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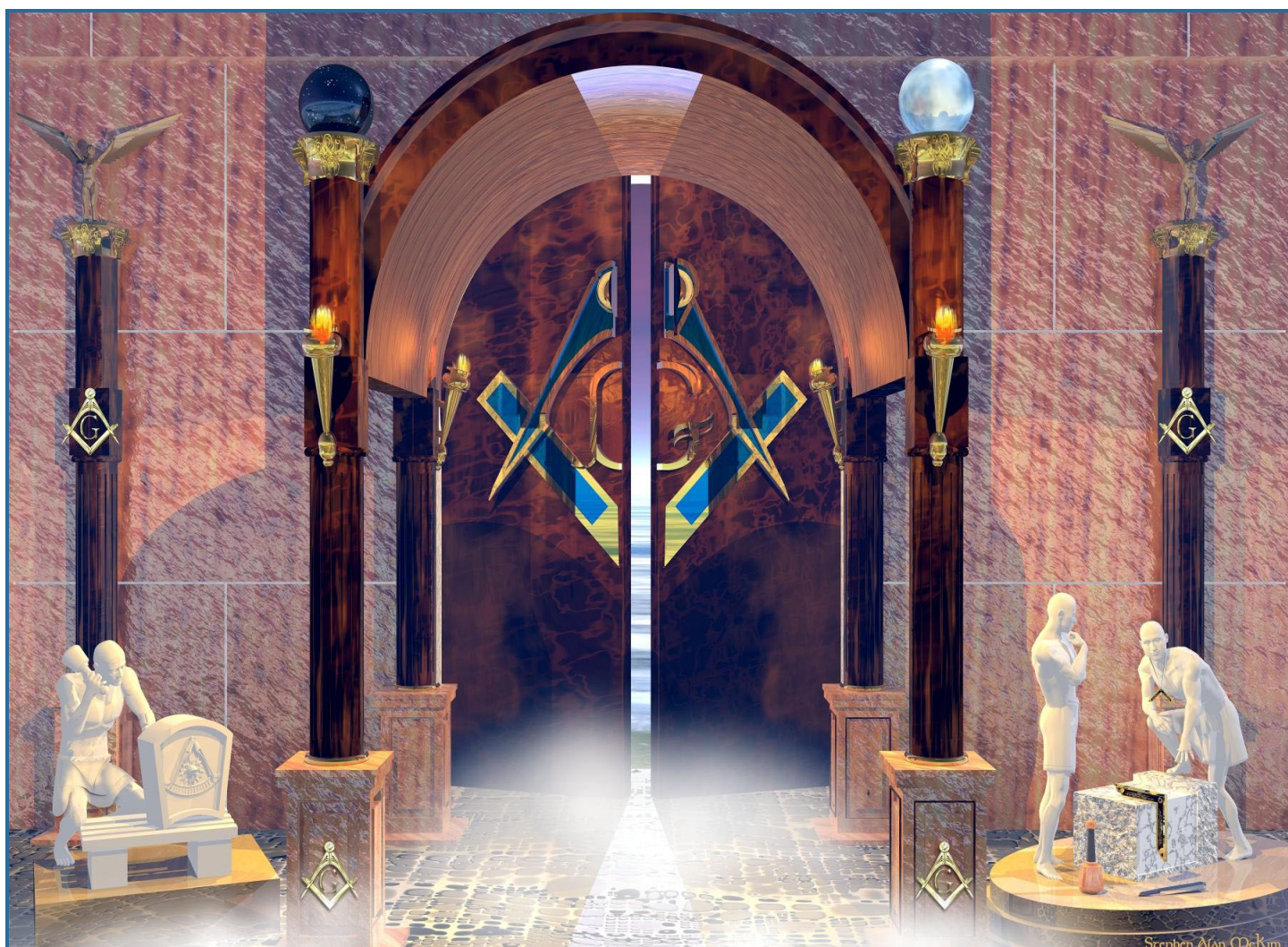
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# Trestle Board

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Leesburg Masonic Lodge  
200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Florida 34748 352-787-5696

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

## Officers for 2009

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	W·: Donald McIntyre, Sr. (Nina).. 728-6954
Senior Warden	Randall Jesmok (Joye) ..... 669-2830
Junior Warden	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 728-5270
Treasurer	R·: W·: Ken Graves (Jean) ..... 787-9538
Secretary	Dean Sever (Linda) ..... 787-6667
	<b>Lodge</b> ..... 787-5696
Senior Deacon	Richard Cartier (Frances) ..... 315-1886
Junior Deacon	Jim Angelos ..... 728-6188
Senior Steward	Saul Goodkin (Joanne) ..... 483-7406
Junior Steward	G. Dallas Douma ..... 638-3221
Tyler	Andy Sheffield ..... 365-6698
Chaplain	David Rosenthal ..... 702-3878
Marshal	W·: Frank Peregrin ..... 728-0774
Organist	W·: Ronald J. Cottman (Cele) ..... 365-1944
Lodge Instructor	R·: H·: Dennis Ricker (Ginny) ..... 314-0828
Trestle Board	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 874-2164
Trestle Board Printing	Leesburg Printing (Mike Mason) ... 787-3348
Lodge Historian	R·: W·: Joseph T. Price ..... 787-0652



### Living Past Masters

Charles Porter	1959
Theodore E. Weihe	1963
G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
J. C. Holloway	1968
R·:W·: Ray Richardson	1969*
R·:W·: Joseph H. Sellers	1970*
William "Ed" Davison	1974
Robert H. Smith	1977
R·:W·: Colin Crews	1980^*
H. C. Connell	1985
R·:W·: Theodore Jansen	1986*
R·:W·: Joseph T. Price	1987*
Michael Dozier	1988
John H. Meier V	1989
Jay A. Frizzell, Jr.	1992
Raleigh Sorenson	1993/1994
Don Barfield	1996
Tom Russell	1997/1998/2002
Mervyn Harris	1999
R·:W·: Kenneth Graves	2000*
Robert H. Browning	2003/2004
R·:H·: Dennis Ricker	2005/2007^
Roland P. Gibson	2006
Bill Green	2008

### Affiliated Past Masters

Carl Anzelmo
Henry DeBerry
Ronald J. Cottman
Jack Delauter
Robert C. Gleckler
Robert Kennedy
Garry Lee
Clifford Moore
Norman L. Payne
Frank Peregrin
Glenn A. Reynolds*
Edwin Robbins
Robert L. Welch
Forest Case*
John Ray Dean
Barry Rosenthal
Wayne Parks
Fred Lint
Raymond D Trudeau
Paul Shires
M·:W·: Joseph Brearley

^ Past District Instructor

\* Past DDGM

### 18th Masonic District

<b>DDGM</b>	R·:W·: Gary Smith ..... 483-1556
District Instructor	R·:H·: Bill Siegenthaler ..... 394-6941

## Committees for 2009 and Members

### Board of Relief

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

### Property

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W·: Tom Russell, Larry Duff,

W·: Ed Davison

### Finance

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

### Vigilance

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

### Funeral

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

### Petitions

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W·: Richard Ecott, W·: Bob Browning  
Dallas Douma, Dick Cartier, Jim Angelos

### Charity

Chairman Dallas Douma, R·: W·: Joe Price, Dean Sever,  
Saul Goodkin, Fred Neilson, David Rosenthal

### Catechism

Chairman Dallas Douma, Jr., Randy Jesmok, W·: Bob Browning  
Larry Duff

### Greeters

All Officers

### Scholarship

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

### Investments

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

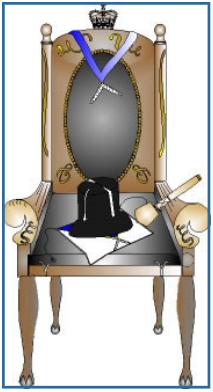
### Education

Chairman Larry Duff, W·: Bob Browning, Spencer Glover,  
Dallas Douma

### Activities & Awards

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

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



## From the Worshipful Master

W.: Donald McIntyre, Sr.

It is an honor and privilege to have been elected by you the Brethren as the Master of Leesburg Lodge for 2010. I Thank You for your support and will strive to fulfill your trust during this year.

On behalf of the Brethren and myself, Thank You, W.: Richard Ecott for your labors this past year, and for your leadership, guidance and friendship.

I would also like to thank the newly elected and appointed officers of the Lodge for their time and dedication by accepting their elected and appointed positions. Thank You to those who have accepted membership on our various committees. I know we will have another great year.

Throughout this year we will be faced with challenges that working together we can overcome for the continued growth, benefit and future of Masonry within our Lodge. I look forward to working with each of you during this year to promote more membership inclusion on activities to benefit our Lodge.

Along with your other officers elected officers and those appointed to positions, I will call on the entire

membership to strengthen our Lodge and through our combined efforts of a few to carry on our Masonic traditions.

We have this past year brought within our fraternity a number of New master masons, but we need to continue this growth. I believe our future depends on both the wisdom and knowledge of our past and present members but also the fresh ideas and added participation of our new members.

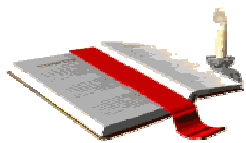
Soon we will have an officers and committee chairman meeting where we will labor our goals, objectives and strategies for 2010. I will present these goals, objectives and strategies at the January 5th, 2010 Stated Communications Meeting.

We will hold monthly officers and committee chairman meetings at 6:30 p.m. prior to the first Stated Communications meeting each month.

Reports on officer meetings and committee meetings will be presented at the stated meetings and reported in the Trestle Board to keep all informed.

I would like to Thank the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, officers and membership of Leesburg Chapter No. 84 of the Order of the Eastern Star for

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## From the Chaplain

Brother David Rosenthal

We are saddened by the passing of Brothers William (Bill) Thomas, Sr., Frederick Kramer III and Robert Cary. The Grand Architect has added to outstanding Brothers to the Celestial Lodge above.

Brother Dean Sever was in Waterman Hospital for hernia surgery on December 10th. Dean is recovering well.

Brother Art Lambright was in LRMC and received treatment for congestive heart failure.

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:** Be careful how you live; you will be the only example of Freemasonry some people ever observe.

**From the Great Light in Masonry;** "The eyes of the lord are in every place seeing the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3

**"Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that".**

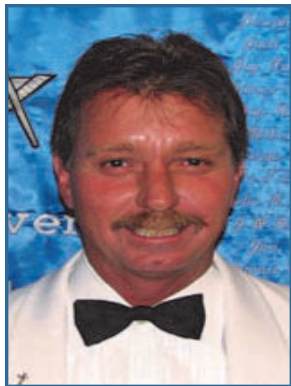
Bro. Rev. Norman Vincent Peale

*Your 2010 Elected  
& Appointed Officers*

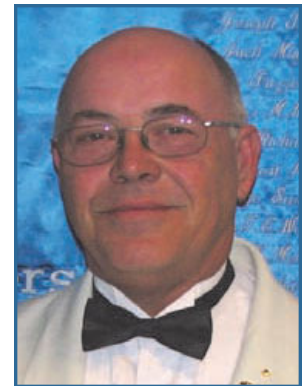
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*WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
DONALD MCINTYRE, SR.*



*Randall Jesmok  
Senior Warden*



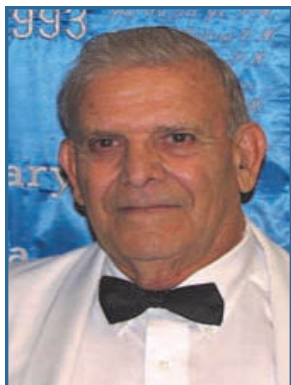
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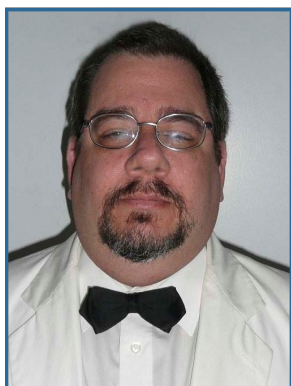
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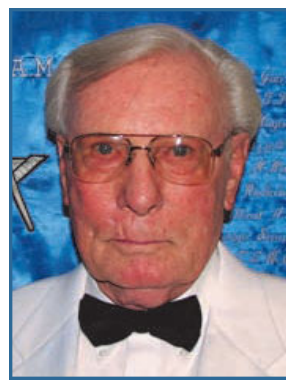
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Chaplain*

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Tyler*



*W.: Dr. Ronald J. Cottman  
Organist*



*W.: Frank Peregrin  
Marshal*

## INSTALLATION OF 2010 OFFICERS

Saturday, January 2nd, 2010

Lodge Opens at 12:00 (Noon)

Dinner Served 1:00 p.m.

Roast Beef

Installation of 2010 Officers 2:00p.m.

All Masons, families and friends are invited

*(Worshipful Master message continued from Page 3)*

their continued support and financial assistance in these efforts for our Lodge.

No organization can survive without its members. Over the past several years we have experienced a steady growth of new Brothers. During this upcoming year we will strive to keep that momentum and continue to grow.

We will encourage and accept new members who are desirous of learning the Art of Our Craft, seek the bonds of fraternal fellowship and who will participate with us in all that masonry is and has to offer.

We, the membership, need to take note and acknowledge those who give of their time and exemplify the labors of masonry.

The kitchen flame is now passed to Brother Larry Duff from Brother Randy Jesmok, who along with Brothers Dick Cartier, Jim Angelos and unnamed others gave our kitchen an outstanding 2009. Thank You.

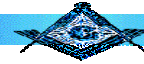
I would like to express my appreciation to you the membership for your attendance at our breakfasts and dinners. It is because of you that we financially paid for the upgrades we have reported throughout the year and provided additional funds to our charity and General Lodge accounts.

The rituals and ceremonies of masonry are truly beautiful and enjoyable when performed correctly. In 2010 we will strive to hold quarterly practice sessions and more if needed.

Take note of the officers, committee chairman and committee members. Please get to know these Brothers and give them your ideas and suggestions to be brought up at our committee meetings. They are welcomed so that we may better our Lodge in all that it is and does. Let us know.

Masonry has a spirit of dedication to a common goal, devotion to a cause that unites us a group of free and accepted masons. It is my privilege to serve as Master of our Lodge for 2010. Let us all commit ourselves to the beliefs and continue the good work of masonry this year.

*Thank You, W.: Don McIntyre, Sr.*



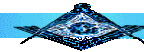
## ADOPT A HIGHWAY

*By: Brother Dean Sever, Secretary*



The Lodge will conduct a roadside trash pick-up on January 16th, beginning at 9 a.m., with a light brunch will be provided by the Stewards afterwards.

Besides picker uppers needed are drivers to drop off and pick up Brothers when the pick-up is completed. Great exercise, good community service, great fellowship and chance to mentor to our sponsored Boy Scout Troop, our future Masons, who always help with this project.



## 55 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Brother Richard Newman received a 55 Year Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Florida at our December 15th meeting from W.: Richard Ecott.

Brother Newman was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 30th, 1954.



## THE POEM OF TRATHEL

*By C.C. Hunt*

In an old Gaelic poem called The Poem of Trathel, there is a scene which pictures a mother playing a harp while her children gather around, entranced as they listen to the sweet strains which issue from the harp at her touch on the trembling strings. She stops. The music ceases, and she lays down the harp.



The children pick it up and finger the strings in an attempt to reproduce the music which had come from the harp at the touch of their mother's fingers: In vain. A confusion of harsh discordant sounds comes forth but not the sweet music they longed to hear as a result of their own efforts. In bitter disappointment they cry out: "Oh Mother, why doesn't it answer us too? Show us the strings where the music is."

She replies, "My children, it is a secret I cannot tell you, nor can it be told except in the presence of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty: Wisdom to discern the True, Strength to resist Error and Appreciation of Spiritual Beauty, qualities which you must acquire for yourselves.

The music is in the strings, but the power to draw it out is not mine to give you. I can help, but you must seek and find it for yourselves. If you truly wish to acquire this power you can do so, but think not the task is easy. It will come when you have earned it, but only after long and patient search."

So they begin to study and practice. Their little fingers wander among the wires. Disappointment follows disappointment. Often discouraged, they sometimes feel like abandoning the quest. It is no use. They cannot succeed. That which they seek, like a will o' the wisp, eludes them each time it seems within their grasp.

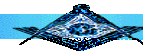
But they keep on until at last, under competent instructors, after long and patient search, and bringing their souls into tune with the spirit of their ideal, they receive their reward and gain the power to make the harp strings respond to their will. The music was in the strings all the time, but they had not been able to bring it out.

So it is with us. Our unaccustomed fingers wander among the wires of the harp of life. We seek the

string where dwells the harmony of the soul. We seek the lost song, the lost chord, the lost word.

Yet after all it is not really lost. The sweet harmony is in the strings all the time. We must learn, by study and practice, the art of drawing it out. In like manner, the Word we call lost is near at hand, even in our own hearts. It is we ourselves who lack the power to recognize it. The harmony of the soul is in the harp of life, it is not lost, and we can acquire the power to draw it forth if we will only patiently seek and work for it.

This search for the harmony unheard by mortal ears, the harmony discerned only by the spiritual ear of the soul attuned to the divine strings of the heavenly harp, is the great purpose of Masonry. We call it the search for the Lost Word.



## INTERESTED

*By; Larry Duff, Junior Warden*

It has been suggested that an informal discussion program be developed for brethren of the Lodge.

The suggestion was to discuss in an informal setting the various aspects of Masonry such as it's origins, teachings, allegories, and symbols, just to name a few topics.

As there appears to be an interest by several Brothers, Brother Dallas Douma, Junior Steward, and I, have agreed to undertake such a program for the Lodge.

Our goal is simple, by improving Masonic education within our Lodge, we personally, gain knowledge of the craft of Freemasonry and help to improve Masonic retention of the brethren.

General discussion would have these meetings on a bi-monthly timetable, at the Lodge and in an informal discussion setting.

If you are interested in participating, or have ideas about such a program, please contact Brother Douma or myself.

**"We need the iron qualities that go with true manhood. We need the positive virtues of resolution, of courage, of indomitable will, of power to do without shrinking the rough work that must always be done."** President and Brother Theodore Roosevelt: 1858-1919

## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR 2009

The Lake Country Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit was selected as our Law Enforcement Officers of the Year for 2009 for their commitment to keeping our streets safe.

Deputies of the unit receiving this year's award are; Sergeant Steve Harden, Corporal Doug Hampton, Corporal Phil Buffington, Corporal Charles Phil Pendergrass, Deputy Shawn Vance and Deputy A.J. Willits.

Presenting the award is 2009 W·:· Richard Ecott.



## PARAMEDICS OF THE YEAR 2009

Leesburg Lodge has selected Paramedic Menandre Muscadin and EMT Kristy Stephens, Unit 311 of Lake - Sumter Emergency Medical Services as our Paramedics of the Year for 2009.

Paramedic Menandre Muscadin and EMT Kristy Stephens were selected by their peers to be the recipients of this year's award according to Executive Director and fellow lodge Brother Jim Judge (left in photo) of Lake - Sumter EMS.

Presenting the award (on right) is 2009 W·:· M·:· Richard Ecott.



## MINISTER OF THE YEAR 2009

Pastor James P. Holden of Christ United Methodist Church located at 1313 Griffin Rd. in Leesburg, was selected as the 2009 Minister of the Year.

The vision of this church is to be a place through which you can live your faith. A place where your faith is strengthened in worship, deepened through study, enriched in service, and shared with your neighbor, community, and the world. The purpose of this church is to spread the good news that *Jesus* willingly suffered and died for our sins, that by repenting and accepting Him by Faith as our Savior and Lord, we are saved.

Through the Holy Spirit, God uses us to spread his love in the community and in the world.





## Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m. Coming soon! Annual Scottish Rite Day Celebration, March 13, 2010 at the First Christian Church. A Blowout of Fun for friends and family; great luncheon buffet @ 12:00 noon. A social event sponsored by the Valley of Ocala Scottish Rite. Mark calendars; pass the word; stand by for details.



## York Rite Bodies

*"A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"*

www.flgyr.org

**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 – 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

Royal Matron — Jane Clause Royal Patron — Peter Plate

**Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.m.** Meeting on January 15th, Grand Royal Matron of Florida, H.L. Janet St. Jacques will officially visit the court. Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a 1:30 p.m. meeting. Members of the Amaranth and Master Masons are always welcome.



## 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 JANUARY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge	Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm		Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting at 7:30 pm	Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	Tall Cedars, No. 200 Meeting at Leesburg 10:30 am Open Book Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—2:00pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Meat Loaf w\Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies & all the fixin's		Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am	Ocala York Rite Chapter 7:30 pm Plantation Masonic Club Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks		Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	Leesburg Adopt-A-Highway Roadway Clean-Up 9:00 a.m. Brunch to Follow
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis	Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm	District Association Cleremont Lodge at 7:30 pm	Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am	Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Groveland 7:30 pm			

## LEESBURG MASON OF THE YEAR 2009

Brother Mike Mason has been selected as Leesburg's Mason of the Year for 2009. Brother Mason along with his Lady Amy own and operate Leesburg Printing,

Leesburg Printing is a second generation, family owned and operated business, established in 1972 it is their printing company who provide you with the Trestle Boards you receive each month.

Leesburg Lodge is not the only recipient of Mike and Amy's generosity, Mike and Amy are active with their three daughters school, and a number of civic and private organizations which benefit our community. Thanks for all you do Brother Mike.



## TRESTLE BOARD SPONSORS

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Dan Bloxom  
Garth Phillips  
Dean & Linda Sever  
Paul & Delores Shires  
Richard Tanner  
W.: Forest & Anne Case

Betsy Jordan  
Delores Duff  
Gene & Dolores White  
Leo Blum  
R.:W.: Kenneth Graves  
W.: Don & Nina McIntyre  
Susan Keast & Helping Hands  
Ken Hamilton  
Dick & Jackie Frazier

*THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2009,*

*We are accepting donations for 2010.*

*If you would like to be a sponsor in 2010,  
please see the secretary with your donation.*

*Your donations are applied to the monthly mailing costs of the Trestle  
Board, we need 60 sponsors to cover the yearly mailing costs.*



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

# MASONIC EDUCATION & DISCUSSION

*Seek to mentor a Brother Mason: It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!*

"An Educated Mason Is A Dedicated Mason" and a dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our fraternity.



## MASONIC BLUE

SHORT TALK BULLETIN - Vol.XII July, 1934 No.7

*By: Unknown*

The inquirer who asks why the Ancient Craft Masonry is "blue" - why speak of Blue Lodge, Blue Degrees, wear aprons edged with blue, suspend jewel about the necks of officers with blue ribbons - is faced at once with two divergent schools of thought. One of these is the practical, hard-headed, founded-on-fact school of the Masonic historian and antiquary; the other is that which associates ideas with objects, colors, numbers, beasts, birds, natural phenomena, etc., as symbolism has been developed and followed throughout the history of mankind.

Historians both Masonic and secular agree that the square has been a symbol of rectitude, honesty, fair dealing, justice the world over for unknown ages. But the symbolist who reads much into the familiar square apron, with its triangular flap, is at once confronted with the undoubted fact that this form of apron is modern, not ancient.

The invention of the square as a tool must have been coincident with the first appreciation of the right angle, and the advantages, in solidity and ease of construction, of the use of stones and timbers which were squared. Its Symbolism therefore goes back to "time immemorial." Masonic aprons used by operative masons were simple skins of any shape or no particular shape. With the change from operative to speculative, the apron became conventionalized, but only in comparatively recent times did it assume its present rectangular and triangular features.

The symbolism read into its present shape will not fit, for instance, the aprons worn by George Washington, which had curved flaps and rounded corners. Blue as the color for Ancient Craft Masonry is accounted for by two schools of thought on its origin.

Both can adduce considerable evidence. One

believes that the symbolism of the color, like that of the square, comes to us from "time immemorial" and that the color must have been adopted because of its meanings; the other demonstrates that blue as a Masonic color is not as old as the Mother Grand Lodge, and that it was adopted for other than symbolic reasons. Blue was a sacred color to the priests of Israel. The color is mentioned first in the Old Testament in Exodus XXV:3-4, in which the Lord Commands Moses to speak to the children of Israel: "And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goat's hair."

Throughout Exodus and Numbers are many references to the color, and several are to be found in Chronicles, Esther, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. We read of the "fine twined linens," "Make the ephod of Gold and Blue," "bind the breastplates with a lace of blue," "pomegranates of blue," "an hanging for the tabernacle of blue," "needlework of blue," "a cloth wholly of blue, etc.

Perhaps the most interesting allusion is in Numbers XV:37-38-39-40:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue; And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring;

That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God."

Mackey notes that the blue of the Old Testament is a translation of the Hebrew "tekelet" which is derived from a root signifying "perfection." He develops the idea that the blue was anciently, and universally sacred as follows:

"Among the Druids, "blue" was the symbol of "truth" and the candidate, in the initiation into the sacred rights of Druidism, was invested with a robe composed of the colors, white, "blue" and green. "The Egyptians esteemed "blue" as a sacred color, and the body of

Amun, the principal God of their theology, was painted light "blue," to imitate. As Wilkinson remarks, 'His peculiarly exalted and heavenly nature.'

The ancient Babylonians clothed their idols in "blue," as we learn from the prophet Jeremiah (x, 9). The Chinese, in their mystical philosophy, represented "blue" as the symbol of the Deity, because, being, as they say, composed of black and red, this color is a fit representation of the obscure and brilliant, the male and the female, or active and passive principles.

"The Hindus assert that their God, Vishnu, was represented by a celestial or sky "blue," thus indicating that wisdom emanating from God was to be symbolized by this color.

"Among the medieval Christians, "blue" was sometimes considered as an emblem of immortality, as red was of the Divine Love. Portal says that "blue" was the symbol of perfection, hope and constancy. "The color of the celebrated dome, 'azure,' was in Divine language the symbol of eternal truth; in consecrated language, of immortality; and in profane for which Masons strive."

Our ancient brethren met on hills and in vales, over which the blue vault of heaven is a ceiling; Jacob in his wisdom saw the ladder ascending from earth to heaven; the covering of a Lodge is the clouded canopy or starry decked heaven. These allusions seem to connote that blue, the color of the sky, is that of all celestial attributes for which Masons strive.

Man's earliest forms of worship were of the sun and fire. The sun rose, traveled and set in a realm of blue; to associate the color with Deity was inevitable. Blue also is the color of the ocean, of mountain streams, of lakes, of good drinking water - that blue should also become emblematical of purity is equally natural. In heraldry, blue or azure signifies chastity, loyalty and fidelity. In painting, the color is frequently used in an emblematical manner, as in depicting an angel's robe and the robe of the Virgin Mary, to signify humility, fidelity and especially faith. It is the color of hope. It has been held to signify eternity and immortality; pale blue is especially associated with peace.

Of forty-seven nations, twenty-seven have blue in their flags; all, doubtless with the same thought that Brother Wilbur D. Nesbit so beautifully expressed:

Your Flag and my Flag  
And how it flies today

In your land and my land  
And half a world away!  
Rose-Red and Blood-Red  
The stripes forever gleam;  
Snow-white and Soul-white  
The good forefathers' dream;  
"Sky-blue and true-blue  
With stars to gleam aright -  
The glorious guidon of the day  
A shelter through the night.

There seem to be many grounds on which he can firmly stand who believes that Freemasonry adopted blue as the color of the three degrees with its ancient symbolism in mind. Yet it is to be remembered that Freemasonry as we know it was not formed overnight, by any one group of men, each of whom contributed some idea to its ritual, ceremonies, ancient usages and customs. No committee sat about a table to decide the question "what color shall we adopt by which the Ancient Craft shall forever more be distinguished?" It is possible, of course, that the ancient operative masons, from whose guilds and organizations modern Freemasonry came as a result of slow evolution, may have had an especial reverence for the color blue. As has been noted, blue has been associated from early times in ecclesiastical history with the Virgin Mary.

The earliest document of Freemasonry, the Regius Poem (1390) has two lines: "Pray we now to God almighty And to hys moder, Mary brytht." Which certainly connotes a reverence of these ancient Freemasons for Mary the Mother, and may easily be considered ground for thinking that the early builders also revered her special color.

However that may be, it is obvious that the absence of any evidence is not negative evidence; it is commonplace of human experience that in the face of any positive evidence for an idea, in the absence of any evidence against it, the fact should be admitted. All of which brings us to what we know of the earliest use of blue as a Masonic color, regardless of how much we may wish that our forefathers had adopted blue for the symbolism we are now content to read into the hue of heaven.

Two extracts from the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England (1717) are explicit upon the matter of color: "Resolved, nem. con, that in private Lodges and Quarterly Communications and General Meetings, the

Masters and Wardens do wear Jewells of Masonry hanging to a White Ribbon (vizt.) That the Master wear the square, the Senr. Warden the Levell, the Junr. Warden the Plumb-Rule."

*G.L. MINUTES, 24th JUNE, 1727.*

"Dr. Desagulier taking notice of some irregularities in wearing the marks of Distinction which have been allowed by former Grand Lodges. "Proposed, that none but the Grand Master, his Deputy and Wardens shall wear their Jewells in Gold or Gilt pendant to blue ribbons about their necks and white leather Aprons lined with blue silk. "That all those who have served any of the three Grand Offices shall wear the like Aprons lined with Blue Silk in all Lodges and assemblies of Masons when they appear clothed. "That all Masters and Wardens of Lodges may wear their Aprons lined with White Silk and their respective Jewells with plain white Ribbons but of no other color whatsoever.

"The Deputy Grand Master accordingly put the question whether the above regulation should be agreed to.

"And it was carried in the affirmative. Nemine Con."

*G.L. MINUTES, 17th March, 1731.*

But why did the Grand Lodge adopt, or permit, "blue" in 1731, when "white" was specified just four years previously? Passing over the common but wholly coincidental "reason" - that many taverns where Masons met were distinguished by blue signs, such as the Blue Boar - the sanest theory seems to be that proposed by the noted Masonic scholar Fred J.W. Crowe. He wrote (1909-10 "Lodge of Research Transactions).

"The color of the Grand Lodge Officers clothing was adopted from the ribbon of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. The Grand Stewards from the second National Order - the Most Honorable Order of the Bath. The Scottish Grand Lodge undoubtedly copied the ribbon of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland anticipated the formation of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick in 1788 by selecting light Blue - thus accidentally completing the series, although I would suggest that light Blue may in all probability have been chosen merely to mark a difference from the English Grand Lodge. In like manner I believe the light blue of our own private Lodge clothing was, by a natural sequence of ideas, adopted to contrast with the deeper colour of

Grand Lodge attire, and not very long after the last-named became the rule."



## THE MASTER'S APRON

*By; Robert Burns*

Ther's mony a badge that's unco brow ;  
Wi ribbon, lace and tape on ;  
Let kings an' princes wear them a' ,  
Gie me the masters apron!



The honest craftsman's apron,  
The jolly freemason's apron,  
Be he at hame or roam afar,  
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,  
The gates of fortune fly ajar,  
Gin he but wears the apron!

For wealth and honour, pride and power  
Are crumbling stanes to base on;  
Fraternity suld rule the hour,  
And ilka worthy mason!  
Each free accepted mason,  
Each ancient crafted mason!

Then brithers let a halesome sang  
Arise your friendly ranks alang .  
Guid wives and bairnies blithely sing  
To the ancient badge wi' the apron string  
That is worn by the master mason!



## SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Peace is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

**"Live to learn, learn to live, then teach others."**

Doug Horton

## YOUR LODGE ROOM

2010 is here, your 2010 Lodge Officers have been elected, appointed and installed. They are in place to labor with You, for the Lodge and Masonry.

Does this room look familiar or have you not seen it in awhile.

Come, join us, together lets make 2010 a banner year for Leesburg Lodge and Masonry in our community.



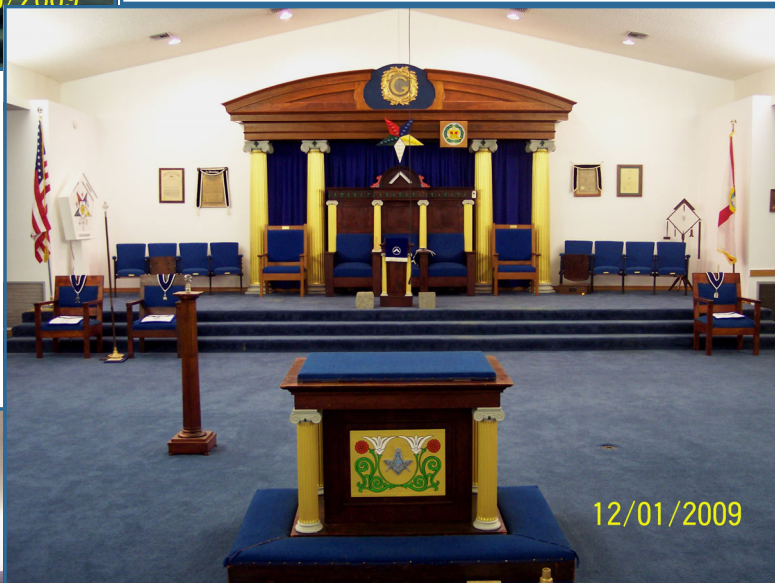
The photo above is from the west looking east as you would see the Lodge room when entering.

The left photo is the station of the Worshipful Master. Seating is available for visits of the Grand Master, Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand Master and District Instructor when visiting.



The photo at right is from the Alter of Obligation, (from the Latin word obligatio - a binding to, a tie to) looking east towards the station of the Worshipful Master.

We have each taken our obligations to Masonry, to each other, and bound ourselves together, come, and together lets share the joys of fellowship.



The photo at left is looking from the south-east corner to the northwest corner of the Lodge.

Our Lodge room has normal seating for 125 Brethren.

Recognized is that a number of our 300 members live out of the local area, are unable to travel or cannot attend regularly. For 2010 lets commit ourselves to attend our Lodge as frequently as possible and share each others friendship.





The photo on the left is the station of our Organist. Pictured is the newly acquired Hammond Celestial model organ and piano.

The ceremonies of Masonry are truly motivating and educational when preformed, your 2010 officers are committed to doing to best we can.

Our ceremonies become inspiring when supplemented by our Lodge organist. Come, share these moments with us.

11/30



Right Photo is a view of the Lodge room from the northeast corner looking to the southwest corner.

There's plenty of seating for all our members and traveling guests. We welcome all in our Lodge.

11/30/2009



The left photo is the Senior Warden station. Viewing these photos, looks a little lonely in the west, there is a chair available for you to keep him company.

Don't worry if you're a little rusty, we'll get you polished up. Were planning a Rusty Nail Degree in the Spring, look for a upcoming announcement.

11/30/2009

The Photo on the left is the station of the Junior Warden, Senior and Junior Stewards.

When the Lodge is at "refreshment" it is the responsibility of the Junior Warden and Stewards to care for the Craft (the membership).

You, your family, and guests are invited to each of our regular Tuesday morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfasts.

The second Sunday of each month is the Lodges Sunday Dinner, come, enjoy a meal, fellowship with your Brethren, their families, and friends.



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**SUNDAY DINNER — JANUARY 10th, 2010**

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

*Menu items :*

***Meat Loaf w/Gravy***

***Mashed Potatoes, Mixed vegetables, Salad***

***and all the fixin's, 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 (Jr. Past) 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 by the Lodge. Get one while they last and help someone in need.