

# The Florida Mason

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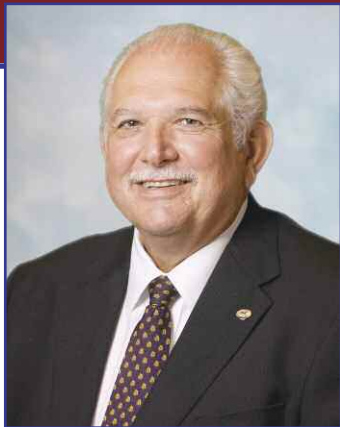
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M.: W.: Jim J Harris,  
Grand Master

## A Message From The Grand Master

My Brothers All:

We are nearly finished with our visits to each District. It was truly rewarding being with the Brothers and interacting with each of you. I thank you so much for your participation and hope everyone had a good experience. For those Brothers that were unable to attend I hope that I will have an opportunity to see you at one of my visits to individual Lodges, Outdoor Degrees, Cornerstone Ceremonies, Dedications, and Installation Ceremonies along with other events around the State.

Our goal every year is to have a positive growth for our State and this year and we are well on our way. We are Raising more Brothers than we are losing to the Great Architect. Our big concern is our Brothers that have lost the desire to take part and be active. When a Brother stops participating and attending his Lodge it leads to complacency and eventually they stop paying their dues. It's not because they think Masonry has changed, but more likely they have the feeling they are not needed and have little to offer. Every Brother is valuable and important to our Fraternity. When you became a Master Mason it should be crystal clear the commitment we have to each other and the pride we have in helping others.

When a Brother quits paying his dues he is disenchanted with something. He may feel he has nothing to contribute. He may feel the Lodge only calls when dues are due and not to ask how he is doing or if he needs a ride to Lodge. It is unfortunate and very disturbing to have even one Brother leave our Masonic Family.

When your Lodge receives a list of Brothers that are near suspension I would recommend each Brother on that list be contacted by a Brother from the Lodge with the intention of finding out why he is willing to step aside. Maybe that Brother is in need and too embarrassed to ask a Brother for assistance.

We are a family of Masons and we should be very understanding and very willing to come to the aid of any Brother in his time of need. It may not be a financial problem, but just a feeling that the Fraternity that he loved is different or changed from the way he remembered it. He or his wife may be experiencing health issues and are not able to attend.

He may not feel comfortable driving after dark and needs a ride. If a Brother doesn't attend Lodge you should make it your business to find out why in the most gentle manner possible, he is your Brother.

Brothers, we must make contact and stay in communication with our Brothers. If we only communicate with a Brother at the time their dues are late it doesn't send a warm and fuzzy message. Our Fraternity is made up of Brothers not members.

I ask every Worshipful Master from every Lodge as the leader of your Lodge to contact each member either personally or through a select group of Brothers you appoint. Contact each Brother and invite him to either an upcoming event or a regular Stated Meeting. Encourage some of the younger Brothers to pick up those Brothers that may need a ride.

Our Fraternity is special and unique in so many ways. We believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, we are committed to each other by promising to help each other, to aid each other, and to assist each other. We should be willing and happy to take the time needed to support any Brother in need, regardless of the situation.

This Fraternity is strong and has lasted for so many years because of our commitment to each other and our commitment to help all mankind. I propose we start a policy in every Lodge called "Brother bring a Brother." If every Brother brings a Brother that hasn't attended Lodge in a while you could double your attendance.

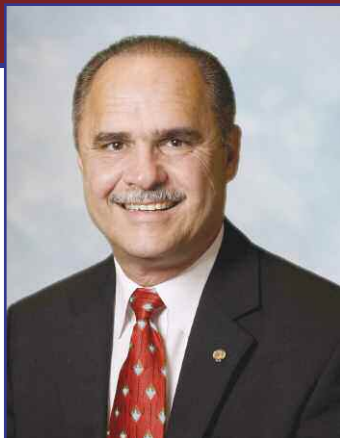
Every Brother enjoys attending Lodge when the attendance is great. One of the reasons we became Masons was for the social interaction. Brothers I ask everyone to work hard to improve the attendance in your Lodge.

I thank every Brother for their contribution and commitment to this great Fraternity. It is a special way of life that we have the benefit to enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Brother Jim, Grand Master



**"The Best  
Leadership is  
By Example"**



R.: W.: J. L. "George" Aladro,  
Deputy Grand Warden

## A Message From The Deputy Grand Master

Dear Brothers,

It is hard to believe the 182nd Annual Communication is over. We have started our third year on the line and we only have a few District Visits left, where does the time go? I pray you and your loved ones have had a nice summer and everything is going well in your homes and Lodges.

I want to thank all the Brothers for allowing me the opportunity to serve you, "The Craft," as your Deputy Grand Master. Furthermore, I want to thank you for the restructure of the

Masonic Home Board of Trustees, the Brothers that are currently serving as members of the Board of Trustees are doing a fine job and we expect great results by the end of this Grand Lodge year.

Allow me to give you a synopsis of what we have done so far. We have restructured the various committee responsibilities to better address the needs of the Masonic Home in order to achieve greater results.

We conducted an orientation for the new Board Members and the Staff, the first one in many years, to have a better understanding of the work being performed by the Administrator and Staff, to learn about the Board Members' responsibilities, and to gain a better understanding of the rules and regulations governing the Board of Trustees.

At the beginning of my term, I presented the Administrator with a vision and plans on how to obtain our goals. We have worked together on trying to attain the goals and I'm happy to inform you, we have already attained some of those goals and well on the way to completing the others.

For example, we already have the first completed Inventory in many, many years and will be presented according to the requirements of the Digest on the designated date. Presently we are working on creating the bar coding for all items in that inventory.

We have already set in place an electronic warning system for contract updates in order to better handle the bidding process and allow the committee to present the information to the Board in a timelier manner to benefit any possible savings from bids presented.

This Board is committed to learning Chapter 48 of the Digest, which deals with the Rules and Regulations governing the Masonic

Home, Non-Resident Relief, Emergency Relief, and the Hal Adams Hospital Fund. At the end of this year, this Board will have in place a clear written policy guidelines for the Admissions Committee to assist those Brothers and Sisters wishing to apply to the Masonic Home; making the experience more user friendly.

Lastly, we are in the process of creating a new film and Power Point presentations in order to better communicate with the Craft about the Masonic Home. These communication tools, together with the Admissions Guidelines, can be used to make presentations to individual Brothers or Sisters that may be thinking about using the Masonic Home in the convenience of their homes as well as in Lodges or Districts to inform our Brothers of this exclusive retirement home for Masons that qualify. My Brothers, all of this has been done with volunteers; Brothers that take their Fraternity serious and have offered their time and talents to serving this Noble Craft. These Brothers extend beyond the members of the Board of Trustees. These are Brothers that have answered my call for help and have stepped up to the plate. They have risen to the occasion and I tell you I could not be prouder of being a Mason than when I see these Brothers answer the call from every corner of our State so that Freemasonry can flourish in Florida; a tip of the hat to the Masons of Florida who are trying to improve themselves and the Fraternity.

My Brothers, in closing I charge each of you to assist me in getting this information to every Brother, wife, widow, or their children of the benefits of this exclusive Masonic Home made by Masons for Masons that want to live by the tenants and principles they have dedicated their entire life. We have the very best care available in this "FIVE STAR" rated facility with ZERO deficiencies and it's waiting for qualified Brothers, wives, widows, or mothers\* to join us in the experience of wellness and active living at your Masonic Home on the shores of the picturesque Coffee Pot Bayou. Come and join us; you would love living there. For more information you can call the Masonic Home at 866-868-6749 or visit us at [www.masonichomeofflorida.com](http://www.masonichomeofflorida.com)

I would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season in the coming months, on behalf of my wife and family. May the Great Architect of the Universe keep you and your loved ones in the palm of his hands 'til we see you again.

Fraternally your most humble servant,  
Jorge "George" L. Aladro  
Deputy Grand Master

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*R. W. Danny R. Griffith,  
Senior Grand Warden*

### *A Message From The Senior Grand Warden*

Brethren:  
First of all, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Grand Warden. It's been a very busy 4 months since Grand Lodge. We have been traveling the State with the Grand Master during his visits to the various Districts, assisting in laying cornerstones, etc. My wife Betsy and I have had a wonderful time meeting old friends and making new ones.  
As the Senior Grand Warden, I am responsible for submitting the Grand Lodge and Masonic Home budgets for the coming year. As everyone knows, we are experiencing difficult times with the economy in our country and I am expecting a lean year with our investments. Your Grand Lodge Officers will be working extra hard to develop austere budgets which will meet our needs yet fall within our income.  
Every year your Deputy Grand Master must make over 300 appointments to fill the various positions listed in the Florida Directory. We, your Grand Lodge Officers, are striving to fill these positions with the very best qualified Brothers we can find. In order to complete this task,

we are asking for "YOUR HELP". As you know, it is impossible for us to know everyone throughout the State and what their qualifications are. This is where you all come into the process. We would like each of you to think about who the very best qualified Brothers are within your Districts and Zones and submit the names and a brief resume of those Brothers to your Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. These recommendations will be held in the strictest confidence so don't be afraid to recommend yourself if you feel you are the one we should be considering for these appointments. I want to thank you in advance for your diligence in making these recommendations.  
In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication to this wonderful Fraternity. Without you we can not survive. See you on the road!!  
  
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Danny R. Griffith  
Senior Grand Warden



*R. W. James W. Ford  
Junior Grand Warden*

### *A Message From The Junior Grand Warden*

Brethren,  
As we approach the holiday season, we look forward to great times with family and friends. It's a time to look forward and remember the good times and all the many blessings for which we should be grateful. I want to take this time to wish everyone a Most Happy and Glorious Holiday Season and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
This is also a very busy time within our Fraternity. As the Lodge year ends, we find ourselves involved with the elections of officers and their installation, as well as, the process of implementing the plans and programs for the new year as established by the Worshipful Master. It's a time to reflect on the past with the opportunity to better the future. "The World Views Masonry Through our Actions."  
Each newly elected Worshipful Master should have in his possession a copy of the Committee Programs 2011-2012 Booklet as printed by Grand Lodge. This booklet contains the Grand Lodge Programs as outlined by the respective State Chairmen. The booklet provides the information necessary for each Lodge to comply with the Grand Lodge Programs and receive the appropriate recognition by the State Chairmen and Grand Lodge. The booklet is an essential tool for the three principle officers in furthering their knowledge, involvement, and experience with these programs and may be used to answer questions regarding what we do as Masons. What we do as Masons include programs, such as Child I.D., MMRL, Masonic Home, and Youth Activities just to name a few. Other programs that are outlined in this booklet and provide guidance are the Masonic Leadership Training Program and the Masonic Education Program.  
Membership and NPD's remain a constant topic of discussion throughout our Fraternity. We need new Members - men of the highest

possible character who are willing to help perpetuate our Fraternity. Men, of like mind, who believe that "Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love" are standards to live by.  
We have many Brothers who have not paid their dues for 2011. Now is the time to contact these Brothers to renew their interest in Masonry. Now is the time for each Worshipful Master, Secretary, and Lodge Officer to work together to minimize or even eliminate the number of Brothers your Lodge will suspend for NPD. These are Brothers who are already on our membership rolls. These are Brothers we want to bring back to Lodge. These are Brothers we want to involve in the Lodge. Many are just waiting for the proper invitation. Let's not suspend these Brothers. Let's give them the opportunity to be active. Suspension for non-payment of dues is not the answer. Let's not lose them. Let's communicate with them, bring them back to Lodge, and put them to work. Many are just waiting to hear from us.  
The terms MMRL and CRI are well recognized by the Masons in Florida and are fast becoming known to the general public. I congratulate the State, Zone, and District Chairmen for their efforts in fundraising and public involvement. They are also raising awareness about the importance of heart research. We need to continue our efforts to make heart research and Masonry synonymous.  
In conclusion, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Junior Grand Warden and I look forward to meeting and being with you as I travel around the State. Again, my Brothers, I wish you and your families the very best for the future.  
  
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
James W. Ford  
Junior Grand Warden



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

### *A Message From The Grand Secretary*

I have enjoyed visiting with the Brothers and Ladies at the Grand Master's District Meetings. It is great to see old friends and have the opportunity to make new ones.  
The rounds of the Secretaries' and Treasurers' Seminars have been well attended. It is great to see so many attending together with many other Lodge Officers. A review of the new Florida Lodge Treasurers' Handbook is one of the many topics we are discussing at the seminars. You do not need to be a Lodge Officer to attend these seminars.  
The new Secretaries' Portal is up and running and should be of great assistance to the Lodge Secretaries with regard to the task of maintaining the membership information.  
Brothers, please time to thank your Lodge Officers for the many hours they spend on your behalf.  
The Corporate Board approved producing a new plastic Perpetual Membership Card. The Perpetual Members have given an endowment to the Lodges and it was felt that there was a need for additional recognition. The Lodge Secretaries will be receiving the new cards shortly. There

is no cost to the Lodges for these cards.  
The personnel here at your Grand Lodge Office are dedicated to assisting the Lodges and Officers in the day to day tasks of running the Lodge. Check out the web page for a photo and job description of each employee at [www.gflamason.org/grandsec/personnel.html](http://www.gflamason.org/grandsec/personnel.html).  
The staff and I welcome your suggestions and comments. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of any assistance.  
Remember: If your presence doesn't make an impact, your absence won't make a difference.  
  
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.  
Grand Secretary



*M. W. Elmer G. Coffman,  
PGM Grand Treasurer*

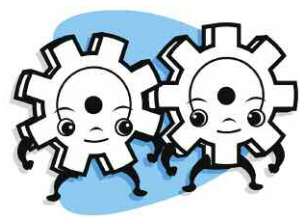
### *A Message From The Grand Treasurer*

My Brothers,  
Let me begin by saying thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your Grand Treasurer. This not only allows me to serve in a position that I enjoy very much but it also allows me to work with a great Grand Lodge Staff and be involved in Masonry every day.  
As we have been traveling the State with the Grand Master to attend the various District Meetings, it has given us the opportunity to meet and enjoy the fellowship with many Brethren. Making new friends and enjoying the companionship of our Brothers is one of the greatest benefits we as Masons enjoy. Sometimes I think of all the friends I would have missed if I had not become a Mason and that certainly would have been my loss.  
In some of the past years we have lost hundreds of Brothers due to non-payment of dues. This is constantly hurting not only our Lodges due to loss of dues, but the Brothers who are being suspended as well. We are obligated to assist these Brothers if they have a financial problem which is preventing them from paying their dues but we are also obli-

gated to try to bring them back into the Fraternity to allow them to enjoy the fellowship and excitement they once enjoyed when they first became a Mason. If you know a Brother who is NPD, go visit him or call him to determine if he needs assistance or if you could help him get back into the Lodge. There are also thousands of Brothers in the State of Florida who belong to Lodges in other States and some are unaware that they can attend our Lodges or become a Dual Member without forfeiting their membership in their home Lodge. Again, if you know these Brothers, talk with them and offer to take them to Lodge and maybe explain how they can become active in our Lodges. This is a win-win situation, a win for the Brother and a win for your Lodge.  
May God richly bless you, your family, and your Lodge.  
  
Sincerely and fraternally,  
Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M.  
Grand Treasurer



“Teamwork” Not a Four Letter Word



The Lackadaisical Team was comprised of twin Brothers “Apathy” and “I Don’t Care” followed by their cousins, “Maybe” and “Tomorrow”. On the sidelines of support was “There’s Just a Few of Us”. Often they met, leaving disarray and confusion wherever they went; tracking mud on the carpet of “Good Intentions”. Their sole intent was to create a funnel effect for all decision making; a strangle hold on “Enterprising Progress”, smothered by a “Wet Blanket”.

Confined to the dark shadows of sequestration was The Achievement Team- “Bet I Can”, “Don’t Stand in My Way” and “Getter Done” with “Determination” being their spine of enforcement. Their task was clear; create a force of experience, realize the goal, formulate a plan and, do not stop until the job is complete. If only someone would hail...

Alas!!! Hark, the summons... Seemingly innocuous, sporting the once proud armor now tarnished black and laced with cobwebs of disuse, The Achievement Team sluggishly and without confidence entered the arena of conflict in despair, eyes downcast. At first, there were vast doubts as to the abilities of such a little used, frayed and isolated group, long since had their services been rendered. However, with the mighty efforts of “Determination”, the twin, behemoth and staunch pillars of “Apathy” and “I Don’t Care” were quickly befallen beyond return.

The dented and bruised armor of The Achievement Team, encouraged by “Determination”, began to reflect a dull glimmer of pride that began to grow. A new ally had entered the nourished field of solidarity to effectively bolster confidence- “Hope”.

The challenge had been met and rightful progress found its way through the tangled abyss of idleness to the long unused venue of victory. “Maybe” and “Tomorrow” were nursed to comprehension by “Hope”. Inoculated against further exposure, they were reincarnated as “Certainty” and “Right Now”. “There’s Just a Few of Us”, without conjecture, willingly became “Those of Many”.

Now brightly enamored within a proud band of pride entrenched through its strengthened armor, The Achievement Team emerges victoriously; “Determination” its virtue.

“Lackadaisicalism” will only exist without effort.  
Penned By, Rod Bornefeld

Bike Donation

Brown Lodge No. 51 in Chiefland, Florida had the pleasure of being a part of the Bikes for Books program at Chiefland Elementary School for 2011. Brown Lodge donated 3 bikes to children who had read the most books in their respective grade above the school set goals. Bro. Ron Queen made the connection to be part of this program through his youth tutoring in the local area. Both he and Bro. Brad Groom helped deliver and award the bikes during 3 different award ceremonies. Brown Lodge believes in the betterment of our youth through education and also recognizes that the best way to reach out and promote Masonry is through the children in the local area. We all know that the future of our Fraternity is hinged on our children. So being out in our community serving and donating our time will only solidify that future by adding new Brothers who might not have known Masonry even existed in their cities and towns. Brown Lodge received such a positive reaction from the community that the Lodge Members have already agreed to be a part of the program in 2012.



Bro. Brad Groom donating one of the bikes.

Harris and Jordan Become Honorary Members of Gulf Beach Lodge

by Howard Knapp

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Drive in Madeira Beach, has made the Grand Master of Masons for the State of Florida, Jim Harris, and the District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District, Charles ‘Chas’ Jordan, Honorary Members of Gulf Beach Lodge. Both the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master were installed into their current positions on June 1, 2011, and will serve a one year term.



Jim Harris



Charles ‘Chas’ Jordan

Masonic Lodge In Jupiter Celebrates 50 Years of Service To The Community



By William Owen

To commemorate Jupiter Light Lodge’s 50th anniversary, the Lodge held a celebration on April 30, 2011, on the U.S. Coast Guard property in Lighthouse Park at the base of the Jupiter Lighthouse. Many representatives of the Masonic Lodge Fraternity’s Leadership were present that evening including Most Worshipful J. Dick Martinez, Grand Master of Masons in Florida at the time of the event, and five of his Grand Line officers including our current Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jim Harris. Also present were twenty Past Masters of Jupiter Light Lodge, along with the only surviving Charter Member, Honorary Past Master Coile Steele. Of the local civic leaders who came out to support the event were Mayor of Jupiter, Karen Golonka, Mayor of Tequesta, Tom Paterno, and Jupiter Police Chief, Frank Kitzerow.

The program for the evening was largely focused on the relationship between Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 and the charities in the local community that the Lodge supports. Roberta Jurney, the Executive Director of Quantum House, spoke about the relationship between Quantum House and Jupiter Light Lodge. Dr. Jack Scott, a founding Board Member from The Hope Center for Autism spoke about the work performed by that organization and the contributions that Jupiter Light Lodge has made in supporting their efforts. The support from the Masons for the youth of the community was made evident by two other speakers, James Bowman, District Director for the Boy Scouts of America, and Steve Forest, Project Graduation Coordinator at Jupiter High School. Boy Scout Troop No. 711 is sponsored by Jupiter Light Lodge and uses its building for a meeting place. Also, for the last twenty-six years, Jupiter Light Lodge has worked with Jupiter High School in sponsoring Project Graduation.

Following the guest speakers representing local charities, the audience listened to a speech concerning the history of Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340. The official presentations of the evening concluded with remarks by Most Worshipful J. Dick Martinez. In his remarks, the Grand Master spoke about our Flagship Charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, and congratulated the Lodge on its anniversary. He also applauded the work that the Lodge does for the community and stated that Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 was exemplary in carrying forth the ideals of Masonry and in providing service to the community. He charged the Brothers with continuing to “shine as a beacon of Light to others” as the Lodge continues into the future. There were between 260 and 275 guests in attendance.

Kathleen Masonic Lodge No. 338 celebrated its 50th anniversary

Kathleen Masonic Lodge No. 338 celebrated its 50th anniversary on April 30, 2011. We had an excellent supper and many important functions. The Haines City Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 146 served the supper.



Enjoying a delicious “supper” being served by the Rainbow Girls.



W.: M.: Daniel Price presenting two Widow pins

Kathleen Lodge Worshipful Master Daniel Price presented widows pins to Mrs. Margaret Skinner and Mrs. Donna Getman. M.: W.: David Eschrich assisted by Brother Sheriff Grady Judd presented 50 Year Masonic Service Pins to W.: James Watkins, Brother Thomas Elliott and Kathleen Lodge Charter Member Brother Willy Dunn. Past Grand Master M.: W.: David Eschrich provided his remarks on the history of Kathleen Lodge No. 338. Our guest speaker Worthy Brother Grady Judd, Sheriff of Polk County Florida gave a very informative talk on our County from his perspective.

Pine Hill Lodge No. 9, Brooker, FL Raises New Master Mason

By Ted Barber



Degree Team and Pine Hill Lodge shown in the photo from left to right include: Bruce Kirby, Alton Christie, Jeff Wood, Roger Raulerson, Brian Poole, Jeff Davis (newly raised Master Mason), Tom Adams, John Paul Mann, John McKibben, Ted Barber, Gene Bertine and Mike Nolan.



# J. Edwin Larson Lodge No. 361 Past Master Receives Community Award



Owen McCaul, Past Master of J. Edwin Lodge No. 361 in Tallahassee, has received the Inspirational Community Member Award at Lighthouse of the Big Bend's Paula Bailey Dining in the Dark benefit .

The annual award recognizes someone who has the ability to invoke positive emotion and action in others. A nonprofit organization since 1983, Lighthouse of the Big Bend provides free services for people who are legally blind in 11 counties.

McCaul has been an Assistant State Attorney in Leon County for 22 years.

"Though Owen has never had perfect vision or been able to drive, that hasn't stopped him from more than adequately providing for his family and striving for excellence in serving in our judicial system and community," Lighthouse of the Big Bend board member Sila Miller wrote in nominating McCaul. "He is an avid reader, keeping up with current affairs through the newspaper and Internet, involved and concerned with his children's school environment, his community, church, and actively serves the less fortunate.

"Owen tirelessly advocates for safe and reliable public transportation and works hard to get honest answers and bring out the sometimes unpopular truth."

McCaul was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in 2006 and currently serves as Vice Chairman. He and his wife Erica have two children, Trisha and Ian.


# The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is the only independent research institute in the world founded and sponsored by Freemasonry. Many Brethren have never visited our institute or know that our life-saving cardiac research is international in scope and benefit.

With your help we can inform the Craft that the MMRL can help enhance the visibility of Freemasonry in your area and membership development.

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To arrange a presentation, tour or to request literature and a DVD, please contact:

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# Grand Master's Homecoming & MMRL Golf Tournament

The Grand Master's Homecoming & MMRL Golf Tournament was held on September 12, 2011, at the Jacksonville Beach Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds will go to benefit the Grand Master's Homecoming & the Masonic Medical Research Lab. The event was chaired by R.:W.: John A. Palumbo.



A good number of Masonic Brothers participated in the various Committees and jobs. Playing and assisting R.:W.: John Palumbo were: R.:W.: Wilmer T. Atwell, and M.:W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida. Other Brothers working and assisting were: Joseph A. Wright, Mitch Atwell, R.:W.: Rudin "Rudy" Boatwright, W.: Tony Chavez, Jimmy Dorsey, R.:W.: Wiley Hart, Eddie Bides, R.:W.: Bill Walker, and numerous others.

Seen in some of the foursomes pictured were: (1) Jim Rachel, Tom Leach, Rick Gibbs, and Peter Merrill; (2) George Thompson, Dorfus Fain, Darrell Boone; and Leland Stanford, III; (3) Jim Hicks, Samuel Bennett, Alan Rollie, and Barry Collins; (4) Robby Stokes, Rory St. John, Jimmie Boone, and Pete Trent; (5) Todd Jennings, Pat Farrell, Dick Grondin, and Elmer Coffman, P.G.M.; Grand Treasurer; (6) Roy Keys, Danny Griffith, Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; Mark Balester, and Bill Walker;

Leland Stanford, being congratulated by John Palumbo, won the putting and chipping contests. Longest drive was won by Brent Boate, shown receiving plaque from Wilmer T. Atwell. Bill Orr won closest to the pin on one hole. Mitch Atwell took closest to the hole on another



Third Place was won by Tom Smith, Joe Klaas, and Andy Kokoska, shown receiving plaques from John Palumbo.

Second Place was won by the foursome of Bud Moore, Joe Burns, Roger Crego, and Charley Eaton, shown with John Palumbo behind them.

First Place, low net, was taken by the foursome of Dominic Poling, Jr., Brent Boate, Dominic Poling, III, and Larry Heise. Three of the wining golfers are pictured with their 1st Place plaques. Behind them are Wilmer T. Atwell and John A. Palumbo.

It should be noted that R.:W.: Alan McQuaig, was the highest bidder and purchased a complete new set of clubs for \$260.00. All proceeds again, are going to benefit the Grand Master's Homecoming and the Masonic Medical Research Lab.



A picture at the end the evening of awards and prizes shows the Chairman and a number of the Tournament Committee and workers in a relaxed moment. From the left, they were: Bill Walker, Mitch Atwell, Wilmer T. Atwell, Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M.; Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Florida; Danny R. Griffith, Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; John A. Palumbo, and Joseph H. Wright.



# Englewood Masonic Lodge

D DGM John Horn's official visit to Englewood Masonic Lodge on Sept 6th Illustrrious Brother George Williams received his 65 Year award of Gold. Presenting the award was R.:W.: Gene Jeffers.

Left to right: W.:M.: Bob Holland, DDGM John Horn, George Williams, and R.:W.: Gene Jeffers

# 25 Year Certificate awarded to two



Pictured left to right are Worshipful Bro. Steven L. Dennis, P.M. and Secretary, Tom Bingham current Worshipful Master and Worshipful Bro. Jim Williams, P.M.

Both Past Masters where presented their 25 years certificate and pin from the Worshipful Master of Morning Star Lodge No. 94 F. & A.M. issued from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

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# Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87 Four Generations - Five Serve As Worshipful Master

Worshipful Douglas Ankeny is our current Master for 2011 and Past Master 2010. Doug follows a number of family Masons. In the past his Brother Rollin Barry served as Master in 2008. His father Rollin F. was Master in 2006. Grandfather Harold was Master in 1933. Great-grandfather Rollin V. in 1920. Great-great grandfather Henry G. spent most of his Masonic years as treasurer of Corning, Iowa Masonic Lodge. Four Greats back, was Joseph who served as W.M.: in the Millersberg Ohio Lodge No. 84. His father was Peter who co-founded Somerset, PA, and was said to have been a member of Somerset Masonic Lodge No. 58 at its founding in 1801.

The Ankeny's moved to Florida in 1901 coming from Corning, Iowa. They built on land purchased by his Brother in 1883. He was the first Postmaster in the settlement known as Ankona. They were very active also in Knights Templar and Eastern Star.

Our Brothers, the Ankeny family were all elected as Worshipful Master and have served Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87 with dedication and a true love of our Craft.

Worshipful Barry was elected to serve for the year 2008. He had the honor of being installed by D.G.M.R.W. Joseph Fleites. This was a busy year for our Lodge, with regular scheduling of officers practice for degree work, bringing in new members, our sacred work and fundraising. We had a combination of four BBQ's and Fish Fry's as well as a rummage sale.

Worshipful Doug continues the tradition and strives to achieve a better Lodge. With his leadership our Brothers have dedicated endless hours for fundraisers. Our favorite is the BBQ's, our success with these comes from the expertise of our Brother Troy Slade – this Brother can BBQ! Worshipful Doug has succeeded in getting the inside of the Lodge painted as well as building and installing better steps to the East. Following Worshipful Doug's leadership we elected to purchase the CHILD ID PROGRAM. Our first event was combined with a bounce house and a BBQ. This event was a great success having 48 children to enroll in the ID PROGRAM.

Worshipful Doug in partnership with Worshipful S.G.D. Stan Hudson, worked to successfully merge Cornerstone No. 386 and Fort Pierce No. 87. This has involved many hours of preparation and forethought to maintain harmony within our Lodge. M.W.G.M. Jim Harris authorized this merge by his signature on the first day of June 2011. We at Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87 pool our resources together to continue to make our community a better place to live and grow. Please visit us on facebook (Ft. Pierce No. 87, F. & A. M.) and on the web at [www.fort-pierce87.com](http://www.fort-pierce87.com) keep up with what we are doing. Brother's, in your travels to the East please visit us. We have a beautiful Lodge and always strive to treat our visiting Brethren with respect and provide them a host. Just remember 2 x 4 Stated meetings are the 2nd & 4th Mondays; 6:30 vittles, 7:30 the gavel goes down. "It's a great time".

Submitted Fraternally by,  
Junior Warden, Brother Brad Alumbaugh, Ft. Pierce Lodge No. 87



The Ankeny Family

# SunCoast Masters and Wardens Association 20th & 21st Masonic Districts Golf Tournament a Huge Success!

Article respectfully submitted by:  
Worshipful Billy Garrett, Jr., P.M.  
Photo Courtesy of R.Worshipful Christopher Schlenker, P.D.D.G.M.  
Pinellas Park, Florida



On September 24, 2011, the Suncoast Masters and Wardens held its 10th Annual Golf Tournament at Mainlands Golf Course in Pinellas Park, Florida. There were over eighteen teams (67 players Masons and Non-Masons), over a dozen volunteers, multiple hole and event sponsorships.

Goodie bags were given to all players. Hole in one opportunities were available on selected holes with great prizes available. Prizes and trophies for team winners 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams were presented. Other prizes presented were: Closet to the Pin, Longest Drive, Putting Contest, and selection of other prizes were presented to those present after the round at the catered BBQ Luncheon from Sonny's BBQ. The Supreme Architect of the Universe provided us with great weather; everyone who attended enjoyed the fellowship and fun! The biggest winners, however, were our residents of the Masonic Home who will receive the proceeds!

# Ceremonial Signing of My "Blue Alert" Bill



By Christopher Schlenker, P.D.D.G.M.  
The Governor held a Ceremonial signing of my "Blue Alert" Bill, making it Law. These pictures were taken September 21st. I contacted my State Rep. Peter Nehr the end of 2010 to see if he would sponsor the Bill. He did and it passed both the Florida House and Senate unanimously!! Below is a description of the Law that goes into affect October 1st.

CS/HB3 - Assault or Battery of a Law Enforcement Officer: Requires FDLE to issue blue alert if law enforcement officer has been killed, suffered serious bodily injury, or been assaulted & suspect has fled scene, or if law enforcement officer is missing while in line of duty; requires that blue alert be disseminated on emergency alert system through specified means; provides that emergency traffic information may take precedence over blue alert information.



# Ornan Masonic Lodge No. 117, F. & A.M. Adopts A Teacher

Mr. Ryan Sullivan, a teacher at Williston Elementary, was presented a check for \$200.00 for school supplies for his classroom by the Members of Ornan Lodge No. 117, Free and Accepted Masons, in Williston. The Adopt-A-Teacher Program is part of a State Wide program of community involvement in the public school system put forth by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, and includes ten \$1,000.00 scholarships for an Essay, an Adopt-A-School, and an Adopt-A-Teacher Program. This particular program, Adopt-A-Teacher, gives a selected teacher funds and helps to improve his/her ability to provide for the students. The check was presented by Worshipful Master James Batts on August 29th, at the Lodge's 5th Monday Covered Dish Dinner with School Principal Mrs. Marla Hiers and several other teachers in attendance. Mr. Sullivan is a second year teacher at the school and, according to his peers, is a wonderful teacher. Mrs. Hiers gave a short lecture on the Volunteer Program and other important information regarding the Levy County School Policies. The Adopt-A-Teacher Program will be rotated around the Levy County School System, if you would like to donate to the program or volunteer please contact Ornan Lodge No. 117 at [Ornan117.com](http://Ornan117.com) <http://Ornan117.com> or Mrs. Hiers at Williston Elementary School.



Teachers in attendance: left to right: Jim and Lisa Posteraro, Marla Hiers, Heather and Ryan Sullivan, Paige Mace, Dana Farleo, and Donnie Helms.



Check presentation: L to R: Ryan Sullivan; Worshipful Master of Ornan Lodge James Batts

# Mandarin Lodge September 15th Awards Night



The Mandarin Lodge No. 343 F. & A.M. Family / Awards Night was held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 with over 60 Brothers and family and friends attending. The following Members were recognized for their service to the Fraternity.

25 year service pins to Bro. Anthony George Colson, Jr, Bro. Scott Leonard Metz, Bro. Frank M. Mogle and Bro. Michael Denver Ryan.

40 year service pins to Bro. Glen Edward Green and Bro. Bernard Lewis Simms.  
50 year service pins to Wor. Earl Cecil Hall, Wor. Richard Fay Mauro, and Bro.David Beaumont Seay.  
60 year service pin for Bro. Elbert Derald Smart. Certificates were presented by Wor. Larry Rogers with the assistance of family members.

Front Row: Bro. Earl Cecil Hall (50), Bro. Elbert Derald Smart (60), Wor. Richard Fay Mauro (50), David Beaumont Seay (50).  
2nd Row: Bro. Scott Leonard Metz (25), Bro. Bernard Lewis Simms (40), Bro. Michael Denver Ryan (25), Bro. Anthony George Colson Jr. (25), Bro. Frank M. Mogle (25), Bro. Glen Edward Green (40)  
3rd Row: Bro. Tom Hardy (J.Worshipful), Bro. Mike Eldridge (SD), Wor. Larry Rogers (Worshipful), Bro. Mike Minter (S.Worshipful), Bro. Angelo Echevarria (Chaplin)

# Traveling District Deputy Grand Master



District Deputy Grand Master Thomas M. Edwards, II and Committeemen of the 22nd Masonic District attend Job's Daughters Bethel No. 13 meeting August 4, 2011



# Balance and the Temple

By Robby Entrekin, Pythagoras Lodge No. 358, Panama City Beach, Florida

The word balance is defined as “A state of bodily equilibrium” or “A harmonious or satisfying arrangement or proportion of parts or elements, as in a design.”

For there to be balance there must be a design, and for a design to exist there must therefore be a designer. Balance is represented in the zodiac by the constellation Libra, the seventh sign . For the artist the placement or composition of elements create balance and directs us to the focal point in the piece of artwork.

As we look at “Balance” in regards to Freemasonry we see early on as Masons that a design has been made to create for us a state of bodily equilibrium and draw our attention to the center piece of the design. We find that the designer laid out a pattern, a piece of artwork that would draw us to this perfect place of balance.

As one would approach the Temple of King Solomon the balance was clearly seen. Our approach would allow us to see two beautiful brazen pillars of which at the center would have been the doorway whereby one could enter the temple. The composition and placement of the two pillars framed, or “Balanced” the doorway. The doorway was the entrance to the temple and ultimately the only way into the Holy Place.

As one entered, this balance continued with five sets of lamp stands. Again each lamp stand set across from another creating balance and giving us a “center” or focal point. The lamp stands sat upon ten tables which also were covered with bread and wine. (Blood and wine representing the blood and body)

As one would continue we find that the designer then prepares us to find what he has been drawing our attention to. Before going on any further we stop at the Incense Altar. A sweet smelling aroma wraps us and we proceed. Balancing our sight and senses.

We would now observe two gold covered poles extending out of the temple curtain which was before us. The two poles are centered (again showing balance) between the priest’s cell to our extreme right and left. These would be entrances that only the priests would use.

At the very center of the grand design, behind the curtain would be the Ark of the Covenant again centered between two large cherubs both ten cubits tall and gold plated. The designer has kept us “balanced” as we have walked through the temple and our attention has been focused on the center by the composition of this great artist, the G.A.O.T.U.

Now before us sits the Ark ,of which centered between

the two smaller cherubs would be the Mercy Seat of which another book could be written of all it represents.

At the very center of Strength and Beauty, at the very center of flesh and blood our very selves, at the very center of what gives us light and illumination, at the very center of the two priest’s entrances, the very center of our angelic host is Mercy and upon it we find Love.

For love was also placed in a composition and framed as it were by a designer. Love was placed at the center. Between two crosses, between two angels in the tomb one sitting at where the head had laid and the other at where the feet would have been we find Love.

When viewed from above the very layout and design of the temple shows us what appears to be a man standing upon a hewn stone. Could this represent the chief cornerstone? Interestingly enough the stone is actually the altar of sacrifice, again sacrifice denoting love.

As Masons where is our center? What frames what we do? Do all things in our lives direct us and others to one thing, divine love?This is a very simple and humble attempt to view and understand a small part of the great design of the G.A.O.T.U.

## Sebastian Hosts Wedding

Once in awhile something happens in a Lodge that might be quite exceptional, if not exclusive. Sebastian Masonic Lodge No. 232 , F. & A.M., recently conducted a wedding ceremony within the Lodge.

Sebastian Masonic Lodge No. 232 has a 95 year history and a long list of “Who’s Who” including current M.: W.: Jim Harris, Grand Master of The State of Florida, who was Initiated, Passed, and Raised within its privileged columns. The distinctiveness, a wedding ceremony took place within the Lodge. The union of two people, one a Masonic Officer, the other a beautiful Irish lass, who joined destinies. To carry the burden of life more easily and to help each other on the road of life. Junior Warden Ellsworth Mattott, III, of Micco, Florida,

and the lovely Sandra Fearon of Rush, Ireland, in a striking ceremony, promised each other fidelity, love, affection, and mutual assistance for as long as they live. The ceremony took place with Brethren of the Lodge, Sisters of The Eastern Star, family members from America and Europe, and guests present.

The ceremony was officiated under the leadership of R.: W.: Joe Generazio, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M. who is also a licensed ordained minister and Ellsworth’s best man, P.M. Mike Treglio, who had also been the Lodge Secretary for the past seven years. Married and taking vows under the vigilant judgment of The Grand Architect of The Universe the ceremony was followed by brief refreshments, wedding cake and an outdoor reception.



Ellsworth Mattott was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in this Lodge in 2006 and as its current Junior Warden is a airline transport pilot and current flight instructor at a pilot training college in Melbourne in the instruction of flight in both reciprocal & jet aircraft. Sandra Fearon, hails from Rush, Ireland. She has a certification as a European commercial aircraft pilot and it was within those boundaries that they met. Sandra’s is currently a psychologist, as wells as a business psychologist in the field of psychometric testing. She is also a children’s writer, yoga instructor, and business writing coach. The wedding was followed by a “honeymoon” and in 2012 the couple, now living in Little Hollywood in Indian River County, plan to return to Ireland to have an additional “time-honored” Irish ceremony.

Sebastian’s ceremony will notably go down in this Lodge’s history archives and the wishes of a long and happy life are expressed by this Lodge, its Brethren, and friends.

## Operation Shoebox at Morning Star Lodge

Members of Morning Star Lodge No. 94 F. & A.M. volunteered a work day’s worth of Lodge resources to Operation Shoebox on July 23, 2011. Operation Shoebox is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting our brave troops fighting terrorism around the world. The Brothers of Morning Star Lodge devoted the day assembling and packaging over 360 requested care packages to U.S. military members. Operation Shoebox was founded in 2003 by Mary Harper (mother of seven children who have or are serving in our armed forces). Her organization has collected, assembled, and shipped around the world over 700,000 care packages to our service personnel. One of the most valued items placed in each package is a personal letter or “Thank You” note written by a grateful citizen. Operation Shoebox believes every service member needs to know that America stands behind them.

Since that workday in July, Morning Star Lodge has made it one of its objectives to encourage, solicit, and collect from as many citizens they can reach a thank you note or

letter to go into future care packages. Anyone wishing to contact Operation Shoebox USA, Inc. can find a full Web page at [www.operationshoebox.com](http://www.operationshoebox.com).



L to R: Tom Bingham, Worshipful Master, Randy Crum Sr. Warden, Mary Harper founder of Operations Shoebox, Dave Olson, Jr., Tyler and Leroy Gibbons newly raise Brother of Morning Star Lodge.

## 10th Masonic District Presents Certificate to Child ID Program



Members of the 10th Masonic District presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bobbie Hall, owner of Joli Cheveux Salon and Spa. The certificate was for Bobbie's support of the 10th Masonic District Child ID Program. Bobbie allowed the Child ID team to setup their equipment inside the salon during the Strawberry Festivals of 2010 and 2011. The Child ID Program is a free service offered by the Masons of the 10th Masonic District to help protect our children. Pictured are; Leaman Alvarez of Lake Butler Lodge, Scott Roberts of Bradford Lodge, Bobbie Hall, Frank Camacho of Bradford Lodge and Stan Harvey of Dawkins Lodge.



Worshipful Christopher Voss (left) presenting W.: Glenn Turner with a 60 year certificate and pin.

## Groveland Lodge No. 190 Honors 60 Year Member

Groveland Lodge No. 190 honored a 60 year member. Brother Glenn Turner, P.M., was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on St. Patrick’s Day 1951 in Valley Lodge No. 511 in Valley Station Kentucky. In 1955, for personal and medical reasons, he and his family relocated to Jacksonville, FL, and he demitted to Arlington Lodge No. 309. Glenn retired in 1985 and relocated to Groveland and dimitted to Groveland 190 where he became Master in 1994. Glenn is still very active in Groveland Lodge attending regular communications and participating in Degree work. He has served as Marshal for many years and is currently serving as Chaplain. When asked what his travels in Masonry have been like he replied, “The journey has been great!”



Some days all you can do is smile and wait for some kind soul to come pull you out of the bind you’ve gotten yourself into.



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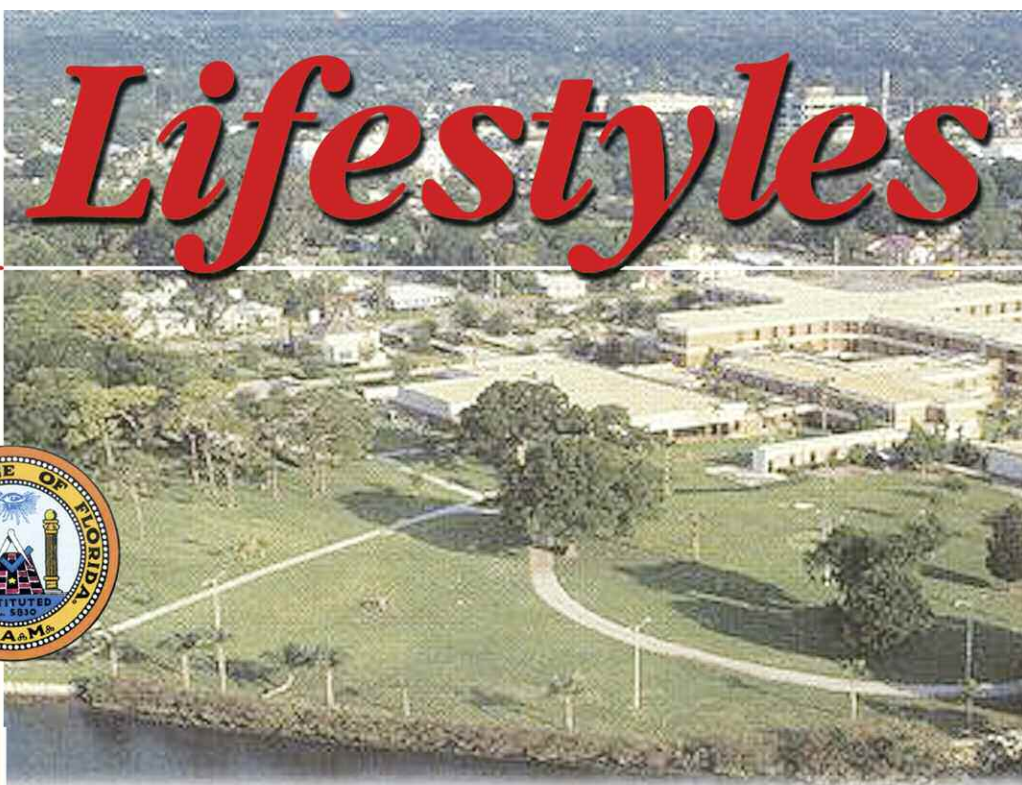
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*On The Shores Of Coffee Pot Bayou*



### Masonic Home Service Awards

**O**n November 10, 2011, a program was held to recognize the dedicated individuals who have served our Masonic Home for 10 years or more. These 37 people represent over 550 combined years of outstanding service and care for the residents. Please join us in congratulating:



Fran Bergin,	35 years, Nursing
Charles Walker,	35 years, Nursing
Margarita Loehrer,	30 years, Food Service
Sheryl McKesson,	23 years, Activities
Betty Vanwhy,	21 years, Nursing
Tami Vashon,	21 years, Nursing
Barbara McCabe,	21 years, Nursing
Francisca Horne,	20 years, Nursing
Roger McLendon,	20 years, Food Service
Diana Butler,	19 years, Social Services
Bob Robertson,	19 years, Maintenance
Annie Simpson,	19 years, Housekeeping
Linda Avant,	19 years, Housekeeping
Diana McClelland,	18 years, Nursing
Ramona Cruz,	17 years, Activities
Marge Colravy,	16 years, Food Service
Dahlia Mitchell,	15 years, Food Service
Maria Zdobylak,	15 years, Food Service
Jack Glaudel,	15 years, Housekeeping
Rick Ramsey,	15 years, Security
Greg Lorenz,	14 years, Nursing
Valentine Mathurin,	14 years, Food Service
Debbie Neveitt,	14 years, Business Office
Dean Williams,	12 years, Housekeeping
Dennis Rappe,	12 years, Food Service
Mary Inglima,	12 years, Human Resources
Sonya Friedrich,	11 years, Nursing
Gene Klarman,	11 years, Security
Howard Howe,	11 years, Food Service
Rhonda Joseph,	10 years, Nursing
Tamela Ward,	10 years, Nursing
Carol Taylor,	10 years, Nursing
David Powell,	10 years, Food Service
Otis Gibson,	10 years, Food Service
Ed Schlegel,	10 years, Food Service
Rafael Trevino,	10 years, Housekeeping
Donna Livingston,	10 years, Business Office
Denise Bailey,	10 years, Business Office
Bonnie Haire,	10 years, Business Office



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# Welcome



### From Our Administrator

#### Greetings To All,

As we get ready for the close of 2011, we reflect back on all the wonderful blessings received at the Masonic Home. Since 1919, the mission of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Florida is to provide care and comfort to worthy Masons and their wives or widows. Almost 100 years later, you are doing just that!

This has been another outstanding year filled with accomplishments. In November 2011, we had the privilege of recognizing 39 Masonic Home staff members with 10-plus years of service. Our team holds a special place in the lives of the Residents and often spend more time with them than their own families. Serving the needs of older adults takes dedication, knowledge, compassion, patience and an excellent sense of humor. These individuals display that daily and continuity of care is very important.

We are excited about beginning work on First Lady Becky Harris' Masonic Home project. Renovation of the Resident service areas which currently house the gift shop and Corky's Cupboard and the addition of an ice cream parlor will enhance our Home and provide an outstanding recreational opportunity. Residents often want changes to their menu, but ice cream is always required!

We are thankful for all the individuals, volunteers, Lodges, Districts, Order of the Eastern Star and other Appendant Bodies who continue to give of their time, talents and resources. We appreciate

everyone like the Masters & Wardens of Dade County (Districts 34 & 35) who have held Christmas in October for the Residents for over 35 years as well as the groups beginning new annual traditions such as the 30th Masonic District which held a BBQ for Residents in August 2011.

We have also expanded our services to Masonic families. Since your decision at the Annual Communication, we now offer admission to mothers of qualified Masons via the private play plan.

It's been a year since the Outreach Program was launched to assist Florida members senior care and services here at the Home or in your local community.

We hope to see you and your families at the Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day on Saturday, March 17, 2012 when we will dedicate our First Lady's Project and enjoy a day filled with fun and fellowship!

*Wishing You And Yours A Wonderful Holiday Season  
and Happy New Year,*

Lisa Tsotsos, Administrator  
masonichm@aol.com



## 100 Years And Still Looking Great!

Another person who keeps getting better each year is Ben Watson, resident, Lake Lodge No. 72, seen here celebrating his 101st birthday in July with his family!



## Resident Of The Month Program Hands Out First Awards

At the August 2011, meeting of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees, George Aladro, Deputy Grand Master and Board Chairman, asked if there were any volunteers to sponsor a new monthly program which recognizes the Home's Resident of the Month with a \$50 gift card of their choice. Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 "Stepped Right Up" to assume this valuable role! So far, three Residents have been presented with this gift from Hillsborough Lodge Members. Many thanks to them for committing to this worthwhile program.

Left to right: Alice Lanier, P.W.G.M., October Resident of the Month, Runette Vizandiou, September Resident of the Month, Virginia Berault, November Resident of the Month



## She Is How Old??

Wouldn't we all like to look like Helen Hula, Resident, sponsored by Hollywood Chapter No. 150, Order of the Eastern Star on her 103rd birthday? We sure would! Helen is beautiful inside and out.



Above Left to right: Lunch with friends. Runette Vizandiou, Resident, Floral City Lodge No. 133, Helen Hula, Rae Losey, Resident, Northside Lodge No. 283.

Below: Helen blows out the candle on her 103rd birthday cake.



## Christmas In October '11 The Tradition Continues...

Many thanks to the wonderful Master's And Warden's Association of Dade County for all the love, joy, gifts and surprises they bought to the Residents on October 15, 2011!





## Boynton Beach Demolay Visit The Masonic Home

In July 2011, members of the Boynton Beach Demolay visited the Masonic Home. They are joined by M.:W.: Jim J Harris, Grand Master and Wayne Hansen, Advisor.



## Grand Master Hosts The Resident's Monthly "What's On Your Mind?" Activity

On July 15, 2011, Most Worshipful Jim J Harris and First Lady Becky Harris spent valuable time with the residents discussing what was on their minds. The Grand Master received many questions and shared his vision and goals. This was also a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better. Additional special guests included M.:W.: Robert D. Trump, P.G.M. and Past First Lady Virginia, and Terry Parker, Grand Marshal and Lady Dee.



Bottom photo: Left to right: Marion Rudolph, Resident, Alyce Kerce, Resident, Ted Tooma, Resident, June Tooma, Resident



## Masonic Home Residents Visit The Shrine Hospital

On November 14, 2011, the "big kids" went to check on the "little kids". Residents of the Masonic Home were given an excellent tour of the Shrine Hospital in Tampa and saw first-hand how well these children and their families were cared for. We are proud to be affiliated with this outstanding health care center!



## The 30th Masonic District Begins A New Annual Tradition



**Thank You 30th Masonic District!**



Photo 1: The 30th Masonic District gang is all here!

Photo 2: Dorothy Link, Resident, Fellowship Lodge No. 265

Photo 3: Left to right: Otis B. Geiger III and Lola Billberry, Resident, Royal Palm Lodge No. 100

Photo 4: Left to right: Paul Gise, Resident, Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385, Miriam Schenk, Resident, Placid Lodge No. 282, Audrey Gise, Resident, Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385

Photo 5: Left front, Jim Edwards, Resident, Brandon Lodge No. 114 left back, Chuck Williams, Biwabik Lodge No. 293 (MN) (woman to the right helping Jim Edwards is Karen Dodson)

Photo 6: Left to right: Art Bauman, Resident, Acacia Lodge No. 355 (PA), Guy Wilson, Resident, Moore Haven Lodge No. 361, Guy D. Wilson, Resident, Moore Haven Lodge No. 361



On August 20, 2011, the 30th Masonic District hosted a wonderful Western BBQ for the residents of the Masonic Home. Residents were treated to a great meal with all the fixings and music. Most of all, the residents along with the men and women from the 30th Masonic District just enjoyed spending time together. This event was so much fun, the 30th Masonic District has committed to do it again next year, and the next year, and the next year...



## Proud Veterans Celebrate And Reflect

There was standing room only at the Masonic Home Annual Veteran's Day Program. More than 40 residents attended and shared their memories and contributions to our country. Their years of service ranged from four to over 30. We are the home of the free and the brave because of special folks like them!



## Masonic Home of Florida Wish List

The Masonic Home of Florida would like to thank all of you who have made contributions to this wish list in the past year. Through your generosity we have received many items.

We can still use the following:

- **REFINISHING OF 20 CHAIRS IN RESIDENT'S KITCHENETTES** Approximately \$105 per chair
- **NEW FULL SIZE REFRIGERATOR FOR 2ND FLOOR RESIDENTIAL CENTER EAST HALL** Approximate cost \$500
- **NEW CARPETING FOR 2ND FLOOR RESIDENTIAL CENTER LOBBY AREA** Approximate cost \$1,500
- **NEW DESK FOR 2ND FLOOR RESIDENTIAL CENTER LOBBY/NURSING STATION** Approximate cost \$500

**Save the Date Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home March 17, 2012**

New Flash!

**We Are Pleased To Announce A New OUTREACH Program & WEBSITE 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 or go to [www.MasonicHomeOfFlorida.org](http://www.MasonicHomeOfFlorida.org) for assistance with aging services.

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The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home cordially invites 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.  
Dec. 11, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, March 18, April 15

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## ADMISSION PLANS

### Life Care Plan

This 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)

In 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 \$600\* 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.

*\*Rates subject to change.*



40 Year Service Award

Springs Lodge No. 378 presented Brother Thellie Simmons, Jr., with his 40 Year Service Award on August 2, 2011. Worshipful Master David Aponte-Ramos made the presentation, assisted by Senior Deacon Richard Hermann on the right with Worshipful Greg Cwik providing read support.



Masonic Table Lodge at Jacksonville’s Morocco Shrine Center



The picture shows R.:W.: Thomas W. Jackson, speaking before the Table Lodge. Shown from the left were: Greg McCaulie, P.M., Chairman of the 11th & 12th Districts Masonic Association; R.:W.: Royd Keys, P.D.D.G.M., 12th District, Master of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, speaking; and M.:W.: Samuel E. Cowan, III, M.:W.:, P.G.M. of Masons of Florida.

Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania. R.:W.: Brother Jackson spoke to the Lodge on Masonic Research, and Education. He urged the Brothers to commit to improvement, growth, and a continuing effort to study and educate themselves in Masonry.

It is believed that everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner, and also a fine evening of education, inspiration and fellowship.

The 11th and 12th Districts Masonic Association held a Masonic Table Lodge at the Morocco Shrine Center in Jacksonville on Saturday, July 23, 2011. The Lodge was open to all EA, FC, and MM Brothers. There was a very fine turn out of Brothers from throughout the area.

The speaker for the evening was R.:W.: Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. After a very delicious dinner, and a number of Masonic toasts, Most Worshipful Samuel E. Cowan, P.G.M. of Masons of Florida, introduced R.:W.:

Barrett Lodge Presents Awards



The following awards were presented at Barrett Lodge No. 43 in Live Oak, FL on May 12, 2011

“40 Year”  
Left to right: Wyatt C. Clark  
Stephen "Steve" Rowell Jr., 40 Year  
Mason, M.:W.: Ralph T. Miller



“50 Year”  
Left to Right: David Eure  
50 Year Mason, Robert "Bobby Warner  
50 Year Mason, M.:W.: Ralph T. Miller



“65 Year”  
Left to right: Lewis "Lew" Walters  
65 Year Mason, M.:W.: Ralph T. Miller;  
Angus "Buddy" Nott; 65 Year Mason and  
ex-Mayor of Live Oak

Harris Makes Official Visit to Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291



Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida, Jim Harris; Master of Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291, Joe Finocchiaro.

After dinner the ladies enjoyed a presentation put on by the Dali Museum while the men met at historic St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 for the Grand Master's welcome.

The Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida, Most Worshipful Jim Harris, made his official visit to this area on Friday July 15th. Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach, was pleased to take part in this official visit and welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Gulf Beaches. The official visit was held at the Masonic Home of Florida located on Coffee Pot Bayou in the old Northeast section of St. Petersburg. A wonderful dinner was prepared and over three hundred Masons and their ladies were in attendance.

Lake Butler Lodge Proud of Member’s Commitment



Introducing General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, II, or Beaugy for short. Beaugy is a standard poodle owned and trained by Brother Gerald Coutts, Senior Warden of Lake Butler Lodge No. 52 in Lake Butler, Florida. Beaugy is certified by the Veterans Affairs Hospitals as a canine therapy dog. Brother Coutts and Beaugy spend several hours each week visiting the local hospital in Lake Butler and the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Lake City, Florida, providing doggie love

and comfort to the patients and Veterans. Beaugy and Brother Gerald have become very familiar and welcome visitors to the hospitals. Although Brother Coutts says that the Patients and Veterans look forward to seeing Beaugy more than him as with the local folks in Lake Butler. The first thing people seem to ask Brother Coutts is “where is the dog.” The Members of Lake Butler Lodge No. 52 are very proud of Brother Coutts and the love and commitment he puts into the work he and Beaugy do. P.S. Beaugy is the one sitting !!!!!

Traveling Gavel / Time Capsule



Those who collected the Gavel are shown in the Photo. From Left to right on the front row, the members are Right Worshipful Gurney Atwell, Robert “Rob” Bachtold, Worshipful Ron George, with the Gavel, Right Worshipful Kenneth Hall, Worshipful Edward Heise, and Worshipful Howard Hall. In the Back row from left to right are Franklin “Buck” Doyle, Worshipful Mike Nolan, Brother Robert Wiley, Right Worshipful Robert Bullard, and Brother Robert Welch.



to retrieve the Gavel and see how many Lodges the Gavel visited.

In order to have the Gavel in your Lodge, the Lodge must visit the Lodge having the Gavel during a Stated Communication with a minimum of Five (5) members of the Lodge. Then the Gavel will change hands and go to the Lodge that attended with the five or more members. Middleburg Lodge visited Cabul Lodge No. 116 with Thirteen (13) members to collect the Gavel. The visit was enjoyable and good fellowship was had by all.

All the Officers of Middleburg Lodge were present for this event with the exception of the Junior Steward. Fun was had by all.

Old Farmer's Advice

- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life.. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man or woman. If they're too old to fight, they'll just kill you.





# Visit to High Twelve Lodge

Submitted by R.: W.: Tom Edwards, DDGM – 22nd Masonic District

2011 Committeemen from the 22nd Masonic District are looking first class with Masonic Bow Ties for their first District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit to High Twelve Lodge No. 317 in Lutz, Florida.



Left to Right: R.: W.: Donald Bell, W. Ken Allen, R.: W.: Woody Newcomb, W.: Steve Edson, Bro. Michael Goldman, W. Junior Torres, W.: Robert Lambert, and R.: W.: Scott McAlister; not pictured are Brothers Terry Mascolino, Bill Cobb, and Brian Shrader)

# Past Masters Recognized



Sixty-one Masons attend Master Mason Degree on October 27th

by Howard Knapp

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach, announces its newest Master Masons. Brothers Tom Doty, Tom Schmidt and Anthony Wood were made Master Masons at a ceremony held at the Masonic Temple on October 27, 2011, in the presence of 61 members and visiting Masons. Masons from as far away as the United Kingdom were in attendance.

A wonderful dinner was prepared by Gulf Beach Chapter No. 241, Order of the Eastern (OES). The ritual ceremony was presented by the Past Masters of Gulf Beach Lodge with Worshipful John Cone, III, Master in 1969, as the most senior Past Master present, presiding.



The Past Masters who were in attendance at the Master Mason Degree

# Problem Extreme Mousemobiles

Submitted by Brother Bryan Coffey, Senior Warden, St. John's Lodge No. 37

Senior Deacon Andy Ferrari, R.: W.: Bill Yates, R.: W.: Steve Boring, and R.: W.: Roger McCaughtry of St John's Lodge No. 37 presented a check for \$226 to Woodward Elementary School's "Odyssey of the Mind" team. They placed 2nd in "Problem Extreme Mousemobiles" Florida Elementary division and needed additional funds to travel to the University of Maryland for World competition next month! St. John's Lodge passed the hat for them at their Stated Communication on April 26th, and got the money to them before their April 29th deadline. The donation was enough to ensure the children could make their trip.



# Palm Bay Host Essay Contest

The 2011 Columbia Elementary School Sixth Grade Essay Contest sponsored by Palm Bay Masonic Lodge No. 397 was held in May. 73 essays on the sub-

ject "Who is the Elementary School teacher that influenced me the most, and how?" were read and scored by R.: W.: Tom Johnson, W.: Bill Pitman, and Bros. Mike Roben, Mike Ovens and Bob Chadwick.



Left to right: W. Bill Pitman, First Place Nikki Pennington, Second Place Brianna Savage, Third Place Calynn Herrera, Honorable Mentions Brianna D'Amelia, Dominique Lacy, Lisandra Maldonado, Emma Cundiff, W. John Caldwell

# Historic Documents Returned To Naval Lodge No. 24



The members of Naval Lodge No 24, Free and Accepted Masons are displaying two original historic documents written in 1856. The two documents were found by W.: Mike Basham of Pine Hill Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons located in Brooker, Florida. W.: Basham asked R.: W.: Ted Barber, Lodge Secretary and Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1997 to return the two documents to the Naval Lodge No. 24 this past December 2010. The attached photo of the two framed documents and members of the Naval Lodge No. 24 include from left to right Orlando Arciaga, Drew Merchell, Senior Steward, R.: W.: Ronald Parke, Secretary, Jake Knight, Dan Parks, Senior Deacon, Richard Morgan, Worshipful Master and W.: W. Harry Boyette. The documents involved correspondence between William Morrill, Worshipful Master of Naval Lodge, and Brother Donald Davidson regarding a dimit for Brother George Andrews of Naval Lodge now located in Pensacola, Florida.

# Lodge No. 294 Hosted a Widows Night

Submitted by Hank Creech, P.M., Crawford Lodge No. 294



Pictured front Left to right: Josie Daniel (John), Bettie Glover (E.M.) and Claudia Glover (Larry). Not pictured, Evelyn Cronan (Earl), all of whom were very active not only in the Lodge, but in the community as well. Bro. Jimmy expressed hope that this will again turn into an annual event for Crawford Lodge so as to pay tribute to our fallen Masons and remember our living.

Greetings friends, On May 20th, 2011, Crawford Lodge No. 294, F. & A. M., hosted a Widows night program for Three recently Widowed Ladies, whose husbands have passed to the "Undiscovered Country" W.: Brother Jimmy Smith and his wife Agatha, provided a delicious chicken & rice pilou with sides & homemade desserts. Worshipful Jimmy thanked all who turned out and with the assistance of Bro. Gary Alshouse, presented Sisters Josie Daniel, Bettie Glover and Claudia Glover with Certificates of Respect.

Pictured front Left to right: Josie Daniel (John), Bettie Glover (E.M.) and Claudia Glover (Larry). Not pictured, Evelyn Cronan (Earl), all of whom were very active not only in the Lodge, but in the community as well. Bro. Jimmy expressed hope that this will again turn into an annual event for Crawford Lodge so as to pay tribute to our fallen Masons and remember our living.

# Apprentice Mason Entered at Pinellas Lodge No. 385



Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385, located at 3000 16th Street North in St. Petersburg, announces its newest Mason. Brother Joseph Earl Clark, Jr. was made an Entered Apprentice Mason at a Ceremony held on May 21, 2011 in the presence of 25 members and visiting Masons from Masonic Districts 20 & 21. A wonderful meal was prepared and served by Ginger Watson, Jayne Wilson, and Betty Cheshire, was enjoyed by all following the meeting. Our Lodge is grateful to all the wives and friends who help with the preparation of the meals throughout the year. Thanks to them, good fellowship and good meals follow each of our meetings.

# 75 Year Award Presented

Members and Friends of Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 traveled to Valrico, FL, on May 20th to present Brother Gene Waters, formerly of Beverly Hills, with his seventy five (75) year service award.

Pictured above, Left to right: John "Lucky" Lee, Dennis Suarino, Robert "Slim" Owen, Danny Gatchell, Gene Waters, Rick Beddow, Pete Raymond, Francis Kinter and Rene Bentez.



Palm Bay Lodge, Chartered in 1998, has sponsored the Sixth Grade Essay Contest at the school for the past 6 years. The Lodge also supports the Columbia Kindergarten class and teachers with a semi-annual donation to help the teachers with supplies and "extras" that improve the kids' Kindy experience.



W.: Bill Pitman presents a certificate and restaurant gift card to Mr. Dilger, Fifth grade math/science teacher; had 10 of the 73 essays written about his influence.



Phoenix Lodge Holds Lodge Consecration



Lodge Consecration was held at Phoenix Lodge No. 346 in Sarasota, Florida, on April 15th. This extraordinary ceremony was presided over by our Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers. This was the first new Lodge in the 27th District since 1977. The Grand Lodge Officers were assisted by R.:W.: Frank Albinson and R.:W.:Gerald Goacher.

M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez presented the new Lodge Charter to the Worshipful Master, Mike Davenport, and in turn, the Worshipful Master presented the Grand Master with an Honorary Membership to Phoenix Lodge.

This evening represented the formation of Phoenix Lodge, and “Masons Rising to the Occasion.”

Callaway Youth Fishing Tournament a Huge Success



Left to right: Bill Castor, Jr., W.: M.:, Mark Dragon, Jonathan Melvin, Gerry Lindl, W.: Mike Pate, Bill Castor, Sr., and Mike d 'Albertis.

Callaway Lodge members cooked 300 hot dogs and assisted over 80 children and their parents who participated in the annual Callaway Youth Fishing Tournament. The annual City of Callaway/FWC sponsored Tournament teaches children to preserve our natural resources as well as teaching them to fish! Each child received a new fishing rig and trophies were given to the winners. The featured Local Charity for May is "Shriner's Hospitals for Children"

Callaway Charity Golf Tournament



Left to right: J.:W.: Mark Dragon, S.:W.: Mike d'Albertis, W.:M.: Bill Castor Jr., Ms. Brenna Hosey, Bro. Bill Castor Sr., and W.: Jerry Hutto.

On May 7th Callaway Lodge No. 369 in District 6 hosted their 2011, Charity Golf Tournament. Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and teams, the Lodge donated \$1,843.00 to Covenant Hospice of Panama City. Covenant Hospice provides end of life care to terminally ill patients.

Teacher’s Appreciation



Left to right: Chris Bosse, Principal; Jill Young Asst. Principal; Mrs. Beverly Howard; Robert H. "Slim" Owen; John M. Lee; Dana Oldenburg.

On May 2, 2011, Ridge Masonic Lodge presented Mrs. Beverly Howard, 4th Grade Homosassa Elementary School Teacher with a check and a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding dedication to the Teaching Profession. Mrs. Howard has been selected for several awards by the school and the community. Wor. Master Robert H. “Slim” Owen made the presentation to Mrs. Howard, assisted by Wor. John M. Lee and Bro. Dana Oldenburg.

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Presents Scholarship Awards



by Howard Knapp

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Drive in Madeira Beach, presented its annual Ernest J. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Scholarship to Ms. Christine Quay, a graduating Senior from Pinellas Park High School and Mr. Jeffrey Dressel, a graduating Senior at Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg. Ms. Quay will be attending College in the Fall at Florida State University in Tallahassee and seeking a Degree in Journalism and Mr. Dressel will be attending College in the Fall at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and seeking a degree in Environmental Engineering.

Gainesville Charitable Foundation, Inc. University of Florida Masonic Scholarships



Once again I want to extend the thanks of the Board of Directors of the Gainesville Charitable Foundation, Inc. for your placing an informational article concerning the Foundation sponsored University of Florida Masonic Scholarship in The Florida Mason. The result is that a number of applicants applied for the scholarship this year. Since the number of outstanding applicants was greater than usual, which is directly due to your publication of the information concerning the scholarship, I asked the Foundation Board to consider sponsoring more than the usual single \$1000.00 Masonic Scholarship for the 2011 year. The Board then voted to sponsor three such 2011 scholarships, with the result that three relatives of Florida F. & A. M. Masons were selected, and have received, the \$1000.00 scholarship to assist them in working toward a University of Florida Degree.

Those selected include: Tyler Barry, whose father is a member of Escambia Masonic Lodge No. 15, Megan Bates, whose grandfather and uncle are members of Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340, and Stanley Henderson, whose grandfather is a member of Melrose Lodge No. 89. This Masonic relative information was reported by these three University of Florida students on their application forms for the scholarship, which is administered for the Foundation by the University Scholarships Office located in the Student Financial Affairs section of the administration there.

This is the first time in the history of the U.F. Masonic Scholarship, sponsored by the Gainesville Charitable Foundation, Inc., that it has been awarded to three Florida Masonic relatives during a single year.

Again, our sincere thanks for the article publication, and our request that this information be included in a future issue of The Florida Mason so that additional Masonic relatives who are students at the University of Florida can apply, and be considered for the \$1000.00 scholarship.

Sincerely,  
Milledge Murphey, Foundation Administrator/Secretary

MM Degree Last Night



Our newest Master Mason, Sumner Darling, at the right of the Worshipful Master



D.D.G.M., Chas Jordan now an Honorary Member of Gulf Beach Lodge.

Brothers, Forty-nine Masons attended the Master Mason Degree last night for Sumner Darling. A wonderful dinner was prepared beforehand by our Eastern Star Chapter 241. Brothers from Star Lodge attended and procured the Traveling Gavel and Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Chas Jordan received his Honorary Membership. All in all, it was a fantastic evening.



Brothers from Star take the Traveling Gavel.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 358, F. & A.M., Panama City Beach, FL

Freemasonry offers its members an approach to life which seeks to reinforce thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society, and fairness in all things. Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but, Freemasonry also teaches and practices concern for people, care for the less fortunate, and help for those in need.

In keeping with the principles of Freemasonry, Pythagoras Lodge No. 358, located on Panama City Beach, recently donated \$4,100.00 to assist those displaced or otherwise victimized by storms in Alabama and Tennessee.

From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been involved in charitable activities, and since its inception it has provided support for many who have found themselves entirely destitute and in need of help within their communities.

“The motto that the Grand Master for the State of Florida, M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, chose this year was Masons Always Rise To The Occasion, “this is what we have done” stated David Robinson, W.:M.: of Pythagoras Lodge.

Robinson went on to add that Freemasonry offers much to its members, the opportunity to grow, the chance to make a difference, to build a better world for our children, and to build a better world for mankind. It offers the chance to associate with and work alongside men who have the same values and ideals.

Best Regards,  
Robby Entrekin  
Project Manager



# District 7 Masters and Wardens Association Signs Up 263 for Child ID at the North Florida Fair



State Child ID Chairman Jim Olsen of Tallahassee is shown signing up a child for the Florida Masons' Child ID program at the Masonic District 7 booth at the North Florida Fair.



District 7 Child ID Chairman Roger VanLandingham of Tallahassee is shown fingerprinting a child for the Florida Masons' Child ID program at the Masonic District 7 booth at the North Florida Fair.



**Local Masons At The North Florida Fair.** The Masons of the 7th Masonic District, through the Masters and Wardens Association, provided information to the public and signed up children for the Masons' Child ID program. Shown Left to right, are Robert Montpelier, District Deputy Grand Master; George Waas, Masters and Wardens President; and Roger VanLandingham, District 7 Child ID Chairman.

The Masters and Wardens Association of the 7th Masonic District operated a booth at this year's North Florida Fair in Tallahassee from November 3 through the 13th, 2011, and signed up 263 children for the Child ID Program.

Over 100,000 attended the Fair, and thousands of people from several North Florida counties passed by the booth and collected Masonic literature and other material during the 11-day annual Fair. During the Fair, the Masters and Wardens Association conducted a sign-up program for Child ID, according to District 7 Child ID Committee Chair Roger VanLandingham. State Child ID Chair Jim Olsen joined with several Masons in personally signing up children during the Fair.

For the 11 days, each of the 10 Lodges of the District was assigned responsibility for one day, with the Masters and Wardens Association handling opening day. The booth had a Masters and Wardens banner, a map of the Lodges of the District, a display of Masons who were Presidents, Masonic literature and pens with contact information, and sign-up sheets for persons who wanted to talk to a Mason.

"The purpose of having this booth was to reach as many people as possible, drawn to a single location, and provide them with information about who we are, what we stand for, and what we do as Masons, including our participation in the Child ID program" Association President George Waas said.

"In addition to signing up these children, we handed out hundreds of pieces of literature and over 450 contact pens. It is hoped that community outreach efforts such as this will generate interest in our Fraternity, cause men to seek us out and hopefully join our ranks and grow our Lodges," Waas added. "It may be awhile before we know how successful we were in encouraging new membership, since literature and pens are usually passed around before inquiry and intrigue kick in. But the fact that the Masons of our District had a physical presence in the community during the Fair, coupled with the fact that we brought a large number of children into the Child ID Program, made our participation in the Fair a most worthwhile and rewarding experience," he said.

*"We had a most successful venture, and hope this will inspire other districts to use the opportunity of a fair to promote our Fraternity."*

# District Deputy Grand Master Visits Gulf Beach Lodge



by Howard Knapp

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach, was visited by Right Worshipful Charles 'Chas' Jordan, District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for the 21st Masonic District, on Thursday evening June 9th for the purpose of seeing Brother Ryan J. Walters receive his 2nd, or Fellowcraft Degree, in the presence of 35 Masons. R.:W.: Chas Jordan has just begun his term as District Deputy Grand Master for the 21st Masonic District and will serve until June of 2012.

Freemasonry is a Fraternal Organization for men ages 18 and older and is dedicated to being serviceable to the community as well as offering men an opportunity to better themselves and be a part of a world wide organization of friends and Brothers. Members and visitors attending the Fellowcraft Degree on June 9th.



R.:W.: Chas Jordan, District Deputy Grand Master

# Gulf Stream Lodge No. 245 Honors 65 Year Member

By R.:H.: Roy Strohacker & Bro. Larry Choman



R.:H.: Roy Strohacker, Bro. Willard Kuhnly and Bro. Larry Choman.

R.:H.: Roy Strohacker, his wife Caroline, and Bro. Larry Choman and his wife, Bonnie, were honored to travel to Sebring, FL, on July 16, 2011 to present Bro. Willard Kuhnly with his 65 year certificate and pin. Bro. Willard has been a member of Gulf Stream Lodge No. 245 for 65 years. Bro. Willard, who is 93 years young, told us that if he is not at home, you can usually find him out playing a round of golf.



## 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:

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## Masons Honored

Right Worshipful, Charles "Uncle Charlie" Reisinger and His Brother, Worshipful Robert Reisinger honored by the Department of Defense for their service in the Army during World War II. Charlie known by Florida Masons as Uncle Charlie also served two tours in Korea in the Medical Service Veterinary Corps.





# District 26 MMRL Doughnuts for the Heart Challenge a Success!



The District 26 Masters and Wardens Association's First Annual Doughnuts For The Heart Challenge (DFTH) is considered by all to be a smashing success! With over 250 attendees, 164 runners enjoyed running (or walking), eating Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and running (or walking) afterwards to help the Grand Lodge of Florida's Flagship Charity. This Inaugural Event was held November 12, 2011, in Melbourne, Florida, for the benefit of the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

Nine months of planning and hard work gave the Freemasons of Brevard County, Florida, a new annual tradition. The effort was spearheaded by Kevin Gholston, W.:M.: (Melbourne Lodge No. 143), District 26 MMRL Committeeman Brother Robert Holmes (Merritt Island Lodge No. 353), and Zone 5 MMRL Chairman Ben Schwartz, P.M. (Indian River Lodge No. 90).

It was a sight to behold at 4:00 am in the Wickham Park Pavilion with all nine Lodges in the District preparing for the race, scheduled to begin at 7:30. Having forgotten to request the lights be turned on by the park, the Brothers set up for the race under the illumination of car headlights. It was a scene of seemingly mass confusion, but the team leaders quietly set up their areas with flashlights. Incredibly enough, by the time runners started to arrive for registration, all was done and the race proceeded smoothly. One seasoned runner commented that she normally did not attend running events the first year they start, but she thought that this one was intriguing (the Doughnuts!). She furthered that it was one of the most well organized running events she has ever attended. Many thanks go to Brother Thomas (TJ) Delaine (Beach Lodge No. 354) and Martin Grossman, P.M. (Harbor City Lodge No. 318).

Challenger runners in the DFTH Challenge ran two miles, ate a dozen Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts, ran two more miles in one hour or less, with no loss of the doughnuts. The fastest challenge time was turned in by Thaddeus Austin at 28:03.8. The all-time record for the Krispy Kreme Challenge (in North Carolina) is 24:31, which this race is modeled after. There were many Challenger Teams who ran and shared their dozen Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, the winning team "Doughnut Killers." Several teams were color coordinated with matching team shirts.

Brothers from all nine District 26 Lodges were there providing race course management and services to make the event a great success. Members of local Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star were also present providing support, including Worthy Matron Susan Metcalf, Melbourne OES Chapter 106. Race course safety was managed by a cadre of over a dozen Brothers from the local Hiram's Riders Chapter of the Widows Son's Masonic Riders Association.

Feedback from runners and event observers has all been positive with the 2nd Annual DFTH Challenge tentatively set for Nov. 10, 2012. Pictures and runner's times will be posted on the [www.doughnutsfortheheart.com](http://www.doughnutsfortheheart.com) website.



R.:W.: Steve Walden, D.D.G.M. District 26; Thaddeus Austin DFTH 2011 Overall Winner; Rob Holmes, District 26 Committeeman MMRL; Deputy Grand Master Jorge Aladro; Ben Schwartz, Zone 5 MMRL Chairman.



THE RACE STARTS!



Doughnut Consumption Area



Special Technique on how to stack Doughnuts!



26th District Masters and Wardens Refreshment Tent

# Close your Eyes, Click your Heels and Believe...

It was Tuesday, November 15, 2011, and the staff at Grand Lodge was going about their business.



When who should appear for a tour of the building and Museum??

His picture says it all. He first visited with Wendy.



Then, He visited with Gina.



Christi came back from lunch and he visited with her. He showed all his North Pole Driver License, gave each some candy and a card that says...



Next, He talked with Pam. She offers her pillow for him to sit on.

"Believe In The Magic"

# Gulf Stream Lodge No. 245 Honors 60 Year Member



R.:H.: Roy Strohacker, Bro. Ernest Ellison, Jr., Bro. Larry Choman

By R.:H.: Roy Strohacker & Bro. Larry Choman

R.:H.: Roy Strohacker and Bro.. Larry Choman along with their wives travelled to Inverness, FL, on July 15, 2011 and presented Bro. Ernest Ellison, Jr.,° with his 60 year pin. Bro. Ernest has been a member of Gulf Stream Lodge for 60 years and we all had a great time talking about the Lodge, Eastern Star and how the City of Lake Worth was in the past and is now. Bro. Ernest's father was a Past Master in 1955. Bro. Ernest gave the Lodge some Masonic memorabilia of his father's.

# District 32 District Instructor Honored For Heroism



R.:H.: Jerry Strohacker, and Ana Hernandez

By Bro. Charles W. White

On Easter Sunday, R.:H.: Gerald "Jerry" Strohacker and his fiancée Anna Hernandez were heading to Lakeside Medical Center where he works as an Emergency Room Nurse and she as a floor Nurse. A car in a lane going the opposite direction lost control and flipped over several times. The car caught fire and the driver was inside. R.:H.: Jerry, Ana, and Benjamin Small, another hospital employee pulled the driver from the vehicle just before it burst into flames and engulfed the car. Palm Beach Fire Rescue and the Palm Beach County Hospital District honored R.:H.: Jerry, Ana, and Benjamin for their heroic action that prevented the death of the driver.

# Past Masters' Dinner

Harry Jackson Lodge No. 314 recognized their Past Masters with a dinner at the Lodge dining hall Sept 27. Pictured are the Past Masters that attended.

Pictured front row left to right: Wilbur Miller, Shelley Crooms, Gene Brannon, Stan Pope, Charles Sapp, and Paul Johnson. Back row: Mike Miller, Guy Pettis, Joe Hair, Scott Hair and Dave Mitchell.

Harry Jackson Lodge No. 314 recognized their Past Masters with a dinner at the Lodge dining hall Sept 27. Pictured are the Past Masters that attended.



# District 32 Master Mason Association Sponsors Picnic and Child ID



Brothers Ron Geipel and Les Jones

By R.:H.: Roy Strohacker

The District 32 Master Master Mason Association sponsored a picnic October 2, 2011, for all Master Masons and their families at Okaheelee Park in West Palm Beach. The exact count of attendees is unsure, but 160 hamburgers and 200 hot dogs were given out. It was estimated that 150-200 attended the four hour event. There was a bounce house and a dunk tank which everyone enjoyed. The Child ID Program had a table set up and did ID packets on 28 children. A the end it was said "and a good time was had by all."



R.:W.: Mike Cribbet and R.:H.: Roy Strohacker



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## Florida DeMolay Confers the 2011 DeMolay International Honors

Our congratulations are afforded to these distinguished individuals, whose efforts have made Florida DeMolay an environment where our young men may continue to succeed. Their example is truly worthy of emulation by all. Pictured is The Grand Master, Most Worshipful, Jim J Harris, Receiving the Honorary Cross of Honor, The Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful George L. Aladro, Receiving the Cross of Honor.



### Receiving The DeMolay

**Cross of Honor:** George L. Aladro (Jurisdiction of Florida); Merry Lynne Berry (J. Edwin Larson Chapter); Paul W. Ferguson (Marion Chapter); Denise Jeanette Mock (Bahia Chapter); Hugh Wesley Prine, Jr. (J. Edwin Larson Chapter); Heather Jean Raisor (Bahia Chapter)  
**Receiving The Degree of Chevalier:** Jeff W. Meister, Jr. (Escambia Chapter); Martin Metzger (Nathan Hale Chapter); Stephen Kyle Moline (Marion Chapter); Stephen Pitts (St. Petersburg Chapter); Hugh Wesley Prine, III (J. Edwin Larson Chapter); Nikhil Raghuveera (Michael A. Padron, Sr. Chapter); David Jon Tranchand (Vigilant Chapter)

**Receiving The DeMolay Legion of Honor:** Jim J Harris, Honorary LOH; Stephen Bono Jacobson, Honorary LOH; Douglas George Knowles, Active LOH



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