

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

November 18, 2023

No. 14

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at Egypt Shriners, Tampa, 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 E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Absent:

M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. (Excused)

Also Present:

R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel	M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.	R.:W.: R. James Rocha, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Charles A. Dyer, P.D.D.G.M. (OH)
R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian	W.: Rusty B. Valle, P.M.
R.:W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer	

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. 11 of October 14, 2023; Poll No. 12 of October 26, 2023; and Poll No. 13 of November 9, 2023. Motion carried.

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

- The following system upgrades are in process:
  - **Point Click Care** – Clinical modules are live and in use. Integration with radiology and lab are pending change in provider.
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### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER**

- A. COVID – There are no current outbreaks or restrictions.

**B. Marketing/Admissions:**

- a. The Home participated in the Venetian Isles Octoberfest Event as a sponsor.
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7-12 Months	2		4		6
12+ Months					0

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
	9	3		2	19	

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 November as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

**ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER**

There were no funds distributed in November of 2023 for Non-Resident Relief.

There were no Fraternal Care Applications submitted during the month of November for review.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of November 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 OCTOBER**

During the month of October, there were no new General Ledger Account Numbers created.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of October. 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 OCTOBER**

During the month of October, 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 October which was seconded by R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer. Motion carried.

## **LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR OCTOBER**

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for October. R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of October as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, 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 October for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$517,984.00). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,919.85). During the month of October there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of October which was seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

### **MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – OCTOBER**

During the month of October, funds totaling \$850.00 were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund bringing the year to date total to \$11,000.00.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the report for October as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

### **MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – OCTOBER**

We report that we are currently 2.94% favorable to the final budget (\$256,087) after seven 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 October 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:**

Nothing pending.

### **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 Airstron Mechanical Contract, a new Radiology Contract, and a new Dietitian Contract. 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.

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

General Counsel has assisted in several Lodges' mergers/consolidations as well as the purchase and/or sale of real property.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the Report of the General Counsel as presented by R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. Second was made by R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

### LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – OCTOBER

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of October, 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 R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, 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 Zone Chairman has been requested to review the property valuation as substantial development has occurred surrounding the property.
- 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.**  
The property SOLD for \$450,000 and closed on October 31, 2023.
- 4. Zone 6 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello, Sr.**  
**The Watson Property at 4139 Targee Avenue, North Port, FL 34287**  
The property is listed for \$299,900. We received a cash offer of \$280,000 and the Board voted to counter the offer at \$289,950.

R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to increase The Grand Lodge of Florida's contribution for each employee for health insurance to \$680.00. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:19 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  
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The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida with the following members present:

**PRESENT:**

R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman  
R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin, Secretary  
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. (Via Microsoft Teams)

**ABSENT:**

R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick, Vice Chairman  
R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny

**ALSO PRESENT:** (in person or via Microsoft Teams) 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.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.; R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, W.: Grand Marshal; R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian; R.: W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer; R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.: W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: John A. Kraniou, P.D.D.G.M.; W.: Robert Shinewald; W.: John A. Cotton; W.: Rusty B. Valle; W.: Oran B. Ellis, Jr.; Brother John H. Eaton; Mrs. Cristal Baer, Outreach Coordinator; and Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator 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.: Michael S. Griffin 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 as well as the called Meeting held on October 14, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., and the motion carried.

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At our last regular Board Meeting we had 76 residents in the Home. During the month of October, we had no admissions, two deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 74. Of those, 26 are men and 48 are women.

**DECEASED:**

Robert Isgan, sponsored by Cabul Lodge No. 116  
 Admitted: May 10, 2017  
 Betty Stanford, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)  
 Admitted: September 22, 2021

**DECEASED DATE:**

10/06/2023  
 10/10/2023

With no admissions, two losses by death, and no discharges the month of October ended with 67 Assisted Living and 37 Nursing Center for a total of 74 residents.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:**

1. Replaced door gasket and sweep on walk-in freezer in main kitchen.
2. Replaced Taco recirculating pump on #1 heat exchanger after a small leak. We will rebuild the old pump and keep it for a spare.

**DIETARY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** The total number of resident meals served for the month of October was 8,582; 6,882 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 \$5.50.

**SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** There were no reportable incidents for the month of October. There was one resident ID badge issued and eight new employee ID badges issued.

Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., made a motion to approve the Administrator's Report as written and presented. Second was made by M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

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M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., presented the Long Range Planning Committee Report and then moved for its adoption. Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., seconded the motion which carried.

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

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

W.:M.: Rusty B. Valle, President of the Suncoast Master Mason Association, announced that their Masonic Home Resident of the Month for November is Mrs. Ida Mae Hughey. Congratulations to Ida Mae!

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, announced that the Grand Lodge Insurance Committee has reviewed our Group Benefits Insurance Program and recommends that we change our broker to CBIZ Employee Benefits and that we remain with Florida Blue as our carrier. No action is necessary by the Board of Trustees as this is a Corporate Board matter.

M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, offered his remarks after which R.:W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 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 of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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## PROCLAMATION

TO: THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF ALL  
PARTICULAR LODGES OF THE GRAND JURISDICTION OF FLORIDA

The month of February being identified with the birth of George Washington, patriot, soldier, statesman, father of our great country, and outstanding member of Freemasonry, as well as with other notable Masonic events; and

Love of country and our flag being a principle basic concept of Freemasonry in America and freedom of assembly, thought, and religion being essential to the practices of our Masonic tenets, it is fitting that we take time to show our appreciation for our great heritage and as Masons to exemplify and promote patriotism and demonstrate our dedication to the great democratic principles which have made us a great nation.

THEREFORE, I DO NOW PROCLAIM AND DIRECT:

That the month of February 2024 be designated as “AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP MONTH” for the Masons of Florida and that all Particular Lodges participate in special programs to emphasize our loyalty and continued support of our American institutions and our democratic way of life.

Such programs should include our Masonic families, friends, and our Youth Organizations.

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January A.L. 6024, A.D. 2024.

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

  
Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master



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January 4, 2024

TO: ALL FLORIDA LODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES

RE: 195<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION  
Rosen Plaza Hotel - Orlando, Florida  
May 27, 28, and 29, 2024

Dear Brethren:

The following information is given to the Craft in preparation for their attendance at the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Florida to be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida, on May 27, 28, and 29, 2024.

It is the desire of Most Worshipful Glen B. Bishop Grand Master, that EVERY LODGE IN FLORIDA BE REPRESENTED BY THE ATTENDANCE OF THE MASTER AND WARDENS.

I respectfully refer you to Regulation 29.01 in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida wherein it states that it is the DUTY of the Master and Wardens (or at least one of them) to attend EVERY GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

ROLL CALL: Most Worshipful Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, will expect the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters to call the roll of Lodge Representatives of their respective Districts at each morning and afternoon Session of Grand Lodge which will assist the Returns and Credentials Committee in preparing per diem checks.

REGISTRATION: The Committee on Returns and Credentials will begin registration on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., in the Ballroom Foyer of the Hotel.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: The Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819-8114, Reservations number (407) 996-9700.

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195<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication  
Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

RESERVATIONS: Reservations must be made and guaranteed by credit card with the Rosen Plaza Hotel by 5:00 p.m., May 2, 2024, to guarantee convention room rates. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Delegates are urged to make their reservations as soon as possible in order to secure the desired accommodations.

HOTEL CONVENTION RATES:

CHECK IN TIME IS 3:00 P.M.

Single or Double -	\$103.00
Triple -	\$103.00
Quad -	\$103.00
Hospitality	\$225.00

**PARKING FEES ARE  
BEING WAIVED FOR  
ATTENDEES  
TELL ATTENDANT  
AT GATE**

**Please call (407) 996-9700 to make reservations directly with the Rosen Plaza Hotel.**

VISITORS: All Master Masons in good standing are welcome to attend the Sessions. Visitors are admitted after having been vouched for and having secured a proper identification badge from the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/wj

**\*\*Please note: You must make your reservations by 5:00 p.m., on May 2, 2024\*\***

cc: Grand Master  
Chairman, Returns & Credentials Committee  
Chairman, Arrangements Committee  
District Deputy Grand Masters



# HOMECOMING FUND RAISER FOR

R.: W.: DON COWART DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

BY

ALBERT J. RUSSELL LODGE NO. 126

# Valentine's day

## CELEBRATION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024

6:00 - 11:00 PM

MARRIOTT COURTYARD - 610 WELLS RD

ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

**Donation \$40.00**



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR R.: W.: DON COWART HOMECOMING COMMITTEE, "GRAND MASTER'S HOMECOMINGS FUND INC." AND ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT ALBERT J. RUSSELL MASONIC LODGE NO. 126, PO BOX 16052 JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32204, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT R.: W.: HERMAN ARELLANO 904 307-0356 & R.: W.: FREDDIE VELASCO 904 504-5528. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES FLORIDA REGISTRATION MASONIC LODGE NO. 126 F & AM REGISTRATION NO. CHS1274. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF WWW.SOSHELPFLA.COM CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL FREE (1-800-435-7592) WITHIN THE STATE OR VISIT REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

# Masonic Poker Run



FOOD ♦ FELLOWSHIP ♦ FUN  
50/50 DRAWING

CASH AWARDS FOR BEST POKER HAND  
BEST & WORST POKER HAND WINS A PRIZE



PRESENTED BY:

ELITE 11<sup>TH</sup> MASONIC  
DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Saturday  
FEBRUARY 17, 2024

RAIN DATE: Saturday, March 30, 2024

*(must be thunderstorms at 9am with no chance of clearing to cancel and reschedule the ride)*

\$25.00 PER RIDER

♦ \$20.00 PER PASSENGER

MEETING

SPOT: Cabul Lodge No. 116

4261 Hwy 17 S, Green Cove Springs, FL

\*Offering a \$10 Breakfast

REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 8 AM.  
FIRST BIKE OUT @ 9 AM. LAST BIKE  
OUT @ 10 AM. RIDE ON YOUR OWN.

STOP 1: Melrose Lodge No. 89  
Keystone Heights, FL

Map of the stops will be given out at  
registration. Check in at each stop to  
draw your card(s).

STOP 2: Pineland Lodge No. 86  
Peniel, FL

PRIZES DETERMINED BY 1 PM

STOP 3: Hastings Lodge No. 183  
Hastings, FL

50/50 drawing immediately after Awards

LAST STOP: Bunnell Lodge No. 200  
109 S Bay St, Bunnell, FL

Approved for Distribution by M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop,  
Grand Master, on December 22, 2023.

\*World Famous Worley's Wieners, chips, and  
a drink for \$8, wiener a la carte for \$5

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 fundraising event. Masonic District 11 of F. & A.M., fundraising pursuant to Florida Statutes to raise proceeds to benefit MH-100 and General Funds (10% and 90%, respectively). The prizes will be awarded at the end of the event, at Bunnell Lodge No. 200. The winners shall be entitled to receive the amount declared, upon compliance with these official rules. All Federal and State laws apply. Failure to comply will result in forfeit of prize. Prize is non-transferable. No substitutions for prize will be made. The winner is responsible for all applicable federal, state, local taxes, and fees. Winners must be 21 years of age or older. Prizes won through misrepresentation of age or identity shall be void. Entry fees are not deductible as a charitable contribution. Masonic District 11 of F. & A.M. reserves the right to limit the number of times a person can participate. Masonic District 11 of F. & A.M. is not responsible or liable for any actions or for any events that occur during or because of winner acceptance and use of prize.

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