# And Now A Word



#### The East

With another month in the books, I want to take just a moment to thank all the brothers that came out last month and supported the City of Winter Park's 4th of July Celebration. We had a great turnout and provided valuable and much needed assistance.

I would like to thank all the brothers who took time out of their summer plans to attend our stated communications. Most lodges went dark this summer, but we decided to continue meeting. We had several visitor brothers as well as men interested in becoming members stop by. I would also like to thank R:.W:. Glen & Chet for making sure the lodge room ac repair was completed as quickly as possible and with no disruption to our meetings. There's still some fine tuning that needs to be done, but for the most part, the ac in the lodge room and dining room are fully functional. Now that those repairs are complete, there will be a small work party to do some cleaning and organizing in the attic.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on Aug 13 and will also be our first official visit with our newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master, Larry Williamson. Brothers, I hope that you will come out and show your support, not only for the District Deputy Grand Master, but also for your lodge. I've attended the the other DDGM visits this fall and it seems that the visitors have outnumbered the members. I would hope that will not be the case when it comes to Winter Park Lodge. Since we currently have the Traveling Gavel, I expect there will be several lodges coming to take it.

Starting this month, we will be holding Masonic Education meetings on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. We will be covering the Master Mason Exams, Lodge Officer Training Course, and Masonic Leadership Training. While it's hoped that the officers will attend whenever possible, it is not meant solely for officers. Any brother interested in learning more about our fraternity is encouraged to attend. If you are interested, please let the secretary or myself know so that materials can be ordered. At a min-

imum, brothers attending will need a copy of the Digest of Masonic Law. This can either be purchased from Grand Lodge or downloaded as a pdf.

Make sure you check the calendar page for upcoming events, including Open Books on the 31st. There will also be a Zone 5 Masonic Education/Masonic Leadership Training workshop on the 24th at Leesburg Lodge. Coming up in September will be a Fellow Craft Degree on Sep 3rd, and the Widows & Past Master's Luncheon. In November, we will be hosting a Zone 5 Masonic Leadership Training event at Winter Park Lodge. As you can see, there are plenty of events and training opportunities for anyone looking to get involved. I hope you will join me at these and the many other events taking place within our lodge and around the district for the remainder of the year.

#### John Halter

### Worshipful Master



The West

Dear Friends and Brothers,

Old Fashion 4th of July was well attended, better than ever. Thanks for attending and a special thanks to the kids. The volunteers just showed up this year. It's what we do on the 4th of July. Brothers can just show up and find other brothers and a job. This year the planners didn't get enough volunteers and they had not planned on us. We covered the water tent, one of the hotdog tents and had some people covering the kids activities.

As you've seen from the announcements R:.W:. Larry Williamson will make his official visit on August 13th. We went to a visit a couple of weeks ago and it was a brief meeting. R:.W:. spoke and we had one committee man speak. This year one or two committee men will visit our Lodge each meeting to give a more extensive explanation of their program. Knowing the facts of a program is better than getting the 20 second version, which I've always awaited with dread. You'll like this better. Don't forget to ask questions.

Jeff Morgan Senior Warden

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### The South

July was a fairly calm month for us at the Lodge, but that doesn't mean we can get complacent. We have several Entered Apprentices who are diligently making progress towards becoming Fellow Crafts, which means that we'll be having a Fellow Craft degree coming down the pipe. Anyone who is interested in learning any of the chairs for this degree, please contact me ASAP and let me know. Learning and performing ritual work has always been a part of the Craft that I enjoy immensely. Part of it is because of my performer in me as a musician, but also because our ritual is what makes us who we are as an organization. Our Lodge has always had a reputation for having some of the best ritualists in the area, which is all the reason for you younger/newer Brethren to start learning parts so we can maintain that reputation.

Looking back briefly, I wanted to mention that our participation in the Winter Park Independence Day festivities was an excellent showing for our Lodge. Having been the District Public Relations & Publicity committeeman last year, I can assure you that we sent a strong message to the city that we're still a vibrant and important aspect of our local community. Our showing of numbers and enthusiasm for helping out was certainly felt, if not noticed, by everyone in attendance that day. Thank you to those Brothers who were able to make it out for any part of that day. These sort of events are things that we should be on the lookout for down the road so we can keep out faces fresh in the community. Lastly, I would like to again remind and encourage anyone who is interested in attending the Zone Masonic Education seminar at Leesburg Lodge #58 on August 24th at 8AM. As I said last month, these seminars are an excellent way to learn about the operations of a Lodge. They are also a great way to meet brothers from the other Lodges in the Zone.

### Justin McDonald Junior Warden



### The Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk::

Recently, I took my family to New Hampshire for vacation. Before I left, I contacted two lodges in New Hampshire, asking if they were meeting and I could visit. I never heard back from either one. And when I got back to the Sunshine State, I found

an email which started with the words, "Most of you have already heard of the passing of Brother..." I had not heard that. I was nine states away. This particular Brother who passed away is a Mason who I held in high regard and his passing was upsetting. It is distressing that one of the biggest hurdles our great Fraternity faces is Communication.

Today, email and cell phones are the standard. For many years, a large number of people resisted the technological advance but by now it should be clear that it is inevitable and permanent. Everybody should have an email account and check it every day. It can be done for free. Everybody should have a cell phone and be able to send and receive text messages. Everybody should have a Facebook account and check it regularly. None of these things require excessive time or money. In the early 20th century, the Post Office started leaving mail at houses. So people set up mail slots and mail boxes to collect their mail. Once again it is time to adapt. Communication is a two-way street. Today is a great day to contact a Brother, because now, more than ever, there are so many ways to communicate.

### Chris Chag, PM Secretary



#### The Treasurer

Winter Park Masonic Lodge has six cemetery plots in the "Garden of Truth" at Glen Haven Memorial Park located at 2300 Temple Drive in Winter Park. These six remaining plots are available for sale with all proceeds to benefit the Lodge. For details or to make a purchase, please contact me at 407-405-3268.

### Chester A. King, PDDGM Treasurer



### The Chaplain

Please remember to keep in your prayers the men, ladies and children of Freemasonry. As always keep in prayer all those whose jobs put them in harms way.

Neal Tish, PM Chaplain

# Masonic Events

# R:.W:. LARRY WILLIAMSON WELCOME TO WINTER PARK NO. 239

Official Visit - August 13th

Dinner at 6:30pm and Lodge meeting at 7:30pm

R:.W:. Williamson will be sharing his agenda for his year as District Deputy Grand Master of the Proud 17th Masonic District.

### Lodge Sales Showcase

Pins, Knives, Cufflinks, Shirts, Hats, Car Emblems,

Coffee Mugs, Aprons

### **Charity of the Month:**

RARA Royal Arch Research Assistance

Open Books Moved to August 31st

9am-3pm

Check out the lodge website: www.winterparklodge.org





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## August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
						M & W Oviedo #243
4 Lodge Officer meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Refreshments- 6:30pm Stated- 7:30pm DDGM visit	District School of Instruction @ Oviedo #243	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Zone 5 ME/ MLT @ Leesburg 8am
25	26	27 Dinner-6:30pm Stated-7:30pm	28 District School of Instruction @ Oviedo #243	29	30	31 Open Books 9-3

### On Deck

Petitions Received:
William S. White



### Dinner Menu

First Stated Meeting

August 13th

**Second Stated Meeting** 

August 27<sup>th</sup>

### OES Pioneer Chapter 99

O.E.S. Pioneer Chapter #99 is looking for new members from Winter Park Lodge and the Masonic community. Masons and their Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Widows and Sister of Masons qualify for membership. For more information, call Secretary Beth Strayer at 407-462-4148. Pioneer Chapter 99 meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm at the Winter Park Lodge. Please Come Out And Support The Chapter!

### Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Kismet Court #86 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner starting at 6pm. If you are interested in attending the dinner as a social or getting information on LOS, please contact High Priestess Candy Gillespie at 407-888-3473. Ladies related by birth, marriage or adoption to a member in good standing or a deceased member who was in good standing as a Noble or a Master Mason and are 18 years of age are qualified. We raise money for Special Projects that benefit our Shrine children, march in parades and anything fun.

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Masonic Trivia – August 2013

"What is the Seal of Solomon?"

The "Seal of Solomon" is a six pointed star. It is also known as the "Star of David" or the "Shield of David" and can be found called, "Magen David." It is a hexagonal figure consisting of two interlaced triangles. The symbol is very old and has ancient roots that record its history. In A. G. Mackey's "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," he writes of the talismanic power of this symbol. Among its extensive powers was its ability to extinguish fire and prevent against wounds in battle. It was known to the Jews as the Shield of David and to the Orientalists as the Seal of Solomon. It was one of the most recognized symbols in ancient times and was equal to the cross in commonality.

Over time, the symbol gradually lost its magical reputation. The Hermetic philosophers of the Middle Ages, however, did use it as one of their mystical symbols but throughout the ages it has been interpreted differently. The two triangles have been compared to fire and water, life and death, and resurrection and judgment among others. In modern times, it is the symbol most associated with Judaism although this was not always the case. It was not until the 16th century that the symbol began to be found on the outside of synagogues to identify them as Jewish houses of worship. Earlier than that, it was believed to be a symbol of good luck and was found throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

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