


TRESTLE BOARD

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Rainbow Assembly No. 79
2011 Installation of Officers
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LEESBURG LODGE No. 58
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA
200 Richey Road
Leesburg, Florida 34748 Phone: 352-787-5686
Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month
Chartered January 15th, 1868

Officers for 2011

Worshipful Master	W: Randall Jesmok (Joye) 407-350-8284
Senior Warden	Larry Duff (Brenda) 728-5270
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	Lodge 787-5696
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Organist	W: Ronald J. Cottman (Cele) 365-1944
Lodge Instructor	R: W: Dennis Ricker (Ginny) 314-0828
Lodge Historian	R: W: Joseph T. Price 787-0652
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Living Past Masters

Charles Porter	1959
Theodore E. Weihe	1963
G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
Jack Holloway	1968
R: W: Fay 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
Richard Ecott	2009
Donald McIntyre, Sr.	2010

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*
Barry Rosenthal
Wayne Parks
Fred Lint
Raymond D Trudeau
Paul Shires
M: W: Joseph Brearley
Dennis Managan
James McBride

^ Past District Instructor

* Past DDGM

18th Masonic District

DDGM	R: W: Dennis Ricker 314-0828
District Instructor	R: W: Glenn Reynolds 669-5226

Committees for 2011

Board of Relief

Chairman W: Randy Jesmok, SW Larry Duff, JW Richard Cartier

Property

Chairman SW Larry Duff, W: Tom Russell, Dick Cartier,
W: Don McIntyre, Sr.

Finance

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

Vigilance

Chairman JW Richard Cartier, SW Larry Duff, WM Randy Jesmok

Funeral

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

Petitions

Chairman Dean Sever, W: Bob Browning, W: Bill Green

Investigations

W: Richard Ecott, R: W: Ken Graves, Richard Tanner,
Garth Philips

Catechism

Chairman W: Roland Gibson, W: Bob Browning, John Dean,
W: Don McIntyre, Sr.

Charity

Chairman R: W: Joe Price, Dean Sever, SW Larry Duff

Activities & Awards

Chairman W: Richard Ecott, SW Larry Duff, W: Randy Jesmok

Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R: W: Joe Price

Investments

Chairman R: W: Ken Graves, W: Tom Russell, R: W: Ted Jansen

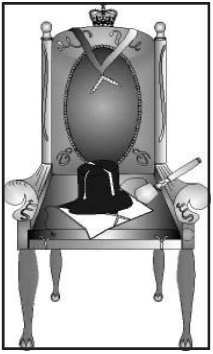
Education

Chairman W: Randy Jesmok, SW Larry Duff, John Dean

Mentors

Chairman Richard Tanner, W: Roland Gibson, John Dean,
all Past Masters

Officers meet at 6:30pm, first stated meeting, Committee Chairman meet the second meeting of each month for business and planning.



LIGHT FROM THE EAST

W.: RANDALL “Randy” JESMOK

The excitement, support and involvement displayed by the brethren in our lodge this year is encouraging. We continually face challenges to our fraternity, budget, morality and membership sustainability, but these are natural occurrences in any organization and it is all about how we deal with these challenges that can make the difference between learning from them, overcoming them and moving in a positive direction or being overcome by them and heading into further deterioration. With that said I will be calling on the experience of the brethren from time to time for their advise and or opinions to assure we have investigated all options before setting a course or path to follow.

Our officers have had several scheduled practices on our basic procedures and are now into ritual practice. I encourage all brethren to attend these practices to get involved, offer support or improve self knowledge confidence.

As to our appointed and structured committees

we have met and have begun work on the specific goals as outlined by requirements, needs and wants. We have a lot of exciting programs planned and I will be calling on these Chairmen to report to the brethren on their progress throughout the year.

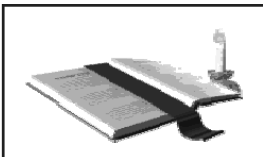
Please make sure to review our lodge year calendar that has been posted in the lobby for events, lodge usage, practices, meetings etc. This will be edited from time to time for updates as they occur.

LET'S MAKE A SIMPLE PLEDGE TO IMPROVE OURSELVES AS MASONS BY IMPROVING HARMONY AND BROTHERLY LOVE TO THE FRATERNITY!

Congratulations to Brother Richard Follett who returned is EA Catechism at our Feb. 15th meeting.

PETITIONS - Mr. Wayne A. Reynolds, for the 3° of Masonry. Mr. Reynolds lives in Orlando, and works in Lake County,

CHARTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS - No chartable contributions were made this month due to low funds.



From the Chaplain

W.: Roland Gibson

Sickness & Distress:

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Brother Rodney James Baggett who was called to the Grand Architect on January 16th, 2011 and Brother Paul “Bob” Shires who passed on February 4th, 2011.

Brother Norman Payne had a stroke on January 3rd. He is in a hospital in Augusta, Ga. On 1/18/2011 they put in a feeding tube into his stomach and perform a tracheotomy.

W.:Roland Gibson is receiving cancer treatments, Brother Richard Tanner was in LRMC for a day and Brother Saul Goodkin is scheduled for back surgery on March 28th..

Your cards and visitation is appreciated by all. We wish all who are ill a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon. *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 DAYS — We extend to all who have birthdays and anniversary's this month our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy celebration of your day. If you can't party it up this year makes plans for next year.

From the Great Light - Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 1Peter 2:17

“We are so often caught up in our destination that we forget to appreciate the journey, especially the goodness of the people we meet on the way. Appreciation is a wonderful feeling, don't overlook it.” Unknown

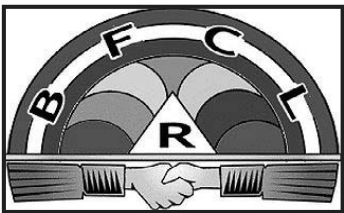
UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd & 29th - Tuesday
Morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfast

March 13th - Monthly Second Sunday Dinner
Corned Beef & Cabbage, Vegetables,
Salad, Desserts Drinks and More

March 1st & 15th, 2011 -
Stated Communications Meeting
7:30 pm *Collations after Meeting*

RAINBOW GIRLS ASSEMBLY No. 79



Installation of Officers - 2011

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is the only youth club that teaches what matters most – leadership, confidence, and citizenship. Every day, across the globe, hundreds of thousands of girls come together to laugh, share, and grow through fun events and challenging workshops designed to empower girls of all ages. Rainbow Girls volunteer for their community and travel around the world, visiting other clubs and making lots of new friends. Along the way, they gather invaluable life skills that help them become the best daughter, sister, student, and friend they can be.

Growing up can be tough on young girls. Somewhere between the pressures of fitting in, doing well in school, and being a good daughter, it's easy for a young mind to mix up a few priorities. Girls can get lost and forget that the important things in life can't be found in a store, a hair salon, or on the most popular list at school.

Being a member of Rainbow gives girls the power of knowledge—to know right from wrong and to be able make decisions by using their head and their heart instead of peer pressure. Rainbow Girls will experience the joy of giving through volunteering in their community or on a nation-wide assignment. Most importantly, the confidence and leadership skills taught through Rainbow will continue to open doors for each girl through college and her career.

The foundation behind every lesson supports three basic teachings: Faith in a supreme being and in

others, Having hope in all that you do and Charity toward others. The brilliant colors of the rainbow reflect what members learn.

Red - Love, in all its forms, *Orange - Religion*, the importance of a religion based on love and forgiveness, *Yellow - Nature*, its importance in daily life, *Green - Immortality*, an understanding of death as a part of life, *Blue - Fidelity*, emphasis on being honest and reliable, *Indigo - Patriotism*, encouraging citizenship, *Violet - Service*, the lesson that ties all others together.

Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 79

*Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at
7:00pm at Mt. Dora Lodge.*

*Your invited to come and meet our young Ladies,
plan an evening to attend with some of your
Brethren.*



FROM THE WEST

Senior Warden Larry Duff

February was another busy month at Leesburg Lodge. The upgrading of lighting in the bathrooms, foyer, Masters Office, Secretaries Office and library is completed.

Newly *donated* matching hand towel and soap dispensers were installed in the bathrooms and kitchen. The old hand towel and soap dispensers were relocated to the janitors closet, inside the garage and out in the BBQ area. New toilet paper dispensers, matching the hand towel and soap dispensers will shortly be completed if not done by the time you receive this.

Take a look at Page 10 of this issue, we have 49 sponsors of our Trestle Board for 2011, we need eleven more to achieve our goal of 60. This my Brothers is the quickest in the five years I have been privileged to do your Trestle Board that we have got to this point in sponsorships. Your donations are applied to the monthly mailing cost of the Trestle Board to keep you informed of events, activities and meetings of your Lodge and other Bodies.



FROM THE SOUTH

Junior Warden Dick Cartier

I would like to Thank all who have attended our Tuesday Breakfasts and Second Sunday Dinners during the first two months of this year. We've had a good time, good fellowship and good food. We're looking forward to next ten months and hope to see each of you at one of our events and our Stated Meetings.

Please see page 16 for Breakfast and Dinner menus.



FROM THE SECRETARY

Brother Dean Sever

237 Brothers to date have paid their dues and 57 are outstanding which will soon require the time and postage to send out the 2nd dues notice. Please take care of your obligations and pay your dues if not done so already.

Your Lodge pays the Grand Lodge of Florida the voluntary \$7.30 Masonic home contribution on

each Brother in our Lodge out of our General fund whether or not you include it with your dues notice, *this includes exempt and perpetual members*. Thankfully some Brothers do pay more than the \$7.30 contribution to make up for those who do not or cannot fulfill their obligation to assist a worthy or distressed Brother or their widows.

Leesburg Lodge has 137 perpetual members assigned to it which allowed us to receive a check for \$2,714.97 from the Grand Lodge of Florida this year, perpetual monies in this fund made 5.4296% at years end.

If you have not considered a perpetual membership, this maybe the year to do it. The cost of a perpetual membership is 20 times the current dues of \$60.00 equaling \$1,200.00, a one time payment or payment plans are available, see the secretary for more information, a perpetual membership means you dues are fixed at this rate for life and you will not receive any further dues notices.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of Leesburg Chapter No. 84 of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is our wish you have a productive and outstanding year.



LEESBURG MASONIC HI - TWELVE CLUB #424
"The Great Charity Spaghetti Dinner"

On Saturday evening, February 5th, Leesburg Masonic Hi-Twelve Club #424 hosted a Spaghetti Dinner at Pennbrooke Fairways Grand Hall. Two Hundred and Fifty-Five dinners were sold and served, the largest charity event in the clubs history.

Charities supported through the years have been the Samaritan Inn, Angel Flights, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Habitat For Humanity, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Cornerstone Hospice, Leesburg Troop No. 1 Boy Scouts, Florida Masonic Home and The Masonic Hi-Twelve College Endowment Fund. A great social evening was had, if you have questions or are interested in the Hi-Twelve, ask any member in the Lodge.



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

By; Senior Deacon Jim Angelos

Twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm your Lodge holds it's regular Stated Communications Meeting. A number of the membership attend these meetings, a larger number cannot, but may like too.



If you know of a Brother Mason who you haven't seen at Lodge in awhile, reach out to him, offer him a ride if needed, You get the opportunity of companionship to and from Lodge, breakfast or our dinners and he gets to attend.

Who knows you may rekindle an old friendship or make a new

one.

You may also find it rewarding for you, our missed Brother and your Lodge.

BAD WEATHER

Over the past several months all across our nation has experienced unusually bad weather, it has even caused Washington D.C to close for a day.

Not all of Washington was closed that day, the "Old Red Guard" maintained it's diligence at the "Tomb of the Unknown Solider".



High Twelve is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth support and patriotic events. High Twelve is an association dedicated to the unification of Master Masons, independent of the formal ritual of Lodge, but dedicated to service to the fraternity.



HIGH TWELVE CLUBS Meeting Times & Locations

Hawthorne Masonic High Twelve No. 547 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at Golden Corral, 1720 Citrus Blvd. (Hwy 27/441) – Leesburg, FL. Tel: 352-728-3911.

Leesburg Masonic High Twelve No. 424 - Meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Leesburg Lodge No. 58, located at 200 Richey Road in Leesburg.

Mid-Florida Masonic Lakes High Twelve No. 522 - Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at Mid-Florida Lakes Clubhouse, east of Leesburg on CR-44.

Tavares Masonic High Twelve No. 557 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Trio's, 3725 Old US Hwy 441 in Mt. Dora (formerly The Greenhouse Restaurant).

Tri-County Masonic High Twelve meets 10:30 a.m. 1st Wednesday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center, The Villages. Reservations for lunch due by the Thursday before the meeting, call Rita at 750-5561.

MASONIC CLUBS



Plantation Masonic Club - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Plantation Oaks Restaurant.





Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com or www.SROrlando.com

Ocala Scottish Rite meets the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm.at Ocala Scottish Rite Center, 3632 NE 7th Street, Ocala, Fl.

Orlando Scottish Rite meets at 1485 Grand Road, Winter Park, Fla. on the 4th Friday of each month, except, November, which is on the third Friday and dark in December, meetings at 7:30pm.



York Rite Bodies

“A Continuation of the Blue Lodge”

www.flgyr.org

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

Ocala Chapter No. 13 - Meets Second Wednesday of January, March, May, September and November beginning at 7:30 PM.

Ocala Council No. 22 - R&S Masters - Meets Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

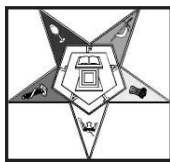
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Eustis York Rite Bodies - Meetings at Leesburg Lodge No. 58

Eustis Chapter No. 33, Meets on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Triangle Commandery No. 38 -Knights Templar—Meets on the on

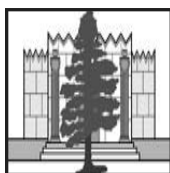


Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 84

Lady Orissa Mauer – Worthy Matron

W.: Ed Davison —Worthy Patron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of July, August and September. Meets at Leesburg Lodge No. 58.



Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Jim Stueber

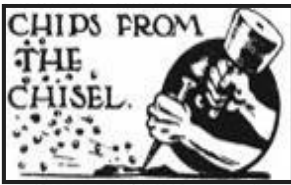
Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. at Leesburg Lodge No. 58, 200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Fla.



MARCH 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>2</u> Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center , The Villages 10:30am	<u>3</u> Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter 84 - 7:30 pm	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Ocala SR 7:30pm DeMolay 7:30pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	<u>8</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Corral 11:00am	<u>9</u> Ocala York Rite (Chapter) 7:30pm Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Leesburg Lodge	<u>12</u> Tall Cedars Lake Forrest No. 200 10:30am
<u>13</u> Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Corned Beef & Cabbage Boiled Potatoes & Veggies Salad, Dessert & Drinks	<u>14</u> Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12, Mid-Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30am Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm Rainbow Assembly No. 79 7:00pm at Mt. Dora	<u>15</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>16</u> District Association Leesburg Lodge 58 7:30 pm	<u>17</u> Tavares Hi-Twelve Trio's Restaurant Mt. Dora 11:00 am 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	<u>22</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Golden Corral 11:00am	<u>23</u> Ocala York Rite Commandery No. 19 District Instruction Leesburg Lodge 58 7:30 pm	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30 pm Rainbow Assembly No. 79 7:00pm at Mt. Dora	<u>29</u> Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Lodge	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		



March 21st is the 184th anniversary (born 1827 in Whiteville, North Carolina) of the birth of Leesburg Lodge No. 58 first Worshipful Master,

Captain Melton Haynes.

Melton Haynes came to Florida from North Carolina as an 18-year-old in 1845. He planted the first

"sweet" oranges in this part of the state. Haynes formed a militia of settlers and commanded Company "H" of the 5th Battalion, 2nd Florida Cavalry.

Melton Haynes was a State Senator in 1866 and two years later in 1868 along with other community leaders petition and received a charter to form Leesburg Lodge No. 58 beginning a 143 year history of service as Masons to the Brethren, their families and community.



2011 TRESTLE BOARD SPONSORS

YOUR NAME HERE - INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE FOR ONLY \$20.00

Current year or any part thereof - HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED!



R:W: J.L. "George" Aladro - Senior Grand Warden

Robert & Patricia Humiston

Mid Florida Lakes Hi-Twelve

Leo & Patsy Blum

George Shoemaker

John & Jeanice Schneider

Charles & Marlene White

Wil & Norma Hoendorf

Bob & Carolyn Browning

Eric & Noelle Racine

Larry & Brenda Duff

Garth & Molly Philips

Richard C. Johnson

Richard & Nancy Tanner

Edwin & Wanda Robins

Richard Ecott

Frank & Pat Peregrin

George & Ruth Wikane

Roy McCampbell

Wayne & Donna Parks

Ken Graves

Plantation Masonic Club

Tom & Bev Wright

Forrest & Ann Case

Jay Hurley - *Trueman's Fine Men's Clothing*

Chip Gannaway - *Vann Gannaway Chevrolet*



Don & Nina McIntyre

Paul & Gaynell Britton

Ted & Marilyn Jansen

M:W: Joseph & Anna Brearley

Paul & Delores Shires

Richard & Frances Cartier

Richard & Majorie Jones

Betsy Jordan

Dean & Linda Sever

Tom & Barbara Mansur

James & Dorothy McBride

Scott & Stephanie Driggers

Randy & Joye Jesmok

Pedro Perez

Joe Price

Ron Glover

Spencer Glover

Bill Farmer

Tom & Lynn Russell

David Knowles

John Dean

Irv & Dorothy Creed

Dr. Pedro Arroyo

Joe Schlegel

Dennis & Ginny Ricker

Dan Bloxom

Bill & Sharon Aston

Dick & Jackie Frazier

Bill & Nancy Green



If you would like to be a sponsor in 2011, 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.

Sponsorship is \$20.00 for the year or any part thereof.

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@centurylink.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!

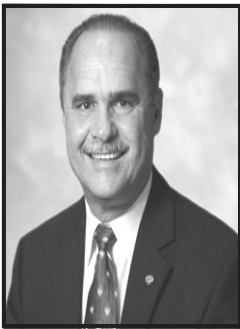
"An Educated Mason is a Dedicated Mason a Dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our fraternity."

"DISCOURSE"

*By: Senior Grand Warden Jorge L. Aladro
Grand Lodge of Florida*

"IDLE TALK, PIQUES and QUARRELS?"

My Brothers once again, we come to a subject that may be controversial to some degree. I hope you take this in the spirit that is being discussed which is to be as a means of information and self-evaluation.



So often we hear of problems in Lodges, that have caused a rift among the Brothers, to the point where the Lodge suffers, attendance is down, no one wants to do anything, Degrees are very poor, maintenance of the building is not being performed, fund raisers are non-existent, things are going down

the tubes. Both sides are right or at least according to them, and they cannot see the damage they are causing the Lodge, that sort of "can't see the forest for the trees type syndrome."

Today our Lodges suffer from lack of Masonic Education, which includes Masonic Leadership and Lodge Mentoring, the deficiency that this has caused can be seen through every facet of our Fraternity. When looking at the cause of most of these arguments, which have caused these terrible divisions in our Lodges, you find that they are mostly caused by ignorance, lack of education and just plain intolerance. One man's will over the other and their allies, with no regard to what they are doing to the Lodge and the other Brothers that want to remain out of the fray and choose to stay away from the Lodge.

Well now, we have the two sides of the split in the Lodge, which is tearing the very fabric that holds the Lodge together, and I have one question. Who speaks for the Lodge? Where are the Brothers from either side and why are they not looking out for the Lodge? Where are the Brothers that will not get involved with either side, why are they not looking out for the Lodge? You

see my Brothers there is one loser here and that is the Lodge.

The Lodge is the loser, that benevolent institution, who has exalted men to such great heights, who has nurtured the needy, who has fed the hungry and who has sheltered the traveler, who has always been tolerant, who has been a refuge for good men, a charitable giver, a lover of mankind. Yes, that is the one and only one that suffers when piques and quarrels arise among the Brethren.

Edmund Burke the famous Irish orator, philosopher and politician said and I quote. "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Wayne Greeson in many of his faith writings explains with scripture and common sense just what Burke earlier said, and I quote "God commands those who are good, not just to avoid evil but actively oppose it."

He also tells us that in the days of Elijah, the silence of many had allowed the evil of Ahab and Jezebel to prevail throughout the land of Israel. "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, how long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word" 1 Kings 18:21. The silence of the people spoke volumes of their indecisiveness and inaction. Their failure to stand up, speak up, and speak out permitted wicked and evil men to run rampant.

Do not allow evil to succeed. Do not sit by and do nothing. Stand up and be counted, speak up against evil and speak out against evil men and their sinful deeds, and good will prevail.

You see my Brothers, even the parable from the Bible tells us two things, one is that the situation of people standing on the sides without getting involved and letting wrong succeed has been happening since biblical times, and two that this failure to act personally has prevented good from prevailing.

Let us, you and me stand up for our Lodges, let us speak up for our Lodges, and let us speak out for our Lodges so that ill-intended Brothers are not allowed to succeed. We will be addressing the Lodge's tribulations to make them better, not engaging anyone just looking out for the Lodge, after all, we are the caretakers, we swore to do just that, and have renewed that commitment every year at the Annual Installation.

Its been said over and over again that we are a

reflection of society and all we have to do is look around us in our communities, the apathy, lack of interest in the common good of our communities, the laziness that has plagued our culture, the indifference portrait for our fellowman is abounding.

My Brothers that same behavior has crept into our beloved Fraternity, just look around and you can see the apathy, personal interest over the well being of the Lodge, laziness, let others do for us or we are too good to do that ourselves, indifference not caring what happens to the Brothers, Lodge or Fraternity. So my Brothers here we have come to a cross roads, and I hate to be blunt, but we must if we are going to jar the reader into action, and that leaves us to two choices you are either part of the problem or part of the solution. I pray we have more of the latter. I know I want to be part of the solution. How about you?

After looking at many of these situations in different Lodges it is apparent that both sides are always right, regardless of how ill intent they may be, or how obvious it is that they are destroying the Lodge. Their principle goal is to prove they were right and the ends justify the means, sometimes the cause of the problem is often forgotten and what remains is that "we have to get them, attitude." Frankly, my Brothers it makes me sick there should be no tolerance for this behavior. Masons by definition should be better and always above this type of conduct.

What makes this even more unsavory is that they use less informed Brothers by poisoning them with rumors and innuendos, causing a greater split in an effort to gather more in one camp than the other does. My Brothers be wise do not let anyone convince you to join one side or the other, weigh the sources, the evidence, look at their overall goal, look at what the end results will be and most of all look at what will be the effects of your actions with respect to the overall well being of the Lodge.

All too often Brothers are drawn into these situations without realizing what has happened, be aware that this can happen to you, more especially sometimes the Brothers are used, to be the lead of the issues they cannot even defend, while the wiser more deceitful Brothers lurks in the background savoring the moment. All the while, the Brother that has taken the lead is being disciplined, scorned and tried not only by the opinions of their Brothers but also by a trial commission of his peers.

Meanwhile your Mother Lodge cries in silent as she is being ripped apart by her own children. The very

same she raised, the very same she nurtured, the very same she guided to do better, than what they are doing now. Don't be like your other Brothers stand up, speak up, speak out and take your Mother Lodge's silent call, exercise Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice and see that above all the Lodge is triumphant.

Good Brothers must take a stand, let it be known that intolerance, selfishness, greed, misbehavior is not acceptable conduct among Masons, and that it is not compatible with the principles taught in Masonry in general and your Lodge in particular. Stand up, speak up, speak out and most importantly STAMP OUT this kind of behavior, we do not like it and we are not going to stand by anymore.



SURVIVAL KIT for FREEMASONS

By: Dennis A. Coltart, P.M.

Today, I will contemplate my presence here on earth and that my Creator has a purpose for my existence which may or may not always be clear to me, but will live by his Commandments in order that I might not spot or stain the character which has become me.

Today, I will strive to be a good citizen in the eyes of my neighbor, my community, the state and my country. I will revere my country's banner, honor its Constitution and laws, be grateful for the freedoms I enjoy and bear in mind that the right to those freedoms has cost in lives throughout the ages.

Today, I will remind myself that I am a Master Mason and that I have knelt at the altar and have taken an obligation upon myself and in the presence of those, my brethren, with my hands, my heart and my mind focused upon the Holy Bible, Square and Compass and to live and act in accordance with their moral and symbolic teachings.

Today, I will extend my hand to a worthy brother in distress, and to all persons knowing them to be one of God's children who is in need or suffering, and will require of them only the reassurance that they would act and perform the same should they find another in like situation as they themselves are and requiring no more or less of them.

Today, I will be more tolerant and cordial of those around me, and will abstain from being judgmental of those who are less fortunate than myself, but will encourage them to stand erect, to count their bless-

ings and to make the best of the life which God has so graciously given them.

Today, I will speak only positively about my fellow man and will cast away all criticism, animosity and jealousy that may offend, humiliate or otherwise degrade another's name, their heritage or their religion, keeping in mind that we are all made in the image of the Grand Architect of the Universe and through him we are all related.

Today, I will do whatever is required of me to perpetuate the existence of Freemasonry by being mindful of those who have not found it in themselves to seek more "light" about our gentle craft, its beginnings, its tenets, and its teachings. To offer up information to those who demonstrate a genuine interest and, who in my mind, are worthy to receive that "light".

Today, I will spend quality time with my family and provide for their happiness and welfare so that together we may support one another physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Today, I will pray to my God according to the dictates and customs of my chosen religion.

Today, I will support Freemasonry by attending a Symbolic Lodge and will endeavor to be an active, enthusiastic, and supportive member of the world's largest and oldest "Brotherhood of Man."



"A PENNY SAVED is a PENNY EARNED"

Poor Richard's Almanac (Bro. Ben Franklin)

From; Brother Ed Halpus

As one waits, sometimes impatiently, at a check-out line, you tend to notice the more mundane features of the area. Recently I pondered the significance of the ubiquitous change collectors customers use to put their extra pennies in. Unlike some innovations in our society, I doubt anyone can pinpoint where or when this relatively recent phenomena occurred. I am equally certain each of us have availed ourselves of this little 'bank' and either deposited a penny or two or withdrew same to make exact change for the cashier. Regardless of how or where this custom began, it's a good one.

The storeowner gives up a few square inches of counter space and in return potentially quickens the check-out process. Best of all, those who deposit or withdraw pennies either smile or display a sense of reso-

lution. You or I can easily join in this process as we discard excess pennies and/or grab one when we are 'short'. "Fine" you say, "nothing to argue about here but is this why I'm reading this today"?

What if we imagined that little container, sometimes a torn paper cup, other times a specially made, embossed container, was our Lodge Hall? Whether well worn or sparkling new, our Lodge Room can be that little container. Some of us coming to a particular Stated meeting seeking 'light', advice, a consoling arm, sharing a joy and the like. We need to withdraw a penny or two. Others are anxious to dispense good cheer, answer queries, give wise counsel or perhaps even constructive criticism. The over-riding principle however is that our Lodge has to be such a container if the mutual "give & take" can be fully achieved.

Does your Lodge serve that function of providing a 'bank' that is always full of change? "Change" in the sense that we make a depressed Brother whole, share the joys of others and answer concerns of yet more Brothers? And what of that occasional nickel or dime we see in such containers? When the Worshipful Master or a Committee chair is desperate for a volunteer to handle an unpopular chore, do we provide that nickel or dime by raising our hand? Conversely, when our personal life has taken a serious downturn: loss of a loved one, unemployment, poor health, etc., can we expect to find a nickel or dime in our Lodge room? Can we assume our Brothers will stretch their cable tows and give us the support we need just as we hopefully have done for them in the past.

Consider your next Stated Meeting and the enjoyable times just before the Opening & Closing as we share a meal or just converse. How many pennies and nickels do you see or hear proffered? How many are handed out with no sense of obligation of the 'return' of same?

Are there some "nickels and dimes" representing extraordinary needs or charity? Or is your Lodge merely going thru the motions of being an alleged working Lodge where Brothers successes and failures are not even shared much less addressed?

Can we resolve, this minute, to make our respective Lodges very active "change" collectors and dispensers? Would we not then be better Masons? So what is real Masonry? Perhaps this can be another definition: Masonry is a change collector. AND as we make "change" of the pecuniary kind, we also make "change" of the life-shaping kind! So mote it be.....

THE RIGHT THING TO DO

From 'The Maine Mason', Summer 2006

St. Aspinquid Lodge is a busy lodge performing outreach within and without the community. I am often asked why we do the things we do to help those in need. The most common answer I give is, "because it's the right thing to do." There are many other reasons of course why we are so active in our community. We formed a Square and Compass Club in 1998 because we had conducted a poll of our newest members to determine why they were not returning to lodge following their degree journey. The poll suggested Masons were looking to give back to their communities. Prior to 1998, there was not much happening in the way of activities in lodge other than meetings and a few scattered degree nights. The activities of the Square and Compass Club created a paradigm.

A paradigm is a breakthrough with tradition and with old ways of thinking. The interesting aspect of the paradigm shift at St. Aspinquid was that we never stopped to think about breakthroughs in tradition or of changing old ways of thinking. We were trying to save a "sinking ship" by offering activities of interest to our newest members. The paradigm evolved as we became active in doing what our Masons were seeking to fulfill their Masonic needs. It was only after a few years of success that we looked back to analyze the results of our plan for outreach that we realized a paradigm had occurred. The most significant thing we did to turn our lodge around was to change our attitude.

We used to wait for things to happen but today we make things happen. We used to defeat ideas readily but today we are brainstorming ways make ideas work. We used to conduct most of our business within the four walls of the lodge, but today we freely demonstrate our Masonry outside the four walls of the lodge. We used consider the good work of the lodge to be our delivery of ritual, but today we consider the good work of our lodge to be the demonstration of our tenets learned from our ritual.

The Pastor of my church made a statement that caught my attention. He said, "It's not good enough to just listen to my sermon and get a message, you need to consider applying that message between now and next Sunday." I see Masonry as analogous to this concept. We learn our Masonic tenets through our ritual and our education, but to be of value we must find ways to prac-

tice or demonstrate these tenets and principles. Our experience at St. Aspinquid Lodge indicates that young people in this generation are looking for meaningful activities. It behooves us to offer meaningful activities, or potential candidates will go elsewhere to seek doing good things.

What have been the results of the paradigm shift in St. Aspinquid Lodge? Well, for starters our Square and Compass Club is now called a Couples Club. It turns out our ladies are just as interested in doing good things as we are. The latest outreach activity was to put on a benefit fundraiser for a family in a neighboring community whose home was destroyed by fire. The family members were total strangers to us but they were in need. The men and women of our Couples Club planned an all day event which included breakfast, a bake sale, a quilt raffle, a 50-50 raffle, and a supper. Donations and attendees came from neighboring Masonic Districts, and the men and women of our Club enjoyed the "labor of love" while helping a family in need. There was a lot of pride in the dining hall as we presented the family nearly \$1,100.00 at lunch on 'One Day the Maine Way."

The second thing that resulted from the fundraising effort for the family whose home was destroyed by fire was a stronger appreciation by members of the community for the value of our Lodge. Many of the donations were made by non-Masons who expressed gratitude for our willingness to help. We also received three petitions for membership as a result of this outreach activity. This is just one example of the win-win results of doing good things. We average about two outreach activities per month and still hold around forty lodge meetings per year. The combination of formal lodge meetings and outreach activities has worked well for St. Aspinquid Lodge. In the past decade, 114 new members have signed our By-laws. This includes newly raised Masons and affiliates. Affiliates are joining in record numbers because they like what we do. Younger men are joining because they seek the opportunity to do worthwhile things.

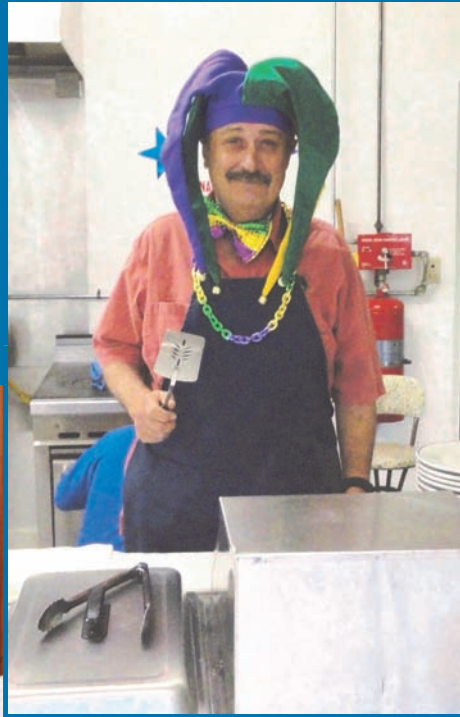
Since 1999 we have raised no less than 10 Master Masons per year. The past decade represents the fourth best period in membership gains and best period in gains of affiliates. Membership is in a steady growth. Between 1977 and 1997 the membership slipped. We are enjoying the fruits of practicing "The Right Thing to Do." Outreach is clearly a function of our success.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY DINNER

Thank You to all who attended our February Sunday Dinner. The theme of that dinner was Valentines Day with some Mardi Gras thrown in for fun.

Linda & Dean greeted our guests at the door and gave each a Valentine Day card, Mardi Gras beads and sweet Chocolate hugs and kisses candy.

Good food, good drink, great desserts with even greater fellowship was all available.





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SUNDAY DINNER MARCH 13th, 2011

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

Menu items:

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

*Boiled Potatoes & Vegetables, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll ,
Desserts (Sugar or Sugar Free / No Sugar Added) and Drinks*

Suggested donation \$8.00 per person, Children under 14 years of age \$4.00

PLEASE call the Lodge at 787-5696, or sign the guest list in the foyer, provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all. ALL MASONS, their families and friends are invited . *Dinner and Breakfast menu suggestions welcomed, just fill out a comment card.*



Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfast

7:30am to 9:00am

*Eggs, Pancakes, Sausages (Patty's or Links), Breakfast Potatoes,
Grits, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Toast, Fruit Cup,
Breakfast Desert, Coffee, Orange Juice*

Suggested Donation \$5.00

