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at our July 5th Meeting - "Building of the Flag" Presentation*



LEESBURG LODGE No. 58

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA

200 Richey Road

Leesburg, Florida 34748 Phone: 352-787-5696

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month

Chartered January 15th, 1868

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William "Ed" Davison	1974
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R.:W.:Colin Crews	1980^*
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R.:W.:Theodore Jansen	1986*
R.:W.:Joseph T. Price	1987*
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Tom Russell	1997/1998/2002
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R.:W.:Dennis Ricker	2005/2007^*
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Chairman Dean Sever, W.: Bob Browning, W.: Bill Green

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W.: Richard Ecott, R.:W.: Ken Graves, Richard Tanner,
Garth Philips

Catechism

Chairman W.: Roland Gibson, W.: Bob Browning, John Dean,
W.: Don McIntyre, Sr.

Funeral

Chairman R.:W.: Ken Graves, W.: Bill Green, Officers & Members

Activities & Awards

Chairman W.: Richard Ecott, SW Larry Duff, W.: Randy Jesmok

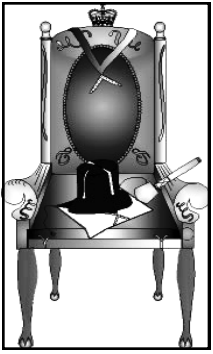
Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R.:W.: Joe Price

Investments

Chairman R.:W.:Ken Graves, W.:Tom Russell, R.:W.:Ted Jansen

Officers meet at 6:30pm, first stated meeting, Committee Chairman meet the second meeting of each month for business and planning.



LIGHT FROM THE EAST

W.: RANDALL "Randy" JESMOK

On August 20th (see announcement on Page 6) we will have a **Pulled or Sliced Pork Fundraising** luncheon at the Lodge. Your Lodge needs YOUR PARTICIPATION not only at this fundraiser but your Lodges Tuesday Breakfasts and Sunday Dinners, these fundraisers help keep our dues to pay rising expenses low.

Don't forget our August 14th Sunday Dinner at the Lodge. At this dinner **Honoring Leesburg Lodge Past Master's and Affiliated Past Masters** of Leesburg Lodge. Invitations were mailed out, hopefully You have kept the secretary informed of your address, phone number or e-mail. **Call the Lodge and let us know your coming and how many are coming with you.**

Brother Roger Sutton of Tavares Lodge applied for Plural membership and Brother Howard Serberg for Affiliation, were both voted into membership in our Lodge.

The July 16th Roadway Clean-Up with our Boy Scout Troop was again light in attendance, we still pick-up a load of trash, Our youngest EA Brother Daniel

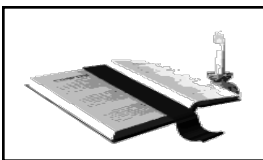
Bryant was there with his two son's, glad to have you on board. Another fine luncheon by the Junior Warden.

PETITIONS - Petition of Mr. Steven Waters, for the 3 degrees, who appeared before the Petitions and Investigations Committees was accepted. **EA degree will be held on August 8th at Clermont Lodge.**

A petition for the 3 degrees was received from Mr. Jordon Heasty of Astor with a favorable report from the Petitions Committee. This petition was referred to the Investigations Committee taking it's usual course.

CHARTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS - We have a few dollars in the Charity Fund. We have two scholarship requests pending, the Charity Committee will be making a recommendations shortly. We are also attempting to set some monies aside for participation with the Leesburg Police Department Needy Children Christmas program.

As with all matters of the Lodge, your input and participation is greatly needed. We are a body of persons in the state of being Masons, a Brotherhood. Hope to see you at YOUR Masonic Lodge very soon.



From the Chaplain

W.: Roland Gibson

Sickness & Distress:

Lady Cele Cottman, wife of W.:Ron Cottman has been admitted to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for treatment of Leukemia. W.:Ron is spending a lot of time between the hospital and here at home.

Lady Marylyn Jansen, wife of R.:W.: Ted Jansen, is home and recovering from medical treatments she received.

Lady Nancy Tanner, wife of br. Richard Tanner, suffered a mild heart attack and is home recovering.

Lady Deanna Dean, wife of Br. John Dean, is home ill and awaiting a surgical date for treatment.

R.:W.: Norm Anders has been hospitalized, reported possible mild stroke.

Your prayers, cards and visitation is appreciated.

We wish all who are ill a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon. *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 to them, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.*

HAPPY DAYS — We extend to all who have birthdays and anniversary's this month our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy celebration of your day. If you can't party it up this year makes plans for next year.

Words to Live By:

John Milton warned, *"Hypocrisy is the only evil that walks invisible."*

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th -
Tuesday Coffee Klatch & Breakfast

August 14th - Monthly Sunday Dinner
Past Masters Appreciation Dinner
CHICKEN MARSALA

August 2nd & 16th, 2011 - 7:30 pm
Stated Communications Meetings
Collations after Meeting

August 20th - Masters Pork Luncheon
Eat In or Take Out,
Pulled or Sliced Pork
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw
and Drinks



FROM THE WEST
Senior Warden Larry Duff

It's been another busy month by the Property Committee at the Lodge, the 25 plus year old broken air conditioner that services the Lobby, Offices and Bathroom areas had been replaced. At our July 5th Stated Meeting the membership in attendance agreed to install a Grease/Oil trap recovery system in the kitchen as required by City EPA rules, this will be done when the ordered parts are received. The 10ton Lodge room air conditioning unit blew a gasket and lost all Freon and has been repaired.

We are and should be thankful to the Brothers whose vision 28 years ago provided us this great Masonic facility. Unfortunately, nothing lasts forever and we are experiencing a cycle of expensive repairs and maintenance which hopefully will end soon.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon.



FROM THE SOUTH
Junior Warden Dick Cartier

Many Masons refer to themselves and referred to by the non-mason as "inactive" masons simply because they do not attend their lodges regularly or take an

active part in ritualistic matters.

The object of this article is to emphasize the importance of these members to the fraternity. We hope every mason who regards himself as an "inactive" Mason will read this Article and thus come to realize that he is an important and vital part of the Masonic institution.

INACTIVE MASON—NOT SO !

Frequently we hear someone apologetically refer to himself as an "inactive" Mason, meaning that he doesn't attend Lodge meetings or participate in any of its activities. In other words, a man usually believes that he must be a participant in some kind of lodge endeavor in order to be an "active" Mason.

This is of course, a commendable attitude and to a degree it is correct. It is important for a Mason to attend his lodge as often as possible to witness the conferring of each of the degrees, so that he will refresh his mind concerning the teachings and responsibilities of Freemasonry; and also attend as many stated meetings as he can so that he can have some participation in the business affairs of the lodge.

It is true that a Mason who is regular in attendance at lodge meetings as taking an active interest in his fraternity. If he takes part in the ritualistic ceremonies, he renders an additional service to the craft. If he accepts the responsibility of office and does his job well, he is an important builder in the greatest fraternity on earth.

However, it is not essential, even though most desirable, that a Mason fulfill some of the services listed in order to be an "active" Mason. Many men have responsibilities and duties which do not permit them to attend lodge or hold office, but they are still "active" Masons.

PAY YOUR DUES

A man is an active Mason if all he does is pay his annual dues to the lodge. At first thought, this statement may suggest bold commercialism that Masonry is nothing but a "degree mill" and a money-making business. However, when one stops to consider that our institution is dedicated to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, how could it be operated without the financial support of all its members? The officers, ritualists and regularly attending members, are too few in number to even provide a meeting place. Through their financial support, men who might consider themselves "in-active" Masons make it possible for the work to be done and Masonry carried on from one generation to another.

What would happen to our program of assistance to destitute brethren, their wives, their widows, and their orphans, if it were not for the dues paying "inactive" Masons? There would be none!

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The charities and benevolences of Grand Lodge are only a beginning of the great programs of Masonic charity. All of the Masonic institutions which predicate membership upon being a Master Mason would disintegrate overnight if it were not for the "inactive" Masons. But more importantly, their charities and benevolences would cease also at once. We need to remind ourselves constantly that Freemasonry is the greatest charitable institution on earth. It is impossible to arrive at an accurate estimate of the amount of money being spent each

day for the relief of destitute and suffering humanity; also works of charity without regard to Masonic affiliation, race, creed, or national origin. The Shrine alone has a budget of millions of dollars for operation of the hospitals for burned and crippled children. Then consider the Scottish Rite program of Education, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and many other like programs. Lastly compare, for example, the budget of the Shrine by itself with any other benevolent institution on earth and realize that no other group can approach the Masonic virtue of Relief, and remember that every member of the York Rites, Scottish Rites, Shrine and all other allied Masonic bodies is first, and last, a Master Mason. How can a man pay his dues and be called an "inactive" Mason?

LIVE AN UPRIGHT LIFE

A man is an active Mason if all he does is live accordingly to the principles of Freemasonry. There are few things in life which do more for the world than liv-



High Twelve is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth support and patriotic events. High Twelve is an association dedicated to the unification of Master Masons, independent of the formal ritual of Lodge, but dedicated to service to the fraternity.



HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

Meeting Times & Locations

Hawthorne Masonic High Twelve No. 547 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at Golden Corral, 1720 Citrus Blvd. (Hwy 27/441) – Leesburg, FL. Tel: 352-728-3911.

Leesburg Masonic High Twelve No. 424 - Meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Leesburg Lodge No. 58, located at 200 Richey Road in Leesburg.

Mid-Florida Masonic Lakes High Twelve No. 522 - Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at Mid-Florida Lakes Clubhouse, east of Leesburg on CR-44.

Tavares Masonic High Twelve No. 557 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Angelo's Restaurant, 2270 Vindale Road, Tavares.

Tri-County Masonic High Twelve meets 10:30 a.m. 1st Wednesday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center, The Villages. Reservations for lunch due by the Thursday before the meeting, call Rita at 750-5561.



MASONIC CLUBS

Plantation Masonic Club - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Plantation Oaks Restaurant.



WORSHIPFUL MASTERS BBQ PORK LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

August 20th, 2011 - 11:00am to 2:00pm

\$7.50 per plate

Eat In or Take Out

***PULLED or SLICED PORK
BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW, DRINK***
(Also Available without BBQ Sauce)

Tickets WILL BE SOLD and are
available from event coordinator
W:: Richard Ecott, 352-552-8533.

These porkers were farm raised by our own W::M::Randy Jesmok and donated to the Lodge. Grill/Smoker Master W::Richard Ecott will be preparing these porkers for your enjoyment and dining.

Get your tickets now, eat in or pick-up a take out for dinner at home for yourself, family and friends. Make a enjoyable day of it with your Brethren, your family and friends and let our kitchen volunteers prepare your meal.

**ALL MASONS, THEIR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS ARE INVITED**

ing an upright and moral life. When a Master Mason goes to sleep at night and is able to say to himself that he has that day fulfilled as best he could the obligations of a Mason, he has accomplished something for himself, but more than that, he has done something for his fellow-man. If he has worn and displayed a Masonic emblem of upright living, he has served as a living testimony to all is good, kind and charitable, and proudly proclaimed to the world that this is Masonry. The Mason should always remember that the Masonic emblem on his finger, or in his lapel, represents the badge of a Mason, the Apron.

SERVICE TO THE WORLD

A man is an active Mason if he engages in great works of service to the world and quietly, modestly, lets everyone know that he is a Master Mason.

Two of the greatest Masons of our time were

General Douglas McArthur of the U.S. Armed Forces and J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. Their Masonic accomplishments were achieved in sacrificial services to their country rather than within the tiled Lodge; but the whole world knew that they were Masons and were proud of that fact. This category of "active" Masons includes men from all walks of life. It includes the brother who works for DeMolay for boys and the one who works for the Rainbow for girls. It includes the brethren who choose to work in York Rites, the Scottish Rites, The order of the Eastern Star or the Shrine, rather than devote their activities to Symbolic Lodge.

ENCOURAGE OTHERES

A man is an "active" mason if he encourages worthy men to become Master Masons. This may be through example, precept, or suggestion. It is contrary to Masonic practice to consider a man for Masonry, elect him and then invite him to become a member. A man must seek to become a member because of honest desires. There is, however, no rule which forbids a Master Mason to encourage non Master Masons to seek membership. A father can tell his son that he hopes some day he will desire to become a Mason and when he does, he merely has to ask for a petition.

A Mason may have a good friend whom he considers to have all the attributes to be a good Freemason. He cannot invite that friend to join, but he can tell him that if he ever wishes to become a Mason, he must make application. Many good men are lost to Masonry because they are waiting for an invitation.

SCARED MASONS

Lastly, there are countless Masons who pay their dues and never attend Lodge because they have remained away so long they are afraid they can't get in, or because they fear they will be embarrassed by loss of memory concerning the ritual.

They should never let themselves become this kind of "inactive" Mason. In the first place, no examination will be required of a man attending his own Symbolic Lodge; the secretary can vouch for him. In the second place, he will not be required to participate in any of the rituals, and he will soon find all of those things he once learned are still buried in his "memory bank."

DEFINITION-"INACTIVE"

We will admit that there is such a thing as an "inactive" Mason but he usually falls within three cate-

gories. First, he is the Mason who has forfeited his membership through non-payment of dues. And surrendered one of the great and priceless honors of the world, that of being a Freemason.

Second, he is a man who fails to live accordingly to the principles of Masonry and brings disgrace upon himself and the Craft. Third, he is the man who zealously hides the fact that he is a Freemason, lest the world learns of his association with the institution which inculcates the highest principles of morality and eternal truth.

WHAT KIND OF A MASON ARE YOU ?

You and you alone can answer that question. Search yourself, my brother!



We still have about 30 hold outs in paying 2011 dues (\$5/month) with 2 notices sent to them, this amounts to approximately \$1,800 dollars in budget shortage.

There are two things inevitable according to Brother Ben Franklin, death and taxes. If you would like to have a Masonic funeral after you go to meet the great Architect of the Universe, several things must be in order for this to happen and often not much time to do it in:

1. Your wishes should be made known to your family or those in charge of funeral arrangements and preferably in writing. Members of your family should be advised of this and show them where your white leather apron is kept and leave a note of this with the arrangements/wishes. If you have never affiliated with a Florida Lodge, name and address of your out of State or Country Lodge should be included in the arrangements, in which case the Memorial Lodge will research and conduct the service if all is in order, if a Florida member contact info of the Lodge should be noted, often times family members don't have a clue.

2. A Masonic funeral service can be performed only on a Mason in good standing (your dues must be current for the Masonic year).

3. Desire for a Memorial or Honorary Memorial perpetual membership after death which will benefit your Lodge forever. Perpetual membership while still

alive is better yet and will benefit you and the Lodge immediately and forever.

4. List of appendant Masonic Bodies with active membership with your arrangements/wishes and possibly choosing one of them to perform services which many can do or assist in.

Paying the last respects to a deceased Brother is a very important part of our Obligation, so when the opportunity presents itself, make every effort to attend these services. All Master Masons are encouraged to join the District Memorial Lodge or attend as a Visitor if not a member. Tyled meetings are monthly after the District Association Meetings and generally last less than a half hour.



OUR MASONIC OBLIGATIONS

We are obliged to respect our uniqueness and ourselves no more or less than our brothers. This means we may not withhold from him, or permit others to withhold from him any of the reverence, solicitude, or freedom we claim for ourselves. We may not exclude anyone from this deference because of race, creed, color, social position, economic class, or any other consideration. That is different than toleration which is merely permitting what is not approved. Our Masonic duty of tolerance involves being fair toward those whose opinions, actions, or cultures are different from ours. It does not mean simply putting up with them but involves a liberal spirit toward the different views and actions of others, which can lead to a genuine respect and love for these differences.

There are no limits to this obligation. We cannot respect our fellow brothers excessively.

We may not injure him in any fashion, humiliate him, oppress, exploit, or deprive him of anything to which he is entitled. We are not to deceive him or withhold the truth from him. Oppression may be through words or deeds. We are not to inhibit or restrain his self-fulfillment according to his inclinations, talents, and conscience.

We also have the right to expect our Brothers to behave toward us as we seek to behave toward them.

As Masons we also are taught to have respect for all individuals, have a noble sense of generosity, and zeal in the interest of mankind, and in the advancement and progress of humanity.



Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com or www.SROrlando.com

Ocala Scottish Rite meets the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm.at Ocala Scottish Rite Center, 3632 NE 7th Street, Ocala, Fl.

Orlando Scottish Rite meets at 1485 Grand Road, Winter Park, Fla. on the 4th Friday of each month, except, November, which is on the third Friday and dark in December, meetings at 7:30pm.



York Rite Bodies

“A Continuation of the Blue Lodge”
www.flgyr.org

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

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

Ocala Council No. 22 - R&S Masters - Meets Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

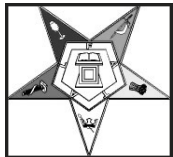
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Eustis York Rite Bodies - Meetings at Leesburg Lodge No. 58

Eustis Chapter No. 33, Meets on the fourth Friday of January, March, May, September and November at 7:30 PM.

Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters - Meets fourth Friday of February, April, June, October, December at 7:30 PM.

*Triangle Commandery No. 38 –Knights Templar—*Meets on the



Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 84

Lady Orissa Maurer – Worthy Matron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of July, August and September. Meets at Leesburg Lodge No. 58.



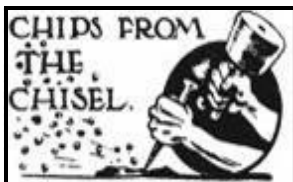
Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. at Leesburg Lodge No. 58. DARK the months of July, August & September.



AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u> Ocala Scottish Rite 7:30pm DeMolay 7:30pm Eustis Lodge	<u>2</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>3</u> Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center , The Villages 10:30am	<u>4</u> Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter 84 7:30 pm	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> EA Degree at Clermont 7:00pm DeMolay 7:30pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop No. 1 at 7:00pm Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12, Mid-Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30am	<u>9</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Corral 11:00am	<u>10</u> Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks Ocala York Rite (DARK) 7:30pm Open Books Tavares Lodge 6:00pm - 9:00pm	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge	<u>13</u> Tall Cedars Lake Forrest No. 200 10:30am (DARK)
<u>14</u> Sunday Dinner 11:30 —1:15 pm Chicken Marsalis & Rice, Dinner Roll, Salad, Dessert, Drinks	<u>15</u> Boy Scout Troop No. 1 at 7:00pm Rainbow Assembly No. 79 at Mt. Dora 7:00pm	<u>16</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>17</u> District Association Meeting at Clermont Lodge 7:30 pm	<u>18</u> Tavares Hi-Twelve Trio’s Restaurant Mt. Dora 11:00 am	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop No. 1 at 7:00pm	<u>23</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Corral 11:00am	<u>24</u> Ocala Commandery No. 19 (DARK) Dist. School of Instruction at Clermont Lodge 7:30pm	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Golden Triangle Council at 7:30 pm Leesburg Lodge Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> Rainbow Assembly No. 79, at Mt. Dora 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	<u>30</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Leesburg Hi-Twelve (DARK)	<u>31</u>			



life to one that is better and everlasting. Anciently, the symbolism was the same. Those who spent their lives in the service of their God, their country, and their fellow-

The Ark pictured in the ritual of Freemasonry is a representation of that of Noah. Masonically, it symbolizes the passing of the spirit of man from this

man could hope, and expect, to be safely wafted "over this tempestuous sea of troubles."

When a Sword Pointing to a Naked Heart was added to the ritual is uncertain. It is referred to as a symbol of justice. It pointedly reminds us that God will reward us according to what we do in this life. But we know the rewards - the justice - will be tempered with mercy and understanding.



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Sponsorship is \$20.00 for the year or any part thereof.

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MASONIC EDUCATION & DISCUSSION

Seek to mentor a Brother Mason: It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!

"An Educated Mason is a Dedicated Mason, and a Dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our fraternity."

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"BUILDING CHARACTER"

Dear Brothers:

Are you ready for the task, do you have the type of environment needed, do you have the material, do you have the personnel. The aforementioned are key ingredients in Character Building and a very important part of the learning experience.

We as Masons have the awesome challenge of building moral edifices, from the basic commitment that we have promised to **"make good men better"**. My Brothers this is serious work, it is a God given opportunity to help our fellow Brother to succeed as an upright man and Mason, and be an integral part of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

In order for us to get this great task accomplished we must plan, prepare and perform. We need to use our resources at hand to make this possible. If your Particular Lodge does not have the personnel available or the resources and you, need assistance in getting this task accomplished please call on the particular Grand Lodge Committee to assist you. Your Grand Lodge Officers would like you to succeed in all your endeavors and pledge to help aid and assist in such an undertaking.

Another way we can accomplish this task of Character Building is to have a group of Lodges or Districts pool their resources in order to accomplish this task. Committing to a District wide enterprise may require a little bit more planning but when resources are limited this may very well be the answer until the Lodges or Brothers can tackle the situation at the Lodge level. Regardless how this task is accomplished, it is one well

worth it, as this is a commitment we have made to the Candidate and the world.

We start Character Building from the very first meeting of the Candidate with the Lodge Mentor. The lessons, camaraderie and examples set by the Lodge Mentor and Lodge Instructor will be the beginning of a lifelong commitment you will instill in the Candidate for a continuing search of further light in Masonry.

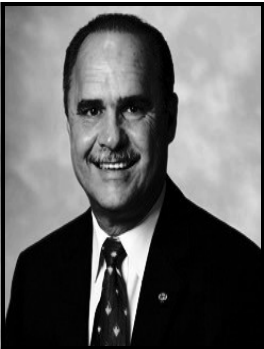
The end of the instruction period after the completion of the Mentors Lectures and the Catechism should not and must not be the end of the instruction period in our Lodges. We as members of the Lodge need to foment these learning opportunities for our members to expand their horizons, to increase their knowledge in the esoteric meaning of our work.

If Masonry is a Way of Life, and life and Masonry are one in the same philosophy, one can see the need for a continuing study, since life is ever evolving. The philosophical side of Masonry is often ignored yet it is the one ingredient that attracts more candidates because it creates the mysticism and spirituality of Freemasonry that so many men seek to improve themselves.

By creating the opportunity for an open forum, where discussions and exchanges of ideas are welcome, we will make the Masonic Experience a reality. This is happening in many Lodges across the state and they are experiencing growth, a different growth, one of spiritual, quality and knowledgeable members. Masons who valued the Masonic Experience and who appreciate the Fraternity for its values.

My Brothers things easily obtainable are seldom appreciated my most; sometimes it takes the wisest of men to know the value. Most men place very little importance to something that is cheap to obtain, and to maintain. They lose interest very fast when they do not have personal ownership or direct involvement with the idea, product or concept. Their perceived lack of value and personal involvement makes Masonry dispensable to many and they continue to pay their dues if no questions ever come of it, simply out of habit. However, the minute there is a question and they perceive no value because they are not personally involved, what they perceived gave them no real gain to their lives, they simply drop out.

If we build Strong Character, and create the



Masonic Experience of ownership, they have experienced personal and spiritual growth then we have created value. When they have experienced the Masonic Way of Life and understand the philosophy of our Noble Craft, only then will we have a practicing member until they are called to "Thy Lodge on High".

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,
I remain your most humble servant.



WHAT KIND of MAN ARE YOU?

By Brother Edgar Guest

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a "look out below!", and a lusty yell
They swung a ball and a side wall fell.

I asked the foreman: "Are these as skilled
As the men you would hire if you had to build?"

He gave me a laugh and said: "No indeed,
Just common labor is all we need.
We can wreck in a single day or two
What it took the builders a year to do."

So I said to myself as I went on my way
"Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care
Measuring life by rule and square?
Or am I a wrecker who walks my town
Content with the labor of tearing down?"

EDIFY and ENLIGHTEN

By Ed Halpaus, FPS

There is a word that while it may not be heard every day it is heard quite frequently, and that word is 'edification.' Possibly we will hear the word 'edification' more frequently in business and Masonic circles than in every-day conversations with family and friends.

The dictionary says that edification is the act of edifying, and this is where it becomes more interesting, because to edify means: 1. To build or construct; 2. Establish or organize; 3. Strengthen; (especially to build up the faith, morality, etc.); 4. To instruct or benefit, especially morally. Another dictionary says it means to instruct or enlighten so as to encourage moral or spiritual development. A Mason who mentors helps edify the Brother he mentors!

The poem above was written by Brother Edgar Guest who at one time was known as the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. This particular poem has significance to the Freemason, but it also has significance to many others as well. Years ago I was at a business conference where Lou Holtz, former Minnesota and Notre Dame Football Coach, was one of the speakers: He gave a fine talk, as you might expect, on leadership, and then, to my surprise and pleasure, he ended his talk by reciting the poem 'What Kind of Man are You' by Brother Guest.

The message of the poem is obvious to the Freemason when he notices how some people seem to naturally build-up the people around them with positive talk and reinforcement, while others seem to have the false philosophy that belittling or tearing-down another (fault finding) will somehow show their superiority.

A truism in the Masonic Fraternity is that it is the Inner that is more important than the Outer and this is true in almost every instance of out vs. inner: For instance, Outside of our Lodges we will come across more people who consistently tear others down. But Inside our Masonic Lodge we will be in the company of Brethren who have the ability and the desire to build you up. Masons and leaders know that those who have been built-up become happier and more productive people. Masons build each other up and help each other make good decisions.

In an email I received a while back from Reverend Mac Hammond on leadership, he mentioned that '*edification simply means to rebuild that which has been torn down*' he also wrote that '*the Bible [the Great Light of Freemasonry] encourages us to edify one another.*'

When we look into a concordance of the Great Light of Masonry we will find a few references for edification: In Romans 14:19 it says: "*Let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.*" Part of the explanation of this verse[v] says that '*fellowship should be characterized by peace and building up one another.*' One of Freemasonry's strong suits is fellowship.

The dictionary says that the word 'enlighten' means: 1. to give knowledge or truth; 2. to endow with spiritual understanding; 3. to acquaint with information, to inform; to free from prejudice or false belief.

The degrees of Masonry could be said to enlighten because they do provide knowledge and truth,

which helps the Freemason in understanding, and Masons being truth seekers soon find out what is true and what is false.



THE OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN

By: Rev. Lee S. Donahue

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The office of Chaplain was instituted in the early years of English Speculative Masonry. The English term "Chaplain" refers to a priest, minister or other clergy officiating in a private chapel. It is this office which is charged with the offering of holy prayer. It was adopted when men of great intellectual curiosity--authors, musical composers, architects, philosophers, churchmen, men of the aristocracy, from both royalty and the nobility--were streaming into the vast pool of enlightened men who had been attracted to this peculiar and unique organization which they learned had been founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. In Masonry were men, congregated together, who were devoted to the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, and engaged in the search for truth, the relief of the indigent, and the protection of virtue.

Masonry is not a religion. Masonry is not a religious order or religious organization of any kind. Masonry is not meant to replace religion in a man's life. Be that as it may, however, prayer is an essential part of the form, substance and content of Masonic assemblies and meetings. Men in the Masonic Order denied the right of dictation by any church and were conscious of the tendency to persecution by governments under whose protection they resided. In this vein, they initiated the prohibition of religion and politics as discussion topics within the Lodge. This prohibition is jealously guarded to this day. Masonry, nevertheless, is so far interwoven with religion as to lay men under obligation to pay that rational homage to the deity which at once constitutes their duty and their happiness. It leads the contemplative to view with reverence and admiration the glorious works of creation and impresses them with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of the Creator.

Charles Darwin opened a new window on scien-

tific and theological study with the publication in 1859 of his contribution to modern science entitled *On the Origin of Species*, followed in 1871 by his book *Descent of Man*. This window looked out on a harvest of concepts and principles unimagined in the intellectual life of man. Where God's laws were interpreted to mean that all living organisms were created to adapt with each other and fit perfectly into their own environment, Darwin removed God and his natural laws and in their stead he placed the principles of common ancestry of humans and apes and his explanatory theory of natural selection. This almost unbelievable concept burst upon the quiet lives of the Western world's scientific community like an exploding asteroid of gargantuan proportions and set off a firestorm of frenzied activity in every study and laboratory in Europe and America, resulting in an unprecedented revolution in philosophy. But God, having been rejected by science for almost 150 years, has now been reintroduced in a new dimension by one of the greatest living scientists of our time, Stephen Hocking.

We recall that Freemasonry formally organized in 1717 in England, less than 300 years ago. It is still being defined and publicized as the most widely distributed secret society in the world, having an active membership of over three million men attached to thousands of lodges spread over every habitable portion of the globe--until quite recently when other diversions laid claim to men's leisure hours.

There are various theories of the origins of Freemasonry and where this great fraternal organization may have had its roots. But we cannot sell short the fact that the English associations of operative builders of the Middle Ages, with their traditions and peculiar customs, the possession of a grip and a password and other characteristics, marked the evolution from the operative science into the speculative Craft that we know today. The fables which carry the fraternity back to the building of King Solomon's temple, to the era of Isis and Osiris in Egypt, and to other momentous incidents in history, all impart lessons that support and form the core of the ritual, charges, lectures and being of the Order.

German, French, Scandinavian and other continental intellectual movements migrated around Europe and contributed their influence to Masonry. The Roman colleges of artificers and the great architects and engineers of the Roman armies of occupation left an impress that can still be detected in the Work.

The influx of new membership---anti-quarians, historians, mystics and intellectuals of every stripe who were attracted to the fraternity at the time of the Enlightenment---brought with them and contributed to the lodges their own special gifts in interpreting holy writ, the classics and the emerging sciences. We have a classic example in the Book of Joshua 10:12 where Joshua prayed that the Lord would stop the sun. One result of this story was the rounding out of the Masonic symbolic degree ceremonies to substantially the forms in use today, particularly in the signs practiced in the Fellowcraft Degree. Traces of symbolism from Operative Masonry are preserved by the Craft and superimposed on the work of the Masonic ritualists. Also discernible are the great contributions made by the Rosicrucian's, Kabbalists, Gnostics and Pythagoreans, as well as the great debt owed by Masonry to ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Oriental philosophies.

It was the wide extension of British commerce throughout the world that brought the Craft into vogue through the activity of the army and the navy, who were the prime medium of carrying the fraternity into the furthestmost British colonies, into various recesses of Europe and across the oceans to North America. In Canada, particularly in Quebec, working lodges in Wolfe's army were of Scottish, English, and Irish Constitutions. The Lodge of Antiquity, Number 1 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, owes its original charter to the latter of the above Grand Lodges.

From these early beginnings we now define the Chaplain's role in Masonry, which is to interpret the spirituality of the ritual to the Master of the Lodge and through him to all Lodge members. He is to assist in elevating the moral, ethical, and intellectual level of the members of this community, and in going beyond his constituency, to all ranks in society. In this office it is essential that he be conversant with the history, aims, purposes and fundamentals of the Order in general and with his Lodge in particular, paying special attention to the membership as individuals with their own particular needs and problems. His prayers unite the Brethren in a mystical bond of fellowship whose faculties are, at this time, directed toward God, the Supreme Being, to whom all must submit, and whom we ought most humbly to adore.

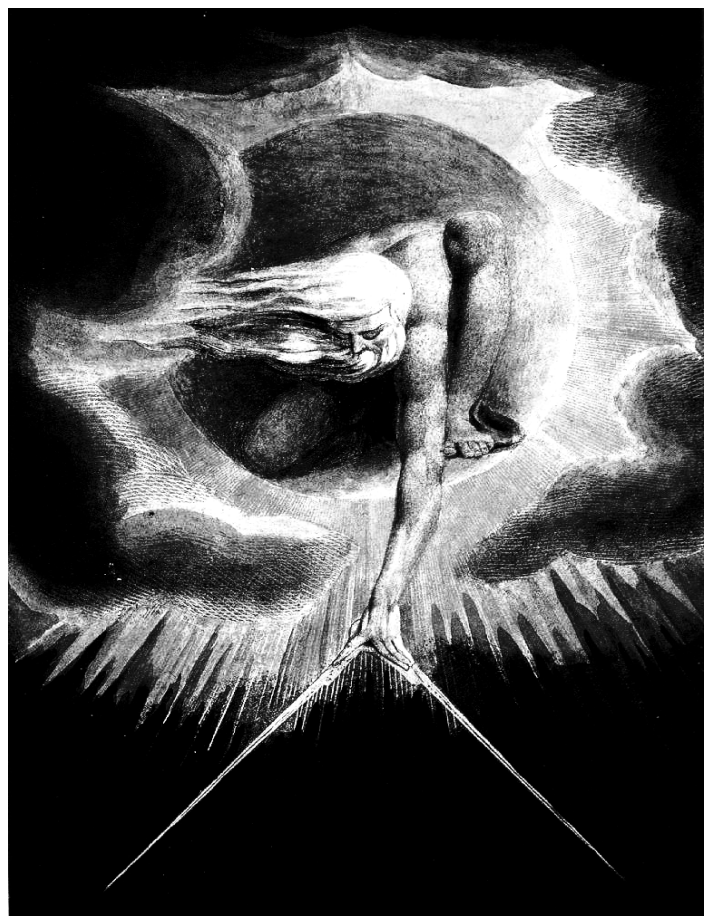
The only time a candidates' particular religion is of importance to the Order is when he takes his obliga-

tion on the sacred book of his own religion, the better to deem it solemn and binding. His religion is otherwise of no concern to anyone. But it is the concern of the Office of Chaplain to see that the Holy Bible is in its place on the altar when the lodge is opened--for the Bible, and the Square and Compasses, represent the Three Great Lights by which a Mason must walk and work.

The Chaplain is aware that a good man will find there is goodness in the world; an honest man will find there is honesty in the world; and a man of principle will find principle and integrity in the spirit and hearts of others. The role of the Chaplain is to promote thorough, faithful, and honest endeavor to improve. In so doing, he makes his greatest contribution to the Lodge.

For we believe that there is a God; that he is our Father; that he has a paternal interest in our welfare and improvement; that he has given us powers by means of which we may escape from sin and all its temptations; and that he destined us to a life of endless progress toward perfection and a knowledge of himself.

If we believe this, as every Chaplain should, and if we impart and transmit this to the Brethren, we live calmly, endure patiently, and labor steadfastly as conquerors in the great struggle of life.





Members of Seminole Chapter No. 373 National Sojourners at our July 5th, Stated Communications Meeting - "Building of the Flag" Presentation. Outstanding and informative presentation.



July Sunday Dinner Crew

Another fine meal was prepared and served by our kitchen crew at our July Monthly Second Sunday Dinner. Preparations have begun for the August dinner and we hope to see you there for the fellowship and a good meal.



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Vegetable Melody, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll
Desserts (Sugar or Sugar Free / No Sugar Added) and Drinks

Suggested donation \$8.00 per person, Children under 14 years of age \$4.00

PLEASE call the Lodge at 787-5696, or sign the guest list in the foyer, provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all. ALL MASONS, their families and friends are invited. Dinner and Breakfast menu suggestions welcomed, just fill out a comment card.



Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfast

7:30am to 9:00am

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausages (Patty's or Links), Breakfast Potatoes,
Grits, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Toast, Fruit Cup,
Breakfast Desert, Coffee, Orange Juice

Suggested Donation \$5.00

