



December 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.

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. Everyone brought a dish & W. Tom Swonger spent the morning cooking turkeys for us. We also invited Demolay & Rainbow & added quite a few people to our dining room. It was so wonderful! We've still got a lot going on this month though. We are participating in the Winter Park Christmas Parade on Dec 6th must be at lineup by 830am. Our usual meeting on Dec 9th. We have Masters And Wardens at Winter Park for Dec 13th 8am Breakfast 9am meeting. Ritual Practice on Dec 16th 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.



Ugly Sweater Lodge Game Night on Dec 19th at 7pm. Lets enjoy some games & holiday cheer with our brethren! Then, a charity event near & dear to my heart, Paisley Hopes on Dec 20th at Paisley Community Center & Park. This event touches my heart every year. Well, my Brothers this is it for me. Winter Park Lodge needed me for 26 months & I heeded the call. This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life & I would not change it for anything. Thank you for the opportunity, respect & honor of being able to steer the ship at what is, in my humble opinion, the greatest Lodge in the 16th District if not the State of Florida. After this month I may not be in the East but Winter Park Lodge #239 will always be my home and, even though I have taken on duties & am continuing duties in other places in Masonry, I will always be around & available to assist in any way needed within the length of my cabletow. I have all faith that our Worshipful Master – Elect Juan Carrero will continue to raise this Lodge to Greatness.

Look well to the East Brethren Preston K. Weis Worshipful Master

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Brethren,

As we enter the final month of the year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you. The energy, unity, and momentum we have created together continue to move our Lodge forward with a steady and inspiring pace. Winter Park 239 stands strong because of the dedication and brotherly love each of you brings to our home.



It has been an honor to serve you this year from the West. As I prepare to journey toward the East, I do so with full confidence that the West will remain firmly guarded under the incoming SW:. Bro. Marc Spittler. Our officer line is motivated, committed, and ready to continue elevating our Lodge as the beacon of light it has always been.

December will be filled with joy, fellowship, and opportunities to be together:

- December 6 Winter Park Christmas Parade, spreading holiday cheer to our community.
- December 13 Winter Park Lodge proudly hosts Masters & Wardens.
- December 19 at 7 pm Ugly Sweater Family Night, a fun and festive evening for brothers, families, and friends.

Brothers, thank you for an unforgettable year. Let us carry this momentum into the future with purpose, unity, and excitement for what's ahead.

"When you radiate positivity, the world can't help but shine back at you."

Fraternally, Bro. Juan Carrero Senior Warden













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As we approach the final month of this amazing year 2025, I'm filled with excitement for what's still to come! On Saturday, December 13th, 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.

Also coming up this month is Open Books on Dec 20th. Come in and experience "Doughnuts with the D.I. of the Proud 16th". Take this time to review for your new and upcoming positions, and stay for School of Instruction covering Installations.

Look well to the South, my brothers—while I am on my way out of the kitchen, I am leaving it the capable hands of the incoming JW. it's been an absolute pleasure serving you as JW.

Fraternally,

Bro. Marc Spittler
Junior Warden









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Treasurer December 2025 Trestleboard

My Brothers,

Merry Christmas!!

Here we are entering the final month of this masonic year, I wanted to let Brothers know that our lodge finances are doing well.

The goal for the month of December is:

- Present the Annual Update of the Investment Plan to the Craft.
- Continue working on the next steps to interview and find a financial institution to help manage our two investments accounts.
- Support the Worshipful Master Elect as he presents the budget for the 2026 year.

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

Fraternally,

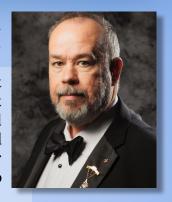
Greg Seavers, PM Treasurer (407) 375-6243





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As we enter the final month of the year, it's important to take time to reflect on the previous year. Think about the things that went well and the things that did not go as well as you would have liked. As Masons, we should always be striving to improve ourselves. There are many ways this can be done, but one is to look at the things that were successful for you and work to repeat those things, improving them when possible. The year hasn't been all success though, there have also been some setbacks, down times, and outright failures. We can learn as much from our failures as we can from our successes. Embrace those times and try to identify what you can do to reduce them. Remember, one less failure is a success!



The end of the year also is a time of change for our Lodge. At our December 9th Stated Meeting, we will be voting by acclamation for the 2026 officers. This is one of several pieces of business that we must deal with at the end of each year. Another piece of business will be dealing with, sadly, is the delinquent Brothers who have not paid their 2025 dues. These Brothers have received multiple notices, including a summons to attend the December 9th Stated Meeting to give reason why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. If this applies to you, please reach out to me as soon as possible. As always, 2025 (and 2026) dues can be paid by check if you would like to mail it in, or you can pay in person via cash or check. 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/

As always, I want to remind you that if you need 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.

The Lodge will be Dark for the second meeting in December, so if I don't see you at our meeting on the 9th, I hope to see you at our Installation of Officers on January 3rd, 2026. I hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season and wish you the best in 2026.

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 <u>secretary@winterparklodge.org</u> so we can keep your records up to date

Attentive Ears & Instructive Tongues

Petitions Received

James McCord Aaron Thude Entered Apprentice

Robert Patton Davide M Bisso Garrett D Marlowe

Fellow Craft

Hector Diaz II Ellison Riley

Master Mason

Giancarlo Molina





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Building Committee December 2025

My Brothers,

Merry Christmas!!



I would like to continue to thank all Brothers and Appended bodies for utilizing the 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.

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

We are working the lodge calendar for 2026. If you have any requests for dates, please contact me via the above e-mail address.

We have several goals for the month of December.

Finalize the draft agreement with Action Church.

Finalize drafting the updates to our agreements with two of the three appended bodies that use our lodge. This is formality and to ensure that the agreements stay up to date.

In November, we had the mini splits cleaned in the Secretary's and Scottish Rite's Offices. The two systems are working well and will be part of our bi-annual agreement with the HVAC company. This will allow these two systems to stay in good working condition.

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

If you have any questions or would like to support these goals, please reach out to me.

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

Worshipful Master: Preston Weis (Jessie) 941.286.7844 pkweis1@hotmail.com

Senior Warden: Juan Carrero (Mariana)

321.444.0667 juancarrero123@gmail.com

Junior Warden: Marc Spittler (Erin) 407.803.3286 fenian117@gmail.com

Treasurer: Greg Seavers, PM (Victoria) 407.375.6243 treasurer@winterparklodge.org

Secretary: John Halter, PM (Dawn)

321.345.0331 secretary@winterparklodge.org

Senior Deacon: Eric LeGrow (Patricia) 954.683.2582 ericlegrow@hotmail.com

Junior Deacon: Joshua Williams Jr (Valinda)

joshuawilliams3152@yahoo.com

Chaplain: Jack Devlin, PM

jedevlin@aol.com

Musician: Mike Seeley (Nancie) 407.461.1770 <u>mike102400@aol.com</u>

Senior Steward:

Junior Steward: Brandon Fornea (Kim)

brandonfornea@gmail.com

Marshall: Tyler Mitchell

561.240.253 tyler.mitchell1224@gmail.com

Tyler: Raymond Brunkow (Tracy)





Masonic Anniversaries

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December Celebrations

BROTHER	YEARS	
Donald Claus	63	
James May	61	
Howard Duckworth	57	
Benjamin Ward Jr	50	
Terry Skaggs	41	
Brian Roberts	38	
David Corn	36	
John Long Jr	36	
Douglas Witchey	33	
Albert Tellechea	30	
Jeffrey Morgan	28	
Brian Oliver	28	
Ricardo Parente	28	
Bradley Paul	28	
Jason Carpione	25	

BROTHER	YEARS	
Alex Darwich	25	
Steven Isaacs	25	
Donald Wise	17	
Jose Reyes	14	
Luke Leonard	11	
David Dowda	10	
Caesar Duverge	10	
Brian Griffin	10	
Wagner Nolasco	10	
William Roesch	10	
Anthony Jacelon	6	
Carlos Padilla	6	
Adam Perry	6	
John Canonico	5	
Gary Davis	5	
Pedro Arcila Silva	3	



December Birthdays

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December Celebrations

BROTHER	DATE	
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	

BROTHER	DATE	
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	





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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.









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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, December 20 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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December 2025

SUN	мом	TUE	WED	тни	FRI	SAT
	1	6:00 pm MM Degree	3	4	5	9:00 Winter Park Christmas Parade
7	8	9 6:30 pm Stated Communication	10	11	12	8:00 am Master & Wardens
14	15	16	17	18	7:00 pm Ugly Sweater Family Night	8:00 am Open Books & District School 8:00 Paisley
21	22	23	24	Merry 25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31	NW 44.		





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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. Haves*

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

2024 - Preston Weis

2022 - R:.H:. Billy Triplett

Affiliated Past Masters

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,

2013 - Stuart Orgaz - Orange No. 36

Venus, TX

2014-16 - M:.W:. William Thomas, PGM

2018 - Randall Safier - Trelum No. 552, Troy, MI

2017 - R:.W:. Michael Catello - Mokanna

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





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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

You Know Him



You've seen him before. He doesn't look for recognition. He never asks for applause. But he shows up, again and again.

He's the one quietly guiding a new Brother through his first degree, answering questions with patience and never making him feel small.

He's the one who notices when someone's drifting and offers a gentle word and a hand back to the path.

He visits those who can't make it to Lodge, checks in on widows, and always seems to know when someone could use a call.

You'll find him helping at community programs, supporting youth, and stepping in wherever a need appears.

He gives when no one asks.

He serves without ceremony. He is steady in the Lodge and present in the lives of those around him. He doesn't preach the Masonic values; he lives them.

And that's what makes the difference. It's not his year in the East, not his years of service. But the quiet consistency of a man committed to building something better. We each have a version of this Brother in mind.

The question is: Are you becoming him?

Bill Thomas, PGM GLNY 2014-16

407-927-8400





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Stated communication meeting November 11 th



Thanksgiving November 15 th







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Thanksgiving November 15 th

















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Thanksgiving November 15 th

















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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

(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 December 19 th

Beard

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









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CLICK to view the Masonic Home donation page CLICK to view the Amazon wish list



Corky's Cupboard Wish List

(New items only, please)

Cologne or body spray (men & women)

Tissues (Large and Small Boxes)

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

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

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