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Trestle Board

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Leesburg Masonic Lodge

200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Florida 34748

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

Officers for 2009

Worshipful Master	W·: Richard Ecott 323-3569
Senior Warden	Donald McIntyre, Sr. (Nina) 728-6954
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	Lodge 787-5696
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Tyler	Saul Goodkin (Joanne) 483-7406
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Marshal	Dean Sever (Linda) 787-6667
Organist	W·: Ronald J. Cottman (Cele) 365-1944
Lodge Instructor	R·: H·: Dennis Ricker (Ginny) 314-0828
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Lodge Historian	R·: W·: Joseph T. Price 787-0652



Active 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

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Ronald J. Cottman
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Robert Kennedy
Garry Lee
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Forest Case*
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* Past DDGM

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

Committees for 2009 and Members

Board of Relief

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

Property

Chairman Don McIntyre, Sr., W·: Tom Russell, Larry Duff,
W·: Ed Davison, Randy Jesmok

Finance

Chairman SW Don McIntyre, Sr, R·: W·: Ken Graves,
W·: Tom Russell, W·: Ed Davison, Larry Duff

Vigilance

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

Funeral

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

Petitions

Chairman Don McIntyre, Larry Duff, Glen Bryan, W.: Bob Browning

Charity

Chairman Larry Duff, R·: W·: Joe Price, Dean Sever, Saul Goodkin

Catechism

Chairman Don McIntyre, Sr., Dallas Douma, Jr. (EA),
Randy Jesmok (FC), W·: Bob Browning (MM), Larry Duff

Greeters

All Officers

Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R·: W·: Joe Price, W·: Ed Davison,
Fred Neilson

Investments

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

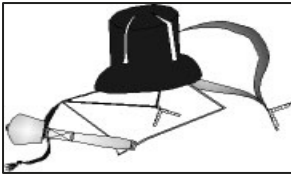
Education

Chairman Randy Jesmok, W·: Richard Ecott, W·: Bob Browning,
Don McIntyre, Larry Duff

Activities & Awards

Chairman John Patterson, Dick Frazier, Cliff Frazier

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



From the Worshipful Master

W.: Richard Ecott

The Holiday Season is fast approaching, on behalf of the officers of our Lodge we wish a happy, safe and healthy holiday season to you and your families.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank each of you and your families for your service to our Lodge and for all the assistance you have given me during 2009.

At our Stated Communications Meeting on Tuesday, December 1st we will elect the 2010 Worshipful Master, Senior & Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. With confidence, I know you will give to those elected and appointed your full support, confidence and guidance that will enable them to continue to lead our Lodge in Masonic growth.

Together, we have accomplished a lot this year and our future is very bright. I look forward to our continued friendship and fellowship at all our Lodge functions.

Are you a Master Mason? Have you attended a Lodge meeting lately? If you haven't there's been some updating to the Lodge. We've reported over the last year the upgrades to the kitchen. Work has been in progress

and mostly completed inside the Lodge. The Lodge meeting room has been repainted, drapes dry cleaned, a newer organ acquired and general repairs around the Lodge.

The Lodge foyer, library, bathrooms, janitors closet, pantry and ceremonial robe room have also gotten a new coat of paint and cleaning along with some need repairs completed. At press time not completed but to be done are painting of the Master/Treasurers office, Secretary's office, storage rooms of OES, Amaranth and Tall Cedars and carpet cleaning in the Lodge room.

A very special Thank You to the Brothers and their family members who donated the paint, carpet cleaning supplies and labor to our Lodge.

We also lost of one of three electrical phases that provides electrical power to the Lodge. SW Don McIntyre, Sr. and Marshal Dean Sever coordinated the repairs with the City of Leesburg and a electrical contractor to get the repairs made. These repairs have brought the electrical service into compliance with 2009 codes.

It's been a busy and productive year.



From the Chaplain

W.: Wayne Parks

R.:H.: Dennis Ricker (PM) was in LRMC getting some adjustments to his medication.

We had reported R.:W.: Ted Jansen with back problems, it was good to see him up and around with his Lady at the Ocala York Rite Table Council.

W.: Bob Browning wife, Lady Carolyn was in LRMC. W.: Bob is also having some back problems.

Brother John Patterson, 51, passed away on Nov. 11th.

Brother Gary Lee has also been ill.

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.

Words to live by: "Many people realize their hearts desires late in life. Continue learning, never stop striving and keep your curiosity sharp, and you will never become too old to appreciate life."

From the Great Light in Masonry; "The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' Numbers 6:24-26 (Old Testament) NASB

When setting out on a journey do not consult someone who has never left home - Rumi

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THE LOST SYMBOL

Dan Brown, in May 2004, was quoted as saying about his next book "Masons should be happy because there is so much misinformation about the group."

In September 2009, after the release of the book, he further said "The world will now realize my new book *The Lost Symbol* is in fact a reverential exploration of Masonic philosophy."

The most quoted comment used by the media is:

*"I have enormous respect for the Masons," Dan Brown told the Associated Press during a recent interview. "In the most fundamental terms, with different cultures killing each other over whose version of God is correct, here is a worldwide organization that essentially says, 'We don't care what you call God, or what you think about God, only that you believe in a god and let's all stand together as brothers and look in the same direction.' "I think there will be an enormous number of people who will be interested in the Masons after this book (comes out)," Brown said....speaking of *The "Lost Symbol"* out today.*

It's very clear from the media coverage that his message was correctly understood and that Dan Brown was true to his word about his portrayal of Freemasonry.

THE LOST SYMBOL

There will be countless reviews of this book but some of the things Dan Brown said will be very helpful to Freemasons because he meets — head-on — many of the misunderstandings about the Fraternity. Here are some of Dan Brown's thoughts:

Was Washington, DC designed by Masons?

Last year, a freshman had rushed wild-eyed into Langdon's classroom with a printout from the Web. It was a street map of D.C. on which certain streets had been highlighted to form various shapes—satanic pentacles, a Masonic compass and square, the head of Baphomet- proof apparently that the Masons who de-

signed Washington, D. C., were involved in some kind of dark, mystical conspiracy.

"Fun," Langdon said, "but hardly convincing. If you draw enough intersecting lines on a map, you're bound to find all kinds of shapes."

"But this can't be coincidence!" the kid exclaimed. Langdon patiently showed the student that the same exact shapes could be formed on a street map of Detroit. The kid seemed sorely disappointed.

A definition of occult

"Every spring I teach a course called Occult Symbols. I talk a lot about D.C. You should take the course." "Occult symbols!" The freshman looked excited again. "So there are devil symbols in D.C.!" Langdon smiled.

"Sorry, but the word occult, despite conjuring images of devil worship, actually means 'hidden' or 'obscured.' In times of religious oppression, knowledge that was counter doctrinal had to be kept hidden or 'occult,' and because the church felt threatened by this, they redefined anything 'occult' as evil, and the prejudice survived."

Is Freemasonry a Religion?

"So tell me, what are the three prerequisites for an ideology to be considered a religion?"

"ABC," one woman offered. "Assure, Believe, and Convert."

"Correct," Langdon said. "Religions assure salvation; religions believe in a precise theology; and religions convert nonbelievers." He paused, "Masonry, however, is batting zero for three. Masons make no promises of salvation; they have no specific theology; and they do not seek to convert you. In fact, within Masonic lodges, discussions of religion are prohibited."

"So... Masonry is antireligious?"

"On the contrary. One of the prerequisites for becoming a Mason is that you must believe in a higher power. The difference between Masonic spirituality and organized religion is that the Masons do not impose a specific definition or name on a higher power. Rather than definitive theological identities like God, Allah, Buddha, or Jesus, the Masons use more general terms like Supreme Being or Great Architect of the Universe. This enables Masons of different faiths to gather together."

An example of a "metaphor"

Langdon exhaled. "He's made the same error many zealots make—confusing metaphor with a literal

reality." Similarly, early alchemists had toiled in vain to transform lead into gold, never realizing that lead-to-gold was nothing but a metaphor for tapping into true human potential—that of taking a dull, ignorant mind and transforming it into a bright, enlightened one.

Masonic Initiations

Masonic initiations were startling because they were meant to be transformative. Masonic vows were unforgiving because they are meant to be reminders that man's honor and his "word" were all he could take from this world. Masonic teachings were arcane because they were meant to be universal... taught through a common language of symbols and metaphors that transcended religions, cultures, and races... creating a unified "world-wide consciousness" of brotherly love.



On September 15th 1861 a man named Samuel Adams and his wife were the proprietors of a General Store in the small town of Monticello, Minnesota.

When Mrs. Adams went into labor with their first son, Mr. Adams took her to the second floor of their building for her privacy and to wait for the town doctor.

The second floor was the meeting place of Monticello Masonic Lodge #16 and the Doctor was the Junior Warden of the Lodge, Dr. James Mulvey. The boy was delivered in the Lodge Room and was named Henry Rice Adams.

Twenty three years later Henry was made a Mason in the room in which he was born. He later transferred his membership to Minnesota Lodge #224 in Bloomington, Minnesota and eventually he became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1903.

In 1927 MWB Adams died of an apparent heart attack while attending a stated communication of his Lodge. Past Grand Master Adams was born in a Masonic Lodge and died in a Masonic Lodge.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

December 1st, Regular Stated Communications Meeting, **ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS** is scheduled to be held.

December 5th - District 18 Outdoor Degree - 8:00 pm.

December 13th, Sunday, 11:30am to 1:15pm, **Second Sunday Monthly Dinner** this months dinner will be Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce, Dinner Salad, choice of Mashed or Sweet Potatoes, Cranberries, Peas, Rolls & Butter, and drinks.

Don't forget **every Tuesday morning** from 8:00am to 9:00am is our weekly **Coffee Klatch and Breakfast** in the Lodge dining room. All are invited and bring a friend.

December 15th at 7:30 pm is our **Regular Stated Communication Meeting.**

January 2nd, Installation of 2010 Elected Officers. Dinner 1:00 p.m., Installation 2:00 p.m.



SPEAK NOW TO US OF MASONRY

By: Roger S. Brown

And when the Labor of the day was ended and evening had come, They gathered on a high hill and having placed one of the guild of Tyler's to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, They seated the Oldest Master in the Chair. Then the others gathered at his feet saying, "Tell us of our great free order of Masons."

And he said, "What wilt thou?" and one said, "Now speak to us of the lodge."

He answered saying, verily, the lodge is as a mother. She giveth us birth by bringing us from darkness unto light. She provideth us instruction mete to our youth and training in the art of character building and manhood. She feedeth our bodies with the milk of human kindness. She causeth our soul to know of the Fatherhood of God. She teacheth each of us is a brother. She loveth no one more than another but putteth each on the same level. None to her is a stranger. She is a sanctuary for the weary. A wholesome, guiding light. She demandeth little but giveth much. Verily, she is a mother.

Then Another said, "Speak to us of the lesser lights."

And he said, "Anciently the Sun was thought to rule the day and at nighttime the Moon assumed this duty by governance of the time of darkness. To the Master of the lodge is given the task of ruling and governing his lodge both day and night. Placed in a triangular posi-

RAINBOW HERO



Former Rainbow girl Kimberly Munley is being hailed as a hero for bringing down the Fort Hood shooter while taking three bullets herself, and her former partner isn't a bit surprised. Shaun Appler, who worked with her years ago in North Carolina, says that he began calling her

"Mighty Mouse" after she leaped through the air to free him from an assailant choking him and trying to grab his gun.

"She saved my life that night," Appler says. "When I found out the female officer at Fort Hood was Kim, I wasn't surprised. Kim not only has the training, I know she was mentally prepared to know what to do when you get into that situation." He spoke to her by phone yesterday. "She is in good spirits, although she is obviously saddled with the loss of life that occurred there."

All of us were horrified by the terrorist attack at Ft. Hood last week. We were equally thankful for the heroic actions taken by the civilian policewoman who ended the attack by shooting the terrorist and bringing him down.

Officer Kimberly Barbour Munley was a member of North Carolina Wilmington Assembly 29, now Goldenrod Assembly 29, where she served as Worthy Advisor, and also as the North Carolina Rainbow Grand Musician. She was also a member of the Grand Cross of Color.

I know that each of you join me in praying for the family of Mrs. Munley as she recovers from her injuries, and for all of the families of Ft. Hood.

Kay Letterman, Supreme Inspector in North Carolina, said, "We are very proud of the courage that this young lady displayed to save so many lives.

tion are the lesser lights. Viewed from any side one taper always appears to be centrally placed. This one would guide our steps in the search for truth while those on either side would keep our steps from straying too far either to the right or to the left. Regard well the lesser lights, my brothers."

Then one said "What of truth?"

And he answered saying, "Lo, truth is like unto a bright star by which the seafaring man steers his course. It shines constantly, if he will but look for it yet he cannot grasp it nor can he examine it closely. It is nothing that he can take in the palm of his hand and say it is thus and so. Yet he hath faith that it will lead him safely to the end of his voyage. So is truth like unto a guiding star which, if followed in faith, will never lead us to the right or to the left along the path of righteousness. Truth is much to be desired by the earnest craftsman."

Yet another said, "What is the choice among wealth, power and wisdom?"

And he answered saying, "Three wayfarers in ancient times in a far-away country rescued an all-knowing man from a dire situation. Being possessed of strange powers he granted each one a desire as a reward. The first chose wealth, the second power and the third wisdom, unbelieving the powers of the stranger. In after years the first became possessed of great wealth. He bought his position, his friends and his pleasures and he was beholden to none. As time went on his wealth went from him and his position, friends and pleasures deserted him leaving him worse off than before. The second man gained great power. He held control over the lives of many of his fellowmen and in their hearts they hated him. In time his power faded but not the hatred, leaving him more destitute than before. The third gained great wisdom. He understood life. He understood the birds and the beasts and the whys and wherefores of all things. None could take his wisdom from him for his was the wisdom of the heart. Unto him was rendered much power which he exercised wisely for the good of all. And unto him came great wealth which he shared with others. Verily wisdom is to be desired above all things."

Others clamored to ask him more of the teachings of the craft but he stilled them saying, "Know you not that an over-abundance of talk is confusing? Ponder upon what ye have heard and go thy ways in peace."



"Satisfaction of one's curiosity is one of the greatest sources of happiness in life." Linus Pauling



WHY I LOVE SHRINERS HOSPITALS

*By; Raymond D. Trudeau, President
Hawthorne Masonic High Twelve Club #547
Leesburg, Fla.*

I wish to share with you the following, I believe it speaks volumes for our Fraternity and Shrinedom.

This article was published Tuesday, November 10, 2009 in the Leesburg Daily Commercial Newspaper in Leesburg, Florida.

It was written by Pauline (Peach) Pierce, Lady of our Hawthorne Masonic High Twelve #547 member Harvey Pierce who this past year became a member of Bahia Shrine in Orlando and Lake County Shrine Club in Tavares.

Brother Harvey Pierce received in 2007 his 55 year service award from Crossroads Masonic Lodge #520 previously Salt Springs Masonic Lodge #520 in New York.

How fortunate we are to have Brother Harvey E. Pierce and his Lady Pauline (Peach) as our members. They are both extremely active and respected in all aspects of Masonic Lodge and High Twelve Clubs in our area.

WHY I LOVE SHRINERS HOSPITALS

How surprised I was by the response of different people while my husband and I gave out a newsletter and collected money for the Shriners Hospitals recently,

I've always been proud of the Masons and Shriners, but more so the longer I am associated with the organizations. So many of the contributors this year told us that due to the economy they would only give to the Shriner's Hospital and St. Jude.

My first experience with the Shriners Hospital was in 1988 when my grandson was born with his feet and hands completely immobile. Plus he had no shoulder, elbow or knee joints for movement. I thank God for the unselfish support and care given by the doctors and nurses during his three operations at the Shriners Hospital in Dallas.

My grandson can now feed himself with a special utensil. He walks with crutches and his feet are almost normal. He is in college and is planning on getting married in December. Shriners Hospitals have both burn units and special needs facilities. The services received in the hospitals are donated to the patient. If you know of a child who is in need of corrective medical treatment, contact a Shriner and he will direct you.

To become a Mason is not only an honor, but a true privilege. To move on to become a Shriner is the ultimate. The brotherhood is unique. It is so good to be proud of an organization that you don't have to born into. You just have to request your desire to become one.

Proud to be a Shriners Lady, Pauline (Peach) Pierce Leesburg, Fl.



I'M FREE

*Author: Sharon Lee Mosley
Sent in By; Bro. G. Dallas Douma*

Don't grieve for me, for can't you see?
I'm following the path, GOD laid for me.
I took his hand, when he called my name.
I left it all. No more sorrow, no more pain.

I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
So be not sad, rather rejoice and pray.
For I have found my peace, at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared and laughter's bliss.
Oh yes, these things too, I shall miss.

So be not burdened with the times of sorrow.
For I will see you again with the promised sunshine of
tomorrow.

My life's been full and I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, and life's special touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to brief.
So friend, don't lengthen it now with undo grief.
Lift up your heart, GOD'S grace to thee.
GOD is with me now - HE set me free.



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Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. This is an Open Stated Meeting, Installation of 2010 Rite, KCCH & St. Andrews Officers; guest & family invited. Reception goodies to follow by the Scottish Rite Ladies.



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.

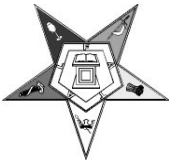
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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 – 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

Royal Matron — Jane Claus Royal Patron — Peter Plate

Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. At the regular meeting of Unity Court on November 20th the Grand Lecturer H.L. Kay Woodall of Port St. Lucie will officially inspect the court. Pot Luck luncheon at 12:30 p.m.



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 DECEMBER 2009



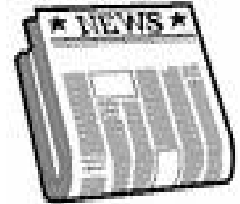
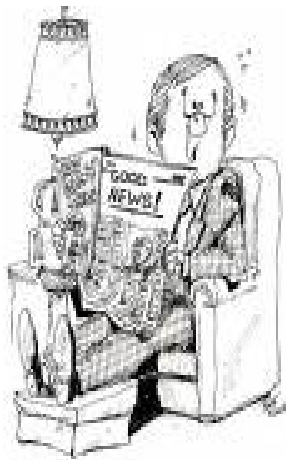
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge	8 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi- Twelve Lunch Taste Tempters	9 Ocala York Rite Council 7:30 pm	10 Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting at 7:30 pm	11 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	12 Tall Cedars, No. 200 Meeting at Leesburg 10:30 am Open Book Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—2:00pm
13 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Baked Ham w\ Mashed or Sweet Potatoes & all the fixin's	14 Plantation Hi-Twelve Club #719 Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks 11:00 a.m.	15 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm	16	17	18 Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	19
20	21 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis	22 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Lunch w/ Speaker Taste Tempters	23 Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p	24 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club #424, Meeting at Taste Tempters	25	26
27	28	29 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am	30	31		



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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2009, We are excepting sponsorship donations for 2010. If you would like to be a sponsor in 2010, please see the Lodge secretary with your donation. Your donations are applied to the monthly mailing costs of the Trestle Board, we need 60 sponsor 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

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.



WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD

By: Claire Smith, Edinburgh Scotland

Oct. 27, 2009 - News.Scotsman.com

Mystery stone found near church linked to Knights Templar. The stone has been dated to the 12th century.

What appears to be the carved top of a sarcophagus was unearthed when builders were excavating and reinforcing a wall alongside the old ruined church in Temple, Midlothian.

But the inscriptions, which include symbols similar to those found in Viking monuments, in medieval graves and in West Highland Celtic carvings, have



baffled archaeologists.

Crispin Phillips, who is renovating a house alongside The Old Parish Church, said: "I was on a mission to repair the wall – which was falling into the graveyard. We got near the bottom of the foundations and found something buried there."

"We found one stone carved with a cross and then another with these carvings on it." Crispin Phillips discovered the stone while repairing a wall.

He added: "We spent about half an hour in phi-

losophical discussions about what we should do about it. I felt we should do something, rather than just bury it again."

Mr. Phillips contacted Historic Scotland and East Lothian Council, whose archaeologists cover Midlothian.

He said the stone had been photographed and recorded but he was still unclear whether further investigations would be carried out. "One of the archaeologists who came out told us it was probably from the early



12th century," he added. "But really I'm still in limbo about what to do about it."

Historian and author John Ritchie said the stone raised many questions. "It is a crude carving, quite primitive, but I have never seen anything like it in my life," he said. "It has a whole series of symbols on it and the symbols are very interesting."

"The symbols at the bottom look like Viking sun compasses, while the dials at the top look a little bit like a Celtic cross but with notches carved on them."

Expert David Connolly, of Connolly Heritage Consultancy, said he believed the stone was from the 13th or 14th century.

"It is a significant site because it was the Templar Preceptory for Scotland," he said. "I think from the condition, it may once have been set inside the church – which was once much bigger," he added.

"He could be a Templar, he could be a Hospitaller, he could just be a knight who wanted to be buried there – but the heraldry is like nothing anyone has seen

before."

He added that he hoped further study of the stone was possible in the future.

Mr. Phillips said he planned to complete the rebuilding of the 17th-century graveyard wall and would build an arch into it so the half-buried carvings could still be seen by interested scholars.

However historian and author Michael Turnbull said he doubted the find was significant: "There were certainly Templars there but this might be a fake."

Village legend tells of long-lost buried treasure.

The village of Temple in Midlothian takes its name from the Knights Templar, who once had their Scottish Preceptory – their headquarters – there.



The ruined chapel, which nestles in the valley at the foot of the village, is all that remains of what was once an abbey founded by the Templars on lands gifted by David I of Scotland in 1127.

Founded during the Crusades, the Templars was a religious order of knights whose mission was to protect Christians in the Holy Land. Some say they invented international banking, with a system of credit letters used to pass funds to people fighting in the Crusades. The Templars certainly grew rich and powerful. According to some accounts they were the holders of treasures from Jerusalem.

But the organization came under suspicion from the royalty of Europe and the Catholic Church. Templars were hunted down and burned at the stake.

Legend has it some of those fleeing persecution hid in this Midlothian village – bringing their treasure with them. According to local legend some of this treasure still lies buried in Temple: "Twixt the oak and the elm tree — You will find buried the millions free."



POMPEII

By: Bro. Giovanni Lombardo

Habentibus symbolum facilis est transitus (For those who own the symbol it is easy to pass over.) (Those who are master of the symbol, having interiorized it)

For our Knights Templar enthusiasts.

In Pompeii, in the Architects' House, there is a articular mosaic, the photography of which is often shown in Masonic texts. It was the emblem in the floor of the *Triclinium* and man thinks that the naturalistic representation of the skull and of the mason's tools is an allegoric reference to the lapsing of the human life and the looming death. In my opinion, however, the tile conceals a deeper meaning. I strove to find it and I want, therefore, to share with you my thoughts.

The level measures the horizontality, being a precision tool which ensures stability and balance. It guarantees that all the horizontal levels are perfect and in line with that of the foundation, which will have been controlled in the same manner.

The level in the illustration is a composite one, from the superior angle descends a plumb: it is worth of notice the circumstance that the horizontality is measured through the verticality – it's contrary! – and this happens when the plumb has divided the ruler – which unifies the arms of the level – in two equal parts, thus forming two angles, each measuring 90°. The crossing point of the plumb and of the level is said *fire line*, which demarcates Time from Eternity.

The calm and smooth horizontal line of the level is quite opposite of the chaos and of the confusion that reign in the profane world. Even more, in the book of Isaiah, man reads: *Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet.*¹ In this verse the level symbolizes the justice since it represents the perfect union of the verticality with the horizontality.

Other thoughts are however possible, if man considers the arms of the level as two rays of a circumference departing from the "centre", i.e. from the Being towards the Manifestation. Such an interpretation is

SYMBOLISM OF THE BALLOT BOX

By: Bro. Ben Williams

strengthened by examining the remaining objects that are represented in the tile. A skull, then, tied to the arms of the level: the royal purple and a sceptre (at left of the observer); a sack and a stick. In the middle, under the skull, a butterfly over a six-rays wheel.

The world of the manifestation, in that we actually live, is produced by the emanation of the One: the radiation from the centre towards the circumference. It is the kingdom of the duality, of the variety. In it, poverty and richness live together. This is the meaning of the royal purple and of the sceptre, which are symbols of the royal power and of wealth, opposite to the sack and the stick, symbols of poverty and weakness. All in perfect equilibrium.

They are aside the wheel, which is the symbol of the world. The circumference is symbol of the variety, to be considered in its perennial becoming; the rays delimit a portion of this circumference, such a portion is therefore symbol of the cyclic time, in which are alternated the various aspects of life.

The butterfly symbolizes the man's soul. In ancient Greek *psyché* means both butterfly and soul. The man's task consists in living with wisdom and balance and, above all, with the consciousness that all that appears, the mundane reality, with its contradictions, is not the "true" reality, the metaphysic one, *the Truth in which every intellect eventually rests*.² Here is the reason for which the butterfly is over the wheel: the soul of the initiate is "superior" in respect of the profanity.

The human being who carried his life walking "in the middle", along the ideal line between the black tiles and the white ones of the chequered pavement, at equal distance from both, that can face the death – the skull – the supreme initiation and, ascending along the plumb, outrun the *fire line* and eventually arrive to the edge, the Centre, the siege of the GAOTU, thus mixing with Him: "If you can distinguish a drop in the great sea – wrote Angelus Silesius – then you will also be able to distinguish my soul within the great God".³

¹ Isaiah 28, 17

² Dante, *Divine Comedy*, Paradiso XXVIII, 108

³ A. Silesio, *Cherubinisches Wandersmann*, cit. by A. Coomaraswamy, *Time and Eternity*, Italian Editor Luni 2003 page 119

Pompeii is a ruined [Roman](#) city near modern [Naples](#). It was destroyed during an eruption of the [volcano Mount Vesuvius](#) on [24 August 79 AD](#). The volcano buried Pompeii under ash and pumice, and it was lost for nearly 1700 years before its rediscovery in [1748](#).

When electing men to membership, we are reminded that white balls elect, black cubes reject. These are not arbitrary shapes, or colors, but deliberate symbols. They represent the passing of the soul from one state to another.

The white ball is a sphere, a shape of perfection, with no up or down, no front or back, no edges, corners – no distinction. It represents the eternal sameness of God, who remains unchanging throughout the ages in that lofty empyrean where those perfected souls reside having wrought their good works upon the Earth. It is white because white is a color often associated with the good and the light. White is all color, just as the sphere is all shape. The white ball is thereby a symbol of completeness.

The black cube is an emblem of Earth, the lower plane, that material place where we work as craftsmen in the quarry. The cube is six-sided, alluding to the six directions – up, down, left, right, forward, back – the cube of formation on which the creation was founded, the three-dimensional world of matter and the material. And black has long been a color associated with darkness, and by extension ignorance. It is a lack of color, an absence. Thus the black cube is a symbol of the imperfect.

So it is that if a candidate for the mysteries of the craft is elected to membership, his election occurs via a symbol of perfection. If he is rejected, he is rejected via a symbol of the unrefined, the unfinished, the unready. Like the ill prepared soul approaching Heaven, if its work be not perfected, it is cast back. But if the candidate be ready to begin a new existence in goodness, he is accepted. Here, his work can begin again.

This is just one way in which the Lodge aligns with the celestial movements, in microcosm of all creation. Only they who are ready to divest themselves of their passions, and take up the gavel and the mallet to perfect themselves in Masonry are ready to move from the crudeness of their worldly ambitions to the harmonious order of the Lodge.



The language of truth is simple

Can we stop Masonry From Evolving into Something Unrecognizable and Disappearing within its Current Form?

*By; Brother G. Dallas Douma Jr.
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My Fellow Brothers I want to talk to you today about the gift that has been given to us by our Forefathers. That gift is Freemasonry itself. I consider myself fortunate and honored to be a Freemason. It is definitely a privilege to be a Mason and not a right, but I feel that there are some out there that take the Fraternity for granted.

We need to look inward at our Fraternity and make sure we are taking our work and labors seriously. There is more to being a Mason than just simply paying dues. We can have all the members we want on paper, who send their yearly dues in. But it does the Lodge no good, if nobody is attending our Meetings.

We need to remember the Great Traditions that have been handed down to us from our Time Immemorial so that we may reflect upon its beauty and meaning and not lose its purpose. We need to be Steadfast in our Accuracy and Faithful in our Humility to accomplish these tasks. So we may Honor those that handed Freemasonry to us by keeping it unaltered and true.

I have visited Lodges and watched and listened to Proficiencies be performed. And from time to time I have seen things just gone through the motions. With no thought or consequence of whether things were actually being given back right, because all that was cared about was just getting another member in the ranks.

I have been noticing a tendency to ignore our Core Fundamentals and Standards. And these actions seem to be geared towards building a Quantity over Quality in our Membership. If our Fraternity is to survive we all need to take more pride in our works otherwise, I fear that we will eventually end up just being a shadow of our former selves.

We will end up cloaked in darkness and secrecy with only our Grips, Passwords, and Tokens to draw an interest from Future Candidates. We are an Exclusive Order, not an All-Inclusive Order. It is better to have 10 Good Brothers than 20 Card Holders. I say we can all help change this trend and I challenge each and every one of you to help take action.

We need to ensure that we are teaching our Younger Brothers properly in the Sublime Principles

and Tenets. That we ourselves should if necessary, re-learn and study, that which we are passing on. We need to make sure that those Brothers already in the Fraternity are properly educated first, so we can verify that all to come in the Fraternity in the future will get the best instruction available.

We need to raise our Personal Standards and those of Admittance. The Prospective and Younger Brothers need to rise to our standards and not us lowering to get to them.

I am confident that some of you are saying, "Well I've been in Freemasonry a long time, and have heard the same information over and over again. I've heard it rephrased, paraphrased, possibly even honey glazed year after year so why care now?"—Well, if we don't start caring now it will only get to a point that Masonry will be unrecognizable to what it is today and especially from what it was yesterday.

We need to share our knowledge and correct where necessary and sometimes we may have to go into repetitiveness to accomplish this perfection. And if that is what is required, then as more Informed and Seasoned Brothers, that is what we should do.

We can all learn from open books and each other. But keep in mind, we can learn a lot from the books, but it doesn't mean a thing if we don't conduct ourselves properly and we don't first learn humility towards each other. None of us are perfect and we all forget things from time to time so let's support each other and remember, what it means, to be a Mason.

Our teachings are what should be most important to us. Because it is this, which makes our order what it is. We need to install Mandatory Education for everyone and not calling Catechism and Lodge Mechanics good enough. This will help us instill pride and will help our meetings to run more smoothly. It will also allow us to see who really takes the Fraternity seriously and who just views it as nothing more than a Social Club.

I've talked to Young Brothers who come into our Ranks but only after a few months, and sometimes not that long, end up not returning to Lodge. They tell me, "I don't think the order, in reality, lives up to what it claims to be. That it was not what I thought it was going to be." I've had brothers tell me, "that it seemed that everybody was confused and really didn't know what they were doing."

I had another Brother tell me, "that it seemed to be more of a Clique than a Brotherhood of Equals." We

need to ensure that Officers are Elected and Appointed due to merits and not just because of friendships or time in the Fraternity. We have no room for Lax Officers or Members. On the other hand we need more participation from our membership as well. Sometimes it appears that there is a Clique when in reality, it is that nobody else steps up to the plate and the same people get stuck doing all the work.

What each and every one of us needs to do is learn thoroughly all of which our Order stands for, read the Laws by which our Order is governed, attend our Meetings, and participate with our Officers and Members alike. Most of all we need to remember, to work for each other, be part of the solution, and not just a squeaky voice complaining. If we do, we can all participate in bringing about an Order that we can all be proud of. We will have an Order that will profit more from its

Membership. An Order that can shine bright as a beacon to help guide others to Further Light.

The last thing I want to touch on is that the Grand Architect of the Universe is in all of us. And it is because of this that we can all be molded. There is none among us that is without fault, whether it be great or whether it be small, especially myself. Man looks on the outside, but GOD looks in the heart and as the breath of life within us is multiplied and increased, our faults will decrease. And one day we will all hopefully reach perfection due to the uplifting we get from each other. After all we make each other better men by the nature of our Order, and that is, our ultimate goal.

R.:W.: KENNETH GRAVES PM, 32° KNIGHT COMMANDER COURT OF HONOR

By. Dr. Ronald J. Cottman, 32°, KCCH, PM



On Saturday, 7th of November, Ill. Garth Phillips, 33°, (right) Dr. Ronald J. Cottman KCCH, 32° (left), KCCH and Kenneth Hamilton, 32°, KCCH (second from right) accompanied RW Ken Graves PM, 32° (second from left) to the Hilton Hotel in Altamonte Springs for Brother Graves investiture into the Scottish Rite, Knight Commander Court of Honor, KCCH.

The Knight Commander Court of Honor is the first of the honors for the Court of honor. It is a designation conceived by the Grand Commander Albert Pike to honor men of outstanding ability and commitment.

A Brother must have been a 32nd Degree Mason (Master of the Royal Secret) for at least 46 months

before the Supreme Council can vote on his nomination for the honor. In order to nominate a Brother, The Sovereign Grand Inspector General has his primary membership fill out a form, giving the Brother's name, Masonic and other history, and the reasons for his nomination. He then submits the form in advance of the Biennial Session to the Supreme Council. The vote of the Supreme Council must be unanimous.



It should be noted that the designation of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH) is not a degree. The KCCH is not conferred upon a Brother; he is invested with it. Upon investiture the Brother is presented with a red circular hat made of heavy grosgrain silk that distinguishes him as having received the great honor. He is eligible to wear the Passion Cross jewel of the KCCH that contains the inscription KT.- COMM. - COURT OF HONOUR.





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



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