



Winter Park Lodge No. 239



June 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,

Our Lodge continues to maintain a strong balance of ritual work, degrees, Masonic education, and fellowship. Whether in our stated meetings, degree work, or Family Game Nights, the spirit of brotherhood remains strong and continues to grow.

As we begin a new Masonic year, I extend sincere congratulations to our newly installed Grand Lodge Officers:

- Grand Master — M.·W.· Haskell Vest**
- Deputy Grand Master — R.·W.· Rick Wendling**
- Senior Grand Warden — R.·W.· Rob Estell**
- Junior Grand Warden — R.·W.· John Dragneff**
- Grand Treasurer — M.·W.· Richard Lynn**
- Grand Secretary — M.·W.· Jeff Foster**



We also proudly recognize **R.·W.· Chet Tokar** as District Deputy Grand Master and **R.·H.· Billy Triplett** as District Instructor. Their service brings honor to our Lodge and District.

Looking ahead, we will host the Masters and Wardens Association on June 6, with breakfast at 8:00 AM provided by Kismet Court No. 86, followed by the meeting at 9:00 AM. Rainbow Girls Hope Assembly No. 82 will also be present with a fundraising drive.

A Fellowcraft Degree is scheduled for our stated meeting on June 9, as we continue guiding Brothers through their Masonic journey. On June 19 at 7:00 PM, we gather for Family Game Night, open to Brothers, families, and friends for fellowship and conversation.

On June 23, we will launch our Adopt-A-Road Program along Grand Road in partnership with the City of Winter Park. Special thanks to Brother JW ·· Eric LeGrow and Brother SD ·· Joshua Williams for their leadership in making this initiative possible.

One of the most meaningful events of our year will be St. John's Day on June 27 at 8:00 AM. Following breakfast, we will hold a unique ceremony welcoming R.·W.· John Dragneff into the Grand Line and rededicating ourselves to the principles of our Craft. This event also supports our charitable effort to assist families in need. I encourage all Brethren and families to attend. Finally, on June 30 at 6:00 PM, we will confer a Master Mason Degree.

The momentum we are building reflects Brothers working together in purpose and unity.

As Psalm 133:1 reminds us, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May we continue laboring side by side in brotherhood and harmony.

Always yours, Fraternaly and Sincerely,

Juan Carrero
Worshipful Master
Winter Park Lodge No. 239

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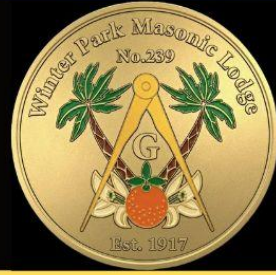
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Salutations from the West,

As we move into the month of June, we do so with a great sense of pride, momentum, and anticipation for the exciting events ahead for Winter Park Lodge No. 239. The month of May concluded with a highly successful Annual Grand Lodge Communication, where Florida Masonry once again demonstrated the strength of our fraternity, the dedication of its leadership, and the enduring bonds of brotherhood that unite us across the state.

We extend our congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge line officers as they begin their service to the Craft. Their willingness to lead and serve ensures that our traditions and values remain strong for future generations of Masons.

A special congratulations is certainly in order for two brothers who continue to represent our lodge with distinction. We proudly congratulate R.·W.· Chet Tokar on his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master and R.·H.· Billy Triplett on his continuing appointment as District Instructor. .

These appointments are a testament not only to their dedication, leadership, and Masonic knowledge, but also to the reputation and strength of Winter Park Lodge No. 239. We know they will serve the district and the Craft with honor and excellence.

June is also a month deeply rooted in Masonic tradition and renewal. On June 27th, we celebrate St. John's Day. On this day, we look forward to "properly" assisting our newly installed Junior Grand Warden, R.·W.· John Dragneff on his journey to the Grand East. His installation marks another important moment for Florida Masonry, and we extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a successful year of service. This observance reminds us of the timeless principles of virtue, integrity, and brotherly love that continue to guide our fraternity.

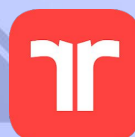
Our lodge calendar for June also provides wonderful opportunities for fellowship and labor. On June 19th, we invite all brethren, families, and friends to join us for our Family Game Night. These gatherings strengthen not only our brotherhood, but also the connections between our families and lodge community. It promises to be an evening filled with laughter, fellowship, and fun for all ages.

Then, on June 30th, Winter Park Lodge No. 239 will have the privilege of conferring a Master Mason Degree. Degree work remains among the most meaningful and important responsibilities of our lodge, and we encourage all brethren to attend and support the candidates as they continue their Masonic journey.

As we begin the summer season, let us continue to build upon the momentum of this year through fellowship, participation, and service to one another. Winter Park Lodge No. 239 continues to thrive because of the dedication and commitment of its members, and I remain grateful for the opportunity to labor alongside each of you.

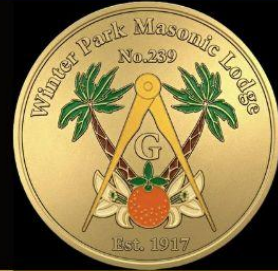
Fraternally,

Bro. Marc M. Spittler
Senior Warden





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Brothers,

As we enter the month of June, it is hard to believe we are already approaching the halfway point of the year. Between lodge activities, family, work, and the constant rhythm of the summer season, time seems to move faster every year. Thankfully, our Lodge continues to provide something steady and meaningful — fellowship, labor, and the opportunity to gather together as Brothers.

June begins with Masters and Wardens on June 6th, which will mark the first official visit in that capacity for our newly installed R.:W.:DDGM Chet Tokar. We are especially grateful to the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine for graciously providing breakfast and helping make the morning memorable for all in attendance.

On June 20th we once again open the doors for Open Books, and the kitchen will be working overtime. Breakfast will feature cooked-to-order eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, followed by burgers and fries for lunch. Whether you are attending for ritual instruction, fellowship, or simply for a good meal and good company, we look forward to seeing everyone there.

We are also excited for our annual St. John's Day Celebration on June 27th. Few traditions capture the spirit of our fraternity quite like gathering together at table among friends and Brothers. As Masons, the celebration of St. John reminds us that we too are called to prepare the way — by seeking light, extending fellowship, and breaking bread together in peace and harmony.

Finally, we close out the month with a Master Mason Degree on June 30th. Degrees are always a reminder of why we labor — to pass along the light of Masonry to worthy men and continue strengthening the future of our Craft.

As always, if anyone has meal requests, allergies, suggestions, or would simply like to step into the kitchen as a guest chef, please let me know. The kitchen is always open to Brothers willing to share a recipe, a helping hand, or a little fellowship.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation. I look forward to another outstanding month filled with Brotherhood, learning, and memorable meals.



I look forward to seeing you soon—around the table and in the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Eric Hudson LeGrow

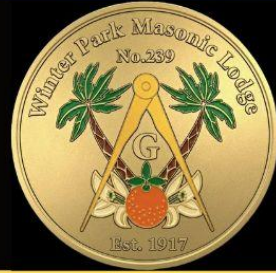
Junior Warden





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My Brothers,

Wow, it is already June. This year has been a busy year for the lodge and wanted to let the craft know that we are doing well financially.

The goals for the month of June are:

- 1) Finalize the renewal of our two lodge policies with our Insurance Carrier. Our policy renewal date is June 7th. This is our largest lodge expense for the year.
- 2) Continue working on the next steps of finding a financial institution to help manage our two investments accounts.

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

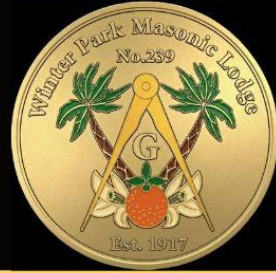


Fraternally,
Greg Seavers, PM
Treasurer
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Our Annual Grand Communication has ended and we now know who our victim...I mean guest of honor will be for our 70th annual St John's Day Breakfast later this month! Congratulations to R.:W.: John Dragneff on being voted to be our next Jr Grand Warden. Also, congratulations to R.:W.: Chet Tokar on being appointed District Deputy Grand Master and R.:H.: Billy Triplet as District Instructor. We will be reviewing the results of the proposed legislation at our second meeting in June but I've also included the index page from the legislation booklet on the next page and whether each item passed or failed. I left the page numbers so you can look up what the item was referencing if you wish.

Our first meeting in June will be just the business that must be done, then we will be stepping down and passing a Brother James McCord to Fellow Craft. It's been a while since we've conducted a degree on a Stated Meeting night, but I encourage you to come out and support our Brother as he continues his progress in our great Fraternity.

The 70th annual St John's Day Breakfast will be held on June 27th, breakfast at 8am and program at 9am. Breakfast will be provided by the members of Pioneer Chapter 99, OES and a donation will be collected. Later that same day, the Grand Master will hold his official visit to our district at the Bahia Shrine. There will NOT be a tiled meeting this year following the dinner. The meal is free* but you need to reserve a ticket since seating will be limited.

Open Books will be on the third Saturday this month, June 20th, to accommodate St John's Day. District School of Instruction will follow, same as last year. Also happening later this month, any Brother who has not yet paid his 2026 Dues will be mailed a delinquency notice informing them they are six months late. If you did not receive your dues notice last fall, we may not have your current address. Please contact me any time your mailing address (or phone/email) changes at secretary@winterparklodge.org

Finally, I would like to end on a positive note. I've reached out to Brothers that have earned Service Awards (25 yr, 40 yr, 50 yr, etc) but have not made it to Lodge to be presented with them. I'm happy to say that several Brothers have responded to the letters and updated us with their respective situations. Some requested the awards be mailed and some have said they will attend an upcoming meeting for the presentation. If you received the letter and have not yet responded, please call or email today so that we can get it to you as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

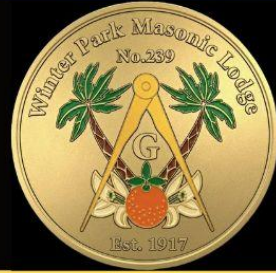
**John Halter, PM
Secretary**





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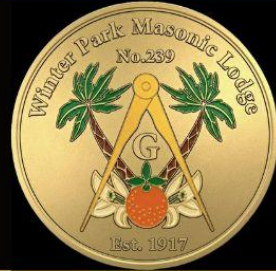
2026 Proposed Legislation Results

1. Resolution to Amend Regulation 12.15 of “Chapter 12, Grand Communications and Proceedings, Procedure and Proceedings, Voting” in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**PASS**—Pg. 1
 2. Resolution to Permanently Revoke Regulation 26.21 of “Chapter 26. Membership, Rights, and Duties” from the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**FAIL**—Pg. 2
 3. Resolution to Amend Regulation 44.28 of “Chapter 44. Duties of the Worshipful Master and Secretary Upon Receipt of Charges” in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**FAIL**—Pg.4
 4. Resolution to Amend Regulation 44.42 of “Chapter 44. Evidence Admissible” in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**FAIL**—Pg. 6
 5. Resolution to Amend Regulation 44.46 of “Chapter 44. Trial in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**FAIL**—Pg. 7
 6. Resolution to Amend Regulation 44.49 of “Chapter 44. Trial” in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida —**FAIL**—Pg. 8
 7. Resolution to Amend Regulation 44.55 of “Chapter 44. Sentence and Penalty” in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**FAIL**—Pg. 9
 8. Resolution to Amend Regulation 44.56 of “Chapter 44. Sentence and Penalty” in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida—**FAIL**—Pg.10
 9. Resolution on Qualifications for Elected Grand Lodge Officers —**PASS**— Pg. 12
 10. Resolution on Qualification of District Instructors —**PASS**— Pg. 13
 11. Resolution for Proposed Legislation regarding the Masonic Home of Florida —**PASS**— Pg. 14
 12. Resolution to change the Manner and Method of Elections of Lodge Officers —**FAIL**— Pg. 16
 13. Resolution to change Chapter 19 in Regards to Officer Training Requirements —**FAIL**— Pg. 18
 14. Resolution Changing 19.03.3 —**FAIL**— Pg. 20
 15. Resolution to Change the Constitution and the Digest of Masonic Law For Safekeeping, The Original and Duplicate Copies of the Forms and Ceremonies — **PASS** — Pg. 21
 16. Resolution of Criminal Background Checks — **PASS** — Pg. 24
 17. Resolution to Adopt the Mentoring Committee to Chapter 13 Committees Created by Regulation — **PASS**— Pg. 26
 18. Resolution to Raise the Voluntary Contributions for Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents — **PASS**— Pg. 27
 19. Resolution as to Time in Force of the Blue Proficiency Card — **FAIL** — Pg. 28
 20. Resolution to Repair the Infrastructure of the Masonic Home of Florida — **PASS** — Pg. 29
- *Emergency Legislation to remove 22.01-Bonding of Particular Lodge Elected Officers.....PASS***



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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

Entered Apprentice

Robert Patton
James McCord

Fellow Craft

Davide M Bisso
Garrett D Marlowe
Aaron Thude
Nicholas Oliveira

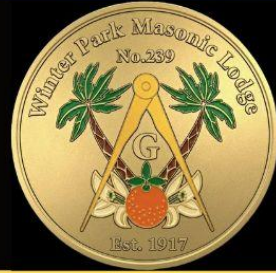
Master Mason

Hector Diaz II
Ellison Riley



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My Brothers,

We are mid-way through the year and we still have so much to do.

As you have already read, we have St. Johns Day this month. In order to be prepared for this day, we have planned a lodge clean up on Friday June 19th.

We have work on both the inside and outside that needs to be done. If you would like to help, please let me know or just show up and support. We have a lot to be proud of and want to show our lodge off. Brothers, take a look at the new furniture for the lobby. Thanks to WM Juan for donating them to us!



We have several goals for the month of June in order to be ready for Saint John's Day:

- Have the carpets cleaned
- Repair the Ante Room Door
- Clean up the flower beds and trim bushes where needed
- Clean up the ante room and ante room closet
- Clean up the storage closet in the dining hall

We also have other things that need to be done, so I will be working with vendors to come out and perform the work or give us quotes:

- Repair leaks and repaint areas in the lodge room and dining hall
- Repair the stove and stove hood in the kitchen.
- Have the annual sprinkler system inspection
- Electrical work for the exit signs
- Semi-annual Life Station maintenance
- Update Network
- Have the lodge re-keyed
- Update Security Cameras
- Repair Sprinkler System Pump
- Replace Compressor in the AC Condenser

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

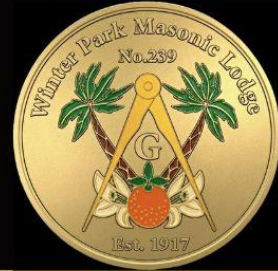
We have completed the lodge calendar for 2026 and is updated accordingly on the lodge website calendar. If you have any requests for dates, please contact me via the above e-mail address.

We also need to finalize drafting the updates to our agreements with LOS and OES. This is formality and to ensure that the agreements stay up to date. 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



Your 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master: Juan Carrero (Mariana)
321.444.0667 juancarrero123@gmail.com

Junior Deacon: Brandon Fornea (Kim)
brandonfornea@gmail.com

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

Chaplain: Raymond Brunkow (Tracy)
404-734-1219

Junior Warden: Eric LeGrow (Patricia)
954.683.2582 ericlegrow@hotmail.com

Musician: Mike Seeley (Nancie)
407.461.1770 mike102400@aol.com

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

Senior Steward: Tyler Mitchell
561.240.253 tyler.mitchell1224@gmail.com

Secretary: John Halter, PM (Dawn)
321.345.0331 secretary@winterparklodge.org

Junior Steward: Gabor Andrasi (Yasemin)
678.983.1805 gabor.andrasi@icloud.com

Senior Deacon: Joshua Williams (Valinda)
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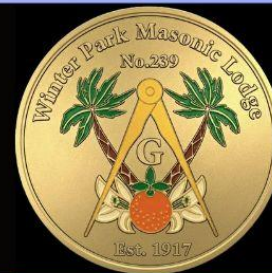
Marshall: Randall Safier, PM (Sara)
586.943.0605 rmsafier@live.com

Tyler: Brian Smith (Diane)
321.229.8553 aggie74@mpinet.net





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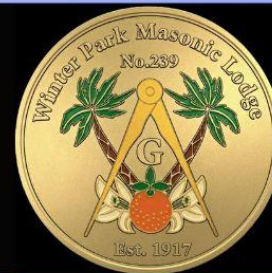
June Celebrations

Masonic Anniversaries

Brother	Years	Brother	Years
David Danziger	70	Kenneth Meier	21
Robert Hanky	69	Allen Stearns Jr	20
Richard Annable	59	Justin McDonald	18
Robert Miller	56	Randall Safier	16
Harold Smothers	55	Brian Abreu	15
Michael Seeley	50	Jonathan Cotto	15
Fred Lacey III	42	Julian Gordon	15
Walter Fordyce, III	41	Raymond Cody	14
Ralph Proctor, III	41	Donald Scott	14
Clem Lisor III	37	Richard Walters Jr	13
Shannon Winters	24	Jason Lopez	10
Michael Griffin	23		



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June Celebrations

March Birthdays

Brother	Date
Gregory Seavers	1
Mark Avery	2
Richard Walters Jr	2
Anthony Jacelon	6
Joshua Williams	6
Brian Caffee	7
Robert Genay	7
Adam Perry	8
Luke Leonard	10
Robert Fiedler	13
Mel Bledsoe	14

Brother	Date
John Canonico	15
David Hollenbach, Jr.	15
Mustafa Umarusman	19
David Corral	20
Carlos Lopez Landaeta	22
Jehad Nimeh	23
John Pettigrew	23
Jack Setzer	25
Wilbur Smith	28
Jeffrey Morgan	29
Harry Speer	30
John Canonico	15



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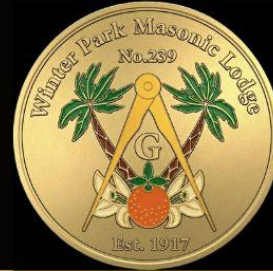
In 2010 R.W.: H. Glen Avery challenged each of us to contribute to the building fund each year on our birthday. This gift was to represent one dollar for each year of the birthday you are celebrating. Every dollar of your gift will be put into the building fund for use in managing our facilities and 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 South Seminole Chapter of DeMolay serves as a leadership incubator where young men aged 12 to 21 develop essential business and life skills by managing their own chapter operations, budgets, and community initiatives. By grounding their activities in the Seven Cardinal Virtues—including leadership, integrity, and patriotism—the organization molds participants into character-driven citizens. Supporting their "business" is a direct investment in the next generation of leaders, providing them with the necessary resources to practice real-world management and financial responsibility within a mentored, fraternal environment.





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, June 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 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 31	MON Jun 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
		6:30 - Lodge Officer Meeting 7:30 - Ritual Practice				8:00 am - Masters and Wardens 10 AM - Memorial Lodge
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		7:30 - Stated Communication and FC Degree				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		7:30 - Ritual Practice	7:00 Philosophy Book Club		7:30 - Family Game Night	8:00 AM - Open Books 12:30 - School of Instruction
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		7:30 - Stated Communication			7:30 - Scottish Rite	8:00 St. John's Day Celebration 6:00 PM - GMOV to District 16 at the Shrine
28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
		6:00 PM - Master Mason Degree				

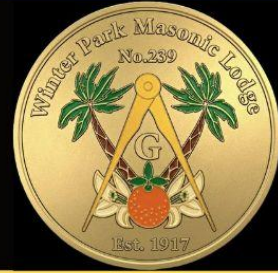
Lodge Social - After every Stated Meeting at Gator's Dockside on Red Bug Lake Rd

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 - R.:W.: Chet Tokar
- 2021 - Luke Leonard
- 2022 - R.:H.: Billy Triplett
- 2023 - Russell Anderson
- 2024 - Preston Weis
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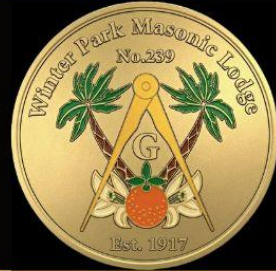
Affiliated Past Masters

- 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
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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

What Is the Masonic Cipher—and Why It Still Matters

By M.:W.: William J. Thomas, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York

The **Masonic Cipher**, often colloquially termed the **Pigpen Cipher**, is far more than a historical curiosity; it is a fundamental pillar of the "Secret Arts" that defines the speculative identity of Freemasonry. While it emerged into prominence during the 18th century as a functional tool for securing correspondence, its true value lies in its role as a ritualistic safeguard and a profound symbolic metaphor for the transformation of the initiate.

The Architecture of the Grid

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R

At its core, the cipher is a geometric substitution system that mirrors the Mason's reliance on the **Square**. The alphabet is partitioned into four distinct frameworks: two 3x3 grids (resembling the "tic-tac-toe" board) and two "X" shapes. To encode a message, the scribe draws only the specific lines and dots that border a letter. This process strips away the common appearance of language, replacing it with a series of right angles, squares, and triangles—visual echoes of the Working Tools used to "square" a stone. To the uninitiated, these marks appear as meaningless architectural sketches; to the Brother, they are a coherent, silent language.

S	W
T	X
U	Y
V	Z

Ritualistic Utility and the "Secret Vault"

In a ritualistic context, the cipher serves as the literal "Key" to the fraternity's most sensitive information. It is not merely used for general privacy, but specifically to protect the **"Sacred Words"** and "Pass-words" communicated during the progression through the degrees. By recording these words in cipher within ritual monitors or lodge minute books, the fraternity ensures that even if a document is lost, the "mysteries" remain well-governed.

This practice reinforces the ritualistic concept of the **"Secret Vault"** — the allegorical space within the mind where the most precious lessons of the Craft are stored. Just as the vault in the York Rite contains the lost secrets of the Master Mason, the cipher acts as a physical representation of the initiate's duty to "keep and conceal." It necessitates an active effort to decode, mirroring the Mason's journey from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge.

The Symbolic Dimension: Squaring the Word

Symbolically, the cipher is a testament to the **"Architecture of Silence."** It teaches that truth is often veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. By utilizing the lines of the Square and the angles of the Compass to form a language, the cipher suggests that a Mason's communication should be "squared" according to the principles of Morality and Virtue. It represents the "Point within a Circle," where a Brother must circumscribe his words and actions within the bounds of his obligations.

Furthermore, the cipher serves as a bridge between the **Operative** past and the **Speculative** present. Just as an ancient stonemason used marks to identify his work, the modern Mason uses the cipher to mark his documents with traditional authority. It is a reminder that the "internal" man is what truly matters; the external symbols (the cipher marks) are merely a shell for the profound truths (the hidden letters) contained within. Whether found on a 17th-century headstone in Trinity Churchyard or a modern Grand Lodge charter, the cipher remains a silent sentinel of the fraternity's enduring legacy.

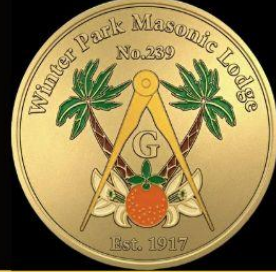
And Here's the Important Part:

Freemasonry never used ciphers because it wanted to hide truth. It used them because truth requires effort. The cipher is a lesson in itself. Not everything is meant to be handed to you. Some things are meant to be worked for. Even today, while we no longer pass notes in pigpen symbols, the principle remains. Whether it's online security or personal growth, the lesson is the same:

Knowledge without discipline is noise. Understanding requires work.



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LODGE HAPPENINGS



Your Faithful Bro. JW LeGrow, Bro. SD Williams and Bro. JD Fornea representing the Lodge at Grand Communication



Winter Park No 239's RW Tokar being escorted his wife Cheryl during the Installation of Officers



Winter Park No 239's very own RH Triplett being escorted his wife Jackie during the Installation of Officers



The Proverbial "Breaking of Bread" during Lunch on Day 1. Good looking group of Brothers.

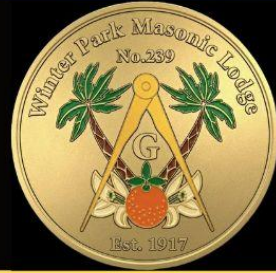
Thank You RW Catello for the Group Shot of the Opening Portion. The Proud 16th District definitely showed up.





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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.

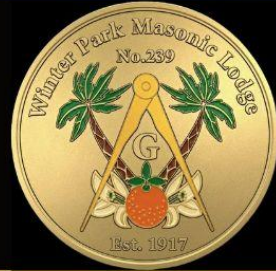
Member Portal password requirements: Password length must be 8+ characters, use at least 1 upper, 1 lower, 1 digit and 1 special character (!@#\$%^*)

*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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You're invited
**St. Johns
Day**



FREE BREAKFAST

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open to all Master Masons
Suit and Tie preferred attire**

Donations will go to Second Harvest Food Bank

WHEN

June 27, 2026

WHERE

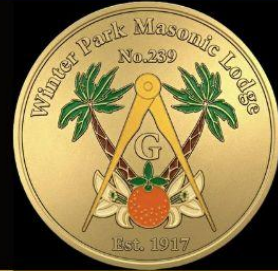
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Breakfast starts 8:00am – Meeting starts 9:00am

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Play Together • Laugh Together • Grow Together

— Presented with Pride by —
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**THE 3rd FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

7:00 PM

Winter Park Lodge
1495 Grand Rd
Winter Park, FL 32792

SNACKS TO SHARE!

GAMES GALORE!

We'll have classic favorites and modern board games for all ages. Or, bring your family's favorite to share!

STRENGTHENING BROTHERHOOD

A relaxed evening to connect with friends, neighbors, and the Lodge family. Celebrate the spirit of community.

GET READY TO RELAX

This is a casual, fun evening for all generations.

★ BRING A SNACK TO SHARE! ★

Help us build a community treat table while we play.

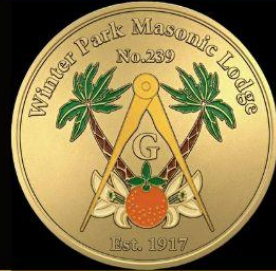
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Masonic Home *of Florida*

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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