

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

March 15, 2025

No. 18

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 11:10 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.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Absent: M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M. (Excused)
R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer (Excused)

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.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.	R.:W.: Antonio C. Chavez, W.: Grand Orator
R.:W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, W.: Grand Standard Bearer	R.:W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Lawrence A. Williamson, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: James R. Kickliter, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Thomas J. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M.	W.: John H. Eaton, P.M.
W.: William C. Wagner, P.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. 17 of February 22, 2025. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MARCH

- There is currently no COVID outbreak in the facility.
- Regulatory Updates: There are no new regulatory updates at this time.
- New Business (follow up):
 - The recessed lights outside the front entrance related to the hurricanes this past year have been replaced. The debris in the south parking lot has been removed.
 - Dietary Services: The concerns with our current dietary provider continue and the new Administrator has been tasked with improving services. We are hopeful to come to a timely resolution in the near future.
 - Certification Process Update: The Masonic Home has reached out to a consulting firm to assist with Medicare and Medicaid eligibility requirements. We are expecting a mock survey which will provide insight of what is needed to become a CMS provider. The timeframe for becoming a CMS licensed provider for Medicare and Medicaid services is within the next 6-12 months.
 - Community outreach efforts continue to improve census. In the past month seven hospital case managers, six physicians, and three elder care attorneys have been contacted to market the services of the facility.

<div> <div>38</div> <div> <div>Months: Moments of Florida</div> <div>OCCUPANCY BREAKDOWN</div> <div>2024-2025</div> </div> </div> <div>Breakdown as of last day of February 2025</div>												
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TOTAL SNF	39	45	44	40	37	41	40	40	38	37	41	
TOTAL	76	80	81	80	76	75	77	78	76	75	79	
% Fraternat Care	53.9%	53.9%	49.4%	48.8%	50.0%	58.7%	51.9%	51.3%	58.8%	50.7%	49.4%	
% Private Pay									34.2%	33.3%	35.4%	
% Census	48.6%	42.8%	43.3%	42.8%	48.6%	48.1%	41.2%	41.7%	48.6%	48.1%	42.2%	

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

ADMISSIONS AND RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH

The committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, via video conference. There were no new applications for Fraternal Care or Non-Resident Relief to review. A revision of the Resident Application was reviewed and discussed.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of March 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.

NON-RESIDENT RELIEF REPORT - FEBRUARY

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

R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Non-Resident Relief Report for the month of February 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 FEBRUARY

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 24818.001	J. E. (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 26364.008	I. H. (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26365.008	W. C. (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26366.008	H. H. (Private Pay)	Liability

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of February. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

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

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

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of February which was seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for February. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of February as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, 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 February for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$251,893.81). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,710.32). During the month of February 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.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of February which was seconded by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – FEBRUARY

During the month of February, there were no funds received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund. R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Relief Fund Report for February as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – FEBRUARY

We report that we are currently 7.23% favorable to the budget (\$656,143k) after eleven months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

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

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

General Counsel was requested to release the funds held in escrow to the Seller for the new Grand Lodge Building.

II. ESTATES:

General Counsel has been made aware of an estate opened by outside counsel on behalf of a deceased resident. After discussion with outside counsel, General Counsel has agreed to allow them to close out the estate. General Counsel continues to review files relating to open estates and/or trusts naming The Grand Lodge of Florida, the Masonic Home and/or the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., as beneficiaries.

III. PROPERTIES:

All property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

IV. MASONIC HOME:

General Counsel has reviewed contracts for (i) Recycling Services of South FL; (ii) the re-roofing of the gazebo; (iii) a new therapy provider; (iv) the existing therapy contract for purposes of cancellation; (v) fire sprinkler inspection proposal. General Counsel has also been requested to place the current property manager for the Residences of Coffee Pot Bayou on notice of cancellation of their contract and has reviewed the proposal for a new management company.

General Counsel has finally received the corrected EIN correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service which had previously caused the delay in our Medicaid application. General Counsel has also reviewed a contract for a company to review our files for current and future Medicaid compliance.

General Counsel continues to work with the Admissions Committee, including undertaking title and asset searches for incoming residents as well as the preparation of their requisite documentation upon admission.

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior 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.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – FEBRUARY

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of February, R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, P.D.D.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 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 (Deceased)**
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 Ewart Property at 5900 NW 17th Place, Unit 214, Sunrise, FL 33313
The property is listed for \$185,000.

R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. 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 approve the Maintenance Contract with Canon U.S.A., Inc., for the copiers at the Grand Lodge Office. 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 to approve the list of distinguished guests for the 196th Annual Grand Communication. R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to allow the Grand Secretary to take excess copies of the Grand Lodge Proceedings that are in stock at the Grand Lodge Office to the 196th Annual Grand Communication for Lodges and Brothers to have at no cost. 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 allow Care Access to use the new Grand Lodge Building in Jacksonville to hold a Free Health Screening. The Grand Lodge of Florida will be receiving a fee from Care Access for use of the building as well as a fee for each person that attends the event and each person will receive a gift card. R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to allow Care Access to set up at the Annual Grand Communication to hold a Free Health Screening and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to negotiate the terms. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to allow W.: James J. Burke, Worshipful Master of Gulf Breeze Lodge No. 347, to use the Grand Lodge Seal for embroidery and purposes with the

agreement that it will only be used for Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters. R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 11:39 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
Grand Master

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March 24, 2025

No. 19

At the request of Grand Secretary, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken to approve the 2024 annual contribution to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Florida Employee Pension Plan and Trust in the amount of \$73,852.48; however, due to having \$54,065.14 in forfeitures the actual amount to be paid is \$19,787.34. The members voted as follows:

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:



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Approved:



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Grand Master

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April 17, 2025

No. 20

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken to accept an offer on the Ewart Property (Masonic Home Resident) located at 5900 NW 17th Place, Unit 214, Sunrise, Florida, 33313, for \$159,900. The members voted as follows:

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:



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
MARCH 15, 2025**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 10:06 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida with the following members present:

PRESENT:

M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman
R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali
W.: Mark A. Davis
R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira
R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob
R.: W.: John Paniccia
W.: Angel Sardina

ABSENT:

Brother Justin W. Franke, Vice Chairman
W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles

ALSO 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; M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; 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.: Antonio C. Chavez, W.: Grand Orator; Mr. Dan Newland, Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida; and other beloved residents of the Masonic Home. A complete list of those present is on file in the Grand Secretary's Office.

CALL TO ORDER: M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 and 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 and on file with the Grand Secretary's Office.

R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting on February 22, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: John Paniccia and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT: Dan Newland reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 75 residents in the Home. During the month of February, we had four admissions, no deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 79. Of those, 26 are men and 53 are women.

ADMITTED:

I. H., Private Pay (Non-Masonic)
J. E. sponsored by Doric Lodge No. 140
W. C., Private Pay (Non-Masonic)
H. H., Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

ADMIT DATE:

02/04/2025
02/06/2025
02/10/2025
02/21/2025

With four admissions, no losses by death, and no discharges the month of February ended with 36 Assisted Living and 43 Nursing Center for a total of 79 residents.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:

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

- New Business (follow up):
 - The recessed lights outside the front entrance related to the hurricanes this past year have been replaced. The debris in the south parking lot has been removed.
 - Dietary Services: The concerns with our current dietary provider continue and the new Administrator has been tasked with improving services. We are hopeful to come to a timely resolution in the near future.
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 - Community outreach efforts continue to improve census. In the past month seven hospital case managers, six physicians, and three elder care attorneys have been contacted to market the services of the facility.
 - The Administrator expressed appreciation to all the staff and volunteers who helped set up and support the activities for Pilgrimage Day.
 - Staffing Needs: There are currently six full-time and six part-time positions open.
 - Recruitment: There were nine new hires and six terminations in February.

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

R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali made a motion to approve the Administrator's Report as written and presented. Second was made by R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:

1. Replaced heavy duty door closers on utility room and staff restroom on N/C 1.

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

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- The committee discussed the chiller controls and preventative maintenance contracts. We have bids for the chiller controls from Harper Mechanical, Trane Heating & Air, Airstron Mechanical, and Cortez Heating & Air. We have bids for the preventative maintenance from Daikin Industries, Cortez Heating & Air, Harper Mechanical, and Airstron Mechanical. The committee recommends having one vendor for both contracts.
- Roof repairs were completed over the kitchen/dining area along with the Recreation Room, and the Assisted Living Facility. The next roofing priority will be the Residences of Coffee Pot Bayou.
- The new lights were installed in the main entrance canopy and north entrance canopy drive through areas. The grids are scheduled to be sanded and painted after Pilgrimage Day.
- Dabo Fire Inspection has been retained as our fire sprinkler vendor which will realize a savings of approximately \$4,000 per year.
- The tree vendor removed on large oak tree and ground the stumps of three large trees. This work was due to the hurricane damage.
- The kitchen hood system was cleaned on March 4, 2025, and any safety issues were taken care of.
- The Director of Maintenance will follow up on the back of house elevator repairs.
- The committee discussed that the inventory for the Masonic Home will need to be done in-house. It has been difficult to find a vendor who is willing to take on the task.
- The Director of Maintenance will follow up on the elevator repairs at the Residences of Coffee Pot Bayou.

R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira presented the Long Range Planning Committee and Facilities Reports 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 February from Estates and Wills was \$2,013.80, which brings the year-to-date total of funds received for the Masonic Home

Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$251,893.81. During the month of February 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.: Raymond M. Ali made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor's Report. R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob seconded the motion which carried.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, via video conference. There were no new applications for Fraternal Care or Non-Resident Relief to review. A revision of the Resident Application was reviewed and discussed.

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

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Census:

- 1) As of February 28th: Total of 79 residents; of which 39 are Fraternal Care and 40 are Private Pay with 28 of those being non-masonic. There are 43 residents in the SNF and 36 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
- 2) Fiscal Year to Date: (Starts April 1st)
 - i. Admissions = 22 (6 Fraternal and 16 Private Pay)
 - ii. Discharges/Deaths = 20 deaths, no discharges (8 Fraternal and 12 Private Pay)

2. Referral Summary:

- 1) 96 open leads in Salesforce: Lodge (38), Drive-by (24), Website (27), Other (6), Facebook (1)
- 2) SNF-21
- 3) ALF-65
- 4) Private Pay, Non-Masonic 38
- 5) Private Pay, Masonic 16
- 6) Fraternal Care 20
- 7) Undecided 22
- 8) Respite 1

3. Outreach Breakdown:

- 1) Community Referral – 2
- 2) Outreach – 3
- 3) Emergency Relief – 1
- 4) Non-Resident Relief - 3

4. Occupancy Breakdown:

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W.: Mark A. Davis presented the Operations Committee Report and moved for its adoption. R.: W.: John Paniccia seconded the motion which carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: We report that we are currently 7.23% favorable to the budget (\$656,143k) after eleven months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali presented the Budget Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman of the Board, welcomed everyone today as it is Pilgrimage Day and there are many fun activities planned. A special "Thank You" to the 29th Masonic District for preparing today's lunch, the Suncoast Masters and Wardens Association for setting up, and Mrs. Darcy Buck for all that she does. M.: W.: Aladro introduced Brother Patrick Hall who has been taking

care of the Masonic Home Facebook Page. Brother Hall reported that thousands of people have visited our page and are learning about our Masonic Home.

R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira made a motion to accept the contract with Airstron Mechanical for the chiller control and HVAC maintenance. R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob made a motion to approve the hiring of RB Health Partners, Inc., to assist with the Medicare and Medicaid application pending approval of General Counsel and the Corporate Board. W.: Mark A. Davis seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob made a motion to approve the hiring of Dee Dee McNichols to assist with the accounting side of Medicare and Medicaid to make sure we are compliant with state and federal rules and regulations, pending the approval of General Counsel and the Corporate Board. W.: Mark A. Davis seconded the motion which carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE GRAND MASTER:

Brother Patrick Hall presented the Grand Master with a Certificate of Recognition for being installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Florida from the District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas and Turks, English Constitution, on behalf of W.: David M. Rosenthal.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and members of the 27th and 29th Masonic Districts presented the Grand Master with a check for \$15,000 representing the proceeds from the Arabian Nights Fundraiser in memory of First Lady Dell Cowart.

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, addressed the room and thanked the Board of Trustees for a year of hard work and diligence in making the Masonic Home better. M.: W.: Cowart then thanked everyone for coming out for Pilgrimage day to celebrate our Masonic Home and our residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Masonic Home of Florida on April 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

W.: Mark A. Davis gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 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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April 30, 2025

TO: SECRETARIES OF ALL PARTICULAR LODGES

RE: DELINQUENT DUES NOTICE REQUIREMENTS PER SECTION 20, ARTICLE X OF
THE CONSTITUTION

Dear Brethren:

You are fraternally reminded that your members who are six (6) months in arrears in payment of their 2025 dues must have a "Notice of Delinquent Dues" forwarded to them by June 30, 2025, per the requirements of Article X, Section 20, of the Constitution.

Further, a "Final Notice and Summons" must be forwarded to the delinquent members who did not heed the first notice within three months, by September 30, 2025.

Form GL-610, "Notice of Delinquent Dues" and "Final Notice and Summons" is available through the Grand Secretary's Office upon request by the Particular Lodges.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/wj

cc: Grand Master
District Deputy Grand Masters



196th ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



SUNDAY:

Registration (Ballroom Foyer).....9:00 a.m.
Ladies Registration (Ballroom Foyer)9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
..... 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Church Service (Ballroom A)10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Memorial Service (Ballroom A) Immediately following Church Service
Board of Trustees Meeting (Salon 13)..... 1:00 p.m.
Grand Master's Homecoming/Banquet (Ballroom A)..... Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.-Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
(FORMAL DRESS – Tickets Required)

MONDAY:

Registration (Ballroom Foyer).....7:00 a.m.
Official Opening of the Grand Communication (Grand Ballroom).....9:00 a.m.
Ladies Coffee & Bingo & Registration (Salons 5/6)9:30 a.m.
Ladies Registration (Ballroom Foyer)9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
..... 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Grand Lodge Session Breaks for Lunch11:30 a.m.
Grand Lodge Session Reconvenes..... 1:00 p.m.
Grand Lodge Open Session 1:00 p.m.
(Open to wives and non-Masons – Presentation of Report by the Administrator of the Masonic Home and Grand Oration and Youth Presentations)
Grand Lodge Session Call from Labor to Refreshment..... 4:00 p.m.
Actual Past Master's Degree (Grand Ballroom)..... 5:00 p.m.
Florida Lodge of Research (Salon 8)..... 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

Registration (Ballroom Foyer).....8:00 a.m.
Grand Lodge Session Call from Refreshment to Labor.....9:00 a.m.
Ladies Luncheon (Salons 7 & 8)11:30 a.m.
Grand Lodge Session Breaks for Lunch11:30 a.m.
Grand Lodge Session Reconvenes..... 1:00 p.m.
Grand Lodge Session Call from Labor to Refreshment..... 4:30 p.m.
Senior Wardens and Junior Wardens meet with the
Grand Lodge Officers (Grand Lodge Room)..... Immediately following close of Session

WEDNESDAY:

Registration (Returns and Credentials – Salon 14).....8:00 a.m.
Grand Lodge Session Call from Refreshment to Labor.....9:00 a.m.
Installation of Grand Lodge Officers10:30 a.m.

DRESS:

Church/Memorial Service – Business Dress
Grand Master's Reception – Formal Dress
Grand Lodge Session – Business Dress
Ladies Coffee & Bingo – Casual
Ladies Luncheon – Business Casual



GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET/HOMECOMING TICKET ORDER FORM



Rosen Plaza Hotel – Orlando, Florida

Sunday, May 25, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Ballroom A

Formal Dress

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Introductions begin at 6:30 p.m.

MENU

Grilled Rib Eye Steak with Au jus

Caesar Salad

Horseradish Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes & Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Classic New York Cheesecake

Sugar Free Dessert Choice Upon Request

Coffee and Tea

Any special dietary needs such as sugar free, vegetarian, vegan, or fish, etc.:

***ORDER GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET/HOMECOMING TICKETS - \$50.00 each**

_____ Tickets @ \$50.00 each = _____

Please make checks payable to *Grand Lodge of Florida* and note: Grand Master's Banquet

For your convenience, the Grand Lodge also accepts major credit cards for this purchase:

Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

AMEX ☐ Discover ☐ security code on card: _____

Billing Address for Card: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signed: _____

MAIL TICKETS TO ME AT THIS ADDRESS:

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

SIGNED: _____

Mail to: Grand Lodge of Florida – 220 N Ocean Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202



Ladies Activities



Sunday, May 25, 2025

Registration – Ballroom Foyer – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 2025

Ladies Coffee and Bingo (*Dress: Casual*) – Salons 5/6 (2nd Floor) – 9:30 a.m.
Registration – Ballroom Foyer – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Ladies Luncheon – Salons 7/8 (2nd Floor) 11:30 a.m. – \$50.00
(*Dress: Business Casual - Tickets Required - Limited Seating*)

MENU

Pan Seared Natural Chicken Breast
with Citrus Beurre Blanc & Mango Salsa
Plaza Salad & Fresh Vegetables & Basmati Rice
Chocolate Truffle Cake (Sugar Free Choice Upon Request)
Coffee and Tea

Special dietary needs such as sugar free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.: _____

***ORDER LADIES LUNCHEON TICKETS - \$50.00 each**

_____ Tickets @ \$50.00 each = _____

Please make checks payable to GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA and note: Ladies Luncheon

For your convenience, the Grand Lodge also accepts major credit cards for this purchase:

Lady's Name: _____

Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

AMEX ☐ Discover ☐ 3 or 4 digit security code on card: _____

Billing Address for Card: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signed: _____

MAIL TICKETS TO ME AT THIS ADDRESS:

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

Mail to: Grand Lodge of Florida – 220 N Ocean Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

****You may also buy tickets at the Hotel when you register at the Ladies Registration****

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JULY 25TH & 26TH, 2025



Free & Accepted Masons of Florida — Est. 1824

Friday, July 25th

Registration from 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Reception Dinner 7:30pm - \$25 per person

Saturday, July 26th

Full Breakfast 7:00am - \$10 per person

Florida Lodge Opening, Reception of Grand Masters 8:15am

Georgia Lodge Opening — Entered Apprentice Degree

Alabama Lodge Opening — Fellow Craft Degree

Lunch Noonish - \$10 per person

Florida Lodge Opening — Master Mason Degree 1st Section

Florida District 6 Ceremonial Team — Master Mason Degree 2nd Section

Florida Master Mason Lecture

M.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master of Florida — 1st Half

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of Florida — 2nd Half

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Jackson Lodge N°1— 2818 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on April 8, 2025



Christmas RAFFLE CONTEST In July!

\$10 A TICKET! →



Celebrate the spirit of giving with our Christmas In July Raffle!
Join the festive fun and stand a chance to win a VISA gift card that will
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Proceeds go towards Sanford 62's Historic Building Restoration Project

WIN THE GRAND PRIZE !

\$500

2ND DRAWING WINNING

\$200

Drawing to take place at Sanford Lodge No. 62 July 31, 2025 @ 7:30pm



DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE
JULY 31, 2025
212 N PARK AVE,
SANFORD FL, 32746



OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS: BY ENTERING THIS DRAWING, THE TICKET PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE IS AWARE OF AND AGREES TO THE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS DRAWING. ONE WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN AT RANDOM ON OR ABOUT 7:30 PM ON 7/31/2025, AT 212 N. PARK AVE, SANFORD FL 32771 FROM ALL ELIGIBLE RAFFLE TICKETS RECEIVED. TICKET HOLDERS DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE AND/OR EMAIL. TWO CHANCES TO WIN PER TICKET. THE HOLDER OF A WINNING TICKET SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A \$500 VISA GIFT CARD OR A \$200 VISA GIFT CARD, UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THESE OFFICIAL RULES. ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS APPLY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEIT OF PRIZE. PRIZE IS NON-TRANSFERABLE. NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE PRIZE WILL BE MADE. 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. NO PURCHASE/CONTRIBUTION IS NECESSARY TO ENTER; YOU MAY OBTAIN A RAFFLE TICKET WITHOUT DONATING BY MAILING A STAMPED #9 ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, TO SANFORD LODGE NO. 62 P.O. BOX 1662, SANFORD, FL, 32772 BY 6/30/25. ONLY 1 ENTRY PER #9 ENVELOPE MAILED AND PER HOUSEHOLD. 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 ERROR. THE ODDS OF WINNING THE \$500 GIFT CARD ARE 1000:1 OR BETTER. THE ODDS OF WINNING THE \$250 GIFT CARD ARE 999:1 OR BETTER. SANFORD LODGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TICKETS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH ENTRANT. SANFORD LODGE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN TICKETS REDEEMED IN ERROR BY ITS AGENTS. SANFORD 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. ALL (100%) OF PROCEEDS GO TO THE RESTORATION OF SANFORD LODGE NO. 62'S HISTORIC BUILDING. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SANFORD LODGE NO. 62. ADDRESS: PO BOX 1662 SANFORD, FL 32772 PHONE: 407-446-2214 FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER CH68198 "A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL FREE 800-4357352 WITHIN THE STATE OR VISIT WWW.800HELPPFLA.COM. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE".