

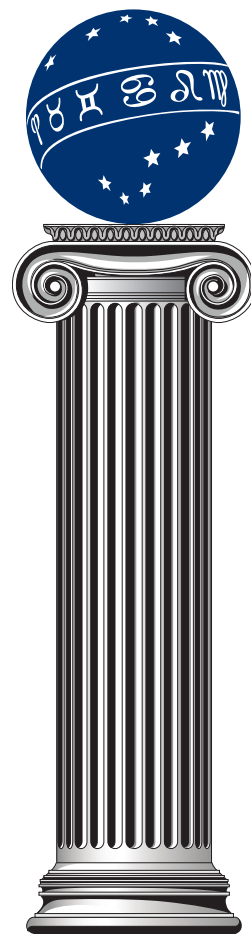
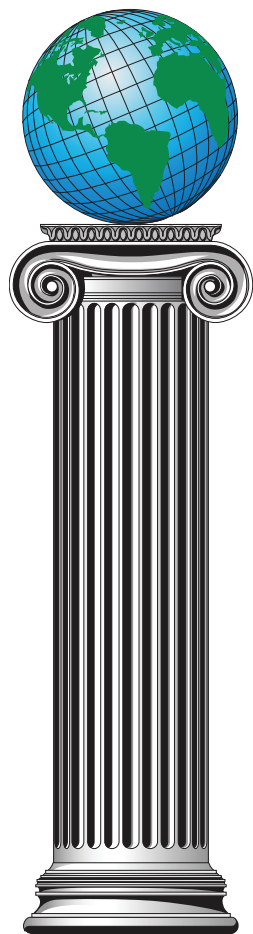
Leesburg Masonic Lodge No. 58

Free & Accepted Masons

Chartered January 15, 1868

# Trestle Board

September 2008



Leesburg Masonic Temple

200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Florida 34748 ◆ 352-787-5696

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

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District Deputy Grand Master  
18th Masonic District, Florida



R.:K.:Dennis Ricker  
District Instructor  
18th Masonic District, Florida

*The Lodges of the 18th Masonic District*

*Cordially invite You and Your Lady to*

*To attend the Official visit of*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA**

**M.:W.: JOE A. FLEITES**

*On the Day of Friday*

*September 5th, 2008*

*At Leesburg Lodge No. 58*

*200 Rickey Road, Leesburg, Fla.*



*Registration: 5:30 P.M.*

*Dinner: 6:30 P.M.*

*Tyled Meeting: 7:30 P.M.*

*Ladies Program: 7:30 P.M.*

*Attire: Business Dress*

## A MESASAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Joe Fleites

### BE A LEADER; MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Brethren,

As your Grand Master I want to thank you for your continued support of the Grand Lodge of Florida and the Masonic Home. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve you the members of Grand Lodge as your Grand Master, and meet so many fine Masons from around our great State.

It is because of you the members of our Great Fraternity that the Masonic Home is one of the finest facilities in the nation. The care given to our residents is second to none.

Let us all renew our obligation to take care of our worthy distressed Brother Master Masons, their wives and widows. This year I have chosen the Masonic Home as the Grand Masters Charity. To me all charities have their place and are important to society, but for us as Master Masons the Masonic Home is more than a charity, it's our obligation. So I'm asking all the Lodges of our great Fraternity to give to the Masonic Home. Let's renew our obligation to take care of our worthy distressed Brother Master Masons, their wives and widows. Make the pledge that for this year the Masonic Home will also be your charity. So whenever your Lodge is considering a charity to donate to, please remember our Masonic Home first. Also remember our Masonic Home in your wills.

The First Lady's project this year is to re-model the dining room. As you know our residents spend a great deal of their time in the dining room of the Masonic Home. This project will give a fresh new look that will replace the old tables, chairs, fixtures, planters, etc. This will complement last year's project of replacing the hot serving line in the dining room. I'm asking for your continue support of the Masonic Home, visit the Home whenever you can.

At our last Grand Lodge Communication you the craft approved to go forward with the Independent Living Program. This facility will be built on the grounds of the Masonic Home, a beautiful 18 acres on the shores of Coffee Pot Bayou in St. Petersburg. I have asked R·W· Jim Harris, Junior Grand Warden, to take the leadership role in seeing this project now go to the next level. I cordially invite all Masons and their families to visit the Masonic Home and our monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

I have been fortunate in being able to travel around our Great State attending the District meetings with our Grand Lodge Officers. I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of you at your Master and Wardens Associations and Lodges. I have seen the love that you all have for our fraternity, and I know that it's in good hands. The dedication that you, the members of the lodges have is what will get us through the hard times. It's hard work and no one is going to give it to you for free. Yet I know in my heart that our great fraternity will continue. It has continued for hundreds of years, and it will continue for hundreds of years to come.

My Brothers, ask yourselves why you joined the fraternity. Was it because you wanted self-satisfaction, because your friend was a Mason and it looked like fun, or was it in the belief that in helping others you would help yourself?

Forgiveness and respect for each other. Let us all make a commitment this year to put our petty differences aside, and work together towards making our Lodges and our Fraternity the best it can be. Only you can set the attitude that your Lodge will live or die by. Only you can set the standard that a new Brother will follow, will it be one of



respect and brotherly love or will it be one that at the end will tear the Lodge apart. Remember my Brothers the future of our Fraternity is in your hands; make it one that our grandsons and future generations will be proud of.

No one Mason can go it alone; it takes the effort of all of us to make the difference. Remember that you owe it to those who came before us and those who will come after us to up hold the dignity and reputation of our fraternity. It is the visionary who looks ahead and is the team player. Together we can change the direction of our fraternity for the better, we can make the difference. I urge each and every one of you to stay involved in your Lodge, and help the younger members to become the Masons of tomorrow, remember that in all the things we do in life, “you get out of it what you put into it”.

Fraternally,

Joe Fleites  
Grand Master

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

R.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig

Brethren,

Thank you for your continued support and allowing me to serve as your Deputy Grand Master. The responsibilities of this position include Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. It is truly a pleasure to work with the Administrator, Mrs. Lisa Tsotsos, and the other dedicated members of the staff who care for the residents. You can be proud of the continued “5 Star” ranking by the State of Florida, knowing that our brothers, their wives and widows are receiving the best care possible. The number of residents continues to increase, thanks in large part to allowing qualified members from Florida and other Grand Jurisdictions to enter on a Private Pay basis rather than the traditional Life Care Program where the resident surrendered all of his or her assets. The more residents we have, the more efficiently it can be managed.



Your voting delegates at the 179th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, held in May in Orlando, are to be congratulated for allowing the Masonic Home Board of Trustees and the Corporate Board to proceed with the next step in developing and marketing the proposed 102 Independent Living units on the grounds of the Masonic Home on the picturesque Coffee Pot Bayou. This is the logical use for the extra land surrounding the Masonic Home. Many other Grand Jurisdictions already have or are in the process of developing Independent Living units, so we are able to draw on their experience as we go forward.

It is gratifying to witness the resurgence of new members petitioning our great fraternity, especially the younger ones. Our responsibility now is to give them a reason to participate in Lodge activities on a regular basis. We must make our meetings and activities meaningful and interesting not just in the Lodge, but outside in the community, to compete with the many other opportunities available to these brothers in our fast paced world.

I again thank all of the Florida Masons for allowing me to continue to serve this ancient and honorable fraternity and look forward to leaving it better than I found it.

Fraternally,

Dale I. Goehrig  
Deputy Grand Master



## From the Worshipful Master

W.: William (Bill) Green

Mark your calendars, SEPTEMBER 5th, M.:W.:Joe Fleites, Grand Master of Florida will make an official visit to our district. R.:W.:Carl Vause, Jr., our District Deputy Grand Master, honored us by selecting our lodge for the Grand Masters visit. The evening promises to be informative and I hope to see you there.

Between press time of this issue and you receiving it, our Lodge, in conjunction with Mt. Dora Lodge No. 238 and Groveland Lodge No. 190 will have raised ten new Master Masons. Welcome Brothers all, photos and more information in the next Trestle Board issue. In true Masonic spirit, the three lodges labored together in fellowship to put on the degree ceremonies. The degree work was outstanding as several of our up and coming officers took on new roles.

From the secretary, who advises that he will receive the 2009 dues cards and dues notices around the 21st of August from Grand Lodge. He will be sending them out around the 1st of September. My Brothers timely payment of your membership dues is requested so that we can accurately determine our operating budget for 2009. Also, if you are on our "Emeritus" membership list, you must submit a letter to the secretary stating you are financially unable to pay your 2009 dues to remain on our "Emeritus" membership list, we do not want you to be subject to suspension for "Non-Payment of Dues", nor lose you as a Brother.

On September 20th at 9:00 a.m. we will host the Grand Lodge approved Master Mason 1-2-3 school of instruction. This is a very informative course for all Masons, young and old, it will last about 3 hours. Coffee and Donuts will be served at 8:00 a.m.

Don't forget our Tuesday morning fellowship breakfast and monthly Sunday dinner.

**Secretary Office Hours** – Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lodge Meeting nights 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Phone contact numbers - Lodge Office 352-787-5696 Home 352-753-3099.



## From the Chaplin

W.: Wayne Parks

*If you know of anyone that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep all our brothers and family loved ones in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.*

Brother Ill. Garth Philips wife Molly was in the Villages hospital for 10 days. She had a burst appendix. She has home health care to change the dressing for a few weeks and she has to go to the infusion OPC for drips two times a day for a while.

Brother Frank Toths wife Lois' had heart surgery. The surgeon said she had double by-pass surgery and all went well. She is in recovering well at home under Frank's care.

Brother Sam Weekley, son of Brother Tom Weekley, had a gallbladder surgery. The surgery was successful and he is recovery well.

Rita Neilson, wife of Brother Fred Neilson, was in LRMC with a blockage in her small intestine. She is home and recovering.

Brother R.:H.: Tom Beach, PM, was in LRMC in the ICU, he was improving and at press time possibly getting close to going home.

Brother Rick Johnson had a triple by-pass open-heart at the LRMC. All went well and he was sent to their Rehab center. He feels a lot better at home and is more or less on his own.



## From the Treasurer

R.:W.: Ken Graves (PDDGM)

As most of you know our bills seem to be growing each month. In a search to find more money or to reduce the bills, we came upon an idea worth pursuing. Our utility bill is approaching \$1000 per month. We need to reduce this in some manner. Perhaps one way is to invest in solar panels on top of our building, in which we maybe able to collect enough energy to supply our electric. Also, we maybe able to sell any excess electric back to Leesburg Electric. We are looking into this at present. If you would like to help investigate this possibility, contact SW Richard Ecott, or myself. We need help to determine if feasible, a reasonable plan and proposal. Also, if you have any ideas for a fund raiser, contact Activities Chairman SW Richard Ecott.

## TRESTLE BOARD SPONSORS

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### DID YOU KNOW?

In China the implements of architecture were used in a system of moral philosophy at a very early date. Menicus, who wrote about 300 B.C., said, "A Master Mason in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and square. Ye who are in pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and square." In a book called Great Learning, about 500 B.C., we find that, "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting upon the square."



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Coffee Katch & Breakfast 8:00 am <b>Stated Meeting</b> 7:30 pm		OES—Dark	<b>Grand Masters Official Visit</b> See Page 3 for times and details		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Coffee Katch & Breakfast 8:00 am				Open Book Winter Park Lodge Tall Cedars 10:30 am Check with officers if Dark
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday Dinner 11:30 am—1:15 pm BBQ Pork & Chicken And all the fix'ns		Coffee Katch & Breakfast 8:00 am <b>Stated Meeting</b> 7:30 pm	District Association Leesburg Lodge 7:30 pm		Order of the Amaranth 1:30 pm Check with officers if Dark	Master Mason 1-2-3 School of Instruction 8:00 am Coffee and Donuts 9:00 am Class
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Coffee Katch & Breakfast 8:00 am	District School of Instruction The Villages Lodge 7:30 pm	OES Leesburg Friendship Night No Business Officers Serving		Wildwood Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:00—10:30 am \$5.00 Donation
28	29	30				
		Coffee Katch & Breakfast 8:00 am				





## *Ocala Scottish Rite*

www.OcalaSR.com

September 8th, Stated Scottish Rite Meeting, dinner will be served prior to meeting. Please make dinner reservations, call 352-694-3579. Special guest and speaker SGIG Ill. Robert Goldsmith, 33°

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.

Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Saturday & Sunday (PM), "October 11 & 12, 2008", Plan ahead, interested contact a Scottish Rite mason in our Lodge.



## *York Rite Bodies*

"A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"

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

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

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

*Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar* - Meetings are 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*, Meetings are on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

*Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters* - Meetings are on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM..

*Triangle Commandery No. 28* – Meeting are on the on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM



## *Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84*

Linda Every – Worthy Matron

Robert Welch = Worthy Patron

**Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.** OES is DARK July, August and September, will resume in October after the September 25<sup>th</sup>, Friendship Night.

### **Upcoming Events;**

September 25, 2008 - Leesburg Friendship night, a Special Meeting, No Business will be conducted and our District Chapters Officers will be serving.

*If you know of someone in sickness or distress or have information about our Chapter, Please call Worthy Matron Linda Every at 352-669-3014 (work).*



## THE MASONIC BLUE SLIPPER

*By: Clyde H. Magee, 32° (1986 Scottish Rite Journal)*

Are you familiar with the Masonic blue slipper? It is a small lapel pin in the shape of a blue slipper. Over the years it has been my habit to ask my wife and my daughters to wear one of these slippers on a coat or dress when traveling alone away from home. What is the meaning of this blue slipper and why should female relatives of Masons wear one?

Some 50 or 60 years ago, while I was still living at home, a widowed lady who was a cousin of my Dad's came to visit our home. She vacationed with us for several weeks every summer. She always wore this type of pin-The Blue Slipper. Her doctor husband was a Mason. The pin that she wore made a lasting impression on me. Through my curiosity and questioning, she told me it was a Masonic pin and served to identify her as a Masonic widow. She declared that Masonic men gave her extra attention while traveling, especially on the railroad (such as conductors, etc.).

To find out the meaning of this pin, let us go back in history to Boaz' time, in the Book of Ruth. It will be remembered that Elimelech, his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilon, fled to the land of Moab to escape the famine in their homeland of Bethlehem Judah. Things went well for a while. Then life fell apart for them. Elimelech died. The two sons married Moabite girls-Orpha and Ruth. Again tragedy struck. Mahlon and Chilon died. This left Naomi a widow in a foreign land with two widowed daughters-in-law from the land of Moab.

In time of trouble, people think of home and more importantly of God. Naomi found out that the famine back home had subsided, and there was grain and food again. So she confided with Orpha and Ruth that she would journey back home and be among her kinsmen.

Certain laws, rules, or customs governed her thinking at this time. Of first consideration was the fact that Naomi was too old to bear a son for her daughters-in-law to marry. Even if she could, the daughters-in-law would not wait for the son to grow up. So the girls should remain among their own people. The girls resisted and started to go with Naomi. Orpha was finally convinced she should stay in Moab. But Ruth remained steadfast and went with Naomi to her homeland.

Naomi and Ruth arrived back in Bethlehem-Judah at harvest time. The Scripture passage on which this is based is well-known. "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." This passage of Scripture is unsurpassed as a declaration of love and devotion of one person for another. It has been said that it would make a good marriage vow. But, to me it is a different type of devotion.

Naomi also had to take into consideration another law. When Elimelech died, his next of kin was duty bound to redeem his possessions and take care of his widow and her family. Since Naomi was getting old, Ruth tried to earn a livelihood. While gleaning in the fields, she was seen by Boaz. And when he found out about her (that she was Naomi's daughter in-law, etc.), he arranged special treatment for her. She could work with his girls in the field, and the young men were warned not to bother her. Since Boaz was not married and was kin to Naomi, Naomi decided that she

should somehow make Boaz understand his duty to Elimelech's family. So Naomi advised Ruth to bathe and anoint herself and go to the threshing floor after dark and lay at the feet of Boaz. Boaz awoke at midnight and discovered her there. So as not to create a scandal, he gave her some barley and asked her to leave before dawn so that watching eyes would not recognize her.

Business among the tribe of Bethlehem-Judah took place at the gate of the city. So Boaz sat down at the gate the next day because he knew there was a kinsman more closely related to Elimelech than he. So when the kinsman came by, Boaz called him aside and asked 10 men of the elders of the city to sit with them. Boaz bargained with his kinsman. The kinsman said he would redeem Elimelech's property. But, when he found out that he would have to take care of Naomi and Ruth, he reneged and told Boaz he would not redeem or protect Elimelech's interest. He would leave it to Boaz. The passage from Scripture for these events is the following: "And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it., Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel."

So the kinsman drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz. Boaz held it up for all in the gate to see. He asked them to be witnesses that he became Naomi's protector, Ruth's husband, and a redeemer of Elimelech's property. So, today we have the little blue slipper as an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, widows, and daughters.



At our August 10th Sunday dinner, Mrs. Jeanette Dunston, wife of Brother William (Bill) Dunston, Jr. who was recently called to a higher lodge, was presented by W.: Bill Green a widows pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Florida. Brother Dunston was a Mason for 51 years. Mrs. Dunston is active in Leesburg Chapter No. 84 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and at each Sunday dinner decorates the dining hall and greets arriving guests.

*Pictured are (L-R). W.:Tom Russell (PM), JW Don McIntyre, Sr., PDDGM R.:W.:Ken Graves, Secretary Bob Aldridge, Mrs. Jeanette Dunston, W.: Bill Green, SW Richard Ecott and SD Randy Jesmok.*

## CEMENT

*Author—Unknown*

The trowel is an instrument used by Operative Masons to spread the cement which unites a building into one common mass or whole." So says our ritual. From months of use spreading and smoothing the cement, the trowel becomes worn and is replaced.

After many years of labor, the Master workman wearies and lays down his tools either in retirement or to answer the last roll call. However, though both the trowel and the workman have served their purpose and been discarded, the great cathedral erected to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the warehouse dedicated to business, the modest cottage sheltering the workman and his family, or even the house of confinement established for the safety of the citizenry continue on down through the years as a "solid Mass" of architecture due to the strong and stable bond of cement with which the building material was united.

The cement to which our ritual refers is a mortar consisting of a combination of several materials. One of these is a fine, gray powder which from long usage is known by the trade name cement. This cement is in reality rock of a certain type, heated to an extreme temperature or actually burned in a fire until it loses all its impurities and crumbles into the fine powder we know as cement.

The second ingredient is sand. Sand is also rock that has been dislodged by glaciers or other forces, perhaps as far in the past as the ice age, tumbled down mountain streams, through falls and rapids and on into rivers which sweep it to the bays and gulfs and so down to the sea, tumbling it and washing it until it is ground into the fine particles we know as sand. One other material is added to bind together the cement and sand.

This third material is water, pure unadulterated water, which has long been the symbol of life, for without it nothing living can exist. These articles are mixed in the proper proportions forming the mortar used by the Operative Mason and referred to in our ritual as cement. The ingredients must be pure, the cement fresh and dry, and the sand clean and sharp and the water free from impurities if the structure in which it is used is to stand through the years as a monument to the workmanship of the builder.

"But it is used symbolically for the far more noble and glorious "purpose" of spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection." Here the educated Brother associates the mortar used in a building with those truly Masonic virtues, Brotherly Love and Affection. It seems quite certain that our Brother realizes that these Masonic attributes must not merely be word pictures, pleasing to our senses, but that if our Masonic structure is to endure, the Brotherly Love and Affection which cements it together must be as solid, sturdy and durable as rock.

As the rock of which the Operative Mason's cement mortar is composed, it must be devoid of all impurities as if tested by fire, clean as by the continuous washing by the waters of life, and joined into one binding and abiding cement by the life we so willingly share with our Brother.

The trowel may be worn and discarded, the Master Mason may have joined the Celestial Lodge above, but the cement they together have spread lives on forever and is the cement to which the ritualist refers when he says: "(the cement) which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers--a Temple of living stones, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

“Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar.” - D. H. Lawrence

## DEONTOLOGY

This past spring the Midwest conference on Masonic Education met in Omaha, Nebraska. It was an exceptional conference, and everyone who was at the conference was glad he took the time to attend.

One of the workshops at the conference, “Virtue Ethics,” was conducted by Brother and Dr. Nelson Stone. This workshop was all too short, (just 30 minutes,) but then this is one of my favorite subjects, Brother Stone had a very difficult task to delve into ethics and philosophy as they can be applied to Masonry in so short a time, but he was able to do it, and he made it extremely interesting. Delving into ethics and philosophy and how they apply to Freemasonry is a very worthwhile thing to do. I like these subjects not because I am so well versed in it, but because I want to understand it better.

Virtue Ethics is a peculiar kind of ethics in that it tells you things like ‘be a good person’ or ‘maintain relationships and are for other people’ without providing a clear idea of how to do it. “”This is a problem that philosophers refer to as ‘contextualism.’ Virtue ethics does not make universal claims. E.g. the ethics of the right thing to do varies from context to context.

When I mention about understanding as it relates to virtue ethics and philosophy and Masonry I remember something Rabi Benjamin Blech says in one of his lectures about the people receiving the Torah from God; he says their response was “We will do and we will hear.” Meaning that they first committed to do first and then to begin to understand. Remembering that reminds me of the ritual of Freemasonry; the candidate in the degree is told that in order to join in the great and good work of Freemasonry it is necessary for him to make a statement and promises of future actions, as all Masons before him have also done, before he begins to understand; every Freemason has been willing to do that; Masonry is a fraternity of action: After the action of our promises we then begin our journey of understanding.

One of the topics mentioned in the workshop on Virtue Ethics was Deontology, which is different than virtue ethics: [Deon-tology] this is the theory of moral obligation or commitment, which applies very well to the obligations of the degrees in Freemasonry. If you were to study deontology much of what you will learn will have a special significance to you as a Freemason. The word ‘deontology’ comes from the Greek word ‘Deont,’ which means that which is binding or needful. The word is also influenced by the words ‘Dien,’ and ‘Logy;’ ‘Dien’- bind; ‘Logy’ – discourse or expression.

Deontology is about duty. The term ‘deontological’ means ‘duty based.’ Any moral theory that is deontological is one that focuses on duty; it doesn’t matter who or what that duty is to, so it applies very well to Masons being duty bound to fulfill their promises no matter who they are made to, even to themselves. The Philosopher Emmanuel Kant is one who was a proponent of deontological theories. According to Kant deontology was all about following absolute rules; to do one’s duty. A definition of duty is; something you are required to do whether you want to or not.

Following rules is an interesting subject in itself, which you may want to study. In the obligation of the Masonic degrees there are things a Mason promises to do, and not to do. Rabi Benjamin Blech says in referring to the many Mitzvot in the Torah that the don’ts are more important than the do’s: he explains that the ‘don’ts’ prevent us from making grievous errors, while the do’s guide us down a proper path of conduct. The Masonic obligations also contain various do’s and don’ts. For our own enjoyment each of us might enjoy reviewing the obligations, and maybe the charges, of the three degrees of the Blue Lodge, just to refresh our memories about the do’s and don’ts of Freemasonry.

When we think of deontological theory we might also want to learn about ‘motivist’ and ‘consequence’ theories: To explain briefly the ‘motivist ethical theory’ says that the rightness or wrongness of an action depends, in its entirety, on the motive from which the action was done. e.g. why was the action taken? The ‘consequence ethical theory’ says

the rightness or wrongness of an action depends entirely on the effects that the action has; e.g. what are the results of the action?

Philosophers who hold to the deontological ethical theory say that it differs from the motivist and the consequence theories in that “the rightness or wrongness of an act depends neither on the motive from which an act was done nor upon the consequences of the act – but solely upon what kind of act it was.” Because of the stress on obligation and duty deontological theories are also called ‘Duty Ethics.’

Philosopher Emanuel Kant’s ideas on deontological ethics and morality have been summed up to just a few simple items which include; always tell the truth, and always keep your promises. “Kant also believed that the only thing that is totally and completely good without exception is a good will.” What Kant meant by ‘good will’ was that our desires, the things we wish and hope for, must be good. He believed that only the ‘good will’ is absolutely good, thus “just because a wrong or evil act might turn out good in the end [I’m sure you can think of examples of this kind of action] doesn’t mean that the act becomes good. “The moral of this is that you can’t just look at behaviors or outcomes to see if an act is right or wrong.” Deontology, according to Kant, “totally rejects out comes as a way of judging acts; because things can turn out well even when we don’t intend them to, and things can turn out terribly, even when we mean well!”

**“A man without ethics is a wild beast loosed upon this world.” Brother Manly Hall**

## **S.M.A.R.T**

Many Lodges are "dark" in the summer months, but even so some Lodge officers use the summer to asses how the Lodge is doing, and to plan for the balance of the year. With this in mind, here are some things that might be helpful. I like this acronym about **goals: S.M.A.R.T.**

1. [S] Specific
2. [M] Measurable
3. [A] Achievable
4. [R] Relevant
5. [T] Timely

When it comes to goals there are steps involved to achieve them; a person needs to have the determination to see them through. All this has been summed up as the **4-D Goal Model.**

**D**esire = which is the big goal.

**D**edication = which is the measurable goal.

**D**iscipline = which is the calculated steps.

**D**etermination = to stay the course despite the obstacles, which are certain to occur.

Finally there are **three S's of Success**

1. **See it:** See your Lodge as the successful Lodge it should be; see the goals accomplished; believing is seeing.
2. **Start:** Act, do something. You have 24 hours to act on a good idea. Ideas not acted upon, or not acted upon properly, are either bad ideas or lost opportunities.
3. **Sustain the effort:** Overcome obstacles, and refer to the first "S."



If you were unable to attend the August 10th “Second Sunday” monthly dinner, you missed some good food, great home-made pies and outstanding fellowship. The menu is set for September.

The kitchen crew will be arriving that day at 6:00 a.m., and hopes to see you there for dinner from 11:30 to 1:15 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DINNER

September 14th, 2008

Summer is ending, fall is approaching, once again the volunteer kitchen crew is going outback, not as in the Australian outback, outback of the main kitchen to the BBQ grills. Our Second Sunday dinner is open to all Masons, their family and friends. Please call the lodge at 787-5696 and let us know how many are coming with you, this helps with the ordering of food and preparations. Cost is \$8.00 per person. September menu is;

**BBQ Chicken and Pork**

**Baked Beans**

**Cole Slaw**

**Rolls and butter**

**Tea/Lemonade/Coffee**

**Homemade cake for desert**



**National  
Grandparents Day**

The impetus for National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade a housewife in Oak Hill West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to tap into the wisdom and heritage that grandparents can provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that National Grandparents Days would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. September was chosen to signify the “autumn years of life”. When is National Grandparents Day this year, it’s **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 7th.**

*To all our Grandparent members and spouses— **HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY.***



DO YOU KNOW  
WHO THESE  
BROTHERS ARE?

If not, or maybe you haven't seen their smiling faces in a while, the lodge officers welcome you with outreached hands of friendship to a meeting or fellowship event.

Hope to see you there!

*Pictured during a recent degree ceremony are (from L to R) R.:H.: Dennis Ricker (District Instructor, for the 18th Masonic District and PM Leesburg), PDDGM R.:W.: Joe Price (PM Leesburg), W.: Ed Davison (PM Leesburg), W.: Bill Green (Worshipful Master Leesburg), SW Richard Ecott and W.: Roland Gibson (PM Leesburg).*



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