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Randall Jesmok

LEESBURG LODGE No. 58

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA

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Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month

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G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
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R: W: Ray Richardson	1969*
R: W: Joseph H. Sellers	1970*
William "Ed" Davison	1974
Robert H. Smith	1977
R: W: Colin Crews	1980^*
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R: W: Theodore Jansen	1986*
R: W: Joseph T. Price	1987*
Michael Dozier	1988
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Don Barfield	1996
Tom Russell	1997/1998/2002
Mervyn Harris	1999
R: W: Kenneth Graves	2000*
Robert H. Browning	2003/2004
R: H: Dennis Ricker	2005/2007^
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Donald McIntyre, Sr.	2010

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Chairman Dean Sever, W: Bob Browning, W: Bill Green

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Garth Philips

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W: Don McIntyre, Sr.

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Chairman R: W: Joe Price, Dean Sever, SW Larry Duff

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Chairman Larry Duff, R: W: Joe Price

Investments

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

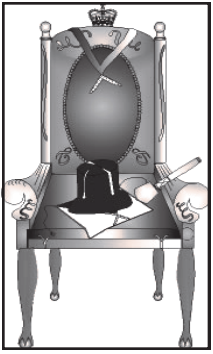
Education

Chairman W: Randy Jesmok, SW Larry Duff, John Dean

Mentors

Chairman Richard Tanner, W: Roland Gibson, John Dean,
all Past Masters

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

January is already over, we had our installation of 2011 Officers and our first Stated Meeting as such. February has begun and we have laid out our Goals and Objectives for 2011.

Now it's time to get to work.

Throughout this year we will be faced with challenges that working together we can overcome for the continued growth, benefit and future of Masonry within our Lodge. I look forward to working with each of you during this year to promote more membership inclusion on activities to benefit our Lodge.

Along with your other elected officers and those appointed to positions, I will call on the entire membership to strengthen our Lodge and through our combined efforts to carry on our Masonic traditions.

During our February Stated Communications Meetings we will present to the Craft a Operating Budget for 2011. Along with your Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasure we have prepared this budget and feel that it addresses the needs of our

Lodge. Your attendance and input is needed to finalize and approve this budget.

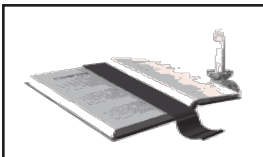
During the year you will be hearing and seeing some changes and updates in the manner in which your Lodge operates. The Grand Lodge of Florida has prepared and updated two outstanding manuals. One is the “Secretaries Manual” the other is “Masonic Leadership Training”. Your officers will be attending courses on both of the updates to better operate your Lodge.

To keep informed, your attendance at our Stated Communications Meetings is again requested.

It's going to be another great year for Leesburg Lodge No. 58 with all our participations.

PETITIONS - Mr. Wayne A. Reynolds, petition for the 3 degrees with a favorable report from Petitions Committee and a clear Background check was accepted and sent to the Investigations Committee.

CHARTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS - No chartable contributions were made this month due to low funds. We are rebuilding this fund and should be making contributions shortly.



From the Chaplain

W.: Roland Gibson

Sickness & Distress:

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Brother Rodney James Baggett who was called to the Grand Architect on January 16th, 2011.

Brother Norman Payne had a stroke on January 3rd. He is in a hospital in Augusta, Ga. On 1/18/2011 they put in a feeding tube into his stomach and perform a tracheotomy.

Your cards and visitation is appreciated by all. 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, 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.

From the Great Light - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalms 133:1

Words to Live By: “you never did hear me tell a joke about any mother-in-law — or any creed, color or religion, either.” Brother Will Rogers

“We are so often caught up in our destination that we forget to appreciate the journey, especially the goodness of the people we meet on the way. Appreciation is a wonderful feeling, don't overlook it.” Unknown

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd - Weekly Tuesday
Morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfast

February 9th - Masonic Town Hall Meeting with
SGW R·W· Jorge L. Aladro

February 13th -Monthly Second Sunday Dinner
Lasagna, Salad, Desserts and More

February 1st & 15th, 2011 -
Stated Communications Meeting 7:30 pm
Collations after Meeting

VISIT THE ILL

Twere better to carry a single flower
To give a living friend at any hour
Than pile hosts of Roses, white and red
Upon his coffin when he is dead.

Below we have a very fine essay from Brother Ken Baril. I'm sure you will get something worthwhile out of it.

WHY DO WE WAIT?

This morning, I read the local newspaper from the town in Connecticut where I had resided before moving to the Cincinnati area. It contained numerous eulogies for the Chief of Police who succumbed to a heart attack a few days ago. He was fifty four years old. These words were beautifully written and consumed over two pages of the newspaper. While reading these eulogies which were filled with praise for this individual, his love for his family and his friends, his sense of humor, his dedication, his devotion to duty and to the town in which he served, his compassion for others, and his assistance to those who called upon him, I realized he truly was an honorable man, and a dedicated leader. He will be missed by many. Upon reflecting on these eulogies, a thought came to me. How many individuals do each of us know personally, especially family members, or friends of ours, who fit the same description as that popular Chief of Police? I'll bet we all know some one. During the period of time we have known these individuals, how many times have we mentioned the way we feel towards them? How many times do we express our inner most feelings to them, shake their hand or even give them a loveable hug? Have we hugged someone

today? Most likely not! Why? Maybe it is because we are ashamed to. Perhaps we are too "macho" to express our feelings. It could be that we feel today is not the appropriate time to do this and we will definitely do it at some other time; some other time? When? When will we have the nerve or the "guts" to tell someone we love, or admire, what they mean to us? Give me a time table when you plan to accomplish this. You can't!!

Why is it at visitations and funerals we hear from family members and friends of the deceased all the great attributes this person had. Was he or she informed of these feelings while they were still with us? Funeral homes usually are filled with a variety of floral arrangements, conveying the sympathies of many people. Have flowers ever been sent to these same people while they were living? Have flowers been sent just for the sake of sending someone a bouquet? Think now; how many times have you sent flowers to someone just to brighten their day? How many acts of random kindness do we perform in the course of a day? Be honest now. How many? Don't be ashamed, be truthful.

As human beings, we take everything for granted. When we get into our cars and turn the ignition key on, we take for granted the engine will start; when we enter a dark room we automatically flip the light switch on and take for granted the light will come on. When we turn the thermostat up on a cold winter day, we take for granted the furnace will fire up and keep us warm. The examples are endless. The most important items we take for granted are our family members, and our own lives. Who can guarantee us that we or one of our loved ones will be with us in the next second? What a shame it is that we take these loved ones so much for granted, most always, unconsciously.

The last two verses of a poem I read many years ago seem to sum it up perfectly.

So hold your loved ones close today
And whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
And that you'll always hold them dear.
Take time to say, "I'm sorry, please forgive me,
Thank you, or it's Okay,"
For if tomorrow never comes,
You'll have no regrets about today.





FROM THE SECRETARY

Brother Dean Sever

The 2011 dues notices have been mailed out. Many have returned their dues payment and I would ask that if you have not, please, don't wait till the last minute. Making a timely payment helps me in a number of ways while providing the necessary funding to operate our Lodge for the current year.

Communications, in my opinion, is the biggest problem that exists in Masonry today. The Officers of Leesburg Lodge try very hard to keep you informed and up to date on what is happening. You can receive information about your Lodge at Stated Communications Meetings, through the Trestle Board either in a printed or electronic mail version (*or both, provided we have a correct mail address*), through the Phone Tree system (*provided we have a correct phone number*), and postings on the Lodge Bulletin Board.

When the dues notices went out, several, were returned as the Brother has moved and failed to notify the Lodge. The US Postal System charges the Lodge a fee for return mail and informing us of each change of address, this fee adds up and takes away from operating funds.

Brothers please anytime you change your address, your email address, cell phone or home telephone number let the Secretary know so your record can be updated. I notify the Trestle Board editor and the Phone Tree system manager who then update their records so you are kept informed.

Regarding the Trestle Board, several of you may have noticed you have not received an e-mail version of the Trestle Board lately. The reason being, you have apparently changed your e-mail address or service and not kept us informed, some may also experience the problem that your service does not allow receiving files the size of our Trestle Board, you may need to adjust your settings.

If you would like to be on the e-mail service send an e-mail to our Senior Warden Larry Duff at Ldduff@centurylink.net requesting to be on the Trestle Board e-mail list.

Thank You for your attention to these matters.



FROM THE WEST

Senior Warden Larry Duff

My Brothers again the membership of Leesburg Lodge has demonstrated it's commitment to our Lodge.

Several meetings ago the craft was notified of the necessity to address the lightning of the facility due to up coming changes regarding the manufacture of fluorescent light bulbs as a new requirement calls for more energy effect bulbs, effective 2012.

The cost, \$2800.00 for our facility. The decision was made to complete this upgrade in stages,. During that meeting a number of Brothers arose to their feet and pledged donations exceeding the amount needed to make the necessary changes in the dining room and kitchen. My, Brothers the lighting upgrades are in progress and what an improvement.

Hopefully you can attend your Lodge meetings where we will keep you informed of this and other happenings around the Lodge.



FROM THE SOUTH

Junior Warden Dick Cartier

We have passed a other year of service to our Grand Architect up above.

As we begin our New Year with new duties, we thank all the Brethren for having confidence in us and humbly thank you for electing us as new officers for the coming year.

With my duties as Junior Warden comes more responsibility in the kitchen and Dining room, with the continuing help from the kitchen crew and ladies, I know we will have another successful year.

May the Grand Architect above watch over us in the coming year, keep us health and safe.

I thank you all, and look forward to serving you at the weekly Tuesday morning breakfasts and our monthly Second Sunday dinners.

God Bless you and your family.

Februarys Dinner theme will be Valentines Day with some Mardi Gras thrown in for fun, Please see Page 16 for the dinner menu.



60 YEAR MASON

At our January 4th Stated Communication Meeting, 2010 W:M: Don McIntyre, Sr. presented a 60 Year Membership pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Florida to W:M: Brother & Doctor Theodore Weihe.



Dr. Weihe is 99 years young and as you can see still going strong. W:M: Dr. Weihe was Master of Leesburg Lodge in 1963.

Congratulations from all your Brothers on your years of membership in Masonry and Thank You for many years of dedicated service to the Leesburg Community.



50 YEAR MASON



During our December 21st Stated Communication Meeting 2010 W:M: Don McIntyre, Sr. presented to Brother Maurice Fry a 50 Year Membership pin and award from the Grand Lodge of Michigan and from Alma Lodge No. 244.

Congratulations from all your Brothers here at

Leesburg Lodge and we look forward to seeing you at our Stated Communications Meetings and various Lodge events.



WORKING TOOLS

We are all familiar with the working tools of our craft and the lessons they teach and remind us of. But, as man has evolved so have the working tools he uses. Here's a list of modern working tools and their most common usefulness.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock or wood out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them to some unknown place with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, well you know what you said.

SKIL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum or wood into

smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that \$50.00 clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to cut hoses to short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. This tool is especially useful for slicing work clothes when you put it your pocket, but only while in use.

(AND A PERSONAL FAVORITE) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling, again you know what you said, at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need and won't be able to find since you threw it to parts unknown.

Hope you found this informative.



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 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 Trio's, 3725 Old US Hwy 441 in Mt. Dora (formerly The Greenhouse Restaurant).

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.





Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com or www.SROrlando.com

Ocala Scottish Rite meets at the Ocala Scottish Rite Center, 3632 NE 7th Street, Ocala, Fl. the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm. Next meeting is September 6th. Fall Reunion is scheduled for October 16th & 17th, 2010.

Orlando Scottish Rite meets at Orlando Scottish Rite Center, 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, Belleview, Fla.

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

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

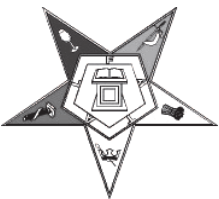
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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

Eustis Chapter No. 33, Meets on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Triangle Commandery No. 38 –Knights Templar—Meets on the on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM



Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Lady Marylu Stewart – Worthy Matron

W. Roland Gibson —Worthy Patron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of July, August and September.

If you are a member of the OES and wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Jim Stueber

Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2011



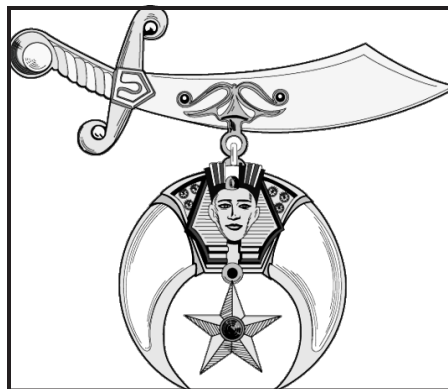
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center , The Villages 10:30am	3 Leesburg Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 84 - 7:30 pm	4	5
6	7 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	8 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Coral 11:00am	9 Ocala York Rite (Council) Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	10 Tavares Hi-Twelve Trio's Restaurant Mt. Dora 11:00 am	11 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge	12
13 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Chicken Marsalis w/Spaghetti & Sauce	14 Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12 meets at Mid-Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30 am Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	15 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	16 District Association The Villages Lodge @ Wildwood Lodge 7:30 pm	17	18	15
19	20 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	21 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Coral 11:00am Leesburg Hi-Twelve Leesburg Lodge 9:00	22 Ocala York Rite Commandery District Instruction The Villages Lodge @ Wildwood 7:30 pm	23	24 Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm	25
26	27 Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30 pm	28 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am				



The Mayo Clinic started in a Masonic Temple! Its early headquarters was located in the Masonic Temple at Rochester, Minnesota.



William, Charles H., and Charles W. Mayo have all been members of Rochester Lodge No. 21.



AAONMS

By rearrangement of the initials of the words:

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

You can spell "A MASON".

William J. Florence (1831-1891) an American actor and Co-Founder of The SHRINE, was buried with Catholic Rites.



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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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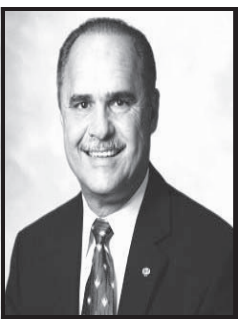
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By: Jorge L. Aladro

Senior Grand Warden of Florida

MASONIC CHARITY

Dear Brothers:



Charity, our traditions and ritual teaches us about Faith, Hope and Charity and of these three Charity is the Greatest. Yes my Brethren this is taken from the New Testament, it is a quotation from I Corinthians 13:13 "And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

Yes, my Brothers Charity must be a mark of distinction among man, more especially a Master Mason, our involvement in charitable deeds in our community is an obligation we must teach all our Brethren, for if we truly are endeavoring to make a better world for mankind, we must be charitable with those less fortunate than us.

As we have moved through several centuries, we have been blessed to have members in our Fraternity that promoted the virtues that elevate mankind, the likes of Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood. The ability to provide that atmosphere where man could flourish has created many more advances for humanity too many to single out.

Charity, my Brothers for that student with a scholarship, for those needy families during Thanksgiving, Christmas or other Holidays depending on your faith, for children that are starting school, for a neighbor's medical care is indeed noble, and we must continue to perform these acts of charity and kindness.

For too long a time we have practiced these random acts of kindness, and have adopted a policy of not

letting the left hand know what the right hand gives. However, times have changed, public image plays a greater roll in our society, and we must adjust, in order to reach our fellowmen.

This my Brothers is where our Grand Lodge Flagship Charity can be our answer to our public image as a sponsor of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratories, whose studies deal with the number one killer in America and most industrialized nations; heart diseases.

My Brothers in order to achieve this, first we must pass legislation making our Flagship Charity as one of the Standing Committees in Grand Lodge just like we have done with Child ID, Masonic Education etc. This way there will be a committee appointed every year to work on behalf of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, fulfilling the will of the Brothers who had the foresight to name this great work for humanity our "Flagship Charity."

Did you know that the name of your Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida has appeared in the New England Medical Journal as supporter of life savings studies that have emanated from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory as well as in many other prestigious medical journals the world over.

Some of discoveries and contributions to mankind made by the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory* include the following.

- Discovered 5 of the 7 genes associated with the Brugada syndrome an inherited sudden death syndrome that takes the lives of young men at the prime of their lives (40years of age)
- Discovered numerous mutations responsible for long QT syndrome, a life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia syndrome that first afflicts children in their teenage years
- Discovered 3 of the 5 genes associated with short QT syndrome, an inherited sudden death syndrome that takes the lives of infants, children and young adults
- Discovered genetic defects in the sodium channel that predispose to sudden cardiac death during or after a heart attack
- Identified guanidine as a drug that can be used to prevent arrhythmic death caused by a number of sudden

death syndromes

- Identified ranolazine (Ranexa) as a safe and effective drug for the management of atrial fibrillation (AF), one of the major causes of stroke in the United States. AF affects over 2.5 million Americans and it's reaching epidemic proportions.
- Collaborates with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to identify drugs that may pose a danger to society and to facilitate FDA approval of new and effective drugs to treat heart disease
- Discovered the M cell, a unique sub-population of cells in the heart that revolutionized our understanding of the function of the heart in health and disease
- Uncovered the cellular basis for the J wave and T wave of the ECG, thus providing cardiologist a more accurate means of diagnosing and treating heart disease
- Provided knowledge essential for implementation and advancement of devices like the pacemaker, implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) and automatic external defibrillator (AED)

The list goes on and on with the new Stem Cell Center focused on regenerative medicine and development of human models of disease using an exciting new technology employing induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS), which precludes the need for use of embryos.

They have successfully converted skin cells from patients with sudden cardiac arrhythmia syndromes to generate induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells and then transform these cells into heart cells, thus generating human models of these life-threatening syndromes needed to develop new treatments and cures.

As you can see my Brothers, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is conducting innovative research into identifying mechanisms of disease with a focus n development of therapeutic interventions and cures. We are a part of this a very important partnership with the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, because these studies lead to new discoveries and a better quality of life for all. The generous donations of many, of which yours plays a very important part help make this possible.

On a selfish side, it also has one other thing, which makes this Laboratory very special to me and hopefully you too. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory carries the word "Masonic" in its name to all four corners of the world, touching the lives of millions of people across this world of ours. The MMRL is our gift to humanity, and our collective donations are

changing the face of medicine.

My Brothers there is no secret here, their good work and research depends on the availability of financial support.

Only through a strong and sustained investment in medical research will scientist have the capability to design better and more rational treatments and cures in the 21st century. Remember the life their research may save may be that of your loved ones or your own. Masons are charitable in nature; please give as liberally as your ability permits.

Donate today to our very own "Campaign for life...Every heartbeat counts" it will be greatly appreciated.

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



CONCERNING GOD and RELIGION

A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the Moral Law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a Atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand the GOD seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance but GOD looketh to the heart.

A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practice the scared duties of Morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess.

Thus masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

The above is from the First Printing Constitution, 1723, of the First Grand Lodge in the World (England).



Below is something you're likely to find interesting. There has long been a friendly debate about the terms, Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The following does not settle the discussion, but it does provide some useful knowledge of the degree, and also something to think about. It comes from "Freemasons' Guide and Compendium;" a very good book to have for Masonic learning.

THE SUBLIME DEGREE of a MASTER MASON

It is believed that the phrase "the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason" first occurs, in the year 1754, in a certificate drawn up by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, relating to a lodge at Lurgan, No. 134, Irish constitution, and that it was used by another Irish lodge, that of the Royal Scots, No. 11, in 1762.

In England the phrase was used in 1767 by the Lodge of Friendship No. 6, but did not come into general use in lodges under the Premier Grand Lodge until near the end of the eighteenth century; but where we do find it, there we also find as a rule evidence of the 'Antients' influence. In 1760 Thomas Dunckerley, as Master of a lodge held aboard the *Vanguard*, signed a certificate (the original is in Quebec, a photograph is in Grand Lodge Library) to the effect that a Fellow Craft "having sustasin'd with Strength, Firmness, and Courage, the most Painful Forks, and Severest Tryalls, we gave unto him the most Sublime Degree of Master."

In Bristol in 1768 a lodge, founded and erased all within the twelve months, gloried in the name of the Sun Lodge of Perpetual Friendship, No. 421, and in the July of its short life its minutes refer to the Sublime of a Master Mason, and, in the month following, to the Sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The St John's Lodge of Henley-in-Arden, which had a few years of existence beginning in 1791, at one time called the Master Mason's Degree 'honourable,' or 'respectable.'

So far as Scotland is concerned, we learn that in the eighteenth century the Third Degree was usually denominated the "High Degree of a Master Mason," but in Lodge Holyrood House, according to R. S. Lindsay's history of the lodge, the degree had among its various designations, between 1776 and 1778, the "Honourable Degree," the "High and Honourable Degree," the "Noble and Honourable Degree," the "Stupendous Degree" (of a Master Mason).

Reference has just been made to a 'respectable' degree. More than one lodge applied to the Third Degree, as also to Master Masons, that old-fashioned adjective, so peculiarly Masonic, so commonly misunderstood. The Candidate is early advised to dedicate himself to such pursuits as may enable him to be 'respectable' in life—that is, he should so comport himself as to earn the esteem and regard of those who 'look upon' him, that being the original meaning of the word 'respect' and the meaning borne by it at the time when the word 'respectable' was brought into the ritual.



Words to live by: Be like the willow tree – able to bend without breaking under the weight of the storms that come your way.



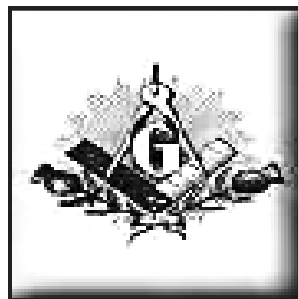
THE PERFECT LODGE (Author Unknown)

I think that I shall never see
A lodge that's all it ought to be;
A lodge whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.

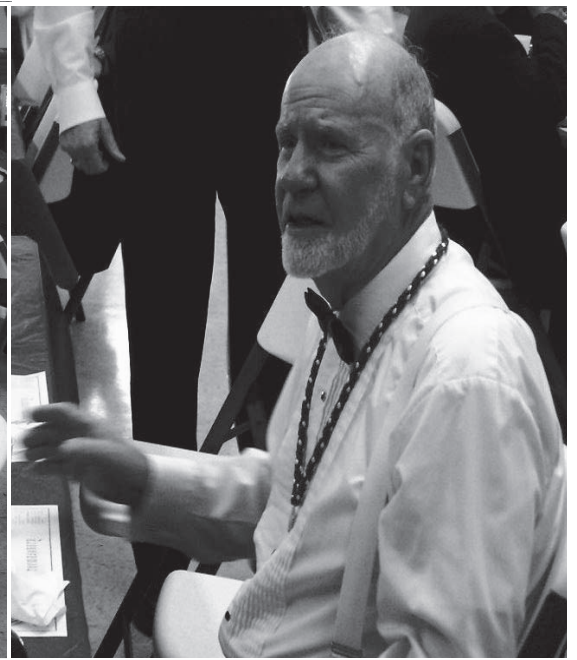
A lodge that has no empty chairs
Whose Master shows he really cares;
A lodge where attitudes are never bleak,
Where none are proud and all are meek.

Where members never peddle lies
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always fair and kind
And to all others faults are blind.

Such perfect lodges there may be
But none of them are known to me;
Yet, still I'll work and pray and plan
To make MY LODGE the best I can!



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SUNDAY DINNER FEBRUARY 13th, 2011

11:30 a.m. TO 1:15 p.m.

Menu items:

LASAGNA

***Mixed Vegetables, Garden Salad, Garlic Sticks, 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***

