



Winter Park Lodge

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June 2025

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 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. 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 196th 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 Tali Atalia and extra special congratulations to the new Junior Grand Warden R.W. Rob Estell. And lastly our new DDGM R.W. Michael Catello and District Instructor R.H. Billy Triplett! YES YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT! We all know R.H. Triplett has done such amazing things to help Winter Park that its pretty much a guarantee he will do amazing things for District 16! 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. Coming up we have Masters and Wardens at Mokanna 329 8a Breakfast and 9a for the meeting. Lets have a great showing to support 2 amazing brothers of Winter Park as they are officially presented to the District. We are headed to Orange Blossom 80 on Monday the 2nd to go get the traveling gavel, lets not forget that! Our regularly scheduled meeting on June 10th of course. Our Winter Park Shooting Range Day on June 14th mett at the Lodge at 930 and lets go enjoy some time with our brothers. Our Ritual Practice night on June 17th at 7pm. And Open Books on June 21st from 8-12. 2 great opportunities to get your learning on! And of course the Lodge Game Night on Fri the 21st at 7. Bring friends, family and snacks! Our DDGM Official Visit will be June 24th along with a special Masonic Education from our very own RW Jay Cebollero!! But the biggest announcement of all ST. JOHNS DAY!!! June 28th! 8Am! Lets show the Grand Line and specifically R.W. Rob Estell 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! This was Secretary Emeritus Chris Chag favorite charity and close to his and all of our hearts. We got to help them out now more than ever. 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 K. Weis
Worshipful Master

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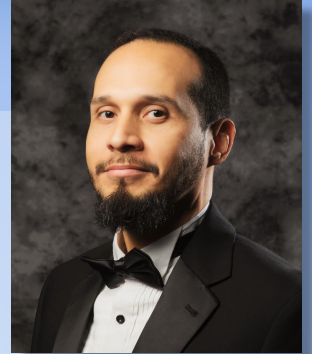


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Brethren,

What an exciting and meaningful start to the month we've had! **The Grand Communication** at the **Grand Lodge of Florida** brought with it the passing of the torch and a renewed sense of purpose for the Craft throughout the state.

Let me start off by congratulating our newly installed Grand Line Officers: **MW Tali Atala**, Most Worshipful Grand Master, **RW Haskell Vest**, Deputy Grand Master, **RW Rick Wendling**, Senior Grand Warden, **RW Rob Estell**, Junior Grand Warden, **MW Richard Lynn**, Grand Treasurer and **MW Jeff Foster**, Grand Secretary.



We also celebrate with great pride the appointments from our very own brothers appointed on their respective offices: **W.: Chet Tokar – Grand Chaplain**, **R.:W.: Michael Catello – District Deputy Grand Master** and **R.:H.: Billy Tripplet – District Instructor**.

These Brothers continue to lead with passion, purpose, and pride bringing honor and distinction to our home lodge. The **Proud 16th Masonic District** is in good capable hands.

Looking ahead, **Friday, June 20th** is our next **Game Board Night**—a growing tradition where fellowship, fun, and good food come together. Bring a snack, bring a game, or just bring yourself and enjoy the relaxed brotherhood that makes Winter Park Lodge so special.

Even more exciting, we're thrilled to announce that **Winter Park Lodge No. 239** will be hosting the **St. John's Day Celebration** on **Saturday, June 28th**. Breakfast begins at **8:00 AM**, followed by the ceremony at **9:00 AM**. This event, rooted in rich tradition and Masonic symbolism, serves as the **official welcome for the newly installed Junior Grand Warden** and draws Brothers from across the state. If you've never been to one, this is your chance to enjoy this unique experience!

As always, the vibrant and smooth operation of our Lodge wouldn't be possible without the tireless efforts of **every Brother**, whether in the officer line or supporting in the background. Your presence, your energy, and your love are what make Winter Park feel like home.

Look well to the West, my Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bro. Juan Carrero
Senior Warden





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Brothers,

As we begin to enter the warmer days of June, it's amazing to realize that we're already approaching the end of the second quarter and the first half of the year. Grand Communication is over, Summertime is here, the kids are out of school and the hot temperatures and thunderstorms are with us as well. Time indeed does fly 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 observe the harmony that thrives within our lodge.

Watching brothers come together for various activities and dwell in such unity is truly rewarding to see. It is the beginning of the process that shapes the positive atmosphere we all cherish.

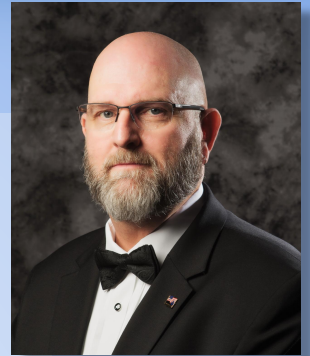
For our meetings this month, we aim to continue bringing joy from the kitchen. On the menu for June 10th is Pernil, Arroz y Plantains...possibly some black beans thrown in. Our second meal on June 24 is marked by the 1st visit of our newly installed R:W:D:D:G:M: of the Proud 16th Masonic District Michael Catello and will feature a homemade Hungarian Stew and fresh bread courtesy of our FC Gabe Andrasi

Remember, there is no better way to escape the heat than attending our annual St. John's Day Breakfast and Celebration on June 28th this year. I am sure I echo the sentiments of my fellow officers, that this year's program will not be one to miss (then again, what year is?). In addition to the gourmet food and entertainment, it is an excellent opportunity to see old friends again as well as meet new ones. The best part is it is free

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 within the Lodge. Let's make June another month filled with fellowship, great food, and memorable experiences. I look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally, and with spatula in hand
Marc Spittler
Junior Warden





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My Brothers,

Here we are entering June. I cannot believe that five months have already gone by.

As mentioned in last month's Trestleboard, our next lodge obligation is our annual lodge property and liability insurance policies. I have not only been in communication with our current insurance company but have reached out to two other reputable agencies for quotes. We are doing our due

get the best policies for our lodge at the best price. Our policies expire on June 7th. If the Brothers recall from the annual budget, the insurance premium is lodge's largest annual expense. More to follow.

If you have any questions associated with the lodge financials, please contact me at treasurer@winterparklodge.org.



Fraternally,
Greg Seavers, PM
Treasurer
(407) 375-6243



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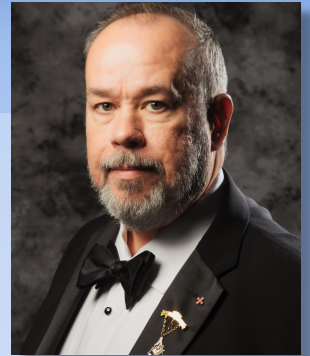
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Greetings my Brothers,

June is going to be a busy month at Winter Park Lodge. Now that the Annual Grand Communication is over, all of our new Grand Lodge officers have been installed, including our very own R.W.M. District Deputy Grand Master Michael Catello and R.H.M. District Instructor William Triplet. Our second meeting in June will be their first official visit for the 2025/2026 Grand Lodge year and we hope everyone will join us to welcome them.



Our first meeting in June will include a review of the results of the recent Annual Grand Communication. There are some changes coming, including visitations with Prince Hall Affiliated Lodges. Come to the meeting on June 10th to find out more about the visitation process and the other updates from the meeting. At our meeting in May, the WM announced that the lodge would be in summer attire starting in June, except for Degrees, DDGM visits, and St. John's Day.

The 69th annual St John's Day Breakfast will be June 28th. As always, 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. See the attached flyer for more information.

Later that day, the Grand Master will have his official visit to our district. Like last year, we will be having a tiled meeting after dinner. The dinner will be at the Bahia Shrine and the tiled meeting will be at Mokanna Lodge. As a reminder, there will be attendance taken at the meeting, so please make plans to attend (even if you don't attend the dinner). 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 at our meeting on the 10th and the 24th. Open Books this month will be on June 21st. The RHDI will be continuing the schedule from our previous District Instructor and will hold District School of Instruction on the same day following Open Books. Finally, please remember to keep me updated with any changes to your contact information (phone number, email address, mailing address) by emailing secretary@winterparklodge.org.

Fraternally,
John Halter, PM
Secretary



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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

Tom Watkins – Plural Affiliation
Ellison Riley – EA Affiliation
John Ashton – Three Degrees

Entered Apprentice

Robert Patton
Hector Diaz II

Fellow Craft

Gabor Andrasi
Mustafa Umerusman

Master Mason



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Building Committee



My Brothers,

I would like to continue to thank all Brothers and Appended bodies for utilizing the newly created Building Committee e-mail for requesting the lodge for use, as well as bringing any facility issues to our attention. This helps with documenting any request and supports what we put onto the lodge calendar.

Reminder that for Building Usage requests, the Building Committee respectively request a 30-45 days advance notice.

We have reached out to Action Church to update our agreement for their usage of our parking lot. We have had an initial phone conversation with the new lead pastor of the Church and working to set up the initial meet and greet with the Officers and Building Committee. Once the meeting is set up and occurs, we will keep the Craft informed.

Also, the building committee is in the process of updating our agreements with the three appended bodies that use our lodge. This is formality and to ensure that the agreements stay up to date.

The Lodge is looking to update our rental rates. We are doing our research to ensure we do not outprice ourselves. We will bring to the Craft for a vote. Once we finalize, we will update Lodge Rental Agreement forms and put on the Lodge Website.

The address for the building committee is building239@winterparklodge.org.

If you have any questions associated with the lodge building, please contact me at building239@winterparklodge.org.

In the event of an emergency, please call or text my cell phone at (407) 375-6243.

Fraternally,

Greg Seavers, PM
Chairman, Building Committee
(407) 375-6243



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Your 2025 Officers

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Senior Steward: Joshua Williams Jr (Valinda)
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Secretary: John Halter, PM (Dawn)
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Junior Steward: Brandon Fornea (Kim)
brandonfornea@gmail.com

Senior Deacon: Pedro Arcila Silva (Michelle)
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Marshall: Tyler Mitchell
561.240.253 tyler.mitchell1224@gmail.com

Tyler: Raymond Brunkow (Tracy)





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June Celebrations

Masonic Anniversaries

BROTHER	YEARS
David Danziger	69
Robert Hanky	68
Bennie Stevens	65
Richard Annable	58
Robert Miller	55
Harold Smothers	54
Michael Seeley	49
Fred Lacey III	41
Ralph Proctor III	40
Walter Fordyce III	40
Robert Kinzler	36
Clem Lisor III	36
Kevin McCoy	25
Shannon Winters	23
Michael Griffin	22
Kenneth Meier	20

BROTHER	YEARS
Allen Stearns Jr	19
Justin McDonald	17
Randall Safier	15
Jonathan Cotto	14
Brian Abreu	14
Julian Gordon	14
Raymond Cody	13
Donald Scott	13
Richard Walters Jr	12
Jason Lopez	9
Adrian Pastor	9



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June Celebrations

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
David Corral	20

BROTHER	DAY
Carlos Lopez Landaeta	22
Jehad Nimeh	23
John Pettigrew	23
Jack Setzer	25
Wilbur Smith	28
Jeffrey Morgan	29
Harry Speer	30



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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 Quarter

The Charity of the Quarter at Winter Park No. 239 will be Second Harvest Food Bank Of Central Florida. We will focus on raising awareness of this program and collecting donations for families in need. While this organization is supported by federal funds, they are never enough to meet the high demand, so we invite you to join their cause.



WINTER PARK LODGE No. 239

Welcomes the Elected Grand Lodge Officers of Florida

In Presentation of:

ST. JOHN'S DAY 2025

Saturday, June 28th, 2025

Join the Junior Grand Warden as he continues his voyage to the Grand East!

We will also renew our Master Mason Obligation

1495 Grand Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

FREE Breakfast at 8AM

Labor resumes at 9AM

Special Guest Speaker: Brother Daniel Molina

*Breakfast open to everyone, program open to
Master Masons Only*

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Important News from the Proud 16th Masonic District

Open Books and District School of Instruction

Led by R.H.: Billy Triplett
Books open from 8am-12pm
School of Instruction 12:30pm-2pm
Saturday, June 21 at 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, Kim Kilmartin, at kismetrecorder@gmail.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.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Sunrail Visit - Orange Blossom 80	3	4	5	6	7 8:00 am Master & Gardens Mokanna #329
8	9	10 6:30 pm Stated Communication	11	12	13	14 9:30 am Shooting Range
15 HAPPY Father's DAY	16	17 6:30 pm Ritual Practice	18	19	20 7:00 pm Game Board Night	21 8:00 am Open Books & District School
22	23	24 6:30 pm Stated Communication DDGM Official Visit	25	26	27	28 8:00 am St. John's Day
29	30					

Lodge Social - After every Stated Meeting at Gator's Dockside on Redbug Road

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



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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. Johnson*
1931 - Willis J. Johnson*
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. Johnson*
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 - R.:H.: Billy Triplett
2024 - Preston Weis

Affiliated Past Masters

1984 - Peter Gregory - Bethlehem No. 85 Delmar, NY

2007 - Norman E. Hitchcock - St. Paul's No. 14 Middletown, RI

2007-8 - R.:W.: 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 - R.:W.: 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
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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



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MASONIC EDUCATION

From the desk of MW Bill Thomas, PGM GLNY wjthomasnyc@gmail.com

Big Decisions Made Easily

[SUGGESTION: Make this a group discussion topic. Lots to consider and share.]

Life is a series of decisions you make. Some are simple and inconsequential, such as which donut you will order with your coffee. But others seriously impact your life. How do we decide about our job, investments, or a future spouse? It can be a daunting decision, filled with stress and inner conflict. Is there a way to reduce the stress and improve our decision-making?

Aristotle offered a series of steps to help us identify the important aspects of any big decision:

1. Give yourself some time and space. Don't rush it.
2. Be in the right mental state. Obviously, if you're drunk, you're not going to be thinking clearly. If you are overly emotional, if you are really stressed, if you are really tired – all these things can impact your decision. You want to be in a good mental space when you are making your decision.
3. Then you want to look at all the facts involved. Some people will use a spreadsheet, and they'll be very meticulous with it. But it's really just making sure that you've considered everything. Try and get everything in one place so that you can process it.
4. Then you would consult an expert. We should not have blind faith in experts, but at the same time, if you wanted to learn the piano, you would probably want to talk to someone who can play the piano.
5. There's value in speaking to people who have gone through what you're going through or who can advise in a good way.
6. Then you want to think about family and friends and all the people that this decision will impact. Is it going to affect their lives? What's it going to do for them? If you're moving, how is this going to affect your family and all the people around you in your life?
7. Start reviewing your own history in your life to see if you've had to make a decision like this before; if so, how did it go? What did you learn?
8. But you can also think of a bigger picture. Look historically and see if anyone else has had to make a similar decision, and how it worked out for them.
9. The final two steps are to be quite mathematical. What's the probability of the result? What kind of outcomes are you going to get, and what is the probability of each one?
10. Finally, you can consider how luck would play into your decision. If you get green lights on everything and it goes really well, what's going to happen? What could be at the end of that decision? And also, what could happen if everything went wrong, if you got red lights and it all went in the dumpster?

So, considering all of those things, Aristotle believed that you would be fully prepared to make a big life decision.

Bill Thomas, PGM GLNY 2014-16

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[Pathways Of The Craftsmen, v2](#)



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The Grand Communication at the Grand Lodge of Florida





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South Seminole/Winter Park Bowling Outing





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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](https://members.glflamason.org) (members.glflamason.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@glflamason.org

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT



7pm

June 20 th

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



Ormazd Grotto

CHILI COOK-OFF Fundraiser

July 5th

Set up starts at 8am for all
competitors

Open to public: 11am

Voting ends: 5pm

Awards 6pm

Tear down for competitors starts
after awards presentation.



\$10 PER PERSON unlimited tastings

*\$25 entry fee for all participants 5 gallons of chili
per entry*

Prizes for the best chilis in each category!

Entertainment, Games, Activities & Drinks


Let's Eat, Connect, and Make a Difference!

1700 Edgewater Dr.

Orlando, FL 32804

Contact Major Enthusiasm: Thom Norush

marketing@ormazdgrotto.org



The South Seminole DeMolay Advisors
formally invite you* to attend our 2nd Poker
Tournament Fund Raising event

Saturday, June 14th at 5:00PM
Ormazd Grotto, Orlando, Florida

\$100.00 Buy-In Minimum
Winner Takes All*

Contact: Dad Phillip
Text: 407-274-3853

**Adults over 21 ONLY, No Jeans, No Sneakers, NO EXCEPTIONS. *50%
of final Jackpot is allocated to help fund South Seminole DeMolay.*



Pine Castle Masonic Education Conference *In Honor of RH Joe Ingram*



Saturday, August 9, 2025



Pine Castle Lodge No. 368 – Orlando, FL



8:00 AM – 4:30 PM



Registration: \$35 - Breakfast and lunch are included

MASTER MASONS ONLY

Support **urgent building repairs**, In addition, a portion of the profits will be donated to the Russell Home for Atypical Children

Get your tickets now

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:00 AM – Breakfast & Registration

8:45 AM – Opening Remarks – *WM Jose G. Diaz*

Presentations:

9:00 AM – *Bro. Juan Sepulveda – The Hero Within: Masonic Journey of Transmutation*

9:40 AM – *RW. Ryan Kilmartin – History and Legacy: Tracing Florida Ritual*

10:20 AM – *Bro. Frank Succo – The Masonic Lodge as a Sacred Space*

11:00 AM – *Bro. Rolff Vladimir Mitton – Unmasking the Ruffians*

11:40 AM – *Bro. Nihad Bassis – Beyond the Horizon: Understanding Challenges, Embracing Masonic Evolution*

12:20 PM – Lunch & Fellowship

1:30 PM – *RW. Tracy Chastain – The Point Within the Circle: Reflections on Phi & Fibonacci*

2:10 PM – *RW. Donald Goolsby – The Hidden Language of the Trestleboard*

2:50 PM – *W. Andy Jules – The Power of Visualization: Building the Temple Within*

3:30 PM – Roundtable Discussion – *Led by RW Michael Catello & RW Rickey Ricks*

4:15 PM – Closing Remarks





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Non-Alcohol Mouth Wash
Hair Spray
Ladies Long Feminine Pads (Poise)
Lipstick (Reds, Pink, Neutral)
Face Powder
Blush (Pinks, Neutrals)
Electric Razors
Nutter Butter Cookies
Fig Newton Cookies
Greeting Cards (no Blanks or Christmas)
Postage stamps
Cash donations
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