

Winter Park Lodge

No. 239

June 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

1495 Grand Road, Winter Park, Florida 32789 • Phone 407-679-6800 for more information



Greetings from the East Brethren!

As I write this I am just returning home from the 195th Annual Grand Lodge Communication. What an amazing time as always! The opportunity to help shape the future of Masonry in Florida and the chance to see and mingle with brothers from all over the state cannot be matched! I was so happy to be able to attend. I cannot stress enough how amazing it is to be there, you should definitely plan to attend next year. Congratulations to our new Most Worshipful Don Cowart and extra special congratulations to the new Junior Grand Warden R.W. Rick Wendling. And lastly our new DDGM R.W. Patrick Uppole and District Instructor R.H. Michael Catello! While there have been some changes for the upcoming year it looks like its gonna be onward and upward!

And here at Winter Park we will be doing the same! I will be announcing the changes to Masonic Education and Masonic Leadership Training as I receive them but in the meantime lets not forget our previously scheduled events. Masters and Wardens at Pine Castle Lodge on June 1st 8 Breakfast 9 meeting. We have our official unofficial visit to Sanford on June 4th. 630 dinner 730 meeting. Suit and tie preferred. Our regular meetings on the 11th and 25th with a special presentation from Tracy Chastain on the 25th! Remember we are at summer dress, polo and slacks accepted for Stated Communications.

And before that special presentation we have an even more special event. ST. JOHNS DAY!!! June 22nd! 8Am! Lets show the Grand Line what Winter Park and District 16 are made of! And make sure to bring a monetary donation for the Second Harvest Food Bank so we can keep helping the hungry children. They need us for sure. \$20 gets you a one of a kind St. Johns Day coin! \$100 gets you five of them! Also on June 22nd the Grand Masters Official Visit at Bahia Shrine and Mokanna Lodge. Be there, it's always a wonderful time. Master Masons and wives invited. Lodge Game Night on Fri the 14th at 7pm! Always a great time! A little relaxation before the Celebration the next week. Also, we are planning another combined event with South Seminole Lodge. A for real BBQ (not Hamburgers and Hot Dogs lol) right here at the Lodge with outdoor games and some other fun things on July 6th from 12-5ish.

Looks like we are gearing up for another amazing month at Winter Park. Its great to be a Florida Mason!

Look well to the East Brethren!

Preston Weis
Worshipful Master

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Greetings my Brothers all,

I hope this month's trestle board article finds you well. Our 195th annual Grand communication was another good one. In case you missed it or didn't know, none of the legislation passed. Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers.

M:W:G:M: Don Cowart

R:W:D:G:M: Tali Ayala

R:W:S:G:W: Haskell Vest

R:W:J:G:W: Rick Wendling

Grand Secretary M:W: Richard Lynn

Grand Treasurer R:W: Rudy Boatright

Also, the R:W:D:D:G:M: Of the Proud 16th Masonic District Patrick Uppole and our new R:H:D:I: Mike Catello I know under their leadership we are in for another stellar year! Patrick and Mike both work tirelessly for our great fraternity and we are blessed to have them leading us this year! St. John's Day is right around the corner and we look forward to seeing you all as we "properly" assist the newly installed J:G:W: on his journey to the Grand East. As a reminder, we are partnered with the Second Harvest Food Bank so donate whatever amount of money you can to the lodge and we will make sure it all goes to them. Let's do what we can to help fight against child hunger and make sure that no child goes hungry! As always my Brothers if there's anything your officers can do for you please do not hesitate to ask!

DO THE WORKS!!!

Fraternally,

Billy Triplett aka (silverback)

Senior Warden

Are you connected?

Facebook • YouTube • Website • Team Reach

Contact the Senior Warden for more information, or click on the links below





Dear Brethren,

As we enter June, it's amazing to realize that we're already approaching the end of the second quarter and the first half of the year. Time indeed flies when we're surrounded by the warmth and camaraderie of our Masonic family!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for trusting me in the Junior Warden station in the South. It has been an incredible experience to not only provide meals for everyone but also to actively observe the harmony that thrives within our lodge. Watching brothers dwell in such unity is truly rewarding and shapes the positive atmosphere we all cherish.

For our meetings this month, we aim to continue bringing joy from the kitchen. Our first and second meals will be prepared with the same dedication and care, ensuring everyone leaves with a satisfied heart and a full stomach.

The positive environment we create together allows us to bring out the best in each of us. It lays the groundwork for many more great moments to come, fostering a spirit of unity and growth that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your continuous support and active participation. Let's make June another month filled with fellowship, great food, and memorable experiences.

Fraternally,

Bro. Juan Carrero

Junior Warden





My Brothers,

I want to again thank the Brothers of Winter Park Masonic Lodge No. 239 for electing me as Treasurer for a second year. I am always thankful to be your Treasurer.

During the summer months, income for a typical lodge slows down while the expenses to run the lodge do not. Bills typically stay the same throughout the year. We at Winter Park Lodge are not any different. Brothers, I ask you to be aware of this and do your due diligence to help keep the expenses down. I will be reporting on our status at the second stated communication this month so that the craft will stay abreast of our financial standing.

I look forward to a great second half of the year and continue to serve the Craft. If we have not met, I will make every effort to meet you.

Fraternally,

Greg Seavers, PM
Treasurer



Brothers,

June in Florida is a pivotal month. The chance of cool weather has passed, we are quickly approaching the halfway point of the year, it brings the start of Hurricane season, and the end of the annual Grand Lodge session. The end of Grand Lodge means a new Grand Master and a newly elected Jr Grand Warden! We all know what a new Jr Grand Warden means...

The 68th annual St John's Day Breakfast will be June 22nd. If you have never attended a St John's Day Breakfast, you are missing out. Breakfast will begin at 8am and is provided free of charge by Winter Park Lodge. It will be prepared by the members of Pioneer Chapter 99, OES and during breakfast, a donation for Pioneer will be collected. After breakfast, the brothers will move into the lodge room for the rest of the program. For the last 50 or so years, the St John's Day Breakfast has included assisting the new Jr Grand Warden on his travels to the Grand East with a unique program each year. A recent addition to our St John's Day Breakfast was started by W.: Chris Chag a few years ago and is continued in his memory; the One Ton Food Drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. If you are not able to attend, please consider contributing via the link below:

<https://square.link/u/S2IjkE7e>

Later that day, the Grand Master will have his official visit to our district. This year, the Grand Master has announced that we will return to having a tiled meeting after the dinner. The dinner will be at the Bahia Shrine and the tiled meeting will be at Mokanna Lodge. For those brothers who don't remember the tiled meetings, there will be attendance taken at the meeting, so please make plans to attend. There are a limited number of seats available for the dinner so make your reservations as soon as possible. The dinner for the Grand Master's visit is free*(not exactly, the cost of the event is divided by the numbers of members in the district and each lodge will pay based on their membership). I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd. If you're not able to make it to either meeting on the 22nd, I hope to see you at one of our stated meetings this month or at Open Books on the 29th. Please remember to keep me updated with any changes to your contact information by emailing secretary@winterparklodge.org.

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 so we can keep your records up to date

Attentive Ears &
Instructive Tongues

Petitions Received

Gabor Andrasi
Mustafa Zahit Umerusman

Entered Apprentice

Fellow Craft

Giancarlo Molina

Master Mason

Your 2024 Officers

Worshipful Master: Preston Weis

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Senior Warden: Billy Triplett, PM

Junior Warden: Juan Carrero

321.444.0667 juancarrero123@gmail.com

Treasurer: Greg Seavers, PM

407.375.6243 treasurer@winterparklodge.org

Secretary: John Halter, PM (Dawn)

321.345.0331 secretary@winterparklodge.org

Senior Deacon: Marc Spittler

407.803.3286 fenian117@hotmail.com

Junior Deacon: Pedro Arcila Silva

Chaplain:

Musician: Mike Seeley (Nancie)

407.461.1770 mike102400@aol.com

Senior Steward: Curtis Murray

Junior Steward: Eric LeGrow

Marshall: Carlos Lopez Landaeta, PM

Tyler: Tyler Mitchell



Masonic Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
David Danziger	68
Robert Hanky	67
Bennie Stevens	64
Richard Annable	57
Robert Miller	54
Harold Smothers	53
Harold Buchanan Jr	50
Michael Seeley	48
Fred Lacey III	40
Ralph Proctor III	39
Walter Fordyce III	39
Robert Kinzler	35
Clem Lisor III	35
Kevin McCoy	24
Shannon Winters	22
Michael Griffin	21
Kenneth Meier	19
Allen Stearns Jr	18
Justin McDonald	16
Randall Safier	14
Jonathan Cotto	13
Brian Abreu	13
Julian Gordon	13
Raymond Cody	12
Donald Scott	12
Richard Walters Jr	11
Charles Knighton II	8
Jason Lopez	8
Adrian Pastor	8

June Birthdays

Brother	Day
Gregory Seavers	1
Mark Avery	2
Richard Walters Jr	2
Anthony Jacelon	6
Jason Sajovic	6
Joshua Williams	6
Brian Caffee	7
Robert Genay	7
Adam Perry	8
Luke Leonard	10
Robert Fiedler	13
Mel Bledsoe	14
John Canonico	15
David Hollenbach Jr	15
Charles Almond	20
David Corral	20
Carlos Lopez Landaeta	22
Jehad Nimeh	23
John Pettigrew	23
Jack Setzer	25
Wilbur Smith	28
Jeffrey Morgan	29
Harry Speer	30

June 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

Open Books and District School of Instruction

Led by R.:H.: Michael Catello

Books open from 8a-12n

School of Instruction 12:30p-2p

Saturday, June 29 / 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

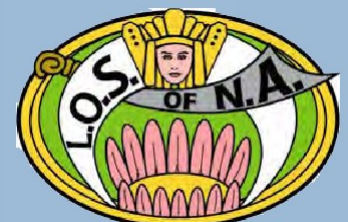
The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. It gives them the opportunity to give a part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind. Our lessons are scriptural, our purposes 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.

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9a M&W @ Pine Castle No. 368
2	3	4 7:30p Lodge visit to Sanford No. 62.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Stated	12	13	14 7p Game Night	15
16	17	18 7:30p Lodge ritual practice	19	20 6p Philosophy Book Club	21	22 St. John's Day 8a @ WP239 GMOV 5p @ Bahia
23	24	25 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Stated	26	27	28	29 Open Books 8a-12p School 12:30p- 2p

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.

[Donate \\$10 Now!](#)

[Donate any amount...](#)

MASONIC EDUCATION

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

Spill the Coffee

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Question: Why did you spill the coffee? ... "Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, whatever is inside YOU will come out when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen). It's easy to fake it until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratitude, peace and humility? Or Anger, bitterness, victim mentality, and quitting tendencies?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity, kindness, gentleness, and love for others.





WP Lodge visits OES Pioneer Chapter 99 and presents a donation check



RW DDGM Uppole, RH Catello
and MWGM Cowart



MW Bill Thomas and the soon-to-be
MWGM Cowart at the
Grand York Rite Convention



JW Carrero, WM Weis, and SW Triplett with the new JGW, RW Wendling

248TH ANNUAL... WINTER PARK LODGE ST. JOHNS DAY BREAKFAST!

(okay, more like 25th, but sure feels like 248!)

Saturday, June 22nd, 8:00AM Breakfast
~ Performance and Rededication, 9:00AM
(yeesss, that is early, but hey, come to Orlando
on Friday & make a weekend out of it!)

~Winter Park Lodge No. 239, F&AM
1495 Grand Road, Winter Park, FL, 32792
Winter Park is mere minutes from downtown Orlando



Critics Rave:

“A living example of when too much is never enough!” -Robin Leach

“In my year, they dressed me up like Little Bo Peep...what fun !“ -H. Abiff

“Best show I have ever seen !” -Stevie Wonder

“8 Stars!” “That’s right, EIGHT stars out of five; you got a problem with that?”

-M.: W.: Glen Bishop



Wait, what?
Is that
R.: W.: Tali,
belly-
laughing?!
Why yes,
yes, it is.

The day includes: FREE (!) Breakfast (prepared by Pioneer Chapter No. 99, OES; so yes, MUCH better than by a tired Jr. Warden!), A fun and frivolous “skit” guiding our new Jr Grand Warden “to the East” (never repeated over all these years!), **A demonstration & re-affirmation of our Master Mason obligation**, Attendance by the Grand Line and past Grand Masters, A guest speaker, etc. **In other words, big fun, meaningful fellowship, and an event like NO other!**

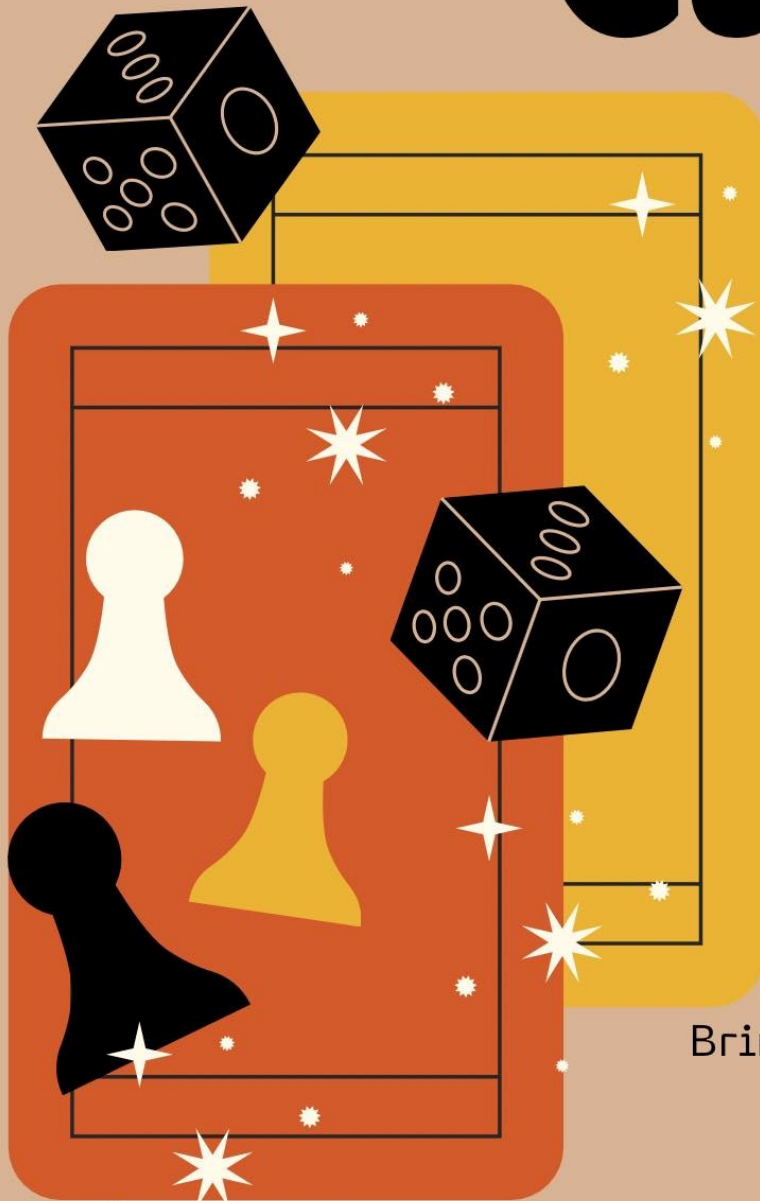
~Breakfast open to everyone; frivolities, re-affirmation, guest speaker, etc. for Master Mason’s only (tiled meeting)

~Please feel free to contribute money to our annual W.: Chris Chag Memorial Food Drive, benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank. As an incentive, for contributions of \$20 or more... you will receive a fabulous challenge coin!





7pm
June 14th



Board Game

Night

**Open to
friends &
family!**

**Hosted by:
Winter Park
Lodge NO. 239**

Bring a favorite or try
something new!

1495 Grand Road,
Winter Park,
FL 32792



[CLICK to view the Amazon wish list](#)



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

3201 1st St. N.E. St. Petersburg, FL 33704 Toll Free#: 1-866-868-6749



JULY 6TH | 12:00PM
WINTER PARK, FL



FOURTH *of* **JULY**



Picnic



**HOSTED BY SOUTH SEMINOLE MASONIC LODGE NO.
364 & WINTER PARK MASONIC LODGE NO. 239**

1495 GRAND ROAD, WINTER PARK, FL 32792

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY, FAMILY,
AND FRIENDS!**

