

# Winter Park Lodge

No. 239

December 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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Happy Holidays Brethren!

Well, here it is. December. What an amazing year! I hope every one of you had as great a year as I did. We had our Lodge Thanksgiving last month. It was so well attended and so uplifting. Everyone brought a dish and W. Tom Swonger, W. Billy Triplett, and RW Jay Cebollero spent the morning cooking hams and turkeys for us. And when it was all done we provided a full holiday spread to

the Winter Park Fire Department across the street and they were especially grateful. We've still got a lot going on this month though. We are participating in the Winter Park Christmas Parade on Dec 7th must be at lineup by 830am. Our usual meeting on Jan 10th. We have Masters And Wardens at Winter Park for Dec 14th 8am Breakfast 9am meeting. Ritual Practice on Jan 17th at 730. Winter Park has always been at the forefront of ritual work in the 16th District, the best way to keep that going is Practice, Practice, Practice. Lodge Game night on Dec 20th at 7pm. Lets enjoy some games and holiday cheer with our brethren! Then, a charity event near and dear to my heart, Paisley Hopes on Dec 21st at Paisley Community Center & Park. Flyer is included in the Trestle Board. Please consider attending or donating or both. Lastly, Winter Park's Installation is officially set for Jan 4th 12pm lunch 1pm Installation. Thank you for your confidence in allowing me to steer this ship for another year.

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. I hope that everyone had a wonderful thanksgiving with family and friends and is looking forward to Christmas as I am. It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone but it has. Our last stated meeting of the year is

Tuesday the 10th. That's also election night so make sure to come out and vote and support next year's officer line! I want to congratulate our Worshipful Master and officers for the work and dedication they put into this year and I know they will do the same if not more next year. I also want to thank the Craft for the privilege of serving as the Senior Warden this year, it's always an honor to serve! I am looking forward to serving in whatever way I can next year but as a Past Master from the sidelines. Thank you again and as always, 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





Greetings from the South,

As we approach the final month of this amazing year 2024, I'm filled with excitement for what's still to come! On Saturday, December 14th, Winter Park Lodge No. 239 will proudly host the Master and Wardens meeting, and we'll be serving some delicious breakfast to make it a standout event. It would be fantastic to see as many of our brothers as possible—let's show up strong and make it a gathering to remember!

I can't help but feel energized by the incredible momentum we've built together. Every meeting, every meal, and every moment shared this year has strengthened the bonds between us, and it's only getting better. The atmosphere we've created is truly something special, and I'm excited to see how we'll carry this energy forward into the new year.

Look well to the South, my brothers—it's been an absolute pleasure serving you as JW.

Fraternally,

Bro. Juan Carrero  
Junior Warden





Brothers,

As we wrap up the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to thank you for your trust in electing me to serve as Secretary for our lodge. A Big thank you to our Jr Past Secretary, R:H: Catello, for his help learning all the duties as Secretary. It has been a learning experience the entire year, since each time of year has its own challenges. The challenge at this time of year: Dues. Thank you to all the brothers who have already paid their dues. I am processing the payments and mailing out your 2025 dues cards as quickly as possible, but for those paying by check, I will only see those when I'm able to get to the lodge to check the mail. If you would rather pay by credit card, we

offer the ability to pay your dues online via our website at:

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

We are not currently set up to accept payments via Amity, so if you are paying online, please use the links on the lodge website or the QR codes at the lodge. As always, I want to remind you that if you are in need of assistance with your dues or anything else, please contact the Worshipful Master or myself as soon as possible. We are here to help in any way that we can.

Along those lines, I would ask that if you need to contact me for anything lodge-related, please email me at [Secretary@winterparklodge.org](mailto:Secretary@winterparklodge.org) rather than messaging me via social media. This way, there is a record if someone needs to go back in the future to look up anything. It also helps me, if I need to go back and look up something. I check my emails much more frequently than my social media accounts. You can also always leave a message on the lodge voicemail.

We have made it through 2024! I hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season and wish you the best in 2025.

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

Christopher Parton, Affiliation

Entered Apprentice

Gabor Andrasi  
Mustafa Zahit Umerusman

Fellow Craft

Master Mason

Giancarlo Molina

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## Masonic Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Earl Crain	63
Donald Claus	62
James May	60
Robert Humphreys	60
Howard Duckworth	56
Charles McGrew	53
Benjamin Ward Jr	49
Terry Skaggs	40
Brian Roberts	37
David Corn	35
John Long Jr	35
Douglas Witchey	32
Albert Tellechea	29
Jeffrey Morgan	27
Brian Oliver	27
Bradley Paul	27
Ricardo Parente	27
Jason Carpione	24
Alex Darwich	24
Steven Isaacs	24
Donald Wise	16
Jose Reyes	13
Luke Leonard	10
David Dowda	9
Brian Griffin	9
William Roesch	9
Caesar Duverge	9
Wagner Nolasco	9
Anthony Jacelon	5
Carlos Padilla	5
Adam Perry	5
John Canonico	4
Justin LaWarre	4
Gary Davis	4
Pedro Arcila Silva	2

## December Birthdays

Brother	Day
William Paynter III	2
Eugene Provan	2
Joseph Turner	2
Ewerson Steigleder	3
Francisco Medrano	6
Steven Talbott	6
Paul Long	8
Jason Streit	8
Michael Jones	9
James May	9
Terry Skaggs	9
Luis Ravago Conde	12
Jonathan Cotto	14
James Murphy	15
William White	17
Romeo Manuel	19
Nelson Bonet	20
Steven Isaacs	23
Luis Santos Jr	30
Marc Spittler	31
Preston Weis	31

December 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

**NO BOOKS OR SCHOOL IN DECEMBER!**

**Next Opportunity:**

Saturday, January 25 / 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

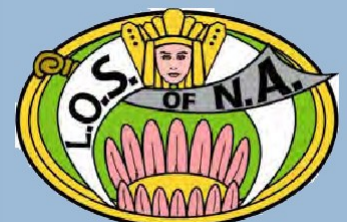
The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. It gives them the opportunity to give a part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind. Our lessons are scriptural, our purposes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

## December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6:30p Lodge practice	4	5	6	7 8a Christmas Parade
8	9	10 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Stated	11	12	13	14 9a M&W @ WP 239
15	16	17 6:30p Lodge practice	18	19 6p Philosophy Book Club	20 7p Game Night	21 9a Paisley Christmas
22	23	24 DARK		26	27	28 No Open Books
29	30	31 				Jan 4 12p Meal 1p Installation

Lodge Social - 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  
2019 - Nelson Bonet - Eola No. 207  
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](mailto:wjthomasnyc@gmail.com)) ...

### The Richest Man in the World

#### Introduction

Today, we delve into a story—a simple yet profound encounter—that teaches us about wealth, kindness, and the true measure of richness. Our protagonist? None other than Bill Gates, the renowned co-founder of Microsoft and one of the wealthiest individuals on our planet.

#### The Question

Imagine standing at an airport, surrounded by bustling travelers, when someone approaches you. Not just anyone, but the richest man in the world—Bill Gates himself. And you ask him a seemingly straightforward question:

*“Is there anyone richer than you in the world?”*

#### Bill Gates’ Unexpected Response

Bill Gates, with his characteristic humility, doesn’t respond with a boastful affirmation. Instead, he says, *“Yes, there is a person who is richer than me.”*

And thus begins our tale—a tale that reminds us that true wealth lies beyond bank balances and stock portfolios.

#### The Newspaper Vendor

Let’s rewind to a time when Bill Gates wasn’t a household name, when he was just another traveler passing through New York Airport. There, he encounters a newspaper vendor. Bill wants to buy a newspaper but realizes he doesn’t have enough change. Disappointed, he returns the paper to the vendor.

But this vendor surprises him. *“I am giving you this for free,”* he says. Bill hesitates but eventually accepts the gift.

#### The Second Encounter

Fast forward a few months. Bill finds himself at the same airport, once again short of change for a newspaper. And who should appear? The same vendor, offering him a newspaper. This time, Bill refuses, explaining that he lacks the change. But the vendor insists: *“You can take it. I am sharing this from my profit; I won’t be at a loss.”*

#### The Unexpected Reunion

Nineteen years pass. Bill Gates has become a global icon, a billionaire philanthropist. Yet, he remembers that vendor—the one who shared his newspapers without hesitation. Driven by gratitude, Bill searches for him. After a month and a half, he finds the man.



## MASONIC EDUCATION

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

### The Richest Man in the World (continued)

#### The Vendor's Perspective

*"Do you know me?"* Bill asks. The vendor recognizes him as Bill Gates. Then Bill poses another question: *"Do you remember once you gave me a newspaper for free?"*

The vendor's reply is heartwarming: *"Yes, I remember. I gave you twice."*

#### The Vendor's Wisdom

Bill offers to repay the kindness. Whatever the vendor desires, Bill promises to fulfill. But the vendor surprises him: *"Sir, don't you think that by doing so, you won't be able to match my help?"*

*"Why?"* Bill asks.

*"I helped you when I was a poor newspaper vendor,"* the man explains. *"Now you want to help me, now that you're the richest man in the world. How can your help match mine?"*

#### The True Measure of Richness

And there it is—the lesson that resonates beyond wealth and fame. The newspaper vendor, with his generous heart, is richer than Bill Gates. He didn't wait to become rich to help someone. His wealth wasn't in dollars but in compassion.

#### Conclusion

So let's remember this: The truly rich are those who possess a rich heart. Kindness, empathy, and selflessness—these are the currencies that matter most. As we navigate our lives, let's strive to be like that newspaper vendor, sharing from our hearts, regardless of our bank balances.

Try to become newspaper vendor in your own way: May your heart remain rich, and may you find wealth in the simplest acts of kindness.

Go out there and make the world a little richer—one small gesture at a time.



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Lodge Thanksgiving

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Delivering a Thanksgiving meal to the Fire Department



## New Member Portal – Master Mason Exams!

Great news! Since Circumscribe is no longer an active system, we have implemented a new Member Portal to take Master Mason Exams I, II, III and view your personal member profile!

LINK TO MEMBER PORTAL: [Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons \(members.gflmason.org\)](https://members.gflmason.org) (click CTRL on your keyboard as you click the link above and it will direct you to the member portal)

### FIRST TIME USERS

Click on Request a New Account and enter your information in the designated fields and click submit. Your email will be used as your username/account when signing into the Member Portal. Make sure the information you are typing in the fields matches your Masonic Record or the request will be denied and you will have to request a new account again.

**Member Portal password requirements:** Password length must be 8+ characters, use at least 1 upper, 1 lower, 1 digit and 1 special character (!@#\$%^\*)

*\*Please note that the new account requests have to be approved and are checked multiple times a day.*

If you have any issues, comments, questions, concerns please direct them to Maegan [maegan.dover@gflmason.org](mailto:maegan.dover@gflmason.org)

**PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT**



**28TH ANNUAL PAISLEY**

# Santa in the Park

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024**



**Setup starts at 9 AM | Event starts at 10 AM | Santa arrives at 11 AM**

**24956 CR-42, Paisley, Florida 32767**

**Email [info@paisleyhope.org](mailto:info@paisleyhope.org) for more information or to volunteer!**

**To make a donation, please email [donations@paisleyhope.org](mailto:donations@paisleyhope.org)**



7pm

**December 20**

# Board Game

## Night



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**Open to  
friends &  
family!**

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

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Bring a favorite or try  
something new!

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1495 Grand Road,  
Winter Park,  
FL 32792



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## Masonic Home *of Florida*

### Corky's Cupboard Wish List

*(New items only, please)*

Cologne or body spray (men & women)  
Tissues (Cube Boxes)  
Body lotion (men's & women's)  
Lipstick (Reds, Pink, Neutral)  
Face Powder  
Blush (Pinks, Neutrals)  
Emery boards / nail clippers  
Electric Razors  
Jewelry (all types of women's and men's)  
Postage stamps  
Cash donations  
Gift Cards to: Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Target etc.

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

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