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# Trestle Board

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

## Officers for 2009

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	W: Richard Ecott ..... 323-3569
Senior Warden	Donald McIntyre, Sr. (Nina) ... 728-6954
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Treasurer	R: W: Ken Graves (Jean) ..... 787-9538
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	<b>Lodge</b> ..... 787-5696
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Junior Deacon	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 728-5270
Senior Steward	Richard Cartier (Frances) ..... 315-1886
Junior Steward	Jim Angelos ..... 728-6188
Tyler	Saul Goodkin (Joanne) ..... 483-7406
Chaplain	W: Wayne Parks (Donna) ..... 787-6501
Marshal	Dean Sever (Linda) ..... 787-6667
Organist	W: Ronald J. Cottman (Cele) . 365-1944
Lodge Instructor	R: H: Dennis Ricker (Ginny) . 314-0828
Trestle Board	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 874-2164
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Lodge Historian	R: W: Joseph T. Price ..... 787-0652



### Active Past Masters

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

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Garry Lee
Clifford Moore
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Edwin Robbins
Robert L. Welch
Forest Case*
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Barry Rosenthal
Wayne Parks
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M:W: Joseph Brearley

^ Past District Instructor

\* Past DDGM

## 18th Masonic District

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

## Committees for 2009 and Members

### Board of Relief

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

### Property

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

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W: Tom Russell, W: Ed Davison, Larry Duff

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### Funeral

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

### Petitions

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### Catechism

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

### Greeters

All Officers

### Scholarship

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

### Investments

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

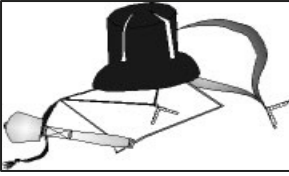
### Education

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

### Activities & Awards

Chairman John Patterson, Dick Frazier, Cliff Frazier

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



## From the Worshipful Master

W.: Richard Ecott

I recently read about a word of a Master Mason! Armed with the word, our past brethren were recognized, honored, and welcomed around the world. They were leaders in and of their communities. Every town had a Masonic Lodge in its center, and every city had their Lodges packed end-to-end.

Masons fed the hungry, clothed the naked, housed, educated, and protected the orphan. Our historic brethren were the cream of their communities. They knew who they were, and everyone else knew who they were. All because of a single word! Have we as Masons forgot this word. Does it get passed on? Are our new Masons learning it?

The word was a part of the foundation that Masonry was built upon. It is a part of the organization. Although the word may have disappeared from the minds of some Masons, there it lies until future generations should discover it.

"RELEVANCE" my Brothers, is one of words of the Master Mason.

Is our Fraternity relevant? Do we do good work, that attracts new Masons and retains our current masons.. Do we help the poor, aid the desper-

ate? The past proves we did it together and we did it well!

If we're wondering about declining membership, we ought to try to see ourselves the way they see us. What do we as Masons do that is relevant to the people in our community?

What sets Masonry apart from other organizations? At the moment, our best answer may be: Secrets! Big Secrets! Big Important Secrets!

Men seem to be joining us today because they want to join a social club, and they've heard of Freemasonry's glorious past. They come to us wanting social opportunities - both for themselves and for their families. They also want opportunities to serve their communities - they want to get their hands dirty, they want to learn to become better leaders, and they want to eventually try their hands at leading.

They come to us because they want us to provide them with the opportunities to meet, serve, and lead - and, if our Fraternity's going to continue, we're going to have to provide them with those opportunities. That is being relevant and that is our challenge.



## From the Chaplain

W.: Wayne Parks

Brothers and Sisters mentioned as being ill were Grover Brown, Cele Cottman, Lil Anders, Ann Westfall, Rita Neilson, William Thomas and James Mahoney. Please keep these Brothers and Sisters in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

*If you know of anyone that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep all our brothers in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS** — We extend to all who have birthdays this month our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy celebration of your birthday. If you can't party it up this year makes plans for next year.

**Words to live by:** Anger is a poison that, left untreated, has the capacity to destroy the very closeness we seek from our family, friends, and co-workers.

**From the Great Light in Masonry;**  
"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." Psalm 133: 1-3

**"When we are not honest, we are cut off from a significant resource of ourselves, a vital dimension that is necessary for unity and wholeness." Clark Moustakas**

## **DID YOU KNOW**

### **THE BONE BOX**

*By; William Fischer*

In the early lectures of the last century, now obsolete, these questions were used as a test:

Q - Have you any keys to the secrets of a Mason?

A - Yes

Q - Where do you keep them?

A - In a bone box, that neither opens nor shuts but with Ivory Keys.

The bone box is the mouth, the Ivory Keys the teeth, the key to the secrets is the tongue.

## **I AM PROUD TO BE A MASON**

*By; Seymour Atlas*

I shall never forget my first thought as I made my initial entrance into the Masonic Lodge that conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on me, and followed with the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees. I was immediately made to feel that I was surrounded by Brothers. I felt there were no strangers present. This was one big family that seemed to have adopted me, and I, in turn, was elated to adopt them as my family.

My horizon of Masonry expanded, and my pride and joy were bubbling and effervescent. I couldn't wait to be able to confer the Degrees on others as there was so much I wanted to explain and elaborate about each Degree.

I was offered this opportunity and immediately began to study and memorize many parts, and over the years I became very active, holding office, lecturing, and taking an active part in every phase of Masonry where my talents and abilities could be used. One aspect of Masonry that has made a great impression on me was the ability of all Brothers, regardless of religion, to ask me why did I need Masonry as a Rabbi, because my profession was one of integrity, kindness, honesty, and all the attributes expounded in Masonry. It was difficult for many to grasp my need for this addition and supplement to religion. I worked with men of different religions, as well as of the Hebrew faith, and they were all impressed when I would say that Masonry is not a religion, but to be a Mason we had to believe in God, and if this was the only aspect of our religion and we had no other formal religion, yet we adhered to all the moral teachings of Masonry; this too would have

put us in the category of men of integrity. However, Masonry is not a substitute for religion, nor is it a religion.

My experience has shown that Masons are, for the most part, deeply religious men. I am proud to be a Mason and a part of an organization that is devoted to helping, without question or embarrassment, widows, orphans, and those in need.

I am proud to be a Mason and to be a part of a Fraternity dedicated to the upholding of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the freedom of mankind and the sanctity of human life.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the dignity of God's children and opposes hatred and bigotry, and stands for truth, justice, kindness, integrity, and righteousness for all.

I am proud to be a Mason and shall always be happy to number myself among those who uphold those cardinal principles and moral standards of life that are so needed if our organization is to continue on the high level that has been its character from its inception. May God grant it continued strength to go, to grow, and to glow so that I and all Masons can exclaim: "I am proud to be a Mason!"



## **WORLDS OLDEST MASON**

*Blake Gardiner, PM Helena MT*

With the passing of a Mr. Allingham, in England; Worshipful Brother Walter Bruening of Great Falls Montana became the world's oldest man.

By default that also means Worshipful Bro. Walter is the worlds oldest Freemason; born September 21, 1896.

He joined Great Falls, Montana Lodge No. 118 in 1925. He served as Worshipful Master in 1934 (75 years as a Past Master!-while it makes him the oldest Past Master, I cannot verify whether that would make him the most senior Past Master, but I suspect he would have to be pretty close. Walter became a 33° Degree Scottish Rite IG(H) in 1958. He is active and sharp as a tack.



## NEW PHONE TREE SERVICE



Leesburg Lodge is setting up a phone tree service. What is a phone tree? A phone tree is a network of people organized in such a way that they can quickly and easily spread information amongst each other.

Phone trees are especially common among parents, who often want to be able to communicate quickly about canceled events and other issues, and they are also used by a variety of other groups as well.

Setting up a solid phone tree takes time, but many people feel that it is well worth the effort, since the phone tree can be used again and again.

Our Lodge phone tree will allow us a method of communicating Lodge communication meetings, breakfasts, dinners, degree dates, called communications, deaths and special events occurring at the Lodge.

*This phone tree will be for Lodge business only and will not be made available for anyone else's use.*

**VERY IMPORTANT**—The Lodge needs your help, by this issue the Lodge has tested this system twice, if you did not receive a telephone call, please call the Lodge and update your phone number so we can add or correct the phone tree list. If you got a call and want to be *removed* from the phone tree list, call the Lodge and let the secretary know and your name will be removed from the call list.

Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland:

"OLD MASONS NEVER DIE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN TO FIND OUT WHY"

## OCALA YORK RITE BODIES FALL FESTIVAL

**"A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"**



The Ocala York Rite Bodies will hold their fall membership festival on the following dates. If you are interested in membership in this York Rite Body contact Brother Larry Duff or Brother Dean Sever.

September 2nd, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, "Companion Bring a Brother Night", this is an evening to meet the companions of the Ocala

York Rite Bodies and a short program explaining our Fraternity, light refreshments will be served.

September 26th, Saturday, 8:00 am, the four degrees of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be conferred.

October 14th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, the two degrees of the Council of Royal & Select Masters will be conferred

October 28th, Saturday 8:00 am, the first two degrees of the Commandery of Knights Templar will be conferred.

And on October 31st the last Commandery Degree the, Order of the Temple, will be conferred.



## OCALA SCOTTISH RITE Fall Festival Update — Date Change

*By: Ill. Garth Phillips*



Please note date changes to the Fall membership Festival of the Ocala Scottish Rite.

The dates for this festival have been changed to Saturday, October 17th and Sunday October 18th 2009.

The festival will be held at the Scottish Rite Center in Ocala. The Villages and Leesburg Lodges continue to grow and bring more members to The Ocala Scottish Rite and are located close to the Ocala Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Their growing support is noticed by the number of members and their ladies that attend the monthly stated Scottish Rite meetings and their participation in performing the Degrees at our semiannual Reunions. Lake County Masonic support is also noted in our membership growth and their support for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida.

Although there are many contacts for information, here are some active Scottish Rite Members to introduce you to Ocala Scottish Rite:

Ill Norm Anders, 33, Villages Lodge @ 787-6808  
Ken Hamilton, 32, KCCH, Leesburg @ 753-7609  
Glenn Bryan, 32, Leesburg Lodge @ 787-3533  
Ken Graves, 32, Leesburg Lodge @ 787-3538  
Ill Garth Phillips, 33, Leesburg Lodge @ 753-4143

## UNITY OF LODGES IN ACTION

W.: Bob Knott (PM) & Secretary, Bellaire Lodge No. 398—via Brother Fred Nielson

Here's one of those stories that's sad due to a fire but jubilant because of the unity displayed by Brethren of two Lodges. This is a shining example of Masonry in action and a lesson for us all.

Bellaire Lodge No. 398 original lodge building burnt to the ground a few years ago. The lodge brothers from Bellaire and nearby Central Lake built a new building on a wooded site outside of town using mostly Masonic labor.

Bellaire is a village in the State of Michigan.



As of the 2000 census, the village population was 1,164. It is the county seat of Antrim County. The town has a very scenic main street, and is a popular location for tourists.

Bellaire is also home to the Antrim County Courthouse, a historic structure built in 1905. The Antrim County Review, the county's main newspaper, was headquarter in Bellaire before the paper went out of business.

Bellaire Lodge had an open house for the general public on the 8th of August and the Grand



Lodge of Michigan had a formal dedication on August 22, for the membership.



## WIDOWS SONS MASONIC MOTORCYCLE RIDING ASSOCIATION

The Craftsman Chapter of the Widows Son Masonic Motorcycle Riding Association is having a reorganization meeting and membership drive on SUNDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 4TH, 2009.

The meeting will be at the home of R.:H.: Dennis and Ginny Ricker located at 2038 Lewis Road in Leesburg. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m., with hamburgers, hot dogs, beans and chips being served from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

If you are a Mason (EA, FC or MM), ride a motorcycle of at least 500cc and enjoy riding with other Masons you are eligible for membership.

The Widows Sons are an international Masonic Riding Association (not a club) consisting of Masons who are in Good Standing with their Blue Lodge. Included are wives and ladies. We are just Masons riding with other Masons and their families.

All brands of Bikes are welcome including Sport Bikes. We have annual gatherings where Widows Son from all over the country get together for 3-4 days of fun and Masonic fellowship. A annual rendezvous in Florida for all 17 Florida Chapters is held, annual charity rides and we ride in local events and support Freemasonry in any way we can.

If this sounds like something you're interested in, join Dennis and Ginny Ricker at their home on October 4th. If you plan to attend call Dennis or Ginny at 352-314-0828 or Dennis' cell 352-455-7083 and let them know your coming so enough food is prepared for all

## I AM FREEMASONRY

*From; W.: Barry Rosenthal*

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when man first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true.

The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry.

In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my altar is the Book of Holy Writ and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I will accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain.

I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphan's cry, the widow's tears, and the pain of the old and destitute.

I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves.

They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties, and alert to lurking danger.

At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe.

Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I am freemasonry.



## CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

From the earliest times the oral instructions of Freemasonry have been communicated in a catechetical form.

Each degree has its peculiar catechism, the knowledge of which constitutes what is called a bright Freemason.

The catechism, indeed, should be known to every Freemason, for every aspirant should be thor-

oughly instructed in all the degree to which he has attained.

Many Freemasons, unfortunately, are very ignorant of all but the rudimentary parts of their catechism, which they derive only from hearing portions of it communicated at the opening and closing of the Lodge, or from Brethren freely using Masonic expressions publicly.

If you are in need of catechetical instructions, please contact either SW Don McIntyre or JD Larry Duff who will arrange dates and times of instruction.



## ROADSIDE CLEAN UP DAY

We would like to Thank all the Brothers who came out and volunteered their time for our Roadside Clean-up day on Saturday August 22nd.

Special Thanks to Brother Dean Sever who coordinated this effort on the Lodges behalf with the Department of Transportation.

Not only did we help clean-up and area of our community with our sponsored Boy Scout Troop good fellowship was had by all.

Hope to see more Brothers at our next Roadside Clean-up in a few months.



## FOR OUR LADIES

Dear Lord,

I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;

Love to forgive him;

and Patience for his moods.

Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength,

I'll beat him to death.

AMEN

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'





## Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is planned before meeting, make reservations. Special guest and speaker SGIG III. Robert Goldsmith, 33°. Open Meeting bring perspective member and wife. October 17th and 18th have been selected as dates for the Ocala Scottish Rite's Fall Reunion.



## York Rite Bodies

*"A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"*

www.flgyr.org

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

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

*Ocala Council No. 22 - Royal & Select Masters* - Meets on the Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

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

**Eustis York Rite Bodies - Meetings at Eustis Lodge No. 85, Eustis.**

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

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

*Triangle Commandery No. 38 –Knights Templar—*Meets on the on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM



## Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Lady Elizabeth Eldridge – Worthy Matron

W.: Roland Gibson —Worthy Patron

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

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



## Order of Amaranth, No. 34

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.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3 Order of the Eastern Star No. 84— Meeting at 7:30 pm	4	5
6	7 Ocala Scottish Rite 7:30 pm DeMolay Chapter 7:30 pm at Eustis	8 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am	9 Ocala York Rite Chapter 7:30 pm	10	11 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	12 Tall Cedars, No. 200 Meeting at Leesburg 10:30 am
13 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Roast Beef or Baked Chicken & all the fixins	14 Plantation Hi-Twelve Club #719 Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks	15 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm	16 District Association Eustis 7:30 pm	17	18 Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	19 Open Book Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—2:00pm
20	21 Lake / Sumter DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Lodge	22 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-Twelve Lunch Meeting & Speaker	23 Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Umatilla 7:30 pm	24 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters	25	26
27	28	29 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am	30	27	28	29

## AN ACHIEVED GOAL

In January we set a goal of 60 sponsors, for our Trestle Board at a cost of \$20.00 per sponsorship. Our hope was that we would raise \$1,200.00 to be applied to the postage cost of the Trestle Board (average \$96.00 per month) we mail 376 copies.

**THANK YOU BROTHERS**, we have reached our goal. We had several Brothers give extra and said "pick someone" and make them a sponsor.

The Trestle Board gives me much enjoyment to do each month, as I'm not the sharpest pencil in the box, it takes between 40—50 hours each month. Brother Mike Mason (Leesburg Printing) donates the cost of the printing for each issue.

On behalf of Brother Mike, your 2009 Lodge Officers and myself, Thank You Brothers for your support and encouragement. Our hope is that your Trestle Board is one you are proud of as we are always looking for ways to improve it.

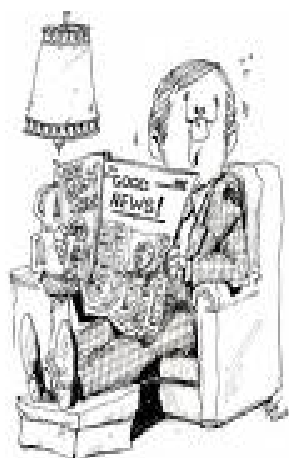


## TRESTLE BOARD SPONSORS

YOUR NAME HERE - INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE FOR ONLY \$20.00  
Current year or any part thereof - HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED!



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W.: Jack Maynard  
John Gammon



W.: Melton Haynes  
W.: Roland & Anna Gibson  
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W.: Wayne & Donna Parks  
Paul Shires, Jr.  
Thomas & Beverly Wright  
Pat & W.: Merv Harris  
Spencer & Tammie Glover  
Jim Angelos  
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W.: Tom & Lynn Russell  
R.:W.: Ray & Betty Richardson  
Saul & JoAnne Goodkin  
W.: Bob & Carolyn Browning  
Hawthorne Hi -Twelve Club  
R.:W.: Joseph Price  
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William Kerakos  
Terry & Judy Schook  
Ed & Kathy Sowden  
W.: Edwin Robbins  
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Dan Bloxom  
Plantation High Twelve #719  
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George & Glenna Dean  
Cliff Frazier  
Othel & JoAnn Wilkens  
R.:H.: Dennis & Ginny Ricker  
John Paterson  
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W.: Forest & Anneliese Case  
Frank Peregrin  
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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.



## MASONIC LIGHT

*By: Rev. Dr. James M. Floyd, Jr., MPS  
Evergreen Lodge No. 713, F. & A.M.*

*Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research, Indiana F. & A.M.*

Are you a source of light, or of darkness?

We create our own reality. What we expect from life is what we receive. If we expect and look for the trouble, disagreement, and negativity in situations that is what we are sure to find. If however, we expect and look for the good, cooperative, and positive outcomes in situations that is what we will experience.

Life cannot, and does not always go smoothly. We cannot appreciate the good times and the joys that life brings without the rough times and the sadness that must cross our path on occasion. It is our response to these times that defines who we are.

Brothers, I am guilty of being a source of darkness. That is, in seeing and focusing only on the problems in lodge that I perceive need to be corrected. And in being privy to, and a part of, the occasional personality conflicts that are destined to arise in any group.

Yes, there are problems in every lodge. Yes, we do not always agree with, or get along with each other. This has always been, and always will be. But we cannot be negative about these difficulties. Our negative thoughts are like a cancer which spreads and weakens us, and those around us, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

It is easy to fall into the trap of negativity or darkness. But, with effort on our part, and the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., we can instead choose to open our eyes to the light. My Brothers, that light is Brotherly love. Love is being positive and expecting the best life has to offer. Love is knowing that, although our human frailties will result in disagreement, where there is hope and understanding there can be the peace and harmony to work together to-

wards a common goal.

So, for the sake of the Fraternity and your well-being, I urge you to make the commitment to change your life, to become a source of Masonic Light, that, like the Sun in the heavens, all the world can see.



## VITRUVIUS

c.90-20 BC, Rome, Italy

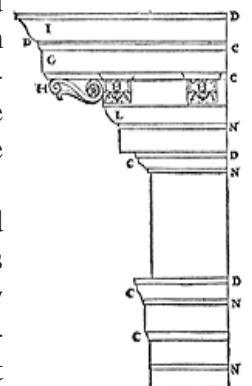
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Little is known of Vitruvius' life, except what can be gathered from his writings, which are somewhat obscure on the subject. Although he nowhere identifies the emperor to whom his work is dedicated, it is likely that the first Augustus is meant and that the treatise was conceived after 27 BC. Since Vitruvius describes himself as an old man, it may be inferred that he was also active during the time of Julius Caesar.

**Marcus Vitruvius Pollio**, Roman architect and engineer, was author of the celebrated treatise *De architectura libri decem* (Ten Books on Architecture) which carefully described existing practices, not only in the design and construction of buildings, but also in what are today thought of as engineering disciplines. His writing is prescriptive and gives direct advice: "*I have drawn up definite rules to enable you, by observing them, to have personal knowledge of the quality both of existing buildings and of those which are yet to be constructed.*" (Preface, Book I, Morgan's translation). His writings were addressed to Caesar in an attempt to inform the Emperor on the subject of architecture so that he might make informed decisions concerning the construction of public buildings.

*De architectura* was based on Vitruvius' own experience, as well as on theoretical works by Greek architects. The treatise covers almost every aspect



of architecture and include such varied topics as the manufacture of building materials and dyes (material science), machines for heating water for public baths (chemical engineering), amplification in amphitheatres (acoustics), and the design of roads and bridges (civil engineering). It is divided into 10 books dealing with city planning and architecture in general; building materials; temple construction and the use of the Greek orders; public buildings (theatres, baths); private buildings; floors and stucco decoration; hydraulics; clocks, mensuration, and astronomy; and civil and military engines. Using modern terminology, the subjects of the ten books are as follows:

1. Landscape architecture
2. Construction materials
3. Temples (Part 1)
4. Temples (Part 2)
5. Public places: square, meeting hall, theatre, park, gymnasium, harbor
6. Private dwellings
7. Finishes and colours
8. Water supply
9. Sundials and clocks
10. Mechanical engineering



Vitruvius' outlook was essentially Hellenistic. His wish was to preserve the classical tradition in the design of temples and public buildings, and his prefaces to the separate books of his treatise contain many pessimistic remarks about contemporary architecture. Vitruvius' expressed desire that his name be honored by posterity was realized and his advice was followed for centuries. Throughout the antique revival of the Renaissance, the classical phase of the Baroque, and in the Neoclassical period, his work was the chief authority on ancient classical architecture.

Here are several interesting excerpts from Vitruvius' works:

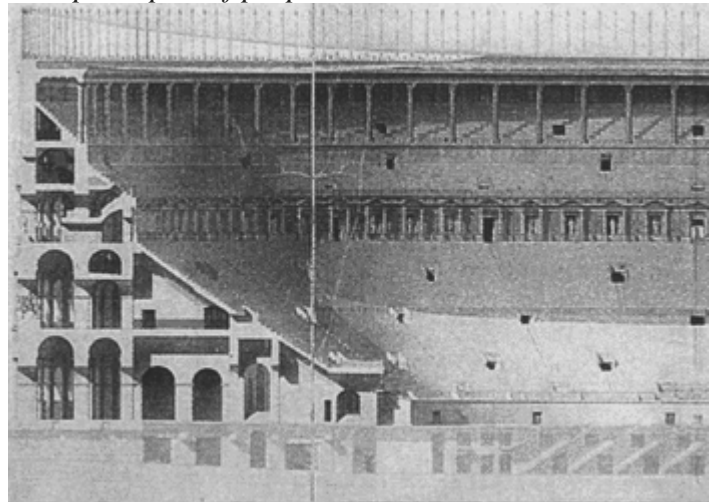
**COLONNADES AND WALKS** *Book V Chapter 9*

5. *The space in the middle, between the colonnades and open to the sky, ought to be embellished with green things; for walking in the open air is very healthy, particularly for the eyes, since the refined and rarefied air that comes from green things, finding its way in because of the physical exercise, gives a clean-cut image, and, by clearing away the gross humours from the eyes, leaves the sight keen and the image distinct. Besides, as the body gets warm with exercise in walking, this air, by sucking out the humours from the frame, diminishes*

*their superabundance, and disperses and thus reduces that superfluity which is more than the body can bear.*

**THE EDUCATION OF THE ARCHITECT** *Book I Chapter 1*

1. *The architect should be equipped with knowledge of many branches of study and varied kinds of learning, for it is by his judgement that all work done by the other arts is put to test. This knowledge is the child of practice and theory. Practice is the continuous and regular exercise of employment where manual work is done with any necessary material according to the design of a drawing. Theory, on the other hand, is the ability to demonstrate and explain the productions of dexterity on the principles of proportion.*



2. *It follows, therefore, that architects who have aimed at acquiring manual skill without scholarship have never been able to reach a position of authority to correspond to their pains, while those who relied only upon theories and scholarship were obviously hunting the shadow, not the substance. But those who have a thorough knowledge of both, like men armed at all points, have the sooner attained their object and carried authority with them.*

3. *In all matters, but particularly in architecture, there are these two points:- the thing signified, and that which gives it its significance. That which is signified is the subject of which we may be speaking; and that which gives significance is a demonstration on scientific principles. It appears, then, that one who professes himself an architect should be well versed in both directions. He ought, therefore, to be both naturally gifted and amenable to instruction. Neither natural ability without instruction nor instruction without natural ability can make the perfect artist. Let him be educated, skilful with the pencil, instructed in geometry, know much history, have*

*followed the philosophers with attention, understand music, have some knowledge of medicine, know the opinions of the jurists, and be acquainted with astronomy and the theory of the heavens."*

Still in print today, the Ten Books on Architecture are a comprehensive essay on the architecture of the era and teach many lessons still employed today.

Vitruvius' work *De architectura libri decem* suggests that an architect needs a good understanding of philosophy, geometry, music, medicine - indeed all of the liberal arts and sciences.



This system is adopted in **Freemasonry** which takes architecture, geometry and symbolic understanding of the liberal arts and sciences as the basis for instruction in the morality of Man.



## RODS and COLUMNS

By: *Ed Halpaus, GLEO, Grand Lodge of Minnesota*

Why do the wardens have columns? Why do the Wardens dispose them as they do, depending whether the Lodge is at Labor or Refreshment? What do those columns represent?

I was asked those questions a while back while visiting a Lodge. I thought I knew the answer and gave it since I was asked, but since I wasn't 100% certain neither were the Masons I was visiting with 100% certain I knew what I was talking about, so when I returned home I started cracking the books. I looked up the subject of "Warden's Columns" in Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia and this is some of what I found.

"The two Wardens' columns, it is possible but is not certain that these represent Jachin and Boaz."

Jones, in his 'Freemasons guide and compendium' says; "it seems that Jachin and Boaz do not stand like sentinels in English Lodges, for the two columns were formerly given more prominence by being placed on either side of the entry way so that one must pass between them to enter the Lodge."

Jones also says he is of the opinion that the two Wardens' Columns took the place of the larger columns which were abandoned. And evidently in English Lodges the two Wardens' Columns are all that is left of the three great pillars. Well if that's true they couldn't represent Jachin and Boaz, they must be Strength and Beauty, Doric & Corinthian. But why then do the Wardens Columns have round

globe-like features on their tops?

Again Coils: "Early rituals (1730) spoke of "three Grand Pillars" which supported the Mason's Lodge, and represented the first three Grand Masters. In the 18th century [the pillars] stood before, to the side, or behind, the Master and one was similarly placed with respect to each warden."

In the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry it says this about the Senior Warden. "He represents the column of Strength. He has placed before him, and carries in all processions, a column, which is the representative of the right-hand pillar that stood at the porch of King Solomon's Temple. The Junior Warden has a similar column, which represents the left hand pillar."

I continued to look into books I have on hand and found that the Wardens Columns, and the Deacons Rods are related. And since someone also asked the question as to why the Stewards Rods are colored White, I pursued that too.

The Rod or staff is an emblem of power, and as with the Wardens Columns they are today a Badge of Office, when a King carries it, it is called a scepter, but when carried by an inferior officer it becomes a Rod, verge, or staff. At one time the Deacons, Stewards, and Marshal of a Lodge all carried Rods. The Rod or Staff in addition to being an emblem of power and authority is a symbol of protection. "Thy Rod and thy staff they comfort me." In the Military the Rod became a "Baton" in the hands of the Marshal, and the Baton was adopted by Freemasonry as the badge of office for the Marshal of the Lodge.

"Smith's edition of the Pennsylvania "Ahiman Rezon" refers to a procession in 1778 where the Wardens carried "wands tipped with gold," and also the Wardens Columns."

At the time of Webb's Monitor, published in 1797, and as shown in Preston's Illustrations of Masonry, the Deacons received the Columns as the badges of their office. "A short time later" meaning soon after 1804 but most likely before 1807 the Columns were transferred to the Wardens and Rods were given to the Deacons. According to Mackey's Encyclopedia - after 1822 all the "Monitors" referred to the Columns for the Wardens and the Rods for the Deacons. So after about 1822 the columns were everywhere recognized as the insignia for the Wardens, and the Rods, Wands, or Staves, as belonging to the Deacons.

White as a color - Here is an explanation as to why they are white, "the Steward's Rod is an imitation of the White Staff borne by the Lord High Steward of the King's household." A real simple explanation as to why Freemasonry adopted the White

Rods for the Lodge Stewards.

The Rod is the badge or ensign of the office of the Stewards of the Lodge, or of the Grand Stewards in the Grand Lodge, on the top of which is the same insignia as is the Stewards Jewel, and the same system of Jewels and Rod Tops follows for the Deacons as well.

The first formal account of the Stewards and their White Rods is found in the Book of Constitutions from 1738. On June 24, 1724, is recorded, the Stewards were walking "Two and two abreast with white rods."

The use of the White Rods comes from the political usages of England, where the Steward of the King's household was appointed by the delivery of a staff, the breaking of which dissolved the office. In those times, going back to the reign of Edward the 4th, at least, the "White Staff" was the proper insignia for both the office of Steward and Treasurer. In 1792 Preston wrote about the "Grand Treasurer with his staff." In America the custom of the Treasurer carrying a Rod has been abandoned. However, the custom was derived from the old custom of the Treasurer of the King's household to carry a staff as the ensign of authority.

"In the old "customary books" we are told that the Steward or Treasurer of the household received the White Rod as a badge of office from the King himself. The King would present the Rods with these words: "Tenez le baston de nostre maison." (Receive the Staff of our house.)"

An interesting comment in Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry is this about the Deacons of a Lodge. "The proper Badge or Ensign of office of a Deacon, which he should always carry with him in the discharge of the duties of his office, is a Blue Rod surmounted by a pine-cone."

Over time the color of the Deacons Rods, at least here in America, became Black. In the two-volume set of the "New Century Dictionary," which is from the beginning of the last century, (the 1900's,) not our New Century. Under the meanings and examples of the word "Black" I saw two words "Black Rod," and this is what it says about the Black Rods. "The chief gentleman usher of the Lord Chamberlain's department of the English Royal household; also usher of the Order of the Garter, whose principal duty is attendance on the House of Lords, in which he is responsible for the maintenance of order (named with reference to the Black Rod he carries); a similar official in British colonial legislatures."

And since the duties of the Deacon's is to carry messages from the Senior Warden and orders from the Master about the Lodge the Pine-cone was

replaced with a Square and Compass as the top of the Deacons Rod. Inside the Square & Compass of the Junior Deacon is a representation of the Moon, and of the sun for the Senior Deacon. And as mentioned above the same S&C with the Moon or Sun is in the Jewels of the Deacons, which they wear because it alludes to the Three Lesser Lights, and why the Senior Warden is in the West and the Master is in the East.

So after all of that I still stand by the answer I had in the first place. The Wardens Columns represent the pillars at the porch of King Solomon's temple, Jachin and Boaz. If one would inspect the Columns in some Lodges we might find that in addition to Globes being represented on the Wardens Columns there are also Lilies, Network and Pomegranates depicted in the carvings of the wood. While the Columns of Doric, (representing Strength,) would be quite plain, and the Corinthian, (being the most beautiful of the 5 orders,) would have two rows of leaves and eight volutes sustaining the abacus, and it wouldn't look like an orb. But that is assuming that the Warden's Columns are an accurate depiction of what they represent – in the more modern production of the columns it would seem to me that they would be turned out on a lathe for a faster, simpler product, and thus be much plainer. I think that the appearance of the Warden's columns will vary from Lodge to Lodge.

I find it quite interesting that when looking up information about the Wardens Columns I was led to the Rods which was another question asked the same night, and on to other things that are also related in some way to the first question. In Speculative Masonry one thing many times leads to another."

So there is the answer to why the Warden's have Columns that they dispose when the Lodge is either at Labor or refreshment, and why the Deacons carry rods that are colored black, and why the Stewards rods are white. The Stewards carry "White Rods" because it is reminiscent of the White Rod carried by the Steward in the King's household. And the Deacons carry Black Rods because the Chief Gentleman Usher of the Lord Chamberlain's department of the King's household carried a Black Rod.



"Knowledge comes by eyes always open and working hands; and there is no knowledge that is not power." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity." *Anne Baxter*

## MASONIC HOME VISITATION

On Sunday, July 19th, Brethren and their ladies of the 18th Masonic District traveled to the Florida Masonic Home. Our Lodge was well represented by a number of Brothers and their wives.

R: W: Gary Smith, DDGM, chartered a tour bus and arranged the trip.

We arrived in time to attend Sunday Services with the residents, receive a guided tour of the home, attend the Home Corporate Board Meeting and have an outstanding lunch with the home residents. We also delivered a number of items that you donated to the Home for the residents.

R: W: Gary Smith also arranged for a Bluegrass Band to travel with us who provided entertainment during lunch for all.

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