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LEESBURG LODGE No. 58

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA

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Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month

Chartered January 15th, 1868

Officers for 2011

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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: W: Dennis Ricker	2005/2007^
Roland P. Gibson	2006
Bill Green	2008
Richard Ecott	2009
Donald McIntyre, Sr.	2010

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Carl Anzelmo
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Committees for 2011

Board of Relief

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Lodge Property

Chairman SW Larry Duff, W: Tom Russell, Dick Cartier,
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Finance

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

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

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

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

Lodge Mentors

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

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.

Funeral

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

Activities & Awards

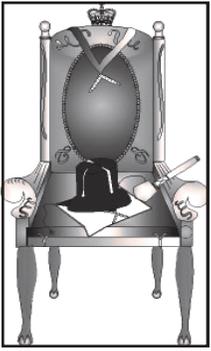
Chairman W: Richard Ecott, SW Larry Duff, W: Randy Jesmok

Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R: W: Joe Price

Investments

Chairman R: W: Ken Graves, W: Tom Russell, R: W: Ted Jansen
Officers meet at 6:30pm, first stated meeting, Committee Chairman
meet the second meeting of each month for business and planning.



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

Congratulations to our newest Brothers Bryan Reed and Daniel Brandt who were initiated Entered Apprentices on June 25th and to Brothers Pedro Arroyo and Bryan Reed who were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft.

A 60 year award was issued from Grand Lodge of Florida to Brother John Gilkerson via Grand Lodge of Arizona where he now lives.

A 40 year award certificate and pin was presented to Brother Roy McCampbell from the Grand Lodge of Florida by Lovelady Lodge 670 in North Carolina where he now resides.

The July meetings will be of importance to all members, they will be held on July 5th and 19th. Several important topics will be discussed. As reported previously the City of Leesburg Environmental inspector, inspected our kitchen and has informed us that we are required to install grease/oil traps devices, the cost \$1,800.00. This ordinance was passed in 2004. W.:Roland Gibson volunteered to contact the Mayor and see what if anything may be done to acquire an exemption on this issue.

My Brothers we still have approximately \$2,288 in unpaid 2011 dues and as you can see we are in need of

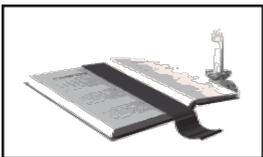
that operating monies as these expenses are well above our projected operating costs, which we have not meet due to unpaid dues.

These an other topics will be discussed that are of importance to the Lodge. So I ask that you make an effort to attend these meetings as the decisions of how and what we do are those of the membership. Your input is needed.

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

PETITIONS - Brother Roger Sutton of Tavares Lodge. Plural membership and Brother Howard Serberg for Affiliation of membership. Both applications were received and forwarded to the Petitions and Investigations committees.

CHARTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS - A Memorial Perpetual Membership was obtained for Brother Frederick Oliver who passed on May 6th, 2011. The family donated \$100 and the Lodge matched that with \$100 to purchase the perpetual membership.



From the Chaplain
W.: Roland Gibson

Sickness & Distress:

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

R.:W.:Joe Price and W.:Ed Davidson who both had some recent health issues are out and about town, both doing we'll.

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 to them, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.*

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

Words to Live By: "What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"
George Eliot

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

July - 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th - Tuesday
Morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfast

July 10th - Monthly Sunday Dinner
LASAGNA

July 5th & 19th, 2011 - 7:30 pm
Stated Communications Meetings
Collations after Meeting

August 14th - Past Masters Appreciation Dinner

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

out the knowledge of the other side of the coin.

These uninformed decisions are ones where the results are not thought out ahead of time, and the results are usually not very good, or beneficial to anyone involved. Latter we find these decisions are regrettable, sometimes painful, and usually hard to undo. Occasionally making up for that uninformed decision is possible, but it's not always. In the long run, these decisions can be costly. So, if you don't care about the cost or effect, have friends and brothers to excess, and don't care about the impact of your decisions on the Brothers around you –then go ahead, keep right on doing them.

As Mason's we should seek out the other side of the coin and listen to the other side of the coin before we make our decision as to how we will act. Our Masonic teachings tell us we should provide wise counsel to each other, which we should expect and respect if done in the spirit of Brotherly Love. How can we do this without having all the available information.

One of our many goals as Masons is the perpetuation of our Fraternity, how again can we do this if there is strife and discontent among the Brethren. Be informed, ask, be involved, Peace and Harmony should and must prevail.



FROM THE WEST
Senior Warden Larry Duff

TWO SIDES TO EVERY COIN

What does the phrase "There's two sides to every coin" mean.

It means there is more than one reflection or account of that which is in question. What is usually in question is one person's reflection or account of a particular incident or event.

For example, a couple recently ending their relationship; Partner 1 says they ended due to X. But there are two sides to every coin so it's possible that Partner 2 could say that they ended because of Y.

It is a phrase which advises you not to base your decision or opinion on one person's account or reflection. It advises you to listen to both sides' accounts before you make your decision.

So why is it that we, at times, make decisions based solely on one side of the coin, the information or account provided to us solely by one source. Why don't we ask, what's on the other side, what's the other point of view and what was the reasoning.

Why is it, we make our decisions to act in a manner, we individually choose, based upon that one side of the coin, and what is it we may be losing with-



FROM THE SOUTH
Junior Warden Dick Cartier

Thanks go out to all the members of Christ United Church and the Hi-Twelve group who attended the great reception at the Church for Honorable James Satterthwaite and Lady Naomi.

The Satterthwaite's will be leaving the area soon for a new home where they will reside at The Masonic Home in Michigan. We will all miss him and his lady, surely he will visit occasionally.

The Sunday Dinner was in honor of the Masonic Widows at the Masonic lodge # 58. The six widows who attended were presented with pins and Certificates of appreciation.

The kitchen crew consisted of; W.:M.: Randy Jesmok & W.:Forest Case, worked the deep sinks.

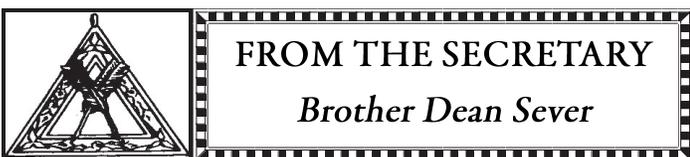
R.:W.: Ken Graves, W.:Richard Ecott & W.:Donald McIntyre Sr. worked the service line.

Richard Cartier & James Angelos provided the cooking.

Lady Frances Cartier & Lady Nina McIntyre kept the deserts and salads, coffee and drinks replenished.

Last but not least, our secretary Dean Seaver and his Lady Linda controlled and accounted for all the guests entering. All helped in making this a success event!

From the kitchen crew to all the members of the Church and Hi-Twelve Groups, we hope all had a great time! It's team work that made this a Great success. Without the help from ALL we would not have been able to accomplish this great event.



Next highway clean up July 16, 7:00am for early

start and beat the heat! Light Brunch and fellowship afterwards. Need picker uppers, transportation, help in kitchen and Lodge maintenance.

2nd Dues notices mailed to 44 Brothers delinquent in dues costing Lodge about \$28 in postage, ~\$5 envelopes and a lot of Secretary time all of which could have been better spent. The names of these Brothers is posted on the Lodge board, if you are one of them, please help in contacting them and getting this part of their obligation fulfilled.

I spend a lot of time at the Lodge, but don't live there, I am there at some time daily. If you need to contact me please leave a message on the Lodge answering machine or feel free to call me on my cell phone @ 352-255-1431 or home at 352-787-6667 or email: w8im@embarqmail.com if an emergency. I will do my best to get back to you if I can identify a call back number etc., many messages left on the old answering machine are un-intelligible or incomplete, we have no caller ID at the Lodge and no-email capability.



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 Angelo's Restaurant, 2270 Vindale Road, Tavares.

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



MASONIC CLUBS

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



**WORSHIPFUL MASTERS
BBQ PORK LUNCHEON
FUNDRAISER**

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

\$7.50 per plate

Eat In or Take Out

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

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

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

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

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

THE PURPOSE of MASONRY

By Ed Halpaus, FPS

What is the purpose of Freemasonry? Why has the fraternity continued to exist for so many centuries, and why do we, you, me, and countless others throughout the centuries, love Freemasonry so much?

A while ago I was in the company of some Masons who had the opinion that the purpose of Freemasonry, what we as Freemasons and members of a Lodge were there to do, was to make more Masons. These Brothers said we were expected to bring in new members; that was the work we were to do.

Hearing that, my mind recalled something I heard years ago: A new Mason went to the Master of his Lodge and asked him when he would begin the work of a Freemason. He said, "Since I've taken my degrees, I've seen quite a few other men take their degrees, that's all

we've been doing in Lodge since I joined, and I've been wondering when I will begin the work of a Freemason?" "Well," the Master said, "Degrees are the work of a Freemason, taking part in the degrees and bringing more men into Masonry." The new Mason said "I thought there was more to the work of a Mason," and the Master said, "This is the only Masonic work I know of."

When I first heard that story I felt that it was sad. I think it's sad because it is so true that there are times when a Mason gets into a leadership position in his Lodge and does not really understand what the work of Freemasonry is, or what its purpose is.

The purpose of Speculative Masonry is not to get more men into Masonry but rather to get more Masonry into men. Membership in our Lodges is extremely and vitally important; "population means production." Having said that, the most important aspect of membership is to deliver to the Masons in our Lodges what Masonry has to teach, and to give our brethren what they came into Freemasonry to receive: This improves member satisfaction and retention.

It is important to share what Masonry has to offer with all initiated regular Masons; unfortunately, many times the mentoring and educating on the lessons of Masonry ends very soon after the new Mason receives his third degree. From the beginning of the ritual of the First Degree the candidate is told that Masonry is a Course of Hieroglyphical and Moral instruction. As the Candidate stands for the first time in front of the Altar and the Three Great Lights of Masonry, he is told that the design of the Masonry is to make its votaries wiser, better, and happier. After hearing what Masonry is in his first degree it's logical the new Mason will expect to receive the lessons of Masonry.

"Masonry teaches in signs and symbols, in pictures and parables". When we joined Masonry we did so to learn, to improve ourselves, and to subdue our passions. We were told in the charge of the First Degree that if we are to improve in Masonic Knowledge we are to converse with well-informed Brethren, who will be always as ready to give as we will be ready to receive instruction: This is one way to convey that the Lodge will provide Masons to mentor the new Mason. We were also told to keep sacred and inviolable the mysteries of the fraternity, as these are to distinguish us from the rest of the community, and to mark our consequence among Masons: this tells us that what Masons can learn from

Freemasonry is valuable; if we will take what we learn and apply it, we can become the better men we hoped to become when we signed our petition.

In Freemasonry we have degree work, and we have the work of a Freemason; they are not the same. Freemasonry is an organization that honors work; when our Lodges are open we are said to be at labor, and we wear aprons much like the workmen of old did. The comparison of the apron worn by our ancient brethren and modern speculative Freemasons is well said in the degree work of the first degree. However, the symbolism of the apron is interesting; a small part of the symbolism is that a Mason is said to be properly clothed when he wears his Masonic Apron arranged for his degree, in some other jurisdictions white gloves are necessary to be properly clothed. I like the requirement of white gloves and white apron to be properly clothed, because of what they symbolize; the white gloves symbolize clean hands, and the white apron symbolizes a clean heart.

Many times when a longevity award is presented to a brother it will be mentioned that he has labored diligently in the quarries of Freemasonry for all these many years. Freemasons like to labor. There is a Latin expression from long ago: Laborare est orare; meaning to Labor is to pray.

The working tools of Speculative Masonry are for us to work on ourselves; to be good men who strive to become better as we progress in the science of Freemasonry. Masonry is not an end in itself; it is not a degree mill. Our work as Freemasons is to work on ourselves; we strive to fit ourselves as living stones, which can be used for good and useful employment in the Celestial Lodge where the Supreme Architect presides: Freemasonry is a means to that end. However, try as we will we never will arrive at perfection; we never will be like the perfect Ashlar; that is some of the symbolism of the broken column. The broken column symbolizes that when the end of our life arrives, whether in a young or old age, death will find us with work yet to do, our work will never be finished when we are working on ourselves, but that doesn't mean we should stop working on ourselves.

"The great design unfinished lies, our lives are incomplete." While this realization might be sad there is another symbol that will give us hope. The evergreen, which is the Acacia plant in Freemasonry, is a symbol of initiation, innocence and the immortality of the soul.

The wood from this plant, (called Shittah wood,) was ordered by God and used by Moses and Bezaleel [BEZ uh le] on the construction of the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the Table for the Shewbread, and other sacred furniture. It was believed that Acacia was incorruptible, because insects and other destructive creatures would stay away from it. An interesting and telling fact from the old rituals of Freemasonry was about the Acacia plant and the symbolism of the immortality of the soul. From those old rituals a Mason would say; "Acacia is my name," meaning he had an immortal soul.

As far as the Mysteries of Masonry are concerned, Joseph Fort Newton had this to say: "There were those who thought that the power of Masonry lay in her secrecy; some think so still, not knowing that its real power lies in the sanctity of its truth, the simplicity of its faith, the sweetness of its spirit, its service to mankind, and that if all its rites were made public today it would still hold the hearts of men." The mysteries and the secrets of our "Gentle Craft" are hidden rightly enough - they're hidden in plain sight. Where better to hide something than in plain view where it will be overlooked by most, even those who should know. Masons are searching and aching for Lodge leadership to lead the way and explain the lessons and mysteries to them, so that they may improve themselves and their lives.

In 1998 the Grand Lodge of Minnesota conducted a survey of Masons raised in the previous 5 years; those who were considered inactive. In the survey these Masons were asked why they were inactive and, what would help them get active? The answers were telling. One of the reasons identified is that Masonic Lodges don't always deliver what they promise. Which means that the lessons of Masonry were not communicated and explained to the new Mason beyond him getting his degrees, also in some cases the fellowship talked about and expected just wasn't there.

Past Grand Master Ed Waldon, at a Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, quoted the ritual; "The design of the Masonic institution is to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier." He was talking about Lodge mission statements, and said; that was the Lodge's Mission. I believe it is: A helpful question for Lodge Government to ask when faced with a decision might be: "Will this help make Masons

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Scottish Rite

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

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



York Rite Bodies

“A Continuation of the Blue Lodge”

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

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

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

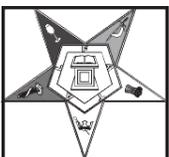
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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

*Triangle Commandery No. 38 –Knights Templar—*Meets on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM, except in July and August.

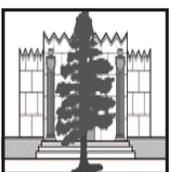


Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 84

Lady Orissa Maurer – Worthy Matron

W.: Ed Davison — Worthy Patron

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



Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Jim Stueber

Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. at Leesburg Lodge No. 58, 200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Fla.

JULY 2011



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<p><u>5</u></p> <p>Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p><u>6</u></p> <p>Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center, The Villages 10:30am</p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p>Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter 84 7:30 pm</p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p>Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p>Tall Cedars Lake Forrest No. 200 10:30am</p>
<p><u>12</u></p> <p>Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Corral 11:00am</p>	<p><u>13</u></p> <p>Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks Ocala York Rite (DARK) 7:30pm Open Books Tavares Lodge 6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p><u>14</u></p>	<p><u>15</u></p>	<p><u>16</u></p> <p>Highway Clean-Up 7:00am to beat the heat Brunch to follow</p>
<p><u>19</u></p> <p>Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p><u>20</u></p> <p>District Association Meeting at Groveland Lodge 7:30 pm</p>	<p><u>21</u></p> <p>Tavares Hi-Twelve Trio's Restaurant Mt. Dora 11:00 am</p>	<p><u>22</u></p> <p>Golden Triangle Council at 7:30 pm Leesburg Lodge Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm</p>	<p><u>23</u></p>
<p><u>26</u></p> <p>Leesburg Hi-Twelve (DARK) Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Corral 11:00am</p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>Ocala Commandery No. 19 (DARK) District School of Instruction at Groveland Lodge 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>28</u></p>	<p><u>29</u></p>	<p><u>30</u></p>

Happier, Wiser, and better educated, or better off than before?

If the answer is yes, then it might be something to pursue because it is in the mission of Masonry: Our mission includes teaching our votaries the lessons behind the allegories and symbols of our craft.

I would suggest, as did Brother and Reverend Joseph Fort Newton, that the mission of masonry in-

cludes making friends, to make their lives, and ours, better, and to help and encourage Masons to make their lives a quest for truth, righteousness, and character. Freemasonry upholds every noble and redeeming ideal of humanity, it is one of the forms of heaven on earth.

One of the purposes of Masonry is to unite men into our Brotherhood through initiation and instruction.



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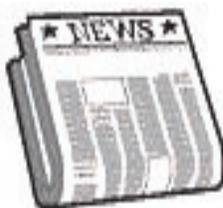
Plantation Masonic Club

Tom & Bev Wright

Forrest & Ann Case

Jay Hurley - *Trueman's Fine Men's Clothing*

Chip Gannaway - *Vann Gannaway Chevrolet*



Norm Anders

Don & Nina McIntyre

Paul & Gaynell Britton

Ted & Marilyn Jansen

Leesburg Hi-Twelve #424

Arthur Sykes

Bob & Jodi Rowden

Hawthorne Hi-Twelve #547

George & Rachel Parker

Robert & Wilma Braun

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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."

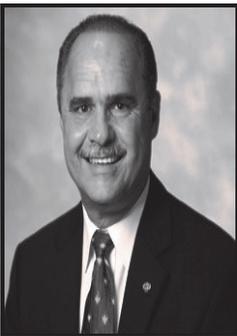
MASONIC or SELFISH BEHAVIOR - YOU CALL IT

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In my short twenty-five plus years as a Mason, I have seen and heard of this situation played out over and over again. It has been a cause of contention, it has started quarrels that have damage Lodges and Districts for years. It certainly cannot be characterized as Masonic and yet individuals of narrow vision complaint, cause dissension, destroy harmony all the while they try to embarrass a Brother or Brothers that try to do the best they could and most of the time by themselves without the help, aid or assistance of their critics.



Some of us fail to realize the reasons our Creator gave us two ears, two eyes, two hands, two feet and only one mouth which sometimes can over run our feet, tie our hands, makes us blind to the truth and deafen our ability listening.

We all too often fail to walk in the other man's shoes prior to casting our judgment on or of them, and overload our mouth before our brains have an opportunity to cast an unbiased opinion of the situation. Although we often criticize, we almost never provide a solution. However, we truly enjoy our spot in the highlight of critics. Yet you are probably best known by your peers as the individual that has almost never made a mistake cause you have almost never done anything yourself.

Every year whether from the North, East, South or West, we invariably hear how one District or another has problems with reimbursement to a Lodge or District Deputy Grand Master expenses of the Grand Master's Official Visit to their District, this generally comes from

individuals or Lodges that are disengaged, have an axe to grind or simply out of jealousy.

Normally they end up paying their fair share, after a fuss, which creates tension and solves absolutely nothing while making themselves the object of ridicule for their childish and selfish behavior. Although some never contribute leaving others to share their burden while they remain part of the Fraternity we call a Brotherhood, I say they are very heavy and perhaps not our Brothers. In a Great Brotherhood such as ours, the members do not create greater burdens for the fellow Brothers, they are always part of the solution, they get involved, participate and provide constructive criticism with positive solution all the while they are engaged in the process.

The best way to know, reduce and provide constructive criticism in the case of the District Deputy's expenses of the Grand Master's Official Visit to your particular District is to be engage in the process. You are certainly entitled to a clear accounting of the expenses and once those are determined, and approve by whatever agreement may have been the custom in your District, you have an obligation to pay your per rata share of the expenses, without fuss, distasteful remarks, or unmasonic conduct. My Brothers this is the proper conduct of a Brother Mason.

Normally the expenses of the Dinner include the following:

1. Printing invitations (400 this coming year Grand Lodge will send flyers to members in the directory)
2. Mailing all invitations (this coming year the Grand Lodge will send them electronically to reduce cost)
3. Rental of meeting location for an average of one to two hundred or two to three hundred people, depending on the size of District and popularity of Deputy and that of the Grand Master.
4. Paper goods such as place mats, napkins, paper plates, knives, forks, spoons, and cups, etc.
5. The cost of the raw foods
6. Kitchen use donation or rental.
7. Signs for parking, place cards on the tables

8. Accommodations for the Grand Master and Grand Marshal

If a District can accomplish all of these with a hand full of people, donations, etc. and keep the charges under a couple dollars, I think it will be an accomplishment worthy of mention.

The Masonic Home in the month of September 2010, prepared 10,015 meals with the raw food cost per meal at \$2.13. This my Brothers is not counting any of the other items above except item number 5 & 6, which is a credit to the Brothers in the District that sacrifice, to keep the cost down. Only to have a few malcontent hold the reimbursement of the Deputies or the Lodge funds back, just for grins and giggles.

My Brothers once again, to error is human to forgive is divine, if you are the Brothers or Lodge that complaint about the expenses, just because you feel they are too much, without asking for an explanation first, without looking at what all was done. Maybe because you did not have a good attendance at the meeting and feel is not right to carry your fair share of the burden, there by increasing the others share of the load I, say shame on you, these are not the actions of a Brother or a Mason.

However, I do have a solution to that problem, bring up a solution on how to do it cheaper, more streamline. Even better how about you demonstrating how it can be done. My Brothers it is your duty to teach those less informed than yourself how to do things proper. Volunteer, pitch in and demonstrate how it can be done, I personally like to learn from the best and would be glad to see your results. Until then let, us not cause confusion among the Craft and do the right thing.

The right thing to me would be to question, receive explanation, not that you could have gotten the bread five cent less cause you knew the CEO back in some other state, because if you did not volunteer prior to the expense you really shouldn't question the cost. Pay the bill and volunteer for the following year so you can provide the leadership and expertise to streamline the process there by benefiting all the Brothers of your District. Even better, write the process down and share it with your Brothers from around this jurisdiction that they can benefit as well.

Remember that as Masons we need to teach the ignorant, discourage the greedy and unmask the hypocrite, be that Brother that builds, be that Brother that

unites, be the Brother of solutions plainly said just be a Brother an act as a MASON. Now you call it, is it Masonic or Selfish behavior.

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



The following is from Brother Gerald Edgar a member of the Iowa Grand Lodge Writers Guild and Education Committee. His article will help you think about what is important when you attend Lodge.

Masons are taught to be actively involved in their place of worship. That is good advice for any Mason seeking further light. Clergy are charged with assisting their congregation with improving their lives and those of their fellow man. The following is a good example from our Pastors' perspective but similar lessons relating to human-imposed barriers may be found in the holy scriptures of most if not all religions.

On March 27 our Pastor referred to the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. He noted given the mores' of the day, there were many 'barriers' to the two even encountering each other much less sharing a long conversation. "In the day" Jews did not casually speak with Samaritans and vice-versa. Men did not speak to women not of their family. Jesus' disciples were upset that he did not seek refreshment from one of them rather than a stranger. Our pastor pointed out the similar 'barriers' in our own church services. Some prefer the traditional liturgy, others the 'new' versions. Some members prefer the pipe organ, others an electronic keyboard. Many want a traditional steeple-topped edifice, others prefer meeting in a home-like atmosphere. All these societal barriers preclude believers from worshipping together because they forget the real purpose of worship: helping each other grow closer to God.

Do we Masons create this kind of barrier within our Lodges when some members want 'Proper' ritual versus a purely social gathering, formal wears vs. casual attire, or to focus on the past as opposed to the future? When we do this, we lose focus on the purpose of being in Lodge. We come to Lodge to improve ourselves in Masonry and become better men with the assistance of our Brothers. In the above account Jesus removed the 'barriers' imposed by his peers. We can go beyond our superficial barriers and reach our true goal –

to improve ourselves as men and Masons. As we prepare to enter the Lodge room we must remember to ask ourselves 'what did we come here to do?' We must not focus on matters that neither help us or our Brothers but be clear we are there to refresh our minds and souls in the company of Brothers.

One can also consider this lesson in the vernacular, "when you are up to your waist in alligators, it's easy to forget you are there to drain the swamp". Let's rid ourselves of alligators! --- Gerald Edgar

Words to Live by: *As you travel through life, brother, whatever be your goal, keep your eye upon the donut and not upon the hole.*

THE OLD TILER TALKS

WB Harley Johnson

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Writers Guild & Education

"Say old man, we have spoken so often that I can say that and know you won't disown me. Why do we keep all those pictures of the past Masters on the wall for at least 100 years?"

"Well, I guess it is to remind us of how far back we go as a local Lodge, and who we have to thank for our Lodge. If you think about it these old Masters had to deal with wood or coal heat, they had to deal with where to tie up the teams of horses the older farmers brought in from their farms, and how would you like to do lectures with only a chart to teach from? The memory work and lessons were learned only from mouth to ear. Remember, only a few could read or write, so how else could you learn the work? Keep in mind oil lamps were common and electricity was new.

Many of these early leaders were in the Civil War, and had that to remind them of how important Masonic beliefs were, and how it was on both sides of that war. Then there was World War I, World War II, Korea, The Berlin Wall, Vietnam, The Cold War, Desert Storm, up to the present time. How so many of them served their nation, to save what we so often take for granted. This, and all the Masons who served under each of these Lodge Masters is what I remember when I look at them and then I know just why I tyle the Lodge each meeting. I may even hear them open their Lodge."

"Wow I never thought of it that way. I think I will look at them again after coffee. Coming?"

MASONIC EDUCATION the FUN and EASY WAY

By Ed Halpaus, FPS

I've been asked many times to explain the duties of a Lodge Education Officer (L.E.O.), and I've answered each question individually. This time I thought it might be good to put some ideas regarding the Lodge Education Officer in this issue of More Light.

Being a LEO and making certain there is good Masonic Education presented at each stated communication of the Lodge doesn't need to be complicated; it's really fairly simple and fun to do. Being a LEO is a great reason to indulge into an activity you really enjoy; learning more about Masonry. Being a LEO really is as simple as reporting to others what you've learned and found interesting. If you find some information that's good and pleasant to know about, others will enjoy hearing you report on it.

An effective L.E.O. will become involved in a wide variety of activities that are very enjoyable to be involved in, such as;

- a. helping make the Worshipful Master's job easier,
- b. helping develop future Lodge Officers and Committee Chairs through his Lodge Education Committee,
- c. making certain that there is a part of every stated communication devoted to Masonic Education.

Item C takes the cooperation of the Master to schedule adequate time in the agenda, so the L.E.O. can provide Masonic information and education. Anyone (the LEO or another Brother) who prepares something for Masonic Education in a Lodge will spend hours (sometime many hours) in preparation, and it is very discourteous to not allow adequate time for the presentation that has been prepared.

That said Masonic Education and the delivery of it in Lodge should, and can be fun and easy; the delivery of it should add to the enjoyment of the Lodge experience for everyone. This can happen when all of us in the Lodge are willing to pitch in and help the L.E.O. and the Lodge.

One truism about Masons is that if another Mason needs help he is willing to step in and lend a hand; if his brother needs to know something that will make his life better he's willing to pass on information and good

counsel. Freemasons don't like to keep secrets when it comes to helping a Brother learn.

Another truism is that every Freemason wants to learn about our Fraternity; we all want to learn something of what Masonry has to pass on to us: And we all love to attend a Lodge where we enjoy the fellowship and the learning. When a Lodge is strong on fellowship and learning then more of its members will be found attending. Actually if they aren't able to attend Lodge they most likely would miss not being there: Here's a question; if you're unable to make it to one of your Lodge communications, do you miss not being there?

Another Truism is that every Lodge has many Masons who are quite knowledgeable when it comes to things Masonic: Their participation is one element that helps make Masonic education fun and easy.

Standing up in Lodge to relate to our Brothers something we know about, and are happy to know it, is nothing more than talking with and informing a Brother about something he will enjoy learning too. Masonic Education doesn't need to be of a certain length; it only needs to be long enough to communicate the information, so that those hearing it will understand it: Communicating in that way is better than trying to fill a certain length of time.

Another idea is for Lodges to have those who deliver some good and interesting Masonic education to go to neighboring Lodges to deliver it there too; that way more Masons will enjoy hearing it and getting to know a fine Masonic Brother from another Lodge. It pays for the Masters, Wardens, and L.E.O.'s of neighboring Lodges to phone and meet with each other regularly, so that they can help each other in making Lodge Communications enjoyable to attend for the members of their Lodges.

There is no reason to do things the hard way; Masons like to help one another. Any Brother can deliver some good and interesting Masonic information and education, he doesn't have to be the LEO; the more participating in Lodge for various reasons – including Masonic education presentations – the better, and I know of no L.E.O. who would not welcome help and information from a Brother.

Much Masonic Education doesn't need to be in a tiled Lodge. There are many times when having a more extensive Masonic education presentation may be better delivered over the Lodge supper. When this is done a

shorter bit on Masonic education can then be presented during the communication.

Much good Masonic education and information can be passed from one brother to another in a Masonic discussion group: A Masonic discussion group can be held at the Lodge; either before or after a communication; at a restaurant after a communication; or at another time during the week. A discussion group can meet for 30 to 60 minutes or longer with one or more topics of discussion scheduled. One good thing about Masons is that when we get talking about Masonry we can have a very good and informative conversation where everyone has a good time learning something new about our beloved Craft.

One Lodge I know of built a patio with a fire pit in it: What a great idea; to sit in fellowship around a campfire discussing Masonic education. This kind of Masonic discussion group could also be held in a Brothers back yard if the Lodge doesn't have the space.

The office of L.E.O. is an enjoyable and important office to hold. The L.E.O. with some effort to involve other members of the Lodge in some way will help add to the enjoyment of attending Lodge for everyone

We all love to attend a Lodge where we enjoy the fellowship and the learning, and the learning should be as easy to deliver, and as enjoyable to receive, as it is to participate with our friends and Brothers in fellowship.



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

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



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A Widows Appreciation Dinner was held at the Lodge in June. W.M. Randy Jesmok along with PM Richard Ecott presented pins and certificates to our honored ladies.



June Monthly Second Sunday Dinner

Our volunteer crew of kitchen masters did another outstanding effort in making the June Dinner another success.

We hope to see as many as possible at our dinners, bring the family or friends and enjoy the fellowship with you Brethren, their families and friends,



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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,
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Breakfast Desert, Coffee, Orange Juice**

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