

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

June 15, 2024

No. 2

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. via video conference by M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Also Present:

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| R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel | M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M. |
| M.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M. | M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M. |
| M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M. | M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M. |
| R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali, P.D.D.G.M. | R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. |
| R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian | R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M. |
| R.: W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M. | |

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

A motion was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 25 of May 26, 2024, and Organizational Meeting No. 1 of June 1, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – JUNE

- COVID-19 Update – The Home has no current issues.
- A special “Thank You” to the grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth and the York Rite Appendant Bodies for inviting us to attend their Annual Grand Communication Events. Cristal and I were truly honored to participate and thank everyone for their continued support for our Masonic Home Residents.
- Cristal and I also wish to thank everyone who stopped by our table during the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. This is always such a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the Craft. A special thanks to D. Turin and Company for donating polo shirts for our Masons here at the Home and to Dalene Johnson for donating the beautiful cold cups for our ladies who attended the ladies events at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.
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- The members of the committee were informed of what we would like to accomplish as a Long Range Planning Committee this year and our number one concern is to keep our residents comfortable and in a safe environment.
- The committee discussed having an inventory of all equipment and appliances in the Home in order to be able to establish a plan for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement in a timely manner.
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1. Marketing/Admissions:

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- 3) We completed a re-evaluation of community physician network as a potential referral source.

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| Age Of Referral | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|--|---|--|----|
| 0- 6 months | 30 | | 9 | | 39 |
| 7-12 Months | 1 | | 5 | | 6 |
| 12+ Months | | | 1 | | 1 |

| Referral Source | Website | Drive By | MD Referral | Other | Lodge/Mason | Magazine |
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R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, 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 June as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE

There were no funds distributed in June of 2024 for Non-Resident Relief. The Fraternal Care application of Alice Barlow, sponsored by West Broward Lodge No. 253, was approved on an emergency basis at the

meeting held on May 26, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, by the previous Board of Trustees and recorded in the minutes.

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

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

| ACCOUNT NO. | NAME: | ACCOUNT TYPE: |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 060 00-00 26351.008 | Snyder, Arthur (Private Pay) | Liability |
| 060 00-00 26352.008 | Alexis, Fleurette (Private Pay) | Liability |
| 060 00-00 26353.008 | Cerf, Alain (Private Pay) | Liability |
| 060 00-00 26354.008 | Stansbery, Susan (Private Pay) | Liability |
| 060 00-00 26355.008 | Lewis, Clodagh (Private Pay) | Liability |

R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of May. Second was made by R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

CREDIT APPLICATIONS REPORT GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA FOR MAY

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

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of May which was seconded by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR MAY

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for May. M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of May 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 May for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$6,063.49). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,700.32). During the month of May there were no funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund. The year-to-date total for Estates and Wills deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund is \$7,780.47.

R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of May which was seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – MAY

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

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – MAY

We report that we are currently 3.45% favorable to the budget (\$324,529k) after two months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report as read into the record which was seconded by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

The hotel contract for the 199th Annual Grand Communication in 2028 has been reviewed and approved.

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 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.: Frederick R. Wendling, 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.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – MAY

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of May, R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., 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
General Counsel will, based upon the local Property Committee Chairperson's report, and at the direction of the Corporate Board, be contacting the adjoining landowner(s) to determine if they have an interest in purchasing 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 7 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Wallace T. Fine**
The Horwitz Property at 115 Ventor F 115, Deerfield Beach, FL
The property is listed for \$115,000.

M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., 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.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion to approve the 2028 Rosen Plaza Hotel contract for the 199th Annual Grand Communication. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to list the property of Tamiami Trail Lodge No. 262 for \$274,900 and that General Counsel be authorized to sign an updated Listing Agreement for a term of 6 months. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to authorize the Grand Master to sign a Letter of Intent to purchase the property for the new Grand Lodge Building in Jacksonville. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:25 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



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

Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master

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No. 3

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for approval of the accepting an offer of \$250,000 for the Tamiami Trail Lodge No. 262 (defunct Lodge) property located at 210 Storter Avenue S, Everglades City, Florida, 34139. The property was listed for \$274,900. The members voted as follows:

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| M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman | Yes |
| R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master | Yes |
| R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden | Yes |
| R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden | Yes |
| R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer | Yes |
| M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M. | Yes |
| R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. | Yes |

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



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June 26, 2024

No. 4

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for guidance on how to proceed with the Barlow Property (Masonic Home Resident) located at 7050 SW 10th Court, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33023. The members voted as follows to have the sponsoring Lodge to clean out the property and have an estate sale:

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| M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman | Yes |
| R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master | Yes |
| R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden | Yes |
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| R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer | Yes |
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Approved:



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July 8, 2024

No. 5

At the request of the Grand Secretary, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken to approve the contract to purchase the new Grand Lodge Building Property in Jacksonville, Florida. General Counsel approved the contract. The members voted as follows:

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| M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman | Yes |
| R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master | Yes |
| R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden | Yes |
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| R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer | Yes |
| M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M. | 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
JUNE 15, 2024**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 9:00 p.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida with the following members present:

PRESENT:

M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman
Brother Justin W. Franke, Vice Chairman
R.:W.: Raymond M. Ali
W.: Mark A. Davis
R.:W.: Jorge L. Filgueira
R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob
W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles
R.:W.: John Paniccia
Brother Angel Sardina

ALSO PRESENT: (in person or online) M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master; R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden; R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden; R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer; M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.; M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.; M.:W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.; M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.; R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Marshal; R.:W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian; R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.; W.:M.: John H. Eaton; W.: John A. Cotton, P.M.; W.: Frederick L. Piasecki, P.M. and President of the Resident Council; Ms. Cristal Baer, Outreach Coordinator; and Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida.

CALL TO ORDER: M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES: M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, introduced the members of the Board of Trustees and guests in attendance as listed above.

R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting on May 26, 2024, and the Organizational Meeting on June 1, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by Brother Justin W. Franke and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:

- COVID-19 Update – The Home has no current issues.
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- Certification Process Update:
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Renee Verrier reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 76 residents in the Home. During the month of May, we had four admissions, no deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 80. Of those, 29 are men and 51 are women.

ADMITTED:

Fleurette Alexis, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)
 Alain Cerf, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)
 Susan Stansbery, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)
 Clodagh Lewis, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

ADMIT DATE:

05/14/2024
 05/16/2024
 05/17/2024
 05/29/2024

With four admissions, no losses by death, and no discharges the month of May ended with 35 Assisted Living and 45 Nursing Center for a total of 80 residents.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:

1. Repaired leaking chilled water valve in R/C 2 AHU.
2. Rauland-Borg replaced defective parts on nurse call unit in room 144 N/C 1.
3. Since the last rain we have encountered numerous leaks that surfaced in the Kitchen/Dining Room area. This roof is scheduled to be replaced next but we will have to make repairs prior to replacement.
4. Several aspects of our fire alarm system need work. We are working with Dart Electronics to rectify the issues.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT: There were no reportable incidents for the month of May. There were four resident ID badges issued and one new employee ID badge issued.

The Suncoast Master Mason Association announced that W.: Fred Piasecki has been named Resident of the Month and presented him with a \$50.00 check. Congratulations W.: Piasecki!

Brother Justin W. Franke made a motion to approve the Administrator’s Report as written and presented. Second was made by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob and the motion carried.

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R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira presented the Long Range Planning Committee Report and then moved for its adoption. R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali seconded the motion which carried.

LEGAL ADVISOR’S REPORT: The total funds received during the month of May from Estates and Wills was \$2,053.79, which brings the year to date total of funds received for the Masonic Home

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Brother Justin W. Franke made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor’s Report as presented by R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. Brother Angel Sardina seconded the motion which carried.

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W.: Mark A. Davis presented the Operations Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Brother Justin W. Franke seconded the motion which carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: We report that we are currently 3.45% favorable to the budget (\$324,529k) after two months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

Brother Justin W. Franke presented the Budget Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, announced the Board of Trustees Sub-Committee Members as follows:

Admissions and Relief Committee

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman

W.: Mark A. Davis Brother Angel Sardina

Long Range Planning/Facility Committee

R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, Chairman

R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali R.: W.: John Paniccia

M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., Special Advisor on the HVAC Project

Masonic Home Budget Committee

Brother Justin W. Franke, Chairman

R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira

Masonic Home Operations Committee

W.: Mark A. Davis, Chairman

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob Brother Angel Sardina

NEW BUSINESS: R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob discussed the events at the Masonic Care Organizational Meeting in Kansas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Masonic Home of Florida on July 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

W.: Mark A. Davis gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
Chairman

R.: W.: John Paniccia
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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

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

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July 12, 2024

To: All Particular Lodges

Re: WITHDRAWAL OF FRATERNAL RECOGNITION
The Grand Lodge of Cuba and
The Grand Orient d'Haiti

Dear Brethren:

On May 28, 2024, at the last 195th Annual Grand Communication by a vote of the Craft. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, withdrew recognition from the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the Grand Orient d'Haiti,

Therefore, no Lodge in Florida may visit nor allow visitors or petitioners for affiliation or dual membership from any Lodge Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the Grand Orient d'Haiti.

Should you have any questions or need any assistance do not hesitate to contact Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro, Grand Chancellor, or me.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/jla

Cc: Elected Grand Lodge Officers
Chairman, of Jurisprudence
Foreign Relations Sub-committee

Order form for the 2025 Dues Notices and Dues Cards

Lodge Name: _____ Number: _____

Check your desired **shipping** date:

August 22 September 5 September 19 October 3
October 17 October 31 November 7 November 21

Do you wish to order dues cards?

Yes Cards No Cards

Do you want them numbered consecutively? Yes No

Do you want mailing labels for your dues cards? **If so, how many sets?** _____

Yes - Alphabetical order Yes - Zip code order No Labels

Do you wish to order dues notices?

Yes - Alphabetical order Yes - Zip code order No Notices

Do you need Voluntary Gold Seals? Yes No

Do you want the Summary Sheet printed or sent by email instead?

Printed Email Email Address: _____

What address do you wish to have members' dues payments sent to? (For example, if you are currently receiving mail at your house and wish the payments to go to a Lodge P.O. Box)

Amount of Dues According to Lodge By-Laws:
_____ + \$45.00 Per Capita = _____

Special Lodge Assessments:

_____ LYPMGC _____ \$7.30

If you wish to have the
"Address Service Requested"
printed on your notices, check
the box below, otherwise it
will not be printed.

Print below any message you want to appear on the Dues Notices.
There is a limit of 45 characters per line, 2 lines maximum.

(Please turn to other side of page)

CHAPTER 24
PARTICULAR LODGES--BY-LAWS
UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS
PARTICULAR LODGES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7.02 Manner and Method of Election. – In the election of Officers, nominations shall be made in writing to the Lodge Secretary no later than the opening of the first Stated Communication in November and no other nominations will be accepted thereafter. The nominee shall also make a statement in writing stating that he will accept the position if elected no later than the opening of the first Stated Communication in November and no other acceptance letters will be accepted thereafter. Discussions regarding nominees for office may take place among Brethren, but not in open Lodge. A majority of all votes cast, respectively, shall determine. In each succeeding ballot for the same office, when more than two members are voted for, the name or names of the Brother or Brethren having the lowest number of votes, shall, by order of the Master, be dropped; and all votes cast in derogation of said order shall not be counted. (2017)

Time of Elections shall be held in accordance to By-Law Section 7.01 of Regulation 24.05 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Uniform Code of By-Laws. (2017)

For requirements that Masters and Wardens must meet for installation to that office refer to Regulations 19.03.2 and 19.03.3

***SUGGESTED* Form for Nomination:
NOMINEE FOR ELECTIVE LODGE OFFICE**

Lodge No. _____

Masonic Year: 20 _____

NOMINATION FOR:

- Worshipful Master
- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- Secretary

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

GRAND LODGE MEMBER NO.: _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

(Address)

(City/State/Zip)

RES. PH: _____ BUS. OR MBL. PH: _____

NOMINATION BY BROTHER (Who Must Be A Member of this Lodge):

NAME: _____ MEMBER NO. _____

I hereby certify that the nominee has agreed to accept the position if elected.

Signed _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF NOMINEE FOR ELECTED LODGE OFFICE

Name of Nominee: _____

_____ Lodge No. _____

In accordance with Chapter 24, Regulation 24.05, By-Law Section 7.02 Manner and Method of Election, of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, this is my written statement to be filed that I will accept the office of _____ for which I shall be in nomination at the Election of Lodge Officers for the year 2024.

Nominee Signature: _____

Date: _____



MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2024 ZOOM ONLY WORKSHOPS

Your State MLT team would love to invite you to MLT Zoom 2024. This is a great opportunity to join us in August and September and take advantage of attending a few workshops or all fifteen.

DDGM's, Lodge Secretaries and all Master Masons we encourage you to promote these events at upcoming Stated Communications and post them on the Trestleboard.

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:

(1) Lodge Officers Duties, (2) Worshipful Master Duties, (6) Committees

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0tf-GqqDs9E9F_il5shdteP874krxK41EV

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:

(3) Planning your Year, (4) Becoming Worshipful Duties, (5) Running Your Lodge

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAqcuCppzoqG9UVb0A0MsQqWPBSQqEotkow>

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:

(7) Petitions and Investigating Committee, (8) Communications, (9) Budgeting and Finance

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0ldO6prD0qGNGJiECFQI8DpfKJCGHbhKzK>

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:

(10) Membership, (11) Lodge Renewal, (12) Ritual

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEtduCprjwpGdcLwcUKijcM45p8odnmdAPD>

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:

(13) Service, (14) Event Organization, (15) Public Speaking

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlud-CqrTkvhTDEPmaF_SNNsq7VzcAnVJBF

Please note participants ***must*** have their GL Membership Number to register. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Fraternally yours,

W.: Lynnwood A. Thomas Sr., State Chairman

lynnwood.thomas@gmail.com

(904) 446-7330

R.: W.: Ed Sexton, Vice State Chairman

emsexton@yahoo.com

(407) 341-6705



THE GRAND MASTER'S HOMECOMING



M.:W.: DONALD W. COWART

OCTOBER 12, 2024

REGISTRATION: 5 PM

DINNER: 6 PM

DRESS: FORMAL

LOCATION: ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL

9700 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE. ORLANDO, FL

LODGING: ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL 800-627-8258 OR 407-996-8258

GROUP ID: THE GRAND LODGE OF FL GM HOMECOMING 2024

RATE: \$142 + TAX; \$10 NIGHT SELF PARKING

CUTOFF: September 17, 2024



RSVP by September 15, 2024

R.:W.: GREG FISHER

fishergreg47@gmail.com

868-528-6191

SPONSORED BY: HOMECOMINGS FUND, INC.



Cornerstone
District 17

Viera Middle School
Wednesday,
August 21, 2024
11:00 AM

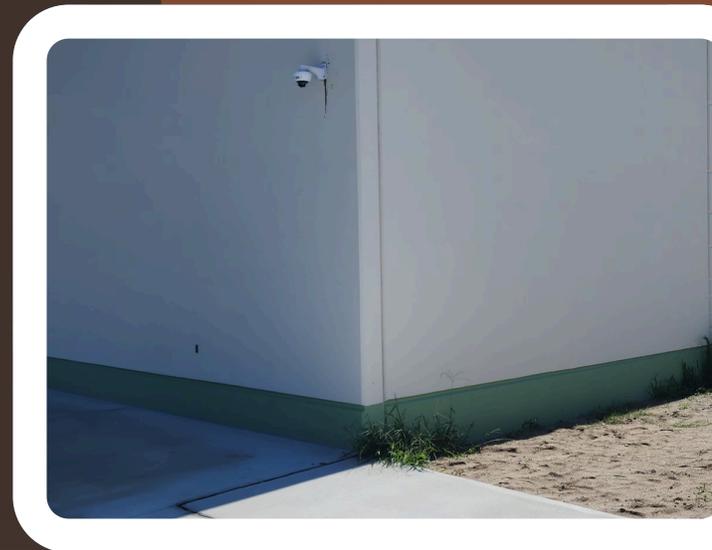


**We are calling all brothers of
District 17 and the state**

Cornerstone Ceremony led by Most Worshipful
Grand Master Don Cowart of the Grand Lodge of
Florida.

Address: 6093 Stadium Pkwy
Viera, FL 32940

- ✓ Arrive no later than 10:15 AM
- ✓ Aprons will be available to use if called upon to assist the Grand Line of Florida
- ✓ Wear a black suit, tie (GM tie if you have one)



For more information, contact Todd Forschino at 321-591-6953
Come out and be a part of this fraternal moment.
We need YOU to make this a success.



The "Grand" 15th
Masonic District
Presents:



FOURTH ANNUAL 100 MASTER MASON NIGHT

Join us for Great Food, Fun, Fellowship
and Brotherly Love

HOSTED AT PENINSULAR MASONIC LODGE NO. 85 -
1234 WELLS AVE. TAVARES, FL. 32778
THURSDAY AUGUST 29TH



Steak Dinner
Potatoes
Salad
Vegetable
Roll
Desert



Doors Open 5:30pm



Dinner Served
6:00pm



Tiled Meeting 7:30pm



Door Prizes

***LIMITED SEATING TO 120 MASTER MASONS - RESERVE EARLY \$30 per person!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fourth-annual-100-mason-night-15th-district-tickets-938986853957>



Approved for Distribution by M.W. Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on July 19, 2024

Proceeds benefit Masters & Wardens Association of the 15th Masonic District. For additional information, please contact Masters & Wardens Association of the 15th Masonic District, 1234 Wells Ave., Tavares, FL 32778, Phone: (352) 348-1162. FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER: CH63148. 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.

Paul Revere Lodge No. 419 Charity Raffle

For: Adopt-A-Teacher

Raffle Open to the Public, Florida

Ticket Price: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Drawing on September 28, 2024 At 7pm

13402 Montour St. Brooksville, FL 34613

Wild Game Table Lodge at Paul Revere Lodge No. 419

ALL PROCEEDS FUNDING FOR PAUL REVERE LODGE ADOPT-A-TEACHER



Ruger AR556 - .300 BLK

Raffle Official Rules and Regulations: By entering this drawing, the ticket purchaser acknowledges that he or she is aware of and agrees to abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of this drawing. Paul Revere Lodge No. 419 located at 13402 Montour St. Brooksville, FL 34613 is conducting a raffle pursuant to Florida Statutes to raise proceeds to benefit The Paul Revere Lodge Adopt-A-Teacher program. The winning ticket will be drawn at random at or about 7:00pm, 9/28/2024 at Paul Revere Lodge No. 419 located at 13402 Montour St. Brooksville, FL 34613 from all eligible raffle tickets received. The winner will be notified by phone or email or by mail, or if present in person. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. One chance to win per ticket. The holder of the winning ticket shall be entitled to receive a FIREARM the "prize", in one game awarded to one person, upon compliance with these Official Rules. All Federal and State laws apply. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the prize to be awarded. Prize(s) is/are non-transferable. No substitutions for prize(s) will be made. All prizes must be claimed within 30 days of winning drawing date. The winner is responsible for all applicable federal, state, local taxes and fees, which must be paid and confirmed prior to prize delivery. Firearm will be transferred to winner through licensed gun dealer. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older. Tickets purchased through misrepresentation of age, identity or eligibility to purchase, own or win a rifle shall be void. No purchase/contribution is necessary to enter. A \$5.00 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, unused, 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. Paul Revere Lodge reserves the right to limit the number of tickets distributed to each entrant and is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or tickets redeemed in error by its agents. AR556 was purchased by Paul Revere Lodge No. 419 for Charity Fundraiser at cost. Paul Revere Lodge 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. Winner agrees to allow Paul Revere Lodge to use name and likeness to promote future drawings. After the purchase of prize, all proceeds donations go to the Adopt-A-Teacher program, through Paul Revere Lodge No. 419. For additional information, please contact by mail at Paul Revere Lodge Address, 13402 Montour St. Brooksville, FL 34613 or call 352-279-9887. All ticket holders must be eligible to lawfully receive and possess firearm. FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER: CH75520 "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 OR VISIT WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION". www.freshfromflorida.com



The Ruger® AR-556® Semi-Auto Rifle with Free-Float Handguard operates with direct-impingement and a rifle-length gas system. The lower receiver comes equipped with an ergonomic polymer pistol grip and a 6-position, collapsible, M4-style buttstock on a Mil-Spec buffer tube. Upper and lower receivers are CNC-machined from 7075-T6 aluminum forgings and Type III hard-coat anodized for maximum durability. An 11" free-float, M-LOK® handguard features accessory attachment slots at 3:00, 6:00 and 9:00 positions, and a continuous Picatinny rail interface with the flat-top, railed, upper receiver. The upper receiver features a forward assist, dust cover, and brass deflector, while the Ruger® single-stage trigger offers a smooth, crisp break at approximately 4.5 lbs. The bolt carrier and gas key are chrome-plated to provide exceptional resistance to hot gases; and the gas key is securely staked to prevent loosening during extensive fire. The cold hammer-forged steel alloy barrel boasts a 1:8" twist ratio to maximize accuracy with bullets ranging from 35 to 77 grains, and features an M4 feed ramp, and black Nitride finish for superior corrosion and moisture resistance. A factory-installed Ruger radial-port flash suppressor is attached to the 1/2"x28 threaded barrel, and is easily removed to accommodate aftermarket muzzle devices. The Ruger AR-556 Semi-Auto Rifle comes with one 30-round Magpul® PMAG® detachable box magazine. Made in USA.

- Direct-impingement system
- Rifle-length gas system
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- 6-position, M4-style buttstock
- Ergonomic polymer pistol grip
- Black Nitride finished barrel
- Radial-port flash suppressor
- Forward assist and dust cover
- Flat-top upper receiver
- 1:8" twist rifling
- Includes one 30-round PMAG

Please Forward Check or Money Order to:

Paul Revere Lodge No. 419

C/O Joseph Monday

13402 Montour Street

Brooksville, FL 34613

Paul Revere Lodge Charity Raffle (Please Print Clearly and Return)

Name: _____ Lodge Name & No. _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

(Your Raffle Ticket will be Printed and your Ticket Receipt Mailed or Emailed to you)

Approved for Distribution by M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on July 11, 2024