

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

December 9, 2023

No. 15

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida, St. Petersburg, 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
M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.
R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

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.: Joseph M. Fleites, 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.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian	R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick, P.D.D.G.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. 14 of November 18, 2023. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER

- The following system upgrades are in process:
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 - The Administrator has submitted a revised listing of proposed revenue codes to be added to the GL System. These will be needed for proper coding of revenue from both Federal and Managed Care Insurance Providers.
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 - Comments related to our website included:
 - Very basic and unattractive
 - Information is hard to find
 - Need a direct link to the Facebook page
 - Behind the times
 - Resources they would like the page to include:
 - A section featuring “At Home Services”
 - A direct link for outreach service contact
 - A link with resources to help plan for retirement
 - A way to search and connect with Brothers in the Home
- Certification Process Update:
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4. We are receiving additional bids for the roof over the dining area.
5. The Long Range Planning Committee recommends the bid for DLM Overlay on three elevators in the facility for the price of \$12,150 per elevator.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER

- A. COVID – There are no current outbreaks or restrictions.
- B. Marketing/Admissions:
 - a. The Home sponsored the local Turkey Trot taking place right here on 4th Street this November.
 - b. The Home celebrated Thanksgiving with over 50 family/friends of residents in attendance. This was an amazing turnout in support of the residents. Family members were given thank you cards for attending with requests to enter a google review which is part of a new marketing campaign.
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- a. As of November 30th: Total of 75 residents; of which 33 are Private Pay with 20 of those being non-masonic. There are 38 residents in the SNF and 37 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
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12+ Months				

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
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- D. Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal – We are pleased to report that our Workers Compensation Insurance renewed and with an approximate \$4,000 reduction in premium. This is an especially good result in light of the fact that the market, in general, is up 5-8%. A special thanks to the management team here at the Masonic Home for operating a safe workplace and keeping losses to a minimum.
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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 December 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 AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 26340.008	Dinsmore, Gilda (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26341.008	Hall, David (Private Pay)	Liability

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

During the month of November, 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 November which was seconded by M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR NOVEMBER

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for November. M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of November 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 November for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$520,624.25). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,919.85). During the month of November 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 November which was seconded by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – NOVEMBER

The total of Masonic Relief Funds deposited during the month of November were not available due to the timing of the meeting and bank reconciliations were not complete.

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – NOVEMBER

We were unable to make a report due to the timing of the Corporate Board Meeting and month end financials were not available. A report for November and December will be reported in January.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report 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. A recent estate's closure resulted in the receipt of a \$595,000 bequest to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., from a deceased member of Roe Fulkerson Lodge No. 299 this week.

III. PROPERTIES:

All property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

IV. MASONIC HOME:

General Counsel is working with our Administrator in the Medicare application and related matters and has reviewed a Dining Services Agreement for the Masonic Home. 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 – NOVEMBER

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of November, 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 Zone Chairman has visited the property and does not believe the area around and across from the property will ever be developed. A road would need to be built and massive amounts of fill would be required for both the road and the lot. The property is in a flood zone and the aerial photos previously provided were quite dated. There is no construction going on in the subdivision.
- 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 6 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello, Sr.**
The Watson Property at 4139 Targee Avenue, North Port, FL 34287
 The property SOLD for \$289,950 and closed on November 22, 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.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion approve the list of 2024 General Service Panel appointments as printed and distributed. 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

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December 11, 2023

No. 16

At the request of the Grand Master, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for approval of the contract between the Masonic Home of Florida and Pinnacle Dietary Global, LLC. The members voted as follows:


M.: W.:	Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.:	Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.:	Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.:	Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.:	Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.:	Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.	Yes
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December 20, 2023

No. 17

At the request of the Grand Secretary, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for approval of payment to the Pinellas County Tax Collector in the amount of \$221,181.77 for tax years 2018-2022 for the Residences of Coffee Bayou apartments. The members voted as follows:

M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
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January 16, 2024

No. 18

At the request of the Grand Secretary, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for approval of the 2023 Perpetual Membership Distribution to the Lodges in the amount of \$895,345.97 which yields a payout of 6.4323%. The members voted as follows:

M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
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Respectfully submitted:



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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
DECEMBER 9, 2023**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, December 9, 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.: Kevin D. Smithwick, Vice Chairman
R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny
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)

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.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.; M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.; R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, W.: Grand Marshal; 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.: John A. Kraniou, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Oran B. Ellis, Jr.; P.D.D.G.M.; Ms. Cristal Baer, Outreach Coordinator; Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator of the Masonic Home; and other various, beloved residents of the Masonic Home of Florida.

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 as well as the called Meeting held on November 18, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny and the motion carried.

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At our last regular Board Meeting we had 74 residents in the Home. During the month of November, we had three admissions, two deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 75. Of those, 27 are men and 48 are women.

ADMITTED:	ADMIT DATE:
Gilda Dinsmore, Private Pay, Non-Masonic	11/03/2023
David Hall, Private Pay, Non-Masonic	11/10/2023
Victor Gonzalez Soto, Private Pay, Non-Masonic	11/16/2023

DECEASED:	DECEASED DATE:
Gloria Milbourn, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	11/10/2023
Admitted: March 30, 2023	
David Hall, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	11/17/2023
Admitted: November 10, 2023	

With three admissions, two losses by death, and no discharges the month of November ended with 37 Assisted Living and 38 Nursing Center for a total of 75 residents.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:

1. Replaced chilled and hydronic valve motors on fan coil unit in Room 364E.
2. Replaced hydronic valve motor in Room 230W.
3. Ordered new AED battery and two new adult electrodes. The AED battery was no charge (\$375.00) because it failed prematurely while undergoing the monthly test.

4. During the annual fire extinguisher inspection, we replaced 34 units that had reached their life expectancy. These units have been in service since 1987.
5. During the annual medical equipment check, there were only two beds that failed due to ground wires coming loose from the frame. Both beds were repaired immediately.

DIETARY DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report was submitted for the month of November.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT: There were no reportable incidents for the month of November. There were no resident ID badges issued and five new employee ID badges issued.

R.: W.: Rick Wendling of the Suncoast Master Mason Association, with the assistance of the association membership and the Grand Master, presented the Resident of the Month Award to W.: John Cotton, P.M., and presented him with a check in the amount of \$50.00. Congratulations Worshipful Cotton!

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LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT: The total funds received during the month of November from Estates and Wills was \$2,640.25, which brings the year to date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$520,624.25. During the month of November, there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

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

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

There were no Fraternal Care Applications submitted during the month of December for review. There was one Fraternal Care Application previously received and is currently working its way through the review process.

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 R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer seconded the motion which carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: We were unable to make a report due to the timing of the Corporate Board Meeting and month end financials were not available. A report for November and December will be reported in January.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida, recommended that the dining services administration change, as previously presented and accepted. A motion was made by R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer and seconded by M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., to approve the change. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 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

GLEN B. BISHOP
GRAND MASTER

P.O. Box 1020
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3

January 31, 2024

To: All Particular Lodges

I, M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, as Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, unless current exemption has otherwise been granted, Chapter 206, Florida Statutes, 1988, requires every organization claiming exemptions from taxation for real and personal property owned by it to file an application for exemption with the County Property Appraiser prior to March 1st of each year, said applicant to list and describe the property for which exemption is claimed, certifying its ownership and use, and other information as required by law; and

WHEREAS, failure to make such application between January 1 and March 1 of any year shall constitute a waiver of the exemption privilege for that particular year; and

WHEREAS, applicants requesting exemption are required to supply such fiscal and other records showing in reasonable detail the financial condition, record of operation, and exempt and non-exempt uses of the property where appropriate, for the immediately preceding year as might be requested by the County Property Appraiser or the Board of Tax Adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Property Appraiser of each county may, but is not required to, provide a previously exempt organization with a receipt for automatic renewal of exemption each year, in which event it is unnecessary to make application for such exemption if that receipt covers the full exemption which the organization claims; and

WHEREAS, the failure to apply for such exemption or to have received a receipt as aforesaid and the resultant loss of such exemption will create financial hardships on the Particular Lodges.

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT that the Worshipful Master and Secretary of each of the Particular Lodges and the Memorial Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction owning real or personal property who have not received such a receipt, to obtain the necessary application for the exemption from the County



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Property Appraiser of their particular County and make application for real and personal property tax exemption under the aforesaid Chapter 196, immediately, prior to the required date of the State of Florida, in accordance with Regulation 22.08, and failure of the Worshipful Master or Secretary to comply therewith shall subject them, and each of them, to Masonic discipline; and

FURTHER, I ORDER AND DIRECT that the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be notified of the date of filing such exemption as specified above, or the date on which such receipt was received, immediately, per Regulation 22.08.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 31st day of January A.L. 6024, A.D. 2024.



Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master

Attest: 

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

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4

January 31, 2024

To: All Particular Lodges

I, M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, as Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to be held within the State of Florida between the 1st of April and the 30th of June at the time and place to be appointed by the Grand Master by Executive Order; and


WHEREAS, it has been the custom in recent years to hold the Annual Communication in various geographical sections of the state where possible; and

WHEREAS, adequate facilities will be available in the City of Orlando, Florida, in the month of May.

THEREFORE, I, M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of Masons in Florida, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT that the ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE F. & A.M. OF FLORIDA is to be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in the City of Orlando on the last Monday in May of 2024 (May 27, 2024) and continue until all necessary business and transactions are completed.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 31st day of January A.L. 6024, A.D. 2024.


Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master


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



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5

January 31, 2024

To: All Particular Lodges

Re: IRS – 990-N (Electronic Filing Requirement)

I, M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, most of you have received the letter the IRS sent to each Particular Lodge notifying us of the Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for the 2023 Tax Year; and

WHEREAS, this filing requirement applies to **ALL LODGES** as follows:

Form 990-N – If an organization normally has gross receipts of \$50,000 or less, it **must submit** Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard). **The IRS WILL NOT accept a paper form for this filing.**

In order to file the **Form 990-N** you can log on to the IRS e-card website at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard> (*Scroll down to “Submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard)” and then click the link “Submit Form 990-N (e-Postcard)”*); and


Form 990-EZ – For tax years beginning in 2011, if an organization has **gross receipts** less than \$200,000 and **total assets** at the end of the tax year less than \$500,000, it can choose to file Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt Form Income Tax, instead of Form 990. (You would probably use the services of a CPA to file this form or the regular **Form 990**.) **For more information on instructions for filing the Form 990 log on to www.irs.gov/instructions/i990/ch01.html**

WHEREAS, the **Grand Lodge Office must be notified of your filing** to ensure our Lodges maintain their 501(c)(10) status, you are **required** to send us a copy of the completed Form 990-N, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990, which your Lodge is required to file. Inasmuch as the Subordinate Lodges’ Federal Identification Numbers are listed under The Grand Lodge of Florida’s Tax Exemption we are responsible to assure that each Lodge files their form.

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT the Worshipful Master and Secretary of each Particular Lodge, Memorial Lodge, and the Florida Lodge of Research to comply fully with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and the Regulations of this Grand Lodge and file a United States Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or 990-N (e-postcard) with the IRS on or before May 15, 2024, and to forward a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary at your earliest convenience.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 31st day of January A.L. 6024, A.D. 2024.


Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master


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



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PROCLAMATION

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

The greatest source of assurance for the future of our American Way of Life is our youth, the citizens and leaders of tomorrow; and

It is up to us, as Masons, to meet the challenge of helping prepare them for the years ahead by devoting some of our time and talents in conveying to them a knowledge of the high ideals and ideas which we cherish and hold so dear; and

If there was ever a time in the history of our Fraternity or of our Country when Masonry should be in close contact with the youth that time is TODAY, for the youth of today are going to accept and follow some type of leadership.

THEREFORE, I DO NOW PROCLAIM AND DIRECT:

That the month of March 2024 be designated as "MASONIC YOUTH MONTH" for all Masons in Florida, and do request that each Particular Lodge participate in a special project of supporting all of our youth organizations in every way possible, with special programs, visitation to their meetings and affairs, and timely assistance with expressions of encouragement; and

Such activity should include support to all the youth groups in our respective communities; and

Brethren, you hold the torch for the hope of our future, let us keep the flame burning brightly to guide our youth in the right direction.


This Proclamation to be read at each Meeting of your Lodge through March.

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 31st day of January A.L. 6024, A.D. 2024.

Attest:



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



Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master



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

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January 26, 2024

To: All Particular Lodges

Re: WITHDRAWAL OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Dear Brethren:

On January 20, 2024, the Grand Lodge of Florida withdrew relations from the following Grand Lodges, La Gran Logia de Bolivia, La Gran Logia de Chile, A.L. y A.M., La Gran Logia de Costa Rica, F. A. y A, La Gran Logia de la República Dominicana, La Grande Loge Nationale Française, La Gran Logia de Guatemala, A.L. y A.M, América Central, La Gran Logia de Honduras, A.L. y A.M., Soberana Gran Logia de Nicaragua, La Gran Logia de Panamá, Gran Logia de los A. L. y A.M., de la Republica del Perú, and La Grande Loja Legal de Portugal, because they presume to impose on a Grand Lodge who they can recognize, something that would violate our sovereignty.

Therefore, no Lodge in Florida may visit nor allow visitors or petitioners for affiliation or dual membership from any Lodge Chartered by the Grand Lodges listed above.

If you have a Dual Member, he will have to sign a letter of resignation from the Grand Lodge in question if he wishes to remain a member in Florida or vice versa.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/jla

Cc: Elected Grand Lodge Officers
Chairman, Jurisdiction Committee
Foreign Relations Sub-committee



CERTIFICATE OF RESIGNATION
FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF _____.

I, _____, hereby state that I am a member of
_____ Lodge No. _____, in the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida.

Since, fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Florida and the Grand Lodge of
Argentina have been severed.

Therefore, I, _____, hereby RESIGN my membership in
_____ Lodge No. _____, of the Grand Jurisdiction of _____.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Witness: _____

Witness: _____



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To benefit the First Lady's Project
at the Masonic Home of Florida

Sponsored by Miami Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. & Mahi Shriners.

Saturday, March 9, 2024

**DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport
& Convention Center**

711 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33126


Cocktails 6:30 pm • Dinner 7:30 pm

Music • Silent Auction • Dress: Formal

\$80.00 per person

(Tables of 10)

For tickets and
more information contact
TALI ATALA at **305.479.3300**
or taliatala@gmail.com



For additional registration information, please contact Mahi Shriners, PO Box 668977, Miami, FL 33166, Phone: (305) 883-9766. FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER CH36998
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FESTIVE TABLE LODGE

HOSTED BY: NATURE COAST MASONIC LODGE NO. 418
301 HENDRIX AVE.
INVERNESS, FL 34451

DATE: **Saturday, March 23, 2024**

OPEN MASTER MASON LODGE

5:00PM

Cost: 50.00

Retire to the Banquet Hall and open a Lodge of Entered Apprentices

This will be a closed meeting all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons are invited. A Master Mason must accompany E.A.s and F.C.s as they do not have a membership card to avouch for their membership.

DINNER: Prime Rib and all the fixings, Desert, endless strawberries. A souvenir Toasting Glass will be provided for your keepsake. COVID-19 restriction – Max reservations 50
Our Principal Guest speaker for the evening will be Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro, official to the State of Florida for the Masonic Service Association, Topic: the MSA and veterans.

Nature Coast Masonic Lodge invites all Brethren to gather for good food, fellowship, songs and toasting.

RSVP: with your check payable to Nature Cost Masonic Lodge No. 418

PLEASE Return no later than Saturday, March 16, 2024. A count must be provided for dinner. Sorry, if **no** reservation, we cannot provide a dinner

RESERVATION FORM

Festive Table Lodge

PO Box 1851, Inverness, FL 34450

Nature Coast Masonic Lodge No. 418

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Approved for Distribution by M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, on January 9, 2024

BOURBON & CIGAR BONANZA!

JOURNEY TO THE EAST 2027



● (MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO WIN)



CONTENTS OF THE PRIZE: 1 EACH BOTTLE OF WOODFORD RESERVE DOUBLE OAK, CIGARS (2) COHIBA RED DOTS, (2) COHIBA WHITE DOTS, (2) COHIBA BLUE DOTS, (1) HUMIDOR (25 CIGAR CAPACITY), CIGAR CUTTER, & TORCH LIGHTER. \$150.00 PLUS VALUE

**TICKETS ARE \$5 PER TICKET, OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$20.00
DRAWING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, 2024
AT THE MASONIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
WINNER NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

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 MAY 8, 2024 7:00 PM 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. JASON GAYLORD, 850-516-7099. 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.



PINELAND LODGE NO. 86 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE



BROWNIE'S OUTPOST VOUCHERS

(3 Vouchers available)

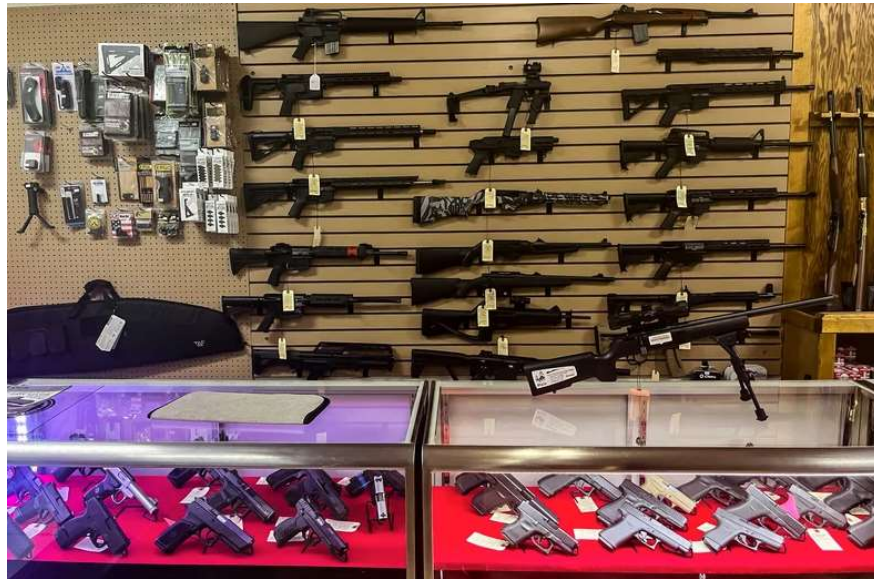
Grand Prize: \$1000 • 2nd Prize: \$500 • 3rd Prize \$250

1 BROWNIE'S GIFT PACK

4 Awards to be drawn

Tickets \$10

Drawing held at Pineland Lodge No. 86 June 20th, 2024 at 7:00pm



For tickets call:

Randy Bolen
386-983-0084

John Dugish
904-377-7568

Chase Barnes
386-227-8413

Winner must meet all Florida Laws for firearm purchase AND is responsible for applicable taxes.

Winner's purchase can be sent to any FFL dealer (fee may apply).

Donations are not tax deductible as a charitable donation. Proceeds benefit Pineland Lodge General Fund.

FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER: CH56175 - 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.

Official Rules & Regulations: By entering this drawing, the ticket purchaser acknowledges that he or she is aware of and agrees to the Official Rules & Regulations of this drawing. Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M., raffle pursuant to Florida Statutes to raise proceeds to benefit General Fund. One winning ticket for each prize will be drawn at random on or about 7:00PM on 06/20/2024, at Pineland Lodge No. 86 from all eligible raffle tickets received. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. The winner will be notified by phone. 1 chance to win per ticket. The holder of a winning ticket shall be entitled to receive only one of the prizes listed on the front of this ticket, 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 prize must be claimed within 30 days of winning drawing date. The winner is responsible for all applicable federal, state, local taxes and fees, and must be paid prior to prize delivery. Elected officers of Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. are not eligible to participate. Entrants must be 21 years of age or older. Tickets purchased through misrepresentation of age or identity shall be void. No purchase/contribution is necessary to enter; You may obtain a raffle ticket without making a donation by mailing a stamped #9 envelope with your name and address, to Pineland Lodge No. 86 P.O. Box 634, Palatka, FL 32178 by 06/01/2024. Only 1 entry per #9 envelope mailed. Donations are not deductible as a charitable contribution; a \$10.00 minimum donation is suggested. Unauthorized persons copying, selling, or altering tickets are subject to prosecution. Ticket will be void and no prize will be awarded if there is proof that the ticket was stolen, unissued, ineligible, altered, counterfeit in whole or in part, defective, printed in duplicate or printed/production in error. The odds of winning the prize will depend on the number of raffle tickets sold. Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. reserves the right to limit the number of tickets distributed to each entrant. Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or tickets redeemed in error by its agents. Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. is not responsible or liable for any actions or for any events that occur during or as a result of winner acceptance and use of prize. 100% of donations go to Pineland General Fund. For additional information, please contact Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M., Phone: (386) 385-4553.

PINELAND MASONIC LODGE No. 86 • 190 E Peniel Rd • Palatka, FL 32177

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, on January 31, 2024

MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA PRESENTS

PILGRIMAGE DAY

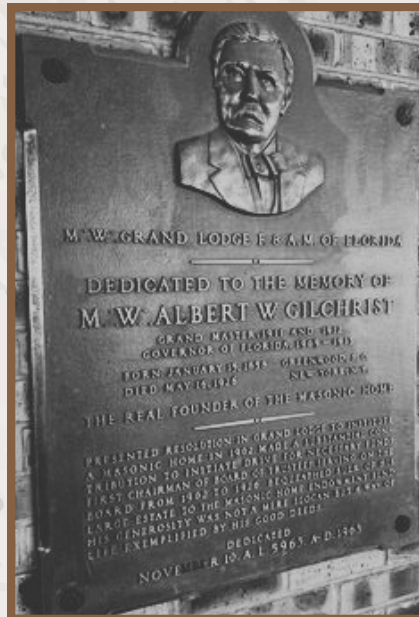
Come join the Grand Master, First Lady, the Residents and all your Masonic friends and family in celebrating the 2024 Annual Pilgrimage Day! There will be tours of the beautiful Masonic Home, a Bar-B-Que Lunch on the Lawn, vendor tables at the Bazaar on the Bayou, a Car Show and Chili Cook-Off, the presentation of the First Lady's Tree of Life Program, and FUN FUN FUN for the whole family.

SAT

MARCH 16
2024

10 AM

ADMISSION
FREE



A 104 YEAR OLD MASONIC TRADITION

3201 1ST STREET NE, ST PETERSBURG, FL 33704

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, on February 1, 2024

727-822-3499

CALL RENEE VERRIER FOR INFO

*VENDOR TABLES STILL AVAILABLE FOR \$25

**INQUIRE ABOUT ENTRIES FOR CAR /
MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Masonic Home of Florida Pilgrimage Day 2024

**The Grand Master, M.W.: Glen B. Bishop has decreed
that Saturday, March 16, 2024 will be our Annual
Pilgrimage Day!**

Time: 10:00AM—2:00PM

**Location: 3201 1st Street NE
St. Petersburg, FL**

VENDOR REGISTRATION: Table \$25.00

Bring Pop-Up Tent if Needed

Setup begins at 8:30AM

Organization: _____

Vendor Name: _____

Items Being Sold: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Make Checks Payable to The Masonic Home of Florida with Pilgrimage Day on the memo line. Checks must be received prior to the event . (Donations are welcome and appreciated). Reservations must be made as soon as possible but no later than Friday February 23rd. [All donations and vendor proceeds will benefit the Masonic Home of Florida.](#)

Send Payments To; Renee Verrier

Masonic Home of Florida

3201 1st Street, NE

St. Petersburg, FL 33704 (727) 822-3499

R. James Rocha
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Renee Verrier, MBA
Administrator

Dear Brothers,

At this time, most of us are reflecting on the previous year and wondering what the new year will bring. We realize that this is also the time of year many organizations are requesting your time and support. This is why I would like to suggest that you consider making our Masonic Fraternity your priority and start off by being our guest for the Annual Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day to be held on March 16, 2024, in St. Petersburg. This will be an event for the entire Masonic Family and friends.

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- 10:00 Coffee and Donuts in the Main Lobby
 - 10:30 Presentation of First Lady Odessa Bishop's Tree of Life Program
 - 11:00 Vendor Bazaar along The Bayou Opens
 - 12:00 Lunch on The Lawn
 - 1:00 Car Show and Chili Cook-Off Winners Announced
- *** Tours of The Masonic Home will take place throughout the day beginning at 10:00*

Our Pilgrimage Day was once the talk of St. Petersburg, with a large parade down 1st Street. As the years have gone by, and the city has grown up around us, those days have since become but a fond memory. This year, however, our Masonic Family aims to see a larger participation than in years past. In addition, we are looking to bring back the Golden Era of Pilgrimage Days by revisiting some old traditions while adding in some new ones. Regardless, it promises to be a good time for all who attend!

Whether or not you plan to be with us on our special day, there are ways you can be of assistance to The Masonic Home. As always, your financial contributions to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund enable us to operate our Home. You can also help by donating your time as a volunteer, purchasing items for Corky's Cupboard, funding a special treat or activity for the Residents or even with Charitable Giving through Wills, Gifts and Annuities. By clicking here, you can go directly to our [Masonic Home Donation Page](#) and make your donation today to the Fund of your choice. No gift is too small or too large, and they are all appreciated!

The goal is to have the largest attended Pilgrimage Day in the last decade, and I look forward to personally seeing all of you there enjoying our Home, visiting with our Residents and spending time in the place that M.:W.: Albert W. Gilchrist was so passionate about ensuring existed for our Brothers and their loved ones when they needed it.

So gather your family and friends, including those who may have expressed an interest in joining our Fraternity, and join us for a day of fellowship and fun.

Fraternally Yours,



Chairman, Board of Trustees

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, on February 2, 2024

“Remember Our Masonic Home in Your Will”