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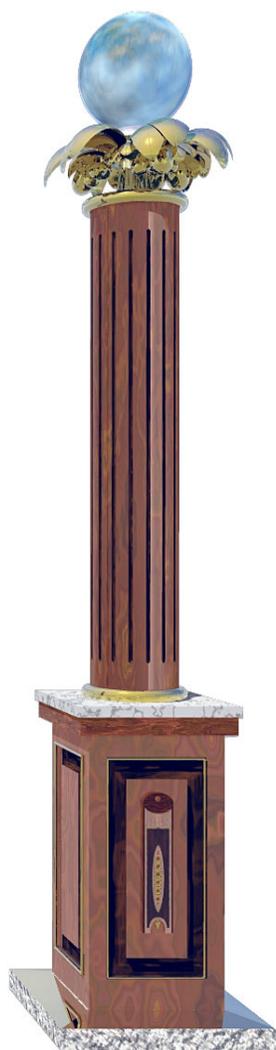
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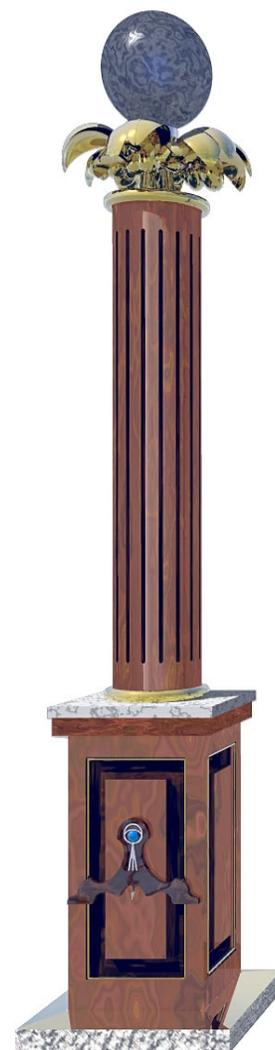
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Leesburg Masonic Lodge
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Stated Communications 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm

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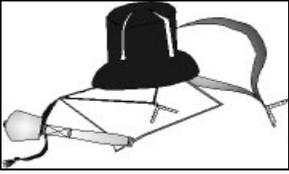
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**Officers and Committee Chairmen will meet at 6:30 pm
before the first stated meeting of each month for
business and planning.**

18th Masonic District

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From the Worshipful Master

W.: Richard Ecott

On behalf of the Brethren I would like to welcome Brother Jeff Boyer who was recently initiated an Entered Apprentice.

I would also like to welcome Brother Gerry Dallas Douma, Jr. to our membership. Brother Douma comes to us by way of Belview Lodge. and to Brother Don Biery who comes to us by way of out an out of state transfer.

Welcome to Cy Sterns who at our last Stated Communications meeting was accepted to receive the three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry. Cy is a resident of Leesburg.

We will be scheduling an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees in the future as we have several candidates for membership and whose petitions are taking their usual course and several getting ready for advancement. Please look for these announcements in future issues and plan to attend when announced.

A reminder of our newspaper drive, we have a newspaper recycle bin out in the parking lot. Collect your newspapers and place them in the bin when you attend a Tuesday Morning Breakfast, Stated Meeting or

Second Sunday Monthly Dinner. The monies derived from this recycle program go towards operating costs of our Lodge.

We have a number of important dates coming up, on page 4 of this issue you will find a list of those dates and events. If you can attend, please, mark your calendars and bring a Brother.

It's almost the fall season and some cooler weather. Soon our seasonal Brothers from the North will be arriving and attending our Lodge meetings and functions. Lets make every effort to attend and welcome them back into our bonds of fellowship.

Brethren, our Masonic year is rapidly drawing to a close and yet your Lodge and I have noticed we are holding an inordinate number of 2009 dues cards. The cost of the present combined dues and assessments is equal to less then 1 dollar and 32 cents per week. More importantly the Lodge does not want to lose a Brother when the remittance of his dues becomes a financial hardship and there are provisions to resolve such an issue by contacting the secretary or any of the Lodge officers "on the square".



From the Chaplain

W.: Wayne Parks

Brother Garth Phillips had back surgery, he is home and doing well. Lady Rita Nielsen, wife of Brother Fred, was ill and in LRMC. Happy to see Lady Cele Cottman at our last Sunday Dinner, she is doing well. Lady Lois Toth, wife of Brother Frank, is ill but showing signs of doing much better. R.:W.: Ted Jansen is at home with a back ailment and Brother Bill Ranquist had surgery for appendicitis .

Our Best wishes to all for speedy recoveries.

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

Words to live by: "You know more of a road by having traveled it than by all the conjectures and descriptions in the world." William Hazlitt

From the Great Light in Masonry; "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7

"The deed is all, and not the glory."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe - German poet, playwright, scientist and Freemason

BROTHER BRYAN ICKES

Remember Bryan Ickes, Brother Bryan was raised a Master Mason in 1995 in our Lodge. Soon after he was transferred, Brother Bryan works for the Federal Prison System.

Brother Bryan wrote to us stating he will be retiring back to Leesburg in about 1 year and he is very excited to get back to his home lodge. While away brother Bryan has attended lodges all over the country due to movements within his job. Brother Bryan sends his best wishes to all and hopes to be an active member when he retires back with us in the Leesburg area.

Brother Ickes currently lives in Dry Prong, Louisiana. Did you know we have approximately 25 Brothers who live more than a hours drive from the Lodge in Florida and about 35 Brothers who live outside the State of Florida.

To our far away Brothers, Thank You for keeping Leesburg No. 58 as your Blue Lodge. We wish you health, happiness and prosperity to you and your families. You are missed and in our prayers.



PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A new Leesburg Man to Man Prostate Cancer Education & Support Group held its inaugural meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the LRMC (North Campus) Training Center, Suite 112, 301 W. Oak Terrace Drive, Leesburg.

The guest speaker was Dr. Andrew Sher, M.D. a Urologist from Lake Urology Clinic, a Division of Central Florida Urology Group, with offices in Leesburg and The Villages. Dr. Sher's presentation was about the various treatments for Prostate Cancer and their after effects.

Man to Man stands as the American Cancer Society's primary response to the needs of men regarding prostate cancer. This includes public awareness about prostate cancer, services, and information when someone is faced with the possibility of a diagnoses of prostate cancer and continues as long as prostate cancer is a personal concern.

Man to Man meetings are free and are open to all men, their spouses and family members. For more information contact the American Cancer Society 352-326-9599 ext. 5705 or our own *Brother Fred Neilson*

at 352-365-1483. who is Facilitator & Man to Man State Trainer, Man to Man Prostate Cancer Education & Support Group - Leesburg & The Villages.

Thank You Brother Fred for extending yourself to those in need.

"It is vanity to desire a long life and to take no heed of a good life." - Thomas Ñ Kempis; 1379-1471, German

ADOPT A HIGHWAY—CLEAN UP DATE INFORMATION

W.:M.: Richard Ecott and Brother Dean Sever have set a date for our next Adopt A Highway Clean-Up so mark your calendars for October 17 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lodge.

We need sixteen Brothers which would allow us to have four teams of four brothers each allowing us to more quickly and effectively get our area cleaned-up.

If you can attend let W.:M.: Ecott know or Brother Dean Sever. Our sponsored Boy Scout Troop will also be participating with us.

We're looking for both working and moral support Brethren, this day is open to all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.

We will met at the Lodge at 7:00 am for coffee and get organized, start work at 8:00 am and hopefully be done by 9:00 am. The Stewards will be preparing a breakfast after the clean-up is completed.

Come out and enjoy the fellowship, breakfast and help in our community service work.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

September 26th—Grand Master Dale I. Goehrig

Homecoming at the Bahia Shrine in Orlando

October 17 & 18th — Ocala Scottish Rite Fall Festival

October 17th — Adopt at Highway Clean-up Day

November 17th — Leesburg, Officer Set-Up Night

November 21st — Grand Master Dale I. Goehrig,

Official Visit to the 18th Masonic District

December 1st — Election of your 2010 Lodge Officers

January 2nd — Installation of 2010 Lodge Officers

Please note these dates and make plans to attend.





Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is planned before meeting, make reservations. Special guest and speaker SGIG Ill. Robert Goldsmith, 33°. Open Meeting bring perspective member and wife. October 17th and 18th have been selected as dates for the Ocala Scottish Rite's Fall Reunion.



York Rite Bodies

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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.

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



Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Lady Elizabeth Eldridge – Worthy Matron

W.: Roland Gibson — Worthy Patron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

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



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 OCTOBER 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis	6 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	10 Tall Cedars, No. 200 Meeting at Leesburg 10:30 am
11 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Roast Beef or Baked Chicken & all the fixin's	12 Plantation Hi-Twelve Club #719 Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	13 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi- Twelve Lunch Taste Tempters	14 Ocala York Rite Chapter 7:30 pm	15	16 Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	17
18	19 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis	20 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm	21 District Association Wildwood Lodge at 7:30 pm	22 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters	23	24 Open Book Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—2:00pm
25	26	27 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Lunch w/ Speaker	28 Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Eustis 7:30 pm	29	30	31

TODAY

By; M.W. Brother Dewey H. Wollstein

Today I will meet life with a renewed courage.
 Today I will put to work the philosophy that I have adopted, the religion that I claim.
 Today I will think more of my blessings and less of my troubles.
 Today I will speak a good word of another, the word that I failed to speak yesterday.
 Today I will stop long enough to speak to a child.
 Today I will ask God to give something to somebody else. The

other fellow is struggling too.
 Today I will place a sentinel over my mouth and guard my words.
 Today I will try to be the man that I am capable of being.
 Today I will elevate myself morally and spiritually by acts of love, by expressions of friendships, by thoughts of man's possibilities.
 Today I will try to be a creature fashioned in the image of the Creator.
 Today I will give something back to life for the privilege of life.

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R.:W.: Joe Sellers

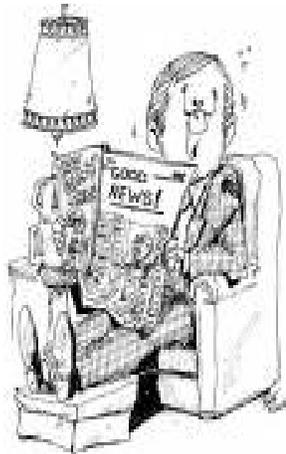
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W.: Jack Maynard (Mem)

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W.: Bob & Carolyn Browning

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William Kerakos

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W.: Melton Haynes (Mem)

George & Glenna Dean

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W.: Forest & Anneliese Case

W.: Frank Peregrin

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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

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.



SELF-LESS-NESS

By; Brother Bradford J. Stallworth

The teachings of our institution tells us that charity is the brightest gem that can adorn our Masonic profession. Happy is the man who has sowed in his breast the seeds of benevolence; the produce there of is love and peace.

On the other hand, Selfishness is evil and immoral in that it prevents the person afflicted with this dread disease from reaching spiritual perfection. He does not set worthwhile goals, and strives to keep others from reaching theirs.

As Masons we must remember that selfishness is in direct violation of the teachings of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. It is cancer that robs us of emotional and spiritual security, leaving us empty human beings. It is natural to look for security by taking from life through some useful goal, where you do no harm to yourself, your family, or others.

The Supreme Architect of the Universe gave us the Great Book of Nature and Revelation as a spiritual, moral, and Masonic Trestleboard. It teaches us to give to others who are in desperate need of good will and compassion. To Relieve the Distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly the Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. Selfishness is a destructive trait that takes us away from this higher calling, and prevents us from obtaining perfection in the eyes of God.

The selfish Mason, prefer to be self-centered, petty and small. He forgets that it is by the square that we learn morality, by the level equality and by the plum rectitude of life and conduct. He lets wrath, loss of reason and fair play govern his actions. He thinks in destructive terms and seethe with resentment at others good fortune, hurting himself in the process. He forgets that to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with them in their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and

to restore peace onto their troubled minds is the great aim of every worthy Mason.

My brothers, we must forever guard ourselves against selfishness through the practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the principal tenets of our profession. The person with only self-interest is doomed, since self-interest makes him less than what he really can be and leads to atrophy of the mind, spirit, and body.

We must search our hearts, to ensure this disease is eradicated. We must forever be mindful that the use of self-for-self alone can never gain us access to the Grand Lodge on High. However, the use of selflessness to understand our needs and the needs of others allows us to obtain that goodness of heart, that fair fame, that purity of intention and love of virtue of which, is the possession of every good Mason.

Which shall it be for you? Will it be selfishness or selflessness? Will you be able to hail with joy the summons of the Grand Warden on high to repair from your labor here on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God? Will you be worthy of being seated at the right hand of the Grand Architect of the Universe?

Remember brothers, we should forever use our trowel to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, use the compasses to circumscribe our words and actions. It is through the proper use of our Masonic implements, that we shall protect ourselves from those selfish thoughts and actions which will block our path to the kingdom of God.

From the Editor: One thing I try to do is find something of interest that occurred in the published month. Here's an article that covers a date, a medical condition, historical information and a Masonic lesson.



PARASKEVIDEKATRIAPHOBIA

*By; Jeffrey L. Goodman, Worshipful Master
Brotherhood Lodge No. 126 F&AM Pennsylvania*

Paraskevidekatriaphobia (*para skave deka tria phobia*) is the fear of Friday the 13th. For those who trace our Masonic roots through the Knights Templar, this date has Masonic signification, for those who do

not, it is a lesson that is reinforced by the Compasses.

The knights calling themselves the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon established themselves as a military force to protect Christian pilgrims en route to the Holy Land. Over time, the Knights Templar, as they became known, evolved from the "Poor Fellow-Soldiers" into an international financial consortium deeply engrained in finance at the highest levels as well as holding great amounts of wealth and property and thereby courting envy and resentment, as well as engendering ill-will from many circles.

Philip IV the King of France, owed substantial amounts of money to the Templars and he also coveted the Templars wealth and property. King Philip entered into a diabolical plan with Clement V, the Pope at Avignon, to cancel the King's debt to the Templars and take their wealth.

On Friday, October 13, 1307, King Philip had the Templar's arrested on grounds of heresy as a finding of heresy would allow the seizure of the Templars wealth. Thousands of Templars were tortured and confessions were given. Hence, paraskevidekatriaphobia was born.

We do not have to fear Friday the 13th or the accumulation of wealth; neither can we control the evil done to us by others. It is a reminder that we must circumscribe our desires and keep them within due bounds. If our desires, be they for money, power, recognition or fame become uncontrolled, we run the risk of exposing our character to derision and contempt.

Furthermore, we must remember that every Mason entered the Lodge poor and every Mason has been reinvested with that which he was divested. It is how we use our wealth (and our time) that is the key. We must not only give aid and assistance to our Brethren, but as we hear every month in the Master's Closing Charge, "... these generous principles are to extend farther; every human being has a claim on your kind offices." Moderation and Charity are excellent lessons.

My Brothers, do good unto all, while we recommend it more especially to those who are of the household of the faithful.



From the Trestle Board Collection of Harmony Lodge No. 8

By; Worshipful Gary L. Worley, March 1996

I recently read a short story about one of the methods Eskimo's use to kill wolves that are ravaging their traps and dog teams.

Without going into too graphic a detail, it involves the coating of a razor sharp knife in layers of animal blood so that when it is found by the wolf, and he licks it, his thirst for blood becomes so intense that he does not realize that he has uncovered the knife blade and cut his own tongue. His thirst for the taste of blood becomes so intense that he does not recognize that the blood he tastes is his own, to the point that he will eventually bleed to death on the spot.

Freemasonry teaches us a lot about "circumscribing our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds". We as individuals can very easily become so focused upon one certain topic, that we fail to see what is actually going on around us. Sometimes this focal point, can be something less than admirable.

We should count any man braver who overcomes his desires, than he who conquers his enemies, for sometimes the hardest victory is the victory over self.

We should attempt to continue with self introspection on an ongoing routine.

Freemasonry has a way of reminding us of this on a regular basis. By congregating with our brothers regularly, we can uplift one another with "friendly counsel" and a sharing of values and enlightenment.



What Masonry Must Preserve

By M.W. Brother Dewey H. Wollstein

It is well to pause at times and to ask ourselves the question: "Whence arises my love for Freemasonry?"

Does my enthusiasm arise from the devotion to a name, an institution, or does it come from the desire to understand great principles and teachings, truths which stand today as they have stood since creation

Institutions have grown big and powerful only to lose sight of their original purposes. Numerical values have been the goal of these institutions; they have branched out in their various ramifications and have become arrogant because of that power figured in numbers. Their political influence far exceeds their spiritual influence. The most heinous crimes have been committed by religious zealots. The history of persecutions

throughout the ages is the story of religious intolerance.

The design of Masonry is to develop individuality, individual thought, so that men may concentrate on the substance and not on the shadow. The work of Masonry is to preserve, not cold edicts, not idle claims to infallibility, but those things which insure to posterity rights that are God-given, and which can only be preserved in the hearts of all mankind.

Masonry is the agency for the preservation of all that is worthy to be preserved. If principles are preserved the agency need not be concerned about its place in the future.



WHY IS MASONIC RITUAL REGARDED AS SO IMPORTANT?

Truth may be taught without ritual, but truth taught by ritual is always taught as the original teachers desired and makes a lasting impression upon the mind of the learner.

Man has always devised ceremonies of initiation for his organizations; the Men's House of the Indians had them; savage tribes bring their young men officially to manhood by rites which are sometimes rather terrible; ancient religions admitted to the temple only those who could qualify by successfully completing a course of initiation; many modern churches — especially those denominated "high" - have set forms for religious worship; crafts and guilds of all kinds in all ages have had certain preparatory rites.

A ritual which becomes sacrosanct in human belief tends to stabilize truth and to keep it uncontaminated by "modern" ideas. Many a man has thought he could "improve" the ritual of Freemasonry. None has succeeded in making better that which was already "best," since its content was and is living, breathing, sentient truth, conveyed in words, action and symbols which by their very antiquity prove that they are "best" for the purpose.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, beloved teacher of the spiritual aspects of Freemasonry, said: "Ritual is the dramatization of belief, hope and spiritual dream. It assists imagination by giving form to what otherwise would remain formless, presenting vivid mental images which lend a reality - - feeling to what is often abstract and unreal. It is picture philosophy, truth visualized, at once expressing and confirming the faiths and visions of the mind."

WHY ARE MASONIC RITUALS NOT THE SAME IN ALL STATES?

Freemasonry came to the United States from several different sources (England, Ireland, Scotland) and in its spread westward formed Grand Lodges from Lodges which sprang from the thirteen original colonies. These admixtures of rituals produced variations which were occasionally increased by actions of Grand Lodges acting on recommendations of Grand Lecturers and Ritual Committees. In the early days of Freemasonry in the United States many "traveling lecturers" brought their own conceptions of "the true Masonic work" to far areas and taught them.

All rituals are "correct". What a Grand Lodge approves as its ritual is "correct" for its Lodges. No rituals in the United States contradict each other; they vary in words and details, not in essentials.



THE MASON

By Brother Dewey Wollstein

He is a man who is earnestly striving to become a better man.

He recognizes the good that resides in the heart of every brother. He knows that the faults he sees in others reflect his own imperfection, and he does not set himself up as a judge of his brothers.

The Mason is one who has learned of life's struggles, of its difficult paths, its disappointments, the price of holding fast to one's integrity, and yet maintains faith in the ultimate triumph of Good over Evil.

The Mason is a man of generous heart, mind and hand. He looks upon the opportunity to serve humanity as a joyous privilege.

The Mason is a man who demonstrates his love of country by being a good citizen, by obeying the law of the land, by being true to his country's ideals, and by his undying devotion and loyalty, both in time of peace and of war.

The Mason is a man who, by his acts and deeds, reveals his unswerving trust in the Infinite, Wisdom, Justice and Mercy of his Creator.

The Mason is one who maintains a stubborn attachment to duty, and is unyielding in his unceasing efforts to make a better society by making himself a better individual.



The State of Florida, Department of Transportation installed an "Adopt a Highway" sign on Friday, August 28th. The sign is very visible and looks great.

Along with letting our community know of our civic involvement, we once again have a sign on State Highway 44 leading into Leesburg advertising our Lodge.

Brother Sever (pictured) who is coordinating this program for the Lodge gave the Leesburg Daily Commercial a write up with this picture. Brother Sever was assured it will be published soon and that they welcome news relative to community involvement.

Our area of roadside cleanup begins at CR468 and travels west to the Pembroke Subdivision.

The Lodge will announce a roadside cleanup day in the future, hope to see lots of the Brethren there.

Our first roadside pickup netted 175 pounds of trash.

A JOB WELL DONE

At our Stated Meeting of September 1st, W.:M.: Richard Ecott presented to Ms. Tonda Maurer a check for her work on updating our website.

The old web site had not been updated since May 2007 and as you can guess, was outdated with much of the information it contained.

The new web site was designed by Brother Duff and constructed by Ms. Maurer, a student at Lake Sumter Community College. Ms. Maurer is continuing to update the site with Brother Duff.

Ms. Maurer thanked the members of the Lodge and stated the money would be applied to her educational costs.

You can access the Lodges new site by going to www.mastermason.com/lodge58.

If you have any photographs or information you would like to see on the site let Brother Duff know.





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SUNDAY DINNER — OCTOBER 11th, 2009

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

Menu items :

Choice of ROAST PORK or BAKED CHICKEN

Red Cabbage, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables,

Dinner Rolls, Deserts and Drinks

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.



**HELP THE CHARITY FUND
 LEESBURG 58 COFFEE CUPS**

W.:M.:Richard Ecott has purchased 150 coffee cups. The 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. W.:M.: Ecott has directed that Your donations will be deposited into the Charity Fund for charitable projects in 2009. Get one while they last and help someone in need.