



Winter Park Lodge No. 239



January 2026

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.

My Brothers,

Hoping this finds all my brethren and your families in good health and that you all had a great end of the year Holidays, Being in great spirits and overwhelmed by such outpouring of love and appreciation on January 3rd, I had the profound honor of being installed as Worshipful Master of Winter Park Lodge No. 239. Standing in the East, surrounded by family, friends, and the Brothers who have shaped my journey, filled me with deep gratitude. Thank you for your trust and for the privilege of serving you this year.



As we turn the page into 2026, I am proud of the momentum we have built together. Our Lodge continues to shine because of each Brother's commitment, warmth, and willingness to participate. This spirit of unity will guide everything we accomplish in the months ahead.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all newly installed officers across the Proud 16th Masonic District. January is a busy month of installations, and I invite all Brothers to travel with me as we support our neighboring Lodges and celebrate their new leadership.

I am also excited to share that Winter Park Lodge will once again host a tent at the 48th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, continuing a growing tradition for our Lodge. This effort is being coordinated by our Junior Warden, Bro. Eric LeGrow. If you would like to participate in this outstanding event—handing out Lodge material, engaging with the community, and promoting the great work we do—please reach out to him. (Kilt attire optional but always encouraged!)

My vision for this year is simple: to nurture a Lodge where every Brother feels welcome, valued, and motivated to contribute; where productivity grows from fellowship; and where inclusion strengthens our bonds and our Light. Together, we will continue moving Winter Park Lodge forward with purpose and unity.

“Leadership is the art of inspiring others toward the greatness that already lives within them.”

Brothers, thank you for allowing me the honor of serving from the East. I look forward to a meaningful, productive, and inspiring year—together.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Bro. Juan Carrero
Worshipful Master

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As we greet the dawn of 2026, I am deeply humbled and profoundly honored by the trust you have placed in me, allowing me the privilege of being elected Senior Warden of our Lodge.

Thank you, my Brothers, for entrusting me with the West and granting me the opportunity to serve in this vital station. Following in the footsteps of the distinguished Brethren who have stood here before me, I pledge to guard the West with strength, diligence, and unwavering integrity. I will carry out the duties of this office with the dedication and fidelity our Lodge deserves.

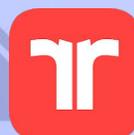


I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Worshipful Master Juan Carrero, to our newly elected officers, and to all who have been appointed to serve. It seems like only yesterday we were assisting then-Junior Warden Alan Lee in the kitchen. Now, standing beside such a committed, capable, and exemplary group of men, I am confident that the year ahead will be both outstanding and productive. I look forward with great anticipation to all we will accomplish together.

As a united leadership team, we will set the tone for growth, harmony, and continued success in our Lodge—ensuring that every Brother has the opportunity to flourish in fellowship and brotherhood.

As always, if there is ever anything I—or any of the officers—can do to support you, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we will make this year one to remember as we strengthen and deepen the bonds that make our fraternity so meaningful.

Fraternally,
Bro. Marc Spittler
Senior Warden





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As we turn the page into a new year and prepare to install the officers who will guide our Lodge through 2026, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your confidence and support. Being elected to serve you as Junior Warden is an honor that I do not take lightly. Your trust inspires me, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to guard the South and continue the proud traditions of Winter Park Lodge.



Our Lodge has long set a high standard – in our ritual, in our fellowship, and yes, very much in our meals. I am truly excited for the year ahead, and I look forward to feeding the Craft at our Stated Communications, Degrees, Open Books sessions, and Masters & Wardens. While there will be no Open Books in January, I hope to see many of you throughout the month as we travel to installations around the Proud 16th Masonic District to support our worthy Brothers.

I am especially excited to be working side-by-side in the kitchen with our Senior and Junior Stewards, Brothers Tyler Mitchell and Gabor Andrasi. Their energy, ideas, and commitment have already impressed me, and together we have some excellent meals planned for 2026. Come out on January 13th and watch us sweat over a hot stove for you – we promise to make it worth your while!

As we begin this new Masonic year, my hope is that the South can continue to be a place of refreshment, fellowship, and brotherly love. A warm meal and a warm smile can do wonders for the spirit, and I intend to provide both as faithfully as those who have stood in this station before me.

Thank you again, my Brothers. I am humbled by your trust, eager for the year ahead, and proud to serve this exceptional Lodge.

Fraternally,
Eric Hudson LeGrow
Junior Warden





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Treasurer

My Brothers,

Happy New Year!!

I want to thank the Brothers of Winter Park Masonic Lodge No. 239 for electing me as Treasurer for a fourth year. It is an honor and privilege to serve the Craft. I look forward to another great year and continuing to serve. If we have not met, I will make every effort to meet you.



As we enter the first month of this masonic year, I want to let Brothers know that our lodge is doing well and we have an approved 2026 Budget.

The goals for the month of January is:

1. Continue working on the next steps of finding a financial institution to help manage our two investments accounts.
2. Update the Lodge Investment Policy.
3. Perform the Audit on the 2025 Financials.

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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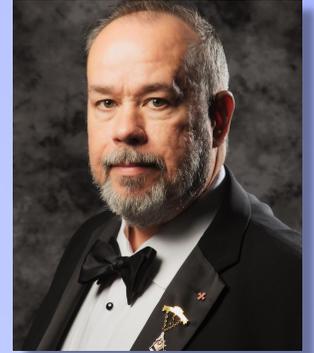
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Happy New Year My Brothers!

Thank you for trusting me to serve the lodge as Secretary for another year. It's not always an easy position, but I enjoy the fact that it puts me in contact with so many Brothers of our Lodge that I may not have otherwise had the opportunity to interact with. It's been a learning process and I continue to learn with each passing day so I appreciate your patience. As we enter 2026, I want to thank W.: Preston Weis for his hard work over the last two years as Worshipful Master and congratulate W.:M.: Juan Carrero on his election for Worshipful Master for 2026. I'm sure we will have another great year full of activities, education, and fellowship. The new year also means a new budget! Our Lodge's budget is dependent on our members paying their dues in a timely manner. The last couple of years, we have seen an unusually high number of



member losses due to dimits, deaths, and NPD, which all affect the Lodge's ability to meet our financial obligations. The dues for 2026 are due prior to Dec 27, 2025. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2026, please consider doing so now. If you have paid your dues and have not yet received your dues card, please email me ASAP to make sure I have your correct mailing address. As mentioned last month, I am processing the payments and mailing out 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. You can also pay your dues online via our website at

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

As a reminder, I would ask that if you need to contact me for anything lodge-related, please email me at Secretary@winterparklodge.org or leave a voicemail via the lodge phone. If you need to contact me immediately, you can use the number on the Officers page. If you text or leave a voicemail, please make sure you include your name. Other than Stated Meeting nights, I am also at the lodge on the first Tuesday for our Officer meetings and I'm typically at the lodge during Open Books/School of Instruction and can meet with you during those times if needed.

I hope to see you at an upcoming Stated Meeting or one of our many events that will be happening this year, including our tent at the Scottish Highland Games later this month.

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

James McCord
Aaron Thude

Entered Apprentice

Robert Patton
Davide M Bisso
Garrett D Marlowe

Fellow Craft

Master Mason

Hector Diaz II
Ellison Riley



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My Brothers,

Happy New Year!!



I am honored to be appointed for the second year as the Chairman of the Lodge Property Committee.

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. I continue to request all Brothers and Appended Bodies to use the email address and not request lodge usage via phone call or text. Reminder that for Building Usage requests, the Building Committee respectively request a 30-45 days advance notice.

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

We have completed the lodge calendar for 2026 and is updated accordingly on the lodge website calendar. If you have any requests for dates, please contact me via the above e-mail address.

We have several goals for the month of January.

Finalize the draft agreement with Action Church.

Sign the usage agreement with the Scottish Rite.

Finalize drafting the updates to our agreement with LOS. This is formality and to ensure that the agreements stay up to date.

In January, we will begin an Air Conditioner and Lift Station Contract in order to keep these systems working well so that we are not caught off guard with emergencies.

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



Your 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master: Juan Carrero (Mariana)
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Junior Warden: Eric LeGrow (Patricia)
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Musician: Mike Seeley (Nancie)
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321.345.0331 secretary@winterparklodge.org

Junior Steward: Gabor Andrasi (Yasemin)
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Tyler: Brian Smith (Diane)
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January Celebrations

Masonic Anniversaries

Brother	Years
S Takvorian	63
Robert Knox	61
Stephen Hicks	57
Richard DeVasto	56
John Grocke	37
Wilbur Smith	33
Simon Colak	26
Ewerson Steigleder	22
Michael Carley	19
Lawrence Deering	19
Albert Fiala	19
Thomas Gorence	19
Thomas Watkins	11
Juan Carrero Baptista	9



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January Celebrations

January Birthdays

Brother	Date	Brother	Date
Karl Stimson Jr	2	Walter Fordyce, III	20
David Sharp	6	Robert Kingsland	20
Rodolfo Galvan	7	Michal Kolakowski	21
Donald Wise	7	Thomas Murphy	21
Shane Sadr	9	Julio Perez-Vega	21
Giancarlo Molina	11	William Valentino	21
Troy Preddy Jr	11	Armand Ouellette Jr	22
Robert Blomquist	12	Richard Annable	25
Adrian Pastor	13	Randall Safier	26
Barrett Forburger	15	Robert Bankers	28
Robert Knox	18	Griffin McKee	30
Charles Davis	19	Michael Seeley	30
Allen Jenks	19	Sean Serrao	30
Richard Drews	20		

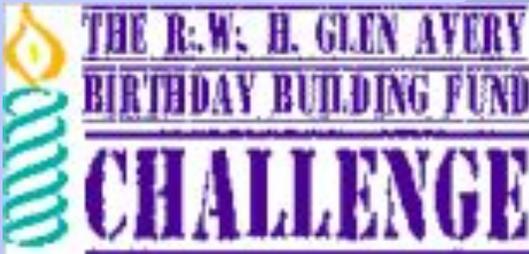


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In 2010 R:W:. H. Glen Avery challenged each of us to contribute to the building fund each year on our birthday. This gift was to represent one dollar for each year of the birthday you are celebrating. Every dollar of your gift will be put into the 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 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Hope #82 - Rainbow Assembly Brethren, we all know that the future of our Masonic family resides in our youth. At Hope Assembly #82, our girls are learning that service to others is the brightest color in the spectrum of life. I invite you to join their cause with a donation today. Help us ensure that the light of Hope continues to shine brightly in their Assembly. Your support is the greatest example we can give them of what true fraternity looks like.





Important News from the Proud 16th Masonic District

Open Books and District School of Instruction

Led by R.:H.: Billy Triplett
Books open from 8 am-12 pm
School of Instruction 12:30 pm-2 pm
Saturday, Febuary 28 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 Beth Perrell, Secretary at 407-592-7487. 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
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6:30 pm Meeting of officers	7	8	9	10
11	12	6:30 pm Stated Communication	14	15	16	17
18	19	6:30 pm Ritual Practice	21	22	23	24
25	26	6:30 pm Stated Communication	28	29	30	31

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



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. Pegrarn*
- 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
- 2023 - Russell Anderson
- 2024 - Preston Weis
- 2025 - Preston Weis

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, 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
+++ 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

Constitution, Consecration, and Dedication

What is the Consecration, Dedication, and Constitution of a Masonic Lodge, and what are the differences between these actions?

As we gather in this sacred space, let us turn our minds to the foundational ceremonies that give life and legitimacy to a Masonic Lodge: its Constitution, Consecration, and Dedication. These three distinct yet interwoven acts are the very pillars upon which a new Lodge is erected, transforming a mere assembly of Brethren into a regular and recognized body within the Craft. Let us review and illuminate the unique significance of each of these solemn rites and clarify the distinctions between them.

The Constitution: The Grant of Legal Masonic Authority

Before a Lodge can be consecrated or dedicated, it must first be *constituted*. The Constitution of a Lodge is the formal act by which the Grand Lodge, through its Grand Master, grants a new Lodge its charter or warrant and officially recognizes it as a regular Lodge. This is, in essence, the legal birth of the Lodge.

Think of the *Warrant of Constitution* as the Lodge's birth certificate and its legal charter to operate. It is the document that empowers the Brethren to assemble, initiate, pass, and raise Masons, and to perform all the other functions of a regular Masonic Lodge. Without this warrant, any assembly of Masons, no matter how well-intentioned, is considered clandestine and irregular.

The ceremony of Constitution is a formal affair where the Grand Master, or his representative, reads the warrant and declares the Lodge to be regularly constituted. This act establishes the Lodge's legitimacy and its connection to the larger body of Freemasonry.

The Consecration: Sanctifying the Lodge for a Sacred Purpose

Following the Constitution, the Lodge undergoes the solemn ceremony of Consecration. This is a profoundly spiritual act that sets the Lodge apart for a sacred purpose. The term "consecrate" means "to make holy." In this ceremony, we symbolically purify the Lodge and dedicate its space and its members to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe and to the principles of Freemasonry.

The elements of Consecration are deeply symbolic and rooted in ancient tradition:

- **Corn:** The symbol of plenty and abundance. It represents the nourishment of the body and the blessings of a fruitful life.
- **Wine:** The symbol of joy and gladness. It signifies the invigoration of the spirit and the happiness that comes from fellowship.
- **Oil:** The symbol of peace and harmony. It represents the calming and soothing influence of brotherly love and the unity that should prevail in the Lodge.



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By strewing these elements, we invoke the blessings of Heaven upon the Lodge and its future endeavors, transforming it from a mere meeting place into a sacred space where the sublime principles of our Craft can be taught and practiced.

The Dedication: Committing the Lodge to Masonic Ideals

After being constituted and consecrated, the Lodge is then dedicated. While Consecration is a sacred act directed towards the Great Architect, Dedication is the formal commitment of the Lodge to the specific patrons and principles of Freemasonry.

Historically, Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon, who is revered as our first Grand Master. Today, in most jurisdictions, Lodges are dedicated to the Holy Saints John – St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist – who are esteemed as eminent patrons of our Order.

The act of Dedication serves as a constant reminder to the Brethren of the virtuous lives of these patrons and encourages them to emulate their examples of faith, zeal, and brotherly love. It is a declaration of the moral and philosophical path that the Lodge and its members will strive to follow.

The Distinctions Summarized

To put it plainly, the differences can be understood as follows:

- Constitution is the legal foundation. It is the official act that gives the Lodge its existence and authority.
- Consecration is the spiritual foundation. It is the sanctification of the Lodge, setting it apart for a holy purpose.
- Dedication is the moral foundation. It is the commitment of the Lodge to the exemplary patrons and principles of Freemasonry.

In sequence, a Lodge is first constituted by the Grand Lodge, then consecrated to the Great Architect, and finally dedicated to the Holy Saints John. Each of these ceremonies is a vital and beautiful part of our Masonic heritage, rich with symbolism and meaning. Together, they form the tripartite foundation upon which a just, perfect, and regular Lodge is built, ensuring that it will be a beacon of light, truth, and brotherly love for generations to come.



Bill Thomas, PGM GLNY 2014-16

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Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of Winter Park 239 for the 2026 year.



Winter Park Lodge No 239 marching at the Winter Park City Parade





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Brothers of Winter Park visited South Seminole Lodge 364 the Meeting of December 2025, and retrieved the Traveling Gavel of the Proud 16th Masonic District.



Year-end Social gathering - Great time





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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.gflmason.org)

(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

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT



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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
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