

Leesburg Masonic Lodge No. 58

Free & Accepted Masons of Florida

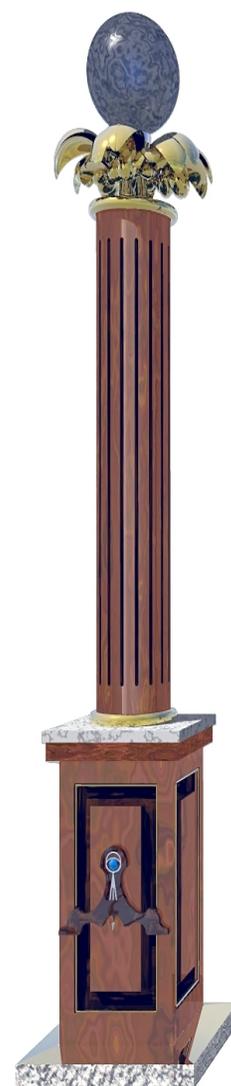
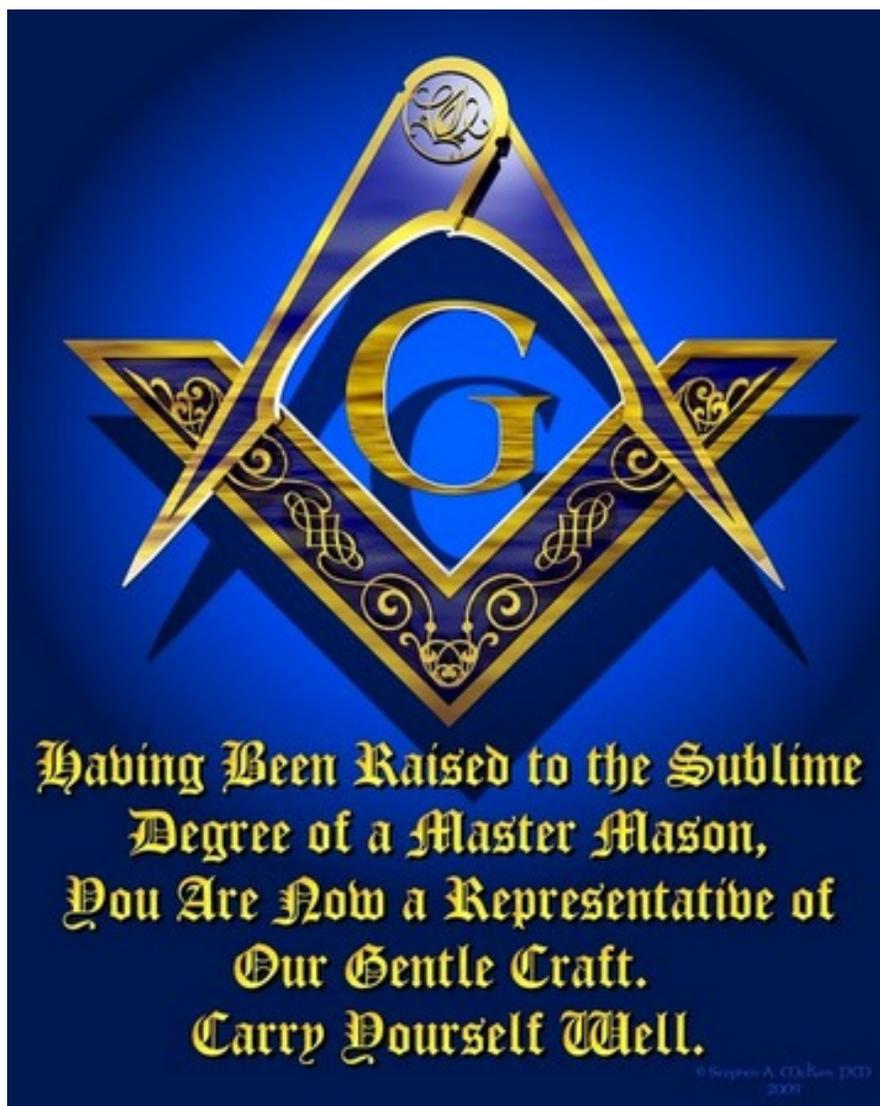
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SEPTEMBER 2010

# Trestle Board



Leesburg Masonic Lodge  
200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Florida 34748

352-787-5696

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
Senior Warden	Randall Jesmok (Joye) ..... 407-350-8284
Junior Warden	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 728-5270
Treasurer	R.: W.: Ken Graves (Jean) ..... 787-9538
Secretary	Dean Sever (Linda) ..... 787-6667
	<b>Lodge</b> ..... 787-5696
Senior Deacon	Richard Cartier (Frances) ..... 315-1886
Junior Deacon	Jim Angelos ..... 728-6188
Senior Steward	Saul Goodkin (Joanne) ..... 483-7406
Junior Steward	Don Bierly (Elaine) ..... 454-0164
Tyler	Andy Sheffield ..... 365-6698
Chaplain	David Rosenthal (Debbie)..... 702-3878
Marshal	W.: Frank Peregrin (Pat) ..... 728-0774
Organist	W.: Ronald J. Cottman (Cele) ..... 365-1944
Lodge Instructor	R.: H.: Dennis Ricker (Ginny) ..... 314-0828
Lodge Historian	R.: W.: Joseph T. Price ..... 787-0652
Trestle Board	Larry Duff (Brenda) ..... 874-2164
Trestle Board Printing	Leesburg Printing (Mike Mason) ... 787-3348



### Living Past Masters

Charles Porter	1959
Theodore E. Weihe	1963
G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
Jack Holloway	1968
R.:W.:Ray Richardson	1969*
R.:W.:Joseph H. Sellers	1970*
William "Ed" Davison	1974
Robert H. Smith	1977
R.:W.:Colin Crews	1980^*
H. C. Connell	1985
R.:W.:Theodore Jansen	1986*
R.:W.:Joseph T. Price	1987*
Michael Dozier	1988
John H. Meier V	1989
Jay A. Frizzell, Jr.	1992
Raleigh Sorenson	1993/1994
Don Barfield	1996
Tom Russell	1997/1998/2002
Mervyn Harris	1999
R.:W.:Kenneth Graves	2000*
Robert H. Browning	2003/2004
R.:H.:Dennis Ricker	2005/2007^
Roland P. Gibson	2006
Bill Green	2008
Richard Ecott	2009

### Affiliated Past Masters

Carl Anzelmo
Henry DeBerry
Ronald J. Cottman
Jack Delauter
Robert C. Gleckler
Robert Kennedy
Garry Lee
Clifford Moore
Norman L. Payne
Frank Peregrin
Glenn A. Reynolds*
Edwin Robbins
Robert L. Welch
Forest Case*
Barry Rosenthal
Wayne Parks
Fred Lint
Raymond D Trudeau
Paul Shires
M.:W.:Joseph Brearley
Dennis Managan

^ Past District Instructor

\* Past DDGM

### 18th Masonic District

<b>DDGM</b>	R.:W.: Dennis Ricker ..... 314-0828
District Instructor	R.:W.: Glenn Reynolds..... 669-5226

## Committees for 2010 and Members

### Board of Relief

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

### Property

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W.: Tom Russell, Larry Duff,  
W.: Ed Davison

### Finance

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, Sr, JW Larry Duff,  
R.:W.: Ken Graves, W.: Tom Russell, W.: Ed Davison,  
W.: Richard Ecott

### Vigilance

Chairman JW Larry Duff, Randy Jesmok, Sr., W.: Don McIntyre, Sr.

### Funeral

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

### Petitions

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W.: Richard Ecott,  
W.: Bob Browning, Dick Cartier, Jim Angelos

### Charity

Chairman R.:W.: Joe Price, Dean Sever,  
Saul Goodkin, Fred Neilson, David Rosenthal

### Catechism

Chairman Randy Jesmok, W.: Bob Browning W.: Roland Gibson,  
Larry Duff

### Greeters

All Officers

### Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R.:W.: Joe Price, Fred Neilson,  
Spencer Glover

### Investments

Chairman R.:W.: Ken Graves, W.:Tom Russell,  
R.:W.: Theodore Jansen, Joe Dykes

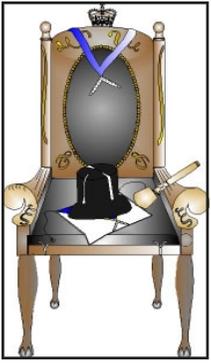
### Education

Chairman W.:Don McIntyre, SW Randy Jesmok, JW Larry Duff

### 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.



## LIGHT FROM THE EAST

W.: Donald McIntyre, Sr.

On September 3rd, our Lodge will host the visitation of the Grand Master of Masons of Florida, M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez. All Masons and their families are invited to attend. Make you plans for this informative evening and meet and hear the Grand Master and our Grand Line Officers. Please, see page 4 for times and location.

Summer vacation travels appear for be coming to and end, we hope all had an enjoyable time while away, and we look forwarded to seeing you and sharing your fellowship at Lodge meetings and Lodge events.

We will be conducting several Degree ceremonies in the coming months. Look for announcements and plan to attend.

We had another well attended an enjoyable monthly dinner which had a Hawaiian Theme. Thanks to your attendance we again achieved our attendance and financial goals. Hope you see you at our September Dinner. A menu for the September Dinner is on Page 16.

Our Highway Clean-up on August 14th had five Brothers participate along with 7 Boy Scouts, we

collected 125 pounds of trash during this effort. A lunch was served by the Junior Warden and Senior Deacon. Our two mile section of roadway looks really good,

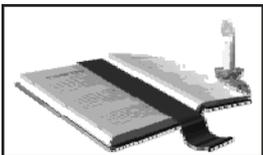
**Petition Actions:** W.: James M. McBribe of Millersville Lodge 126, Indianapolis, IN., petition for dual membership was voted upon with favorable results.

Mr. William W. Framer, petition was voted upon with favorable results to receive the three degrees of Masonry. Congratulations to both, we look forward to having you as members of our Lodge.

**New Petitions** -A Petition for Affiliation by transfer of membership was received from EA Louis Joachim. Brother Joachim is an attorney and transferring his membership from Britannia Lodge No. 1166, in New York. Petition was accepted and taking it's usual course.

**Charity Contributions** during August no monetary chartable contributions were made due to low funds in the Charity Account. Two scholarship requests were received and are pending available funds.

Non-Monetary contribution was made to the Lake County Supervisor of Elections as use of the dining room for the primary elections on August 24th.



## From the Chaplain

Brother David Rosenthal

**Sickness & Distress:** Lady Elaine Kerakos has been diagnosed with cancer. Lady Elaine is the wife of Brother Bill Kerakos.

Lady Maryilyn Jansen, wife of R.:W.: Ted Jansen is at home recovering from cancer surgery.

Lady Norma Hoehndorf, wife of Brother Bill Hoehndorf is at home recovering from neck surgery.

Brother Art Lambright's wife Lady Honey passed away on July 22, a sympathy card was sent. Brother Art is residing in Avante in Leesburg.

Brother Frank M. Dudley was called to the Grand Architect in July. Brother Dudley was a 62 year

Mason and residing in Virginia. We received notification in mid-August.

Your cards and visitation is appreciated by all.

We which all who are ill a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon. *If you know of anyone that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep all our brothers in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.*

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

**"Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character, are required to set up in the grumblng business." Robert West**

# GRAND MASTERS VISITATION

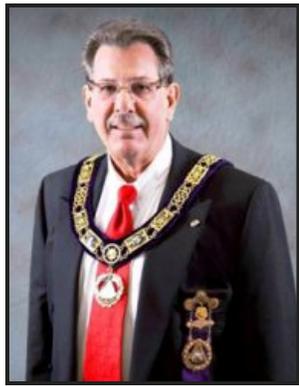
M:W: J. Dick Martinez

Grand Master of Masons of Florida

From; R:W: Dennis Ricker, DDGM

The purpose of the Grand Masters visitation is so the Masons of Florida can meet the Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge Officers.

You may not be aware of the importance of the Grand Master's Visit and the opportunity to meet the Grand Master and actually talk to him and/



or ask him questions. If anyone would like to personally meet the Grand Master please let me know and I will make the necessary arrangements for a before dinner meet and greet.

Your wives and ladies are invited to the dinner and to the ladies program following. The dinner and program is FREE. The proper dress for this visit is Business Dress (coat & tie for the masons; dress, skirt or pants suit for the wives and ladies),

**Date:** Friday, September 3, 2010

**Where:** Morrison United Methodist Church

1005 West Main Street

Leesburg, FL 34748

**Registration:** 5:30PM

**Dinner:** 6:30PM

**Presentations to Grand Master:** 7:15PM

(Insure that you have a presentation form for each item you are presenting - one form for each check, Honorary Membership, etc)

**Ladies Program:** 7:30PM

**Tyled Meeting for all Master Masons:** 7:30PM

**Leesburg Lodge No 58**

200 Richey Road

Leesburg, FL 34748

## *A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER M:W: J. Dick MARTINEZ*

Brethren, "MASONS ALWAYS RISE TO THE OCCASION"

Thank you for the honor and Privilege you have bestowed upon me by allowing me to serve you as your Grand Master. I also want to thank you for your foresight in electing our Grand Lodge Officers. To the Grand Lodge Officers thank you for your undying devotion to our Fraternity.

We have recently concluded our 181st Annual Grand Communication, and are entering into a time like never before. We are experiencing the best exposure our Fraternity has ever enjoyed. We are in the spotlight with all the movies, books and television documentaries that are very positive. We are having a great influx of young men who are not only curious about our great Fraternity but, they also want to attain the knowledge we have to offer mankind.

Are we ready to accept this great and wonderful challenge? Have we examined our infrastructure to see if we are ready? Do we have the right Catechism Instructors, Mentors and Masonic Education Committees in place in our Lodges?

Are we ready to SEIZE THE MOMENT? My Brothers "MASONS ALWAYS RISE TO THE OCCASION"!!!

The Grand Master's Charity for this year will be The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, otherwise known as the MMRL. To name a few of the MMRL's achievements, it has "discovered or unraveled the mechanisms of the majority of known cardiac arrhythmias" and its "research has played an important role in the implementation of devices like the pacemaker, implantable cardioverter defibrillator" and the automatic external defibrillator. Furthermore, "MMRL continues to play a major, and in some cases a pivotal role, in the development of heart medications." "MMRL scientists were instrumental in providing the first direct evidence linking Sudden Infant Death Syndrome to abnormal heart rhythms." They have recently begun an exciting new aspect of stem cell research by growing heart tissue from human DNA cells in a Petri dish, so that healthy heart tissue may be implanted back into the patient. The MMRL is on the cutting edge of scientific research, and

it is wholly involved with cardiac research. Heart disease is still the Number 1 killer in America. Brethren the MMRL, has been our Flagship Charity since 1997. Let's get behind this charity and make it our Landmark, and as identifiable as the Shriner's Hospitals.

Brethren, we have much to accomplish, I feel certain we can and will attain all of our goals. However, no one can do this alone. I'm asking for your help and assistance. It starts with one man in one Lodge, that leads to two men in two Lodges and it will grow to the District, Zone and State levels. Let us, all of us, commit to resurrecting our Fraternity to the heights it has enjoyed in the past.

Let us commit to PERFECTION and shoot for PERFECTION, because if we don't shoot for PERFECTION we will settle for less than mediocrity, and that my Brothers is not acceptable for ANY MASON!!

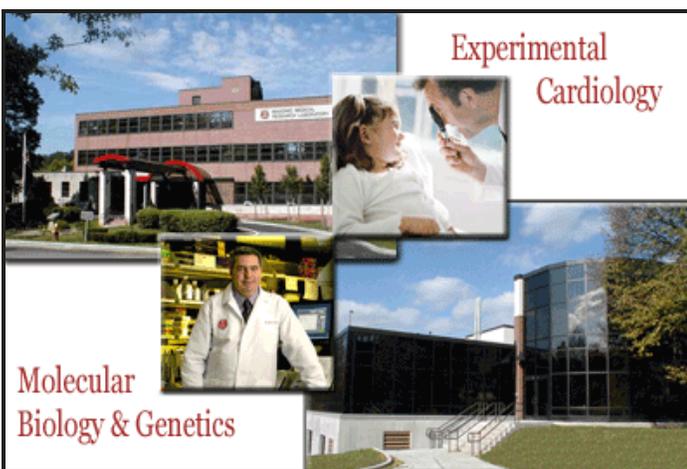
We need not be the one's who ask "what happened!", or those who ask "what's happening!" But the ones who say "we're going to make it happen!!!"

My Brothers "MASONS ALWAYS RISE TO THE OCCASION"!!!



## ***THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH IS RELEVANT TO EVERY HUMAN BEING...***

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is international in scope and benefit. Its significance goes beyond state, national or international borders. Truth be told, medical research saves lives and few missions have such global impact on the improvement of our human condition. Biomedical research is a



key force for change in the world today, with important economic and social implications that will affect our children, grandchildren and future generations.

For its size, there are few laboratories worldwide whose cutting edge research is as productive and influential in the field of experimental cardiology. Today, the MMRL is rapidly becoming an international center for genetic screening of cardiac diseases, especially those involving cardiac arrhythmias. The MMRL is the leading center for the study of the genetic basis for Brugada syndrome and is leading the way in the development novel treatments for this syndrome. The MMRL is also blazing new trails in the development of innovative and effective pharmacologic treatment for Atrial Fibrillation, one of the greatest unmet medical needs in our society today.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a not-for-profit institute dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all. The Laboratory's primary mission is to conduct high quality basic and clinical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for development of the medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists, clinical researchers and students who will perpetuate and extend the fight against disease.

*The vision of MMRL is to be regarded as a world-leader in medical research, dedicated to generating the knowledge necessary to develop innovative solutions to medical challenges facing society and providing a creative environment for the education and training of the innovators of tomorrow.*

The past, present and future successes of MMRL could/can only be accomplished with the continued financial support of you and the Masonic Fraternity. Want more information on MMRL go to the MMRL website at <http://www.mmrl.edu/index.asp> or pickup a brochure at the Lodge.



## **LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD CENTS, MH-100 and WILLS AND GIFTS PROGRAMS**

The LYPMGC program began in 1958. It was created with the intention of every Brother donating a penny a day, to be deposited in an Endowment Fund with the principal never to be touched. The interest

from this money would be utilized for the maintenance and upkeep of the Masonic Home, and thereby ensuring the residents of the Home an exceptional quality of life, which they so justly deserve.

Voted and approved was raising this contribution from \$3.65 per year to \$7.30 per year due to rising costs. *Leesburg Lodge No. 58 has for a number of years set forth the goal of 100% participation of its membership, though not all have contributed. This is a voluntary program and has nothing to do with your membership dues status. When you receive your dues notice later this year, please contribute, your contributions save our Lodge from using other funds (Charity, maintenance, kitchen etc.) to maintain our 100% participation goal. Remember your obligation to help aid and assist worthy Brother Master Mason's and their widows.*

By contributing to the MH 100 Program and the Wills and Gifts Program you are making an invest-

ment in the security of your future and that of every Master Mason and his wife. In our advancing years we may reach a time when our health may not allow us to either physically or financially support ourselves. Our Masonic Home is there for this specific purpose and we are here to continue to give "so far as we are able."

Our home is in a continuous state of improvement, from the old structure, to the newer living facilities. Specialists of all kinds are on staff from administrative and house maintenance to healthcare providers, there to assist residents around the clock. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit, then you are truly missing a treat. Please give the office a call in advance and schedule a visit.

All MH-100 contributions are tax deductible as the Masonic Home Endowment Fund Inc. is a (501)(c)(3) Corporation (Please make these checks payable to Masonic Home Endowment Fund Inc. for this deduction.) MH-100 has an Award Program in place, which



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



### HIGH TWELVE CLUBS Meeting Times & Locations

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

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

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

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

### MASONIC CLUBS



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



will recognize those who make contributions.

The Wills and Gifts Committee, together with MH-100 and LYPMGC Committees, is charged with ensuring a sound future for our Masonic Home by educating both Masons and non-Masons alike in the various estate planning vehicles available. Our Grand Lodge has a list of attorneys, within the Fraternity, who are willing to assist Masons and non-Masons in making chartable bequests to the Masonic Home.

Please see the Worshipful Master if you are interested in making a contribution.



## CHILD ID PROGRAM

If anyone has ever seen the look on a parent's face when a child is missing, then that is a good reason to be involved with the Child ID Program. More than 2,000 children are reported missing on a daily basis. This should stir our interest. We have been Grandparents, Parents, Uncles, or Aunts and we know how important our children are to us. There are many ways to support the Child ID Program within the Grand Lodge. We must work together to make sure our children remain safe with their own families.



### What is the Child ID Program?

One method is to have a VHS or CD made of the child with their current weight, color of their hair, ask a few questions that the child can answer if they get lost or taken away by a stranger.

Your support to this program is vital and will be successful with your hard work and dedication. This program is a team effort and it will take everyone's efforts to pull it off.



## MASONIC EDUCATION

Masonic Education is an ongoing process whereby all Masons, throughout the world, further their knowledge about the Craft. It begins with education for candidates about the Three Symbolic Degrees, and it continues with instruction of Masonic history, tradition, philosophy, Masonic Law, Lodge administration, and procedures in the everyday management of the Lodges. My Brothers, the world over, you should have a working knowledge of these topics, not only as Lodge

Officers, but as dedicated Masons. If not, now is the time to prepare yourself.

As Freemasons, one should always remember, "AN EDUCATED MASON IS A DEDICATED Mason." As we endeavor to educate more of our Brothers in Masonry, we will see that this is a true phrase. As they learn, they become more active and attendance increases and stronger bonds are developed between themselves. Even the most learned men learn something new each day. This keeps us interested and active. It will take work and dedication on our part, but the results will be very rewarding.

We would like to encourage the Lodges to use the many forms of Masonic Education lessons and publications available to them. Encourage the Brothers to learn to use the Masonic Digest, attend Schools of Instruction, become more active in Lodge functions and bring in qualified candidates.

An excellent method to learn to use the Masonic Digest and Mentors Manual is to complete the three Master Mason Examinations, now offered Online at the Grand Lodge of Florida website. These examinations have proven very popular as they produce more friendships, more knowledge of Florida Masonry, better informed Brothers and an increase in Lodge attendance. Get together some evening and try it, you'll like it.



## MASONIC YOUTH ASSOCIATION

As you are no doubt aware, the Masonic Youth Association is a 501(c) (3) corporation. Incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida as a charitable corporation, all contributions are tax deductible. Since it's inception, this association has helped to support State Associations of our Masonic Youth. All Lodges, Appendant Bodies, clubs and groups, as well as each of us individually are encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile organization in every way we can.





## Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com or www.SROrlando.com

**Ocala Scottish Rite** meets at the Ocala Scottish Rite Center, 3632 NE 7th Street, Ocala, Fl. the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm. Next meeting is September 6th. Fall Reunion is scheduled for October 16th & 17th, 2010.

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



## York Rite Bodies

*“A Continuation of the Blue Lodge”*

www.flgyr.org

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



## Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Jim Stueber

**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 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tri-County Hi-12 La Hacienda Recreation Center, The Villages 10:30am	2	3	4
5	6 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	7 <b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8 am</b> <b>Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting</b>	8 Ocala York Rite (Chapter) Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks Restaurant	9	10 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	11 Tall Cedars, No. 200 at Leesburg 10:30 am
12 <b>Sunday Dinner</b> 11:30 — 1:15 pm <b>Chicken or Veal</b> <b>Parm w/ Spaghetti</b> <b>&amp; Meat Sauce</b>	13 Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12 meets at Mid- Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30 am Boy Scout Troop 1	14 <b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8:00 am</b> Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters 11:00am	15 District Association Wildwood 7:30 pm	16 Tavares Hi-Twelve Golden Coral Eustis 11:00 am	17 Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	18
19	20 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	21 <b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8 am</b> <b>Leesburg Lodge Stated Meeting</b>	22 Ocala York Rite Commandery District Instruction Wildwood 7:30 pm	23 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters 9:00am	24 Orlando Scottish Rite 7:30 pm	25
26	27 Boy Scout Troop 1 7:30pm	28 <b>Coffee Klatch &amp; Breakfast 8:00 am</b> Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters 11:00am	29	30		



### Yellow Jacket and Blue Breeches:

An early term arising from the fact that compasses were commonly made of brass legs with steel points. Brass legs were the yellow jacket and the steel points were the blue breeches. In some Irish Lodges, Masters were expected to dress in a yellow

coat and blue breeches with white stockings.

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Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another, and reverence for God.



## TRESTLE BOARD SPONSORS

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



Mr. Tubalcane

R.:W.:Dennis & Ginny Ricker

W.: Charles & Marlene White

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Richard Tanner

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M.:W.: Joseph & Anna Brearley

Richard & Frances Cartier

Randy & Joye Jesmok

Tavares Masonic Hi-12 #557

Irvin & Dorothy Creed

George Shoemaker

Larry & Brenda Duff

John Dean

Dan Bluxom

Garth & Molly Phillips

W.: Don & Nina McIntyre

Ken Hamilton

Betsy Jordan

Delores Duff

Gene & Dolores White

Leo Blum

R.:W.: Kenneth Graves

Paul & Delores Shires

Dick & Jackie Frazier

John Parfumore

W.: Richard Ecott

George Wikane

Jim Angelos

Bill & Sharon Aston

Holt & Libby Whatley

R.:W.:Gary Smith



W.: Bob & Carolyn Browning

Leesburg Masonic Hi-12 #424

W.:Tom & Lynn Russell

R.:W.: Ted & Marilyn Jansen

W.: Bill & Nancy Green

Wil & Norma Hoehndorf

Ed & JoAnne Davis

Richard Tanner

Patrick Brunt

Dallas Douma

Tom & Bev Wright

Arnold Arthurton

R.:W.: Joe Price

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Joseph Schlegel

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Ken Hamilton

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Bob Rowden

John Gammon

Plantation Masonic Club #719

Pedro Perez

David Octeni

W.: Dr. Ronald & Cele Cottman

Pete & Nancy Taylor

W.: Edwin & Wanda Robbins

W.: Frank & Pat Peregrin

Hawthorne Masonic Hi -12 #547



*If you would like to be a sponsor in 2010, please see the secretary with your donation. Your donations are applied to the monthly mailing costs of the Trestle Board, we need 60 sponsors to cover the yearly mailing costs. Sponsorship is \$20.00.*

**Editors Note:** All articles and information for publication must be received by the editor prior to the 15th of the publishing month for inclusion in the next issue. Articles can be e-mailed to Larry Duff at [Ldduff@centurylink.net](mailto:Ldduff@centurylink.net)

# MASONIC EDUCATION & DISCUSSION

*Seek to mentor a Brother Mason: It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!*

"An Educated Mason Is A Dedicated Mason" and a dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our fraternity.



## GRAND MASTER of MASONS of SOUTH CAROLINA -

**M:W: Barry Rickma**

**December 2009 Article**

*Sent in by R:W: Dennis Ricker, DDGM*

Our society today is one of casual to less than casual dress and it has made its way into our Honorable Institution. So much so, our Fraternity in South Carolina has lost much of its dignity and decorum. As I visit various Masonic functions across our Grand Jurisdiction, I observe many of our Brethren wearing forms of dress, which I find not only to be inappropriate but also unacceptable such as t-shirts, tank-tops, shorts, jeans, overalls, no socks and open toed shoes.

Freemasonry is not a club for "good old boys" and we should not be dressed as if it is. I firmly believe unacceptable dress will lead to unacceptable manner. It all goes hand-in-hand with each other.

Your Grand Lodge Officers are the leadership of Freemasonry in our state. I deem it our responsibility to set the standard in all aspects of the Fraternity for all other Masons. As to the standard of dress, they were informed unless they hear otherwise; they are required to be dressed in a coat and tie at any and all Masonic related functions.

Blue Lodge Officers are the leadership of their Lodge members and, likewise, should be setting a higher standard for their members.

With these thoughts in mind, I encourage you while attending all Masonic related meetings such as York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Masters' and Wardens' Club, Square and Compass Club, Past Masters' Club, Rainbow, DeMolay, as well as Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge, to be appropriately dressed. Our personal appearance, attire and attitude will broadcast the message to others of our devotion, pride and respect toward the Fraternity and aid in

setting the tone of our meetings.

It is my belief, over time, this action will influence others to pause and reflect upon their own dress and act accordingly. If you are a Past Grand Lodge Officer, you as well should be helping to set the example. Being a Past Grand Lodge Officer does not relieve you from your responsibilities. Once you have served Grand Lodge in any capacity you always belong to the Grand Lodge Family.

One Brother has this to say concerning dress, "It is the internal and not the external qualifications of man that Masonry regards...That phrase is intended to be a leveler, to say that Freemasonry regards no man for his wealth or goods but for his internal qualities, his morality, his integrity, his sense of justice; qualities that can exist in an unemployed day laborer and the highest paid CEO in equal measure.

Unfortunately, what it has become is an excuse. Apologia for slovenliness borne of the cursed notion that jeans, t-shirts and sneakers are appropriate attire for attendance at a gentleman's organization, the odd idea that no one, not even you, should care how you look.

Freemasonry is not intended to be a lowest common denominator group. It is a society of gentlemen created for our mutual encouragement and uplift, to become better."

I ask, Brethren, that you will make a commitment to improve your personal dress so as to demonstrate to others you have a renewed pride in our Fraternity. I ask you to join me in raising the bar of our dress and appearance while attending Masonic related functions. At times it will be inconvenient. At others it will be bothersome. At still other times it will be uncomfortable. But remember, "Our Focus is on Quality." Will you step forward? Will you join me? Will you help raise the bar? Will you help promote a higher standard? Think about it, my Brethren. Will you require of and for yourself a higher level of respect for Freemasonry?

May God continue to bless America and our great Fraternity and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you and your families.



## ENEMIES

*By St. Augustine*

Ye have enemies; for who can live on this earth without them? Take heed to yourselves; love them. In no way can thy enemy so hurt thee by his violence as thou dost hurt thyself if thou love him not.

And let it not seem to you impossible to love him. Believe first that it can be done, and pray that the will of God may be done in you.

For what good can thy neighbor's ill do to thee? If he had no ill, he would not even be thine enemy. Wish him well, then, that he may end his ill, and he will be thine enemy no longer.

For is it not the human nature in him that is at enmity with thee, but his sin.

Let thy prayer be against the malice of thine enemy, that it may die, and he may live. For if thine enemy were dead, thou hast lost, it may seem, an enemy, yet thou hast not found a friend, but if his malice die, thou hast at once lost an enemy and found a friend.

## ON THE MIND ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE MUST DEPEND

*Author Unknown*

The most amazing thing about the world is the human brain that appreciates it. That mass of corrugated gray matter boxed in bone which registers the impressions received from all things, from stars to dust motes[i], is by far the most wonderful substance of all substances.

What would a tree mean if there were no brain to see it with its eye, to hear it with its ear, and to touch it with its hand? Nothing. Practically it would not exist. There would be no sun if there were no eye, no perfumes if there were no nose, no sounds if there were no ear.

Blot out brains and the universe is extinguished.

There may be other suns in the sky, there may be spirit bodies moving among us, there may be stupendous music swirling around us, all of such quality that we have no organ to perceive them. For us they do not

exist.

A telephone would be a dead thing and useless without a receiver. The brain is the receiver of the universe.

Very wonderful is Paderewski's performance upon the piano, Raphael's colors upon canvas, Shakespeare's words on paper, and all of the Creator's glory of landscape and sea view; but not so miraculous as the grayish stuff in our heads that can receive their messages, record them, and translate them into emotion.

It was not such a task to create a world as it was to construct this curious organ that the world can play upon. For a world with no brain in it would be an Ysaye-without a violin.

So also a Wagner opera is surpassed by the brains that can understand it. Newton's mathematical theses, and Wordsworth's poetry, and Socrates' reasoning, and Lord Christ's life truths, greater than these are the people that can grasp them.

My mind is the ultimate miracle. Long before this brain came into being there were electricity, light, sound, color, and all the phenomena of existence; but, actually, the universe was created when I was born, and when I die it will be the end of the world.

The whole cosmos, the sum of things, is all in that pulp in the bone-cup at the top of my spine.

More strange yet than our ability to perceive sights and sounds is our capacity for understanding those motions of pure spirit that go on in other brains. We can see the hope, love, hate, joy, and sorrow of another, interpreting them by words, signs, and other indications.

We can grasp world plans, recondite scientific theories, and the subtlest refinements of thought. We can weep at poetry, laugh at comedy, mourn in sympathy, fear from our own fancies, feel sin and rightness, follow evil or worship God.

Of all jewels found in earth or sea, of all machines made by man's cunning, of all the incomprehensible works of the Deity, nothing excels that handful of gray substance that functions like a locked-up god in the cranium of "the two-legged animal without feathers."

**"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live." Mortimer J. Adler**

## HARMONY

By: Bro. David Weinberg

"Harmony" or, more often used, "Peace and Harmony," has become one of the important mantras or memes of North American Freemasonry. Our meetings - stated and called communications - open with some variant of the above statement, and close with some variant of "peace and harmony prevailing." But, what is this harmony we hold dear? What does it mean this harmony we speak of? More importantly, how is it used?

To the non-mason, harmony appears as a worthy goal. As the dictionary definition reads, why would an emphasis on harmony be a bad thing? After all, it is defined thusly:

*har-mo-ny: Agreement in feeling or opinion; accord: live in harmony.*

In such glittering generalities, yes, harmony can be a good thing. When referred to in such nebulous, roundabout ways, the ideal of having all agreement and having an accord of opinion is most difficult to argue against. After all, no one wants a problem, few if any want serious disagreements occurring amongst the membership - so anyone who would take up the cause that harmony may not be such a panacea is looked at with suspicion. However, this is the view of harmony which has become "Masonic Harmony." The view that any dissent or difference of opinion would (or could) cause such a rift within the membership that any such dissent should be silenced is the prevailing one of "Masonic Harmony." This, observably, is not 'harmony' in the sense that such agreement or accord was reached from within, after discussion or deliberation, but imposed from outside or above, that agreement with and acquiescence to the will of those holding power within the organization is "harmony;" opposing viewpoints, no matter how valid, are "disharmony," "unmasonic," or otherwise is a condition which should not, under any circumstances be condoned.

There are certain subjects within American Masonry which attracts this draconian form of "harmony," but these subjects are not the sole places where it is imposed. One need simply log on to a number of the various Masonic forums to see this in action. Granted, some level of control of a forum must be maintained by those who created such or are tasked with its maintenance, but even amongst the users of such systems a pecking order of "harmonious conduct" emerges.

In its history, Masonry, both internationally and in America, has been the home to notable "great thinkers." Go to any boastful Masonic website, and a list of them, great and small, can be had. In perusing such lists, a theme arises: most of these "greats" are from a bygone era, and most are renowned for their accomplishments outside of Masonry. Another commonality can be seen - that the accomplishments these great thinkers are known for did not come simply by staying within what would now be dictated by today's "Masonic Harmony."

These men challenged establishments, whether in the political arena, theological, or philosophical. Masonic Communications these lights attended were not the quiet business meetings (save when dues increases are discussed) so prevalent today.

In the dry meetings of today, intellectual pursuits are distained, not only because to engage in them would appear "elitist" - but also that the heart of discussion and debate is not an echo chamber, but disagreement. Disagreement within a Masonic Lodge (again, other than on the subject of dues increases) is such an anathema as could scarcely be contemplated by the majority of Worshipful Masters as a force for positive development. Rather, Harmony - in reality, the status quo of bills and minutes-reading - must prevail! After all, the Secretary states such at the close of the minutes: "Peace and Harmony Prevailing, the lodge was closed..." What is missed in that statement is that after the differences in viewpoints, after the debates have been held, then the lodge returned to "harmony" to close.

The other form of "Masonic Harmony" is an aggressive sort. Since, as outlined above, "peace and harmony" are to prevail among Masons, what easier way is there to 'win' a disagreement not by dissecting the other side's arguments, but instead by undercutting the Mason himself, calling him "unmasonic" for causing such "disharmony" in disagreeing. And, while some may wish to believe that such offensive (in many senses) use of the claim to harmony would not occur, it has been observed innumerable times.

The typical use of this form of claim to harmony is almost exclusively by the one creating the disharmony in the first place. However, rather than creating disharmony from a fringe perspective, the firebrand instead chooses a subject where at least the plurality of opinion, if not an outright majority, favors him. Armed with the knowledge that the orthodoxy would support his position, such person would then assert the position, not in

## THE MAKING OF A FREEMASON

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a calm manner, but in a belligerent one. In some areas where there is sizeable support for a minority (to American Freemasonry norms) position, forceful assertion of the majority position isn't a harmonious act, but spoiling for an argument; the provocation of disharmony.

When such a challenge is answered, or when the provocateur is reminded of the need to act harmoniously, the claim the responder - or the one making the admonition - is breaking the disharmony of the lodge or gathering is made. Instantly, those who were not paying attention to the initial exchange now are focused intently on the disturbance, and, as the provocateur intended, viewing the agitator as the injured, aggrieved party. The original subject matter is forgotten; rather than a discussion based upon the merits of the arguments, the responder must fend off charges of breaking the "peace and harmony" while the original rabble-rouser skulks off, his positions, as he intended, unchallenged.

A variation of the aggressive use of "Masonic Harmony" to stifle debate arises in the few areas where American Masonry's performance is less than stellar - equality, both sexual and racial. So heated these discussions become that they are "best left unmentioned" lest battle lines are drawn. In these instances, "harmony" is a two-edged sword; those who favor the status-quo are not necessarily favoring discrimination or segregation, nor are those favoring other outcomes necessarily advocating complete integration along all lines in all organizations. What is worth noting in this situation is who makes the first accusation of "disharmony" - and for what reasons. Unfortunately, the call that someone has been disharmonious is nearing to the conditions found in the Internet's "Godwin's Law": the longer a Masonic subject requires rational thought, the faster the proponents of the status-quo will label those supporting the other side as disharmonious.

The difficulty arises in that Freemasonry, regardless of the institutions involved, should be promoting harmony, which is, promoting the atmosphere where such discussions can occur without resorting to personal attacks or non-sequitur derailments simply because the other side does not have an intellectual response. "Peace and Harmony" should prevail, in the sense that whether or not an agreement on the issues discussed is reached, the option to agree to disagree amicably should remain.

The making of a Freemason consists of a continuing course of education, of training, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a more interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide in interesting program of investigation to the Member attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies.

The contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.



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