

**MEETING OF THE CORPORATE BOARD  
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA**

July 22, 2023

No. 6

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the SpringHill Suites, Pensacola, Florida and via video conference on Microsoft Teams, by M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman  
R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master  
R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer  
R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M.  
M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.  
M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Also Present:

R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian	R.:W.: John A. Kraniou, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer	R.:W.: Joseph M. Fleites, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: James R. Kickliter, D.D.G.M. Dist. 2	R.:W.: James A. Salisbury, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Jason M. Gaylard, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.
W.: Jason R. Miller, W.M. of Volusia Lodge No. 77	R.:W.: Cary A. Brannan, P.D.D.G.M.
W.: Leonard Morreale, W.M. of Landmark Lodge No. 383	

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, and prayer was offered by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master introduced the members of the Board and others present.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 3 of June 17, 2023; Poll No. 4 of July 6, 2023; and Poll No. 5 of July 17, 2023. Motion carried.

**MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – JULY**

- The Office of Insurance Regulation has moved the Home into phase 4 of 7, which includes full document review. Again, this process is expected to take up to 6 months to complete.
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individual and requesting backup documentation the applicant has not returned my call. The second individual was emailed all the required information and we are awaiting return of the application. There seems to be confusion over the Non-Resident Relief requirements; individuals are understanding all they need to do is call and request financial assistance and they will receive a check. During future meetings and communications I will provide clarification to the Districts.

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- Items for Approval:
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### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY

- The committee performed a walk-through of the new chiller project. All appears to be progressing normally.
- We discussed having a condenser water pump rebuilt for \$6k instead of replacing the water pump for \$54k. It was decided to go with the rebuilt pump.
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### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY

- A. COVID – No issues.
- B. Marketing/Admissions:
  - a. As of June 30, 2023: total of 77 residents; of which 34 are Private Pay with 19 of those being non-masonic; there are 38 residents in the SNF and 39 ALF from the census breakdown report.
    - i. Census as of the date of this report is 75 with 2 additional new residents expected in July to the ALF. One of which is Fraternal Care and one is Private Pay.
    - ii. Our second quarter goal is to reach a total census of 82 by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Fiscal Year to Date:
    - i. Admissions = 10 (6 Fraternal, 4 Private Pay)
    - ii. Discharges/Deaths = 12 (2 Fraternal, 10 Private Pay)
  - c. Referral Summary:

Total Number of Referrals In Pipeline	Private	Private Masonic	Fraternal	Undecided	Totals
Nursing	6	1	2		9
ALF	7		10	3	20
	13	1	12	3	29

Age Of Referral					
0-6 months	9	1	6	2	18
7-12 Months	2	0	4	0	6
12+ Months	2	0	2	1	5

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
	5	4	0	4	16	0

R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the Masonic Home Administrator's Report, the Long Range Planning Committee Report, and the Operations Committee Report for July as presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

#### **ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY**

There were no funds distributed in June or July of 2023 for Non-Resident Relief.

One Fraternal Care Application (SNF) was reviewed during the month of July:

1. Ted Woodbury, sponsored by Palm Bay Lodge No. 397, District 17 – approved pending further questions about an open Corporation.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions Committee Report for the month of July as presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting and the motion was seconded by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

#### **NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

During the month of June, the following new General Ledger Account Numbers were created:

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 24805.001	Lund, David (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 24806.001	Lund, Cindy (Cash)	Liability

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of June. Second was made by R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

#### **CREDIT APPLICATIONS REPORT GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA FOR JUNE**

During the month of June, there were no credit applications received and processed for the Grand Lodge Office or the Masonic Home of Florida.

R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of June which was seconded by M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. Motion carried.

#### **LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JUNE**

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for June. M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of June as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, and the motion carried.

#### **FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, INC. FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE MASONIC HOME BUILDING FUND**

The Board reviewed the funds received from estates and wills through the month of June for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$125,062.45). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,919.85). During the month of June there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of June which was seconded by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

## **MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – JUNE**

During the month of June, no funds were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for acceptance of the report for June as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## **MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – JUNE**

We report that we are currently 1.63% favorable to the final budget (\$142.4k) after three months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used; after amortizing for the insurance premiums already paid, and adjusting for the timing of maintenance.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report for June as printed and distributed which was seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

### **I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:**

The sale of the Grand Lodge Building was successfully completed.

### **II. ESTATES:**

General Counsel continues to review files relating to open estates and/or trusts naming The Grand Lodge of Florida, the Masonic Home and/or the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., as beneficiaries.

### **III. PROPERTIES:**

All property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

### **IV. MASONIC HOME:**

General Counsel has reviewed the Chem Aqua water treatment contract tendered by Bob Robertson. General Counsel continues to work with the Admissions Committee, including undertaking title and asset searches for incoming residents as well as the preparation of their requisite documentation upon admission.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, presented the Report of the General Counsel and moved for its approval. Second was made by R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

## **LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – JUNE**

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of June, R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

## **REPORT OF THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

- 1. Zone 1 Properties Committee Chairman W.: Kenneth E. Thorndyke**  
**The Blocker Property, a lot at 0000 Longhorn Trail, Gulf Breeze, FL**  
The property is vacant land located in a wetlands area at the south end of the county and is unusable and has no resale value.
- 2. Zone 2 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Robert L. Gentry**  
**The Crofton Property at Davis Street, Quincy, FL 32351**  
The property is vacant land and we have posted a FOR SALE BY OWNER sign.
- 3. Zone 3 Properties Committee Chairman Brother Nick D. Deonas**  
**Vacant Land, Starke, FL, owned by Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc.**  
We have a contract for \$450,000.

4. **Zone 6 Properties Committee Chairman R.:W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello, Sr.**  
**The Watson Property at 4139 Targee Avenue, North Port, FL 34287**  
The Board voted to accept a net offer of \$310,550.
5. **Zone 7 Properties Committee Chairman R.:W.: Wallace T. Fine**  
**The Whaley Property at 6321 Nowata Circle, Lake Worth, FL 33462**  
The property SOLD for \$365,000 (with an approved \$10,000 discount calculated at closing) on June 16, 2023.

M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion which carried.

The Grand Master then commended the Brothers on the Properties Committee for their hard work and diligence in handling the property matters of The Grand Lodge of Florida.

The Grand Secretary provided an update on the vacant land in Starke, Florida, owned by the Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc. General Counsel and the buyer's attorney are working on an easement issue and the sale of the property is expected to close in the next month.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Board that the air conditioner compressor servicing the Grand Lodge Museum needs to be replaced and it stopped working prior to the closing on the sale of the Grand Lodge Building so The Grand Lodge of Florida is responsible for the replacement. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$5,000 to replace the air conditioner compressor in the Grand Lodge Museum. R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:23 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary  
Secretary to the Board

Approved:



Glen B. Bishop  
Grand Master

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA  
JULY 22, 2023**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida and via video conference on Microsoft Teams with the following members present:

**PRESENT:**

R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman  
R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick, Vice Chairman  
R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin, Secretary  
W.: Ira S. Alderman  
R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny  
R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer  
R.: W.: Glen L. Garner  
M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.  
R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob  
Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master; R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master; R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden; R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden; R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer; M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.; R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, W.: Grand Marshal; R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian; R.: W.: John E. Drewett, W.: Junior Grand Steward; R.: W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer; R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.: W.: Joseph M. Fleites, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: James F. Charrette, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Charles G. Calabritto, P.D.D.G.M.(with special thanks for his IT assistance with the meeting); Brother John H. Eaton; and Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida and various, beloved residents of the Masonic Home.

**CALL TO ORDER:** R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman welcomed all assembled and asked them to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. R.: W.: Glen L. Garner, then gave the Invocation.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, introduced the members of the Board of Trustees and guests in attendance as listed above.

R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting held on May 28, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., and the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:**

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Renee Verrier reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 79 residents in the Home. During the month of June, we had two admissions, three deaths, and one discharge bringing the total to 77. Of those, 25 are men and 52 are women.

<b>ADMITTED:</b>	<b>ADMIT DATE:</b>
David Lund, sponsored by Bykota Lodge No. 333	06/16/2023
Cindy Lund, sponsored by Bykota Lodge No. 333	06/16/2023

<b>DECEASED:</b>	<b>DECEASED DATE:</b>
Charles Causey, Private Pay Non-Masonic Admitted: February 16, 2023	06/12/2023
Richard Pickens, Private Pay Non-Masonic Admitted: May 6, 2021	06/18/2023
Rex Cain, sponsored by Eola Lodge No. 207 Admitted: November 15, 2016	06/30/2023

<b>DISCHARGED:</b>	<b>DISCHARGED DATE:</b>
Frances Kersey, Private Pay Non-Masonic Admitted: January 11, 2018	06/30/2023

With two admissions, three losses by death, and one discharge the month of June ended with 39 Assisted Living and 38 Nursing Center for a total of 77 residents.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:**

1. As part of the chiller replacement project, chilled water pump #4 will be rebuilt by Airstron Mechanical due to its condition and age.
2. Replaced hydronic circulating motor on heat exchanger #2 in main mechanical room R/C 2.

**DIETARY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** The total number of resident meals served for the month of June was 8,450; 6,750 meals were served to residents and 1,700 meals were served to the employees. The Masonic Home collected \$0.00 toward meal cost. The raw food cost per meal was \$4.02.

**SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** There were no reportable incidents for the month of June. There were four resident ID badges issued and six new employee ID badges issued.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Charles A. Dyer and seconded by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob that the Administrator’s Report be accepted as written and presented. Motion carried.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- The committee performed a walk-through of the new chiller project. All appears to be progressing normally.
- We discussed having a condenser water pump rebuilt for \$6k instead of replacing the water pump for \$54k. It was decided to go with the rebuilt pump.
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M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., presented the report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin and the motion carried.

**LEGAL ADVISOR’S REPORT:** The total funds received during the month of June from Estates and Wills was \$122,433.32, which brings the year to date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$125,062.45. During the month of June, there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.:W.: Charles A. Dyer made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor’s Report as presented by R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

**ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** There were no funds distributed in June of 2023 for Non-Resident Relief.

One Fraternal Care Application was reviewed in July:

1. Ted Woodbury, sponsored by Palm Bay Lodge No. 397, District 17 – approved pending further information concerning a corporation.

R.:W.: Glen L. Garner presented the Admissions Committee Report and moved for its adoption. M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

A. COVID – No issues.

B. Marketing/Admissions:

- a. As of June 30, 2023: total of 77 residents; of which 34 are Private Pay with 19 of those being non-masonic; there are 38 residents in the SNF and 39 ALF from the census breakdown report.
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R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin moved for adoption of the Operations Committee Report after expressing the Board’s sincere feeling of loss for the passing of beloved resident and distinguished Mason R.: W.: Rex Cain. R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob seconded the motion which carried.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:** We report that we are currently 1.63% favorable to the final budget (\$142.4k) after three months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used; after amortizing for the insurance premiums already paid, and adjusting for the timing of maintenance.

R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick presented the Budget Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** After a presentation by Administrator Renee Verrier as to the market challenges/disadvantages of our current payroll schedule, R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer made a motion to change the Masonic Home’s payroll schedule to a weekly basis. Second was made by R.: W.: Glen L. Garner and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, notified the Board that, unfortunately, W.: Ira S. Alderman has resigned due to the need to attend to family health issues. A selection for W.: Alderman’s replacement has commenced.

R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, announced that the Grand Master has requested that the Board of Trustees re-present the “Future of the Masonic Home” presentation at the September Corporate Board meeting for further consideration.

R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: R. James Rocha  
Chairman

R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
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August 30, 2023

TO: ALL PARTICULAR LODGES

RE: LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD CENTS REPORT  
PER REGULATION 22.07

Dear Brother Secretary:

Your Third Quarterly Report of collections for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, "Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents Program" and remittance is due on or before October 15, 2023, per Regulation 22.07.

This return covers your collections through September 30, 2023. In the event you have no collections, please mark the Quarterly Return NONE and return to this office. Please be sure to fill in the space provided for Lodge Name, Address and Number. We need a report filed even though there are no collections for the quarter.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/wj

Enc.

Cc: Grand Lodge Officers  
D.D.G.M.'s  
Chairman, L.Y.P.M.G.C. Committee

Detach and Send Only White Copy to Grand Secretary. Keep Colored Copy for Your Lodge Records.  
Return to: Grand Lodge of Florida, P.O. Box 1020, Jacksonville, FL 32201-1020

**SEND THIS COPY  
TO GRAND SECRETARY  
ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**3rd QUARTERLY RETURN**

<b>Particular Lodge Report on "Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents"</b>	
<b>LODGE NAME, ADDRESS, AND NUMBER</b>	<b>RETURN FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023</b>
(No. 1) Amount Collected for this Quarter .....	\$ _____
(No. 2) Amount Collected by Circumscribe .....	\$ _____
(No. 3) Check Attached .....	\$ _____
<b>This return to be filed in the Grand Secretary's Office on or before</b>	<b>OCTOBER 15,</b>
<i>"Remember Our Masonic Home in Your Will"</i>	<b>2023</b>

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August 30, 2023

TO: SECRETARIES OF ALL THE PARTICULAR LODGES

RE: FRATERNAL REMINDER

1. Regulation 22.06 requires the mailing to each member of the Lodge a Statement of Dues and Assessments for 2024, on Notices furnished by the Grand Lodge, between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, which shall include voluntary contributions to the Masonic Home.
2. Section 20, Article X of the Constitution requires notification of those whose dues are six (6) months in arrears (July 1st) and those who have not responded within three (3) months should be forwarded the Final Notice and Summons (September 30<sup>th</sup>).
3. Your assistance is particularly required in careful preparation and prompt forwarding of updating forms reporting the status changes of members as they occur, thereby avoiding Computer Department saturation at the end of the year.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/wj

cc: Grand Lodge Officers  
Past Grand Masters  
District Deputy Grand Masters

# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

RICHARD E. LYNN, P.G.M.  
GRAND SECRETARY

GRAND LODGE BUILDING  
P.O. BOX 1020  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32201-1020  
PHONE: (904) 354-2339  
FAX: (904) 632-3865

August 30, 2023

To: The Worshipful Master and Members of Particular Lodges

Re: Proposed Legislation

Dear Brothers:

In accordance with Regulation 12.15: "Any proposed amendment or alteration of the Constitution, or Regulations to be presented to the Grand Lodge for adoption at an Annual Communication shall be submitted to the Grand Secretary before December 31 by Resolution explaining the reasons for amending the Constitution or Regulation or proposing new Constitutional provisions or Regulations, using no more than two letter size typewritten single spaced pages, and must be sent by the Grand Secretary to each Particular Lodge, the Grand Lodge Elective Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Instructors, and Past Grand Masters no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. (1993)

A proposed amendment or alteration of a Regulation or the Constitution may be designated emergency legislation by a majority vote of members present and presented at the Annual Grand Communication for consideration by the members of the Grand Lodge present and voting. (1984)."

The Resolution should be accompanied by suggested wording changes to the Regulation(s) effected by said Resolution. ***If Regulation changes are not submitted with the Resolution, it will be returned to the person submitting the Proposed Legislation.***

We would request that this letter be read at your Lodge's next Stated Communication, emphasizing that it **must be received before December 31<sup>st</sup>**, for the information of all persons interested in submitting Proposed Legislation for the coming year.

If you should have any questions, please call feel free to call.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

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cc: Elected Grand Lodge Officers  
Past Grand Masters



**Masonic Memorial Service For**  
**Most Worshipful Michael A. Padron, Jr.**

*Past Grand Master of*  
*The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida F. & A.M. 1996*

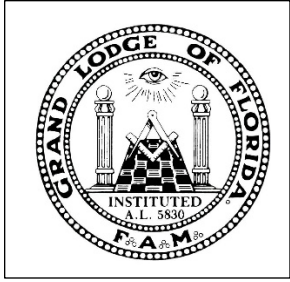


**September 17, 2023, at 2:00pm**

**Highlands Shrine Club**

**2604 S.R. 17 South, Avon Park, FL 33825**

M.W. Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, has requested that all the Particular Lodges drape their Altars for one month in memory of our beloved Past Grand Master.



*Secretary, Treasurer and Members*



***ZOOM ONLY***

***SEMINAR***

*No In Person*

*Seminar Saturday December 16, 2023*

***All Lodge Officers and Members are Invited and encouraged to attend!***

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***Seminar begins at 9:00 AM break at Noon for Lunch and should conclude around 3:00 PM***

**Contact:**

Most Worshipful Richard Lynn P.G.M. Grand Secretary

Richard.lynn@glflamason.org 904-354-2339

**No Registrations the day of the seminar.**

**You Must register by Noon Tuesday December 12, 2023**

**Registration form attached.**

# Secretary Treasurers Seminar Registration Form December 16, 2023

## Zoom only!

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Number \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Email form to: [GS@GLFLAMASON.ORG](mailto:GS@GLFLAMASON.ORG)

I would like a secretary flash drive. Cost \$20.00 or **email me a link for free.**

Please mail to:

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Florida, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Call the office 904-354-2339 for payment.

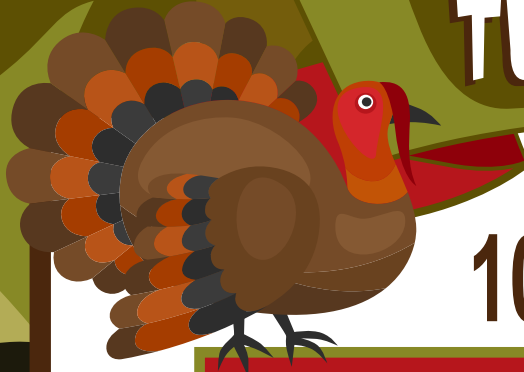


# A DAY IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE MASONS



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

2023



October 14th  
10:00AM-4:00PM

Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Pavilion  
6404 S. County Road 39, Plant City, FL



\$10.00 Donation per shot

Prizes will be awarded  
**EVERY** round

Concessions provided by  
 Eastern Star

Gun Raffle sponsored by  
 G5 Feed and Outdoor

### Rules:

- ~No scope or laser sites permitted ~There will be a sign up sheet for each shoot ~
- We will furnish all ammunition ~There will be one judge and the decision is final
- ~The shot closest to the "X" wins ~In case there is a tie, there will be a shoot off ~

Presented by: Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79 & Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248

Approved for distribution by M. W. Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, on August 11, 2023

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES FLORIDA REGISTRATION  
OLIN S WRIGHT LODGE NO. 79 F&M REGISTRATION NO CH 36501  
TURKEY CREEK LODGE NO. 248 F&M REGISTRATION NO CH 61379

For additional registration information, please contact Olin S Wright Lodge No. 79 F. & A.M., Address: 803 W Mahoney St Plant City FL 33563, Phone: (813)752-8061. FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER CH 36501 "A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL FREE 800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OR VISIT WWW.800HELPFLA.COM. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE".



# RAFFLE

## RIGHT WORSHIPFUL VEST'S JOURNEY TO THE EAST 2027

**TICKET**  
**\$ 5**  
**OR**  
**5 FOR \$20**

**36" BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE AND ACCESSORY KIT**

**DRAWING TO BE HELD AT DISTRICTS 1 & 2  
 MASONIC ASSOCIATION MEETING  
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS: BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES HE OR SHE IS AWARE OF AND AGREES TO THE OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS OF THIS RAFFLE. JOURNEY TO THE EAST 2027 FUNDRAISING PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES TO RAISE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT RIGHT WORSHIPFUL VEST'S JOURNEY TO THE EAST. THE WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 15, 2023 AT MASONIC ASSOCIATION MEETING. ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS APPLY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEIT OF PRIZE. THE PRIZE IS NON-TRANSFERABLE. NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE PRIZE WILL BE MADE. WINNERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. DONATIONS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION. JOURNEY TO THE EAST 2027 RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TIMES A PERSON CAN PARTICIPATE AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTIONS OR FOR ANY EVENTS THAT OCCUR DURING OR BECAUSE OF WINNER ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF PRIZE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT R.: W.: ALAN COX, PDDGM, 850-3686-1362. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

**FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER: CH72296 - A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL -FREE WITHIN THE STATE 800-HELP-FLA (435-7352). REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.**

**CONTACT RW JASON GAYLARD 850-516-7099 OR  
 RW ALAN COX 850-686-1362  
 WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

**APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION  
 BY THE GRAND MASTER**







## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 FORT CLINCH OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE

Brothers of Amelia Lodge have been conferring the Master Mason Degree for over 3 decades inside the fort that is located on the north end of Amelia Island. Confederate forces seized the fort in early 1861 and Master Masons from both sides met and held meetings inside the fort according to fort records. Travel back in time to a lantern lit Fort Clinch as the Degree Team confers the Master Mason Degree in Civil War attire, and please feel free to wear yours.

**Supper will be served at Amelia Lodge from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Supper reservations requested at [47ameliamembers@gmail.com](mailto:47ameliamembers@gmail.com)**

After dinner, meet at the fort inside of historic Fort Clinch State Park! Park admittance and parking is free to Brothers attending the Degree. Your current dues card is required. Bring bug spray, folding chair, and a light jacket.

**Other activities available** include Amelia River Cruises, Golf, 14-Miles of Atlantic Coast Beach, Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach.

Approved for distribution by M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master on August 31, 2023

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TOURS AND EVENTS  
THROUGHOUT THE  
WEEKEND

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SUPPER AT THE  
LODGE FROM 3 - 5  
PM

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GAVEL RAPS AT

6 PM!

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MEMORABILIA ON  
SALE

**AMELIA LODGE NO. 47**

1101 South 14th Street  
Fernandina Beach, FL

[www.amelialodge47.org](http://www.amelialodge47.org)

# FLORIDA FREEMASONS

## ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D. C. TRIP VI

Thursday November 30th—December 3, 2023

### Preliminary Itinerary



**Thursday Nov. 29th Arrive** Washington D.C. Free Evening- Draw names for wreath ceremony participants at 6:30 p.m. in hotel lobby.

**Friday Dec. 1 Morning : Friday Festivities Bus, Cemetery, Wreath, Trolley, Dinner per Brother. Lunch at Capitol is on your own, it's a Cafeteria. TOTAL COST FRIDAY \$150.00**

Breakfast 6:30—7:15 a.m. at Hotel, Motor Coach Leaves at 7:30 a.m. to Arlington National Cemetery 8:00 a.m. w/ Trolley Tour of Cemetery to Tomb of the Unknowns with 9:15 a.m. Public Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by our Grand Master and three Brothers chosen by lottery, after Ceremony the Trolley will take us on the balance of tour . Reboard Motor Coach, then to US Capitol for Tours and a Cafeteria Lunch (Brothers pay for themselves) at Capitol Visitors Center. Motor Coach Tour late afternoon to a few monuments or museums, until DINNER (included) at TBD Night stops including White House, Lincoln, Iwo Jima, and others memorials and return to hotel. We have changed the evening up in the past, therefore it is subject to change on the fly. .

**Saturday Dec. 2 Morning Free Time: Breakfast at Hotel 7:30 a.m.**

**Saturday Afternoon** Time, usually around 3:00 p.m. will be the

Installation of Lodge Officers Potomac Lodge No.5 Georgetown, typically we Uber in groups. After the Installation a Ticketed Holiday Party is available , the time, location and cost will be determined by Potomac No.5

**Sunday or Monday:** Breakfast at the hotel return home at your will and pleasure.

*You can mail a check made out to :*

GM Account

11575 NW 167th Place Reddick FL 32686

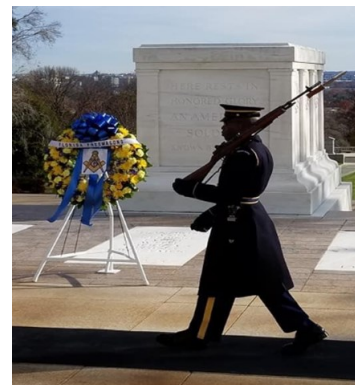
Or Zelle \$150.00 to 352-804-3981

For more information on associated costs.

Contact Bill Catsulis **352-804-3981**

**If you like to participate email [catsulis1@aol.com](mailto:catsulis1@aol.com)**

**DC in the subject line.**



#### **2023 COMMITTEE**

R.: W.: Steven Silvers

R.: W.: Alan Cox

R.: W.: Randy Bolen

### **Flight Info / Transportation to DC**

Book Your Flights to arrive on

Thursday Nov 30th as close to noon as possible returning Sunday Dec. 3 some Brothers will come in a day early and leave a day later. Groups Leave from Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, West Palm, on nonstops to Washington Reagan (DCA)

Driving: If you have in interest in driving there are some Brothers who would gladly help with expenses rather than flying.

#### **Hotel:**

Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston  
4610 N. Fairfax Dr. Arlington VA  
703-243-9800

[www.hiarlington.com](http://www.hiarlington.com)

Group Name: Florida Freemasons  
Double Rooms 129.00, King 129 + Tax  
per night which includes full breakfast for two in room.  
Room Block is from Wednesday Nov 30– Monday Dec 4th for those that want to come in early and stay later.



## MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING 4 ZOOM ONLY WORKSHOPS

Your State MLT team is providing an opportunity before the upcoming nominations to get any or all of the 15 Modules of this required program. We look forward to seeing you. Please forward to your membership. You **must** have your GL Membership Number to register. Attn: Lodge Secretaries: Please promote these events at the upcoming Stated Communications and Trestleboard.

Wednesday September 20, 2023 7:00 p.m. EST 6:00 p.m. CST

(1) Lodge Officers Duties, (2) Worshipful Master Duties (3) Planning your Year

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84811111111>

Wednesday September 27, 2023 7:00 p.m. EST 6:00 p.m. CST

(4) Becoming Worshipful Master (5) Running Your Lodge (6) Committees (7) Petitions and Investigating Committee, (8) Communications,

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92911111111>

Tuesday October 3, 2023 7:00 p.m. EST 6:00 p.m. CST

(15) Additional Class AMITY TUTORIAL w/Q&A (9) Budgeting and Finance

(10) Membership (11) Lodge Renewal

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92911111111>

Friday October 13, 2023 7:00 p.m. EST 6:00 p.m. CST

(15) Additional Class AMITY INSTRUCTIONAL w/Q&A

Additional Modules possible with time permitting:

(12) Ritual (13) Service (14) Event Organization

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92911111111>

***Your Grand Lodge Membership Number is required to participate if you do not have it contact your Lodge Secretary. Special Note: You can only receive credit for up to 5 classes of MLT per workshop.***

**For More Information contact:**

R.: W.: Jay Cebollero State Chairman  
[RWJAY2022@gmail.com](mailto:RWJAY2022@gmail.com) or 407-462-8872

R.: W.: Bill Catsulis Vice Chairman  
[Catsulis1@aol.com](mailto:Catsulis1@aol.com)