

# Winter Park Lodge

No. 239

February 2024

The Trestle Board is your monthly newsletter brought to you by the Brothers of Winter Park Lodge No. 239  
Stated Communications are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month  
Refreshment at 6:30p • Meeting at 7:30p  
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Greetings from the East Brethren!

Wow, I will never get used to saying that. Thank you everyone so much for having the confidence in me to elect me to the East. As the Installations for District 16 are now over I have to make a few observations. Firstly, Winter Park's Installation was so well attended it was literally a shock to me. Officially over 160 people in attendance. What a wonderful show of support from the brothers of Winter Park and the whole of District 16. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul. But even better, the brothers of Winter Park spread far and wide and EVERY SINGLE Installation in our District was attended and supported by at least one Officer of the Lodge and various brothers. I am so proud of everyone for the show of support and all the Installations were very well attended. But lets move forward. We've got

some great things planned! We have an EA Degree coming up on Feb 8th. Very much looking forward to that as our own RW Willie B will be in the East. We are having our first of our Monthly Game Nights at the Lodge on Friday Feb 16th at 7pm. EVERYONE is invited! And due to a minor change in the schedule, the very next day we are having our joint Winter Park/ South Seminole on Saturday Feb 17th from 11-2. There will be backyard games, probably a blow up slide for the kids, and your very own WM will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers with South Seminole providing the sides. Its gonna be a lot of fun, don't miss it! And that night is the Fellowship Ball as well, I attend this event every year and every year it sells out. On Feb 21st there's an MLT Workshop at 630 at Eola covering Modules 1-3. Feb 28th School of Instruction at South Seminole at 630pm. A combined Masonic Education/ MLT at South Seminole the next night of February 29th as well. And of course our very own ritual practice led by W. Justin Mcdonald on Feb 20th at 730. So many opportunities to learn and grow! And of course lets not forget our Stated Communications on the 13th and the 27th. That ones gonna be special as we have a Masonic Education guest speaker. Winter Garden's very own Vlad Mitton has some things to say, and I bet they will be great! Its looking like its gonna be another amazing month at Winter Park and the 16th District in general! Can't wait to see you all there!

Look well to the East,

Preston Weis  
Worshipful Master

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Billy Triplett, PM  
Senior Warden



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Greetings from the South Brethren,

As we delve into the second month of our Masonic journey this year, the vibrant camaraderie among us is truly inspiring. The spirit of brotherhood is alive, paving the way for a series of monthly reflections and celebrations.

This February, let's magnify the warmth within our lodge by extending a heartfelt invitation to our families. In the upcoming months, we'll introduce family-friendly initiatives to enhance our dinner gatherings, creating an environment that warmly welcomes the significant others, children, relatives, and friends of our brethren.

Family is the cornerstone of our lives, and this monthly initiative aims to celebrate the bonds we share as brothers while embracing the support and love of our families. The energy we bring from our homes will undoubtedly shape the atmosphere of our gatherings, making them truly inviting and inclusive.

Looking ahead, let's make each month a unique celebration of fraternal bonds and family ties. Together, we'll weave a tapestry of warmth and connection, making this Masonic year exceptionally memorable.

Fraternally,

Bro. Juan Pablo Carrero B.

Junior Warden





My Brothers,

I want to thank the Brothers of Winter Park Masonic Lodge No. 239 for electing me as Treasurer for a second year. My first year was a learning experience and filling the shoes of R:W: Chet King was a fun challenge. I want to thank him personally for all the knowledge that he has bestowed upon me. I look forward to another great year and looking forward to serving the Craft. If we have not met, I will make every effort to meet you.

Fraternally,

Greg Seavers, PM  
Treasurer



My Brothers,

I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me to serve as the Secretary for Winter Park Lodge. I also want to thank our Jr Past Secretary, W.: Michael Catello for his help during the transition, as well as his ongoing support with the many questions I've had.

As Secretary, one of my many duties is to remind the brethren of their obligation to pay their dues in a timely manner. We currently have roughly 1/3 of our dues-paying members that have not yet paid their 2024 dues. The lodge relies on these funds to operate and for our day to day expenses. Dues notices were sent out last fall, so if you have not received yours, please contact me so that we can verify your mailing address. If you would like, you can pay your dues online by clicking [here](#).

Also, we are once again offering the Annual Dinner Club! This gives you the opportunity to pre-pay for all of your meals for Stated and Called Communications, as well as any other Masonic event hosted by our lodge for the entire year of 2024! To purchase, you can use the link below or scan the QR code in my office.

### [Annual Dinner Club](#)

I look forward to serving the lodge and you, my brothers. I would ask that you contact me if you have any changes to your mailing or email address, as well as your phone number. If you have moved and you're not sure that we have your current address, please email it to [secretary@winterparklodge.org](mailto:secretary@winterparklodge.org) and I will be happy to verify it for you. Also, if you have any questions regarding your membership, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,  
John Halter, PM  
Secretary

Pay your dues here

<https://winterparklodge.org/pay-your-dues/>

Has your contact information changed? New address? New phone?

Email [secretary@winterparklodge.org](mailto:secretary@winterparklodge.org) so we can keep your records up to date

Attentive Ears &  
Instructive Tongues

#### [Petitions Received](#)

Giancarlo Molina

#### [Entered Apprentice](#)

#### [Fellow Craft](#)

#### [Master Mason](#)

Christian Alberto Compana-Emard

## Your 2024 Officers

**Worshipful Master:** Preston Weis  
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407.803.3286 [fenian117@hotmail.com](mailto:fenian117@hotmail.com)

**Junior Deacon:** Pedro Arcila Silva

**Chaplain:**

**Musician:** Mike Seeley (Nancie)  
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**Senior Steward:** Curtis Murray

**Junior Steward:** Eric LeGrow

**Marshall:** Carlos Lopez Landaeta, PM

**Tyler:** Tyler Mitchell



## Masonic Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
George Reed	65
John Kemp Jr	62
Karl Stimson Jr	54
Walter Becker	47
Steven Talbott	37
Charles Davis	22
Raymond Morrison	19
Michael Catello	12
Stephen Bratton Jr	7
Tushaar Desai	7
Steven Blanton	2
Thomas Kiefer	2
Curtis Murray	2

## February Birthdays

Brother	Day
Charles Burks Jr	1
Benjamin Smith	2
Brian Roberts	3
Paul Jubelt	4
Justin LaWarre	5
Archie Haberer	15
Kevin McCoy	15
Robert Miller	15
Jeffrey Onest	15
John Watkins Jr	15
Christopher Kozlowski	16
Robert Washick	18
Kendall Tabor Jr	23
Albert Fiala	24
Michael Bledsoe	26

February Celebrations



In 2010 R.:W.: H. Glen Avery challenged each of us to contribute to the building fund each year on our birthday. This gift was to represent one dollar for each year of the birthday you are celebrating. Every dollar of your gift will be put into the building fund for use in managing our facilities and helping us to keep it in the pristine condition we have all come to appreciate. You can make your donation by check or credit card. Please see the Secretary or Treasurer for more information.

## Charity of the Month

For the remainder of the year, Winter Park No. 239 will be focusing on the Masonic Home as our charity, and specifically the LYPMGC program. Our focus will be to increase donations to this program to support the home.

Any Brother wishing to donate a little extra to this fund may send a check to the Lodge and put LYPMGC in the notes field.





## Important News from the Proud 16th Masonic District

### District 16 School of Instruction

Led by R.:H.: Patrick Uppole

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30p / South Seminole No. 364

### Open Books

Saturday, February 24, 8a-12p / Winter Park No. 239



### Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is commonly known as the Scottish Rite. It is one of several groups that are part of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite is the largest and most widely practiced Masonic Rite in the world and employs a Lodge system. It is our mission to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country. The Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando meets every 4th Friday at the Winter Park Masonic Center. For more information, please contact Ill. Keith Albright, General Secretary at 407-657-4550.

### Order of the Eastern Star Pioneer Chapter 99

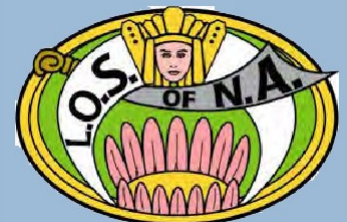
The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. It gives them the opportunity to give a part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind. Our lessons are scriptural, our purposes are beneficent, and our teachings are moral. OES Pioneer Chapter is looking for new members from the Masonic community. Masons & their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters all qualify. For more information, please call Ann Dunlap, Secretary at 407-748-1685. Pioneer Chapter meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:30pm at Winter Park Lodge building.



### Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

LOS Kismet Court #86 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm with dinner starting at 6pm. If you are interested in getting more information on LOS Kismet Court No. 86, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/KismetCourt86/>



For more information contact our recorder, Susan Sexton, at smssexton64@yahoo.com or Hillary Cohan 2018-2019 High Priestess at samtheharley1234@aol.com. Ladies do not have to be related to a Mason to join. Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America raises money for the Shriner's Hospital for Children and Special Projects for the hospitals.

## February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9a M&W @ SS364
4	5	6 7:30p Lodge Ritual Practice	7	8 7:00p EA @ WP239	9	10
11	12	13 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Stated	14	15	16 7p Lodge Game Night	17 11a Lodge Cookout 5p Fellowship
18	19	20 7:30p Lodge Ritual Practice	21 6p Philosophy Book Club	22	23	24 Open Books 8a-12n
25	26	27 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Stated	28 6:30p School of Instruction @ SS364	29 6:30p <b>ME</b> / MLT @ SS364, Mods 11,12		

Irish Rite - After every Stated Meeting at Gator's Dockside on Redbug Road



Cigars & Conversation on the Lodge Patio Prior to our Regular Meetings

## Winter Park Past Masters

1916 - Benjamin W. Stone\* (UD)  
1917 - Benjamin W. Stone\*  
1918 - Homer S. Hope\*  
1919 - J. Otis Hale\*  
1920 - Walter H. Schultz\*  
1921 - Frank J. Lindergreen\*  
1922 - Raymond W. Green\*  
1923 - William G. Hoffman\*  
1924 - James E. Harper\*  
1925 - Adolphus A. Wesson\*  
1926 - H. Earl Cole\*  
1927 - J.A. Podmore\*  
1928 - George C. Dolive\*  
1929 - Warren M. Ingram\*  
1930 - Willis J. Johson\*  
1931 - Willis J. Johson\*  
1932 - Milton A. Perch\*  
1933 - Forrest B. Stone\*  
1934 - J.C. Russell\*  
1935 - Guy F. Colado\*  
1936 - Milton A. Perch\*  
1937 - Webber B. Haines\*  
1938 - Eziel D. Cook\*  
1939 - Huland W. McCord\*  
1940 - William A. Gilbert\*  
1941 - John G. Graylee\*  
1942 - Carroll L. Ward\*  
1943 - Lloyd H. King\*  
1944 - R.W. Fred L. Tuck\*  
1945 - J. Rex Holiday\*  
1946 - Willis J. Johson\*  
1947 - Chester O. Cornwall\*  
1948 - B. Roy Sloniger\*  
1949 - George C. Russell\*  
1950 - M.:W.: George L. Myers, PGM\*  
1951 - James T. Pegram\*  
1952 - Charles O. Kummer\*  
1953 - Roscoe E. Sloniger\*  
1954 - Robert F. McCord\*  
1955 - Thomas W. Tope\*  
1956 - James M. Rhiner\*  
1957 - R.:W.: Morris D. Parker\*  
1958 - Robert F. Edwards\*  
1959 - Dallas L. Bishop\*  
1960 - Albert L. Mashburn\*  
1961 - Charles W. Hostetler\*  
1962 - M.:W.: Harvey Eddy, PGM\*

1963 - R.:W.: Eugene B. Taylor\*  
1964 - Walter J. Boyer\*  
1965 - Donald A. Nyholm\*  
1966 - Eugene R. Simpson\*  
1967 - Julius Blum\*  
1968 - Deane W. Hammond\*  
1969 - R.:W.: Robert D. Fiedler\*  
1970 - R.:W.: H. Glen Avery Jr. \*  
1971 - Daniel W. Hughes\*  
1972 - James E. Winne\*  
1973 - Norman T. Gore  
1974 - George Ray Sloniger \*  
1975 - R.:W.: Charles C. Hayes\*  
1976 - Robert Kowalski\*  
1977 - Kenneth White\*  
1978 - R.:W.: Ernesto Fuste\*  
1979 - Wallace D. Myers\*  
1980 - David E. Smith\*  
1981 - Carl P. Kummer  
1982 - Jesse W. Ridley\*  
1983 - William A. Boyland, Jr.\*  
1984 - Anthony J. Decanio\*  
1985 - G. Keith Gordon  
1986 - R.:W.: Allen Fiedler  
1987 - R.:W.: Michael G. Juett  
1988 - R.:W.: Zeb E. Blanton Jr.  
1989 - Fred E. Brooks\*  
1990 - R.:W.: Chester A. King  
1991 - R.:W.: William B. Erd  
1992 - Lewis S. Lawson Jr.  
1993 - Walter R. Becker  
1994 - Carl J. Moore +++  
1995 - Jerry W. Spruiel  
1996 - Phil Bloom  
1997 - Bobby E. Granthum\*  
1998 - Hans Weinmann\*  
1999 - John H. Beatty\*  
2000 - John T. Scheidt\*  
2001 - John E. Devlin  
2002 - Warren T. Gillis  
2003 - Cameron Lovett  
2004 - Robert W. Jeffrey Sr\*  
2005 - Rodolfo T. Galvan  
2006 - Michael A. Costa  
2007 - Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.  
2008 - R.:H.: Alex A. Darwich  
2009 - R.:H.: Bill Valentino  
2010 - Mark A. Avery  
2011 - Christopher P. Chag\*

2012 - Allen N. Stearns Jr.  
2013 - John D. Halter  
2014 - Jeffrey B. Morgan  
2015 - Justin S. McDonald  
2016 - R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin  
2017 - R.:W.: Jay M. Cebollero  
2018 - Thomas Swonger  
2019 - Jonathan O. Cotto  
2020 - Chet Tokar  
2021 - Luke Leonard  
2022—Billy Triplett  
2023—Russell Anderson

## Affiliated Past Masters

1984 - Peter Gregory - Bethlehem No. 85  
Delmar, NY  
2007 - Norman E. Hitchcock - St. Paul's No. 14  
Middletown, RI  
2007-8 - Carlos Lopez - Fenix Lodge No. 8  
Venezuela  
2010-11 - Ewerson Steigleder, ARLJ,  
Cavaleiros de São João 2903  
2013 - Bennie Stevens - Venus No. 809, Venus, TX  
2013 - Stuart Orgaz - Orange No. 36  
2014-16 - M.:W.: William Thomas, PGM of NY  
2018 - Randall Safier - Trelum No. 552, Troy, MI  
2017 - Michael Catello - Mokanna No. 329  
2017 - Michael Carlo - Warwick Lodge No. 544,  
Warwick, NY  
2017,19 - Jeff Battaglia - Orlando No. 69  
2018 - Greg Seavers - Oviedo No. 243  
2021 - Jason Streit - Marion Lodge No. 6,  
Marion, IA

\* Deceased

+++ Dimitted



## Chris Chag Memorial Food Drive



We are asking you to join us as we honor our Brother, W:. Chris Chag, by taking a few powerful action steps to help our Central Florida neighbors in need and honor him in the process. You can help your Lodge reach our goal of raising at least \$5000 by donating today.

Thank you for making a great difference for local children, seniors, low-income families, and others who are struggling to put enough food on their tables this year.

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## MASONIC EDUCATION

From the desk of M.:W.: Bill Thomas, PGM GLNY 2014-16 ([wjthomasnyc@gmail.com](mailto:wjthomasnyc@gmail.com)) ...

### Symbols

Freemasonry, by using symbols which are not closely defined, makes it possible for many men of many minds, each to read his own conception of the truth into the symbols. Freemasonry thus becomes as great a "System of morality" as the mind of him who attempts to understand it may admit.

In his introduction to Hunt's fine volume "Some thoughts on Masonic Symbolism," the late Jacob Hugo Tatche, noted student and Masonic historian wrote:

Freemasonry permits each individual to interpret and apply the lessons of the Craft as he sees best. It is this unique spirit of tolerance and freedom which frequently confuses opponents of the Fraternity. One Mason places his interpretation upon a certain symbol or attribute of Freemasonry; another may take an entirely different view and will cite evidence with which a third may be in entire variance; yet these three men can gather about our altars and labor together in perfect amity.

Long before Tatche, Bro. Albert Pike expressed the same thought in different language:

Masonry . . . follows the ancient manner of teaching. Her symbols are the instructions she gives; and the lectures are but often partial and insufficient one-sided endeavors to interpret those symbols. He who would become an accomplished Mason must not be content merely to hear or even to understand the lectures, but must, aided by them, and they having as it were marked out the way for him study, interpret and develop the symbols for himself.

That Freemasonry conceals in symbols in order to arouse curiosity to know their meaning is often considered the only explanation. But there are many more lofty ideas of why this great system of truth, philosophy and ethics is hidden in symbols.

A symbol is a word in that language. Translate that symbol into words which appeal only to the mind, and the spirit of the meaning is lost. Words appeal to the mind; meanings are expressed in words appeal to the spirit.

All that there is in Freemasonry which can be set down in words on a page leaves out completely the spirit of the Order. If we depend on words or ideas alone the Fraternity would not make a universal appeal to all men, since no man has it given to him to appeal to the minds of all other men.

But Freemasonry expresses truths which are universal; it expresses them in a universal language, universally understood by all men without words. That language is the language of the symbol, and the symbol is universally understood because it is the means of communication between spirits, souls, hearts.

Ten different men may read ten different meanings into a square, and yet each meaning fits with, and belongs to the other meanings.

Ten men have ten different kinds of hearts. Not all have the same power of imagination, the same ability to comprehend. So, each gets from a symbol what he can. He uses his imagination.

In other words, listen to the ritual and think about our symbols—what do you make of them? There is no right or wrong interpretation. You will find it rewarding and rather interesting, and you might be surprised how your view changes over time.

[Source: *THE SHORT TALK BULLETIN* Vol. XIX No. 3 — March 1941, *The Masonic Service Association of the United States*]

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## Installation 2024



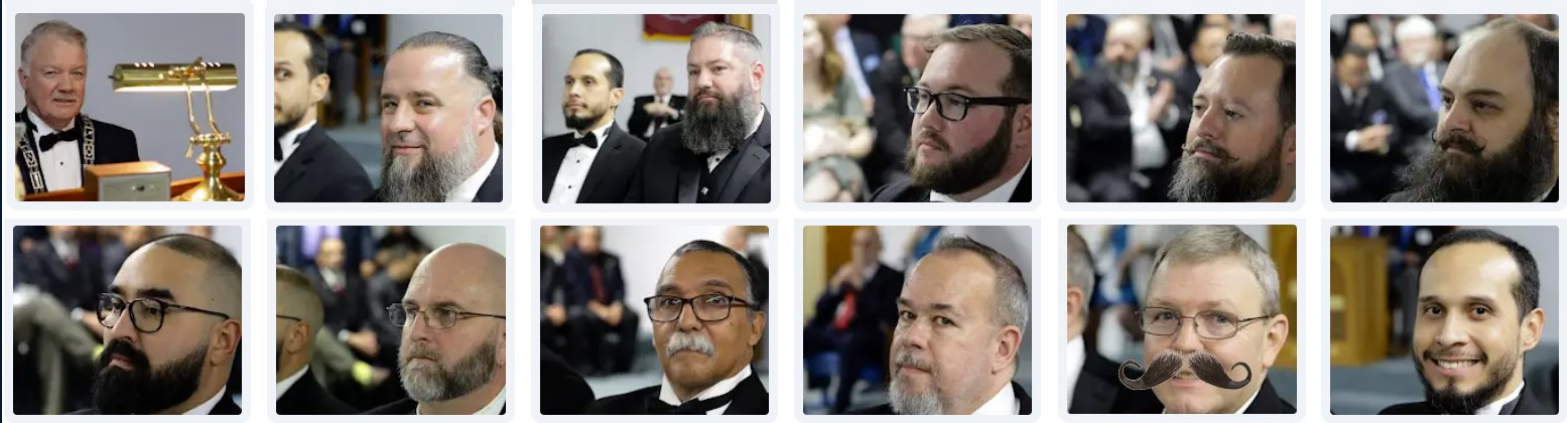
Brother Carrero  
Mason of the Year!



Brothers Pollock and Fornea  
Rookies of the Year!









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## Masonic Home *of Florida*

### Corky's Cupboard Wish List

*(New items only, please)*

Mouth wash (Lavoris)  
Cologne or body spray (men & women)  
Denture adhesives & cleansers  
Tissues  
Body lotion (men's & women's)  
Body wash / shower gel (men's 3in 1 and women's)  
Facial cream - Pond's blue or green  
Panty-liners -(Poise long length)  
Tooth paste  
Lipstick (Reds, Pink, Neutral)  
Face Powder  
Blush (Pinks, Neutrals)  
Soap (bars or liquid)  
Deodorant  
Liquid hand & body soap  
Emery boards / nail clippers  
Nail polish remover  
Electric shave / pre-shave  
Fabric softener /  
Small liquid laundry detergent  
Jewelry (all types of women's and men's)  
Unique items / knick-knacks for the Gift Shop  
Postage stamps  
Cash donations  
Gift Cards to: Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Target etc.

**Send donations to: The Masonic Home of Florida**

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