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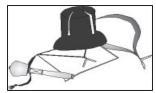
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**Activities & Awards** 

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

A special THANK YOU from all of us goes to Mrs. Jeanette Dunstan for all she has done for our Lodge. Mrs. Dunstan is moving from Leesburg in the near future and as such her presence at our Second Sunday Dinners will be greatly missed.

With her absence, we'll be in need of someone to take over the dining room decorating at our Sunday Dinners, any volunteers, please contact our Junior Warden Randy Jesmok.

We will be conducting a Master Mason Degree on Saturday, May 2nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. R.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida may be in attendance, his schedule permitting.

This is your opportunity to meet and welcome into our craft several new Master Masons.

Glad to report that during our last Lodge stated meeting, our Secretary, Brother Garth Philips reported that he had received over \$600 in donations for repairs to the commercial pass-through refrigerator. R.:W.: Ken Graves had issued a challenge to the brethren to donate



W.: Chuck White was at the Hawthorne Hall and had difficulty breathing - EMT'S arrived and ambulance called - W.: Chuck was transported to the Hospital and a heart stent was required. He is now home doing well. Do let us send W.: Chuck and Lady Marleen our best wishes, prayers and concerns.

R.:H.: Dennis Ricker was in LRMC with minor complications related to his heart surgery. He is home and doing well.

Ill. Garth Phillips was also in LRMC with problems related to his back. He too is recovering well.

If you know of anyone in our Masonic family that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep \$600.00 and he would match that amount, true to his word, he matched that amount. The refrigerator has been repaired, works great and is very quiet.

Congratulation goes to Junior Deacon Larry Duff, who during the Annual York Rite Convention received the Order of the Silver Trowel and was inducted into the Order of Anointed Kings. Congratulations also to Lady Brenda Duff (Brother Duffs wife) and Lady Linda Sever (Marshall Dean Severs wife) who were both inducted into the York Rite Social Order of the Beauceant.

Welcome to our newest fraternal Brothers. On April 18th, Brothers Michael Abendschein, Gary Borders, Peyton Grinnell and David Mass were initiated and passed to the FellowCraft Degree. Also passed to the FellowCraft Degree were Brothers Michael DeMers of Wildwood Lodge No. 92 and Brother Joe Shara of The Villages Lodge No. 394.

A number of brothers from both Wildwood and the Villages were in attendance.

I hope to see you at our next Stated Meeting.

#### From the Chaplain

W.: Wayne Parks

these brothers in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call 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:** Success in life comes not from holding a good hand, but from playing a poor hand well.

From the Great Light in Masonry; "He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity, and honor." Proverbs 21:21 NIV

"The price of greatness is responsibility." Brother and Prime Minister Winston Churchill 1874-1965

#### ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Forwarded by R.:H.: Dennis Ricker

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along, Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?

Do come to the meetings and help with hand and heart. Don't just be a member but take an active part.

Think this over, brother. You know what's right or wrong. Are you an active member, or do you just belong?



Words to live by: If you want others to be happy, practice compassion: If you want to be happy, practice compassion. *His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama* 



# Grand Chapter of Florida

#### Installs New Officers for 2009-2010

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida installed their officers for 2009-2010 on Wednesday, April 8th.

Most Excellent Companion Darryl A. D'Angina was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Companion Anthony J. Marotta, Jr. was elected and installed



as Grand King, and Right Excellent Companion Robert G. Kirkpatrick was elected and installed Grand Scribe. Right Excellent Companion Richard Foreman and Most Excellent Companion Steve Steele were elected to succeed themselves as Grand Treasurer and Secretary, respectfully.

#### Grand Council of Florida

#### Installs New officers for 2009 -2010

The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Florida installed their officers for 2009-2010 on Tuesday, April 7th.

Most Illustrious Companion Carl Gilmore was elected and installed as Grand Master, Right Illustrious Companion Howard Gardner was elected and installed as Deputy Grand



Master, and Right Illustrious Companion M. Danny Fullwood was elected and installed Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Most Illustrious Companion Richard Foreman and Right Illustrious Companion Steve Steele were elected to succeed themselves as Grand Treasurer and Recorder, respectfully.

#### Grand Commandery of Florida

#### Installs New Officers for 2009-2010

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida installed their officers for 2009-2010 on Monday, April 6th.

Sir Knight Ideal Baldoni was elected and installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles "Chic" Cicero was elected and installed as Very Eminent Deputy



Grand Commandery, Sir Knight David Aponte was elected and installed Eminent Grand Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Arthur "AJ" LaRose was elected and installed as Eminent Grand Captain General. Sir Knights Richard Foreman and Steve Steele were elected to succeed themselves as Eminent Grand Treasurer and Recorder, respectfully.



#### IDEAL OF A FREEMASON Bro. C.J. Jennings, Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 Madeira Beach, Fl. (Florida Mason Mag. March 2004)

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfils his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellow man without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger.

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honors virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favorer vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good! If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.



**REMEMBER THIS** 

From the Florida Mason Mag. November 2002



Merv Harris, Florida State High Twelve Association 3rd Vice President and his Lady Patricia. Bob Parker 1st Vice President Tri County High Twelve and his Lady Gerry. And Tri County High Twelve Masonic Representative Tom Wright and his Lady Bev, have been preparing the Sunday Dinners at Leesburg Lodge for nearly three years. All three Nobles also belong to Lake County Shrine Club in Tavares. Noble Merv is President of the club and Noble Tom is on the Board of Directors.

On the third Sunday of each month except June, July and August, these three Brothers and their Ladies prepare the Sunday Dinners to the delight of Lodge and High Twelve members and their family and friends.

When the "Kitchen Krew" start the meals each September they have about seventy-five people attend. During the remainder of the year approximately two hundred people enjoy the "Krew's" fine cooking at the dinners. The menu varies from Roast Pork or Beef to Baked or Sweet and Sour Chicken. Ham dinners are also a great favorite and the "Krew" will even throw in a special dinner every now and then. Other meals enjoyed by all are Kalbasa and Sauerkraut or Corned Beef and Cabbage. Pat Harris usually makes the desserts for each meal. Those attending dinner enjoy her Lemon Pie best, however she never has any complaints with any of the other pies or cakes she prepares.



## Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m.



# **York Rite Bodies** "A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"

#### 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 RM — Mildred Kronberg RP — Richard Keifer

Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. If you wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



## Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Paul Davidson

Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. If you wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 MASTER MASON DEGREE 9:00 AM
ę	<ul> <li>4</li> <li>Ocala Scottish Rite</li> <li>7:30 pm</li> <li>DeMolay Chapter</li> <li>7:30 pm at Eustis</li> </ul>	5 Coffee Klatch 8 am Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	Q	7 Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting at 7:30 pm	8 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	9 Tall Cedars—Meeting at 10:30 am
10 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Meat & Turkey Meat Loaf Scalloped Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Drinks and Deserts	11 Plantation Hi-Twelve Club #719 Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	12 Coffee Klatch 8 am Hawthorne HiTwelve Kunch Meeting and Business Session	13 Ocala York Rite Chapter 7:30 pm	14	15 Amaranth 1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	16 Open Books Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—3:00pm
17	18 Lake / Sumter DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Lodge	<ul> <li>19</li> <li>Coffee Klatch 8 am</li> <li>Stated Meeting</li> <li>7:30 pm</li> <li>Hawthorne HiTwelve</li> <li>Taste tempters 11 am</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> District Association Mt. Dora 7:30 pm	<b>21</b> Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters	22	23
24	25	26 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am	27 Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Tavares —7:30 pm	28	29	30 31—Monday

#### Symposium of Symbolism

#### By; Joseph Fort Newton

In its modern form at least, Masonry is a symposium of symbolism in which three streams or strands of faith unite, by which man is a Builder of a Temple, a Pilgrim in quest of a lost Truth, and, if he be worthy and heroic, a Finder of the sublime Secret of Life.

He is, first, a builder, taking the rough stones of the world and shaping them into forms of beauty, building upon the will of God, by His design, with His help, in His name; more, building with his fellow men, as our Brethren build cathedrals.

He is, second, a seeker, a pilgrim journeying from the West, a land of sunset and death, toward the East, the place of sunrise and Life; a pilgrimage of soul, affected, at least in this state of its journey, in the sandals of Human Nature—a long, weary road.

He is, finally, if he be worthy, a finder of the greatest Eternal Life here and now, while walking the secret man may know, whereby he is reborn to dim paths of earth and time. O my soul, remember, strive, persevere, and rejoice!



Our goal for 2009 is 60 sponsors, the sponsorship money will cover the cost of postage for 2009. That's 6 more than in 2007 and 23 more than in 2008, were at 40 just need 20 more sponsors.

**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

## Tee Up "Fore" The Kids

14<sup>th</sup> Annual — 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Golf Tournament Benefitting:







Saturday — May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Deer Island Country Club In the Middle of Beautiful Lake Dora at 18000 Eagles Way, Deer Island, FL 32778 More info: <u>www.boggycreek.org</u>, <u>www.deerislandgolf.com</u>

#### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

4 Person Scramble/No Handicap/Shotgun Start - \$60.00/person \$240.00/Team — A Portion of the Proceeds Donated to Camp Boggy Creek — Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Included — Putting Contest - \$10.00 Entry Fee – 50/50 Payoff — Skins Contest - \$20.00/Team – 50/50 Payoff – If No Skins Won, 100% to Proceeds

Grand Master's Trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

7:30am - Registration / Coffee & Donuts — 8:30am - Shotgun Start

Putting Contest Between Hole #18 & Hole #1 — Hole #8, Longest Drive Contest – Must be in the Fairway — Hole #13, Closest to the Pin Contest – Must be on the Green — Seniors and Ladies Play Number 2 of 5 Tees (Yellow Tees) - All Others Play 3 of 5 Tees (White Tees) - Lunch (included in \$60.00/person) Following Play— Awards Presentation, Contest Winners, and Silent Auction Following Lunch and Play.

#### YOUR INVITIATION

In May, the Grand Lodge will be holding its annual communication in Orlando and the 18<sup>th</sup> district would like to invite you to play in a golf tournament for the **GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY** which if won by a Mason, will be awarded at Grand Lodge.

The tournament will be held at one of the most beautiful courses in all of Florida, Deer Island Country Club in the middle of tranquil Lake Dora. Those who attend are guaranteed a wonderful day of fellowship, golf, and charity. The tournament will be held the day before the Grand Lodge Competition, Deer Island CC boasts 6 sets of magnificent Bald Eagles, a beautiful view of Lake Dora on many holes, challenging holes set in tranquil marshlands, many species of birds, and alligators ranging in all sizes. A day of golf at Deer Island is a unique experience that every golfer should enjoy at least once in their lives. Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, door prize, lunch, your donation to one of our local charities, your donation to the 18<sup>th</sup> district, and all the fellowship you can stand. We look forward to seeing you and showing you one of the prizes of central Florida. Information and sign-up packages in Lodge foyer.

You can visit the golf course on line at <u>deerislandgolf.com</u> for more information about the course. If you have any other questions please contact **Greg Jodarski at <u>gjodarski@netzero.net</u> or (407) 666-7392**.

# 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!

"Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakens." *Carl Jung* 

#### MASONIC VISION and MISSION STATEMENTS

#### By Brother Ed Halpaus

#### Grand Lodge Education Officer, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota AF&AM

The above quote, from the Apocrypha, is good advice for a happy life. A truism is that a happy life doesn't happen by accident; it comes about because of a person's values, life-goals, and choices; knowing and acting on what is important in life. Having a personal vision and mission statement is very helpful in planning for a happy personal and family life.

One very active Freemason, years ago, became disenchanted with his activities in Freemasonry; this caused him to evaluate what was important to him in his Masonic life. He secluded himself for this process of evaluation, so he could write out what made him happy in Freemasonry and what did not. The result was he wrote out his personal Masonic vision and mission statements.

Personal statements such as these are worthwhile to construct in many areas of life: A Personal Masonic vision statement answers the questions, 'Where do I want to go?' 'What can I do to enjoy Freemasonry more?' It talks about the future, and helps clarify hopes and plans; it's a reminder of what one is trying to accomplish: A personal Masonic mission statement answers the questions, 'Why am I a Freemason?' 'What is it that I enjoy in and about Freemasonry?

Personal statements like these differ from statements for groups; a group vision statement is never shared with the public, while a group mission statement is. Personal vision and mission statements are just that; personal, so they are never shared. A vision statement focuses on the future; a mission statement focuses on the present.

Writing a personal Masonic vision and mission

statement helps us focus on values and priorities as they apply to us as Freemasons, and how Freemasonry affects our personal life. Since writing his, our friend says he enjoys his Masonic life more now than he did decades ago.

Do you have a personal vision and mission statement for your Masonic life, as it relates to your personal life? These statements are a good way to determine what really matters to an individual in his life. Knowing what matters makes it easier to answer yes or no to the various opportunities that arise in Freemasonry, and its appendant and concordant bodies; based on their relationship to a Mason's vision and values.

These statements should represent a person's basic and true values: To be most effective a vision / mission statement should deal with four basic human needs: Economic; Social; psychological; and spiritual.

**Economic:** This involves the amount of money one is willing to commit to all areas of the Masonic Fraternity. The cause of stress for some people has been called the '3 T's of membership; time, talent, and treasure. A Mason may want to consider how much he is willing to commit in dues, (and in what Masonic groups,) so they will bring him the most enjoyment, (fulfillment,) in his various Masonic involvements.

**Social:** The social aspect involves the tithing of time, not just for the Mason but also for his immediate family. A Mason might consider where he and his wife feel the most welcome and enjoy themselves the most. He also might consider social activities that include his children; are there social activities that include them as well? Do they have a good time in a safe environment?

**Psychological:** This is where growth comes in. Growth involves learning the lessons Masonry has for its votaries, so they can be wiser, better, and happier. A question more and more Masons ask themselves is; does my Lodge teach them to those who want to know?

A motto, (or favorite saying) of Freemasonry is; 'We take in good men and make them better.' One Brother maintains that some Lodges, struggling with membership, attendance, and finances, aren't doing that; there are Lodges that don't do what they advertise and claim to do.

**Spiritual:** This involves being involved; being able to contribute our talents. Freemasons tend to be men who like meaningful participation; being able to use their talents in a way that will be helpful to the groups they are members of.

Some groups, both within and without Freemasonry, are very closed in the operations of the group: Such a group might like the member's treasure, and not be interested in his time and talent. Some Masons, when in such a group, will eventually find a group that is more open to involving all of the 3 T's of membership.

Vision and mission statements, with the principles and values (the compass and constitution) a person holds as valuable, are essential to happiness in the involvements in so many areas of life, because it helps him clarify what really matters. It's easier to say 'no' when there is a bigger 'yes' waiting in the future.

"A personal mission and vision statement does help a Mason in the enjoyment of his Masonic life." ERH

"In the light of his vision he has found his freedom: his thoughts are peace, his words are peace and his work is peace." Dhammapada

"Leaders must invoke an alchemy of great vision." Henry Kissinger



#### HOW APPEARS THE APRON

(From the Old Tyler Series) By Harley Johnson, Past Master

'Now, why do you look like a thunderstruck young man? 'Well, I just heard the Master's report on Grand Lodge. As far as the report went it was great. The votes on change on the by-laws went as expected, some were passed and others were held back for a year. But, those Lodge awards only went to Lodges close to the Grand Master. Has he forgotten those of us who live far away?

'Now do tell, What would you do with a award anyway other than walk up in front of all those people shake some ones hand and say "Thank You" and walk away and hang that piece of wood some where in the Lodge, or just put it in a Drawer somewhere. As for my self the only rewards I wish are those of providing for myself and family and being able to help Widows and Orphans.

There will come a time when I will be called from this land of sorrow to another of Light and joy. I can almost picture the dark man with the scythe cutting those last threads of life and my meeting with the Tyler of that Lodge not made with hands but Eternal in the Heavens.'

'He will rap on the door and his rap will be returned, He will be asked "if the one at the door is properly clothed" I hope he will pass the word that 'He stands here with his Apron' "How appears the Apron stained or not?" The answer; "There are some yes, but they are tears from widows and orphans who shed them on his Apron when he gave of his own to help them, they are from all those he helped while living in the vale of tears.'

"Let him wait while I inform the Most Worshipful Grand Master of us all, and will return with his answer" 'While I waited I re-lived all the things I had done, the errors of commission and omission, the thing I could have done better, and the things I did well, knowing I was not yet worthy of entering in. Than the answer came from within "Let him enter and be received in form;" 'with knocking knees and fearful heart I followed my guide to the Alter. There I looked up to see the Masters chair, I then Looked at my earthly Apron to find no stains just a 'Pure White Glowing Apron', and I heard the Master say "Enter in"

'There the picture ends, and I wake-up to the present knowing it was not yet my time, but knowing that earthly awards meant but little. Now you see why I do not worry about awards here but above. Now lets get that coffee and pie youngen' says the Old Tyler.



**LIKE A MAIDEN** George O. Thorne, Grand Master of New Mexico

Masonry is like a virtuous and beautiful maiden of many moods.

SHE IS QUIETLY RELIGIOUS - as when, mindful that she is a companion to religion and not a religion herself, she solemnly charges us never to engage in any great or important undertaking without first invoking the aid and blessing of Deity. SHE IS PROUDLY PATRIOTIC - as when, under the folds of Old Glory, she exhorts us to be quiet and peaceful citizens who are true to our government and who do not countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority.

SHE IS COY - as when, if only for a fleeting moment, she would give the appearance of levity, but instead dramatically proclaims her profound Lesson of Charity.

SHE IS RESOLUTE - as when she demands of each of us a strict obedience to her laws and to her obligations, under penalties sanctioned by ancient usage or modern jurisprudence, or when she calls us to the discharge of the Three Great Duties of a Freemason: To God, to our neighbors, and to ourselves.

SHE IS SCHOLARLY - as when, with patient and consummate skill, she leads us up the Winding Stairs to the Light and Wages of the Middle Chamber and stimulates within us a new and greater appreciation for the Liberal Arts and Sciences and their application to our daily living.

SHE IS DRAMATIC - as when, on the stage of symbolism, she unfolds that great and consoling Lesson of Immortality veiled in the life-death allegory of the Sublime Degree.

SHE IS MERCIFUL - as when, in inspiring

Prestonian literature, she reminds us that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices and exhorts us to ever be mindful of our obligations to all mankind.

SHE IS CONSTANT - as when she entreats us to be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet - at all times in all things, remembering to avoid all extremes in living -thinking which would impair our relationship with our God and with our fellowman.

SHE IS TENDER - as when, with misty eye, she watches while saddened Brethren gather about the bier of a departed Brother to redeem a solemn pledge and tenderly lay his Lambskin above his breast.

SHE IS COMPASSIONATE - as when she points to our constant duties to a distressed worthy Brother and to the widow and the orphan.

SHE IS PROUD - as when she proclaims the Goal for which she has steadfastly carried the banner for countless ages: The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Yes, Masonry is like a comely and virtuous maiden of many moods. She displays many more than these. But she never appears with such sedate beauty as when you and I, in our daily living, permit her to be seen by the world arrayed in all the queenly dignity of the Jewels of the Craft.





#### THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

Temperance

Prudence

Fortitude

Justice

#### MRS. JEANETTE DUNSTAN



We would like to say THANK YOU to Mrs. Dunstan for her years of cheerful service to our Lodge.

Mrs. Dunstan is leaving Leesburg, she will surely be missed.

At our April Second Sunday Dinner W.M.: Ecott presented Mrs. Dunstan with a plaque of appreciation.

Mrs. Dunstan and the Dunstan family have truly been a part of the





W.:M.: Richard Ecott, Mrs. Dunstan, SS Richard Cartier, JW Randy Jesmok & SW Don McIntyre, Sr.



foundation of our Lodge since 1922.

We will miss Mrs. D's decorating the dining room at each monthly dinner and her cheerful greetings to each person who attended.

On behalf of the officers and the membership of our Lodge, THANK YOU Mrs. Dunstan.

Richard fcott

Worshipful Master



W.:M.: Richard Ecott, Mrs. Dunstan & Senior Steward Richard Cartier



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W.:M.:Richard Ecott has purchased 150 coffee cups. These cups are black with a gold square and compass with Leesburg 58 embossed on them. These cups are available for a donation of \$7.00 each. W.:M.: Ecott has directed that <u>Your</u> donations will be deposited into the Charity Fund to fund charitable projects in 2009. Get one while they last and help someone in need.