. Brother Pennell is not believed to be the one who wrote it, but he is believed to be the first one to publish it. This two-paragraph prayer is, or has become, the Prayer at opening and the first Prayer of the first degree.

The first paragraph of the Prayer begins: *Great Architect of the Universe, the giver of all good gifts and Graces. Thou hast promised that 'where two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt be in the midst of them and bless them. In Thy name we have assembled and in Thy name we desire to proceed in all our doings. Grant that the sublime degrees of Freemasonry may so subdue every discordant passion within us - so harmonize and enrich our hearts with Thine own love and goodness - That the Lodge at this time may humbly reflect that order and beauty which reign forever before Thy throne.'*

The Second Paragraph of the prayer is: *"Vouchsafe Thine aid almighty Father of the universe, to this our present convention; and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to thy service and become a true and faithful Brother among us. Endue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that by the secrets of our art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, to the honor of Thy holy name - Amen"*

So when a Mason is in Lodge and hears the opening Prayer given by the Chaplain, or when he is at a First Degree and the Master of the Lodge gives the Prayer as the Entered Apprentice first enters the Lodge, that Mason should know that what he is hearing has been the same Prayer that has been heard by Masons since about 1730.

JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING

"Nature that framed us of four elements, warring within our breasts for regiment, doth teach us all to have aspiring minds: Our souls, whose faculties can comprehend the wondrous architecture of the world: And measure every wandering planet's course, still climbing after knowledge infinite, and always moving as the restless spheres, will us to wear ourselves and never rest, until we reach the ripest fruit of all, that perfect bliss of sole felicity, the sweet fruition of an earthly crown." Christopher Marlowe 1564-1593



New Parade Float

District 18 has a new parade float. Truly one of the glorious aspects of masonry is when a Brother, their family or something is in need, a Brother steps up to assist. The old parade float had seen better days. Pictured here (L-R) are W.: Chris Voss, R.:H.: Dennis Ricker (District Instructor), R.:W.: Carl Vause, Jr. (DDGM), R.:W.: Glenn Reynolds (PDDGM), W.: Bill Green and Brother Dean Sever at one of the July 4th city parades.

Brother Randy Jesmok, Senior Deacon of Leesburg Lodge 58, (Far right) built the new parade float for District 18. The District Association purchased the banners. The float is now available for use. Brother Jesmok says he has a few more decorative ideas for the float. Brother Randy says if you have any ideas and would like to volunteer some available time, let him know. When completed the only thing missing will be YOU.



The Villages Lodge No. 394

In July, eight new Master Masons were raised in our Lodge. A very special *THANK YOU* goes to The Villages Lodge No. 394, who along with four of our officers preformed the ceremonies. Our Brothers from Villages compete, and excel, each year in the annual Grand Lodge ritual completion. Recently, I read a Villages Trestle Board, weekly they schedule a ritual practice; so that's why they do outstanding work.



Smoke, fire, lightning, yep, looks like the kitchen crew is hard at labor again. Thank You, to all who attend, and volunteer your time, to our Tuesday morning fellowship breakfast and second Sunday monthly dinners. The first six months of 2008 was rough, the hot water heater, dishwasher, and some cabinets had to be replaced. Your attendance has allowed the Lodge to replace these items and obtain a minimal profit. A special THANKS, to our sisters and brothers of Leesburg Chapter No. 84, Order of the Eastern Star, who contributed to the dishwasher cost. Your thoughts to improve our menu items and events is always welcome. If you have not been in a while, our doors are also open and we extend an open invitation, plan to attend, see you there.

Above photo is of a volcanic eruption in Chili, south of Santiago, which put tons of dust into the night sky, at the same time a electrical storm was passing over. Upper right photo (L-R) are Brothers Fred Neilson (Tyler), Larry Duff (Sr. Steward), Don (The Bossman) McIntyre, Sr. (Jr. Warden) and Richard Cartier (Jr. Steward) preparing our weekly Tuesday fellowship breakfast. Not pictured Lady Nina McIntyre, she the took picture.



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