

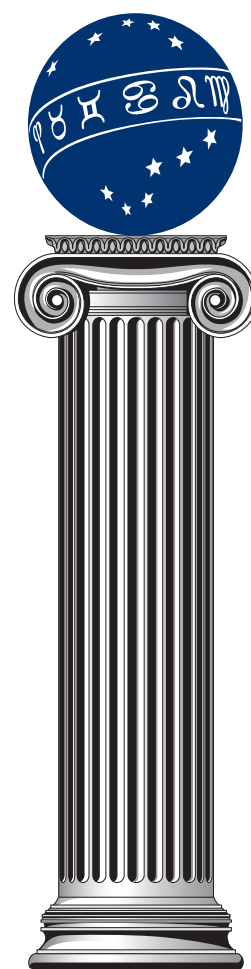
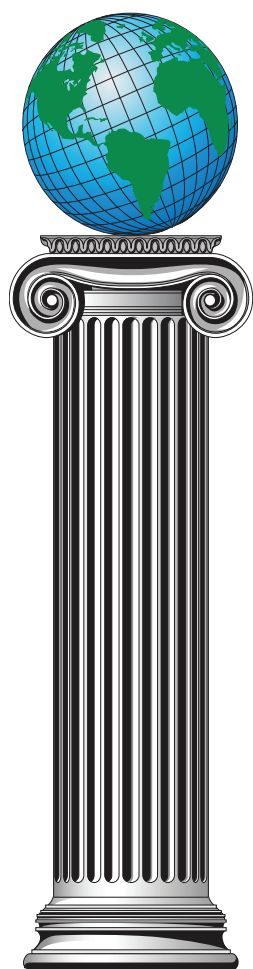
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# Trestle Board

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R W Colin Crews	1980^*
H. C. Connell	1985
R W Theodore Jansen	1986*
R W Joseph T. Price	1987*
Michael Dozier	1988
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Jay A. Frizzell, Jr.	1992
Raleigh Sorenson	1993/1994
Don Barfield	1996
Tom Russell	1997/1998/2002
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Bill Green	2008

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### Board of Relief

Chairman W·: Richard Ecott, Don McIntyre, Sr., Randy Jesmok

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### Funeral

Chairman R·: W·: Ken Graves, All Officers & Members

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### Catechism

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W·: Bob Browning (MM), Larry Duff

### Greeters

All Officers

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Fred Neilson

### Investments

Chairman R·: W·: Ken Graves, W·: Tom Russell,  
R·: W·: Theodore Jansen

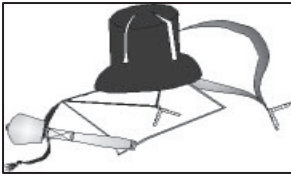
### Education

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Don McIntyre, Sr. Randy Jesmok,

### Activities & Awards

Chairman John Patterson, 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.: Richard Ecott

Welcome MY Brothers to another issue of our Trestle Board.

First, congratulations to Brothers Frank Northrup, Frank Toth and George Gates who returned their Fellow Craft catechism during the February 2nd Stated Meeting.

Congratulations also to Brothers Ed Walsh and John Paterson who returned their Entered Apprentice catechism during the February 17th Stated Meeting.

A Brotherly welcome is extended to Brother Mike Adbersheen who was initiated an Entered Apprentice that same evening.

A called communications meeting was had on February 10th where Brother Shaun Vaughn was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

We maybe conducting a Master Masons degree in March. No date has been set as of publishing time, please look for announcements at Lodge and in e-mail updates and schedule time to attend.

Secondly, attendance, WOW and THANK YOU, I think those words best describes what I have

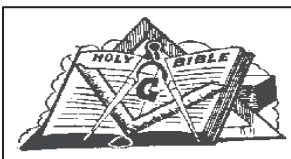
seen lately. Attendance at all our functions, Stated Meetings, Tuesday breakfasts and our Second Sunday Dinner has increased noticeably. What keeps our Lodge healthy, active and growing is you and your participation. I look forward to our future time together.

The Property Committee has been busy, new exhaust fans have been installed in ladies and men's bathrooms, lightning repairs have been made in the Lodge room, the secretary got a new ceiling light in his office. Senior Warden Don McIntyre will be announcing a work day, come and help out and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers.

We're halfway to our goal of Trestle Board sponsors, we have thirty-two and are hoping to get 60. Become a sponsor, the cost is \$20.00 for the year or any part thereof.

We have initiated a guest speaker program where at the Second Stated Communications meeting each month we hope to bring in a short topic speaker with information of interest to us all.

Enjoy this issue of the Trestle Board and I hope to see you at a Lodge Meeting or other Lodge function.



## From the Chaplin

W.: Wayne Parks

W.: Forest Case, had knee replacement surgery on February 10th. The doctor said the surgery went well. W.: Case is at home recovering.

R.:W.: Ted Jansen is doing better though as he says he has good days and not so good days. R.:W.: Ted and his lovely lady were seen on Valentines Day doing a little cheek to cheek dancing at the Ocala York Rite Rose Charity Ball.

R.:H.: Dennis Ricker is have a heart valve replacement. His original date had to be rescheduled due to an emergency had by his doctor.

**From the Great Light of Masonry:** "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." James 1:19-20 NIV

**Words to live by:** "Without God we can do nothing. Our every action, no matter how well calculated and planned, will ultimately falter without the leadership and blessing of the great grand architect. Knowing this helps us move away from all worry and stress." Rev. Dr. Dwight E. Cook

**"There is a destiny that makes us Brothers, No one goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others, Comes back into our own."** Edwin Markham

## SCOTTISH RITE

The Ocala Scottish Rite will host its "Spring Reunion" on April 25th and 26th, 2009. Here is an overview of the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is commonly known as the Scottish Rite. It is one of several appendant groups of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry. Each "Valley" has up to four Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees. In the Southern Jurisdiction these are the Lodge of Perfection (4°-14°), Chapter of Rose Croix (15°-18°), Council of Kadosh (19°-30°), and the Consistory (31°-32°). The Supreme Council confers the 33rd Degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General.



The Scottish Rite is one of the two branches of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the three degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry. The other branch is the York Rite, consisting of Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of Knights Templar.

### LODGE OF PREFECTION

#### 4° - Secret Master

Duty, reflection and study are the gateway to opportunity, as such one honors those relationships to God, family, country and Masonry. The teachings: secrecy, obedience and fidelity.

#### 5° - Perfect Master

The degree teaches Masonic honor; that honesty and trustworthiness is the cornerstone of the foundation of such. This virtue should be in all of our undertakings with mankind. The teachings: honesty, sincerity, and good faith.

#### 6° - Intimate Secretary

In this degree one should expand their knowledge of duty, charity and toleration. We are instructed to reshape ourselves and our thinking into charity, self-control, and success i.e. to be a peacemaker.

#### 7° - Provost & Judge

We learn that impartial justice protects person, property, happiness and reputation. We are instructed to judge with patience and impartially.

#### 8° - Intendant of the Building

We should strive for perfection by using the great principles of "God's inherent love, charity, moral-

ity and kindness".

#### 9° - Elu of the Nine (Knight of the Nine)

Truth, candor and generosity; the foundation of Scottish Rite Masonry is most reflected in this degree. We should use these truths to shape our lives and conduct.

#### 10° - Elu of the Fifteen (Ill. Elect of the Fifteen)

This degree teaches us to be tolerant and respect the opinions of others. Freedoms of political and spiritual ideologies should be shared by all.

#### 11° - Elu of the Twelve (Sublime Knight Elect of the Twelve)

This degree teaches sympathy. We should be compassionate to our brother Masons and to all mankind as well.

#### 12° - Master Architect

This degree teaches faith in morality and virtue and in God. "Life is what each man makes of it; the optimist turns a trial into a blessing.

#### 13° - Royal Arch of Solomon (Knight of the Ninth Arch)

Liberty; in our mind and our hearts, motivated by duty and honor are the lessons of this degree.

#### 14° - Perfect Elu (Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason)

This degree teaches us to reflect and scrutinize oneself. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God.

### CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

The Chapter of Rose Croix attempts to provide the candidate with a deeper understanding of religion, philosophy, ethics and history through a variety of complex "historical degrees". The intellectual challenges presented in these degrees are numerous, and at times overwhelming and can take years to master.

#### 15° - Knight of the East, of the Sword or of the Eagle

Fidelity to obligations and perseverance of purpose under difficulties and discouragement are the lessons of this degree.

#### 16° - Prince of Jerusalem

We learn "heroism of patience, the nobility of self-sacrifice" and compassionate judgment, along with charity, fidelity and brotherhood.

#### 17° - Knight of the East & West

The wisdom of this degree is that loyalty to God

is man's primary allegiance and the temporal governments not founded upon God and His righteousness will inevitably fall.

#### **18° - Knight Rose Croix**

This degree emphasizes that life and its strength come from God. The rose signifies the dawn and the cross is a sacred symbol of antiquity in many cultures. One is also taught to be tolerant of others errors and their faults.

### **COUNCIL OF KADOSH**

The word "Kadosh" is a Hebrew word meaning Holy. Although Albert Pike identifies the degrees of the Council of Kadosh as chivalric and philosophical, they are all intensely mystical with respect to the lessons conveyed and symbols employed.

#### **19° - Grand Pontiff**

We learn from the past and how it affects the present and the influence we live in the future in this degree. We as mortals strive to endure, produce and improve the world as it surrounds us.

#### **20° - Master of the Symbolic Lodge**

This demonstrates liberty, fraternity and equality. These truths teach morals, religious and philosophical understandings. This degree helps one to comprehend Deity, forces of nature, good and evil.

#### **21° - Noachite or Prussian Knight**

The lessons to be learned from this degree are that arrogance, defamation and cowardice are unworthy attributes of a Mason and that humility, modesty and courtesy are the true virtues of men and Masons.

#### **22° - Knight Royal Axe, Prince of Libanus**

This degree emphasizes work ethics: By doing good work we improve character and become better citizens.

#### **23° - Chief of the Tabernacle**

We learn in this degree that the man who forgets his duty to God, family, country and himself will be in danger of moral and spiritual destruction by thoughts and unworthy ambition.

#### **24° - Prince of the Tabernacle**

A Mason must show evidence of compassion, piety and justice in this degree. After initiation he may "manifest faithfully the social virtues in order to receive the rewards", to serve humanity through our brotherhood.

#### **25° - Knight of the Brazen Serpent**

This degree attempts to explain the conceptual-

ities of celestial purity and the eternal soul of man. The apprentice is driven to look within his faith, life and God and to get a clear look at his inner self.

#### **26° - Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian**

In this degree we explore for "the rewards of the trinity of Gods attributes - wisdom or intelligence, force or strength, harmony or beauty".

#### **27° - Knight Commander of the Temple**

This degree teaches the apprentice to scorn selfishness, and to uphold the knightly virtues of charity, truth and honor. We should always strive to assist the poor, helpless and infirm.

#### **28° - Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept**

We learn in this degree that our love for God manifests itself in our love for truth, justice and nobility of soul.

#### **29° - Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew**

The virtues taught in this degree are "Love of God, loyalty to superiors, faithful adherence to promise and active resistance to unfair judgment."

#### **30° - Knight of Kadosh or Knight of the White & Black Eagle**

The lesson of this degree is to be true to ourselves, to stand for what is right and to be just in our lives today with a belief in God, country and oneself.

### **CONSISTORY**

The Consistory Degrees are very different from each other in form and content. The 31° reveals the dynamic relationship that has existed for centuries between human law as a means of achieving justice, and divine justice as an ideal. The 32° reviews the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Council of Kadosh.

#### **31° - Inspector Inquisitor**

In this degree the apprentice learns prayerful self-examination. The mistakes today should not be committed tomorrow. Simply, the daily look at ones self to learn to live with the future.

#### **32° - Master of the Royal Secret**

The lessons taught in this degree are that genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem and charity. We always look for the good in all, make allowances for others' shortcomings. We trust the Supreme Architect to lead us to friendship, morality and brotherly love.





## Semper Fi Council No. 95 Knight Masons — Instituted

Back Row: Excellent Chief James P. Rudman, Act. Great Chief Harvey L. Ward, Senior Knight Fred Piascecki, Scribe/Treasurer David Aponte; *Middle Row:* Steward William Wagner, Jr., **Sentinel Larry D. Duff**; *Front Row:* Priest Wayne Sessa, **Director of Ceremonies Randall R. Jesmok**, Senior Warden James Hughey, Junior Warden C. Alan Walls.



These "Green" degrees or Irish Masonic Canons, are ancient and are in essence "Old Testament" and are based on the legend of Zerubbabel. The Knight Mason Degrees have their origins to the earliest records of Masonry. Membership is by invitation only and earned by service to the craft. Candidates must be Royal Arch Masons. Our Brothers SW Randy Jesmok and JD Larry Duff were invited and selected to officers positions. Our Marshall, Dean Sever will be joining this Masonic Order at its next meeting.

## LEESBURG WELL REPRESENTED

Leesburg Lodge No. 58 is well represented in various Masonic bodies. Congratulations Brothers all.

**R.:H.: Dennis Ricker**, R.:H.: Ricker serves as District Instructor, he also instructs at our Lodge. R.:H.: Ricker is also a member of Wildwood Lodge and serves their Lodge as the Lodge secretary.

**Brother Saul Goodkin**, our Tyler was elected by the Mid-Florida Lake High Twelve #522 to be the Masonic Representative to the Masonic Lodge.

**Brother Fred Neilson** was installed as the 3rd V.P. of the Florida State Association of High Twelve Clubs. Brother Neilson is also a Grand Lodge Committeemen for Lodge Assistance.

**R.:W.: Ken Graves**, our Treasurer, is also the Degree Master for the 18th Degree in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Ocala.

**Brother Richard Tanner**, in new President of Hawthorne Hi-Twelve.

**Junior Warden Randy Jesmok** is active in the Eustis York Rite Bodies. Brother Randy is the Scribe in the Chapter, Capt. Of the Guard in the Council and Senior Warden in the Commandery. Brother Randy is also the Director of Ceremonies in the Ocala Council of Knight Masons.

**Junior Deacon Larry Duff** is active in the Ocala York Rite Bodies where he serves as the Scribe in the Chapter, Illustrious Master in the Council and Senior Warden in the Commandery. Brother Duff is also

the Sentinel in the Ocala Council of Knight Masons, and recently received an invitation to join the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States which is dedicated to Masonic Education and Research.

**Brother Richard Cartier**, our Senior Steward is President of the Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club.

**W.: Mervyn J. Harris** is the International 3rd V.P. of High Twelve International.

**W.: Barry Rosenthal** is Dist. Dep. Supreme Tall Cedar - Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, In the Rose Crox line at Scottish Rite, Chaplin in Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew and Vice President of the 18th Masonic District.

**W.: Roland Gibson** is the Worthy Patron in Leesburg Chapter No. 84 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

**Ill. Garth Phillips**, our secretary, is on the Corporate Board for the Ocala Scottish rite, Chancellor—Council of Kadosh, Member of the Patriotism Committee and Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

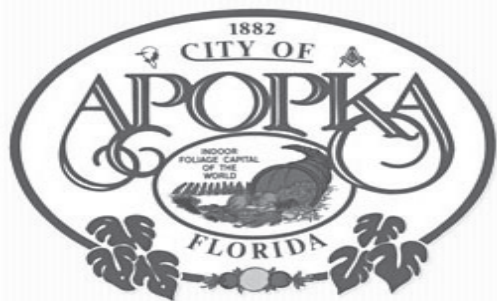
**Brother Ken Hamilton** is Captain Of the Guard in the Ocala Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

**Brother Glen Bryan** is on the Ocala Scottish Rite Robes and Paraphernalia Committee.

**W.: Wayne Parks** serves on the Ocala Scottish Rite Membership Committee and as the Assistant Expert in the Ocala Chapter of Rose Croix.

Our apologies if we overlooked anyone. As you can see the Brothers of Leesburg are very active.

## DID YOU KNOW



The City of Apopka was incorporated in 1882, "with the city limits measuring one mile in all directions from the Masonic Lodge Hall" (*Orange Lodge No. 36, located at Main St. and Alabama Avenue*). The city logo, designed in 1976, commemorates this Masonic heritage by incorporating the Masonic square and compasses into its design.



In the 1850's two Master Masons Phillip Poindexter and William Orr, formed a partnership that lasted for life. They came to what is now Montana and became ranchers near the town of Dillon Montana, in what was then Idaho territory. Their brand was the square and compass. Montana became a territory in 1864 and the square and compass brand is claimed to be the first brand registered in Montana Territory.

Poindexter and Orr were active Masons and also members of the York Rite Bodies in Dillon. They both were members of Bannack Lodge No. 16 when it was chartered in 1871. The square and compass brand is still being used today.

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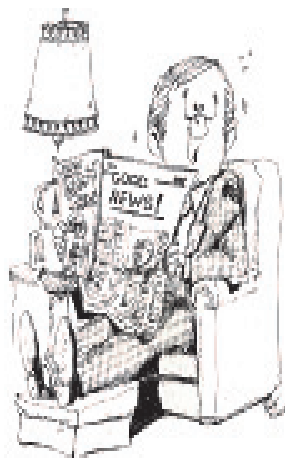
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Dean & Linda Sever  
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Pete & Nancy Taylor  
W.: Bill & Nancy Green  
W.: Joseph & Anna Brearley  
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*Editors Note: All articles and information for 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)*



## Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m., this is an open meeting with a FREE to prospective members and their ladies dinner at 6:30 pm. Members cost is \$10.00, menu is Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish potatoes, carrots and desert. Spring Reunion dates have been set for April 25th & 26th.

Save the change in your pocket! There is a special container in our SR meeting room to put it in. The change really adds up and goes to: *The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida*, become a Scottish Rite Millionaire donator, \$100 adds your name to the Ocala's Millionaire's Plaque.



## York Rite Bodies

“A Continuation of the Blue Lodge”

**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.

*Triangle Commandery No. 28 – 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 Linda Every – Worthy Matron

Brother Robert Welch = 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.



## Order of Amaranth, No. 34

RM — Mildred Kronberg

RP — Richard Keifer

**Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.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.



## Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Paul Davidson

**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 MARCH 2009



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2 Ocala Scottish Rite 7:30 pm DeMolay Chapter 7:30 pm at Eustis	3 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5 Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting at 7:30 pm	6	7
8	8 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Corned Beef & Cabbage & all the fixins, Drinks and Deserts	9 Plantation Hi-Twelve Club #719 Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	10 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi- Twelve Lunch Meeting 11:00 am	11 Ocala York Rite Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 7:30 pm Belleview Lodge	12	13 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	14 Tall Cedars—Meeting at 10:30 am
15	16 Lake / Sumter DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Lodge	17 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	18 District Association Clermont 7:30 pm	19	20 Amaranth 1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter	21 Open Book at Winter Park 9:00 am—3 pm	
22	23	24 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi- Twelve Meeting	25 District Instruction Groveland—7:30 pm Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p	26 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters	27	28 Open Books Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—3:00pm	
29	30 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am	31					

# Tee Up "Fore" The Kids

14<sup>th</sup> Annual — 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Golf Tournament Benefitting:



Saturday — May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

Deer Island Country Club

In the Middle of Beautiful Lake Dora at

18000 Eagles Way, Deer Island, FL 32778

More info: [www.boggycreek.org](http://www.boggycreek.org), [www.deerislandgolf.com](http://www.deerislandgolf.com)

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

4 Person Scramble/No Handicap/Shotgun Start - \$60.00/person \$240.00/Team — A Portion of the Proceeds Donated to Camp Boggy Creek — Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Included — Putting Contest - \$10.00 Entry Fee — 50/50 Payoff — Skins Contest - \$20.00/Team — 50/50 Payoff — If No Skins Won, 100% to Proceeds

Grand Master's Trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> Place

## TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

7:30am - Registration / Coffee & Donuts — 8:30am - Shotgun Start

Putting Contest Between Hole #18 & Hole #1 — Hole #8, Longest Drive Contest — Must be in the Fairway — Hole #13, Closest to the Pin Contest — Must be on the Green — Seniors and Ladies Play Number 2 of 5 Tees (Yellow Tees) - All Others Play 3 of 5 Tees (White Tees) - Lunch (included in \$60.00/person) Following Play— Awards Presentation, Contest Winners, and Silent Auction Following Lunch and Play.

## YOUR INVITATION

In May, the Grand Lodge will be holding its annual communication in Orlando and the 18<sup>th</sup> district would like to invite you to play in a golf tournament for the **GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY** which if won by a Mason, will be awarded at Grand Lodge.

The tournament will be held at one of the most beautiful courses in all of Florida, Deer Island Country Club in the middle of tranquil Lake Dora. Those who attend are guaranteed a wonderful day of fellowship, golf, and charity. The tournament will be held the day before the Grand Lodge Competition, Deer Island CC boasts 6 sets of magnificent Bald Eagles, a beautiful view of Lake Dora on many holes, challenging holes set in tranquil marshlands, many species of birds, and alligators ranging in all sizes. A day of golf at Deer Island is a unique experience that every golfer should enjoy at least once in their lives. Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, door prize, lunch, your donation to one of our local charities, your donation to the 18<sup>th</sup> district, and all the fellowship you can stand. We look forward to seeing you and showing you one of the prizes of central Florida. Information and sign-up packages in Lodge foyer.

You can visit the golf course on line at [deerislandgolf.com](http://deerislandgolf.com) for more information about the course. If you have any other questions please contact **Greg Jodarski** at [gjodarski@netzero.net](mailto:gjodarski@netzero.net) or (407) 666-7392.

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## THE GENIUS OF MASONRY

*THE MASONIC REVIEW - 1855*

Our object in this article will be to show not only what is peculiar to Masonry, but in what respects it differs from all other associations of a kindred character. Many have grossly misjudged of Masonry, by regarding it in the light of a Divine institution. By thus investing it with a sanctity which never belonged to it, and to which it never made any claims, the members of the fraternity have been held responsible for a purity of life and an integrity of deportment even greater than that which has been required of professors of religion. Though it has its altar and its priests, its rites and its ceremonies, yet it does not invade the sanctuary of religion, nor assume an organization based upon the recognition of a religious creed, requiring faith therein as a condition of membership.

It requires no religious tests, save a belief in God and his revealed will, of any who enter its hallowed courts. Founded in a belief of the existence of God the great Jehovah, the supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe, a firm and unwavering trust in his goodness and mercy, united with a belief in the Revelation which he has made to man, as contained in the Holy Scriptures, it leaves intact the right of private judgment, thus bringing all men of all creeds upon one common platform of faith, and uniting them together in a pure spiritual worship. In the Masonic fraternity an Atheist is a monster, for whom there can be found no name or place in all her records.

We can only discuss the principles of Masonry in the light of a human institution, subjecting those principles to the common and universal standard of morality. It is only in contrast, or rather we should say, in comparison with institutions of a similar character that we can judge of its peculiarity in respect to all those things which pertain to man's happiness in the moral and social state. In all matters pertaining to Church and State regulations concerning man's faith or politics, the Order stands entirely aloof, exhibiting its genius only in whatever bears a relation to his moral and social life. While it embraces the idea of a universal liberty, a universal equality, and a universal fraternity, it at the same

time wisely guards these greatest of earthly blessings, and by an ordination peculiar to the Craft, prevents them from degenerating into an unbridled licentiousness on the one hand, a wild anarchy on the other, and infidel socialism on the third.

It takes men as they are, in their rude, native, depraved state - as rough, misshapen blocks from the quarry of nature and by the application of those great rules of social and moral life, upon which the institution is founded, reduces the human character to a symmetry and beauty of form such as will make them pillars in the fabric of society. It claims to "improve the manners and to mend the heart," not, however, by a divine or super-human agency, but by the inculcation of a rule of life drawn from the holy Scriptures, most beautifully and impressively symbolized by the plumb, the level, and the square. Human actions are not left to the guidance and control of a naked faith, but are reduced to a science, at once purifying and ennobling.

This is Masonry, and whoever teaches to the contrary does not deserve to be dignified with the title of an apprentice to an art whose characteristics are wisdom, strength, beauty, temperance, prudence, justice and truth.

But it may be asked, in what respect does Masonry differ from other institutions of a social character? and this brings us to a consideration of the genius of the Order. In reply to this, we remark that the Masonic Institution differs from all other human institutions both in its letter and in its spirit. Its peculiarity, in regard to the letter, consists in, and is exhibited by its ancient constitutions and landmarks. It has outlived all other human constitutions, and as it regards its landmarks, though thousands of centuries have passed away, during which empires and nations have risen, flourished, fallen, and passed away from the memory of man, or at most, only live upon the page of history, it may be said in reference to every thing essential to the integrity of the institution, that they have not been removed, but remain unchanged and unchangeable. Other institutions that have come down from antiquity, through the ever varying progress of human events, have lost their original character, and been merged into the spirit of the age, assuming new forms as the genius of the times have dic-

tated; but Masonry, like the granite pyramids, with base deeply imbedded in the plain, and apex pointing to heaven, has stood the shock of centuries, and towers sublimely over the wrecks of time. The effacing fingers of decay have not swept one line of beauty from its calm, benignant features; pediment and plinth, a shaft and capital, arch and key-stone, corner-stone and capstone, remain as entire as when first placed by the architect, and no symptoms of decay or dissolution are to be found in the whole temple of the mystic art.

But what were the temple without the presiding genius? What were the body without the soul? As the temple of Solomon, on Mount Moriah without the Divine Shekina, whose glory illumined, and whose presence inspired its priests and prophets, was drear and desolate, so the temple of Masonry, though standing in all its strength and beauty -

"With cornice and frieze and lofty sculptures graven,"

would be like the rock excavated temples of Petra, "a habitation for dragons, and a court for owls." If over the wide arched gateway was not inscribed in letters of light, "Brotherly love, Relief and Truth," if a Masonic faith, a Masonic hope, and a Masonic charity did not pervade the minds and hearts of those who entered and dwelt in her courts, then would the order exist only in name, a solemn mockery, a hiss and a bye-word, provoking only the contempt of the world and the reprobation of heaven.

The love of others may fail, but a Mason's is lasting as life and stronger than death. In the day of prosperity multitudes will flit and flutter around, like the light winged insects of a summer's day, but no sooner does the dark, stormy hour of adversity come, than they disappear, and leave the unfortunate to sadness and despair. The fidelity of others may fail, and the most solemn asseverations may prove to have been falsehoods, designed to deceive; but truth, the foundation of every virtue, is the guiding star of every upright Mason, and no fear or fraud or favor will for a moment cause him to swerve from the unerring line.

The faith of others may falter and their trust in God be shaken by the waywardness of the world, the uncertainty of earthly events, and the assaults of infidelity; but the firm foundations of a Mason's faith can never be moved; founded upon the "rock of ages," the

powers of destruction shall not prevail against it.

The hopes of others in the dark and trying hour, may yield, and the heart, sickened by a sad delay, may turn distrustingly away from the object of its pursuit, but the hope of a Mason is like an anchor to the soul amid the storms of life, secured by which he outrides the tempest, and glides peacefully into that harbor, "where the wicked cease to trouble, and the weary are forever at rest."

The charity of others may fail, and the tongue of slander may blast with its sirocco breath the fairest fame; but a Mason's charity faileth never. "It believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things;" and when the storm of execration and hate would come, and with merciless violence sweep away the last redeeming remnant of good, it casts its broad mantle over the vices and follies of the erring, and though it justifieth not, in the midst of wrath, it remembers mercy, and refers to the decisions of the last day.

While the tongue of detraction would invade the sanctuary of home, and ruthlessly disturb even the aches of the dead, by dragging forth its victim to the floating gaze of the vulgar crowd, outraging all the principles of a common humanity, the spirit of Masonry forbids the invasion, and points its anathema against such cowardly acts; dictating a forbearance and charity which leaves the departed to his God, and shielding the innocent from the coarse and vulgar taunts of monsters in the form of men.

Such is the genius of Masonry. Over all the departments of life it casts a bright and genial sunshine, seeking with its kindly voice to sooth the sorrows and mitigate the woes of mortals. By its soft hand it wipes away the tear from the helpless widow, takes the distressed and unprotected orphan into its fold, and wherever misery lifts its voice of sadness, flies on rapid wings to its relief. Under its banners may we live, possessed by its spirit may we die, and with its generations past, may we be gathered to our fathers, - softly and gently as the night winds fall to the earth may we pass away.

#### *POTS*

From its origin to the present hour, in all its vicissitudes, Masonry has been the steady unwearing friend of man. -  
Rev. Erastus Burr



## THE BROKEN COLUMN SYMBOLIC STATUE

The sculpture consists of a weeping virgin, holding in one hand a sprig of acacia and in the other an urn; before her is a broken column, on which rests a copy of the Book of Constitutions, while Father Time behind her is attempting to disentangle the ringlets of her hair.



The broken column carefully laid on the third step of the base completes the symbolic legend of the Third Degree in Freemasonry.



The broken column denotes the untimely death of our Grand Master Hiram Abiff; the beautiful virgin weeping, the temple unfinished; the book open before her, that his virtues lie on perpetual record; the sprig of acacia in her right hand, the timely discovery of his body; the urn in her left, that his ashes were then safely deposited to perpetuate the remembrance of so distinguished a character; Time unfolding the ringlets of her hair, that time, patience, and perseverance accomplish all things.



Pictured above is an original statue created by MARBLECast® Products, Inc. depicting Jeremy Cross' "The Broken Column" monument. It teaches Freemasons in the lecture of the Third Degree the symbolic expression of the idea that veneration should always be paid to the memory of departed worth. The great moral lessons inculcated by this legend are many and very instructive, teaching us, that we should live virtuous and upright lives, ever walking in the paths of truth and justice, even though our lives be endangered thereby.

In its symbolic representations, it answers every argument in our faith, and insures safety, eternal and never ending, and is in strong contrast with the development of those passions which debase and ruin all who indulge in them.

We are further reminded that though these frail bodies must die and return to dust, we may indulge the hope that through the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, our disembodied spirits shall be raised and be carried to realms of bliss, there to remain in God's paradise forever.

*Editors Note: Some of you may have noticed that a year ago this article, less most of the pictures, was printed in our old Trestle Board format. Several of our new Master Masons inquired about this sculpture and the Masonic interpretation of it. So I reprinted it for them and you if you haven't seen it before.*

*It's nice to see their interest.*

*This sculpture is available for purchase as a lecture tool of the third degree or a display piece. The cost ranges from about \$135.00 to \$200.00 plus shipping, depending upon size and vendor, if any Brother or group would like to purchase one, for themselves or the Lodge.*

Brother Jeremy Cross who created this monument was a teacher of the Masonic ritual, who, during his lifetime, was extensively known, and for some time very popular. He was born June 27, 1783, at Haverhill, New Hampshire, and died at the same place in 1861. Cross was admitted into the Masonic Order in 1808.

Cross, having acquired a competent knowledge began to travel and disseminate his knowledge throughout the country. In 1819 he published *The True Masonic Chart or Hieroglyphic Monitor*. The engraving of the emblems constituted, however, an entirely new and original feature in the Hieroglyphic Chart, and, as furnishing aids to the memory, rendered his book very popular. In 1820 Cross published *The Templars Chart*, which, as a monitor of the Degrees of chivalry, met with equal success. Both of these works have passed through numerous editions.

Cross received the appointment of Grand Lecturer from many Grand Lodges, and traveled for many years very extensively through the United States, teaching his system of lectures to Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Encampments.





M.: W.: Joseph Fleites conducting the ceremonies



DGM R.: W.: Dale Goehrig, Leesburg Library Director Ms, Barbara Morse and M.: W.: Joseph Fleites



Leesburg Mayor Pro-Tem David Knowles and M.: W.: Joseph Fleites

If you were unable to attend Februarys cornerstone laying ceremony at the Leesburg Library, here's a few pictures of the event conducted by M.: W.: Joseph Fleites, DGM R.: W.: Dale Goehrig, SGW R.: W.: Dick Martinez, JGW R.: W.: Jim Harris and other Grand Line Officers. Thank You PDDGM R.: W.: Joe Price who coordinated the event.



Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren in attendance



**Second SUNDAY DINNER — MARCH 8th, 2009**

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

**Menu items :**

***CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE with Irish Potatoes  
Vegetables, Salad, Bread, Desert, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade.***



**Suggested donation \$8.00 per person.**

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 Second ***Sunday Dinners and Tuesday breakfasts.*** Menu items subject to change due to availability and cost.

*Dinner and Breakfast menu suggestions welcomed, just fill out a comment card and let us know.*



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W.:M.:Richard Ecott has purchased 150 coffee cups. These cups are black with a gold square and compass with Leesburg 58 embossed on them. These cups are available for a donation of \$7.00 each. W.:M.: Ecott has directed that Your donations will be deposited into the Charity Fund to fund charitable projects in 2009. Get one while they last and help someone who in need.



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