

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

May 25, 2025

No. 23

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 1:40 p.m. at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida 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:

M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.	M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.	M.:W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.	R.:W.: John E. Drewett, W.: Grand Pursuivant
R.:W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Dwight A. Wilson, W.: Junior Grand Deacon	R.:W.: James R. Kickliter, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian	R.:W.: John N. Dragneff, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Roberto Martinez, Jr., D.D.G.M. Dist. 8	R.:W.: L. Miguel Rivera, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Alexander Zambrano, D.D.G.M. Dist. 29	W.: John H. Eaton, 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. 21 of April 26, 2025; and Poll No. 22 of May 13, 2025. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MAY

- There is no COVID outbreak currently in the facility.
- Regulatory Updates: There are no new updates at this time.
- New Business (follow-up):
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 - SNF 41

- ALF 117
 - Private Pay, Non-Masonic 75
 - Private Pay, Masonic 22
 - Fraternal Care 32
 - Undecided 27
- C. **Outreach Breakdown:**
- Community Referral – 2
 - Non-resident Relief – 8
- D. **Occupancy Breakdown:**

Masonic Home of Florida OCCUPANCY BREAKDOWN 2025-2026												
Breakdown as of last day of April 2025												
Month ending: April	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	January	February	March
Fraternal Care - ALF	21											
Fraternal Care - SNF	17											
Private Pay - ALF	6											
Private Pay - SNF	6											
	50											
Private Pay - ALF	11											
Private Pay - SNF	18											
	29											
ALF												
Double Room - 2-people	2											
Double Room - 1-person	3											
Single Occupancy	30											
SNF												
Semi-private	37											
Private	2											
Extra Bed Fee	2											
Total Residents	79											
TOTAL ALF	38											
TOTAL SNF	41											
TOTAL	79											
% Fraternal Care	48.1%											
% Private Pay												
%Census	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 May 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 – MAY

There were no new applications for Fraternal Care or Non-Resident Relief to review for the month of May.

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

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

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

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 24819.001	R. O. (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 26367.008	W. P. (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 April. 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 APRIL

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

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

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR APRIL

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for April. R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of April as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, 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 April for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$574,710.32). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,710.32). During the month of April there were no funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of April which was seconded by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – APRIL

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

M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Relief Fund Report for April as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – APRIL

There is no Masonic Home Budget Report for the month of April as the final 2025-2026 Proposed Budget has not yet been approved by the Craft.

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 has completed the annual audit tendered by our Grand Secretary's Office.

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.

III. PROPERTIES:

All property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

IV. MASONIC HOME:

General Counsel has reviewed contracts for (i) Masonic Home Security (ii) Several meal tracker systems for Masonic Home Residents (iii) Updated Medicare questions (iv) Unifirst employee uniform contract. General Counsel has also reviewed closing documentation on a worker's compensation claim.

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.

It has been an honor and pleasure to work with this year's Board of Trustees, Corporate Board, and our Grand Master, M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart.

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 M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – APRIL

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of April, 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.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., 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 has had no 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
We have a contract for \$145,000.

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, thanked the Properties Committee for their hard work and due diligence throughout this year and commended them for doing an outstanding job.

R.: W.: William S. McCloud, Chairman of the Endowment and Investment Committee, recommended that the Corporate Board approve the recommendation made by Morgan Stanley Greystone to change managers from Congress Mid Cap to Federated Mid Cap and move the funds held in Congress Mid Cap to Federated Mid Cap totaling \$3,000,000.00.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to accept this change recommended by the Endowment and Investment Committee. 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 1:55 p.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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May 28, 2025

No. 1

The Organizational Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on May 28, 2025, by M.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

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R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
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M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer
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R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master. The Grand Master then requested R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, to give the Invocation.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, that the Grand Lodge Officers and Committees be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the year in the performance of their duties. Travel allowance for the driver of the automobile only, at the rate of \$0.50 per mile or actual expense of travel by commercial plane, train, or other commercial carrier. Hotel or motel rooms, meals, and miscellaneous expenses at actual cost, only to the limit of the amount budgeted for the Officers' or Committees' expense budget.

The cost of meals purchased for others must be itemized, including the date of the expenditure along with the Committee or title of the person(s) whose meal you purchased, the time and place of the meal and the cost. The nature of business or business reason for the expenditure must be indicated on the reimbursement request form. All expenditures must be supported by a receipt. Inadequate documentation will result in the expense reimbursement request being returned. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and seconded by R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, that all check vouchers issued by the Grand Secretary be delivered to the Grand Master on demand. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and seconded by R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M., that in the event of the incapacity of the Administrator, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are authorized to sign such payroll checks. Motion carried.

The Grand Master announced that the monthly meetings of the Corporate Board will be held at various locations or via video conference on the published date to begin at 11:00 a.m. or at another time as designated by the Grand Master.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, that Howard and Company, CPA, P.A., be hired/continue to conduct the audits in accordance with our Regulations. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and seconded by R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, that the Investment Management Agreement for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund between The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Morgan Stanley be extended for the ensuing year, with the Masonic Home Endowment and Investment Committee reviewing their performance. Motion carried.

The Grand Master requested that the Grand Secretary prepare the monthly Corporate Board Agenda and distribute it to each Board Member the week prior to the Corporate Board Meeting.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, that the petty cash in the Grand Secretary's Office be continued at the present amount. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M., that the Minutes of the 196th Annual Grand Communication, having not been read in the Annual Grand Communication, be published and distributed in the Proceedings after having been reviewed by the Grand Master and immediate Past Grand Master. Motion carried.

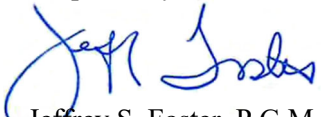
The Grand Master discussed proposed guidelines for the Properties Committee. Motion was made by M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, and seconded by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, for the guidelines to remain the same. Motion carried.

The Grand Master announced that the next Corporate Board Meeting will be held June 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida.


Prior to closing, the Benediction was given by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

There being no further business, M.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master, Chairman, closed the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.
Secretary to the Board

Approved:


Taleb T. Atala
Grand Master

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
MAY 25, 2025**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando 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
W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles
R.: W.: John Paniccchia
W.: Angel Sardina

ABSENT:

Brother Justin W. Franke, Vice Chairman EXCUSED

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CALL TO ORDER: M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.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.

R.: W.: John Paniccchia made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting on April 26, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT: The Administrator reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 78 residents in the Home. During the month of April, we had two admissions, one death, and no discharges bringing the total to 79. Of those, 26 are men and 53 are women.

ADMISSIONS:

R. O., Sponsored by Village Lodge No. 315, Assisted Living
W.P., Private pay, Non-Masonic, Assisted Living

ADMIT DATE:

04/07/2025
04/21/2025

DECEASED:

V.B., Sponsored by St. Petersburg, Lodge No. 139
Date of Admission: 02/23/2018

DECEASED DATE:

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

LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT: The total funds received during the month of April from Estates and Wills was \$952,373.01, which brings the year-to-date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$952,373.01. During the month of April there were no funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor's Report as presented by W.: Demetrios Kirkiles on behalf R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali seconded the motion which carried.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: There were no applications for Fraternal Care or Non-Resident Relief for review this month.

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

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- B. **Referral Summary:**
 - 158 open leads in Salesforce: Lodge (56), Drive-by (47), Website (30), Staff Member (7), Current Resident (7), Current Family Member (5), Print Advertisement (3), Facebook (1), Physician Referral (1)
 - SNF 41
 - ALF 117
 - Private Pay, Non-Masonic 75
 - Private Pay, Masonic 22
 - Fraternal Care 32
 - Undecided 27

- C. Outreach Breakdown:**
- Community Referral – 2
 - Non-resident Relief – 8
- D. Occupancy Breakdown:**

Masonic Home of Florida													
OCCUPANCY BREAKDOWN													
2025-2026													
Breakdown as of last day of April 2025													
Month ending: April	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	January	February	March	
Fraternal Care - ALF	21												
Fraternal Care - SNF	17												
Private Pay - ALF	6												
Private Pay - SNF	6												
	50												
Private Pay - ALF	11												
Private Pay - SNF	18												
	29												
ALF													
Double Room - 2-people	2												
Double Room - 1-person	3												
Single Occupancy	30												
SNF													
Semi-private	37												
Private	2												
Extra Bed Fee	2												
Total Residents	79												
TOTAL ALF	38												
TOTAL SNF	41												
TOTAL	79												
% Fraternal Care	48.1%												
% Private Pay													
%Census	42.2%												

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:

M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, reported that since the Budget has not yet been approved by the Craft there is no Budget to be presented.

OLD BUSINESS: M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro gave the year end Board of Trustees report. We were not 100% of our goals for the year but are 90% completed. M.: W.: Aladro reminded everyone to share the Facebook posts for the Masonic Home.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GRAND MASTER'S COMMENTS:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, thanked the Craft, the Board of Trustees, and Administrator of the Masonic Home. M.: W.: Cowart thanked the members of the Board of Trustees for their diligence and exploring various ways to progress forward. Thank you for giving the Residents a better way of life. Hopefully the new Board of Trustees will continue the forward progress. Good luck to the 2025-2026 Board of Trustees. The Grand Master also thanked the Administrator, Mr. Dan Newland, for his hard work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Masonic Home of Florida on June 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

W.: Mark A. Davis gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
May 28, 2025**

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:35 p.m. on May 28, 2025, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, and via Microsoft Teams, by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, with the following members present:

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman
W.: Mark A. Davis
R.: W.: Glen L. Garner
W.: Taylor Z. Neil
R.: W.: John Paniccia
W.: Angel Sardina
R.: W.: Michael J. St-Laurent

ALSO PRESENT:

M.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer
R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

EXCUSED:

Brother Justin W. Franke, Vice Chairman
R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, asked all assembled to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Invocation was given by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman.

A motion was made by W.: Angel Sardina, seconded by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, that Mr. Daniel Newland be hired as the Administrator of the Masonic Home until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in June. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Glen L. Garner and seconded by W.: Angel Sardina, that R.: W.: John Paniccia be appointed Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Michael J. St- Laurent, seconded by R.: W.: Glen L. Garner, to set the daily residency fees as follows:

- Skilled Nursing: \$325 per day for semi-private rooms, extra bed space \$100 per day
- Skilled Nursing: \$375 per day for private rooms
- Assisted Living: \$150 per day, 2 room suites \$225 per day and 50% for 2nd person

A motion by W.: Taylor Z. Neil, seconded by R.: W.: Michael J. St-Laurent, was made to set the Petty Cash Fund at \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

The time of the Board Meetings will be 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month and workshops and Sub-Committee meetings will be held as needed, unless rescheduled by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by R.:W.: John Paniccia, seconded by W.: Taylor Z. Neil, for the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer to sign payroll checks in the absence of the Administrator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Angel Sardina, seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia, to have the Audit of the Masonic Home in accordance with the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, seconded by W.: Angel Sardina, that all property be handled in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Corporate Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Michael J. St-Laurent, seconded by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, to have contracts drawn for sale or disposal of property, approved by the Properties Committee, reviewed by a proper attorney, and signed by the Grand Master. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Taylor Z. Neil, seconded by R.:W.: Michael J. St- Laurent, that the revision of printed documents submitted to the Board by the staff of the Masonic Home for the June meeting be considered for permanent acceptance at all future meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Angel Sardina, seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia, that the contract agreement with Morabito Natural Gas be amended to reflect the price at .66 cents instead of .61 cents. Motion carried.

R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, presented M.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master, with an AED defibrillator unit. M.:W.: Atala thanked the Chairman of the Board for working on the Board of Trustees and looks forward to a great year.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be June 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The Benediction was given by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner.

There being no further business, R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, closed the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob
Chairman



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 July 12th, 2025

11:00am - 2:00pm

Baked Beans • Coleslaw • Cheese Grits • Hush puppies

Sweet tea included (dine in only). Sodas available for \$1.

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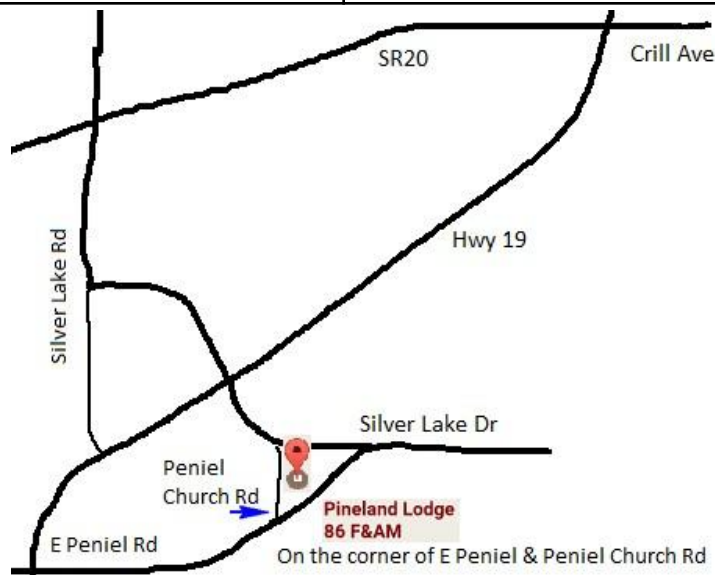
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VENICE MASONIC LODGE NO. 301

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

118 E VENICE AVE, VENICE, FLORIDA
REGISTRATION: 10:30AM - GAME STARTS AT 11:00AM

**\$40
PER
TEAM**

**1ST PLACE
TEAM WINS
\$100**

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FEAST ON A VARIETY OF DELICIOUS PASTA DISHES:

- **Classic Spaghetti and Meat Sauce:** A timeless favorite, rich with savory meaty sauce.
- **Penne Pasta with Clam Sauce/ White Sauce:** Indulge in a dente pasta coated in a luxurious clam or white sauce. Your choice.
- **Crystal's Famous Baked Ziti:** It's back again by popular demand.

RSVP TODAY!

We look forward to
seeing you there!



EVENT DETAILS:

Date: September 13 2025

Time: 12:00–4:00 PM

Location: Hyde Park
Masonic Lodge
6744 McMullin St
Jacksonville, FL 32210

RAFFLE FOR GIFT CARDS — JUST FOR ATTENDIN-G:

Raffles throughout the evening will be held just for attending and supporting the Lodge.





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 FORT CLINCH OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE

Brothers of Amelia Lodge have been conferring the Master Mason Degree for over 3 decades inside the fort that is located on the north end of Amelia Island. Confederate forces seized the fort in early 1861 and Master Masons from both sides met and held meetings inside the fort according to fort records. Travel back in time to a lantern lit Fort Clinch as the Degree Team confers the Master Mason Degree in Civil War attire, and please feel free to wear yours.

Supper will be served at Amelia Lodge from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Supper reservations requested at 47ameliamembers@gmail.com

After dinner, meet at Fort Clinch inside of historic Fort Clinch State Park! Park admittance and parking is free to Brothers attending the Degree.

Your current dues card is required. Bring bug spray, folding chair, and a light jacket.

Other activities available include Amelia River Cruises, Golf, 14-Miles of Atlantic Coast Beach, Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach. Lodging available adjacent to Park entrance. Contact the Park for camping info.

TOURS AND EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE
WEEKEND

SUPPER AT THE
LODGE FROM 3 – 5
PM

GAVEL RAPS AT

6 PM!

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AMELIA LODGE NO. 47

1101 South 14th Street
Fernandina Beach, FL

www.amelialodge47.org



LANDMARK LODGE 383

presents
4th Annual
Classic Car Show

OCTOBER 25, 2025

REGISTRATION 8:30AM-9:30AM

SHOW 10AM-1:30PM

TROPHY AWARDS AT 1PM

720 N APACHE CIR
DELTONA, FL 32738

FREE ADMISSION TO PUBLIC

50/50

door prizes

food

DJ

PRE-REGISTER BY SCANNING QR
CODE BY SEPTEMBER 24TH 2024

Pre-registration \$15.

Day of the show \$20.

Car entries receive unique raffle ticket



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Approved for Distribution by MW Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master June 17, 2025



FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Tim Kennedy PHONE: 386-789-8440 or Len Morreale PHONE 407-401-3876

Portions of the Fundraising proceeds from this event are donated to "Boys and Girls Club Deltona & Pine Ridge FFA", Local Youth groups, Children's homes, and other charities and community events by Landmark Lodge



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OCTOBER 25 2025

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- Tent, Table, 2 Chairs
- VIP Luncheon, Photo Op
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BRONZE LEVEL - \$100

All Sponsorships Include:

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* Returning Legacy Sponsors receive access to VIP Luncheon

* Please let us know if you or your business would like to donate items to be included in our Swag Bags.

Sponsorships must be submitted by September 5, 2025 for program printing

Questions - Please call
Tim Kennedy
407-491-0193

Landmark Lodge

Car Show Sponsorship Information

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☐ Gold: \$500.00 ☐ Silver: \$250.00 ☐ Bronze: \$100.00

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To the Officers of The Masonic Lodges of Florida:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida, **your Masonic Home**, I am proud to thank you for your years of support and generosity. We come to you again to help with our mission of supporting and caring for our elderly Brothers and Sisters residing at the Home.

As a healthcare facility, we understand that life is fragile and the ability to save and preserve a life is a privilege. The staff of the Home works toward that goal every day. With that goal in mind, we are in need of some lifesaving equipment to accomplish our mission.

The Home needs to purchase 3 Automatic Electronic Defibrillator units (AEDs) and train the staff in their use. Although we hope to need them infrequently, when they are needed to save a life, there is no substitute. We are going to purchase 3 AED units at \$1,784 apiece (\$5,141 for all 3 units). Additionally, we need to staff training, now and on-going on a biannual basis, approximately \$1,000 per training cycle.

I am asking that your Lodge or Masters and Wardens Association consider sponsoring an AED unit or the associated training to help protect our elderly Brothers and Sisters. This would be a tax-deductible donation for those appropriate organizations or individuals.

Please send checks to:

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida
220 N Ocean Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202-3218

Please Make Checks out to:

Masonic Charities, Inc.
Note: MH AED fund

Thank your all your support in the past for the Masonic Home and helping us continue the work of keeping our Brothers and Sisters safe.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Patrick Jacob". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "R" and a cursive "P" and "J".

R.W.: R. Patrick Jacob
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Masonic Home of Florida

High Springs Lodge No. 137 – Glock Raffle

**Drawing to
be held at:** High Springs Lodge No. 137
18616 NW 241st Street
High Springs, FL 32643

On or About:
09/23/2025
7:00 pm

2 PRIZES:

GLOCK OF YOUR CHOICE*

*Manufacturer Redemption Certificate for
Standard Model Glock
(MOS models & long barrel models require
\$70-\$90 upgrade fee)



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\$10.00 donation per ticket; \$50.00 for 6 tickets; \$100.00 for 13 tickets

(MINIMUM SUGGESTED) – NON-DEDUCTIBLE

THE WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

WINNER MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS BELOW:

GUN 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. HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM, LOCATED AT 18616 NW 241st Street, HIGH SPRINGS, FL 32643, IS CONDUCTING A RAFFLE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES TO RAISE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM GENERAL FUND. THE WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN AT RANDOM ON OR ABOUT **SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 @ 7:00 pm** AT HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM, LOCATED AT 18616 NW 241ST STREET, HIGH SPRINGS, FL 32643, FROM ALL ELIGIBLE RAFFLE TICKETS RECEIVED. THERE WILL BE (2) SEPARATE DRAWINGS FOR (2) SEPARATE **MANUFACTURER REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE** FOR A STANDARD MODEL GLOCK. ONE (1) CHANCE TO WIN PER TICKET. ONE WINNER IS POSSIBLE FOR BOTH PRIZES DEPENDING ON MULTIPLE TICKETS PURCHASED. WINNER(S) HAS OPTION TO UPGRADE EACH CERTIFICATE TO INCLUDE AN M.O.S. MODEL OR LONG BARREL MODEL FOR A REQUIRED \$70 - \$90 FEE, PAYABLE BY THE WINNER(S). THE WINNER(S) WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE. TICKET HOLDERS DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. WINNER(S) AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE **MANUFACTURER REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE** IN ORDER TO CLAIM PRIZE. THE PRIZE MUST BE PICKED UP AT A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE. WINNER(S) MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO LAWFULLY RECEIVE AND POSSESS A FIREARM AND BE 21 YEARS OF AGE. ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS APPLY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN FORFEIT OF PRIZE. THE PRIZE IS NON-TRANSFERABLE. NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE PRIZE WILL BE MADE. ALL PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE WINNING DRAWING DATE. THE WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL TAXES AND FEES AND REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECK. ENTRANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. **ONE TICKET FOR TEN DOLLARS OR 6 TICKETS FOR FIFTY DOLLARS OR THIRTEEN TICKETS FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.** MINIMUM DONATION IS SUGGESTED. DONATIONS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION. THE ODDS OF WINNING THE PRIZE WILL DEPEND ON A MAXIMUM OF **700** RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD. HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TICKETS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH ENTRANT. HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN TICKETS OR TICKETS REDEEMED IN ERROR BY ITS AGENTS. HIGH SPRINGS NO. 137 F&AM, 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. TICKET WILL BE VOID AND NO PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED IF THERE IS PROOF THAT THE TICKET WAS STOLEN, UNISSUED, INELIGIBLE, ALTERED, COUNTERFEIT IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DEFECTIVE, PRINTED IN DUPLICATE OR PRINTED/PRODUCTION IN ERROR. WINNER AGREES TO ALLOW HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS TO PROMOTE FUTURE DRAWINGS. AFTER THE PURCHASE OF THE PRIZES, ALL NET PROCEEDS (100%) OF DONATIONS WILL GO TO HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM GENERAL FUND. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HIGH SPRINGS LODGE NO. 137 F&AM, EMAIL – brianebel.highsprings137@gmail.com, FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER, **CH79312**. **A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE."

Approved for Distribution by M.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master, June 30, 2025



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While the Magazine intends to offer a variety of voices and writing styles in each issue, each article must follow some basic guidelines:

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