

# The Florida Mason



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**M.: W.: Steven P. Boring,**  
**Grand Master**

Boring we were not! That would be the farthest from the truth. We have traveled, visited with old friends, and made new friends. All the time having a good time, but getting Grand Lodge business taken care of.

## A Message From The Grand Master

It has been a truly glorious year. The reception that my Grand Officers and I have received at each District Meeting and various other occasions was exceptional. All the efforts to provide for our needs were outstanding. I don't think there is one thing that I would have done differently. All the years of watching and taking notes have really paid off.

As I promised at the beginning of the year, it would not be a "boring" year. We have seen my promise come true.

I have the utmost confidence in the incoming Grand Lodge Officers. I know they will do everything they can for the betterment of the Fraternity. I wish them all the best.

I'm looking forward to a very productive Grand Lodge Session. It has been my honor to serve the Craft for the past four years. I thank you for your co-operation and confidence. May we each remember our Obligation and continue to CARE - Communicate, Assist, Respect, and Educate - our Brothers.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Grand Lodge in just a few short weeks.

Fraternally,  
M.: W.: Steven P. Boring,  
Grand Master of Masons in Florida



**"Remembering The Past - Embracing The Future"**



**R.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson,**  
**Deputy Grand Warden**

re-zoning will help right-size our Fraternity strengthening our core foundation. We have many challenges facing us as we move forward, the world is changing and America is changing. Where do we stand in all of this and where do we want to stand. We as a Fraternity need to decide, not just a handful of Brothers. Intolerance is rearing its ugly

## A Message From The Deputy Grand Master

My Brothers as we get ready for the next Masonic chapter I want to thank you, the Craft, for your support, your kind words and your suggestions on how we might improve our Fraternity. We have a lot to look forward to in the ensuing year and will need to do some hard work to get there. We have Lodges talking, talking about what they need to do to get their Lodges in order. We continue to have discussions on merging and consolidating Lodges. The re-districting and

head. We have Jurisdictions penalizing other Jurisdictions for standing by their rules and regulations saying they are intolerant to other's feelings or rights when by their actions they are showing the exact same intolerance. Where did, "we can agree to disagree and still be Brothers and friends" go. My Brothers I do not know where this will end up but in the end we need to hold our values, our morals, our tenants and our Landmarks to the highest degree. This is just something to get you all to think about. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can and will see you at Grand Lodge. May God bless America and place his guiding hands on each of us as we Travel to keep this Fraternity at its best.

Fraternally yours,  
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**R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover,**  
**Senior Grand Warden**

*My Brothers,*

Another Grand Lodge year is gone, and a new one is beginning. With it, we are looking at potential change, and challenges. They are both internal, as well as external for our Fraternity. We must now begin to realize what we as Masons need to accomplish in order for our future to grow and continue.

Masonry today is not what our forefathers saw, although the values and tenets still need to remain the same, we must adapt our Fraternity to today's society. We can't change the past, but we can secure our future. The challenges we face, and there are many, need to be addressed by all of us, not just the elected Grand Lodge Officers. It takes all of us. We are here to learn and listen, act and address, lead and educate. We can

stand by while others try to dismiss our Fraternity as harmful, disruptive, or shameful, or we can show the world that Masonry is still a much respected, and sought after Fraternal organization. This choice is OURS. Do we stand by choices of the past that may have hurt our Fraternity, or start to make changes which will refresh our Fraternity? Our Fraternity is like technology, you either upgrade, adapt, change, or stop receiving. All technology has its core as does Masonry. This does not change. But new technology needs to be incorporated, and we need this for our Fraternity to continue for all of us.

My Brothers, this upcoming year will bring many challenges and issues to the forefront. I am here as YOUR servant. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I am here for YOU, and I thank you for this.

Fraternally,  
R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover,  
Senior Grand Warden

## A Message From The Senior Grand Warden



**R.: W.: John E. Karroum,**  
**Junior Grand Warden**

The end of another Masonic Year draws near and as we approach the Annual Grand Communication, I want express my appreciation to the Craft and to the Ladies for the friendship and support you have provided to Carol and I. Your friendship and support has meant so much to both of us and you have made us feel welcome and at home where ever we traveled. You have made my job pleasant and enjoyable and I thank you.

We have made many new friends and spent time with old friends. Our visits throughout the Great State of Florida have been very informative. Your input not only to myself but the other Grand Lodge Officers tells us of the crafts needs and desires and will assist us in future planning. Communications is so valuable, I and your Grand

Lodge Officers are always available and willing to listen.

I want to thank each and every Member of the Craft for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Junior Grand Warden. The opportunity to meet and interact with so many wonderful people has been an opportunity beyond belief and I can't thank you enough.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Lodge and in our future travels, may God Bless each and every one of you, may God Bless our great Fraternity, and may God Bless the United States of America and all who serve it!

Fraternally,  
John E. Karroum  
Junior Grand Warden





M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.,  
Grand Secretary

## A Message From The Grand Secretary

*Brothers and friends:*

I am not able to find the words that would adequately express my appreciation to the Lodge Secretaries that service our great Fraternity. Their service and devotion continues to be the binding thread that keeps the Lodges together. Are they the forgotten Officer? I hope not! Take the time to thank them and show them the brotherly love and affection they deserve.

Back to the topic of Grand Lodge. There were NINE SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS SEMINARS for this year and overall they were well attended. Friday, October 30, 2015, District No. 6; Friday, November 6, 2015, District No. 1; Saturday, December 12, 2015, District No. 13; Friday, January 8, 2016, District No. 17; Friday, February 5, 2016, District No. 15; Saturday, February 27, 2016, District 9; Saturday, March 5, 2016, District 34; and Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Masonic Home of Florida. I wish to thank the presenters that traveled across our jurisdiction so our Craft could be better educated Masons, R.:W.: Jeff Foster, R.:W.: Roger E. McKay, R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, R.:W.: John Paniccia, W.: Charles Calabritto, and W.: Kenneth Skillman. Many Brothers and Lodges assisted in the preparation for the seminars of which there are too many to list. The support and dedication of these Brothers confirms we are united in our quest for Further Light.

I consider myself very privileged to serve as your Grand Secretary and work with a devoted team of Elected Grand Lodge Officers. Each of your Grand Lodge Officers bring to the table different skills and life experiences and together make up a well round leadership team working for the

betterment of our Fraternity.

The office has now completed the updated technology in our Computer Department and W.: Charles Calabritto has done an outstanding job insuring the safe guard of our information and work product; as well as stepping up speed in our production.

The new membership program continues to proceed and new and exciting items are being added to enhance its usefulness and performance. The Circumscribe System will move us into the 21st Century and assist the Secretaries in there many duties.\* There will be an updated presentation offered at Grand Lodge in Jacksonville this year, I hope you will come and get enthused by the presentation. Many thanks go out to Brothers W.: Kenneth Skillman and R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez for their development of this impressive system.

The staff at our Grand Lodge Office, under the management of Ms. Wendy John, continues to strive to serve our Craft, Lodges, and Secretaries with excellence. What a pleasure to be able to work daily with this devoted team.

I hope to have the opportunity to embrace you at the upcoming Grand Lodge Communication with a hand shake of continued Brotherly Love and affection.

*Fraternally,*

M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.  
Grand Secretary

*\*see information on  
The Circumscribe System located  
on the bottom of this page*



M.:W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M.,  
Grand Treasurer

## A Message From The Grand Treasurer

*Brothers,*

It hardly seems possible that it is almost time for our Annual Grand Lodge Communication again. It seems as if the years are passing faster all the time. There are several important pieces of legislation to come before the Craft this year and I urge you to discuss these in your Lodge and the delegates vote for the good of the Fraternity. Also the Annual Communication will be a different experience this year as it will be held in Jacksonville for the first time since 2004. A new Grand Master will be installed and a new Junior Grand Warden elected, an exciting time for Florida Masonry.

If you missed the Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home this year, you missed a treat. It was a rainy and kind of nasty day, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm. Several of the events were moved inside and the celebration continued. And congratulations are certainly in order to First Lady Mary Jane Boring who finally saw her First Lady's Project unveiled. The new ladies' beauty shop and the men's barber shop are places to behold, everything new and state of the art. What a great

addition to our Home and I know the residents will enjoy them for many years to come.

As our new Grand Lodge year begins, so will the many programs. A new First Lady's project will begin as well as a new Grand Master's Charity and I know the Craft will contribute generously to both. All of our standard committees will begin a new year as well with all the chairmen and committeemen working hard as usual. I strongly urge you to support all these programs but especially two in particular, the Child ID program which is a wonderful program for our communities and the Masonic Education program which is essential to the success and growth of our Fraternity.

I wish success to all the Lodges and the Brethren and may you have safe travels in your journeys.

*Sincerely & Fraternally,*

M.:W.: Elmer Coffman, P.G.M.  
Grand Treasurer



## "Circumscribe" – The New Grand Lodge Membership / Secretary Online Portal

The Grand Lodge of Florida is in the process of updating member information with a NEW online membership/secretary portal known as Circumscribe. You, the craft, can directly access your membership information, keep it updated and many other features as they come on line. You can upload a photo and receive a permeant member identification card with your photo on it.



**Please see the below instructions.**

### Instructions for First Time Login – CURRENT MASTER MASONS ONLY

1. Open your internet browser and be sure to disable private browsing.
2. Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>
3. On the login screen, enter your temporary username which is FL+Your Grand Lodge Number+@changeyouremail.info (example FL1234567@changeyouremail.info)
4. Enter your temporary password: FL+Your Grand Lodge Number (example FL1234567)
5. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password
  - a. Your NEW user name should be an email address that you use regularly
  - b. Your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice
6. Upon successfully changing your email and password, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new credentials.
7. Once you have successfully logged back in, you will be taken to your Profile Page. Please verify all of your information on this page, and make any appropriate changes. You will also have the option to upload a current picture for your permanent ID card.

**NOTE:** You must upload your picture within 30 calendar days of your first login, and no more than 60 days past your Lodge on-board date.

- Do's of uploading your picture: As high resolution (can be taken with a smartphone or digital camera)
- No hats or sunglasses
- No other individuals in the picture
- No animals in the picture
- Your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible
- You will receive an e-mail that your Grand Lodge permanent ID is in production. You should receive your new card at the address you listed in your Member Profile within about 14 business days. If you do not receive it within this time, please contact your Lodge Secretary.

8. You may immediately begin to record your Masonic attendance and take the Master Mason I, II, III exams.

**ONLINE help is available at <http://help.circumscribe.net> or by clicking the question mark icon on the top right of the Circumscribe system once you are logged in.**

**For additional support and information, please contact the Secretary of your Lodge.**



## Third Annual Fred H. Bozard Jr. And Fred H. Bozard III Memorial Degree

Forty-seven hard-core Masons gathered at the Bozard farm in Molasses Junction, west of St. Augustine on Saturday, January 23, for a Master Mason Degree. Four intrepid Fellow Crafts travelled a cold and blustery road to their Degree. Labor commenced at 4:00 p.m. with the temperature hovering at 37 degrees and wind gusts of 25 mph. After an outstanding meal of fried chicken, the Second Half was conducted under a cloudless sky and a full moon with temperatures around 30 degrees but no wind and concluding about 8:30 p.m.

The Third Annual Fred H. Bozard Jr. & Fred H. Bozard III Memorial Degree was performed at the outdoor Lodge located near Fred H. (Bo) Bozard IV's home in St. Johns County. Worshipful Master James (Rick) Bailey welcomed all the Brothers to the event and presided over both sections. The lecture was delivered by R.W. Troy Usina, PDDGM.

The four Brothers Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason were Thomas John Toretta, Eric Ander Spong, Samuel Peter Turner, and Joshua Michael Underwood of Ashlar Lodge No. 98.

The ritual work performed by the degree team was outstanding and, coupled with the dedication of the Brothers who attended, demonstrates our respect for our Craft and our commitment to Freemasonry. These four new Master Masons will never forget their Degree, that is assured - nor will any of the hard-core Masons who attended.



## A Night At The Movies In Gulf Beach

Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291, located in Madeira Beach, held a Family Movie Night on Thursday March 30th. Thirty-Five Masons, Family and Friends enjoyed an evening of entertainment at Gulf Beach Lodge with the showing of 'National Treasure' starring Nicholas Cage. The evening began with refreshments and snacks prepared by our Junior Warden, Oscar Salazar, with the assistance of the Stewards, EA's and FC's. In preparation for the movie National Treasure, R.: W.: Howard Knapp spoke on the facts versus fiction with regard to the Masonic inferences in the movie. Everyone then moved upstairs to watch the movie on the large projection screen and stereo sound system. A great time was had by all!



## Shoot Out At The Ok Corral

Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 Masonic Lodge located in Jupiter, held a Sporting Clay Tournament Saturday, March 26th, 2016 at OK Corral in Okeechobee. Ok Corral is located at 9449 NE 48th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

Sporting clays is a form of clay pigeon shooting, often described as “golf with a shotgun” because a typical course includes from 10 to 15 different shooting stations laid out over natural terrain.

The tournament was to benefit the Jupiter Police Department Criminal Justice Program at Jupiter High School and the Jupiter Police Department Explorer Program.

Both programs are designed to provide our young people opportunities to experience law enforcement and criminal justice related career opportunities. The programs teach students about teamwork, character building, integrity, honor, strength and keeping our community safe. These programs are primarily funded through donations and contributions from the police department.

Ok Corral offers 2 sporting clays courses, Covered 5 stand, Wobble Deck, Covered pistol/ rifle ranges, Competition Shooting Park and Cowboy Action Shooting complete with a western town set.

The shooting club is open to the public with memberships available. There is ample RV parking and 12 new luxury cabins – 24 rooms. They also have the best Restaurant in Okeechobee.

This was our second annual Sporting Clay Tournament which raises funds for a dinner to honor 5 Police Departments – Jupiter, Tequesta, Juno, Palm Beach Gardens and the Palm Beach County School Police. The awards Diner to be held at Jupiter Light Lodge will be May 12th at 6 PM.

There were 53 shooters and 16 sponsors for which we greatly appreciate their support.

Sporting Clays offers our advertisers an upscale clientele 3 to 4 hours exposure in a recreational environment and we look forward to exceeding everyone's expectations at our event next spring.



## Low Twelve Masonic Riders From Florida, Alabama And Indiana Confer MM Degree

The Low Twelve Riders Masonic Biker Association, Brothers from seven different Lodges in Districts 1, 2 and 6 in Florida, as well as Low Twelve Brothers from Alabama and Indiana came together on January 16th to raise two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Master Mason Degree was conferred upon Bro. Randy Teal of Santa Rosa Lodge No. 16, and Bro. Matthew Dinger of Tyrion Lodge No. 427 in Brandon MS. Bro. Dinger moved to Florida after being Initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Mississippi, and has been working with the Brothers at Pace Lodge No. 349, with the permission of Grand Lodge, to continue his progress in Masonry.

The Degree Team was completely made up of Low Twelve Riders Members, with Brothers from Districts 1 and 2 filling the various seats, Brothers from District 6 acting as the catch crew, and Brothers from Alabama, Indiana and Florida serving as the 12 Fellowcrafts. With the raising of Brother Teal, it completed the first time that Low Twelve Riders have conferred all Three Degrees, including lectures.

The Low Twelve Riders is an association of motorcycle riding Brothers dedicated to promoting Masonry among motorcycle enthusiasts, and has chapters in seven states as well as a new chapter in Minden, Germany. They work diligently to spread the Brotherhood and Charity of Masonry through numerous Charitable and Community events.

The Master and Brothers of Pace Lodge No. 349 in Pace FL. were kind enough to allow the Low Twelve Riders to use their Lodge to Confer the Degree. After an enjoyable meal prepared by the Pace Lodge Junior Warden, the Master donated \$80 to the Low Twelve Riders to further their Charitable Work.



Top Row L-R: Adam Watcher Jackson, R.: W.: Haskell Vest, Michael Peterson, W.: David Danielson, R.: H.: Steve Andrews, Dennis MacDonald, Louis Bolesta

Bottom Row L-R: R.: W.: Robert West, W.: Alan Cox, Randy Teal, W.: Jolly Harris, Matthew Dinger, W.: Ricky Sears, Frank Holmes.

## Masons “Spring” Into Action

Friday evening (March 11, 2016) at 7:00 p.m. Naval Lodge No. 24 Free and Accepted Masons of Florida converged for the purpose of holding a To Go Van Gogh paint party fund raising event. The event raised \$375 for 3 separate items broken down as follows: \$125.00 for the Tommy Parker Fund (a fund developed to provide monetary relief for less fortunate families during the Christmas season), \$125.00 for Naval Lodge's adopted Rainbow Girls and \$125.00 for a flag pole for the Lodge.

Twenty-Five individuals arrived as novice artists and left with two things: a smile on their face and a one-of-a-kind signed and priceless piece of artwork.



## Brandon Masonic Lodge Presents Yates Elementary School A Donation

Brandon Masonic Lodge No. 114, located in Brandon, Florida, conducted a fund raising fish fry to benefit education programs at Yates Elementary School on March 5th. The Lodge raised \$1600.00 and Worshipful Master Jack Hampton of Brandon Lodge presented Principal Richard Shields and Angela Oser, Exceptional Student Education Specialist, with the check at an open meeting on March 24th. Principal Shields indicated that the funds would be used to benefit Exceptional and Special Education Programs at Yates Elementary. Brandon Masonic Lodge No. 114 conducts this fish fry to benefit Yates Elementary School in March of each year as part of the Adopt-a-School and Adopt-a-Teacher Program. Additionally, at these events, the Red Cross Bloodmobile is invited to gather donations, and non-perishable food items are gathered in support of the local ECHO food drive.



## Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Brings Holiday Cheer

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge took part in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program for the eighth year at Tyrone Mall. The Angel Tree program is designed to provide holiday gifts to needy children in the community. Over twenty-five members of Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge took turns to man the Angel Tree booth at the Mall on December 6th. It was a very moving experience for the Masons to see how the community comes together to bring joy to the hearts of children this time of year. Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge is appreciative of the Salvation Army for allowing them to take part in this worthy program, and encourages other organizations and individuals to take part in this event in the future.



Grand Lodge Elected Officers received at the East West Shrine Game to benefit the Shrine Hospitals for Children.



## Sweethearts Luncheon At Ashlar Lodge No. 98

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 in St. Augustine hosted its 40th annual Sweethearts’ Luncheon on Saturday, February 20. The Lodge honored 15 Masonic Widows at the event. The guest speaker was Dr. Thomas Graham, Professor Emeritus, Flagler College, who spoke about the Flagler era in St. Augustine. Forty-seven members, wives, widows, and others attended. Rainbow Assembly No. 42 decorated the Lodge Dining Room and served those attending a catered lunch. W.: James Bailey welcomed the attendees and Bro. Oscar Patterson and W.: Jim Davis conducted the event. Lodge Brothers James Carrick, Robert Wilson, Brian Iannucci, Ted Cassford, and Dominick Perez welcomed the ladies and served as escorts.



## Winter Park Lodge No. 239 – An Active DDGM Visitation

On February 23, 2016, Winter Park Lodge No. 239 received their second official of visit from R.: W.: Don Goolsby, District Deputy Grand Master of the “Proud 17th” Masonic District. R.: W.: Goolsby had positive things to say about the Lodge and urged the Officers and Brothers to keep on the path we are headed as it will only strengthen our Fraternity. Also this evening R.: W.: Don Goolsby and R.: H.: Kilmartin had the honor of presenting a Brown Proficiency Card to W.: Alex Darwich and Bro. Ervin Janssen. Additionally, during Committee Reports W.: John Miles presented Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) Completion Diplomas to W.: Justin McDonald, W.: M.: Mike Griffin and S.: W.: Jay Cebollero. R.: W.: Don Goolsby concluded the evening by sharing the message of M.: W.: Steven Boring which was received with a standing ovation. Winter Park would like to congratulate everyone for a wonderful evening and invites Brothers to please attend the Annual St. John’s Ceremony.



## 13th District Hosts Color Guard

The 13th Masonic District Association hosted the Color Guard from the Naval JROTC unit at Clay County High School during its regular meeting on May 20th. The Color Guard is led by Cadet LTJG Gabriella Flores. Color Guard members are Cadet Petty Officer First Class (C/PO1) Brandon Brown, C/PO3 Briyuna Mack, C/PO3 Marcus Allen and C/PO3 Elisha Rowell who was also Freshman Cadet of the Year for the Unit. The Color Guard presented the colors in proper military form prior to the evening meal and Cadet Rowell led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Colors were then retired with an outstanding display of military drill. During the Association’s regular business session, Captain Michael Boyer, Senior Military Instructor at Clay County High School, made a presentation about the JROTC program in our nation’s high schools. He noted its focus on education and the manner in which it prepares the next generation for citizenship. Each of the Cadets present followed CAPT Boyer informing those assembled about why they participated in JROTC and what the program meant to them. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida strongly supports the JROTC program throughout the state and regularly presents awards to JROTC Cadets. At the conclusion of the presentations, Cadet LTJG Gabriella Flores was presented with a certificate recognizing her as the Outstanding JROTC Cadet in the 13th Masonic District. The presentation was made by R.: W.: Russell Raulerson, District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District. Cadet Flores also received a monetary award from Cabul Lodge. That presentation was made by Donald Warner, Worshipful Master of Cabul Lodge.

## The Villages Lodge No. 394 Confers Rusty Nail Degree

Villages Lodge No. 394 conferred “The Rusty Nail” Degree upon 16 “Rusty” Brethren on Wednesday the 4th of November, 2015. The “Rusty Nail” is designed to refresh the memories of Brethren holding a valid dues card but who have not been regular in Lodge Attendance. It refreshes the memory regarding the steps, due-guards, and signs of the three Degrees of Freemasonry. It touches on Lodge Customs and reviews the Mysteries and Legends of Freemasonry as taught in the Ritual. It is a tool designed to encourage regular attendance at Lodge Meetings and bringing a non-attending Brother into the Lodge and help him feel at ease with what may be forgotten Ritual. Deputy District Grand Master Allen Heist joined the Officers and Members of Villages Lodge, as well as R.: W.: Dennis Ricker, in instruction and welcome back ceremonies. It was an extremely powerful and fun evening. Villages Board Members are discussing holding another event in the spring



## Lake Budreau – St. Augustine’s Masonic Lake

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 in St. Augustine hereby presents the “saga of the parking lot.” Several years ago the Lodge created a “west” parking lot surfaced with coquina. The lot quickly became known as “Lake Budreau” in honor of R.: W.: Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM. When it rained in St. Augustine, the lot filled with water and it is reported that local residents were seen fishing there. Fishing and parking in the same space doesn’t work well so the Lodge decided to fix the problem thus “the saga of the parking lot.” “Lake Budreau” is no more and we learned that St. Augustine, being a coastal city, the water level is very close to the surface. Should the “fix” not prove permanent, the lot may be renamed “Lake Cannan,” but that is for the future to reveal.



The first stage of work with the lot being graded smoothed.



The beginning of excavations to create a trench for water removal.



The trench being dug, then “We’re sank.”



The trench with the CAT removed.

## District No. 34 Host Child ID

District 34 was invited to Plantation Baptist Church by Broward County Sheriff’s Department Community Resource Officer Lynn Braden. Three Brothers worked two computers from 10am to 2pm and we were able to register in excess of 80 kids and one adult. Bro. Abraham Metz, Chairman, Child ID Dist. No. 34, Bro. James Freeborn, Sr. Deacon from J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge Dist. 33 and Bro. Jim Gregory worked for four hours. Deputy Lynn and one of her Deputies helped by filling out the forms and measuring the kids before they got to us. Saturday, March 5th we will be doing another event at Miami Shores Community Center, located at 9625 Park Drive. Due to the Secretary’s and Treasure’s Workshop this event will be run by EA Brother Brian Amezola and Master Mason William Reynolds assisted by a number of FCs.



## Englewood Masons And Vineland Elementary School Combine To Offer A Day-Long Child Id Session

Englewood Masons, in collaboration with the Vineland Elementary School, as part of Vineland’s Spring festivities provided Child ID services. The huge School-wide Festival of Activities included the Sheriff’s helicopter, K-9 units, School Band, Games, Hamburger & Hot Dog booths, and other events. The Child ID Program is another community service provided free-of-charge by Florida Masons. It is designed to help provide security for our loved ones should they find themselves in harms way. A Childs vital statistics are recorded on a DVD including visual image, fingerprints, verbal recording, additional data unique to each child and a DNA specimen. All of this is provided to the parent or legal representative at the conclusion of each sitting. All material is recorded using computers and nothing remains resident on the equipment ensuring total confidentiality to the individuals. The Englewood Masonic Lodge No. 360 has offered this community service for several years since the Grand Lodge of Florida first endorsed it. The age range is flexible. Usually some verbal skills are desired in the younger participants, and upper limits include youth not yet independent. If you have a group or are part of an organization of young people and want to provide an extra measure of protection for them, call the Lodge and schedule a group session. We can come to you. 941.475.9211



Masons in a row preparing personal ID packages



Mason John Stone where Child ID sessions are conducted.



Registration, forms and cotton candy.



Collect necessary data onto computer in a few minutes.

## Volusia Lodge No. 77 Hosts An International Visitor

On November 23, 2015, Volusia Lodge No. 77 in Barberville, (District No. 16) played host to an international visitor, Bro. Peter Nissen of St. Johannes Lodge in St. Christopher, Kristianstad, Sweden. Bro. Nissen holds the title of 2nd Deputy Master, the equivalent of our District Deputy Grand Master, and has been a Mason since 2001. He travelled to Port Orange to visit family during the Thanksgiving holiday, and had the pleasure of seeing W.: Miguel Collazo, of Volusia Lodge No. 77 Raise his son, Bro. Michael Collazo, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason that evening. Bro. Nissen’s Lodge, St. Johannes Lodge, was constituted in 1776, and over 6,000 Brothers have since begun their Masonic journeys from within its walls. Bro. Nissen was impressed with the ritual work conducted by Volusia No. 77, and shared the incredibly reverent and impressionable manner in which the Degrees are conferred in Sweden. Bro. Nissen was presented with M.: W.: Steven P. Boring’s pin and bronze coin to take home as a remembrance.





Cornerstone Laying Ceremony District 33

Corner Stone Laying Ceremony in Lauderdale-hill, Florida for the new Lauderdale Fire Department Station located in Lauderdale was as held The Knights of Melita Commandery No.35 of the Fort Lauderdale York Right and of Miami Commandery No.17 were in attendance and together provided an Honor Guard for Grand Master M.:W.: Steven P. Boring; Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson; Junior Grand Warden; R.:W.: John Karroum; R.:W.: Tommy Turlington, W.: Grand Marshal and all the officers who filled the positions on behalf of the Grand Line.

This is the first time Members of both bodies attend and participate in Corner Stone Laying Ceremony, thus it is exiting news for all, especially for Fort Lauderdale York Rite Bodies which have been steadily growing and marking a trail of success thus far in growing the Membership of our Body.

The Ceremony started promptly at 9:00 AM with all in attendance. The Grand Master performed the Ceremony with the assistance of all Masons present and participating from several Lodges in District 33. Lodges represented were North Broward No. 404, J. Dewey Hawkins No. 331, Coral Springs No. 373, Doric No. 140, Roe Fulkerson No. 299, West Broward No. 253, North Star No. 405 and Eureka North Shore No. 269. District Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Phil Dixon and District Instructor R.:H.: John Bonner were present and assisted as Grand Line officers in the ceremony. The Ceremony was completed promptly at 9:20 AM and all present enjoyed it.



Union County Veteran’s Day Ceremony and Parade

W.: Cecil Clemons, Past Master of Lake Butler Lodge No. 52, gave the largest Veteran’s Day Crowd since 1996 a first-hand soldier’s view of the Korean War. His excellent memory of dates and actual encounters with the enemy was amazing. Considering America’s encounter with the North Koreans was over 62 years ago. The spell-bound audience ranged from WWII Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans and the more recent wars to Union County’s Junior Reserve Officer Training Cadets. Clemons provided a vivid glimpse of just how important the American Service Member’s will to win provided success.

From the opening patriotic music Kelly Dorsey’s Superior High School Band played, to the Purple Heart wreath laid by Veteran Willie Busby, to the closing remarks by William Fischer, VFW Post 10062 Commander, the tribute to all veterans was outstanding.

The parade was led by the JROTC Color Guard and followed by an enthusiastic JROTC Unit, the UCHS Band, the American Legion Post 153 Float, the VFW Post 10082 Float, the Lake Butler Chapter No. 40, Order of the Eastern Star Float, the five Morocco Shrine Parade Units, and vehicles from the Union County Sheriff’s Office and Union County Fire Department. Plenty of candy was thrown to the parade watchers to include the local citizens, the UC Elementary School Students, the Tiger Den Children, the UC Middle and High School Students.

Union County showed great patriotism with their participation and thanks to all American Veterans. Our Union County Sheriff Officers, Fire Fighters, Union County School Programs, and all our Union County Citizens raised the bar for 2016.



M.:W.: Robert Trump receives 50-Year Service Award and Honors

On December 17th, 2015, M.:W.: Robert Trump, PGM, was presented his 50-Year Service Award at Pineland Lodge No. 86 by M.:W.: Steve Boring in an open ceremony to allow friends and family to attend.

We had several Past Grand Masters in attendance as well as approximately 20 PDDGM’s. After a flag presentation and opening comments by W.:M.: Randall Bolen, M.:W.: Steve Boring Conducted the Award Ceremony and M.:W.: Trump was pinned by his wife Lady Virginia Trump as approximately 70 people looked on including his son Past Master Duanne Trump and his daughter Mary Beth Hedstrom, and many of his DDGM’s from his year as Grand Master. M.:W.: Trump spoke on some of his favorite memories of his Masonic Career.

Afterward non-Masons were excused and M.:W.: Trump was given private Grand Honors. A fine meal of Chicken Perlow, broccoli casserole, Lima beans and Mac and cheese was had beforehand and a great time was had by all!!



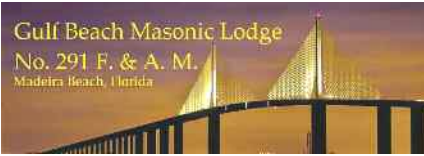
Inspirations Among Us

At a regular instruction and training night, it turned out to be anything but that. Pensacola Lodge No. 42, had a special request to present a Sixty (60) Year Award from the Grand Lodge of Oregon to 97-year-old Brother Donald L. Hall (U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander) of St. Helens Lodge No. 32. Although he was unable to attend our Family Night Dinner, we were Honored to visit him and make the Presentation. Brother Hall’s stories lit our hearts with love of Country and Patriotism. He joined the Navy in the summer of 1941 and served for 29 years. Every day, there are fewer of these Heroic Brothers among us to share these stories. I would ask all Lodges to search out these heroes and bring them to Lodge, prepare a supper and honor them. Time is precious don’t let it slip away.



Gulf Beach Lodge Delivers Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, in Madeira Beach, delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to six families in need. The baskets contained the makings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner including a turkey and all the side dishes and fixings. Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 is pleased to be able to bring some joy into the lives of those less fortunate and encourage other organizations and businesses in the community to do the same.



Masonic Cornerstone Laying At Madeira Beach City Hall

On December 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida with the assistance of Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291 held a cornerstone laying ceremony at the new Madeira Beach City Hall complex located in Madeira Beach.

The Grand Master of Masons for the State of Florida, M.:W.: Steven Boring, officiated along with his Grand Lodge Officers.

The first written record of an official Masonic cornerstone ceremony is that of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the New Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh by the Earl of Cromarty, Grand Master of Scottish Masons, on August 2, 1738. Fifty-five years later in 1793 the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol was laid by Masonic Brother George Washington.

The cornerstone laying was a public event and open to Masons and non-Masons alike. Refreshments was served immediately following the ceremony.



Own A Masonic Artifact? Donate It To The Grand Lodge Museum

If you own an item of Masonic history - an old bible, book of laws, articles, letters, jewelry, aprons, or anything else of some historic value - and you are concerned about what to do with it, here is a wonderful suggestion: donate it to the Grand Lodge Museum.

M.:W.: Elmer Coffman, PGM, Grand Treasurer who is also the curator of the museum located in the Grand Lodge Headquarters in Jacksonville, believes this is a win-win situation for the donor as well Grand Lodge.



“There are many Brothers who have collected, or come into possession of, old Masonic items and may be moving; or a Brother has passed away and the family doesn't know what to do with his valuable Masonic possessions. Donating them to our museum gives that Brother or his family the knowledge that these items won't be discarded but will live on permanently housed in the museum, and the museum will continue to be a repository of valuable items for others to view and perhaps study for research purposes,” Coffman said.

There is a great value in donating items of historic significance, regardless of the nature of the item, according to M.:W.: Richard Lynn, Grand Secretary. "We inventory each item for the museum and provide the donor with a permanent record of each item donated," he said. "Donated items give us a piece of history, and we all know we learn our lessons from history," he added.

One example of this donation value is demonstrated by R.:W.: George Waas. Over the years, he received letters from public officials and other assorted items that date back 50 years. His collection now resides with the Florida State University Libraries in Tallahassee. His and his wife’s collection of hockey memorabilia is now housed in the Hockey Hall of Fame Museum in Toronto, Canada.

"Just knowing that these collections will be permanently preserved in places that exist for the preservation of historical items provides great peace of mind; these items will be available for viewing and research on an ongoing basis rather than wind up being thrown away," Waas said.

Just search your files and items on your desk or table and, if there are Masonic Valuables on display, consider getting in touch with Grand Lodge and make a donation to the museum. You will be glad you did.

Cherry Hill Lodge Honors One Of Its Own

Cherry Hill Lodge No. 12, W.:M.: Don Cadrain, was honored to present W.: Arnold Gibson with the Hiram Award during our January 2016 Lodge Meeting for his outstanding service and dedication to Cherry Hill Lodge and Freemasonry.





LaBelle Lodge No. 379 joins Others in giving Christmas Turkeys

Well before Thanksgiving, members of LaBelle Lodge No. 379 were aware of the great need in Western Hendry County of economically depressed families who would not have a traditional roasted turkey Christmas dinner. The need, at the time, seemed overpowering the Lodges’ limited resources and ability to help these neighbors.

“Our situation was not unique. None of the other local Fraternal, business and faith-based organizations would be able to meet the total need. But, by a combination of efforts and resources, everyone working together, shoulder-to-shoulder without concern for individual recognition, the Lodge and Community was successful,” said Brother Phillip Keyes, a 50-plus year Florida Mason and Member of LaBelle No. 379.

“Granted, our share was small; just eight of the 12 - 15-pound turkeys. And we estimated the need to be approximately 100,” he said. “Those turkeys, when combined with the Christmas Day meals cooked by Veteran’s groups and churches, meant no one in our area went hungry on Christmas Day.”

The LaBelle Lodge is located inland from Southwest Florida and has a large part of its population employed on a seasonal basis as farmworkers and other agriculturally related businesses. While the Lodge has an active charitable-giving record, it has been many years since one of its Members has knocked on a neighbor’s door, handed over a turkey, and said ““God Bless you and have a Merry Christmas.”



Freemason’s Support Brooker Elementary School’s Award Assemblies

Louie Leofric Johns III (Trey Johns), Murray Eugene Bertine (Gene Bertine), Robert Lavern Haines (Bob Haines) and Theodore Mackie Barber (Ted Barber) regular members of Brooker’s Pine Hill Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, attended the Wednesday morning, January 13, 2016 Brooker Elementary School’s Award Assemblies. Additionally, Ray Davis, an Honorary Member of Pine Hill Lodge No.9 and Tatum Davis, a member of Bradford Lodge No. 35 attended.

Two School separate Award Assemblies were required to accommodate grades K-2 and 3-5, with the parents and teachers.

Ted Barber, Pine Hill Lodge Secretary and Past District Deputy Grand Master, presented certificates of achievement to Eli Hoyer (1st place) and Baron Bryson (2nd Place) in the K-1 category, Jaleyah Williams (1st Place) and Kristen Balkin-Gainey (2nd Place) in the 2-3 grade category, and Ashley Dehoff (1st Place) and Madison Stefanelli (2nd Place) in the 4-5 grade category. Each student that placed 1st or 2nd also received a pen and cash money.

Bob Haines was introduced as the Master-elect of Pine Hill Lodge to be installed Saturday, January 16, 2016. Gene Bertine was introduced as the Lodge’s Master for 2015 (outgoing Master). Trey Johns is serving as a Deacon and Ted Barber introduced himself as the Lodge’s Secretary. Barber told the assembly that Brooker’s Pine Hill Lodge has been a part of the community for 135 years since it was chartered in January 1881. He said Pine Hill Lodge was one of 244 Masonic Lodges statewide. He explained that Pine Hill Lodge was using the Florida Grand Lodge Program of Adopt a School/Teacher for Brooker Elementary School and that this connection or adoption had been in effect for six years. Since this adoption, Pine Hill Lodge has been supporting the “Back to School” Programs, Fall Festivals, Volunteer Reader Program, and patriotism programs (includes Veteran’s Day and the “Why I Love America” Programs).

Ray Davis, a Past District Deputy Grand Master and Honorary Member of Pine Hill Lodge No.9, presented a short talk on the history of the American Revolution. He captured the attention of everyone with his bright red 1776 Revolutionary War Dress Uniform and his excellent ability to convey history important to everyone in attendance. He stressed that patriotism is our love for our country.

The Members of Pine Hill Lodge No. 9 are proud of our association with Brooker Elementary School and hope to continue providing our services and assistance to the students and faculty in the years ahead.



2016 Pilgrimage Day Car Show Winner

Congratulations to Brother Zachary Zukowski, a member of Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, on winning the Grand Lodge of Florida 2016 Pilgrimage Day Car Show. Brother Zachary is currently a Fellow Craft Mason who will be taking his Third Degree in April. Although the weather wasn’t cooperating at the Pilgrimage Day, a great time was had by all who attended



Englewood Lodge Adopt-A-Teacher

Earlier this year the MASONS in Englewood announced they had adopted a Teacher and her class of Kindergarteners at the Vineland Elementary School in Englewood. Over time this has expanded to all kindergarten classes.

A local businessman became aware of the Masons Project and offered to hold a fundraiser to help support the project. A day was selected during which all proceeds from just bowling would be donated to the project.



Shown is Bob Karbach and his wife Rose donating a check for \$300 to the Lodge Master, W.:M.: Stoney Stonecipher. On the left is past Master, W.: Denis Doome, project leader.

It’s A Family Thing

On November 24th, Bro. Nathan Thomas became the second 18-year-old Son of W.:. Ken Thomas family to see the light of the first degree.



L to R: Acting W.:M.: and Senior Warden Bro. Mike Hinson, Bro. Matt Thomas, (now 21) Bro. Nathan Thomas and last but not least, proud Dad W.: Ken Thomas.

Myrtle Grove Lodge No. 352 Hosts a Special Night

The Members of the Myrtle Grove Lodge No. 352 showed up for a special night of food, fun, and Fellowship. They received all of it. Junior Warden Guy Heath had called in all sorts of favors to host an Asian night consisting of Lumpia, stir fry chicken, broccoli in an Asian sauce and salad. After a second round of everything we adjourned to the Lodge with the wives where we were treated a special occasion. Senior Steward John Gutermuth had the honor of Presenting his uncle, Brother Michael Antonio Shorey, with his Apron. Brother Michael had expressed an interest to his nephew of becoming a mason. Brother John not only made this happen but taught him all the catechism work for all three degrees. He said he had the best teacher of all in Gold Card Holder R.: W.: Bruce Fortner. Next step for John is he will preside in the East, April 1st, for an Entered Apprentice Degree, his first.



L to R: Brother Michael Antonio Shorey, Senior Steward John Gutermuth

Masons – Wife Recognized

The Englewood Masonic Lodge No. 360 formally recognized Lady Nancy VanAlstine by Worshipful Master Stony Stonecipher. Shown here is Nancy VanAlstine with W.:M.: Stonecipher, while across the room the Marshal, Bro. Charlie Rock, acknowledges the many time consuming activities Lady Nancy has completed working beside her husband Bro. Dan. Every meeting night she is in the kitchen preparing a meal or refreshments for the meeting or working next to Bro. Dan as they work the Sporting Clay’s Disable Veteran Project. Then, of course there was the booth at the Dearborn Street Halloween walk in Englewood as they devote their energies to another of the Lodge’s Projects and the Greater Englewood Community. The list went on and on.



The Florida Mason

by W.: Kevin Spargur, PM, Duval Lodge No. 159  
District 12 Public Relations & Publicity, Zone 3 Masonic Youth Activities

Brethren, lend me your ears  
I’ll tell a tale and you shall hear.

The Florida Mason there is no doubt,  
Grand Lodge’s Voice the State throughout.

Fifty years plus Members many  
EAs and Fellow Crafts plenty.

Found within these pages you’ll concur, The Craft it does...

It MUST endure!

Masonic Education Lifelong Learning Program

Brother Dave Dix of The Villages Lodge No. 394 presented a Masonic Education Class as part of The Villages Lifelong Learning Program. The class was well attended, 30 people, well presented and with lots of follow-up discussion. Nice Job Brother Dave!



Father Raises Son At Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291

Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291, located at Madeira Beach Florida, held a Master Mason Degree on Thursday, February 25, 2016 where Brother David Neville, Senior Deacon, sat as the Worshipful Master and Conferred the Master Mason Degree upon his son, (and Masonic Brother) Ryan Neville.

The evening began at 6:30 PM when the Junior Warden, Brother Oscar Salazar, prepared a savory steak dinner for the fifty-two Masons in attendance. Following the dinner, the Masons present enjoyed a flawless Conferral of the Master Mason Degree and welcomed Brother Ryan Neville as its newest Master Mason. Brother Ryan Neville is a local pharmacy technician and resides in St. Petersburg. In the near future Brother Steven





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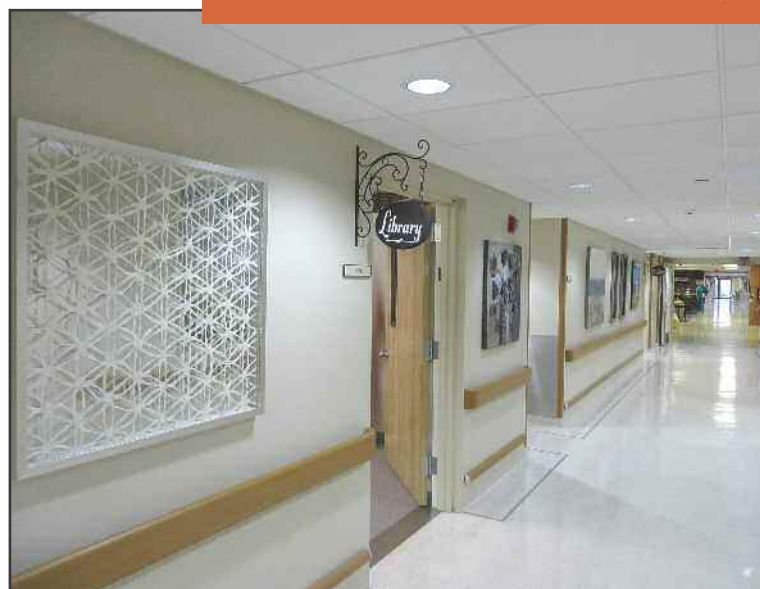


## First Lady Mary Jane Boring's Masonic Home Salon & Barbershop Renovation Project

On March 19, 2016, Pilgrimage Day, the dedication of First Lady Mary Jane Boring's Masonic Home Project was held. This amazing project included a full renovation of the beauty salon, addition of a barbershop, and remodeling of an entire hallway with improved lighting, handrails and furnishings. We appreciate all the Borings have done to make the project possible and thank each and every donor!



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# Welcome



**Dear Friends of the  
Masonic Home of Florida:**

We hope you enjoy reading about exciting events taking place at the Masonic Home. These articles and pictures tell just a small part of our story and the incredible activities going on daily with the Masonic Family and local community. Recreational, entertaining programs, both big and small, are what makes our Home special. You never know who you will see here visiting on a given day, Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Lodge Members, numerous Members of Appendant Bodies, Resident Families, Health Care Professionals... The list goes on and on. Great People coming together to do great things along

with an outstanding staff providing the very best care and service. This recipe has served us well for almost 100 years!

Without question, a highlight this year was the dedication of First Lady Mary Jane Boring's salon, barbershop and hallway renovation project. Throughout the past year, she and Most Worshipful Boring have worked to ensure this project came to fruition. Due to their dedication and your generosity, we now have a beautiful salon which offers services to enhance a residents overall well-being.

*With Gratitude,*  
Lisa Tsotsos, Administrator  
Masonic Home of Florida  
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## Spending Valentines Day With The 36th Masonic District

The wonderful members of the 36th Masonic District always make sure every Resident of the Masonic Home of Florida has a special Valentine each year. Once again, they made the trip to bring gifts, chocolates, smiles and love. Thanks to all those who contributed to this very special event!



## First Lady Mary Jane Boring's Masonic Home Salon & Barbershop Renovation Project *continued*



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On March 5, 2016, the 2nd year in a row, the dedicated members of Cape Coral Lodge No. 367 and their family members came to help get our Home ready for the Pilgrimage Day celebration on March 19th. This group comes prepared and ready to work! They visited with Residents and helped with landscaping, pressure washing and painting to assist with completion of Mary Jane Boring's Masonic Home Salon Renovation Project. As you can see from this picture, this group came to work, but also had a great time in the process!



Top row: W.: Shawn Lane (Worshipful Master) and  
Bro. Bruce Rivera (Senior Warden)  
Bottom row: Bro. Scott Peacock (Junior Warden) Christine  
Peacock , Bro. John Kauth (Senior Steward) , Pam Scardina  
and R.: W.: Sam Scardina

For the 9th consecutive year, the wonderful men and women of the 25th Masonic District take time to bring Easter greeting, blessings and gifts to the residents of the Masonic Home. Pictured here are these wonderful visitors and Rev. James Hughey, resident, who lead the Easter Service.



*Lake Wales Lodge No. 242 delivers Easter Baskets for each Resident*



*Resident  
Jim Hughey  
led the singing*



The renovated salon could not have reopened at a better time. On May 6, 2016, all of the Moms at the Masonic Home were treated to some well-deserved pampering which included manicures, foot and hand massages and many other relaxing services.



The Lucky 13th Masonic District conducted its 2nd Annual Corky's Cupboard Challenge during February and March 2016. The Lodges which participated in the challenge were Ashlar No. 98, Cabul No. 116, Palatka No. 34, and Pineland No. 89.

Those Lodges contributed more than \$2,000 in goods for our Masonic Home to include DVD and CD players, DVDs and CDs, Kleenex, Polident, Febreze, books of Forever stamps, and other supplies.

Pineland No. 86 won this year's challenge by donating the most supplies. The Lodge was recognized for its contribution at the Association's meeting on April 30 when a Certificate was presented to W. Randy Cumbo.

The supplies were delivered to the home by Bro. Oscar Patterson, Association president, and W. James Davis, a member of the Associations' Board of Directors on Saturday, April 30. The team making the delivery ate in the Home's dining room and then toured the facility.

The Masonic Home of Florida is a Five-star Facility. Every Freemason in Florida should visit at least once to familiarize themselves with the home and to witness firsthand the results of that truly commendable virtue Masonic Charity.



*L to R: W. James S. Davis, Bro. Oscar Patterson III*

*Most Worshipful Steven P. Boring, Grand Master and Mary Jane Boring, First Lady take a moment to reflect on the many donors throughout Florida who helped make the First Lady's Masonic Home Project a success. 'They are seen here in front of the plaques recognizing the gifts made in support.*



# Thanking Our Volunteers

Each April, we take a moment to express our appreciation to the many wonderful volunteers which make our Masonic Home special. We are fortunate to have talented volunteers, many of whom are rResidents, as well as other valuable members of the Masonic Family and community.



*Pictured here are Resident volunteers being entertained by guitarist Dean Miller*

*Administrator Lisa Tsotsos joined by Grand Royal Matron, Cathy Edson, Order of the Amaranth and Steve Edson, Order of the Amaranth who regularly volunteer their time.*



## 2nd Annual Fish Fry

The 2nd Annual Fish Fry was provided J.F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 and held on January 16, 2016. Thank You From The Masonic Home Residents And Staff!



## Greetings From The Masonic Home Residents On Italian Day 2016



## Thank You Marston Lodge No. 49 For The Beautiful Music

For the 10th consecutive year, Marston Lodge No. 49 has sponsored and made all the arrangements for the great North Marion High School Jazz Band to come entertain our residents. These amazing students and their conductor put on a first-rate show for all! It is a highlight every year which we appreciate very much.





## Programs Which Benefit Masonic Home Of Florida



**We Are Pleased To Offer An **OUTREACH** Program Serving Members Throughout Florida!**  
Whether you have a need for Residential Services on our St. Petersburg campus, or in your local Community, please call the Masonic Home of Florida toll free at (866) 868-6749 for Assistance with Aging Services.

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*The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home cordially invite you to attend monthly meetings at the Masonic Home, 11:00 A.M. in the Board Room. Chapel Service starts at 10:00 A.M. June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th*

## ADMISSION PLANS

### Life Care Plan

**T**his traditional plan is available to any Master Mason who becomes a Member of a Florida Lodge prior to the age of 70. He must be a Member in good standing of a Florida Lodge for at least ten years and continually for the last three. The wife or widow of a Master Mason is eligible for residency based on his Membership. Contact your Lodge or the Masonic Home for an application. Upon completion, the application is signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary. It is then presented to the District Deputy Grand Master for review. The application is then forwarded to the Admissions Committee, Board of Trustees, and Grand Master for final approval. This process takes approximately 30-60 days. Dual Members are also eligible.

Under the Life Care Plan, assets owned by the Resident such as property, bank accounts, stocks, social security, pensions, etc., are deposited with the Masonic Home. These assets are then converted to cash to establish a Resident Maintenance Account. Each month, this account is debited to cover the cost of care. Residents retain 10% of any liquid assets, initially and subsequently, in excess of \$10,000 for personal use. When assets are exhausted, the Masonic Home continues to provide care throughout the lifetime of the Resident regardless of his/her ability to pay.



### Pay As You Go (Private Pay)\*\*

**I**n May of 2005, The Grand Lodge of Florida approved Private Pay admissions for Florida and non-Florida Masons. This plan provides an opportunity for Florida and non-Florida Master Masons and their wives, widows and mothers to retain control of their assets while enjoying all the Masonic Home has to offer. Residents pay a three month deposit and \$3,650\* monthly for Assisted Living and \$6,083\* monthly for Skilled Nursing care. Most fees and services are included except medication. For couples entering the Masonic Home, the first person pays this monthly fee and the second person fee is \$1,800\* monthly. Applicants for Pay As You Go should get in touch with the Masonic Home directly to begin the admission process which can take as little as one week for approval.

\*\*Please Note that effective June 2012, Women who are qualified Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are now eligible to apply for the "Pay As You Go" Plan.

\*Rates subject to change.



65 Years A Mason Bro.  
Francis George Campbell

Francis George Campbell, who lives now Myakka Drive in Venice, was awarded a 65-year service award Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Francis was born November 26, 1928 in Englewood, Florida. When asked if he considers himself a real Florida Cracker he simply replied, “Yes.” He remembers the area as just a fishing village. He began his Masonic journey June 23, 1950 at New Jersey Lodge No. 78 where he was initiated an Entered Apprentice. He was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft August 29th of that year. On February 3rd 1951. Francis transferred to Lodge No. 244 in the state of Washington. Along the way he spent some time in the Navy. He proudly displayed on his shirt the twin dolphins, which is the insignia of the submarine service. When asked about his service he, once again, proudly recalls the story of how many seconds it took his boat to dive from the surface to the ocean floor once the skipper gave the order to dive. On April 5th 1994 Francis affiliated with Englewood Lodge No. 360.



*Pictured here is Francis Campbell being congratulated by Rite Worshipful Gene Jeffers who conducted the Ceremony and Pinned the gold medallion on his jacket. Worshipful Stoney Stonecipher is about to present his 65-Year Certificate. When asked if he wanted to address the Members he commented that he looked forward to seeing everyone when he gets his next award in 5 years. He will be 93.*

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Adopts a Class

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, located at 14020 Marguerite Drive in Madeira Beach, recently took part in the Adopt-A-Class program at Starkey Elementary School in Seminole. Gulf Beach Lodge donated \$150.00 to Ms. Heather McShane’s classroom at the Elementary School in an effort to help, aid and assist her with her classroom expenses. Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge is proud to be a part of this worthy program and encourages other organizations and individuals to do the same.

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge was chartered in 1950 and has been an active presence on the Gulf Beaches since that time. For years the Masonic Lodge has been a part of the Adopt-a-Highway program and takes care of the periodic clean up of portions of Gulf Blvd. and the Tom Stewart Causeway. The Lodge is a strong supporter of many charitable organizations such as the American Heart Association, PARC, the American Lung Association, the St. Petersburg Free clinic, and many others.



Supreme Council recognizes Bro. Paul Katrenak - Master Craftsman Program

Fred Wright (32nd Degree Scottish Rite) and other Masons from the Valley of Fort Myers visited the Englewood Lodge on February 16, 2016 as representatives of the Supreme Council to recognize Paul Katrenak for his completion of the Master Craftsman Program.

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program is a course of study offered to Masons under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in Washington DC.

The Program is designed as an advanced education in the Symbolism, Ritual, History, and Philosophy of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

The local Scottish Rite Masonry organization (called a "Valley") is located in Fort Myers, FL

Paul D. Katrenak is a Master Mason in the Englewood, FL Lodge No. 360, and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Master Mason.

Fred Wright (left Center) presents Paul Katrenak (right center) the Scottish Rite certificate for successful completion of the Master Craftsman Program. Far left is Stoney Stonecipher Master of Englewood Lodge and far right is Harry Schafer President of the Englewood Scottish Rite Club.



A Special Night at Lawtey Lodge No. 189

Lawtey Lodge No. 189 held a night of celebration on April 21st. The Widows and Past Masters of Lawtey Lodge were honored and recognized after a dinner prepared and organized by Worshipful Tom Sorensen. A productive meeting was conducted after social time, meal, and special recognitions.



*Past Masters are L-R front row: W.: David Neiman, W.: Jim Modica, W.: Donald Brown, W.: John Rosado, top row: W.: Tom Sorensen and W.: Roy Weiland.*

Letter From The Florida Sherriff’s Youth Ranch

Good afternoon everyone and please accept my apology for this group email.

I could not pass up the opportunity to thank you all and especially our Grand Master for the gift Brother Reed Rue presented Saturday during our Open House in Safety Harbor. Brother Reed was able to make the presentation in front of hundreds in attendance and directly to the Pinellas County Sheriff and our President (see photo). He was also able to talk a little about Masonry from the podium and encouraged those attending to learn more about our great fraternity and the benefits of membership.

I want to share a bit more. One of our Brothers living in St. Pete was attending the Open House with his Sister in Law. Both are in their 80’s and not moving around to well. They had lunch and wanted to see the inside of one of the children’s cottages. I was able to arrange for a golf cart to take us across campus safely. When we entered the cottage they were greeted by a young resident rancher of ours. Ozzy showed them around the cottage and took them to visit his room. Brother Ed told me about this when we spoke by phone this morning. He said in Ozzy’s room was some Masonic memorabilia proudly displayed. We don’t know yet the significance of the memorabilia but Ed said it was obvious it meant a lot to the young man. Ed gave Ozzy the Shriner Circus hat he was wearing before the parted ways.

I told Brother Ed I will learn more of the significance of the Masonic memorabilia and get back to him. Ed suggested Ozzy, who is 15, consider DeMolay which I will be discussing with him personally. I just wanted to share that the Grand Lodge and Masonic impact on our agency is more than the monetary gifts, we have the ability to impact children with the Masonic teachings and values. I am very proud to be a Mason and look forward to the future.

*Fraternally,*  
Wayne Witczak



St. John’s County Toxophily Club Thanks Ashler Lodge No. 98

Thank you for inviting us to join you today. We are here representing the Toxophily Club of St. Johns County. We are a 4H Club that loves archery, which is what the word Toxophily means. We have grown as a Club over the years and are now over 30 members. This sport teaches us discipline, acumen and sportsmanship. It requires patience and hard work. We prize our equipment and value its workmanship and precision. A few years ago, we were luck enough to receive a grant that purchased equipment so that kids wishing to try out the sport could, without having to immediately invest in hundreds of dollars of equipment. However, that equipment requires upkeep and repairs, which is why we are forever grateful for Ashlar Lodge No. 98’s donation to our Club. The money will help keep our equipment up to date and safe so that we can continue to exemplify the 4H principles.

Thank you. Zahra Crim, President ... Peyton Pitcher, Vice President & Recording Secretary



**4H TOXOPHY CLUB THANKS ASHLAR LODGE #98**

100 Good Man Event

The event was held at A.W. Windhorst Lodge No.185. on April 14, 2016, Sitting Master. W.:M.: Boin Upton sat in the East. Dinner was held at 6:30pm, Event 7:30pm. The event was supported by District’s No. 22 & No. 23. Total number of Brothers at the event were 113 Master Masons, 3 of which were invited, R.:W.: Bill Klinke, Grand Historian, R.:W.: John Westerman and R.:W.: John Paniccia. The event was held to show support to Lodges in District’s No. 22 & No. 23. A.W.Windhorst Lodge No. 185 was the supported Lodge for this quarter. What a great idea and event. More District’s should try this.





## Englewood Mason of the Year 2015 Announced

On December 15th Brother William (Bill) Boyer received the Mason of the year award at our regular stated meeting of the Englewood Masonic Lodge. W.: Dennis Doome made the presentation as one of his final actions for this year, as the Lodge Master. He commented to the members present that as a very new Mason, Bill can be found first in line to support almost everything the Lodge is doing. He can be found wherever a Child ID session is being held. Recording personal images and fingerprints, along with personal identification information for the Younger Residents of our community. Serving meals to Ladies at the recent Widows Annual Dinner and at the BBQ Pit early Sunday morning assuring that the chickens are properly cooked for the twice per month event which is open to the public. Behind the scenes he is on the grounds of the Lodge seeing the to it that everything is properly trimmed and maintained. Bill has agreed to assume more Officer duties as Junior Deacon for 2016. Bill's dedication and service to his Lodge, the Fraternity, and Community, sets an example worthy of all Masons emulation. This man stands out among his peers at almost every level in life. Congratulations Bill!



## Scout's Pinewood Derby/Mason's Child ID 2016 Programs Successful

The Englewood United Methodist Church was the location for the collaboration of two well-recognized organizations in our area. On Saturday April 16th over 350 Scouts, their Family and Friends attended the annual tri-county Pinewood Derby Races in the EUMC Fellowship Hall. It was there that the Englewood Masonic Lodge No. 360 along with zone and district representatives conducted a FREE child ID program.

Over 68 Cub Scouts registered and entered the derby races. They represented Charlotte, Sarasota and Desoto counties here in Southwest Florida. Several of the entrants won trophies for their efforts. And many (over 50) Scouts, along with their friends, brothers and sisters took advantage of the FREE Masonic Child ID process. On hand from the Masonic Lodge were: Nancy Cartons, Norma Jean Dunn, Nancy VanAlstine, Irv Hopkins, Dan VanAlstine, and Gene Jeffers-Zone Chairman. Gary Schroeder, Bill Laprade, Chris Rich, Omar Quesnel-District Chairman, and Denis Doome.

## Brandon Masonic Lodge Christmas Party

Brandon Masonic Lodge No. 114 held its annual Christmas party at Brandon Lodge on December 17th. The Junior Warden prepared and served a traditional Christmas dinner that was enjoyed by all who attended. It is rumored that Past Master, Worshipful Pete Williams and his wife, Sherry, were instrumental in the appearance of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus who heard the Christmas wishes of the children present and a few others. This was an evening filled with joy and holiday spirit.



Also in attendance was Worshipful William Leitner, who at age of 100 years is the Oldest Member of Brandon Lodge, and still occasionally participates in the Master Mason Degree Team as the Sea Captain. Worshipful Leitner was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 27, 1947 and was the Master of Brandon Lodge in 1953.



Brandon Masonic Lodge was issued its Charter by the Grand Lodge of Florida in 1890. The Lodge has been located at the current location at 203 Moon Avenue since 1924.

## High Springs Lodge No. 137 Youngest Entered Apprentice

18-year-old Nathan Thomas of High Springs Lodge No. 137 (wearing the red shirt and cap) signed a letter of commitment to attend Valdosta State University in the fall.



We feel he is most likely the first 18-year-old Entered Apprentice Mason to receive a scholarship. Congratulation to Brother Thomas.

## "Blast from the Past"

J. Wendell Fargis Lodge No. 356 was under UD January 26, 1966 and charted April 30, 1966 fond memories with the Brothers pictured.

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary on April 30, 2016, have come a long way and the future looks bright for us at our Home Lodge.



## Lawtey Lodge No. 189 Adopts A Teacher

On January 12, 2016, Worshipful Master Tom Sorensen, Past Masters David Neiman and Roy Weiland presented a check from Lawtey Lodge No. 189 F & A M to Principal Jennifer Vaughan for the Adopt a School/Teacher program at Lawtey Elementary School. Ms. Vaughan stated the funds will be spent for the students' educational needs. She went on to say thanks to the Members of Lawtey Lodge.



## Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 Sponsors Blood Drive

On Thursday November 19th from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 sponsored a Blood Drive at our Lodge. The Junior Warden prepared snacks and drinks for those who donated blood. We would like to thank the Brothers, family and friends who came out for this important and worthwhile event.



## Gulf Beach Lodge Again Bringing Holiday Cheer

Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291, located in Madeira Beach helped bring Holiday cheer to twelve local families in need. Twenty-three Masons, friends and family members prepared and delivered the Holiday food baskets to less fortunate families in the area. The baskets included a large turkey, pies, and all the sides necessary for the most sumptuous Holiday dinner. Gulf Beach Lodge is pleased to be able to assist in making this a great holiday season for those most in need. Gulf Beach Lodge has provided Holiday baskets for over 40 years and looks forward to continuing the tradition well into the future.



## Child Id Event in the 24th Masonic District

On January 16, 2016 Winter Haven Lodge No. 186 in conjunction with other 24th Masonic District Lodges conducted a Child I.D. event hosted by Beef 'O' Brady's Restaurant on Cypress Garden Boulevard in Winter Haven.

An unfortunate sign of the times, Child I.D. becomes increasingly important as more and more children are reported missing each year. The Masonic Community has taken this social issue on by providing a safe, secure and private method of recording vital information and putting into the hands of the people who would need it at a moment's notice - the parents.



## Doric Lodge No. 140 Conducts Special Ceremony to Raise a Master Mason

With over 30 Brothers in attendance, Doric Lodge No. 140 held a memorable event on Thursday, February 11th. Brother Nicholas Cassell (second from left in the first row of standees with his father at his right) was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason only two days after being Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree.



With special permission of the Grand Master of Florida M.: W.: Stephen P. Boring, Brother Cassell was Raised because he was due to report for Basic Training to Fort Leonard Wood immediately after the Degree was Presented.

To make the ceremony even more special for those present, Brother Cassell's father, Brother Kenneth Cassell Raised him personally, assisted by Doric's Worshipful Master W.: Steven Urich and the acting Senior Grand Warden, R.: H.: Ron Talmadge.

In his remarks, W.: Urich particularly commended the five Brothers of the Widow's Sons, associated with Doric Lodge, who served as the canvas crew for their attendance.

In a Facebook posting on Doric's website Brother Cassell, the younger, said, "So proud to be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Thank you so much Brothers for all your help and support as I make my way through Masonry."

Brother Cassell's father said that there were several points within the Ceremony when he felt chills as he watched his son move to his new status.

The new Master Mason will stand proficient during leaves from the Army when he comes home to visit.

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Masons Support Rainbow Girls
Assembly No. 101

Congratulations to Ms. Bekah Smith on being Installed as Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls Marvelous Assembly No. 101. Ms. Smith is Gulf Breeze Lodge No. 347's adopted Rainbow Girl, so in a show of support all three principal officers along with several others, of which were three Past Masters. Roughly ten Lodges with over twenty-five Masons, including both District 1 and 2 District Deputy Grandmasters, District 2's District Instructor, and several other PDDGM were in attendance. It was a wonderful sight to behold these Brethren coming out in support of our Rainbow girls. These girls help us Masons out so much, we truly appreciate all that you do. My Brothers if you've never seen a Rainbow installation, I implore you to go to one. Once again congratulations Bekah and all the officers of Marvelous Assembly No. 101.



Palmetto Lodge Supports Guide Dog Walkathon

Palmetto Lodge No. 110, sponsored a water station for the Southeast Guide dogs Walkathon on February 20th in Bradenton. Dozens of cases of water bottles from Publix were handed out to thirsty two-legged and four-legged walkers. The Worshipful Master of Palmetto Lodge No. 110, Todd Meschelle, was assisted by P.:M.: Richard Coles. and Bro. Gene Lance. Worshipful Meschelle stated that the lodge was happy to assist in a fundraiser for such a great organization that serves all of the Suncoast and provides unique services to the neediest citizens.

Point of Contact is Secretary Barry Swan at two4roots@msn.com Southeast Guidedogs benefits from Palmetto Lodge No. 110 Worshipful Master Todd Meschelle is holding the pup owned by P.:M.: Richard Coles and protecting him from the "Big Dogs."

This photograph is also available by electronic format. Point of Contact is Secretary Barry Swan at two4roots@msn.com Palmetto Lodge No. 110 is prepared to pass out dozens of cases of water bottles to hundreds of thirsty walkers at the Southeast Guidedogs first Walkathon on February 20th in Bradenton. From left to right is PM Richard Coles, Worshipful Master Todd Meschelle and Bro. Gene Lance.



Shuttle Service in The Lucky 13th District

The Brothers of the Lucky 13th Masonic District Association provided shuttle service drivers for the Clay County Fair on Saturday and Sunday April 2-3 and April 9-10. Drivers carried fair goers from the parking area to the main gate and back from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. each day.

This marks the third year that the Association has provided this public service. The Brothers who drive the shuttles wear a distinctive 13th District Association cap and a safety vest with the Square and Compasses proudly displayed on the back. A District banner is displayed at the shuttle kiosk near the main parking area.

The first morning the shuttle ran in 2016 was rather wet with raining continuing until about 10:30 a.m., but then the sun came out and the remainder of that day as well as all others saw beautiful spring weather which resulted in a record attendance at the fair.

The shuttle service is arranged and coordinated by W.: Bill Autro, Past Master of Cabul Lodge No. 116 in Green Cove Springs.



Mt. Dora Rainbow Assembly No. 79 Initiates A Very Special Member

On April 24, 2016, at Clemont Lodge No. 226, Mount Dora Assembly No. 79, International Order of Rainbow for girls initiated a very special "girl." "Alannah" aka R.:W.: Alan Heist, District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District was initiated as an Honorary Rainbow Girl at this Fun Degree. Our Grand Master, M.: W.: Steven P. Boring was present with our First Lady, Mary Jane and their Grand Children which happen to be R.: W.: Heist's daughters who all had a good laugh at his expense. It was a wonderful afternoon of Fun, Fellowship, and of course following the Fun Degree, Food!



Christmas Cheer at The Masonic Home

Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 delivered Christmas Baskets to two widows we sponsor at The Masonic Home. Mrs. Colleen Welde, widow of Bro. Earl Welde, and Mrs. Bette Barr, widow of Bro. John Barr. Needless to say they were very pleased to be remembered over the Holidays and we were very blessed to be able to bring some Christmas Cheer into their daily routine.

If you have a chance, take some time to pay a visit to The Home and spend a little time with our Brothers and widows. They are always extremely pleased to have visitors and the blessing you receive in turn is priceless.



Lawtey Lodge No. 189 Donates To Boy Scout Troop

The 10th District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: John Paul Mann, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Steven P. Boring, made his official visit to Lawtey Lodge No. 189 on Feb 18. We enjoyed a fantastic meal.

The Honor Guard of Boy Scout Troop No. 70 of Bradford County joined us and posted the colors followed with the opening prayer. Business was conducted by the Lodge with a generous donation to the Troop to assist with their camping and merit badge programs. Troop Leader Tammy Spencer accepted the check on behalf of the Troop stating the money will help make these boys into the leaders of tomorrow.



Englewood Masons Adopt A Teacher Support 2016

Englewood Mason's continued & expanded the Adopt a Teacher Program to include all Kindergarten classes at Vineland Elementary School. Shown here accepting the \$1,000.00 check is Ms. Wylie. Presenting the check are left Master, Stoney Stoncipher, Junior Warden and Project Leader, Denis Doome and Senior Deacon, Cody Daniels.



Florida Masonic Child ID Program logo with text: Support the Florida Masonic Child ID Program. The Florida Masonic Child ID Program is attempting to establish uniform policies and procedures across the state, making the program a cornerstone of Florida Masonic activity. To this end, we need your financial support. Please make your 501(c)(3) tax deductible donation to this important and worthy program, in any amount your cable-tow will permit. Checks should be made out to Masonic Charities, Inc. with the words "Child ID" on the memo line, and can be sent to: Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc. P.O.Box 1020 Jacksonville, FL 32201

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Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Holds Special Firefighter Degree

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr in Madeira Beach, presented a special Firefighter Master Mason Degree for Brother Dominic Bueller, a Madeira Beach Firefighter, who has joined the Masonic Lodge. The Degree was held on Thursday December 10th in presence of sixty five Master Masons, including the Grand Master of Masons for the state of Florida, Most Worshipful Steven P. Boring. The Masons conferring the degree were all Firefighters from the following Fire Departments, Madeira Beach, Tarpon Springs, East Lake (retired), Hillsborough County, Pinellas Park, East Brunswick New Jersey (retired), and Clearwater (retired). The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance.

L to R: Mark Maxey, Hillsborough County; Howard Knapp, Hillsborough County; Michael Pagnotta, Cadet; Mark Goldfedder (kneeling), Tarpon Springs; Rick Wendling, Eastlake Ret.; Gary Costa, Clearwater Ret.; Jim Tizzano, East Brunswick NJ Ret.; Steven P. Boring, Grand Master; Dominic Bueller (center), Madeira Beach; Ray Hughes, Hillsborough County; Frank Koulianos (kneeling), Hillsborough County; Derryl O'Neal, Madeira Beach; Alan Shedler, Pinellas Park



Eastern Star General Grand Chapter First Responder's Coin

Andrew C. Morris, who is a licensed EMT in both Arkansas and Florida, was Presented with the Order of the Eastern Star General Grand Chapter First Responder's coin at Ormond Beach Chapter No. 296 by Worthy Patron Dr. Leon Flancher at the Chapter's October 16, 2015 Meeting. Andrew has been working as an EMT for the past four years, and is a Member of the Ormond Beach Chapter, as are his wife, Letonya, and his parents, Stephen and Sally. The First Responder's Coin was created by the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to be awarded to any worthy first responders known to us. Our Chapter was thrilled to award it to one of our own members.



Child ID In The "Lucky" 13th Masonic District

The 13th Masonic District which encompasses eight Lodges in Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties leads the state in Child ID activity. The Lucky 13th District has conducted more Child ID events this year than any other District or Zone. The District utilizes Child ID Chairmen from each Lodge, each of whom has a Child ID kit which includes a computer, camera, and, even, a generator. Child ID is done at various county fairs, parades, civic gatherings, school events, and during Child ID nights at Local Lodges.



To further expand the District's Child ID effort, W. Daniel B. Varnes, Past Master of Palatka Lodge No. 34, built a special Child ID Event Kit trailer which carries everything necessary to include chairs and tables as well as Child ID essentials. The trailer is divided into several compartments for a generator, power cords, lights, and an easy to set up shelter. It can be towed by most vehicles. Not only does the trailer make it easy to transport Child ID essentials, it also keeps them stored in one place. Above all, it is a traveling advertisement for the activity.

Orange Park Lodge No. 36 – 160 Year Birthday

At the January 19th meeting Orange Lodge No. 36, located in Apopka, FL celebrated its 160th birthday, being warranted in 1856 and still meeting in the original Lodge. The dinner program followed a Scottish theme in honor of a number of our founding Members, who were of Scots descent, and to honor another famous Scottish Mason, Robert Burns (1759-1796), whose birthday is celebrated by Scots around the world on January 25th. Rabbie, as he is affectionately known, is considered the Poet Laureate of Scotland. Dinner began with the piping in of the haggis, followed by Burns' Address to the Haggis. The menu of Scottish fare also included 'neeps and tatties (a turnip and potato dish traditionally served with haggis), Cullen Skink (a smoked fish chowder), shepherd's pie and sticky toffee pudding for dessert.



2016 Lodge Officers L to R:– Paul Fullerton, S.:W.:; Ricky Trapp, W.:M.:; Reginald Lyle, J.:W.:  
Photo courtesy of Michele Rathmann

During dinner W.: Jon Vitale delivered an insightful talk on Scottish Heritage in Freemasonry in general and in our Lodge in particular. Recitations of several Burns selections espousing Masonic Principles were also given – “A Man's A Man For A' That” and “Farewell to the Brethren of St. James Lodge, Tarbolton”. Four of our EA Brethren assisted the Junior Warden by serving the dinner and bussing tables and later, during the Tiled Meeting, did a superb job of returning their EA Proficiency. It was a great evening with the future looking bright for our next 160 years!

Tribute by Azan Shrine Club to the 124th Infantry Regiment

A Tribute was held for the brave men and women of the Florida Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, Bravo Company, 124th Infantry Regiment (and their ladies) by Azan's Central Brevard Shrine Club (CBSC) at their facility in Cocoa, Florida.



The purpose of the event was to honor these brave men and women for their service and duty to help keep our Country safe from our enemies. This event was a luncheon (no charge) on Sunday, January 10th at the Shrine Club for the soldiers and their ladies. All food and non-alcoholic drinks were supplied by the Club. The turn-out of 120 Soldiers and Ladies was appreciated by all who attended as well as the Nobles who un-selfishly gave their time and effort to make it successful. The event included representatives from Azan Shrine Center; Potentate (Ill Sir George Goddard), Chief Rabban (Don Feeser), Blue Lodge representatives from Brevard Lodge No. 113, Merritt Island Lodge No. 353, Canaveral Lodge No. 339 as well as several members from the host, CBSC.

Pineland Lodge No. 86 Community Partnership For Children

W.:. Randy Cumbo presented Community Partnership for Children with a formula donation for disbursement for needy foster families. Pineland Lodge No. 86 purchased these from the closing Walmart in Interlachen for a discount and donated at our February 4th, 2016 supper. W.:. Cumbo is shown with L to R: Holly Crosby – Case Manager, Latoya Anderson – Case Manager supervisor and Marianne Cotter- - Program Operation Administrator.



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High Springs Hosts Widows

High Springs Masonic Lodge hosted their Masonic widows Saturday March 12th, with a luncheon in their honor.



L to R: Mrs Angie Hargrove, Mrs. Thelma Gillis, Worshipful Mike Hinson, Mrs. Dot Reeves, Mrs. Verdellia Elbon, Mrs. Wanda Kemp, and Mrs. Mildred Copeland.





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13 Past Masters met for dinner on Wednesday the 13th of December. Sponsored by the Englewood Lodge; Past Masters from Venice, Phoenix, Builders, North Port, East Gate-Clearwater, Parker, and Englewood Lodged attended. The attendees front row left seated are: Steve Murphy, Gary Schroeder, Host and incoming Master, Stony Stonecipher. Next row: Ed Behringer, Gene Jeffers, Bob Holland, and down a step, Lou Kelly and Ed Avance. The third row are: Harry Shaffer, Dennis Doome, Joseph Goggin, and Albert Dahlberg. The back row are: Hosts, Cody Daniels, Bill Boyer, Dan Van Alstine, Paul Tetley, and Jeffery Pick. They all adjourned to the dining area where they were the Hosts along with Nancy Van Alstine (Dan's wife) served the meals. Master, William (Stoney) Stonecipher, Dan Van Alstine, Cody Daniels, and Bill Boyer.



## 70 Years A Mason

At Northside Lodge No. 283 on April 6, 2015, 96 years of age Brother Loren Wideman received his 70 yr. pin from Brothers Loren Wideman, R.: W.: Bill Klinke, R.: W.: Perry Batson, Bro. Lowell Frank, R.: W.: Greg Fisher, M.: W.: Stan Foulke, R.: W.: Jim Storms and Bro. Jimmy Carter.



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