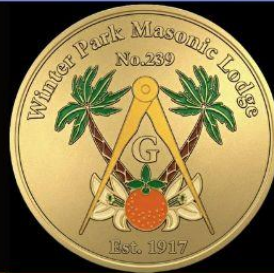




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The Trestle Board is your monthly newsletter brought to you by the Brothers of Winter Park Lodge No. 239. Stated Communications are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Refreshment at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. 1495 Grand Road, Winter Park, Florida 32789. Phone 407-679-6800 for more information.

My Brothers,

June proved to be another memorable month for Winter Park Lodge No. 239, reminding us that a thriving Lodge is built not only through ritual and meetings, but through meaningful fellowship and engagement with our Masonic family.

Our June Family Game Night was likely one of the best attended in recent memory, bringing together our youth groups, their families, and some of our Brethren. It was particularly gratifying to hear one parent express an interest in petitioning our Lodge. Experiences such as these reaffirm my belief that supporting our Masonic youth organizations is perhaps the most direct and rewarding way to ensure the future prosperity of our Lodge.

On June 30, we had the privilege of raising two more Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason, further strengthening our ranks and continuing the important work of making Masons.

St. John's Day on June 27 was equally uplifting. It was refreshing to welcome Brothers from throughout the State to celebrate one of the most significant observances in our Craft and to properly receive our Junior Grand Warden, R.·W.· John Dragneff, at Winter Park Lodge No. 239. Congratulations to the entire St. John's Day team, led by our own R.·W.· Jay Cebollero, and to our Sisters of Pioneer Chapter No. 99 for preparing a truly delicious breakfast enjoyed by all.

As we look ahead and continue this momentum, we invite you to join us for for **Family Game Night on Friday, July 17 at 7:00 PM.**

Summer is also a wonderful time to travel, visit neighboring Lodges, and strengthen the ties that unite our District. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout our travels and hope to reconnect with each of you soon.

As we continue laboring together, let us remember the words of the philosopher Marcus Aurelius: *"What is not good for the hive is not good for the bee."* May we always seek the welfare of our Lodge and our Fraternity, knowing that when we work together in harmony, we all prosper.

Always yours, Fraternally and Sincerely,

Juan Carrero
Worshipful Master
Winter Park Lodge No. 239



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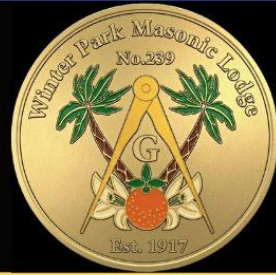
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From the Senior Warden's Station – July 2026

Brethren,

As we welcome the month of July, I would first like to reflect on what was a truly memorable and successful June for our Lodge. We were blessed to celebrate a wonderful St. John's Day observance, honoring one of the most cherished traditions of Winter Park 239 and welcoming in the new Junior Grand Warden. We also enjoyed an outstanding visit from the Grand Master of Masons of Florida, a reminder of the strength and unity of our Grand Jurisdiction and our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry.

In addition, our Lodge had the privilege of raising two more worthy Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Witnessing these Brethren complete their symbolic journey through the degrees serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of our work and the enduring bonds of Brotherhood that unite us.

As we move into July, we enter what many affectionately call the "Dog Days of Summer"—a season that encourages us to slow down, spend time with family, enjoy some well-deserved relaxation, and strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood that make our Lodge so special. While our schedules may become less demanding during the summer months, our commitment to one another and to our Craft remains steadfast.

This month, our nation celebrates Independence Day and begins commemorating America's 250th Birthday, a historic milestone that invites us to reflect on the principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity that have shaped our nation and continue to inspire our Masonic journey.

Please mark your calendars for two important events this month. Our **Family Game Night** will be held **on Friday, July 18th**, offering an excellent opportunity for fellowship and fun with our Masonic family. We will also hold **Open Books on Friday, July 25th**, as we continue our dedication to learning and Masonic education.

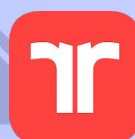
Please note that the Master Mason Degree originally scheduled for July 11th has been postponed and will now be held on August 8th. We look forward to gathering then to continue the important work of our Lodge.

As always, I encourage each of you to stay connected with your Brothers, reach out to those we have not seen recently, and take advantage of the opportunities this summer provides to strengthen the ties that bind us together.

May you and your families enjoy a safe, happy, and restful July. I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

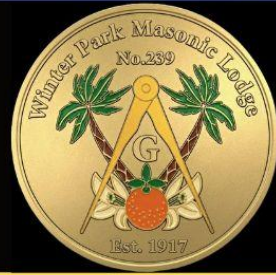
Bro. Marc M. Spittler
Senior Warden





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Greetings from the South, My Brothers!

July is always a special month. It gives us the opportunity to celebrate our nation's independence while also looking ahead to another exciting month at Winter Park Lodge No. 239.

Before we do, I want to extend my sincere thanks to every Brother who volunteered, attended, and supported our annual St. John's Day Celebration. Year after year this event showcases what makes our lodge so special—our fellowship, our traditions, and our commitment to one another.

A very special thank you goes to Anne Burg and the amazing members of Pioneer Chapter No. 99, Order of the Eastern Star. Once again, they prepared a fantastic breakfast and helped make the morning run flawlessly. Their hard work behind the scenes never goes unnoticed, and we are grateful for everything they do for our lodge and our Masonic family.

As we celebrate Independence Day this year, we also commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States. It is fitting that we remember the words of Brother George Washington, who wrote that *"a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity."* More than two centuries later, those words continue to remind us that strong communities—and a strong nation—are built by men of integrity, charity, and service.

As we move into July, I encourage each of you to join us in lodge. Whether it's our stated meetings, social outings, fellowship around the dinner table, or simply spending an evening with your Brothers, every meeting is another opportunity to strengthen the bonds that make Winter Park Lodge such a remarkable place.

Thank you all for your continued support, your enthusiasm, and your willingness to serve. Together, let's continue building a lodge where every Brother feels welcomed, every visitor leaves impressed, and our traditions continue to thrive for generations to come.

I wish each of you and your families a safe, happy, and blessed Fourth of July. I look forward to seeing you in lodge this month.

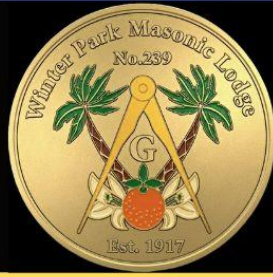
Fraternally,
Eric Hudson LeGrow
Junior Warden





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My Brothers,

Wow, it is already July and the first half of the year is completed. This year has been a busy year for the lodge and wanted to let the craft know that we are doing well financially and we are within budget.

In the month of June, we renewed our two lodge policies with our Insurance Carrier. Even though this is our largest lodge expense for the year, our Insurance Carrier was able to get us a lower priced policy with more coverage at a significant lower price than what we paid last year.

The goals for the month of July are:

1) Finalize choosing 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.

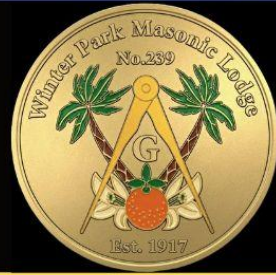


Fraternally,
Greg Seavers, PM
Treasurer
(407) 375-6243



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From the Senior Warden's Station – July 2026

The 70th annual St John's Day Breakfast at Winter Park Lodge is in the books. Congratulations to RW Jay Cebollero and RH Billy Triplet and everyone that worked on the program. W.∴ Greg Seavers and I reprised our roles presenting the Jr Grand Warden with the implements and knife, fork, and spoon for a second year and did a stellar job, if I do say so myself. I also want to say thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the One-Ton Food Drive for the Second Harvest Food Drive by purchasing a St John's Day coin as well as a thank you to the Order of the Eastern Star for preparing a great breakfast.

If you missed our Master Mason Degree on June 30th, keep an eye out for our next Master Mason Degree, tentatively planned for August 8th. Keep an eye on our TeamReach and Lodge Calendar on our website to stay current on what's happening.

On June 24th, Venezuela was hit by two massive earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5. A coworker of mine has family in the area and he commented that the Freemasons from around the world were actively assisting with recovery and he was impressed. In keeping with our tenets of Brotherly Love and Charity, the Grand Lodge of Florida is requesting every Lodge in Florida to donate supplies to aid our Brothers in Venezuela and their families. The notice with a list of suggested supplies is attached to this Trestle Board. We will be coordinating a collection of supplies at our Lodge and encourage everyone to donate what they can.

If you read my article in the March Trestle Board, you may recall that I outlined the process for what happens when Brothers neglect their obligation and don't pay their annual dues. The end of June triggered the first phase, delinquency notices. This time last year, we had 45 Brothers that had not yet paid their dues. This year, there are 36 notices that were sent. As mentioned in March, our dues cards expire on December 27th of the year they are issued for. That means if you have not paid your dues for the upcoming year by December 28th, you are delinquent and are no longer in Good Standing. Once you receive your Final Notice and Summons to appear at an upcoming Stated Meeting, you may be subject to suspension after that meeting. If you are suffering financial hardship and unable to pay your dues, please reach out and let me know. You can call the Lodge phone number and leave a voicemail or send me an email explaining your situation. There are multiple ways the Lodge can assist, but only if you let us know.

Finally, please remember to keep me updated with any changes to your contact information (phone number, email address, mailing address) by emailing secretary@winterparklodge.org. You can check the Member Portal on the Grand Lodge to verify that the information we have is correct. If your birthday was earlier this year, you may have noticed that we've been mailing out birthday cards to all our members. We want to stay in touch with our Brothers that are not able to attend because of distance or infirmity.

Fraternally,

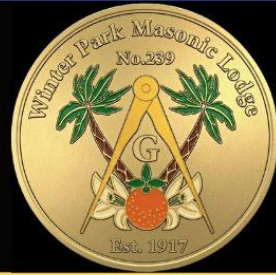
**John Halter, PM
Secretary**





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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](#)

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[Fellow Craft](#)

James McCord
Nicholas Oliveira
Aaron Thude

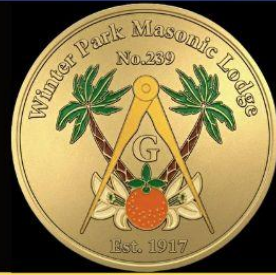
[Master Mason](#)

Davide M Bisso
Garrett D Marlowe



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My Brothers,

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

I first want to thank W.M.: Juan Carrero, Bro. Marc Spittler, Bro. Josh Williams, and W.: Randall Safier for coming out and supporting the lodge clean up on Friday, June 19th. The lodge was looking good for our St. John's Day. We also had our carpets cleaned in the Dining Hall and Lobby. I want to thank W.: Randall Safier for helping me clear out the dining hall before the carpets were cleaned. This was a big effort. We will be planning another clean up day in the fall. I look forward to any Brother helping.



Brothers, you may have noticed temperature issues in the lodge room. Our AC Unit supporting the lodge room has a freon leak and we had to spend money to make quick fix repairs prior to St Johns Day. We are working to determine the best course of action for the AC Unit. More to follow.

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

- o Repair leaks and repaint areas in the lodge room and dining hall
- o Repair the stove and stove hood in the kitchen.
- o Have the annual sprinkler system inspection
- o Have the lodge re-keyed
- o Semi-annual Lift Station maintenance
- o Update Security Cameras
- o Update Network
- o Repair Sprinkler System Pump

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

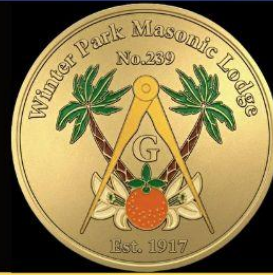
We have completed the lodge calendar for 2026 and is updated accordingly on the lodge website calendar. If you have any requests for dates, please contact me via the above e-mail address.

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

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404-734-1219

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407.375.6243 treasurer@winterparklodge.org

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561.240.253 tyler.mitchell1224@gmail.com

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

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678.983.1805 gabor.andrasi@icloud.com

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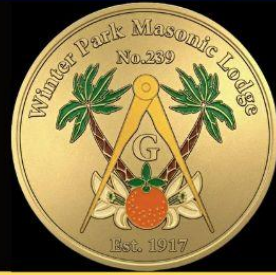
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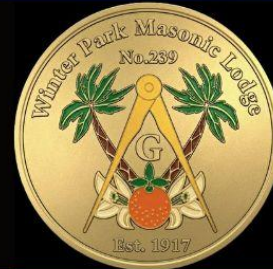
Masonic Anniversaries

Brother		Years
Romero	Manuel	47
Chester	King	41
William	Valentino	31
Billy	Hendrix II	23
Carlos	Lopez Landaeta	22
David	Sharp	22
Luis	Santos Jr.	16
Kevin	Fender	12
Kevin	Knowles	12
William	Triplett	11
Robert	Washick	10
Tiago	Magalhaes	7
Griffin	McKee	7
Raymond	Brunkow	4



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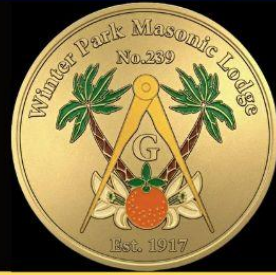
July Birthdays

Brother	Date	Brother	Date
Steven Roberts	1	John Bradley	20
John Long Jr	2	Jaime Cebollero	21
Raymond Cody	3	Mark Avery	22
Jerell Little	5	Thomas Kiefer	23
William MacGuire	11	Carlos Colombo	26
John Dollar	11	John Muroski	27
Carl Kummer	11	Guy Colado	29
Jessie Melmer	13	Jason Hudgins	29
Allen Stearns Jr	13	Howard Duckworth	30
Christopher Brown	16	Clem Lisor III	30
Fred Lacey III	18	Alex Darwich	31
Daniel Sercombe	19	John Lightfoot	31



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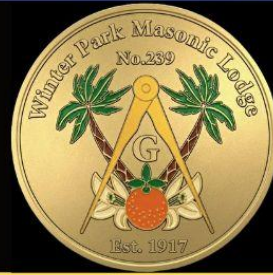
In 2010 R.W.: H. Glen Avery challenged each of us to contribute to the building fund each year on our birthday. This gift was to represent one dollar for each year of the birthday you are celebrating. Every dollar of your gift will be put into the building fund for use in managing our facilities and 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 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, July 25 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:

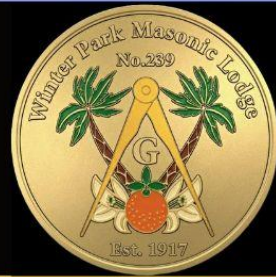
<https://www.facebook.com/KismetCourt86/>

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 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
					Independence Day (substitute)	Independence Day
5	6	7 6:30 - Lodge Officer Meeting 7:00 - Ritual Practice	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:30 - Stated Communication	15 7:00 Philosophy Book Club	16	17 7:30 - Family Game Night	18
19	20	21 7:00 - Ritual Practice	22	23	24 7:30 - Scottish Rite	25 8:00 AM - Open Books 12:30 - School of Instruction
26	27	28 7:30 - Stated Communication	29	30	31	Aug 1

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

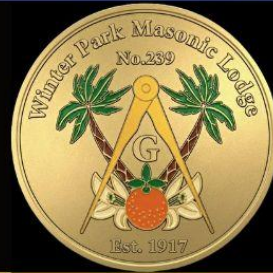


Cigars & Conversation on the Lodge Patio Prior to our Regular Meetings



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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. Pegram*
1952 - Charles O. Kummer*
1953 - Roscoe E. Sloniger*
1954 - Robert F. McCord*
1955 - Thomas W. Tope*
1956 - James M. Rhiner*
1957 - R.:W.: Morris D. Parker*
1958 - Robert F. Edwards*
1959 - Dallas L. Bishop*
1960 - Albert L. Mashburn*
1961 - Charles W. Hostetler*
1962 - M.:W.: Harvey Eddy, PGM*
1963 - R.:W.: Eugene B. Taylor*
1964 - Walter J. Boyer*
1965 - Donald A. Nyholm*
1966 - Eugene R. Simpson*
1967 - Julius Blum*
1968 - Deane W. Hammond*
1969 - R.:W.: Robert D. Fiedler*
1970 - R.:W.: H. Glen Avery Jr. *

1971 - Daniel W. Hughes*
1972 - James E. Winne*
1973 - Norman T. Gore
1974 - George Ray Sloniger *
1975 - R.:W.: Charles C. Hayes*
1976 - Robert Kowalski*
1977 - Kenneth White*
1978 - R.:W.: Ernesto Fuste*
1979 - Wallace D. Myers*
1980 - David E. Smith*
1981 - Carl P. Kummer
1982 - Jesse W. Ridley*
1983 - William A. Boyland, Jr.*
1984 - Anthony J. Decanio*
1985 - G. Keith Gordon
1986 - R.:W.: Allen Fiedler
1987 - R.:W.: Michael G. Juett
1988 - R.:W.: Zeb E. Blanton Jr.
1989 - Fred E. Brooks*
1990 - R.:W.: Chester A. King
1991 - R.:W.: William B. Erd
1992 - Lewis S. Lawson Jr.
1993 - Walter R. Becker
1994 - Carl J. Moore +++
1995 - Jerry W. Spruiel
1996 - Phil Bloom
1997 - Bobby E. Granthum*
1998 - Hans Weinmann*
1999 - John H. Beatty*
2000 - John T. Scheidt*
2001 - John E. Devlin*
2002 - Warren T. Gillis
2003 - Cameron Lovett
2004 - Robert W. Jeffrey Sr*
2005 - Rodolfo T. Galvan
2006 - Michael A. Costa
2007 - Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.
2008 - R.:H.: Alex A. Darwich
2009 - R.:H.: Bill Valentino
2010 - Mark A. Avery
2011 - Christopher P. Chag*
2012 - Allen N. Stearns Jr.
2013 - John D. Halter
2014 - Jeffrey B. Morgan
2015 - Justin S. McDonald
2016 - R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin
2017 - R.:W.: Jay M. Cebollero
2018 - Thomas Swonger
2019 - Jonathan O. Cotto
2020 - R.:W.: 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

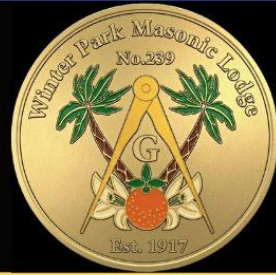
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Chris Chag Memorial Food Drive



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

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MASONIC EDUCATION

Brother Mozart and the Magic Flute By William J Thomas, PGM GLNY



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was twenty-eight years of age when, in the autumn of 1784, he joined a Masonic Lodge. As a pianist, little Wolfgang had been an infant prodigy, exhibited by his father throughout Europe, but he was now a recognized and admired composer living in Vienna. The very year of his initiation his first great opera, *The Marriage of Figaro*, was produced in Paris. This was, however, before the days of copyright law and the earnings of genius were meager.

During the eighteenth century, Freemasonry in Vienna had a political as well as a benevolent side. It counted as its members many highly placed politicians and ecclesiastics whose ideal was the regeneration of humanity by moral means. It was hated by the Catholic Church and certain despotic political authorities who deemed it dangerous, both to religion and the well-being of the state. The Church, however, even as today in certain Latin countries, did not consider it expedient to challenge high-placed persons nominally its members but also of the Fraternity.

The Empress Maria Theresa had been one who was opposed to Masonry and, in 1743, had ordered a Viennese Lodge raided, forcing its Master and her husband, Francis I, to make his escape by a secret staircase. The Emperor Joseph II (1780-90) was favorably inclined to the Fraternity, although the clergy did their best to get the Lodges suppressed.

Such was the Masonic milieu when Wolfgang Mozart became a Master Mason. He must have been greatly moved and inspired by his experience. Almost immediately he composed his *Freemason's Funeral Music* and his music for the opening and closing of a Lodge. He now composed his opera, *Don Giovanni*, and his three great symphonies - the E flat, the G minor and the C major, as well as a great number of concertos and chamber-music works.

His last great opera, *The Magic Flute*, opened in Vienna on the evening of September 30, 1791. Mozart conducted the first two performances, when he was overtaken by his last illness. He lingered on while the opera had an unprecedented run of more than one hundred consecutive performances. It is said that in his sick bed, watch in hand, he would follow in imagination the performance of *The Magic Flute* in the theatre. Then he died after its 67th performance.

The Magic Flute makes no mention of Freemasonry as such, but it has always been accepted as a Masonic opera. Musicians assert that even the music has much Craft significance, beginning in the overture with its three solemn chords in the brass.

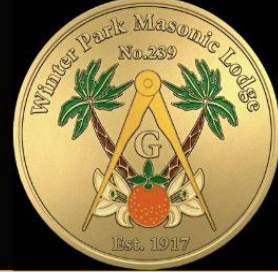
In keeping with the fashion of the time, the plot is half-serious, half-comic, a fantasy of magic and mystery laid in a never-never land called Egypt. It depicts the ancient mysteries and presents much Craft symbolism. To the Viennese of that day, *The Queen of the Nile*, was clearly the unfriendly Empress Maria Theresa; the good Sarastro was Ignas von Born, an eminent scientist and Masonic leader; the hero Tamino was the good Emperor Joseph and the heroine Pamina, the Austrian people themselves.

The first program credited the libretto to the actor-producer, Schikaneder, but it is now thought that it was written by Giesecke, the friend and intimate of Goethe and Schiller, who probably desired to remain anonymous for political reasons. The opera has remained popular over the years and is included in the present repertoire of the Metropolitan Opera Company.



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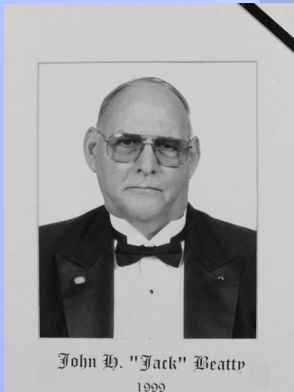
Remembering Our Past

Bro. Josh Williams

John "Jack" Beatty, Past Master of Winter Park in 1999, was committed to helping youth. Jack used to organize a Christmas party at the Lodge every year for underprivileged children in the neighborhood, gather gifts, bring in a Santa, have treats and music, much like today's Lodge efforts in support of Paisley Hope.

He was instrumental in bringing a DeMolay chapter to the area. Jack was also a member of Bahia Shrine and involved with the efforts to help children who needed to be flown to the Shriner's Children's Hospital for further treatment and care.

In May 2002, in commemoration of the anniversary of his death, a tree was planted outside Winter Park Lodge in Jack's memory with a plaque honoring his service to the youth. While the original plaque has been lost to the elements, the tree stands strong and should serve as a reminder of the dedication and service found in the long history of Winter Park's membership.



Jack's Past Master photo



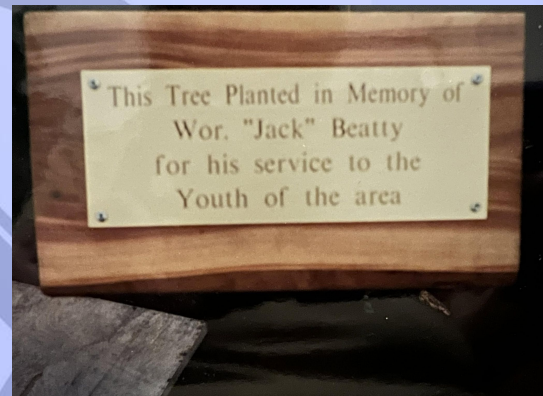
Jack and Wanda



Jack's widow, the late Wanda Beatty, Past Worthy Matron Pioneer Ch#99 OES, unveiling the plaque



Jack's son, Christopher, adding dirt to the base of the tree as others stand in line to do the same

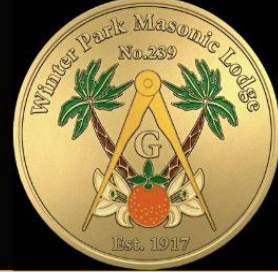


The original plaque



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LODGE HAPPENINGS



Doing our part to keep Winter Park beautiful, on Grand Road in front of the Lodge Building



Guess who got attacked by debris?



Hi Ho....Hi Ho.....Well,
you know the rest



Passing James McChord to the Degree of FC

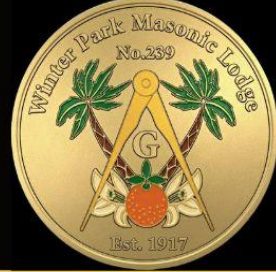
Congratulations to our very own Bro. Mike Seeley on his 50 year Journey as a Mason and celebrate his 30 year career as the Musician of Winter Park No. 239





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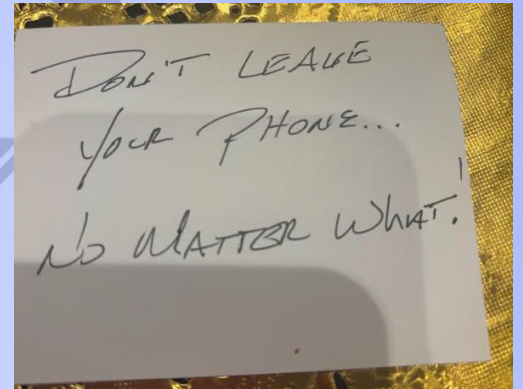


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W.: Greg Seavers and W.: John Halter reprising their roles presenting the Jr Grand Warden, R.: W.: John “Dogneff” Dragneff, with the implements and knife, fork, and spoon at St. John’s Day



Will the Junior Warden ever learn?



Smiles all around at the GMOV...Courtesy of the JW and his lonely phone

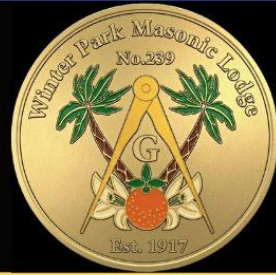


New Addition to the Dining room, Honoring those POW/MIAs who cannot be with us



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New Member Portal – Master Mason Exams!

Great news! Since Circumscribe is no longer an active system, we have implemented a new Member Portal to take Master Mason Exams I, II, III and view your personal member profile! LINK TO MEMBER PORTAL: [Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons](https://members.glflamason.org)

(members.glflamason.org) (click CTRL on your keyboard as you click the link above and it will direct you to the member portal)

FIRST TIME USERS

Click on Request a New Account and enter your information in the designated fields and click submit.

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

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

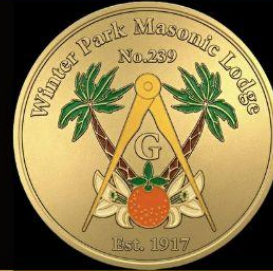
*Please note that the new account requests have to be approved and are checked multiple times a day. If you have any issues, comments, questions, concerns please direct them to Maegan maegan.dover@glflamason.org

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT



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The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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June 30, 2026

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of All Particular Lodges:

Brethren, as we continue our shared journey in the Craft, guided by the timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, I write to you today with a heartfelt call to action in support of our Masonic Family in Venezuela.

Our Grand Lodge maintains warm fraternal relations with our Venezuelan Brethren, who face significant economic and humanitarian challenges. Many Lodges and individual Masons there are struggling to maintain their Temples, support their members, and provide essential aid to families affected by ongoing hardships. In the spirit of Masonic Charity and international Fraternity, I respectfully encourage each Lodge under our jurisdiction to consider a meaningful donation of supplies to support relief efforts for our Venezuelan Brothers and their families.

Suggested supplies may include but are not limited to:

- Air mattresses
- Tents
- Bedding (blankets and pillows)
- Towels
- General medications
- Personal hygiene items
- Flashlights
- Backpacks
- Rubber flip flops
- Power banks
- Batteries
- Protein and energy bars
- Powdered milk
- Canned goods (sardines, tuna, beans)
- Portable radios

Collected items will be coordinated through the primary contact, R. W. . Gilbert Paz, D.D.G.M. of the 29th Masonic District (786) 543-8998, to ensure they reach approved collection points for distribution to Masonic channels in Venezuela, providing direct assistance for medical needs, Temple maintenance, and family support; aligning closely with our mission as Masons for Masonic Outreach. Your Lodge's participation will strengthen the bonds of Fraternity across international borders and exemplify the best of Florida Masonry.

For additional information, coordination on delivering, or dropping off collections, please contact:

R. W. . Gilbert Paz, D.D.G.M. 29th Masonic District (786-543-8998)
R. W. . Daniel Molina, D.D.G.M. 27th Masonic District (786-280-6264)
R. W. . Brett Gordon, D.D.G.M. 26th Masonic District (954-802-8147)
R. W. . Adrian Castro, Junior Grand Deacon (305-975-7174)
R. W. . Miguel Rivera, Junior Grand Steward (937-272-7145)

Thank you, Brethren, for your continued generosity and dedication to the Craft. Let us demonstrate once more that Masons stand ready to extend the hand of relief wherever it is needed.

Fraternally submitted,

Haskell R. Vest, Jr.
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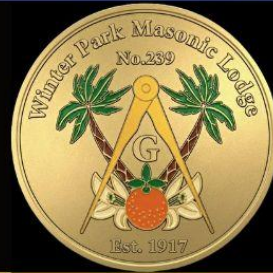
Grand Master





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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.

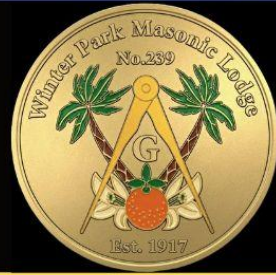
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Masonic Home *of Florida*

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
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