

MAY 2010

# 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 2010

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	W.· Donald McIntyre, Sr. (Nina). 728-6954
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### Living Past Masters

Charles Porter	1959
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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*
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R.· H.· Dennis Ricker	2005/2007^
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\* Past DDGM

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### Board of Relief

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

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All Officers

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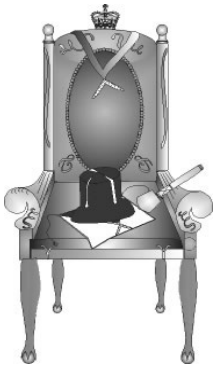
### Education

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

### Activities & Awards

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

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



## From the Worshipful Master

W. : Donald McIntyre, Sr.

Welcome to our youngest Entered Apprentice Masons, Brothers Eric Racine and Scott Driggers.

Congratulations to the following Brothers who received service awards, Robert Hersh, 60 years, Don Napier, 55 Years, Andy Sheffield, 50 years, and W. : Robert H. Smith, 40 years .

This month we share this short article,  
"The Stars We Think We See".

Freemasonry contains many references to the heavens and to the heavenly bodies, the sun, moon and stars. A few words about the stars is therefore, appropriate.

Any of us, looking into the heavens on a clear night, would say he saw millions of stars, and most of you may be astounded to be informed that we never actually see any of the stars we think we see.

What we actually see are rays of light sent out by those stars. The stars themselves are so many thousands, and millions, and billions of miles away that the rays we see tonight were on their way to us last night, or the night before that, or last week, or last month, or last year, or many years before that.

Some of the rays were on their way to us before Masonry was born. Some of the stars are so many billions of miles away that their rays have travelled day and night, at the speed of light, clear nights and dark nights, through generations, through centuries, through the rise and fall of nations, through the rise and fall of civilizations, since before the birth of Christ, since before the first stone was laid for the Great White Temple which crowned Moriah's Mount, in order to reach us. If stars were close enough to come within the range of our vision, their brilliancy would destroy us.

Scientists tell us rays of light still are reaching us from stars that ceased to exist hundreds, or thousands, or even millions of years ago.

The life of a human is but a moment in the span of time it takes the twinkle of a star to reach us. We live by rays of light produced by stars that have ceased to exist. Masons live by the bright rays of a Great Light produced twenty centuries ago, or more. Those who follow us *will be guided by what we have done, and we, who are here but a fraction of a moment, should hasten to start rays of Masonic light on their way* to Brethren who shall live a century, or a hundred centuries, or thousand centuries after we ceased to exist.



## From the Chaplain

Brother David Rosenthal

### Sickness & Distress:

Glad to see Brother Bill Ranquist at our April Sunday Dinner. Bill is doing better but still has a few medical issue to resolve.

*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 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.

**Words to live by:** Be the change you want to see in the world - Gandhi

**From the Great Light in Masonry;** "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow. Isaiah 1:16-20

**"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."**

Albert Schweitzer



## FROM THE SECRETARY

*By: Brother Dean Sever, Secretary*

We are a quarter of the way thru 2010 and we have 31 Brothers of our Lodge who have not paid their 2010 dues of \$67.30.

Please spare your Secretary sending out a letter to you stating this and costing the Lodge 44 cents of your dues and Secretary time that could be much better used. Leesburg Lodge does remain one of the best values for your Masonic membership dollars in the District. Each of you do receive the Lodge "Trestleboard" second to none in the state. Also each of your names is now on a list on the Lodge bulletin board in case you do not remember paying your dues or not.

If you do not have a 2010 dues card in your possession then you are probably one of the 31. Finally, check out all of the activities that are happening within your Lodge, there is something for every Mason from helping new Initiates, serving on committees, helping

our Youth organizations, visitation of our shut-ins, support of fund raisers and always a need for the continual care and maintenance of the facility.



## VETERANS MEMORIAL

*Don Van Beck, Executive Director*

There are over 37,000 veterans in Lake County and the Memorial Staff and Advisory Board wants to honor them with the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park. Situated on Fountain Lake directly across from City Hall in downtown Leesburg, this granite memorial will be 60 feet in diameter and 7 feet high and cover 2800 square feet. This will be one of the largest Veteran memorials in the Southeast.

Every Veteran who served during "wartime" from the Mexican Border War in 1916 through today is eligible to have his or her name engraved on the wall at *no charge*. Once construction begins there will be a \$15.00 charge for having a name engraved on the wall.

## "Ladies Night – Cooking Show"

May 18th, 2010      7:30 PM      In the Lodge Dining Room

W. · M. · Don McIntyre and the Officers of Leesburg Lodge No. 58, invite our Ladies, Ladies of Masonic Appendant and Concordant Bodies, and their friends to a evening Cooking Show.

Your hostess for the evening will be Dell Richards of the "The Pampered Chef" who will be your personal advisor to great recipes, cooking techniques and tips. You will be informed about budget friendly meals that cost as little as \$2.00 a serving to impressive appetizer and dessert recipes that make entertaining easy.



Get tips about Easy, Inexpensive, Good for you Foods, Increasing the YUM factor of your Foods, Saving Money, Stocking up the Freezer and much more. You'll also learn about products of the "The Pampered Chef"

We're turning over the kitchen to Dell for whatever she needs, She's doing some cooking, your doing the tasting. Deserts and drinks will also be available.

This evening is also our Lodges regular meeting night, so while he's in the next room, come and enjoy an evening designed just for you.

Please call the lodge and lets us know you're attending or sign a guest list in the Lodge foyer to ensure sufficient samples and desserts are available.

Reservations, please by May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

New names will be added to the Memorial twice a year. In addition there will be 12,500 bricks on the floor of the Memorial to honor those Veterans who did not serve during war time.



The Veterans of Lake County, who have given so much for our country, need your help to build this lasting Memorial. The Memorial Staff is actively recruiting volunteers to help in this project, so if you can spare several hours a week, please call 352-314-2100.

They are working to raise \$525,000 and look forward to you helping them. They are a non-profit corporation and your gift is tax deductible. Thanks for your support!

Visit the Veterans Memorial website at [www.lakeveterans.com](http://www.lakeveterans.com) for much more information and how you can make a donation to the Memorial.



## MOTHERS DAY

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

The modern **Mother's Day** is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in May, though also in March, as a day to honor mothers and motherhood. In the United States it was nationally recognized as a holiday in 1914 after a campaign by Anna Jarvis. In some countries, it follows the old traditions of Mothering Sunday.

Father's Day is a corresponding holiday honoring fathers. It was thought up in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, after listening to one of the early Mother's Day sermons.

Mothers day emerged from a custom of mother worship in ancient Greece, which kept a festival to Cybele, a great mother of Greek gods. This festival was held around the Vernal Equinox around Asia Minor and

eventually in Rome itself from the Ides of March (15 March) to 18 March.

The ancient Romans also had another holiday, Matronalia, that was dedicated to Juno, though mothers were usually given gifts on this day.

In Europe there were several long standing traditions where a specific Sunday was set aside to honor motherhood and mothers such as Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday celebrations are part of the liturgical calendar in several Christian denominations, including Anglicans, and in the Catholic calendar is marked as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent to honour the Virgin Mary and your "mother" church (the main church of the area). Historians think that children who served in houses were given a day off at that date so they could visit their family. The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place them on the church or to gift them to their mothers.

International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time in 28 February 1909, in the US. By that time Anna Jarvis had already begun her national campaign in the US, so it wouldn't be an antecedent but a contemporarian. It is now celebrated in many countries on March 8.

The "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe was one of the early calls to celebrate Mother's Day in the United States. Written in 1870, Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The Proclamation was tied to Howe's feminist belief that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.

As the US holiday was adopted by other countries and cultures, the date was changed to fit already existing celebrations honoring motherhood, like Mothering Sunday in the UK or the Orthodox celebration of Jesus in the temple in Greece. In some countries it was changed to dates that were significant to the majority religion, like the Virgin Mary day in Catholic countries, or the birthday of the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic countries. Other countries changed it to historical dates, like Bolivia using the date of a certain battle where women participated.

The United States celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. In the 1880s and 1890s there were several attempts to establish a Mother's Day, but they didn't succeed beyond the local level. The holiday was created by Anna Jarvis in Grafton, West Vir-

ginia, in 1908 as a day to honor your own mother. Jarvis wanted to accomplish her mother's dream of making a celebration for all mothers, although the idea didn't take off until she enlisted the services of wealthy Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker. She kept promoting the holiday until President Woodrow Wilson made it an official national holiday in 1914.

The holiday eventually became so commercialized that many, including its founder, Anna Jarvis, considered it a "Hallmark Holiday", *i.e.* one with an overwhelming commercial purpose. Jarvis eventually ended up opposing the holiday she had helped to create. Jarvis was derided and regarded as a lunatic, and was eventually committed to an asylum in 1944. Her bills there were paid by the Floral Exchange, a flower industry group pleased with the results her holiday had on their sales. She died in 1948, regretting what had become of her holiday.

In the United States, Mother's Day remains one

of the biggest days for sales of flowers, greeting cards, and the like; it is also the biggest holiday for long-distance telephone calls.



### SELECTED APHORISMS

from "The Book of the Lodge"

By; George Oliver (1782-1867)

III: As you are a Christian Mason, you must on all occasions study to perform the duties of Christian morality,



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 High Twelve No. 547** - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at Taste Tempters Pancake Inn on West Main Street in Leesburg.

**Leesburg High Twelve No. 424** - Meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Taste Tempters Restaurant on West Main Street in Leesburg.

**Mid-Florida 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 Hi Twelve No. 557** - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Golden Coral Restaurant on 441 in Eustis.

**Tri County Hi 12** meets 10:30 a.m. the 1st Wednesday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center in the Villages. Reservations for lunch must be made on 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.



which are comprehended under the triple category of God, your neighbor and yourself.

IV: The benefits to be derived from Masonry are well described by Ovid and Horace, when they say, - "Ingenuas didicisse fideliter artes emollit mores. Asperitatis et invidiae corrector et irae;" which may be translated thus: "To have learnt the liberal arts faithfully, softens the manners and operates as a fine corrector of ill-nature, envy, and anger.

V: To subdue the passions has been the universal aim of all mankind. All have placed their hopes upon it; and hence sprang the first idea of the Γνωθι Σεαυτον (Know Thyself), which was inscribed on the portal of heathen temples, that it might prove a stimulus to virtue, of which it was the first lesson, and lead to the desirable consummation, in which all excellence was blended, of subduing the passions.

VI: If you intend to pursue the study of Masonry to any beneficial result, it is indispensable that you attend the Lodge regularly. This is your apprenticeship, and without it you will never become a bright Mason. There is no royal road to science.

XI: Be always obedient to the Chair. Obedience is a

virtue of the greatest importance to your own character as a Mason, and to the general welfare of the Lodge. Without obedience Wisdom would be inoperative, Strength would lose its power, and Beauty its grace; and confusion and discord would soon banish the occupants of the holy ground.

XIII: During the period when serious business occupies the attention of the Brethren, you must not leave your seat, or engage in conversation with your neighbors, not even in whispers; neither should you move the chair or bench on which you are seated, or make any other noise to disturb the Master or his Officers in the orderly execution of their respective duties. Silence is the leading characteristic of a well-regulated Lodge. I have known many good Lodges spoiled for want of a due attention to these trifling particulars.

LVII: How many disputes arise out of trifles! And how greatly would they be diminished if everyone would deliberately ask himself this question -- whether is it better to sacrifice a point which is of no value, or to lose a friend more precious than rubies?



## *SUNDAY DINNER*

*May 9th, 2010*

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



*All Ladies attending our May Sunday Dinner will receive a Rose as our appreciation of who you are and all you do !!!!.*

*Bring the family and have a Lasagna dinner with us.*

*All Masons, their families, friends and guests are invited to our Monthly Second Sunday Dinners and every Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch & Breakfast.*

Please call the Lodge at 787-5696, or sign the guest list in the foyer, and provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all, we don't want to turn anyone away.



## Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday May 3rd at 7:00 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 Marylu Stewart – Worthy Matron

W ∴ Roland Gibson — Worthy Patron

**Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.**

If you are a member of the OES and wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



## Order of Amaranth, No. 34

Royal Matron — Jane Clause    Royal Patron — Peter Plate

**Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.m.**    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.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout troop 1 7:30pm	Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recrea- tion Center, The Villages 10:30am	Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting at 7:30 pm		Tall Cedars, No. 200 at Leesburg 10:30 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Lasagna, Meat or Turkey, Salad, Dessert and Drinks	Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12 meets at Mid- Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30 am Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters 11:00am	Ocala York Rite Chapter Meeting Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks Restaurant		Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Night	District Association Leesburg 7:30 pm	Tavares Hi-Twelve Golden Coral Eustis 11:00 am	Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters 11:00am	Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Wildwood 7:30 pm	Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters 9:00am		
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## CHIPS FROM THE CHISEL

“Every man is the builder of a temple, called his body, to the god he worships, after a style purely his own, nor can he get off by hammering marble instead. We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones.”

Henry David Thoreau

“We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. The third is freedom from want.... The fourth is freedom from fear.”

Brother and President Franklin D. Roosevelt; 32<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States of America.



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# 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.



## 15 QUALITIES of a MASTER MASON

*By; Bro Steve Grant*

1. Master Masons do not have selfish interests. All they do, say, and think is for the welfare of others.
2. Vanity is dead for them. They see themselves as they are and do not pretend to be something other than what they are.
3. Anger is no longer their master. They have found that anger is a defense mechanism of the ego.
4. They are not the slaves of possessions. Money, homes, cars, clothes, books, TV's are not evil in themselves; it is being a slave to them that is a problem.
5. Master Masons are not afraid to act with courage in their convictions. If they have a fear, they act to overcome it.
6. A Master Mason is always a real person. He does not care what others think of him, but he constantly cares for the welfare of others.
7. He sees the viewpoints of others. He listens and thinks about what others are saying so as to understand them.
8. His emotions are always positive. If hate or anger try to control him, he finds love and understanding and lets them bloom instead.
9. He uses his imagination for creative, not destructive purposes. He imagines how he is going to respond instead of react to events.
10. He does not belittle or slander others. His job is to see that anything that comes from his mind, emotions, or mouth is the highest it can be for him.
11. Each day he aligns himself with his inner teacher. He does this by spending a few quiet minutes to allow himself to be healed of his vices and shortcomings.
12. All his actions have as their basic animating energy the power of Love. Even when he acts as a war-

rior to destroy darkness and evil, it is with the support of love and freedom.

13. He always has a vision. His vision comes from his heart, and because this is so, it always includes humanity.
14. His actions, feelings and thoughts are in harmony with the teachings of ageless Wisdom. He is always acting in the best interests of all concerned, and his daily life is an example of sanity and balance.
15. He is never fanatical. He is sane, normal, and healthy.

The most interesting idea about the Master Mason is that he is one who is an example of integration. Integration means that his mind, emotions, and body all work together and not against each other.

A true Master Mason has glimpsed the eternal and unchanging reality of life. He sees all things as necessary in the Great Plan for unfolding the hidden potential of all creation.

As such, mortality and its illusion are overcome by him. As he lives in the eternal, his life reflects that eternal consciousness.



## MASONIC ETIQUETTE

*Grand Lodge of Florida*

*The Lodge System of Masonic Education*

*Over the past two years we have included in our Trestle Board sections relating to Masonic Etiquette, this is the last of those lessons. The Grand Lodge of Florida has set forth a "The Lodge System of Masonic Education" periodically we each should review the lessons included. If you do not have a copy, please see the Lodge Secretary.*

## ADDRESSING THE CHAIR, Page 1

The rules of order in Freemasonry do not permit discussion, during a communication, among members. The member who has anything to say to the Lodge, whether it be to enter discussion or to make or second a motion, must rise to his feet and address the Worshipful Master.

### **BROTHER AS A TITLE, Page 3**

In usages of Freemasonry, "Brother" is neither a sentimental nor familiar form of address, but is a title-as much so as Worshipful, Right Worshipful or Most Worshipful, and must always be used as such. A man does not attend a Lodge Communication in his capacity as a private individual. He is not just Joe, or Bill or John, but is there in his capacity as a Mason. For this reason one should never in open Lodge refer to "BillB", but always to "Brother B." in the same literal sense as any other office in the Lodge or Grand Lodge.

Always address a Grand Lodge Officer at any Communication by his correct title and he in turn must show the same courtesy to other Grand Lodge Officers present as well as to the Worshipful master and to the Brethern of the Lodge. This rule of etiquette should be punctiliously observed, no matter what ties of family or friendship may exist.

### **DISSCUSSION IN LODGE, Page 4**

All sectarian discussion, all argument or statement pro or con as to the merits of civil politics, or any given religion or theological creed, of racial questions, or private business, or of any other non-Masonic subject by which Masons might be divided into classes, feuds, schisms, or opposed schools, is at all times forbidden.

It is strictly forbidden to discuss a petitioner or for a mason to reveal how he has voted or in any way seek to persuade members to vote one way or another on a petitioner.

All uses of personalities, all expressions of bitterness or ill will, acrimoniousness, and all or any slurs upon the Lodge or its officers, Grand Lodge or its officers, and the Fraternity itself, and all flippant, unseemly, or discourteous remarks addressed to the Lodge or to its officers are condemned alike by the principles of common courtesy and etiquette and by the disciplinary laws of the Craft.

This is not to say that a master mason, particularly one who has acted as a Representative of the Grand Lodge, should not inform the Craft fully and completely as to what has taken place in Grand Lodge. Such a Report can be rendered truthfully and with dignity and without the use of personalities, and this rule, of course, should always be observed.

A Brother wishing to participate in a discussion in open Lodge should always rise and address the Worshipful Master. He should speak on the subject at issue in the fewest possible words, not using his privilege of

the floor as an opportunity to deliver a speech merely for its own sake. (Also see speeches)

### **ORDER IN THE LODGE ROOM, Page 12**

By order in Lodge is meant that all members present behave in a seemly manner, the discussion and conduct of business is carried on in accordance with the laws of Grand Lodge, the Lodge By-Laws, and the will of the Worshipful Master. Ceremonies are conducted in due form. All gestures of courtesy and respect are given, no loud talking, jesting, or unnecessary moving about are permitted, and harmony and dignity prevail.

### **SPEECHES, Page 16**

All speeches of a controversial, sectarian or political nature should be prohibited, since such speeches are certain to destroy harmony and introduce discord within the Lodge. A speaker who disregards this admonition is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette and is subject to severe criticism and condemnation.

There is another point on which it is embarrassing to say anything since it involves morals as much as etiquette, but there have been occasions to suggest the propriety of mentioning it here. This has to do with stories told by speakers. Anything of a questionable character, anything of an "off-color" nature is, under such circumstances, a triple affront to the gentlemen present; an affront to the Grand lodge itself, if there represented; and an affront to the Grand Master, in person and to his office, if he be present.

*Also the Deity is thereby insulted. If we are Masons, we believe in God. If we believe in God, then of course we believe that He keeps His promises. He has promised that: "Where two or three are gathered together in thy Name, Thou wilt be in their midst and bless them." In our opening ceremonies, our Chaplin invokes the presence of Deity in his opening prayer. Then with Deity present in our midst, by our invitation, and with His Holy Bible open upon our Alter, some thoughtless or uninformed Mason will tell "off-color" and even vulgar stories, thinking that thus they make themselves popular with the Craft when, in fact, all thinking Masons who hear them, thereby correctly regard them as buffoons who do not understand what Masonry really means or stands for.*

In the course of Masonic speeches, clean, humorous stories are not only appropriate, but usually desirable, since they make the occasion more enjoyable. It is not necessary, or is it good taste to resort to "off-color"

vulgar stories that affront the Craft and insult Deity Himself, who is always present as our invited guest.

This rule of etiquette applies not only to the tyled Lodge, but to all occasions where the Craft assemble in their capacity as Masons, such as banquets or other public meetings, and especially if there be profanes or ladies present, when it is more necessary and required that dignity and perfect courtesy be observed.



### **"Das Vergissmeinnicht, The Forget-Me-Not"**

*From the Grand Lodge of Iowa*

Masonry has long used symbols to teach its valuable and important lessons. Every Mason is familiar with their usage. One of the most recent symbols that are associated with Masonry is the blue Forget-Me-Not flower. During the early 1930s, this delicate, little, five-petaled flower, which is similar to the common violet, became a symbol of Freemasonry in Nazi Germany and exemplified the spirit, dedication, and courage of men who literally held to their Masonic principles and beliefs in the face of gravest danger.



Shortly after Adolph Hitler came to power in 1933, he issued two decrees. One provided for Nazi control over the educational process. The second made membership in a Masonic Fraternity a crime. Hitler viewed Freemasonry as part of "the Jewish conspiracy" and wanted it eradicated. At that time there were 85,000 Masons in good standing in Germany. Adolf Eichman, who would later play an important role in Hitler's "final solution," raided the Grand Lodge of Germany and confiscated all of their records including the names and addresses of 80,000 German Masons. Lodge property was confiscated and Eichman secretly issued orders that Masons should be put to death. His orders were followed.

The remaining 5,000 German Masons whose records were not found, immediately went underground hiding their records, lodge paraphernalia, and identifying jewelry. Active Freemasonry in Germany ceased to exist.

In 1934, members of the German Grand Lodge of the Sun (one of Germany's pre-war Grand Lodges)

began wearing the blue Forget-Me-Not instead of the traditional square and compass on their lapels as a mark of identity for Masons. This was a Masonic secret that was never broken. Throughout the whole era of Nazi domination, little blue Forget-Me-Nots appeared on lapels in cities and even in concentration camps, worn by brothers whose love of freedom, learning, and Freemasonry remained strong even under repressive Nazi rule.

*(It may be an apocryphal legend, but it is often said the Forget-me-not was an ironic choice, in that it was believed to be Hitler's favorite flower! Who would suspect someone who wore one in his lapel?)*

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth by Past Grand Master Beyer, a pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was adopted as an emblem of that first annual convention by those who had survived the bitter darkness of the Nazi era and were now able to openly rekindle the light of Freemasonry.

In 1948, the first Convent of the United Grand Lodges of Germany also adopted the pin as an official Masonic emblem honoring those brothers who had been forced to shelter the light of Freemasonry within but dared to wear the little flower openly. The tradition of using the blue Forget-Me-Not as a tribute to those whose fidelity to the Fraternity sets them apart was also used by the Masonic brotherhood of the blue Forget-Me-Not that recognizes the contributions of Masonic educators.

Although Adolph Hitler was able to destroy the outward vestiges of Freemasonry by desecrating temples and imprisoning or murdering Masons, he was never able to completely eradicate Freemasonry in Germany. He was never able to understand that respect for individual rights and the love of liberty and learning will continue to burn in the hearts of some men, and that is the place where Masonry can endure even under the most repressive environment. Like the phoenix, Masonry rose out of the ashes of Nazi Germany (as it is also doing in several former communist block countries) as a tribute to the courage of man and the durability of those values and lessons that Masonry holds dear.



### **THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN**

Masonic lodges are dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

St. John the Baptist has been the patron of Freemasonry since the earliest writings of the craft. He was also the patron of many other organizations that had early effects on the formation of Masonic thought.

St. John the Evangelist was selected as a patron saint of the craft at a later period, not earlier than the 16<sup>th</sup> century; slightly before the organization of modern Masonry, as we know it.

In the medieval period of operative masonry, St. Thomas was the patron saint of architects and builders, and thereby of operative masons. He was available to our modern fraternity, but the Saints John was selected.

The personal attributes and teachings of the St.'s John exemplify Masonic teaching and practice. St. John the Baptist is well known for his personal integrity which induced him, under the most adverse circumstances, to adhere to the obligations he felt he owed to God and to his fellow-man. While continually reproving vice, even to the king, he also preached of repentance and the need for a virtuous life. (Read - Luke 3:2-14) His adherence to his convictions cost him his life.

St. John the Evangelist continually admonished his followers and readers to the cultivation of brotherly

love. The entire thread of his Gospel and Epistles is that of the need for brotherly love. He over all other Saints and Disciples was allowed to witness many mystical visions. Possibly he was permitted this additional light because his spirit was in a condition to understand and utilize the light for the betterment of his fellow men. This he endeavored to do. The First Epistle of John is Masonic teaching in its purest form. While the need for brotherly love has existed since before the time of Cain and Abel, nowhere in the Bible is the formula given so clearly for this requirement than in the teachings of Jesus as detailed by St. John the Evangelist.

With the foregoing in mind, it is very easy to understand why those two Saints were chosen to exemplify Masonic teaching and practice. It is also interesting to consider that no two individuals were more dissimilar in their personal characteristics and appearance, which in itself can convey a valuable lesson.



## 18th MASONIC DISTRICT EVENTS

**Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 - PICNIC**

**PICNIC at Hickory Point Park in Tavares, from Noon to 4:00 pm.  
FREE Food and Drinks. Live Entertainment. Gus the Camel. Boat Rides. Invite your Family & Friends, all Masons, all Appendant and Concordant Masonic Bodies WELCOMED.**



**Saturday, May 8th, 2010 - 15th Annual Golf Tournament**

**Nationally Ranked Mission Inn's Las Colinas Course**

**for the Grand Masters Trophy**

**\$75.00 per person includes Hot Buffet lunch and much more.**

**Tournament Information available on our Lodge website OR**

**For more information contact: W.: Barry Rosenthal at 352-267-6483**





Our April Second Sunday Monthly Dinner celebrated Easter, bunny ears and flower hats were the dress of the day by the kitchen crew. Thank You to the over 100 who attended, we hope to see you at our May Second Sunday Dinner, where we will celebrate Mothers Day. Wonder what the crew will be wearing?





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**SUNDAY DINNER — MAY 9th, 2010**

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

*Menu items :*

***LASAGNA (Meat OR Turkey)***

***Veggie, Garlic Bread or Dinner Roll, Salad***

***Deserts (Sugar and Sugar Free) and Drinks***

Suggested donation \$8.00 per person.



Please call the Lodge, or sign the guest list in the foyer, and provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all. **All Masons, their families, friends and guests are invited** to our Second *Sunday Dinners and Tuesday breakfasts*. *Menu items subject to change due to availability and cost.*

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



**HELP THE CHARITY FUND  
 LEESBURG 58 COFFEE CUPS**

W.· Richard Ecott (Jr. Past) purchased 150 coffee cups. These cups are cobalt blue with a gold square and compass and Leesburg 58 embossed on them. The cups are available for a donation of \$7.00 each. Your donation will be deposited into the Charity Fund for charitable projects by the Lodge. Get one while they last and help someone in need.