

TRESTLE BOARD

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LEESBURG LODGE No. 58

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA

200 Richey Road

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Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month

Officers for 2011

Worshipful Master	W: Randall Jesmok (Joye) 407-350-8284
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Living Past Masters

Charles Porter	1959
Theodore E. Weihe	1963
G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
Jack Holloway	1968
R: W: Ray Richardson	1969*
R: W: Joseph H. Sellers	1970*
William "Ed" Davison	1974
Robert H. Smith	1977
R: W: Colin Crews	1980^*
H. C. Connell	1985
R: W: Theodore Jansen	1986*
R: W: Joseph T. Price	1987*
Michael Dozier	1988
John H. Meier V	1989
Jay A. Frizzell, Jr.	1992
Raleigh Sorenson	1993/1994
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^
Roland P. Gibson	2006
Bill Green	2008
Richard Ecott	2009
Donald McIntyre, Sr.	2010

Affiliated Past Masters

Carl Anzelmo
Henry DeBerry
Ronald J. Cottman
Jack Delauter
Robert C. Gleckler
Robert Kennedy
Garry Lee
Clifford Moore
Norman L. Payne
Frank Peregrin
Glenn A. Reynolds*
Edwin Robbins
Robert L. Welch
Forest Case*
Barry Rosenthal
Wayne Parks
Fred Lint
Raymond D Trudeau
Paul Shires
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Dennis Managan
James McBride

^ Past District Instructor

* Past DDGM

18th Masonic District

DDGM	R: W: Dennis Ricker 314-0828
District Instructor	R: W: Glenn Reynolds 669-5226

Committees for 2011

Board of Relief

Chairman W: Randy Jesmok, SW Larry Duff, JW Richard Cartier

Property

Chairman SW Larry Duff, W: Tom Russell, Dick Cartier,
W: Don McIntyre, Sr.

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Chairman W: M: Randy Jesmok, Sr, SW Larry Duff,
R: W: Ken Graves, W: Tom Russell, W: Ed Davison,

Vigilance

Chairman JW Richard Cartier, SW Larry Duff, WM Randy Jesmok

Funeral

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

Petitions

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

Investigations

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.

Charity

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

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

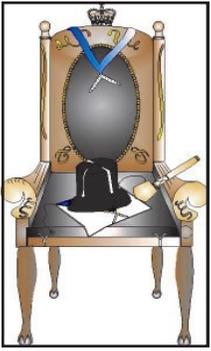
Education

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

Mentors

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

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



LIGHT FROM THE EAST
W.: RANDALL "Randy" JESMOK

It is my honor and privilege to have been elected by the Brethren of Leesburg Lodge 58 to be Worshipful Master for the year 2011. I will do my best to fulfill the duties and expectations which have been entrusted in me.

I would like to thank the newly elected officers, appointed officers and various committee members for their commitments and dedication to Masonry by accepting these positions. Their diligence to their respective duties and the required accountability required by our Grand lodge will further improve the high standard to which this Masonry and this lodge is known for.

Through this year there will be challenges, but by working together in knowledge and abilities we will overcome as Masons always do.

On behalf of the Brethren and myself we thank Worshipful Don McIntyre for your leadership, support, friendship and labors that kept this lodge operating, growing and moving in the right direction in 2010.

Leesburg Lodge has a long 143 year history of being a supportive and a well respected member of the

community. We currently support the efforts of many community organizations including a Boy Scout troop, Little League baseball team, Salvation Army just to mention a few.

We practice speculative Masonry and it has remained relatively unchanged since its inception. Its goal is to make good men better. To be a mason, a man must have a belief in God, be of good reputation and unselfishly willing to labor for the benefits to himself, his family, his fellow Brothers and this Lodge.

During 2011 let us practice and enjoy our fellowship and the gentle arts of our Craft.

Joye and I wish all a happy and healthy 2011 and invite each of you to our Lodge events this year.

Congratulations to Brother William Spangler who received a 60 year award and Brother Ray Emerson who received a 55 year membership award.

PETITIONS - None received this month.

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 Huley Roy Williams who was called to the Grand Architect on December 2nd, 2010.

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 - The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. Genesis 31:49

Words to Live By: "Is there any one maxim which ought to be acted upon throughout one's whole life? Surely the maxim of loving-kindness is such: Do not unto others what you would not they should do unto you." Analects

"By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn." Latin proverb

UPCOMING 2011 IMPORTANT DATES

January 8th, - Installation of 2011 Officers
9:30am - Meat Loaf Dinner to follow
Open installation

January 9th - Monthly Second Sunday Dinner
Chicken Marsalis w/ Spaghetti

January 4th & 18th, 2011 -
Stated Communications Meeting
7:30 pm - Collations after Meeting



At our December 7th, 2010 Stated Communications Meeting, W::Don McIntyre, Sr. (left) presented 50 year membership pins and certificates to Brothers W::Dr. Ronald Cottman (center) and M::W::Joseph Brearley (right), Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Congratulation to both and Thank You for your years of service to our Craft. Leesburg Lodge is truly blessed to have your years of knowledge and experience to draw upon.



FROM THE WEST Senior Warden Larry Duff

MY Brothers "Thank You" for your confidence in electing me as your Senior Warden for 2011. I'm looking forward to another great year laboring with you and the Officer line.

I also Thank each of you for your support during 2010 during my term as your Junior Warden. To-

gether we accomplished a lot.

Aside from the Junior Wardens duties within the Lodge room, the Junior Warden is responsible for the Lodges kitchen. Your attendance at our Tuesday Breakfasts and Second Sunday Dinners, along with those Brothers who volunteered their time to work in the kitchen made 2010 an outstanding year for Leesburg Lodge.

A Special "Thank You" to my wife Brenda, my niece Tonda, Lady Nina McIntyre, Lady Fran Cartier, Lady Linda Sever, Lady JoAnne Goodkin, Lady Deanna Dean and Lady Elaine Bierly who gave of their time to work the dining room floor and sever as greeters during our Sunday Dinners.

Our goals for 2010 were to improve the kitchen and dining room operations and appearance, average 75 attendees at our Sunday Dinners each month and have a positive cash flow of \$600.00 per month. To achieve these goals we listened to your input and made adjustments each month as we could.

So how did we do, our average attendance for 2010 monthly dinners was 94 attendees, positive cash flow averaged \$750.00 per month. We began 2010 with \$2,800. in the Kitchen Account and ended with \$3800. During the year \$8,000 was transferred with your approval to pay expenses such as Insurance, building repairs, Licenses and other expenses to operate our Lodge.

Additionally over \$4,300 in *donations* was received into the kitchen and dining room in the form of decorations for the dining room, ceiling fans, Coffee and Tea equipment, pantry refrigerator and utensils.

None of this would have been possible without your support and participation. Thank You all and I ask that you continue your support of our Lodge during 2011 and give your support to the new Junior Warden as you did with me.

May God continue to Bless each of you and your families.

At the December 7th, Stated Communications Meeting the following proposed resolution for addition to our Lodge By-Laws was made by 2010 Junior Warden Larry Duff. Discussion on this resolution will be held and vote taken at our January 18th Stated Communications Meeting

PROPOSED BI-LAWS RESOLUTION ON OFFICERS OF THE LODGE JUNIOR WARDEN

“Kitchen and Dining Room”

WHEREAS, the membership of Leesburg Lodge recognizes the need to establish guidelines that shall provide for effective management and financial support of the Lodge, and

WHEREAS, no formal guidelines are currently found in the By-Laws of Leesburg Lodge relating to the operation of and financial relations of the “KITCHEN” with the Lodge, and

WHEREAS, the Junior Warden, Stewards and Volunteers have been working under approved decisions of the Worshipful Masters, Junior Wardens and membership at Stated Communication Meetings that has occurred over a number of past years,

WHEREAS, the membership of Leesburg Lodge desires that these decisions and actions be made apart of the By-Laws of Leesburg Lodge, subject to necessary revisions at future dates,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, that created shall be Section 6.08 within the By-Laws of Leesburg Lodge, to read:

6.08 The Junior Warden, in addition to other duties, shall be responsible for the management and operation of the Lodges Kitchen subject to the following:

(a) The Junior Wardens duties include coordinating a volunteer Kitchen staff, meal planning, determining portion sizes, managing the preparation of meals, determining a theme for dinners and special events, establishing and maintaining contracts with Lodge approved vendors, marketing, advertising and overseeing Masonic relations relative to the Kitchen. Before and during meals, the Junior Warden oversees prep work and ensures that all meals leaving the Kitchen are consistent in presentation and quality.

(b) The Lodge Stewards under the direction of the Junior Warden shall assist the Junior Warden in the performance of his duties.

© The Junior Warden shall be issued the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) upon taking office by the Treasurer to be utilized for the purchase of food or other needed items to operate the Kitchen. Upon the end of term of office the Junior Warden shall return all unused funds to the Secretary along with any other funds obtained and in his possession.

(d) All funds obtained from food services or Kitchen rental fees are the property of and shall be considered as funds of the Lodge. Funds derived through or obtained by the Kitchen shall be deposited into a banking account separate and apart from the Lodges General

Fund, Savings, Charity or Investments. Funds to be deposited into the “Kitchen Account” shall be received by the Secretary, recorded, and forwarded to the Treasurer for deposit within the “Kitchen Account”. Funds within the “Kitchen Account” may be used to support the operation of the Kitchen (i.e. purchase of food, repair or acquisition of equipment) or may as needed, by the Lodge to fund and support Lodge operating costs, charities or other Lodge approved activities or necessities.

(e) Funds withdrawn from the “Kitchen Account” shall be by approval of the membership by hand ballot during a Stated Communication Meeting, or by approval of the Worshipful Master in which notification to the membership shall be made at the earliest Communications Meeting. The Junior Warden may purchase food or necessary items with the approval of the Worshipful Master in the event on-hand purchase cash is insufficient to pay for upcoming meals or events.

(f) The Junior Warden may present before the Lodge food service or related vendors for approval of use of their services to enhance the operation of the Kitchen. Chain stores, i.e. Wal-Mart, Publix, Sam’s, Costco etc., maybe be used by the Junior Warden for purchase of food and necessary items to operate the Kitchen.

(g) The Junior Warden shall maintain an accounting of funds and donations received, source thereof and expenditures monthly. This report accompanied by receipts of purchase and expenditures shall be delivered to the secretary at or near the first of the following month and maintained in a Kitchen records file by the secretary, a copy of this expenditure report, less receipts, shall be posted on the Lodge bulletin board for membership review. The Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary shall quarterly review their records for accuracy and reporting.

(h) As the operation of the “Kitchen” is by volunteers of the Lodge, the Junior Warden, at his discretion, may cease Kitchen operations, with notification to the Worshipful Master, when there are insufficient volunteers to operate the Kitchen. The Junior Warden may solicit volunteers at Stated Communication Meetings, through the Trestle Board, electronic mail or other means available through the Lodge.

(i) Should at a future date a “Kitchen Committee” be formalized such committee shall be chaired by the Junior Warden who shall maintain authority of the Kitchen operations, reporting to the Worshipful Master.

(j) The Kitchen shall be operated and under the control of Leesburg Lodge as prescribed by the by-laws of this Lodge. No independent corporation, company association or group shall be permitted to operate the Kitchen on behalf of Leesburg Lodge.

(k) The Kitchen and Dining Room maybe rented or leased subject to membership approved rental/ lease fees, negotiated cost terms or by authorization of the Worshipful Master with consideration for services provided by the Lodge. No rental or lease agreement for use of the Kitchen or Dining Room shall be executed without coordination with the Junior Warden to ensure no conflicts with Lodge related activities.

(l) Appreciating the generosity of the membership, their families and friends, appendant and concordant bodies in the donating of various items to support, maintain and upgrade the Kitchen and Dining Room, the Lodge shall accept donations for the Kitchen and Dining Room only when these donations have been, prior to their donation, been approved by the Junior Warden and a determination of need and usefulness has been made. Any item purchased and brought to the Lodge for use in the Kitchen or Dining Room without prior approval of the Junior Warden shall be considered a donation and not subject to any reimbursement of cost unless approved by the Worshipful Master or by vote of the membership.

(m) As the Senior Warden is chairman of the Lodges "Property Committee", the Junior Warden shall coordinate with the Senior Warden all necessary repairs and/or upgrades of the Kitchen and Dining Room. "Emergency" (immediate operational issues) repairs shall be authorized by the Worshipful Master, non emergency repairs or maintenance resulting in the expenditure of Lodge funds shall be brought before the membership at a Communications meeting for approval of the expenditure of Lodge funds.

(n) The Junior Warden shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the Kitchen and Dining Room. The Junior Warden shall coordinate pest control services with a Pest Control Company approved for use by the Lodge. The Junior Warden shall be responsible for maintaining a current and valid food service license issued by the proper licensing governmental authorities. Reports of Health Department Inspections shall be delivered to and maintained by the secretary.

(o) Any section, paragraph or line that is in conflict with established Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Florida shall be deemed null and void. Nothing within this By-Law regulation shall be inter-

preted as to remove or take away the authority of the Worshipful Master or any other officers' duties or responsibilities of the Lodge.

(p) It shall be the responsibility of the Junior Warden to present before the Lodge for approval amendments that keep this section of Leesburg Lodge No. 58 By-Laws current.

End, no further proposed.



2011 Florida State Masonic High Twelve Club Officers Installed

Congratulations to the newly installed Officers of the Florida State Masonic High Twelve Club. Members of Leesburg Lodge are well represented within this officer line led by our own Graham (Fred) Neilson, President.

President	Graham (Fred) Neilson
1 st VP	Raymond Trudeau
2 nd VP	Bill Staple
3 rd VP	Gordon Yahr
Secretary	Dan Hodson
Treasurer	Stewart Davis
Sgt at Arms	Lee Frazier
Chaplain	Terry Shook

We extend our best wishes to all the Masonic High Twelve Clubs and Florida State Officers, wishing you a productive and enjoyable 2011 in all you endeavors.

Want to know what High Twelve is about, when your at Lodge just ask a High Twelve member.



NEW CEILING FANS INSTALLED

If you attended the December Sunday Dinner you may have noticed that new ceiling fans were installed in the dining room. Thank You to those who contributed to the cost of these fans.

ANNUAL CIVIC AWARDS

At our December Sunday Dinner, Leesburg Lodge presented our annual civic awards. Awards recipients are not selected by the Lodge membership but by their peers, those who know them best not only as individuals but as to their level of service to us, the community.

This years Emergency Medical Service Awards were presented to Paramedic Tiffany Staman and Emergency Medical Technician Tiffany Riley of the Lake County Emergency Medical Services (*Photo Left*).

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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 Coral 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.

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 JANUARY 2011

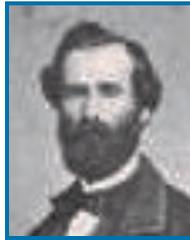


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	4 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting	5 Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center, The Villages 10:30am	6 Leesburg Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 84- 7:30 pm	7	8 Installation of 2011 Officers 9:30am Meat Loaf Dinner to follow installation
9 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Chicken Marsalis w/Spaghetti & Sauce	10 Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12 meets at Mid- Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30 am Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	11 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Coral 11:00am	12 Ocala York Rite (Chapter) Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	13	14 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge	15
16	17 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	18 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting	19 District Association The Villages Lodge 7:30 pm	20 Tavares Hi-Twelve Trio's Restaurant Mt. Dora 11:00 am	21 Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm	22
23	24 Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	25 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Coral 11:00am Leesburg Hi-Twelve Leesburg Lodge 9:00	26 Ocala York Rite Commandery District Instruction The Villages Lodge 7:30 pm	27	28 Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge	29
30	31 Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm					

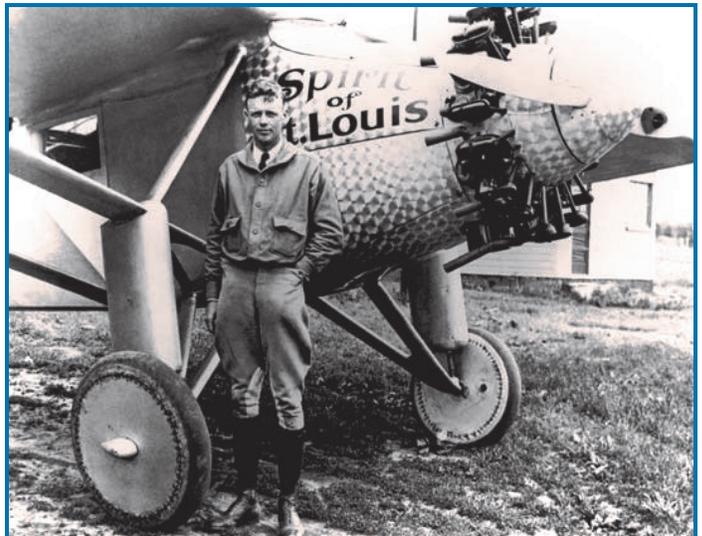


To pay an election bet, Ruel C. Gridley carried a sack of flour a mile and a half, he then auctioned it to raise money for the

Civil War equivalent of the Red Cross. The idea caught on, and Gridley carried the sack of flour all over Nevada and California, raising \$275,000 for war relief. Gridley belonged to 7 Lodges in succession in the towns where he lived.



The Square and Compasses were worn by Charles Lindbergh on his jacket as a good luck piece on his famous flight from New York to Paris in 1927. Lindbergh was a life member of Keystone Lodge No. 243, in St. Louis, Missouri.



Haym Solomon, a Jewish immigrant from Poland and a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 12, Pa., was Washington's Chief Financier of the American revolution. Other lenders charged 10%,

Brother Salomon, Nothing!

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If you would like to be a sponsor in 2011, please see the secretary with your donation. Your donations are applied to the monthly mailing costs of the Trestle Board, we need 60 sponsors to cover the yearly mailing costs. Sponsorship is \$20.00.

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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.



"DISCOURSE"

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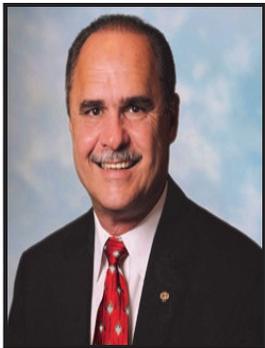
R:W:: JORGE L. ALADRO

Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Florida

"Proficiency, a Double Standard?"

Dear Brothers:

Proficiency is another subject we often discuss in our Lodges, and in the midst of many of our gatherings among the Brethren. This topic has surfaced many times at our Annual Grand Lodge Communications, basically this topic has been discussed in many ways, many forms by all, in all kinds of places. Further, this subject brings out a variety of emotions that covers the entire spectrum of human conditions.



Lets us start by looking at the reality of proficiency, we require it of new inductees whatever degree they are in until he becomes a Master Mason. Why? Is it not as important to be proficient as a Master Mason as it is in the previous two Degrees? I dare say it is not only as important I would venture to say it is more impor-

tant. This notion sends the wrong message, to the Brethren coming through, it goes against the thought that Masonry is a never-ending study, it infers that he has learned everything he needs to know, when we all know the truth is quite contrary to the practice. So I ask of my Brothers to help me understand the reason of why this practice is perpetuated.

Our next level of proficiency we run into is that of the Officers of the Lodge. Our custom practice of progression seems to have lost its meaning over the years with the lack of education in our Lodges, Districts, Zones and State level. We no longer expect much of the Officers if anything at all, and proficiency is one that has suffered a great deal in the last fifteen or so years.

Practices are something that it is almost none

existent in most Lodges compared to what it used to be in yester years not too long ago. To those Brothers and Lodges that continue this great tradition of studying, practicing and learning, I CONGRATULATE YOU, do not give up, we appreciate your effort and you and your Lodge are the better for it.

To those Officers that put no effort and are given a pass for not performing their duties; we pity your inability to take your obligations to heart. Your actions are painfully obvious to everyone although you cannot see them. My Brother the difference is Self-respect, Accountability, and Honor. Something we promised to work on and improve ourselves, so we can become better men, better husbands, better fathers and better citizens, which is Masonry's promise to the world.

How can we as upright men and Masons demand of the initiate something we as Master Masons and Officers of the Lodges often fail to do? I believe that leading by example is the best lesson we can deliver to the newly initiated Brothers and demonstrate to our Brethren that we take our obligations seriously. Let us live up to our commitments, let us perform our duties, let us restore the faith of those who had faith in us to do the right thing and perform our obligations.

Let us make a commitment to ourselves not too settle for mediocrity, let us deliver the message that business as usual will no longer be accepted. We deserve more and must expect more from our representatives in the Lodge,

District and State level. Also, let us give them the support and atmosphere needed for them to be successful. Success should not be measured by social advancement, good ole boy connection, or sympathy, no sir success is measured by hard work, dedication, performance.

Remember, we the Craft owe certain responsibilities to the success or failure of the Lodge and Officers, because if we fail to make the right decisions, and elect Brothers that are not ready to lead, we fail. If we fail to assist the Officers in the operation of the Lodge when called upon, we fail. If we fail to take active rolls in our Lodges and they fall back in disrepair, we fail. So, we as sideline Masons have to step up take our responsibilities to heart and do what we should always be doing and that is "Masons always rise to the occasion."

To my fellow Lodge Officers we have a lot in common, we operate in the same circles, we have the same responsibilities, and we have the same burdens of leadership. I say unto you my Brother that you as a leader and representative of your Lodge, expect certain performances from the Grand Lodge Officers and that is your duty to do so. But remember my Brothers that as Officers of your Lodge you also owe the same performances to your Lodge Brothers that bestowed on you the honor to represent them. Also remember that as Officers of your Lodge you have certain responsibilities to your Brothers and to Grand Lodge that must be performed in order to maintain a properly Chartered Lodge. Please do not take them lightly, you would not appreciate us taking ours lightly either.

Proficiency is for everyone, do not cheat anyone of the learning experience it brings to every Brother. Expect your Officers to do the same in their jobs. Proficiency in the Ritual separates us from a social club to a Masonic Lodge.

The beauty of our Ritual has set us apart for centuries, keep up the tradition, you owe your sons and grandsons this much. KEEP IT ALIVE.

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



“DISCOURSE”

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“Masonic Etiquette, is it contagious?”

Dear Brothers:

Is this a new way to wear our ring, apron or badges, not really although it may have something to do with it. Etiquette whether Masonic or Societal has certain requirements we as members must use in order to conform with the character of our surrounding.

Etiquette is define as – “rules of acceptable behavior,” “the rules and conventions governing correct or polite behavior in society in general or in a specific social or professional group or situation.” Sounds like etiquette can apply to us as Masons, you know you are right thus the expression Masonic Etiquette.

As the title says, “Masonic Etiquette, is it contagious?” Is not, but I sure wish it was. Can you possibly imagine if we all practice Masonic Etiquette and that

each and every one of us governs ourselves in a correct and polite behavior according to what a gentlemen’s standard but more importantly as a Brother Mason.

I can imagine things like that and I am sure you can too if you can do two things act as such and dream. Hope that your faith in your Brothers will carry the day with proper education of what is expected of a Mason. Where can we start? Well remember before anything that you belong to a society of gentlemen engage in a noble undertaking in that we are a Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

Let us start with how we dress for a Lodge Communication, because this in itself says a lot about our Lodges and our Fraternity. I know that we say that “is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man” this is what we look at and it speaks about the morality and character of each individual and is entirely true, but is not applicable to our appearance and dress habits.

Back to dress, they way we dress expresses a degree of importance that is place on whatever we are attending, whether it is a department store, hardware, doctor, beach, work, place of worship or Lodge. I know some of us have placed no importance on this matter and maybe they have not put much thought on it. Maybe they like to push the envelope to get attention. Maybe they think is pretentious. Maybe no one has sat down and explained to them the proper decorum that should be the constant care of every mason in a Lodge.

Well Masonic Etiquette calls for us do look, dress and act like gentlemen at all times, it elevates our Lodges, it attracts men of similar thinking, it teaches others how to dress and act like gentlemen since not all of us have received former training in that aspect, but we can learn by emulating those Brothers. For one I am impressed when someone speaks of a Brothers and says “he is a Mason and gentleman,” he epitomizes what a Mason should be” or “if you look up Mason and gentleman you will see his pictures.” It would be wonderful if that were said of every one of us. Remember we as Masons are constantly striving for perfection and this one item is equally as important.

So, how do we go about it, changing attitudes is one of the hardest things we have to do, more especially when we have to change ours. Well my Brothers, we have to talk about it, in Masonic Education, passing by-laws in our Lodges, prohibiting Brothers who are mem-

bers or visitors from participating in the proceedings if they are not properly attire. I know you are already saying that is terrible, we don't have enough sideliners and we are going to turn someone away. Well my Brother you post the dress code requirements where everyone can see it, you advertize it on the Trestle Board, on your web site. You explain it to the Brother in the most tactful form. "Dress code" is nothing new to our Fraternity it still exists in many places around the world to the point where nothing but Formal Dress or cut away coats are used. We have gotten so sloppy it has detracted from everything we do, from the way we dress, the way we do our ritual, conduct our business, you see that pervasive attitude that infiltrates all we do and we cannot see the tree for the forest. Stand back my Brothers and look in "DO NOT SETTLE FOR LESS" and you will get the best.

Here is another way that a Lodge can assist its members in achieving this goal. No rocket science here, just another inner tube solution. Look at your local Salvation Army, Goodwill, and Consignment Stores, here you will be able to find suits or sports coats for practically nothing and you can have a few sizes in a coat closet and lend them to the visitor to wear while he visits the Lodge. Much like restaurants, which require coats in their dining room, and do not want to turn the customer away. Another way this can be achieved is by asking Brothers to donate these items to the Lodge, or to another Brother in the Lodge. The possibilities are endless like in so many of our situations we find ourselves in, if we just stop and think for a minute or two.

Brothers coming from work, not a problem, he may be able to change at work, or at the Lodge, he can leave a set of clothes at the Lodge for him to change into, or simply bring it the night of the meeting, not too much to ask.

Conduct in the Lodge, wishing to speak, not a problem. Arise unto your feet and wait to be recognized by the Worshipful Master. NEVER speak from your seat is not only improper is highly disrespectful. Another Brother using the floor no problem, either wait until he is finish and then stand, or simply stand and wait until he is finish be or recognized by the Master. Never address another Brother in the Lodge without permission of the Master, all conversation in the Lodge must be directed through the Master. No loud talking or shouting, no bad language, no disrespect of any kind. After all we are gentlemen and more importantly Ma-

sons.

Wearing of the Apron. In Florida, we wear our aprons on the inside of a normal coat; if we are using a double-breasted coat, we use them on the outside. Do not correct visiting Brothers; they are wearing their aprons, as it is their practice in their jurisdiction. Past Masters in Florida, although there is no specific design for a Past Masters Apron in our jurisdiction, two things are clear. One is the Gold trimmings on the Apron or Jewels are reserved for Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers and Past Grand Masters and two is that the apron be in good taste to compliment your station, humility and proper decorum should be your dictates in that selection.

The Masters Hat, this like the apron leaves wiggle room and many times it seems to be pushing the envelope as previously stated reasons explained the situations. So lets use a little common sense. Masonic Etiquette tells us about no straw hat or ball cap, and for those that like to push the envelope this may mean anything goes, but my Brothers remember the usages and customs of our Fraternity, which go back nearly four centuries, so good taste, not wild themes should be the order of the day. Also the funeral services call for a black hat, therefore if you are Worshipful Master and need a hat obtain one that is Black, this way you can use it both in Lodge and in Funeral Services if called upon. No style of cap whatsoever is proper to be worn and always let good taste and manners serve as your rule and guide. Most commonly used coverings are Fedora's, Top hats and Derby's as well as a nice Stetson.

As everything done in good taste, points you out as a mark of distinction. It is not just what you wear but how you wear it that makes a difference. Is not the expensive suit that makes the man, is how he wears it? If he is an untidy and messy dresser no matter how expensive, the suit is he will be just that untidy and messy, but a gentleman can simply dress smart and neat in any type of suit or sports coat regardless of the cost of the garment. Decorations and adornments on the clothing of badges and pins should also be use with extreme moderation, the fewer the better to avoid looking gaudy and detract from your clothing and appearance. If your wear an American Flag on your lapel it should be on your left side closest to your heart, this is proper etiquette for wearing the national emblem.

Well good manners or proper etiquette as Masonic Etiquette are long subjects and takes time to learn

about them and understand the proper conduct among society and different aspects of clubs or institutions more especially ours.

I hope this has peaked your curiosity and causes you to get better informed as well as informing those Brothers close to you. Remember all we are trying to do is improve ourselves in Masonry, be the very best Mason and gentlemen you can be, and help bring others along with you. Let us take the inspiration of raising those less informed in the social practices of proper manners and decorum.

In our politically correct society of today we tend to bring things down to meet those less informed, less educated, less fortunate, dumming our society down. I say let us take the approach that made this country great and that is to teach those who are willing to invest time by lifting them up to a higher level, where they are better informed, better educated, more fortunate and society as a whole will be better served when we are smarter, sharper and more productive, and not the other way around.

I remain your most humble servant.



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For their dedication and service to our community the Code Enforcement/Community Services Unit of the Leesburg Police Department received our Law Enforcement Officers of the Year Award.

The award was presented to Sgt. George Whittaker, Sr. Officer Michael S. Howard and Sr. Officer Mitchell Anderson.



A special presentation was made to Lake County Medical Services Director Jim Judge of a limited edition artist proof (1 of 10) Fire/EMS print. Receiving the award for Dir. Judge was Col. Ralph Habermehl.



Lt. C. J. Thompson and the Team Members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Special Investigations Unit were presented with a Law Enforcement Officers of Year Award.

The Team members of this unit who specialize in Narcotic Investigations will each receive a certificate to accompany the Plaque award. This unit is one of the best in the State of Florida.

(Photo Top Right)





DECEMBER 2010 SUNDAY DINNER

The dining room and the outside of the building was decorated in a Christmas theme. Music was provided by members of the Hawthorne Orchestra, 160 meals were served to those attending.

Santa made his appearance and our annual civic awards were presented.

We've had a great 2010 and look forward to 2011 when we can all come together and enjoy each others friendship over dinner again.





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SUNDAY DINNER — JANUARY 9th, 2011
11:30 a.m. TO 1:15 p.m.

Menu items:

CHICKEN MARSALIA with SPAGHETTI & SAUCE
Green Beans, 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

