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# Trestle Board



Leesburg Masonic Lodge

200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Florida 34748

352-787-5696

Stated Communications 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm

## Officers for 2010

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	W.: Donald McIntyre, Sr. (Nina).. 728-6954
Senior Warden	Randall Jesmok (Joye) ..... 669-2830
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Secretary	Dean Sever (Linda) ..... 787-6667
	<b>Lodge</b> ..... 787-5696
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Junior Deacon	Jim Angelos ..... 728-6188
Senior Steward	Saul Goodkin (Joanne) ..... 483-7406
Junior Steward	Don Bierly ..... 365-9649
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Chaplain	David Rosenthal (Debbie)..... 702-3878
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Organist	W.: Ronald J. Cottman (Cele) ..... 365-1944
Lodge Instructor	R.: H.: Dennis Ricker (Ginny) ..... 314-0828
Lodge Historian	R.: W.: Joseph T. Price ..... 787-0652
Trestle Board	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 874-2164
Trestle Board Printing	Leesburg Printing (Mike Mason) ... 787-3348



### Living Past Masters

Charles Porter	1959
Theodore E. Weihe	1963
G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
J. C. 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

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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*
John Ray Dean
Barry Rosenthal
Wayne Parks
Fred Lint
Raymond D Trudeau
Paul Shires
M.:W.:Joseph Brearley
Dennis Managan

^ Past District Instructor  
\* Past DDGM

### 18th Masonic District

<b>DDGM</b>	R.:W.: Dennis Ricker ..... 314-0828
District Instructor	R.:W.: Glenn Reynolds ..... 669-5226

## Committees for 2010 and Members

### Board of Relief

Chairman W.: Don McIntyre, Sr., Randy Jesmok, Larry Duff

### Property

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W.: Tom Russell, Larry Duff,  
W.: Ed Davison

### Finance

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, Sr, JW Larry Duff,  
R.:W.: Ken Graves, W.: Tom Russell, W.: Ed Davison,  
W.: Richard Ecott

### Vigilance

Chairman JW Larry Duff, Randy Jesmok, Sr., W.: Don McIntyre, Sr.

### Funeral

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

### Petitions

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W.: Richard Ecott,  
W.: Bob Browning, Dick Cartier, Jim Angelos

### Charity

Chairman R.:W.: Joe Price, Dean Sever,  
Saul Goodkin, Fred Neilson, David Rosenthal

### Catechism

Chairman Randy Jesmok, W.: Bob Browning W.: Roland Gibson,  
Larry Duff

### Greeters

All Officers

### Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R.:W.: Joe Price, Fred Neilson,  
Spencer Glover

### Investments

Chairman R.:W.: Ken Graves, W.:Tom Russell,  
R.:W.: Theodore Jansen, Joe Dykes

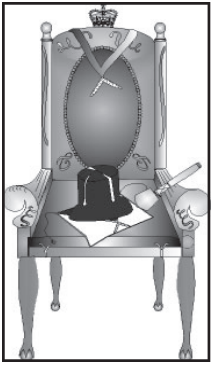
### Education

Chairman Larry Duff, W.: Bob Browning, Spencer Glover,

### Activities & Awards

Chairman W.: Richard Ecott, Dick Frazier, Cliff Frazier

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



## From the Worshipful Master

W.: Donald McIntyre, Sr.

Congratulations to our Brother, R.:W.: Dennis Ricker who was appointed the District Deputy Grand Master for 2010-2011.

Congratulations also to Brother R.:H.: Glenn Reynolds (PDDGM) who was appointed the District Instructor for 2010-2011.

Both R.:W.: Dennis Ricker and R.:H.: Glenn Reynolds received appointments from our newly elected and installed M.:W.: Grand Master of Masons of Florida J. Dick Martinez at the 181st Grand Convention in Orlando.

On behalf of the membership of Leesburg Lodge No. 58, we extend our Congratulations and well wishes to M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig, R.:W.: Gary Smith and R.:H.: Bill Siegenthaler for an outstanding and productive 2009-2010.

At our June Stated Communication Meetings, it was my pleasure to present Brother John K. Willman a certificate and pin for 25 years of membership in the craft, Brother Brother Fred Caruso with a 50 year certificate and pin and brother Lewis Cotterill with a 60

year certificate and pin.

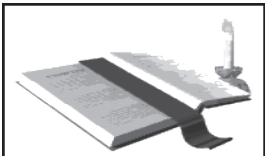
Brothers, Thank You all who have given to be a sponsor of our Trestle Board this year, we have exceeded our goal by raising enough funds to pay for the Trestle Board mailings this year.

YOUR Lodge is need of volunteers to assist in the kitchen. We are in need of a few Brothers to help with the dishwashing. Due to vacations and the like we are short on help, if you can assist contact the Junior Warden.

The Lodge is also in need of a few pieces of lawn equipment. We are in need of a string edge trimmer, gas air blower and gas edger for the parking lot. If you have one you don't need, know of someone who may donate an item, please let the Senior Warden know.

We are also I need of instructors for the mentors program (including two Past Masters) to comply with new legislation passed at the Grand Lodge session and catechisms. Please contact the Worshipful Master if you can assist in these areas.

For Blue Lodge Craft Masonry to continue we need participation of the Craft members, you, not just the officers, who can't do it all without undo sacrifices to their families and personal lives, step-up for Masonry.



## From the Chaplain

Brother David Rosenthal

### Sickness & Distress:

Thankfully none reported at press time.

We which 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.

**Words to live by:** "Sweet Benjamin, since thou art young, and hast not yet the use of tongue make it thy slave, while thou art free; Imprison it, lest it do thee." John Hoskins

**From the Great Light in Masonry;** "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;" Isaiah 61:1 Tanakh (Old Testament)

**"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority." Ralph W. Sockman**

**The test of tolerance comes when we are in the ma-**



## UNITED STATES FLAG FOLDING

*We published this article a few years ago, by request, we proudly reprint it.*

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and

is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with

liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.



## FROM THE SECRETARY & TRESTLE BOARD

When our June issue of the Trestle Board went out via e-mail 27 delivery failures occurred. The printed mailed issue also experienced an number of returns this month as non-deliverable.

When we checked the answer was changes in mail addresses both e-mail and through the Postal Service.

Our request is that when you have a change in your delivery information, please contact the Lodge Secretary at 787-5696 or notify us by e-mail, the Lodge secretary can be reached at w8im@embarqmail.com for the Trestle Board e-mail Ldduff@comcast.net.

We also ask our Masonic appendant and concordant bodies to announce this request at your regular meetings.

Help us keep you informed about meeting and events at YOUR Masonic Lodge.

## LADIES OF ARLINGTON NEVER MISS FINAL SALUTE

*By; C. Todd Lopez*

During a recent Army funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, a woman escorted by a member of the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), stood silently near the gravesite.

Not related to the Soldier being interred that day, she is one of about 65 women, known as the Arlington Ladies, who volunteer to attend Army funerals held at the nation's most hallowed cemetery. So every time a Soldier is buried there, an "Arlington Lady" is present.

They attend funerals in the heat, in the snow and in the rain. They are present for the burial of the youngest Soldier who was killed during his first tour in Iraq and for the World War II-era Soldier who spent his last years in the Old Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C.

The Arlington Ladies stand a silent vigil at funerals attended by dozens of mourners and at funerals where a Soldier has no next of kin - no friends present to



## UPCOMING SUNDAY DINNER MAIN MENU ITEMS



### JULY 11, BBQ BABY BACK RIBS, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

This is a family Indoor Air Conditioned Picnic styled dinner, bring the kids and grand kids.

### AUGUST 8, We're going Hawaiian, PORK OR CHICKEN

*See page 16 for full menu items for this month.*

*(Photo Left - Our Greeters - Linda & Dean Sever at our May Sunday Dinner)*

**Please call the Lodge, or sign the guest list in the foyer, and provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all.**

**ALL MASONS, their families, friends and guests are invited** to our monthly Second Sunday Dinners and every Tuesday breakfasts. Menu items subject to change due to availability and cost.

render a final salute. In fact, that is the very reason they attend funerals.



Since 1973, the Arlington Ladies have ensured that no Soldier - old or young - is ever buried alone.

The idea for the Arlington Ladies came about when Air Force Chief of Staff General Hoyt S. Vandenberg

noticed no friends or relatives were on hand for some Air Force funerals. When he told his wife, Gladys, of his concerns, she mobilized members of the Officers Wives Club to begin attending funerals.

In 1973 Julia Abrams, the wife of Army Chief of Staff General Creighton Abrams Jr., became concerned about Soldiers being buried at Arlington Cemetery without family or friends present and established the Arlington Ladies.

Today, the Air Force, the Army and the Navy all have Arlington Ladies who perform similar duties at the cemetery for members of their respective services.

Many times it's the older Soldiers, the ones who served in Korea and World War II, who have no one to attend their funerals.

Nancy Graves, an Arlington Lady since 1978, said she has attended several funerals where there are no family members or friends present at a Soldier's burial.

Besides honoring the Soldiers who are buried at



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 Taste Tempters Pancake Inn on West Main Street in Leesburg.

**Leesburg Masonic High Twelve No. 424** - Meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Taste Tempters Restaurant on West Main Street 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 the Golden Coral Restaurant on 441 in Eustis.

**Tri County Masonic High Twelve** meets 10:30 a.m. the 1st Wednesday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center in the Villages. Reservations for lunch must be made on 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.



Arlington, the ladies also extend to grieving family members the sympathy of the Army chief of staff and the entire Army family, said Margaret Mensch, Arlington Ladies chairwoman.

"We've been accused of being professional mourners, but that isn't true," she said. "I fight that perception all the time. What we're doing is paying homage to Soldiers who have given their lives for our country."

Each month Mensch creates a schedule, assigning two volunteers for each day a burial will be performed. The volunteers learn the day before how many funerals they will attend and who will be interred, either in the ground or in the cemetery's columbarium.

Arlington National Cemetery holds as many as 100 funerals a week, Monday through Friday. That's about 20 funerals a day. In recent years, that number has risen even higher. About half of the funerals are for Soldiers, and they are split between the two Arlington Ladies on duty each day.

When the Arlington Ladies began attending funerals some 35 years ago, they attended alone. But later they felt, as did the Army, that they needed to be made a more official part of the ceremony. So today Arlington Ladies attend the funerals with a military escort from the Army's Old Guard.

The Army escort and the "Arlington Lady" meet before each funeral at the cemetery's administration building and travel together, often with the military chaplain who will perform services, to a Soldier's gravesite.

They wait together near the burial site for the Soldier's casket to arrive, and then walk together to the burial site. There they wait silently, she holding his arm until the moment when the folded flag is presented to the deceased Soldier's next of kin. It is at that moment the Arlington lady steps forward and breaks her silence.

She approaches the widow, widower or grieving mother and father, and offers words of condolence. Then she presents the loved one a card from the Army Chief of Staff and his wife and a card from the "Arlington Ladies".

Arlington Ladies may also have words of their own for the family members with whom they interact. Barbara Benson has been volunteering with the Arlington Ladies for 33 years and is the longest-serving Arlington Lady. She feels a special connection with older military wives who have lost their husbands and often asks

them about their relationships, she said.

"I always try to add something personal, especially for a much older woman," she said. "I always ask how long they were married. They like to tell you they were married 50 or 60 years."

Benson was a former Soldier herself, serving as a flight nurse after World War II. Her own husband, Colonel George Benson (retired), died in December. Another Arlington Lady, a friend, comforted her at the funeral.

Following the Arlington Lady's portion of the ceremony, she steps back to her escort and remains silent for the remainder of the ceremony - she looks straight ahead and always maintains her dignity. While her portion of the ceremony is small, it is meaningful - for she represents to family members the entire Army family.

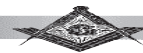
Chaplain (Major) David Baum said presiding over funerals at Arlington is an honor and each respective funeral helps loved ones grieve.

"The ceremony is a beautiful event to help families honor their loved ones," he said. "I think it reminds them that the Soldier who died was part of something very important: service to his nation," Baum said.

Because the Arlington Ladies are all former or current military spouses, "they help to put a family face on the ceremony," he added. "They remind us that military service is often a family experience. Their presence brings home the fact that the entire Army family shares in their loss."

Arlington Ladies volunteer for the service for many reasons - patriotism, honor and selfless service among them. Some of the ladies have felt part of the Army for the many years their husbands served and some served themselves. Those ladies want to continue that service to the Army for as long as they can.

The Arlington Ladies serve, they say, because it is an honor for them to let families know the Army has not forgotten the service their loved one gave to the United States. And their service, like that of the Soldiers they honor, is representative of the Army's value of selfless service.



**"No person was ever honored for what he received.  
Honor has been the reward for what he gave."  
President Calvin Coolidge**



## 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 July 5th is an OPEN meeting, a Special Program Honoring Doctors Murphy and Mutch at the Scottish Rite Foundation Clinic in St. Petersburg.

**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”*

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

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

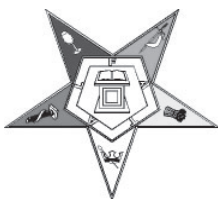
*Ocala Council No. 22 - Royal & Select Masters* - Meets on the Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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

*Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters* - Meets on the third 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.** If you 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.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	<b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8 am</b> <b>Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center, The Villages 10:30am		Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	Tall Cedars, No. 200 at Leesburg 10:30 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Sunday Dinner</b> 11:30 — 1:15 pm <b>BBQ Ribs &amp; Baked Beans,</b> Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drinks	Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12 meets at Mid-Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30 am Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	<b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8 am</b> Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters 11:00am	Ocala York Rite (Dark) Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks Restaurant	Tavares Hi-Twelve Golden Coral Eustis 11:00 am	Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	<b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8:00 am</b> <b>Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm</b>	District Association Umatilla 7:30 pm	Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters 9:00am	Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	<b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8 am</b> Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters 11:00am	Ocala York Rite Commandery - (Dark) District Instruction To be Announced 7:30 pm			



“Free Born: A free soul; one having attained mastery of himself by self discipline. It is a misconception that this refers to one not born into slavery.”

*From 'Facts for Freemasons' by Harold V.B. Vooris*

“Under the law of nature, all men are born free, every one comes into the world with a right to his own person, which includes the liberty of moving and using it at his own will. This is what is called personal liberty, and is given him by the Author”

*President Thomas Jefferson*



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W.: Richard Ecott

M.:W.: Joseph & Anna Brearley

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R.:W.: Gary Smith

Tom & Bev Wright

W.: Bob & Carolyn Browning

Leesburg Masonic Hi-12

Arnold Arthurton

John Gammon

W.: Tom & Lynn Russell

R.:W.: Joe Price

Plantation Masonic Club

R.:W.: Ted & Marilyn Jansen

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Hawthorne Masonic Hi -12



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**Editors Note:** All articles and information for publication must be received by the editor prior to the 15th of the publishing month for inclusion in the next issue. Articles can be e-mailed to Larry Duff at [Ldduff@comcast.net](mailto:Ldduff@comcast.net)

# 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.



*We don't know who wrote it or when, and it does have some good information in it. One problem with written articles that contain information about policies in jurisdictions is this; it may be true when the article is written, but the rules and laws in Masonic Jurisdictions change from time to time, so when the article says; "In the United States all jurisdictions require a unanimous ballot" don't let that bother you if it's not accurate now: It may have been accurate when the article was written, but that point isn't all that important to the message of the article.*

*With that said, enjoy the article*

## THE BALLOT BOX AND THE ACT OF BALLOTING

At the start, I state and most emphatically emphasize that your ballot is Sacred and Secret and no one has the right to inquire as to how you balloted or in any way challenge your ballot.

All members present must ballot on a petition and it is an un-Masonic offense to disclose a ballot whether it be for or against a petitioner.

The expression "to spread a ballot" is becoming rare, but it is used in some jurisdictions. In later years, black cubes were introduced instead of black balls, in most lodges, as an additional precaution against errors. In most English lodges they use only white balls and have two separate compartments, a yes and a no compartment, to deposit the balls. The use of white and black balls or cubes cast into different receptacles may be traced back to Ancient Greece and Rome, where voting for various purposes of juries, required by voters to cast shells or pebbles into various jars. Our word ostracized comes from the practice where, one was banished or cleared by casting of shells.

In the United States all jurisdictions require a unanimous ballot. In 1948 there were 42 states that bal-

loted for all three degrees with one ballot and in 12 states a collective ballot may be taken on all petitions that come up for ballot at a communication at one time. If one black ball appears they re-spread the ballot on each petitioner separately.

Albert Mackay, the great Masonic jurist, believed that an unfavorable report from its investigation committee on a petitioner, was equivalent to a rejection by the lodge and that in such cases it was unnecessary to spread the ballot on the petitioner. He stated if the committee made an unfavorable report they would surely vote in the negative against him. He also stated that the proper way to take a ballot was for the secretary to call the roll of the craft and as each name was called they advanced to the Altar, saluted and deposited their ballot. This was done in old English Lodges, but the membership there was small and the only members who attended were those who received a summons. Modern practices have shown that what was right in the eyes of Dr. Mackay in early days, with small lodges, scattered far apart, would not work in our lodges today where we have a larger membership. Just think if you had several petitions and had to call the roll of a lodge with a membership of two hundred members, it would take quite a while just to ballot.

It is common practice in most United States jurisdictions to re-ballot when there is only one or two black balls or cubes deposited, provided the ballot has not been disclosed by the East and no one has left the Lodge room. The Master and both Wardens inspect the ballot. This assures all brethren present that no mistake had been made. The use of the ballot box is universal in the United States, and a majority of them are constructed so that the hands are concealed as a brother deposits his ballot. The secret ballot, the unanimous ballot, the Ballot in which every member takes part in balloting, is the safeguard of Peace, Harmony and Unity for which all lodges strive.

The impression being given that the secrecy of the ballot is an ancient and fundamental tenet of Freemasonry, but there is little evidence of a secret ballot until late in the 18th century and no ballot box until the 19th century. Notwithstanding all that has been said

and legislated about the secrecy of the ballot, there are decisions declaring it as a Masonic offense to abuse the privilege of the ballot box by voting against a petitioner out of spite. It is difficult to see how one can be convicted on evidence, the disclosure of which is unlawful.

When we elect a candidate it means adopting him into an inner circle of friendship by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as between two blood brothers of a family.

This being true, we should not elect a man that we do not think will fit into our family. Still, no man is perfect, and the lodge is a moral workshop in which the rough ashlar is to be polished for use and beauty. If the lodge had been too exacting, none of us would have gained admission.

The ballot box is the valve that controls the flow of the blood of a lodge and our fraternity. It determines who shall have the privilege of transmitting the precepts of our fraternity, that which has been entrusted in our care, to future generations.

We know that the west gate of the lodge must be protected and that we are guilty when we vote for someone we know who is not worthy as to vote against someone we know is worthy. Balloting upon a petition is a very vital function of a Masonic Lodge and as I stated before, your ballot is secret and sacred and must be unchallenged. This is not a landmark of Masonry, but a tradition that has been handed down to us since it was originated and has kept us strong when other orders have failed. The black ball or cube is a Giant's strength to protect Freemasonry. If it is used thoughtlessly, carelessly and without Masonic reason, it will crush not only him at whom it is aimed but also him who casts it.

Now I would like for you to think about the solemnity of the occasion and the important role you play when balloting on a petitioner. If you will, picture the ballot box on the Holy Altar, the most important piece of furniture, excluding the Bible, in the lodge room; this has come down to us from our ancient forefathers both Jew and Gentile. On this rests the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, flooded by the representatives of the three lesser lights. The Altar is located in the center of the Lodge room, half way between the Wisdom of the East and the Strength of the West, and half way between the Beauty of the South and the Masonic Darkness of the North. Here, at the most sacred spot in the Lodge room, we advance and give the Due-Guard and Sign and deposit our ballot. Here, each of us mem-

bers present, act as judge and jury of every petitioner who seek admission into our Lodge. At this most sacred spot, only you and your God know how and why you balloted as you did. This is as it should be, secret from other Lodge members. If we have 80 members present we have 80 different standards or criterions to judge the petitioner by.

As I have stated throughout this presentation it is not to try and tell you how to vote, but to get you to give some thought to the act of balloting. Are we not prone to vote on hear-says, when with a little extra effort on our part we could get the true facts for ourselves? If we placed six brethren in a circle and whispered a statement to the first brother and let them pass the statement around the circle we would not recognize it when repeated by the sixth brother. Masonry makes better men out of good men but none of us are perfect. When we come into this world we are as the rough Ashlar and we work to fashion our Temples and our Souls, so they will be acceptable to God. We know that we are going to make mistakes in finishing our temple. We will erect part of it with materials, part of it with our acts and deeds, which will not be acceptable in His sight, so we eradicate these and reconstruct with good materials and are stronger by having had this experience and the Supreme Grand Master forgives us and accepts the rebuilt Temple.

Do we, as Masons, try to emulate Him in our daily lives? Brethren, in visiting many lodges in the area, I have seen things that really bother me when balloting. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS: Balloting is not a popularity contest. If you dislike an individual, but he would be an asset to the lodge and you don't know of any moral wrongdoings, then it is your obligation to the Lodge and to yourself to cast a white ball.

I would like to close with a poem written by Most Worshipful Thomas Q. Ellis, Past Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi, entitled "My Ballot," but before I do may I once again stress that this presentation is not to tell you how to ballot but to get you to think before you cast you ballot.

#### **MY BALLOT**

I stand at the same Alter where.  
Prompted by Brotherly Love,  
I vowed solemn vows falter,  
Witnessed by Him above,  
As once I knelt there in reverence

I now stand reverently there  
My thought have suffered no severance as I vowed,  
So I'll vote upon the Square.

If through friendship I favor the seeker  
But think him unworthy at heart;  
Less my Lodge by my Ballot grow weaker  
Such favor from Justice must part.  
At the Alter where Light flooded over Me,  
I'll betray not the trust that I bear,  
I'll shame not the emblems before me  
So I'll cast My vote on the Square.

Or should He not be to my liking,  
But Merit by actions the trust,  
My Souls I'll not perjure by striking a blow  
When such a blow be unjust,  
I'll welcome his steps across the border,  
I'll Honor the trust that I bear,  
I'll vote for the Good Of The Order,  
By casting My vote on the Square.

Time flies and before long my petition  
Will be filed in the Grand Lodge above,  
I'll be glad then I tempered such mission  
With justice and Brotherly Love.  
"With the measure you meet has spoken"  
By the Worshipful Master up there,  
No promises were made has He broken  
And He'll handle my case on the Square.

Remember, my Brothers; White balls elect,  
Black cubes reject. Look well to your ballot. Ballot for  
the good of the Order!



## WHAT IS MEANT BY "To Travel in Foreign Countries"

*-Excerpts from "Foreign Countries" by Carl H. Claudy*

Our ancient operative Brethren desired to become Masters so, when they travelled in foreign countries, they could still practice their craft.

Speculative Freemasons still desire to "travel in foreign countries" and study their Craft that they may receive such instruction as will enable them to do so, and when so travelling, to receive a Master's Wages.

But the "foreign countries" do not mean to us the various geographical and political divisions of the

Old World, nor do we use the Word we learn as a means of identification to enable us to build material temples and receive coin of the realm for our labor. "Foreign countries" is to us a symbol.

Like all the rest of the symbols, it has more than one interpretation, but unlike many, none of these is very difficult to trace or understand.

Freemasonry itself is the first "foreign country" in which the initiate will travel; a world as different from the familiar workaday world as France is different from England, or Belgium from Greece. ... Surely such a land is a "foreign country" to the stranger within its borders; and the visitor must study it, learn its language and its customs, if he is to enjoy it and profit thereby. ...

Freemasonry has many "foreign countries" within it, and he is the wise and happy Freemason who works patiently at the pleasant task of visiting and studying them. There are the Masonic "foreign countries" of philosophy, of jurisprudence, of history. No Freemason is really worthy of the name who does not understand something of how his new domain is governed, of what it stands for, and why. And, too, there is the "foreign" country of Symbolism, of which so much has already been said.

As a Master Mason, a man has the right to travel in all the "foreign countries" of Freemasonry. If he will but learn the work and keep himself in good standing, he may visit where he will. But it is not within the doors of other Lodges than his own that he will find the guide posts of those truly Masonic "foreign countries" to which he has been given the passport by his Brethren. He will find the gateways to those lands in the library, in the study club, in books and magazines, and, most and best of all, in the quiet hour alone, when what he has read and learned comes back to him to be pondered over and thought through.

The "foreign country" of Masonic symbolism has engaged the thoughtful and serious consideration of hundreds of able Masonic students, as has that of the history of our Order. Not to visit them both; aye, not to make oneself a citizen of them both, is to refuse the privileges one has sought and labored to obtain. One asks for a petition, requests one's friend to take it to his Lodge, knocks on the door, takes obligations, works to learn, and finally receives the Master's Degree. One receives it, works for it...why? That one may travel in far lands and receive the reward there awaiting. ...

Then why hesitate? Why wait? Why put off?

## WHENCE CAME YOU

*Bro. Oliver Day Street*

Why allow others to pass on and gain, while one stands, the gate open, the new land beckoning, and all the Masonic world to see?

That is the symbolism of the "foreign countries" ... that is the meaning of the phrase which once meant, to Operative Masons, exactly what it says. To the Freemason today who reads it aright it is a clarion call to action, to study, to an earnest pressing forward on the new highway. ...

And at the end of the journey, when the last "foreign country" of Freemasonry has been travelled and learned and loved, you shall come to a new gate, above which there is a new name written ... and when you have read it you will know the True Word of a Master Mason.



### WHEN THE SILVER RAN OUT

Here's what happened when the silver ran out in a small Colorado town.

This marker sits on a small pull off on the southbound side of Highway 91 north of Leadville, Colorado. It overlooks a valley with beautiful scenery...and a lot of history.

The memorial reads: "In this valley the towns of Robinson, Kokomo and Recen existed. Kokomo was the site of the Highest Masonic Lodge In the U.S.A. Corinthian Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M. 1882-1966 Elevation 10,618 feet"



Daily this question is asked by Masons without the slightest thought as to its real meaning.

It is fitting that the answer we make to it in the lodge is well nigh unintelligible, for it is about as intelligible as any ever given it or as probably ever will be given it.

Who can answer the question "Whence came you?"

Who has ever answered it ? Who will ever answer it ?

Equally baffling and profound is that companion question, familiar in some jurisdictions, "Whither art thou bound?"

Equally an enigma is the answer we give it. Simple as these questions appear, they search every nook and cranny and sound every depth of every philosophy, every mythology, every theology, and every religion that has ever been propounded anywhere by anybody at any time to explain human life.

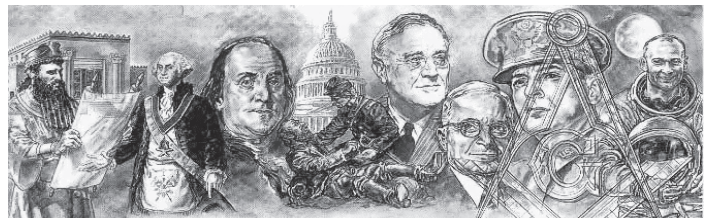
They allude to the problems of the origin and destiny of mankind; they lie at the foundation of all the thinking and of all the activities of man except such as are concerned with the purely utilitarian question "What shall we eat and wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

All our better impulses, all our loftier aspirations, all our faiths, all our longing for and striving after a nobler state of existence, either in this or a future life, are but attempts to answer these two questions.

They are the supreme questions which men have been asking themselves and each other ever since men were able to think and to talk, and they are the questions which men will continue to ask oftenest and most anxiously until the time when we are promised that we shall know even as we are known.

It is thus that study and reflection bring out the beauty and the profound significance of the simplest of Masonic formulae.

- Source: The Builder - February 1917





"We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm."

George Orwell (1903-1950)





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



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W.: Richard Ecott (Jr. Past) purchased 150 coffee cups. These cups are cobalt blue with a gold square and compass and Leesburg 58 embossed on them. The cups are available for a donation of \$7.00 each. Your donation will be deposited into the Charity Fund for charitable projects by the Lodge. Get one while they last and help someone in need.