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

December 21, 2024

No. 14

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida and 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:

R∴W∴ Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel	M∴W∴ J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.
M∴W∴ Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.	M∴W∴ Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.
M∴W∴ Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.	R∴W∴ Roberto Martinez, Jr., D.D.G.M. Dist. 8
R∴W∴ Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W∴ Grand Historian	R∴W∴ Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.
R∴W∴ Alexander Zambrano, D.D.G.M. Dist. 29	R∴W∴ Raymond M. Ali, P.D.D.G.M.
R∴W∴ L. Miguel Rivera, P.D.D.G.M.	R∴W∴ John N. Dragneff, P.D.D.G.M.
R∴W∴ Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	R∴W∴ Edward J. Mayfield, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R∴W∴ Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M.	R∴W∴ J. Robert Kickliter, P.D.D.G.M.
W∴M∴ John H. Eaton	Brother Angel Sardina

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.

The Grand Master thanked R : W : Raymond M. Ali for having his son make a special presentation on marketing and expressed his thought on what a great presentation it was.

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. 13 of November 16, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER

- There is currently no COVID outbreak in the facility.
- Regulatory Updates: There are no new regulatory updates at this time.
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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER

1. Census:

- 1) As of November 30th: Total of 78 residents; of which 40 are Fraternal Care and 38 are Private Pay with 25 of those being non-masonic. There are 40 residents in the SNF and 38 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
- 2) Fiscal Year to Date: (Starts April 1st)
 - i. Admissions = 16 (4 Fraternal and 12 Private Pay)
 - . Discharges/Deaths = 15 (5 Fraternal and 10 Private Pay)

2. Referral Summary:

- 1) 87 open leads in Salesforce
- 2) SNF-23
- 3) ALF-64
- 4) Private Pay, Non-Masonic 36
- 5) Private Pay, Masonic 10
- 6) Fraternal Care 20
- 7) Undecided 18

3. Occupancy Breakdown:

OCCUPANCY BREAKDOW	/N											
ALF	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
DOUBLE SUITE ONE OCCUPANT	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	5				
DOUBLE SUITE TWO OCCUPANTS	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	3				
SINGLE SUITE	7	25	27	29	27	24	27	27				
FC	20	18	19	20	18	15	17	18				
TOTAL OCCUPANCY	37	35	37	40	39	24	37	38				
SNF												
SEMI-PRIVATE	30	37	35	32	31	20	37	36				
PRIVATE	3	3	ï	2	3	3	3	3				
ADDITION BED FEE	6	5	6	6	3	2	1	1				
FC	21	23	21	19	20	23	23	22				
TOTAL OCCUPANCY	39	45	44	40	37	41	40	40	7			

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 December as printed and distributed and presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Second was made by R:W: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER

Three new applications for Fraternal Care were reviewed (AM, CB, and JE) which were approved by the Committee. No new applications for Non-Resident Relief were received.

R : W : Haskell R. Vest, Jr., 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 <math>R : W : Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

NON-RESIDENT RELIEF REPORT - NOVEMBER

Funds in the amount of \$2,563.99 for Non-Resident Relief were distributed in the month of November.

M : W : Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the Non-Resident Relief Report for the month of December as printed and distributed and the motion was seconded by R : W : Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. 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 24816.001	A. R. (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 26362.008	A. L. (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 November. Second was made by M : W : Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.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 : Jack W. Hampton, Jr., 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 R : W : Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR NOVEMBER

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for November. R : W : Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of November as printed and distributed. Second was made by M : W : Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., 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. (\$185,787.52). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,710.32). During the month of November 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 : Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of November which was seconded by R : W : Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – NOVEMBER

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

R:W: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Relief Fund Report for November as printed and distributed. Second was made by R:W: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT - NOVEMBER

We report that we are currently 7.02% favorable to the budget (\$636,522k) after eight months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

M : W : Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report as printed and distributed which was seconded by R : W : Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

The Rosen Plaza Hotel contracts for the 2026 DDGM Orientation and the 2027 DDGM Orientation have been tendered to and reviewed by General Counsel.

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 reviewed an agreement for HCSG Food Services, re-reviewed the Pinnacle Food Service contract for cancellation issues, amendments to the Clipboard Health contract, Coastal Care Staffing contract and Tampa Bay Temps, Inc. 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 : Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., 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 : Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, 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, M : W : Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by R : W : Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, 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 is awaiting a response from the neighboring land owners as to their interest in purchasing the property from us.
- 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.
 - The property is vacant land and we have posted a FOR SALE BY OWNER sign.
- $R : W : Taleb \ T$. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. $R : W : Haskell \ R$. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

- R∴W∴ Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion approve the list of the Deputy Grand Master's 2025 General Service Panel appointments as printed and distributed. R∴W∴ Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.
- R : W : Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the 2026 DDGM Orientation contract with the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Second was made by M : W : Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., and the motion carried.
- R : W : Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the 2027 DDGM Orientation contract with the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Second was made by R : W : Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.
- R : W : Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and M : W : Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, thanked R : W : Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel, for all the great work he does on contracts, estates, and properties; as well as what he will do for the Fraternity in the future.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 11:22 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R. W. Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Secretary to the Board

Approved:

Donald W. Cowart

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January 15, 2025

No. 15

At the request of Grand Secretary, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken to approve the 2024 Perpetual Membership Interest Distribution to the Lodges in the amount of \$899,036.70 which yields a 6.2493% payout. The members voted as follows to accept the offer:

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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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA DECEMBER 21, 2024

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at 10:09 a.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

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W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles

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Brother Angel Sardina

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CALL TO ORDER: M∴W∴ Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:09 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. W∴ Mark A. Davis then gave the Invocation.

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.

Brother Justin W. Franke made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting on November 16, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R∴W∴ John Paniccia and the motion carried.

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Megan Gracia reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 77 residents in the Home. During the month of November, we had three admissions, one death, and no discharges bringing the total to 77. Of those, 25 are men and 52 are women.

ADMITTED: ADMIT DATE:

A. L., Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

11/08/2024

A. F., sponsored by Nature Coast Masonic Lodge No. 418

11/18/2024

DECEASED: DECEASED DATE:

John "Jack" Watson, Jr., sponsored by Englewood Lodge No. 360

11/04/2024

Admitted: May 8, 2023

With two admissions, one loss by death, and no discharges the month of November ended with 38 Assisted Living and 40 Nursing Center for a total of 78 residents.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:

- 1. Replaced hot side zone valve and motor on fan coil unit in room 372E R/c3.
- 2. Replaced motor/fan unit in AHU #9 after bearing failure.
- 3. Replacing filter housing on hydronic water system piping. The old housing is too rusted and filters are becoming increasingly hard to find. The original equipment is from 1988.

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

The Suncoast Master Mason Association announced that Ted Woodbury has been named Resident of the Month and presented him with a check for \$50.00. Congratulations Ted!

R : W :Raymond M. Ali made a motion to approve the Administrator's Report as written and presented. Second was made by Brother Justin W. Franke 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 November from Estates and Wills was \$104,823.15, which brings the year-to-date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$185,787.52. During the month of November 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.

Brother Justin W. Franke made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor's Report. R:W: John Paniccia seconded the motion which carried.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Three new applications for Fraternal Care were reviewed (AM, CB, and JE) which were approved by the Committee. No new applications for Non-Resident Relief were received.

R : W : R. Patrick Jacob presented the Admissions Committee Report and moved for its adoption. R : W : R aymond M. Ali seconded the motion which carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Census:

- 1) As of November 30th: Total of 78 residents; of which 40 are Fraternal Care and 38 are Private Pay with 25 of those being non-masonic. There are 40 residents in the SNF and 38 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
- 2) Fiscal Year to Date: (Starts April 1st)
 - i. Admissions = 16 (4 Fraternal and 12 Private Pay)
 - ii. Discharges/Deaths = 15 (5 Fraternal and 10 Private Pay)

2. Referral Summary:

- 1) 87 open leads in Salesforce
- 2) SNF-23
- 3) ALF-64
- 4) Private Pay, Non-Masonic 36
- 5) Private Pay, Masonic 10
- 6) Fraternal Care 20
- 7) Undecided 18

3. Occupancy Breakdown:

OCCUPANCY BREAKDOWN												
ALF	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ост	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
DOUBLE SUITE ONE OCCUPANT	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	5				
DOUBLE SUITE TWO OCCUPANTS	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	3				
SINGLE SUITE	7	25	27	29	27	24	27	27				
FC	20	18	19	20	18	15	17	18				
TOTAL OCCUPANCY	37	35	37	40	39	24	37	38				
SNF												
SEMI-PRIVATE	30	37	35	32	31	20	37	36				
PRIVATE	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3				
ADDITION BED FEE	6	5	6	6	3	2	1	1				
FC	21	23	21	19	20	23	23	22				
TOTAL OCCUPANCY	39	45	44	40	37	41	40	40				
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W.: Mark A. Davis presented the Operations Committee Report and moved for its adoption. R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali seconded the motion which carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: We report that we are currently 7.02% favorable to the budget (\$636,522k) after eight 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 : John Paniccia and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) We are looking at the budget and expenditures. The Home has been overcharged by some of the companies that we deal with along with two agencies for nursing staff. We have suspended working with our current agency.
- 2) The dietary contractor has been overcharging and the quality of the food is not up to par. We are trying to recuperate the overcharge. We have received one contract on dietary service and are waiting for another one which is due next week. We should be changing over in January.
- 3) We have filed a claim on the chiller and the insurance carrier rejected our claim. We need to look into coverage for our Home.

NEW BUSINESS: Facebook ads for the Home: Please like and share the postings as we have been getting a lot of positive feedback.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of M:W: Louis A. King, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that Brandon Lodge No. 114 donated \$750.00 in \$10.00 gift cards to the Home for the residents. The Grand Master then thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed his compliments to the Board of Trustees for doing a great job. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Masonic Home of Florida on January 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

W: Mark A. Davis gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 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

DONALD W. COWART GRAND MASTER

P.O. Box 1020 Jacksonville, FL 32201-1020 Mbl. (813) 431-4923 Email: don.cowart@grandlodgefl.com

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3

January 31, 2025

To: All Particular Lodges

I, M:W: Donald W. Cowart, 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: Donald W. Cowart, 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. 6025, A.D. 2025.

Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master

Attest:

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

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Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4

January 31, 2025

To: All Particular Lodges

I, M: W: Donald W. Cowart, 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.: Donald W. Cowart, 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-SIXTH 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 2025 (May 26, 2025) and continue until all necessary business and transactions are completed.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 31st day of January A.L. 6025, A.D. 2025.

Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master

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



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5

January 31, 2025

To: All Particular Lodges

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

I, M : W : Donald W. Cowart, 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 2024 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 <u>must submit</u> Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard). The IRS <u>WILL NOT</u> 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 click the following link: www.irs.gov/instructions/i990/ch01.html

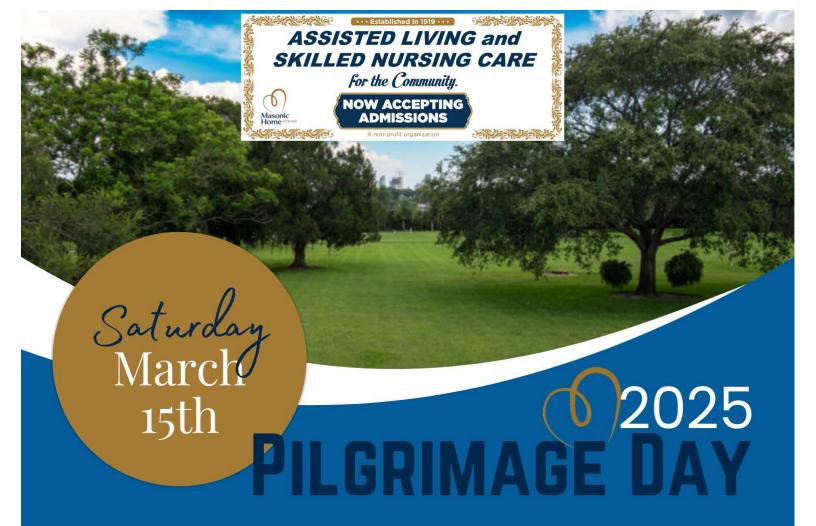
WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge Office must be notified of your filing to ensure our Lodges maintain their 501(c)(10) status, you are <u>required</u> to send us a copy of the completed Form 990-N, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990, which your Lodge is required to file. Inasmuch as the Subordinate Lodges' Federal Identification 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∴ Donald W. Cowart, 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, 2025, 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. 6025, A.D. 2025.

Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master

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



Join your Grand Master, Don W. Cowart, and the Masonic Home Residents for our annual Pilgrimage Day, open to the community! There will be a noontime BBQ, kids area with games, and vendor market. If you are interested in checking out the Home, tours will be going on throughout the day!

10am-2pm

- Take-home craft
- Live Music!

This is a free event, donations are accepted Masonic Home of Florida 3201 1st St.

Call Darcy Buck at (727)822-3499 (ex:144) for more information.
 If you are interested in selling at the event, Vendor tables are \$25 a table.





Masonic Home of Florida

10:00AM - 2:00PM

VENDOR SETUP: 9:00AM
Purchase a spot: \$25.00
Includes 1 table and 2 chairs

Vendor Registration

Organization:	
Vendor's Name	
Address:	
Phone Number	

Please complete and return by email or fax, darcy.buck@masonichomefl.com or fax 727-821-6775



Checks should be made payable to Masonic Home of Florida

For more information, contact Darcy Buck 727-822-3499 ext 144

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The Grand 15th Masonic District Masters & Wardens Association

SPRING 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT



R:. W:. Michael Blankinship **District Deputy Grand Master**

(Proceeds support the operations and events of the Masters & Wardens Association of the 15th Masonic District)



DATE

Saturday, March 8



TIME

8:30 AM Shotgun



LOCATION

Arlington Ridge Golf Club 4463 Arlington Ridge Drive Leesburg, FL 34748

Scan the QR Code for Registration and payment



Prizes for: 1st Place, Closest to the Line (Straightest Drive) Closest to the Pin. Premium Prize Raffle



\$125 per player

Registration: 8:00 AM **Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM** Breakfast, Lunch, Greens Fees, Cart and Door Prizes included in Entry Fee

Hole Sponsor: \$100

For more information contact Mike Gaudiosi at (352) 348-1162 or email: mrgaudiosi@gmail.com



The Grand 15th Masonic District Spring 2025 Golf Tournament

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 8:30 AM Shotgun Arlington Ridge Golf Club 4463 Arlington Ridge Blvd. Leesburg, FL 34748

Registration Form

	Name	Tel. #	email	
1				
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Registration fee is \$125.00 per player.

Make checks payable to "Masters & Wardens Association of the 15th Masonic District"

Deadline for registration is: February 28, 2025.

Send completed form and check(s) to:

Masters & Wardens Association of the 15th Masonic District

c/o Mike Gaudiosi

1195 Johnston Path

The Villages, FL 32162

Proceeds support the operations and events of the 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.



FISH FRY



Pineland Lodge No. 86 F&AM

190 E Peniel Rd, Palatka, FL 32177 (Just off Highway 19 from Silver Lake Dr or Peniel Rd)

\$12.00 per dinner

(\$12.50 with Credit Card)

Saturday March 22nd, 2025

11:00am - 2:00pm

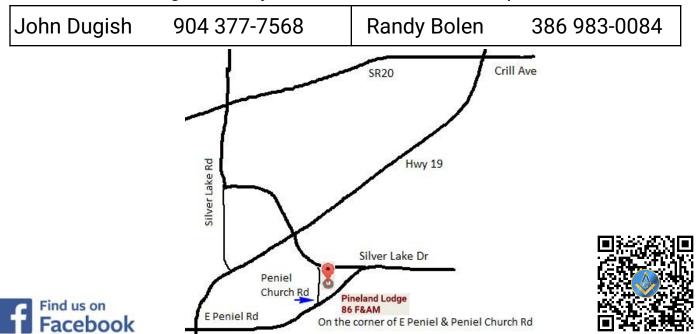
Baked Beans • Coleslaw • Cheese Grits • Hush puppies Sweet tea included (dine in only). Sodas available for \$1.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

ORDERS OF 5 OR MORE DINNERS INCLUDE FREE DELIVERY

(within Palatka area - Pre order for delivery on our website) www.pineland86.com/fish-fry

To arrange delivery or for more information, please call:





For additional registration information, please contact Pineland Lodge No. 86 F. & A.M., Address: PO Box 634, Palatka, FL 32178, Phone: (386) 983-0084. 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 800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OR VISIT WWW.800HELPFLA.COM. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE".

2024-2025 FLIORG Grand Assembly Program Book

GAC Committee * 1616 Lakeside Drive * DeLand, FL 32720 * (407) 430-6409 * flgacommittee@gmail.com

The Grand Assembly Committee (GAC) has launched its 2024-2025 advertising campaign!

Our Program Book is made possible through the generosity of local businesses, parents and our Sponsoring Bodies. We greatly appreciate your future support.

Return this form with a check (see amounts below) payable to "Grand Assembly of Florida" to:

GAC Committee Attn: Ashley Dyer 1616 Lakeside Drive DeLand, FL 32720

Thank you for helping Florida Grand Assembly build an outstanding Program Book!

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ALL ADS AND PAYMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED MAY 1, 2025



Fundraising Activities

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PINELAND LODGE NO. 86 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE



TICKETS: \$10 each • CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 4 PRIZES

Brownie's Outpost Vouchers

Grand Prize: \$1000 voucher 2nd Prize: \$500 voucher 3rd prize \$250 voucher 4th prize Brownie's gift pack

(4 awards to be drawn)



For tickets call:

John Dugish - 904-377-7568

Randy Bolen - 386-983-0084

For more info email: pineland86@gmail.com

Drawing held at Pineland Lodge No. 86 June 19th, 2025 at 7:00pm

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.

PINELAND MASONIC LODGE No. 86 ● 190 E Peniel Rd ● Palatka, FL 32177 ● www.pineland86.com

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 06/19/2025, 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 F.&A.M. So Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. are not eligible to participate. Entrants must be 21 years of age or older. Ticket without making a donation by mailing a stamped #9 envelope with your name and address, to Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. and the 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 tickets sold. Pineland Lodge No. 86 F.&A.M. is not responsible or liable

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