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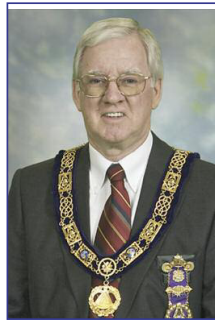
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M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig  
Grand Master

## A Message From The Grand Master

Brethren,

Thank you for your support this year. I appreciate the warm reception we received at the District Meetings all around the state, and the donations to the various Grand Lodge charities, especially the Grand Master's Charity - the Johnny B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute on the University of South Florida Campus in Tampa. Significant strides are being made in understanding the cause of this debilitating disease, which hopefully will lead to a cure. All of the funds generated through our efforts go directly to research.

The First Lady, Rebba, also thanks you for enabling her Project (building closets in the assisted living portion of the Masonic Home) to get off to a great start. All of the closets on the third floor were completed, and dedicated on March 20. That's the first half of the Project. We have received some funds for the second floor, but we still need your help to complete the Project. There are several fundraisers scheduled around the state, and I ask you to support them. The Residents have expressed their appreciation for what has been done so far.

The publicity surrounding the recent movies and books with Masonic themes has had a positive effect on attracting a younger group of men to our doors. Again, I ask that you make them feel welcome, and give them a meaningful task in the Lodge to immediately get them active in the monthly activities of the Lodge, both with the ritual work and in the community. It's amazing how much can be accomplished when you allow these young men to use their talents.

I hope some of the Lodges are using the "Mark Twain Award" criteria to publicize our Fraternity in their Communities. This is one of the best ways to let your Community know who we are, what we do and what we stand for. It can be a powerful recruiting tool.

We are looking forward to our Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando when we will have the opportunity to spend some time with the many Friends we have made around the State and to take care of Grand Lodge Business. Please familiarize yourselves with the Proposed Legislation, either at one of the Zone Legislative Meetings or at your Lodge and make your wishes known so that your Delegates to Grand Lodge make sure that your voices are heard, because YOU are Grand Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Dale I. Goehrig  
Grand Master



**"UNITY IN MASONRY"**



R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez  
Deputy Grand Master

## A Message From The Deputy Grand Master

### Now Is The Time To Retain Our Masons

Brethren, the first quarter of 2010 has come and gone already, it seems as though we just had the Christmas and New Years season and we are in spring.

My where does the time go! Well now's the time to begin looking at who in your Lodge has not paid their 2010 dues.

I'm sure you may be thinking "he doesn't want us to call and tell them they are delinquent, does he?" Well my Brothers no I don't, however I would like you to call your Brother and invite him to Lodge. Call your Brother tell him he is missed in the Lodge. Ask him why he has not attended. But don't ask him for his dues.

He knows he's past due on his dues. He is probably ashamed that he hasn't paid his dues; don't embarrass him. Get him to come to Lodge even if you need to pick him up! Sit with him at dinner talk with him about anything and everything but the dues. Always remember Brethren, we are supposed to take a Brother by the hand and assist him when needed.

How quickly we forget (I don't like the negativity of that). We must remember our Obligations, not just the Master Mason Obligation but the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow Craft Obligation as well.

Brothers, let's start thinking out of the box. Why don't we begin allowing our Brothers to pay us by credit or debit card? Why don't we allow them after they have paid the current year's dues to begin to pay next year's dues either quarterly or monthly not just with cash or check but by credit or debit card also?

My, I can hear the secretaries now; "You're making my job harder, more complicated. My Brothers, it is harder to, find a new candidate and more expensive than to find ways to retain your Brother Mason. Oh and by the way if you read our Charters they do not say that we are in the business of making members; They say "WE ARE HERE TO MAKE MASONS."

Before I close I would like to share a short conversation I had with a Master Mason of only a little over a year.

We were having lunch and he mentioned to me that he and a Brother whom he was raised with were having a conversation about their expectations. One said to the other that he felt something missing. The other inquired what it was and the answer was; "Well I thought we were supposed to look out for each other, help each other and do the right thing toward each other." The other Brother simply said "BROTHERLY LOVE AND AFFECTION."

The first said yeah that's it! Then he said "You know everyone at the Lodge is nice even the Officers, but you know I could have gotten what I'm getting here at the bar by my house."

WOW!! What an analogy, a bar and a Lodge. Again I'm not trying to anger anyone just showing you what we are doing to our beloved Fraternity.

Brethren, I'm not attempting to irritate any of my Brothers, but I am attempting to get your attention that there are other ways of looking at things and ways to work them out. We need to get off the ostrich farm and get our heads out of the sand; look for ways that can benefit our Brothers their Lodges and the Fraternity as a whole.

Brethren, there is nothing we can't do if we put our minds to doing it and getting it done, but we must do it as ONE. United we can do anything, accomplish the unthinkable but, we must unite as ONE. This entire year at every District meeting I have said, that if one man can move a mountain, what can 48,500 Masons do if they come together as one. Let's leave our egos at the door and join in as Brothers moving in the same direction with the same goals in mind. The sky is the limit!!!

Brethren, let us come together as I have seen us come together in the past. Let us get behind our Fraternity as I have seen us do and let's get our Fraternity back to how we used to be, caring for each other and our communities.

Brethren, I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our Grand Communication May31- June 2, 2010; See you there.

Fraternaly,  
J. Dick Martinez  
Deputy Grand Master

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## The Greatest Generation

by Samuel E. Cowan, P.G.M.



L to R: Doug Hutchins, USN; Cecil Milligan, USN; Elmer Smith, USN; Robert L. Andrews, US Army; and Henry Herr, Army Air Corp (Member of Solomon No. 20). Those who could not be with us were: Alec Vaughan, Robert D. Jones, Perry A. Jolly, James N. Adkins, Wood Richmond and Donald B. Lovern.

On February 13, 2010, Woodstock Park Lodge No. 313 in Jacksonville honored their members who served in World War II. They were Honored with a dinner and a certificate of appreciation from our Grand Master, M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig. These men put their lives on the line every day during World War II to keep us free and we felt this was the least we could do to say "thank you for a job well done." Remember, Freedom is not free. It took Brothers like these to preserve our freedom for generations to come.

## Rye Brothers Confer Masters Degree



Pictured left, are the five Rye Brothers who recently attended Wickes Lodge No. 548, in Wickes, Arkansas, for the Conferral of a Master Mason's Degree on Brother Weldon Rye, Jr., Past Master of Wickes Lodge No. 548. The Rye Brothers are Weldon, Past Master of Wickes Lodge No. 548, Wickes, Arkansas; Steve Sr., Past Master of Colorado Lodge No. 96, Webberville, Texas, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 50, Grand Lodge of Texas; Gregory, Member of Liberty Hill Lodge No. 432, Liberty Hill, Texas; Timothy Jon, Member of Lothrop Lodge No. 21, Crockett, Texas; and Seth, Member of New Smyrna, Lodge No. 149, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

## 60 Year Presentation



Presentation of 60 Year Award to Brother Abram Feldman. December 12, 2009, The Health Center, Coral Springs, Florida.

L to R: Bro. Charles Lieber, W.: Philip Vitoulis, Bro. Lawrence Kunken, Secretary and Len Harris: Chaplain, both from Coral Springs No. 373.

## Cat In The Hat Returns To Dunedin, FL



The "Cat in the Hat" returned to Dunedin Elementary School in the form of W.: Ken Giesow, P.M. who came to read to a first grade class, complete with the Cat's familiar red and white hat. Nicole McKenna, the school's Librarian, wrote a thank you note to Ken saying: "Thank you very much for being a 'purrfect' Guest Reader during the Dunedin Elementary Read Across America celebration on March 2, 2009. Your time and enthusiasm for reading made a lasting and positive impact on our school community. We appreciate you!" Adults modeling reading is one of the keys to student success. Since your visit, there has been a spike in Dr. Seuss book loans in our Library. Thank you for inspiring our students to have a passion for reading. This is the second consecutive year W.: Ken has donned the hat at Dunedin Elementary. Well done my Brother.

## Grand Master visits George Washington Masonic Memorial



Photography by William J. Baumbach, III

Brother George Washington, which was held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters and the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Besides the many functions attended by our Grand Master, the Brethren were able to see in person the many historical items that were on display. The Bible George Washington took his Masonic Oath on, the Trowel he used to lay the Cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol, the Gavel he used as Worshipful Master, his Masonic Apron, the White House Stones, and much more.

M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig along with R.:W.: J. Dick Martinez; R.:W.: Jim J. Harris; R.:W.: J.L. "George" Aladro; M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn P.G.M.; M.:W.: Samuel E. Cowan, III P.G.M and Grand Masters from around the World gathered on February 22, 2010 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The Memorial located in Alexandria, Virginia, was celebrating the 278th Birthday of

## Trailridge Fest Child ID



L to R: P.D.D.G.M., Stan Harvey, R.:H.: Leaman Alvarez, and W.:M.: Clethan Johns.



P.:M.: Roy Weiland and P.D.D.G.M. Stan Harvey registering the children for the Child ID.

The Friendly 10th Masonic District extends their kindness and thoughtfulness in the town of Lawtey. It is a sad note that today's time and events leads us to have to take protective measures to keep our children safe. But, the Friendly 10th Masonic District recognizes this and offered the Child ID program to all children who were at the Trailridge Fest in the town of Lawtey on March 6 and 7, 2010. Several Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters, sitting Masters, Right Honorable, and Master Masons gave up their Saturday and Sunday to plan, prepare, and present the Child ID program free to any child. It was a success. Ninety-two children participated in the program on Saturday and forty-seven on Sunday. We pray that none of their parents or grandparents have to use it, but they have it, increasing their chances of a quick and safe return to their parents.

## Idabel Masonic Lodge No. 264



Charles Trapp, Paul Kisselburg, Hugo Lodge No. 217; and Doug Moye, Lonnie Speck, Wright Lodge No. 483.

A 50 Year Service Award and Pin was Presented by Idabel Master Sonny Whitten to Roman L. Cannon of Idabel. Roman has been a member of the Oceanway Lodge No. 279 of Jacksonville, FL for fifty years. Those witnessing the occasion are Bros. David White, John Grimes, Oscar Wilkie, Carl LeForce, Chris Ragain, Bill Poe, Doug Trigg, Mark Helms, Idabel Lodge No. 264; Al Alexander, Steve Bowers, Ft Towson Lodge No. 303;

## Installation At Ribault Lodge No. 272



by Gary R. Stengl, P.:M.: Ribault Lodge No 272  
On a cold day in January following an excellent dinner with many Brothers and Guests present, Ribault Lodge No. 272 installed the Officers Elected and Appointed to serve this year. Among those installed by W.: Carroll Putnam, Assisted by Installing Marshall, R.:W.: Charles Irl, was our new Worshipful Master, M. Scott Roycraft. In attendance for this ceremony were two very proud Brother Masons, Scott's Dad, Ted Roycraft and Uncle, P.:M.: Tom Roycraft.

## Master Masons



The most recent class of Master Masons the night they received their aprons at Jackson Lodge No. 1. They are from left: Bros. Trey Hyatt, Keith Planner, W.: Don Bassett, P.M. and Class Coach, Thomas Hayes (top row), Anthony Mallari, and Robert Guilday. W.: Bassett is holding an engraved Case Masonic Knife that the class presented to him in appreciation for his work with them.

## I Am Glad He Was A Mason!!

Photo and article by W.:M.: Bruce Fortner, Myrtle Grove Lodge No. 352, Pensacola.



W.:B.: Bruce presenting the 55 Year Award to his Father W.: Bro. Jim Fortner.

55 Years ago he became a Mason.  
55 Years ago he had a son, he never would have thought that...  
55 Years later his son would be the one to make his...  
55 Year Grand Lodge Certificate and Pin Presentation!

W.:M.: Bruce Fortner of Myrtle Grove Lodge No. 352, Pensacola and Dad, P.:M.: Jim Fortner, Hillard Lodge No. 208, Gulf Breeze Lodge No. 347 and retired F.H.P.

I am blessed to have been raised by a man, who offered advice, gave direction and instilled discipline, who is now my Brother.

## Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Donates To Hero



Ms. Kimberly Munley

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach, has donated \$100.00 to Rainbow Assembly 29 in North Carolina in honor of Ms. Kimberly Munley. Former Rainbow girl, Kimberly Munley is being hailed as a hero for bringing down the Fort Hood shooter while taking three bullets herself. Ms. Munley, who is recovering from her injuries, was a member of North Carolina Wilmington Assembly 29, now Goldenrod Assembly 29, where she was Worthy Advisor, and also served as North Carolina Rainbow Grand Musician. She was also a member of the Grand Cross of Honor.

Rainbow for Girls is an appendant order of the Masonic Lodge and is for young ladies aged 12 to 21. Rainbow Assemblies help teach young ladies to be strong citizens, community leaders, and positive role models. Ms. Munley certainly has shown these characteristics, and as a pillar of her community has shown the nation what Rainbow girls can accomplish.



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### RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND DIGEST OF MASONIC LAW OF FLORIDA TO ALLOW PAST MASTERS TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, Past Masters are courtesy members of Grand Lodge and have a right to vote upon all questions arising in the Grand Lodge, which are determined by the usual Masonic Sign at the sound of the gavel; and

WHEREAS, in the past there were specific provisions in the Digest that called for a written ballot, but Constitutional Amendments were not among them. Written ballots have been taken in the past to determine if they pass by a 2/3 vote, which allowed the Grand Master to put the amendment into effect by Edict. The change would not be final until approved the following year; and

WHEREAS, some interpretations of our Digest determined that Past Masters could vote on a Resolution to amend the Constitution, but were not allowed to vote on the amendments if by written ballot. Our Digest has also been interpreted to allow Past Masters to vote on Constitutional Amendments; and

WHEREAS, this past Grand Lodge the two year requirement for approval pursuant to Article XI was changed to one year by written ballot; and

WHEREAS, Past Masters attending Grand Lodge have a wealth of knowledge, insight and extensive experience in our Fraternity, and they should be allowed to vote on something as important as amendments to our Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 3 should be amended to allow Past Masters attending Grand Lodge to vote on Constitutional Amendments.

Article II, Section 3, currently reads:

**Section 3.** All the elected Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of Lodges are, by courtesy members of the Grand Lodge, so long as they continue members of some Particular Lodge under this jurisdiction, and have a right to vote upon all questions arising in the Grand Lodge, which are determined by the usual Masonic Sign at the sound of the gavel.

Article II, Section 3, changed to read:

**Section 3.** All the elected Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of Lodges are, by courtesy members of the Grand Lodge, so long as they continue members of some Particular Lodge under this jurisdiction, and have a right to vote on all constitutional amendments and upon all questions arising in the Grand Lodge, which are determined by the usual Masonic Sign at the sound of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Ronald A. Herring, P.D.D.G.M.

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

### RESOLUTION ON COMMITTEES OF THE LODGE (REMOVE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

WHEREAS, at the 140th Annual Communication in 1969 the Craft adopted a Resolution, amending By-Law 10.05, which read as follows:

10.05 Education Committee.- The Worshipful Master and Wardens shall constitute a standing Committee on Education and Primary Schools and shall have the care and supervision of all orphans of poor or destitute Masons and shall make annual reports thereon at every Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge

WHEREAS, by eliminating the underlined section it left this Committee with no instruction as to the duties of this Committee; and

WHEREAS, this Committee is a Committee not being used, except in name, with no purpose.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee be removed from the list of standing Committees under Section 10.01 Committees of the Lodge.- There shall be the following standing Committees: Finance, Vigilance, Petitions, Education, Board of Relief, Charity, and Lodge Property. (1985)

Respectfully Submitted,

M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master

R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: Jim J Harris, Senior Grand Warden

R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Junior Grand Warden

M.: W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

**(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)**

### RESOLUTION ON COMMITTEES OF THE LODGE (LODGE MENTOR'S COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, at the 125th Annual Communication in 1954 M W Brother James L. Mixson, Grand Master, presented a comprehensive report of Committee on Masonic Education; and

WHEREAS, in this Committee report the following paragraph was included, which was as true then as it is true today and reads as follows:

*"We feel that, although a great deal of progress has been made, there is yet much to be*

*done before our Grand Jurisdiction will have anything approaching a rounded-out program of Masonic Education, suitable for all our members. In fact, this is a never-ending project, for such a program will never be complete until there is nothing more to learn about Masonry and no man has yet attained that goal."*; and

WHEREAS, these Worthy Brothers saw the need for a "Lodge System of Masonic Education" for our Grand Jurisdiction, and with the support of the Brethren they saw to it that a Sub-Committee prepared, printed and distributed a complete program for the benefit of all Particular Lodges; and

WHEREAS, this has been a continuing and ongoing effort by every Grand Lodge Communication since, to see this system implemented; and

WHEREAS, the results have been up and down over the years, a continuing struggle to improve the knowledge and understanding of all our members; and

WHEREAS, the newly made Masons are seeking knowledge and understanding of this Noble Craft, which can only be achieved with a proper Masonic Education and Mentoring System; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of Masonic Education and its Sub-Committee on Lodge Mentoring is a vital committee of every Particular Lodge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee of Masonic Education be recognized as one of the seven standing Committees required by all Lodges in Section 10.01. And that this Committee on Masonic Education be listed under such section, and replace section 10.05 Committee on Education, with Committee on Masonic Education, and listed with all its duties as originally described in the 1954 Proceedings pages 165 through 168, and explained in "GL 200 Instruction Booklet in The Lodge System of Masonic Education."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 10.05 will read as follows:

Section 10.05 Committee on Masonic Education. - The Committee on Masonic Education shall be composed of not less than five members of knowledge, dedication and tact of which at least one shall be a Past Master and Chairman appointed by the Worshipful Master, who shall be responsible for reporting to the Master on the Candidate's progress through the Three Symbolic Degrees and Masonic Education Program. As prescribed by Regulation 37.12 and 37.18

The Committee on Masonic Education shall have a Sub-Committee for the Masonic Education of Candidates and shall be called the "Lodge Mentor's Committee."

1. This Committee shall be composed of Past Masters, very knowledgeable Brothers or Brothers willing to invest the necessary time to become knowledgeable about all aspects of Freemasonry, with the same requirements for dedication and tact.
2. The Lodge Mentor shall not be the catechism instructor.
3. A Lodge Mentor is required to be knowledgeable in the following: Masonic history, tradition, decorum, conduct, Masonic Law, Lodge history, community history in regards to his own Lodge, and American history concerning Masonry.
4. The mentoring of candidates shall be conducted according to GL-200 Instruction Booklet in The Lodge System of Masonic Education.
5. This Committee shall report to the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education on the candidate's progress through the Three Symbolic Degrees and Masonic Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master

R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: Jim J Harris, Senior Grand Warden

R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Junior Grand Warden

M.: W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

**(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)**

### RESOLUTION FOR THE ADMITTANCE OF THE MOTHERS OF MASTER MASON TO THE MASONIC HOME

WHEREAS, there is a filial relationship between a Mason and his mother; and WHEREAS, there is a moral obligation for a Master Mason to care for his mother, wife, and widow; and

WHEREAS, the income will benefit the Masonic Home; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Master Mason's mother may be admitted to residence in the Masonic Home subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions set for in the Rules and Regulations.

Chapter 3 Appendix, Regulation 3.01, Page 359, amended to read:

**3.01** The purpose of the Home is to provide a place of comfort and security for needy, distressed, worthy Master Masons, their wives, mothers, and widows.

Chapter 6 Appendix, Regulations 6.03 and 6.03(e), Page 364, amended to read:

**6.03** Qualifications of a Master Mason, his wife, ~~or~~ widow, or mother\* to be admitted to residence in the Masonic Home: (\*as to the Private Pay Plan only)

**6.03(e)** The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home may allocate a portion of the rooms available at the Masonic Home for use by Master Masons, their wives, or widows or mothers, from any Grand Jurisdiction recognized by The Grand Lodge of Florida on the Private

Pay Plan. Florida Masons, their wives, and widows, and mothers, will have preference for admission to the Masonic Home of Florida under the Private Pay Plan. (2008)

Respectfully submitted,  
W.: Stephen B. Jacobson  
W.: David Lopez  
R.: W.: James David Neveitt  
R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover  
R.: R.: Robert J. "Stretch" Liekefet

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

#### RESOLUTION ON FULL CIVIL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Particular Lodges are the source and foundation of all Symbolic Masonry, and possess inherent rights and powers, sanctioned by immemorial custom and usage, which never can be changed or altered; and

WHEREAS, every candidate for Freemasonry must be a man, free born, of lawful age, being under the tongue of good repute and well recommended; and

WHEREAS, balloting for Initiation, Passing, Raising and membership must be unanimous; and

WHEREAS, a petitioner for membership could have committed indiscretions in his youth but in his manhood may have distinguished himself by just and upright conduct; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 31.03 states: "A Lodge may not receive a petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry from any person who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been restored to full civil rights."; and

WHEREAS, Ruling and Decision Number One adopted at the 180th Annual Grand Communication defines "Full Civil Rights" as including the requirement of the restoration of gun rights; and

WHEREAS, there is no requirement for a petitioner for reinstatement to have had his gun rights restored as the wording of Regulation 44.21 requires the restoration of "Civil Rights" and not "Full Civil Rights"; and

WHEREAS, certain misdemeanors, while not classified as felonies, do not revoke civil rights but do revoke gun rights; and

WHEREAS, certain felonies which are not evil in themselves exist such as three violations of driving with a suspended drivers license cause the revocation of gun rights; and

WHEREAS, the granting of restoration of Civil Rights includes the rights of voting, serving on a jury, and other rights of citizenship such as the election to public office but does not restore gun rights; and

WHEREAS, a petitioner may have had his Civil Rights restored but not be desirous of having his gun rights restored; and

WHEREAS, there is an eight year waiting period after the restoration of Civil Rights before applying for the restoration of gun rights; and

WHEREAS, we learn in the Entered Apprentice Degree that we should carry nothing of an offensive or defensive nature into the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, there is no Masonic reason why a petitioner must have had his gun rights restored; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Particular Lodge have the power of the Ballot Box to approve or reject petitions for membership by unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 33.11 states in part: "The Lodge is the judge of eligibility of a petitioner for the Degrees and of an applicant for affiliation..."; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Particular Lodge may be desirous of the membership of a petitioner who has had his Civil Rights restored but not his gun rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 31.03 be amended to delete the word "full" and that the Ruling and Decision concerning the definition of "Full Civil Rights" be deleted from the Digest of Masonic Law.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.: W.: David Eschrich, Past Grand Master

#### REGULATION 31.03 now reads:

31.03 A Lodge may not receive a petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry from any person who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been restored to full civil rights.

#### REGULATION 31.03 amended to read:

31.03 A Lodge may not receive a petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry from any person who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been restored to full civil rights.

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

#### RESOLUTION ON LODGE REPORTS AND RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE

WHEREAS, **Constitutional Provisions state:** Every Lodge must make full and complete Returns of the proceedings annually to the Grand Lodge, with the names of its Officers and members, and a statement of all dues, signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary, under the Seal of the Lodge; and without such Returns made, and payment or remission of all dues, no Lodge shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge. And every Lodge failing to be represented in the Grand Lodge for two consecutive years shall forfeit its Charter; Provided, That if such defaulting Lodge shall, on or before the next Annual Communication, make full Returns and payment of dues to the Grand Secretary, and satisfactory explanation to the Grand Lodge, or in the recess to the Grand Master, such forfeiture shall be released, and the Lodge restored to its regular standing. (Art. X, Sec. 22); and

WHEREAS, **Regulations 14.08 and 30.01 provide a penalty for the late payment of assessments:** All Grand Lodge dues and assessments shall be paid in full on or before February 15th of each year and a penalty of \$10.00 shall be assessed against each Lodge failing so to do, which penal sum shall be paid to the Grand Secretary at the time of payment of delinquent dues and assessments; and

WHEREAS, the penalty imposed does not offset the cost of additional invoicing and record keeping expenses incurred by Grand Lodge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 14.08 and 30.01 of the Digest of the Masonic Law be amended to increase the penalty to a sum of \$50.00 or 5% of the balance past due; which ever is greater.

#### Regulations 14.08 and 30.01 amended to read:

14.08 All Grand Lodge dues and assessments shall be paid in full on or before February 15th of each year and a penalty of ~~\$10.00~~ \$50.00 or 5% of the balance past due; which ever is greater, shall be assessed against each Lodge failing so to do, which penal sum shall be paid to the Grand Secretary at the time of payment of delinquent dues and assessments.

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Respectfully Submitted,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary  
M.: W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer  
(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

#### PARTICULAR LODGES POOLED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, many of the Particular Lodges have funds that are invested in very low interest accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Endowment and Investment Committee has professional investment members and employs investment managers and are charged to ensure the best possible return on investments; and

WHEREAS, this Committee is willing to develop a Particular Lodge pooled investment fund for the Lodges requesting to invest in said fund; and

WHEREAS, several Allied Masonic Bodies have in place a pooled investment account generating a greater return on funds than small investment accounts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee be charged to develop said fund and outline such contract, rules, and disclaimers necessary for this account to be opened, and the Grand Lodge Corporate Board of Directors be charged with the same responsibilities as the other investment funds.

Respectfully submitted by the following members of the Endowment Investment Committee,

R.: W.: Robert T. Langford., Chairman  
R.: W.: Glenn Little, III  
R.: W.: Martin Schwebel  
R.: W.: Harold A. Gordon  
R.: W.: Thomas F. Johnson  
R.: W.: Royal A. Clark

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

#### RESOLUTION ON A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK FOR OPENING DUPLICATE COPIES OF THE "FORMS AND CEREMONIES"

WHEREAS, at the 164th Annual Communication in 1993 the Craft adopted, by written ballot, a Resolution to place a duplicate copy of the "Forms and Ceremonies" in each District; and

WHEREAS, at the 175th Annual Communication in 2008 a Resolution to change the Constitution and the Digest of the Masonic Law to permit the Grand Master to authorize the reproduction and placement of a duplicate copy of the "Forms and Ceremonies" in each District was adopted by the Craft by show of hands; and

WHEREAS, at the 153rd Annual Communication in 1982 a Resolution relating to Duplicate Copies of the "Forms and Ceremonies" was adopted by the Craft containing the "Resolving Clause" pertaining to the procedure to be used for authorizing the opening of the safes, vaults, or strong boxes containing duplicate copies was included in Chapter 38.04 of the Digest of Masonic Law which states in part "For the purpose of opening the safe, vault, or strong box in a Temple, the Grand Master shall designate a member of the Committee on Work to whom shall be delivered one of the keys or combinations and either an elected Grand Lodge Officer, a District Deputy Grand Master, a District Instructor or a Past Grand Master, to whom the other key or combination."; and

WHEREAS, several Districts have already availed themselves of the duplicate copies and several more are in the process or discussion stages of adding more duplicate copies throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Work is currently composed of a State Chairman, ten Zone Chairmen, and a Spanish Instructor who could not reasonably be at each District where the duplicate copies are located without either great expense to the Craft or hardship to the Committeeman and that to be effective the books should be opened frequently; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Work maybe divided into such subcommittees ... as the Grand Master shall deem appropriate according to Article IX, Section 2, (2) of the Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Master may appoint designees for Opening Duplicate Copies of Brothers submitted to him by the Committee on Work and mutually acceptable to the Grand Master and the Committee on Work State Chairman. Such Brothers shall be Past Zone Chairman of Committee on Work, Past District Instructors or Past District Deputy Grand Masters, selected from the District or Districts containing duplicate copies of the "Forms and Ceremonies." The permission procedure will be as currently required by Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
R.: W.: Frederick J. Latsko, State Chairman, Committee on Work  
M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master  
R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, Deputy Grand Master  
R.: W.: Jim J. Harris, Senior Grand Warden  
R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Junior Grand Warden  
M.: W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer  
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

#### RESOLUTION ON PROFICIENCY CARD WORDING

WHEREAS, at the 113th Annual Communication in 1959 the Craft adopted a Resolution regarding Proficiency Regulations which has become Chapter 37.12 through 37.17, Digest of Masonic Law, which did not include a Silver Card for all three catechisms; and

WHEREAS, at the 145th Annual Communication in 1974 the Craft adopted a Resolution adding the Silver Card to the lists of Proficiency Cards; and

WHEREAS, there has been some confusion among Brethren as to the requirements for the Blue Card which contains the requirement of proficiency for the three catechisms;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 37.16 (d) of the Digest of Masonic Law, wording be amended to read "The Committee on Work shall issue a blue card certificate of proficiency to a Master Mason when proficient in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Three Degrees of Freemasonry, and the esoteric work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degree including the questions and answers of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Catechisms."

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the wording on the Blue Proficiency Card be amended to read "The Committee on Work shall issue a blue card certificate of proficiency to a Master Mason when proficient in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Three Degrees of Freemasonry, and the esoteric work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degree including the questions and answers of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Catechisms."

Respectfully submitted,  
R.: W.: Frederick J. Latsko, Chairman  
Committee on Work

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NON-PAST GRAND MASTERS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE**

WHEREAS, the Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction are permanent members of the Jurisprudence Committee; and

WHEREAS, there is no specified number of non-Past Grand Masters who may be appointed to that Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Jurisprudence Committee acts as the oversight Committee for all matters undertaken during the time that the Grand Lodge is not in Session; and

WHEREAS, the Past Grand Masters, by reason of their service to the Craft, are or should be more knowledgeable of the Laws, Regulations and Customs of Freemasonry in Florida and persons who by reason of their age and experience should possess wisdom and insight; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the Jurisprudence Committee in reviewing all matters undertaken during the recess of Grand Lodge requires an unbiased, honest, forthright review, and adherence to the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Lodge and the Ancient Customs of Freemasonry which can best be undertaken and accomplished by those who have no political ambitions for office or fear of retaliation for actions undertaken; and

WHEREAS, there are a sufficient number of Past Grand Master in this Jurisdiction to undertake and perform the duties required of the Jurisprudence Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX, Section 2 (1), entitled Fraternal Committees – The Fraternal Committees of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking the last sentence thereof which reads “All Past Grand Masters in good standing shall be members of this Committee together with such additional members as may be appointed by the Grand Master.” And inserting in its place the following: “All Past Grand Masters in good standing shall be members of this Committee. The Grand Master may annually appoint not more than twelve (12) Past Masters of this Jurisdiction who possess the necessary qualifications by reason of their age, experience, knowledge, and/or professional training to serve on this Committee.”

Respectfully submitted,

M.: W.: L. Evans Crary, Jr., P.G.M.

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND 44.67 TO ALLOW GRAND LODGE TO ADJUST THE PENALTY UPON APPEAL**

WHEREAS, the way Regulation 44.67 is written it appears that Grand Lodge has one of two choices upon an appeal pursuant to Regulation 44.67, i.e., either affirm or reverse the action of a Lodge or Trial Commission; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 44.69 only authorizes the Grand Lodge to set the penalty upon conviction after a retrial; and

WHEREAS, Grand Lodge has greater authority pursuant to Regulation 44.77 concerning Grand Lodge Trials. Pursuant to Regulation 44.77 the Grand Master reviews the trial record and shall enter orders he thinks is appropriate such as affirming the judgment, suspending operation of the judgment or directing other and further proceedings. Such action is reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and recommendations made to the Grand Lodge for final action; and

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Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Ronald A. Herring, P.D.D.G.M.

**(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)**

**RESOLUTION FOR SEVENTY AND FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

WHEREAS, Regulation 26.12 of the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida sets forth the guidelines for the presentation of a silver or gold pin and certificate to be presented to those Brothers on the anniversary of their membership in our Fraternity at 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 years, respectively, of dedicated and loyal service; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of our Brothers will attain the distinction of being recognized for their seventy and/or fifty years of service to our great Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, these esteemed Brothers should, in addition, be individually recognized by the presentation of a special plaque and apron to those who have served our Fraternity for seventy years, and a special apron to those who have served our Fraternity for fifty years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Lodge of Florida recognizes these esteemed Brothers with an award for such membership. The Seventy-Year Award shall consist of a plaque, gold lapel button, an apron and certificate; and the Fifty-Year Award shall consist of a gold lapel button, an apron and certificate. The plaque, aprons, button, and certificate shall be of designs approved by the Grand Lodge of Florida. All references in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida shall be modified to reflect the same.

Respectfully submitted by:

R.: W.: Dudley C. Herrington, II, D.D.G.M., District 1, Ensley Lodge No. 278

R.: W.: Edward A. Kritzmire, P.D.D.G.M., District 1, Ensley Lodge No. 278

R.: W.: Ken Boswell, P.D.D.G.M., District 1, Ensley Lodge No. 278

R.: H.: Tim Harrell, D.I., District 1, Ensley Lodge No. 278

W.: Wayne Wiggins, P.M., Ensley Lodge No. 278

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS MEMBERS OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 4 (1), designates the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden, along with the Grand Treasurer, as Corporate Officers and designates the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge referred to as members of the Corporate Board; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 5, states all powers of the Grand Lodge of Corporate Character in the recess of Grand Lodge are vested in the Corporate Board; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6, declares all financial affairs, along with all programs, projects, activities, functions, and operations of the Grand Lodge are under the supervision of the Corporate Board; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 9, further describes the powers, duties, and limitations of the Corporate Board; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 2 (1), refers all matters of Masonic Law, customs, practices, policies, and procedures to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, it would seem prudent to allow the said Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge to have a voice on all matters concerning Masonic Law, customs, practices, policies, and procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, and Grand Treasurer, along with their existing other duties and responsibilities, be made non-voting members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

M.: W.: Robert D. Trump, P.G.M.

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

**RESOLUTION ON DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, it is written in the 2003 edition of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, page three (3) continuing noting free and clearly tenets, principles, and beliefs expressing and teaching responsible citizenship with self improvement, friendship, and commendable thoughts which are applicably related to the expressed phrase, “DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the expression “DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM” be utilized fully accepted as title as an annual program perpetuated as a Grand Lodge of Florida Program which encourages all Lodges in its Jurisdiction to perpetuate at least once annually honoring noteworthy military and/or civilian personnel deserving recognition as



## Social Worker Recognized by Brother Charles Elul; Photo by Brother Roger Van Landingham

Leon County School Board Social Worker Recognized by J. Edwin Larson Lodge No. 361

At its February Stated Communication, J. Edwin Larson Lodge No. 361 presented Mrs. Susan Van Leuven with a plaque thanking her for the support that she and the Leon County School Board have provided in making our Holiday Meals Program such a success over the past two years.

Mrs. Van Leuven provides the names and contact information for single parent families that are in crisis during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Using the contact information Brothers from J. Edwin Larson Lodge No. 361 purchase and deliver precooked Holiday meals a day or two ahead of the Holiday. Dinners include a smoked turkey, a sliced ham, cornbread dressing, green bean and sweet potato casseroles,

gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, apple pie, and Kool-Aid or tea.

In the past two years with Mrs. Van Leuven's generous help the Lodge has been able to feed over 80 people during the holidays.

This has been a team effort with many Brothers participating and commenting that it was one of the most rewarding experiences in their Masonic Careers.

Mrs Van Leuven was accompanied to the dinner by her husband David and they were able to meet and talk with many of the Brothers of the Lodge.

Mrs. Van Leuven also presented the Lodge with several letters from Children and Parents who received meals expressing their thanks and appreciation at the generosity of the Brothers.



L to R: Mrs. Susan Van Leuven, W.; Bud Stockseth, Junior Past M.: W.; Stephen Stabley, and Brother Charles Elul



L to R: Brothers John Langan, William McCloud, Mrs Susan Van Leuven, W.: Bud Stockseth, Junior Past M.: W.: Stephen Stabley, Brothers Christopher Turner and Charles Elul

## Bradford Lodge No. 35 Recognizes Edgar Carter Jr. by Ted Barber

Coy Pacetti, District Deputy Grand Master for the "Friendly" 10th Masonic District, made his second official visit to Bradford Lodge No. 35, Free and Accepted Masons on Monday evening February 22, 2010. Gerald Anderson, Bradford Lodge's Worshipful Master, provided the Welcome to Right Worshipful Pacetti. Lodge Members and guests witnessed Worshipful Edgar White Carter Jr. receive his 50 and 55 year Certificates of Good Standing as a Freemason signed by Most Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master of Masons in Florida. Worshipful Carter is a native Floridian that served several Florida Masonic Lodges and was proud to say he had held all the different offices within a Masonic

Lodge except the Lodge Secretary's Office. Worshipful Carter was initiated in South Seminole Lodge No. 364 on November 16, 1954. He was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 17, 1955 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 21, 1955. He was a member of Melrose Lodge No. 89 for seventeen years and served as their Lodge's Worshipful Master in 1985. He affiliated with Bradford Lodge No. 35 in 1997 where he earned his last two Service Awards. He told the audience that the Three Degrees in Freemasonry and his association with the Fraternity helped him in many ways throughout his life. Worshipful Edgar Carter and his wife Judy are now living in Keystone

Heights.

R.: W.: Pacetti then presented William Wallace of Bradford Lodge his Grand Lodge of Florida Certificate showing that he was a Master Mason. The presentation was delayed by a year since William Wallace was serving the United States of America as a soldier in Iraq. Brother Wallace then presented Bradford Lodge with an American Flag and a Certificate of Authenticity that the Flag had been flown in Iraq where Al Qaeda was known to have started.

The supper, fellowship, and presentations that were held in the open meeting at Bradford Lodge No. 35 for the District Deputy Grand Master provided an enjoyable event.

## Nitram Lodge No. 188 by Billy Garrett, Jr., P.M., District 21 - Marshal



L to R: Matthew Winters, Junior Warden-Elect, R.: W.: Ed Sireet, D.D.G.M., 21st Masonic District, Cory Hutson (DeMolay Brother), "Dad" Bill Cobb, Scott Drake, Worshipful Master, Nitram Lodge No. 188.

January 7, 2010, St. Petersburg, FL. Family, Friends, Brothers and Guests were treated with a special meal prior to the program. The fabulous meal was prepared by Brother Josh Bellan. The Flower Talk was delivered by Cory Hutson who is a

dual member of Paul Revere Chapter and Seminole Chapter. Other appendant and allied orders in attendance were the Rainbow for Girls Largo Assembly No. 86, Order of Eastern (OES) Chapters Bethlehem No. 169 and Gulf Beach No. 241, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine (LOS) Tahuti Court No. 44. This is "Unity in Masonry" through goodness and kindness as a Masonic Family.

The event was well attended and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Brother Matthew (Junior Warden-Elect) and Past Master Counselor for coordinating this event, Scott Drake, Worshipful Master, the Brothers of Nitram Lodge and all who supported this event.



## The 6th District Brings Christmas Cheer To Their Community

The Masters and Wardens Association of the 6th Masonic District teamed up with the Salvation Army on December 19, 2009 to help provide a Merry Christmas for their community.

Worshipful John Winfree, the President of the Masters and Wardens Association, said that, "The Association along with Brothers from each Lodge and Salvation Army Band together each year on the Saturday before Christmas ringing bells to raise money. Even some of our visiting Brothers like Worshipful John Geary of Thistle Lodge in Ontario, Canada joined with the Brothers in earning Masters Wages. It is a

great day of fun and fellowship for everyone that is involved. The money provides assistance for the distressed families in our community." He went on to say that, "The 6th District has had strong ties with the Salvation Army for several years."

Worshipful Mike Miller, whose daughter is a Lieutenant with the Salvation Army, told us, "The money that is raised during the bell ringing not only helps to provide the needy families with a Merry Christmas but it continues to provide aid and comfort to them throughout the New Year."

Right Worshipful Grady Broxton, who has attained the

rank of a Sergeant Major in the Salvation Army, said that, "I love living in this community, everyone here is so caring. Even with the economy being as stressed as it is, the people who live here have opened their hearts and wallets to those less fortunate than themselves. The Masters and Wardens Association collected over \$4,900.00 this year. That makes a five year total of over \$26,900.00 raised by the Brothers of the 6th District for the needy of their community.

May God Bless each and every one of us and a Happy New Year to all."

## Firemen give To The Shriners Burn Center

Often times, things are not what they appear to be. Each year for the past 40 years or so, the Cocoa Beach Fire Department has held a "Chili Fest" at their fire station during the Annual Fall Art Festival on Thanksgiving weekend. Many "hours of love and labor" by these dedicated men and women have developed this often times nondescript dish of "beans and hamburger meat" into a gourmet and "award winning connoisseur's delight" of perfection; the "bestest" Chili in town. In total, there are 28 men and women involved in the weeks of logistical preparation for this event. (It should be noted that all efforts are volunteer and not paid for out of the city's coffers.)

Yet, there is also another very important purpose and under-lying goal that is not readily apparent. It is an unselfish and deliberate goal, to say the very least, one that most in the community are not aware of when they partake of a bowl of this delicious Chili. It is time that their "fire helmet of modesty" is lifted and the intent of their efforts be made public for all to know.

Now, for the rest of the story:

The Cocoa Beach Fire Department headed by Chief Scott Shear goes to these extreme efforts every year so as to raise funds for the Shriners' Burn Centers; four in all, located across the United States. This small group of firemen unselfishly and relentlessly give of their time and effort every year so that a monetary donation of \$1,000 can be made to the Shriners Burn Center. Over the past 40 years they have done this; do the math... impressive to say the very least. This goes largely unnoticed by the public as there is no obvious advertising by the Fire Department preceding the event,

or even afterwards, explaining where the funds are directed to.

For those of you who have visited the fire station during the event and tried some of their delicious, mouth watering/burning, Chili; you have now been informed of what the true purpose is for their many hours of efforts. For those who have not yet enjoyed the pleasure of "roasted tonsils", rest assured that paramedics are on standby to come to your aid. (Don't let the "cauterizing" reputation of their chili scare you. A mild and "not so mild" degree of the "tonsil searing" delectable treat is available.) Stop by for a visit this fall.

The Cocoa Beach Firemen and Officers making the gracious presentation are Deputy Chief G. C. Wine, Captain Laitham Kellum, Captain Ryan Duckworth, Lieutenant Justin Grimes, Firefighter Matthew Ericson, Firefighter Monique Irizarry, Firefighter Marc Sciacca, and Firefighter J. Wyatt Werneth.

Receiving this donation from the Cocoa Beach Fire Department for the Shriners' Burn Centers is the Azan Shrine Temple represented by Potentate Denny Shivers and his Divan: Chief Rabban, Gene Barringer; Assistant Rabban, Robert Heady; High Priest & Prophet, George Stenzel; Oriental Guide, Michael Setzer; Recorder, Phil Sabelli, Lieutenant Colonel of Units Jerry Mayo, Membership and Public Relations Chairman Robert McManus.

Hosting the event is the Canaveral Masonic Lodge No. 339 represented by; Rod Bornefeld, Worshipful Master; Tom Savage, Senior Warden; Bob Watkins, Junior Warden; Bo Ewertz, Senior Deacon; John Hollenburg, Treasurer; Rodger

Fowler, P.W.M.; Vern Jensen, P.W.M. and Dan Maltby, P.W.M. A generous donation from Canaveral Lodge, as well as Rodger Fowler, was also given to the Shriners' Burn Center.

There are four Shriners' Burn Centers in North America and are located in Boston, Massachusetts; Cincinnati, Ohio; Galveston, Texas and Sacramento, California. Each year, the Shriners of North America (Canada and Mexico) diligently work towards supporting the four Burn Hospitals as well as the other nineteen hospitals for Orthopedic Care, Spinal Cord Injury and Cleft Lip and Palate Care. These hospitals (23 in all) provide medical care for children at no cost to the families and accept no monetary assistance from the government. Transportation for the families (ground and air), Hotel accommodations and meals are all provided for by the collective efforts of the Shriners'. When you see a Shriner on the street corner with his donation bucket; that is where those proceeds go.

This is only one of the many ways the Shriner's raise badly needed funds for the Shrine Hospitals across the country, enabling them to support an array of the many services provided. The Shrine Hospital Research Laboratories are constantly developing new methods of treatment that are also shared with local communities and, as a result, stay on the leading edge of technology.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen of the Cocoa Beach Fire Department; thank you Nobles of the North American Shriner's; thank you one and all for your most generous efforts.



## Boca-Delray Lodge 171 Honors First Responders

With the help of several Brethren, in particular Brother John Clarke and Brother Darold Hurlburt, Boca-Delray Lodge No. 171 located within the City of Boca Raton honors first responders with an awards night dedicated to the services and commitment these brave men and women offer our communities and residents.

Our guests of honor were the Palm Beach County Fire Chief Jerauld, Boca Raton Fire Chief Wood and Delray Beach Fire Chief James. We also had the privilege of having many representatives of the fire-fighting profession present and recognized. Active as well as retired firefighter's attended our meeting and were graciously greeted and recognized for their efforts in saving live and property.

The Boca Raton Fire Department also brought a high reach fire ladder truck and an

ambulance which were part of a show and tell demonstration where fire personnel explained and taught how the equipment was utilized. We even had the opportunity of sitting in the trucks and handling some of the sophisticated gear. The fire fighters were particularly attentive and kind with the children allowing them to ring the bell and hit the sirens and lights. Needless to say this went over big with the kids.

Our Senior Warden John Ager prepared a fabulous meal to satisfy our appetites which everyone enjoyed; most of us went for seconds. A specially decorated cake in honor of our guests was also a delight to partake of.

R.:W.: Mike Sinatra, District Deputy of the 32nd Masonic District was the Master of Ceremonies that evening presenting the three chiefs with plaques from the Lodge

recognizing these fine officer's dedication to their profession. R.:W.: David Haycock presented each dignitary with a Bible and R.:W.: Pieter Van Gunst presented Grand Lodge Certificate of appreciation to them as well. R.:W.: David Lund ended the evening with a special Benediction to all First Responders, asking that the Great Architect protect and guide them while granting all who are involved in this noble profession safety and success in saving lives and protecting property.

The Brethren at Boca-Delray Lodge have found that open meetings where the Lodge is brought from Labor to refreshment and guests are allowed to partake in the programs are most beneficial as we introduce Freemasonry to the general public.

Prior to opening Lodge we like to invite potential candidates, EA's and FC's as well



as guest to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and an opening prayer followed by a short discussion on Freemasonry. R.:W.: David Lund always stirs their interests when he presents a short, few minute topic. Our goals are to clearly show all that we are God fearing law abiding citizens who meet on the Level and enjoy each others company as well as to possible awaken an interest in those who may like to petition the Lodge for the Three Symbolic Degrees.

## Wesconnett Lodge No. 297 Presents 65 Year Award

On January 26, 2010 the Worshipful Master of Wesconnett Lodge No. 297, W.: Berton G. Yeaton, Jr., had the Honor and pleasure of presenting a 65 Year Masonic Service Certificate and Pin from the Grand Lodge of Florida to Brother Berton G. Yeaton, Sr., his Father.

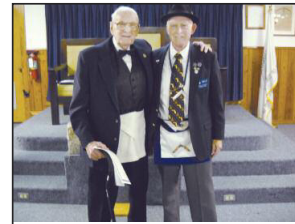
The Worshipful Master Set the Lodge at Ease so that the Presentation could be attended by his wife, Mrs. Jean Yeaton, his daughter-in-law, and other friends. Mrs. Yeaton took part in the celebration by placing the pin in the lapel of her husband.

Brother Yeaton spoke briefly about his years as a Mason. After the Lodge was called back to Attention, the Worshipful Master led the Brethren in Affording Brother Yeaton the Grand Honors.

Brother Yeaton, Sr. received his Degrees in 1944 in Mount Carmel Lodge, A.F. & A.M., in Lynn, Massachusetts. As his work duties with the General Electric Company changed, he Affiliated with Amity Lodge A.F. & A.M., in Danvers, Massachusetts; then with Bible Lodge No. 27, F. & A.M., in Goffstown, New Hampshire; then

Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 32, F. & A.M. in Laconia, New Hampshire and finally with Wesconnett Lodge in 1988.

During his 65 years as a Mason he served as an Appointed Officer in Mt. Lebanon Lodge where his son was Worshipful Master in 1974 and was active in the York Rite there. He has been very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron twice and holding various offices through the years; in the White Shrine of Jerusalem, serving as Watchman of Shepherds once; and in the Order of the



Amaranth, serving as Royal Patron once and holding several Grand Council Appointed Offices in the last 19 years.

## Rodman Porter Day Is Another Success

The second Saturday in January is a very special day for Florida Masons, particularly those in the northern part of the State. Worshipful Master Darrell Segree and the Brothers of Apalachicola Lodge No. 76 opened their doors on January 9, 2010 for another day of fun, food and fellowship. These are three of the things that the Brothers of Apalachicola Lodge are especially known for.

The day was named in honor of one of our most Beloved Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful G. Rodman Porter, a member and Past Master of Apalachicola Lodge No. 76. It was established as a Day of Instruction for all Master Masons of the 6th, then 4th Masonic District. All Three Degrees are

exemplified by Brothers, or Teams of Brothers from the Lodges in the District. The work is closely monitored by the District Instructor, this year by Right Honorable Rick Hawks and other District Instructors from across the State.

Some of the Brothers who came from across the State to help make the day a huge success included; Right Worshipful Danny Griffith, our Junior Grand Deacon from Orange Park Lodge No. 267, Most Worshipful Robert P. Harry, Past Grand Master of the State of Florida from Ashler Lodge No. 98, who helped with the Degree Work. Worshipful Jonathan Hollis and Brother Larry Hollis both from Pace Lodge No. 349 helped in the preparation of an outstanding meal. The

menu included; fried fish fillets, hush puppies, baked oyster casserole, southern style baked beans, potato salad and ice tea with coffee and cake for desert.

Right Worshipful Duane D. "Yogi" Bishop was Honored for his efforts during the day, especially in the kitchen, when he was presented with the coveted award "The Order of the Golden Hush Puppy". The day ended with full stomachs and great fellowship. Worshipful Master Segree reported that \$300.00 in donations had been added to the Lodges' scholarship fund by all the Brothers attending.

## Woodstock Park Lodge No. 313 Honors A Hero by Sam Cowan, P.G.M.

On February 13, 2010 Woodstock Park Lodge No. 313 Honored several World War II Veterans. While discussing our plans with R.:W.: Seth Rothstein from Solomon Lodge No. 20, he told me of W. Henry Herr, P.M. of his Lodge, who served in World War II. I have known Henry for about 20 years and the fact he served in WWII never came up. After Seth enlightened me about part of his war experiences, I knew we had to honor this man because he was one of our Heroes. I think when you read this short, true story he will be yours too.

Henry was born on June 8, 1922 and

shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor he was serving as a Sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Corp as a Bombardier in a B-26 Marauder. On June 6, 1944, two days before his 22nd birthday, he found himself flying over German troops and gun emplacements. During one flyover, when Sgt. Henry Herr drop his bomb load, all but one left the bomb rack. The bomb was jammed and would not drop. The Germans were firing at the B26 as they were still trying to get the bomb to drop. Finally, several of the crew members held Henry upside down in the bomb rack and he was finally able to release the bomb. During the time Henry was working to

get the bomb loose he was being shot at by ground fire and was hit but the adrenaline was running so fast he never realized it until it was all over. Sgt. Henry S. Herr received the Soldier's Medal a year later for risking his life to save his crew and his ship. During his time in the U. S. Army Air Corp, Sgt. Herr flew 90 missions. WOW!!, think of it - 90 missions.

Henry S. Herr joined the U. S. Army Air Corp at an early age when Patriotism meant something and realized Freedom was not free.

When you see Henry tell him how proud you are to know him and what he did to keep us free.



L to R: Henry Herr is given wartime record by W.: Sam Bennett. W.: Bill Fowler, Worshipful Master, Woodstock Park Lodge is behind podium and M.:W.: Sam Cowan, P.G.M. is behind the desk.

## Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to members of the Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulations to Brother Robert "Dean" Sever, Leesburg Lodge No. 58, Secretary, who was Awarded this Honor on March 16th by M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master of Masons of Florida. District Scouting Commissioner and Brother, Sandy Mackenzie was present to assist with the Presentation as was W.: Grand Marshal Steven Boring, Grand Lodge of Florida.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the recipient who is

honored by receiving the Award. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is a Boy Scout Community Organization Award, used by community organizations to Honor their volunteers for Scouting.

The Award is presented to a Master Mason who is currently a registered Scouter and active in a Scout Unit, District, Council, or National Affiliate, and has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program.

Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, is the criteria for this Award. To receive this Award the recipient must be nominated by a Master Mason and approved by the Grand Master of Masons of Florida. During his presentation M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig stated, this is the only Daniel Carter Beard Award he has presented thus far while serving as Grand Master of Florida.

The Award was presented prior to Leesburg Lodge opening a Stated Communications Meeting to allow the Boy Scouts, their families and friends to attend this special presentation. A number of Masons' wives also attended this special presentation.

Leesburg Lodge sponsoring Troop No.1 opened the evening by presenting the Flag of our Country West of the Altar, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Posting the Colors in it's place of Honor in the East.



## Masonic Lodge Brings Holiday Cheer

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, Madeira Beach, took part in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program at Tyrone Mall. The Angel Tree Program is designed to get holiday gifts to needy children in the community. Over fifteen members of Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge took turns to man the Angel Tree Booth at the Mall on December 8, 2009. It was a very moving experience for the Masons to see how the community



comes together to bring joy to the hearts of children this time of year. Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge is appreciative of the Salvation Army for allowing them to take part in this worthy program.



R. W. Jim J Harris  
Senior Grand Warden

### A Message From The Senior Grand Warden

My Brothers all:

We are fast approaching our 181st Grand Lodge Communication which will be held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, Florida, on May 31st, June 1st and 2nd, 2010. If you are an Officer of your Lodge it is very important that you attend. By the time this message reaches you, the Officers of the Lodge should have attended at least one Legislation Meeting in your respective Zone, where the various Resolutions were introduced and discussed. The Resolutions will be presented at the 181st Grand Lodge Communication and voted on; possibly changing your Lodge in many ways. As Lodge Officers, you have the honor and responsibility to represent your Lodge and to vote for or against all Legislation presented and report to your Brethren after the Communication.

Brothers, the Masons living today have enjoyed a long rich Masonic history because of those hard working Brothers that served before us. They managed to thrive even during the years of two World Wars, a Great Depression and other very troubling times. Today we face different challenges but not any more difficult than years ago. I truly believe the Brothers today are just as eager and willing as our forefathers and in some cases even more so. Today, however, because of our environment and way of life, we are often too impatient. There is no way to achieve instant solutions or results without hard work. My Brothers, the Officers of the Lodges cannot create a successful and prosperous Lodge without your help.

It takes every Brother in your Lodge to truly have a good, well run and productive Lodge. Your Lodge should be pleasing in appearance and a show-place in your community. How can we expect to attract new Brothers or the public to attend open meetings when our house or Temple is in disrepair? This is our window to the community. We should set the example in the community and be proud. Think of some of the buildings of the past. They were often the best building in the city and commonly housed community events.

We need Brothers for much more than just our Ritual Work in the Lodge. We need Brothers with the time to visit our sick and distressed. We need Brothers to check on our deceased Brothers' widows, making sure they are still part of the Masonic Family. We need Brothers with years of experience to mentor our new Brothers starting from the time of the petition to the time when they may become mentors themselves. We need Brothers to assist the Worshipful Master and officers in finding interesting speakers, thereby making the meetings productive and engaging. We need Brothers that have special talents to assist in announcing our events in the newspapers along with the times we meet to help get the message of Masonry to the world, one Lodge at a time. We need Brothers to assist in the fund raisers from conception to completion. We need Brothers for building maintenance.

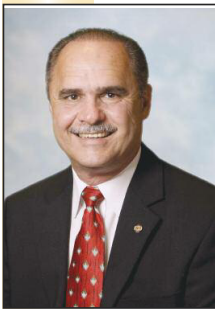
We need Brothers to pick up other Brothers that may be unable to drive to Lodge on meeting nights. We need Brothers to check on those Brothers that may have fallen on tough times and see if we can help. We need Brothers to be Brothers.

Brothers, this is our Fraternity. It's our Fraternity to work and prosper so we can pass it on unimpaired to the next generation. It's also our Fraternity to lose. We are the keeper of the keys and must do everything possible to continue a great tradition and way of life for those fortunate enough to become part of our family.

Secondly, my Brothers, we, as Grand Lodge Officers, are very interested in your opinions and comments regarding anything you feel should be changed or modified to better serve the Masons of Florida. I would ask that you send your comments or suggestions to me at P.O. Box 780412, Sebastian, FL 32978-0412. We will review your comments and respond as quickly as possible.

Thank you, once again, for allowing me to serve this great Fraternity. It is a memory and labor of love that will be with me for life.

Fraternally,  
Jim J Harris  
Senior Grand Warden



R. W. J. L. "George" Aladro  
Junior Grand Warden

### A Message From The Junior Grand Warden

STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE

My Brothers,

Masonry is living through exciting times, the likes of which we have not seen in more than half a century. This new prominence comes to us by many ways and it has been growing over the last few years with all the new novels, films and documentaries exposing Masonry to our fellow citizens and more especially, most of it being favorable and expounding on the High Moral qualities of our Fraternity.

This publicity has sparked much curiosity among many men from all walks of life they seek information and contact our Lodges to further their inquiries. These men come to us with a certain amount of knowledge unparalleled to years past. Because of a society, that has instant information at the end of its fingers tips by just logging on the internet.

As Masons, I wonder if we are ready to meet this challenge. I encourage you to ask yourself if you are ready and more importantly if your Lodge is ready to meet this challenge. Masonry to my knowledge has never been one to act fast. Change has always been very slow and the one ingredient we do not have on our side is the fact that for many years we have neglected our Masonic Education and now find ourselves behind the curve.

Today's candidate has the ability to do all types of research from the comfort of his home through the web. He can access libraries and scholars, dissenters and admirers all expressing their thoughts and opinions about our Gentle Craft; whether good, bad or indifferent it is all out there at the blink of an eye.

As Masons being approached by individuals especially those under 60 years of age, you must be able to answer their questions truthfully and factually, because most surely your answers will be checked out via the internet in less time it took to answer the questions in the first place.

My Brothers in order for us to be able to take advantage of this new publicity we have to "STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE." Is actually easier than what it may seem, the tasks are many but not insurmountable, the time to start is NOW not tomorrow, a team effort is necessary and with the proper focus and leadership "WE SHALL PREVAIL".

This is what we need to evaluate

1. Is your Lodge providing a sound Mentoring System?
2. Is your Lodge teaching and practicing Masonic Education?
3. Is your Lodge qualified to instruct candidates as per regulations?
4. Is your Lodge able to confer the Degrees?
5. Is your Lodges caliber of membership today equal to that of its hay days?
6. Is your Lodge financially sound?
7. Is your Lodge Building pleasant, comfortable and inviting to the public?
8. Is your Lodge active in your District?
9. Is your Lodge active with the youth?
10. Is your Lodge active in your community?

If your Lodge needs any help in meeting any of the tasks above remember we are here to help you, please contact us for assistance. Keep in mind that we are 48000 plus strong with a network of almost 300 Lodges with one close to yours, your team is not just those members of your Lodge, but the entire 48,000 members united as one Band of Brothers, all working towards one common goal, "TO IMPROVE OURSELVES IN MASONRY"

Fraternally, I remain your servant  
Jorge L. Aladro  
Junior Grand Warden

## Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Adopts A Classroom

Photo by Howard Knapp

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, Madeira Beach, took part in the Pinellas County Adopt-A-Classroom Program and has adopted a class at Madeira Beach Fundamental School for the 2009-2010 school year. The recipient of the adoption, and \$100.00 check, was Mr. David Tagliarini's Band Program, which is one of the premier bands in the county.



Gulf Beach Lodge hopes that other businesses and individuals will consider taking part in this worthy program and assist the classroom teachers in their quest to better educate the youth of our Communities.

L to R: Mr. David Tagliarini; Mr. Shawn Rae  
Mr. Shawn Rae, Master of Gulf Beach Lodge presents \$100.00 check to Mr. Tagliarini, Band Director at Madeira Beach Fundamental School

## Lake Butler's Child ID Team

The 10th Masonic District kicked off their Child ID program on November 7, 2009 at Lake Butler Lodge No. 52. Grace Anna Johnson was the first participant and is pictured with the following members of the Child ID team:



R. W.: Stan Harvey, Bro. Gerald Coutts, R. W.: Larry Scott, W.: Tom Erickson, Bro. Mike Basham, W.: Roy Weiland and R. H.: Leaman Alvarez





M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, PGM Grand Secretary

### A Message From The Grand Secretary

First and foremost I would like to thank you for the honor you have afforded me to serve as your Grand Secretary. What a pleasure to be able to continue in my service to the greatest Fraternity in the world.

There are many challenges serving as Grand Secretary; however, they are not overwhelming due to the dedicated staff working on your behalf. From membership, accounting, recognition certificates to Lodge records, their professionalism is outstanding.

The work on Lodge Secretary's Administration Guide, Lodge Solicitation Booklet, and Masonic Education Programs has reached completion. All of these will be available in printed form or online shortly.

As Masons we should be proud of our Fraternity and the Elected Grand Lodge Officers you have chosen to lead it. They are dedicated to the Fraternity and to you as Masons.

I look forward to the Grand Lodge Session and the opportunity to renew friendships and hope to discover new ones.

The Grand Lodge Officers will be contacting your District to arrange a Masonic Information Seminar for the upcoming year, full of information, direction, and helpful hints for your Lodge in order to assist you in being successful in all your Masonic projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Grand Lodge office should you need assistance or have any question in regards to the operation and reports of your Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.  
Grand Secretary



M.:W.: Elmer G. Coffman, PGM Grand Treasurer

### A Message From The Grand Treasurer

Brothers,

What a great time to be a Mason! With all the good publicity we are getting from all the books and movies, we are starting to see a movement toward increasing our membership. And we are not only increasing membership but many of our new Brothers and Candidates are young men, many in their 20's, with many many years to enjoy Masonry and lead our Fraternity into the future. It is wonderful to see these young Brothers, who are eager to learn, taking leadership roles in our Lodges and it is crucial that they be provided good Masonic Education to assist them in their journey.

It is also crucial that each of us work toward cutting down on the number of Brothers being suspended for non-payment of dues. Last year we would have shown a positive membership if it had not been for the number of Brothers suspended for NPD. Each of us can assist with this if we would just take time to contact the Brothers we know and help them get back in the Lodge and back to the good fellowship they once enjoyed. With the benefit of the Amnesty Program a Brother can be reinstated by paying only the current years dues and passing the Ballot Box, even if he has been out for several years. If you know Brothers who have been suspended, please ensure they know about the program and assist them in taking advantage of it. Also check to see if some of the Brothers could possibly be having some financial problems which are preventing them from paying their dues to allow the Lodge to help them and prevent a suspension.

In the next few weeks the Grand Lodge Officers will be visiting your area to discuss the submitted legislation for the upcoming Annual Grand Lodge Communication. I urge you to be in attendance as some of the legislation could cause dramatic changes in the way our Lodges operate. If you are to represent your Lodge, make sure you are well informed and understand how your Lodge wants you to vote on each piece of legislation. If you are not planning on attending the Grand Lodge Communication, talk to your delegates about the proposed changes and let your feeling be known.

May God richly bless you, our great Country and our great Fraternity.  
Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M.  
Grand Treasurer

The following letter was received from M.:W.: John T. Parsons, Grand Master of Nebraska. R.:W.: Richard A. Wolfe, DDGM of the 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic district, took the lead in assisting a Nebraska Brother and his family in distress here in Florida. The letter speaks for itself. This is Masonry in action.



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March 1, 2010

Dale L. Goehrig, Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Florida  
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Clermont, FL 34711-6332

Dear M.:W.: B.: Dale,

I just wanted to extend my personal thanks to you, to your officers, and to all the Florida Masons who responded to my request on behalf of our brother in the hospital. I received a call today from his son in Lincoln saying that the outpouring of support was overwhelming. His daughter, who was present in the hospital, stated that it was like "a small army" come to help her and her grandfather. She was simply overcome by the support they received.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your response to a worthy brother in distress. This is really one of those times when the true meaning of Masonry and the strong ties that bind us all are prominently on display. If I can ever be of assistance to you or to any Florida Mason sojourning in Nebraska, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*John T. Parsons*  
John T. Parsons  
Grand Master

### Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Presents Awards

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, Madeira Beach, presented awards recently to two of its members. Brother Charles "Chuck" Adams, who became a Freemason in 1969. Chuck received his 40 Year Certificate and Pin, and Brother Ed Pinkham, who became a Freemason in 1949, and was presented his 60 Year Certificate and Pin. The Presentations were made in the presence of 35 members by Brother Tom Willmot, Senior Warden, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, Shawn Rae.



L to R: Ed Pinkham, Tom Willmot  
Brother Ed Pinkham receives 60 year award

### Leesburg Lodge No. 58 Presents Annual Awards

On Sunday, December 13th 2009, Leesburg Lodge No. 58 held its Annual Community Awards Dinner at the Leesburg Lodge. Awards were presented to Pastor James P. Holden of Christ United Methodist Church who was selected as the 2009 Minister of the Year.

(top photo) The vision of Pastor James and his church is to be a place through which you can live your faith. A place where your faith is strengthened in worship, deepened through study, enriched in service, and shared with your neighbor, community, and the world.

(second photo) Leesburg Lodge also selected Paramedic Menandre Muscadin and EMT Kristy Stephens, Unit 311 of Lake Sumter Emergency Medical Services as our Paramedics of the Year for 2009. Paramedic Menandre Muscadin and EMT Kristy Stephens were selected by their peers to be the recipients of this year's award according to Executive Director and Fellow Lodge Brother Jim Judge (left in photo) of Lake Sumter EMS.

(third photo) The Lake Country Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit was selected as our Law Enforcement Officers of the Year for 2009 for their commitment to keeping our streets safe. Deputies of the unit receiving this year's award are; Sergeant Steve Harden, Corporal Doug Hampton, Corporal Phil Buffington, Corporal Charles Phil Pendergrass, Deputy Shawn Vance and Deputy A.J. Willits.

(bottom photo) At the December 15th Stated Communications Meeting, Brother Mike Mason who was selected as Leesburg's Mason of the Year for 2009 received his Award. Brother Mason along with his Lady Amy own and operate Leesburg Printing.

Leesburg Printing is a second generation, family owned and operated business, established in 1972 it is their printing company who provide the printing of our Lodge Trestle Board each month. Leesburg Lodge is not the only recipient of Mike and Amy's generosity, Mike and Amy are active with their three daughter's school, Rotary Club and a number of civic and private organizations which benefit our Community. The awards were presented by 2009 W.:M.: Richard Ecott.



### Ritdh Receives 60 Year Pin And Certificate

The Honorable Brother John F. Ritdh, Jr. (left) is shown receiving his Gold 60 Year Pin and Certificate at the December 7, 2009 Stated Communication of Cherry Hill Lodge No. 12. Making the Presentation is Worshipful Hubert L. Engle (right), Master of Cherry Hill Lodge. Brother Ritch, age 87, traveled to Fort White, Florida from his home in Perry, Florida in order to receive this Honor.



## Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 Sponsors Jupiter High School Project Graduation for 24th year

On February 28, 2010, the Brothers of Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 in Jupiter, Florida, sponsored Jupiter High School's Project Graduation for the 24th year in a row. To raise money for this event, the Masons sold over 600 chicken dinners to members of the community. Over 40 Masons, assisted by volunteers from Jupiter High School and the community, participated in this event and succeeded in raising over \$3,000 for this important cause. The fundraiser was held at Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340, Jupiter, Florida.

Project Graduation is an annual event that gives graduating seniors an opportunity to have a fun and safe graduation night, free from the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The event, which is held at Jupiter High School, is an all night party held in the school gymnasium for graduating seniors. Graduates spend the night of graduation in a gym "lock in" with music, games, food, activities and prizes. Money raised for the sale of chicken dinners helps to pay for the cost of these prizes, food, and entertainment.

Project graduation originally began in Maine in 1980 as an initiative of Maine's Department of Education's Division of Alcohol and Drug Education Services. During the previous year, 1979, seven alcohol and drug related teen deaths had occurred during the commencement season. To prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again, the Drug and Alcohol Team of Oxford Hills, Maine, provided the Class of 1980 at Oxford Hills High School with information about

the risks of drinking, drugs and driving. The seniors were offered an alternative to the "traditional" graduation-night drinking event. Hundreds of people gathered at the local fair grounds for a chemical free party which they dubbed "Project Graduation." The event was a huge success which led to other schools adopting the program the following year. In 1981 there were twelve Project Graduation sites, and the following year, 36 sites with a consistent decline in alcohol-related teen highway deaths. This decline reached zero fatalities in 1983 when there were 86 sites involved. Each year the number of sites increased, as did the percentage of seniors opting to spend graduation night in this more wholesome, safer environment. As a result of this success, many states began to explore the possibility of replicating the project. Florida Informed Parents, Inc. and "Texan's War on Drugs" led the way in their states with support from Maine. By 1986, Project Graduation was held in all 50 states and two Canadian provinces.

Over the years, Project Graduation has become much more than just a graduation night event. It is a community-



L to R: S.: W.: Travis Routh, Project graduation leaders Sue Smith and Laura Wrightson, J.: W.: Mike Loeffler



W.: M.: Billy Bates and other Masons who helped cook 600 chickens on the barbecue pit

wide project that helps promote open communication between youths and adults, and represents a conscious effort on the part of young people to make responsible, safe decisions, and to enjoy themselves without alcohol or other drugs. This attitude is strongly supported by the Masonic Lodges as they strive to provide positive role models for young people and to promote leadership within the community.

Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 is pleased to continue to support Project Graduation as well as other programs at Jupiter High School. Recently the Lodge has also hosted events for the Jupiter High School Girls' Basketball Team, as well as provided advertising sponsorship for the Jupiter High School Baseball Team.

## Kids Matter Day 2010 - Freemasonry in Action

Cape Coral Lodge No. 367 of Cape Coral, Florida, celebrated its Third Annual "Kids Matter" Day on January 30, 2010. The event is a Masonic open-house and festival involving all Masonic Bodies in the area, the Cape Coral Police Department, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, and other local participating businesses and government agencies.

There were free hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, and soft drinks for every child. Slides, bounce-houses, Shrine clowns, face painters, and rides, along with SWAT Team, Police Armored Vehicle, K-9 Team, and this year's endearing attraction, a friendly robotic boat named "Coastie" brought in by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, made this "day at the Masonic Lodge" a fun day to remember for children and parents alike. The Flag Building Ceremony presented in the Lodge Room by the National Sojourners was also a favorite. While they enjoyed this fun-filled day, parents had the opportunity to obtain a Florida Department of Motor Vehicles Picture ID, and an identification kit consisting of fingerprints and an audio/video DVD for each child. Approximately 400 children attended to enjoy the carnival-like event and about 100 took advantage of the Child ID program.

Once again, the Brethren proved that a "Blue Lodge" can play a leadership role in the forefront of a major community event. This year's event organizers were Senior Warden Mathew Blaisdell assisted by Bro. Mark Goodman, both

Brothers are veterans of Kids Matter Day 2009 and deserve tremendous credit for their hard work and magnificent job performance. Bro. James Sheehan again excelled in running the Child ID stations. Cape Coral Lodge wishes to recognize Ill. Ed Cotton, Potentate of Araba Shrine of Fort Myers, his Divan, and all the Shrine Clowns and rides that helped make this day so special for the children. Special thanks are also extended to Face Painting Artist Tara Phillips, the Ladies of the Shrine Abara Court No. 80, the Daughters of the Nile Tabitha Temple No. 139, Worthy Matron Marge Van Dine and the Ladies of Loyalty Chapter 309 OES, the National Sojourners "Builders of the Flag" of Southwest Florida, Ill. Al Jones, 33°, Personal Representative of the SGIG for the Orient of Florida and the Fort Myers Valley of the Scottish Rite, and all the other Masonic groups who helped make this day another "Good Day for Freemasonry" in Cape Coral and Florida! Lastly, a heartfelt thanks goes to the Brethren and Ladies of Cape Coral Lodge, who have proven they can do just about anything that benefits Freemasonry and the community!

Kids Matter Day 2010 is an annual event hosted by Cape Coral Lodge. It is not a fund raiser. Any expenses not covered by volunteer donations are paid by Cape Coral Lodge No. 367 as a service to the children of the Cape Coral Community. The event has become a model of cooperation between Cape Coral Lodge, Masonic Groups, community



Kids at Lemonade and Cotton Candy Stand



Kids Meet Cape Coral Fire and Rescue Personnel



Child ID Registration



Fingerprinting Station

businesses, and public safety agencies

Submitted by Herm Cardona; Photos by Christine Lisiecki; Cardona is Worshipful Master of Cape Coral Lodge No. 367, and Chris Lisiecki is the wife of Senior Deacon and Lodge Instructor Bob Moschini

## Mount Ewell Creates Scholarship In Memory Of Fallen Deputies



Oka Looza County Deputies Skip York and Burt Lopez were killed in the line of duty during an arrest gone bad on April

25, 2009. Deputy York was survived by his wife Janel and his 10 year old son, Michael.

Janel York reluctantly called on Heritage Cycles in Fort Walton Beach to help sell the Harley Davidson her husband loved to ride. Skip was a member of the Blue Knights, a motorcycle club of law enforcement officers who promote family and rider safety.

Janel split the proceeds of the sale of motorcycle between the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, which provides mental health services for child abuse victims, and Mount Ewell Lodge No. 131 in Baker to create scholarship in honor of deputies York and Lopez.

Worshipful Master Marvin Arnett said the money will be used to provide \$500 scholarships to seniors at Baker High School. "The scholarships can go toward any type of public safety training," Arnett said. "It could be for courses in emergency medical services, firefighter training or law enforcement"

October 26, 2009 Janel York was treated to a dinner by the members of Mount Ewell. She was presented a plaque of appreciation dedicated to Skip and Burt Lopez. Worshipful Arnett told Janel, "We are really grateful."

## "So... How'd You Get That Cool Cowboy Hat?"



2010 will celebrate 125 years of service to the Kissimmee/Osceola County Community. On November 14,

Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80, was chartered by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida on January 22, 1885.

It holds a vast history of traditions that of which the Craft is very proud, and in

2009 Most Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig was guest to the Annual Steak Dinner, at one of those traditional celebrations. This Annual Steak Dinner pays for the annual \$800. city paving program. During the presentations, our Grand Master was proudly given his "Silver Belly" Stetson cowboy hat, along with his honorary membership to the Lodge. Grand Marshall, R.: W.: Steven Boring was there, and asked the question, "Does every Grand Master get a cowboy hat?"

Imagine each of the Grand Master's faces when he placed that "Silver Belly" on his head. "Ridem! Cowboy!"

## Masonic Home Employee's Children Holiday Party

by: W.: William B. Garrett, Jr., P.M., District 21 - Marshal

Over forty (40) families attended the celebration in this special evening presented by the SunCoast Masters & Wardens Association Masonic Districts 20 & 21. For several years the SunCoast Masters & Wardens Association has worked together with Masonic Home staff to see to it they are recognized for their hard work and dedication to help fulfill our obligation as Masons to care for our Brothers, Sisters, Widows and others are receiving the best care.

We were Honored to have several special guests. Santa Claus was the biggest hit! Followed by M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master and our two District Deputy Grand

Masters R.: W.: Christopher H. Schlenker, DDGM, 20th Masonic District and R.: W.: Ed Street, D.D.G.M., 21st Masonic District.

Special thanks to the Ladies of the Order Eastern Star (OES), Rainbow for Girls Largo Assembly No. 86, Masonic Home Women's Guild, City of St. Petersburg Fire Department Station No. 4, the Masonic Home and everyone who helped get this organized and participated that evening.

The warmest gift is better to give than to receive. It surely pulls at your heart strings and the outcome being that of happiness and joy. To all those attended this event; this is proof of "Unity in Masonry" really works!



L to R: R.: W.: Christopher H. Schlenker, DDGM, 20th Masonic District, M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master, Mrs. Lisa Tsotsos, Administrator, W.: David Webster, Vice-President SunCoast Masters & Wardens Assn. and R.: W.: Ed Street, DDGM, 21st Masonic District



"DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM" [recommending the date August Eighth (8th)]. Efforts to publicize each Lodge function to honor deserving military and/or civilian recipients should be made along with a Lodge record noting any community cooperation or participation. (copy to Grand Lodge requested)

Respectfully submitted,

W.: Merritt Drouillard, Worshipful Master, Brandon Lodge No. 114

W.: Homer Allan Cundiff, Past Master, Brandon Lodge No. 114

W.: Herb Whisenant, Secretary, Brandon Lodge No. 114

Brother Donald Cowart, Senior Deacon, Brandon Lodge No. 114

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

#### RESOLUTION ON MASONIC CHARGES BEING FILED BY THE GRAND MASTER

WHEREAS, By Proclamation, the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida is the official Masonic Law of this Grand Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, "The Masons of the State of Florida have been fortunate to have the advantage of an established Digest of Masonic Law to guide the operations and deliberations of the Masonic State,"; and

WHEREAS, the Digest, in particular, the Penal Code in Chapter 44 establishes the proper form to prefer Masonic charges against a Brother Mason; and

WHEREAS, the penal and appellate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is set out in detail in Sections 4.02, 4.04, and 44.77 of the Masonic Digest; and

WHEREAS, the penal jurisdiction of a Particular Lodge is detailed in sections 4.03 and 44.12 of the Masonic Digest; and

WHEREAS, Each Particular Lodge maintains jurisdiction of their membership under Chapters 4 and 44 of the Masonic Digest with the exceptions of the Grand Lodge Officers as found in 4.02 and 44.77; and

WHEREAS, There have been trials of Masonic members through the Grand Lodge trial process which would appear should have fallen under the penal jurisdiction of the Particular Lodges, as stated in Sections 4.03 and 44.12, which has caused some confusion regarding where jurisdiction lies concerning a Brother who has charges filed against him by a Grand Lodge Officer, and because there is a need for clarification due to this confusion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the words in bold, italic, and underlined are to be added to the Digest of Masonic Law under Regulation 44.77:

"Grand Lodge has exclusive original Penal Jurisdiction over elected Grand Lodge Officers for life and over Masters and Wardens of the Particular Lodges and District Deputy Grand Masters and subordinate Grand Lodge Officers while in office and continuing jurisdiction after expiration of term of office as to offenses committed while in office. The Particular Lodges have Penal Jurisdiction over all other Masons as set forth in Regulation 44.12. (1986) *Any Masonic charges filed against a Brother Mason of any Particular Lodge by a Grand Master or his designated representative, penal jurisdiction shall remain in the Particular Lodge of the accused Masonic Brother. The Grand Master may send a delegation to said Particular Lodge to state his case, but in all respects the Particular Lodge shall maintain full jurisdiction unless a trial commission is requested by the accused or the Particular Lodge pursuant to Regulation 44.63.*

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the words in bold, italic, and underlined are to be added to the Digest of Masonic Law under 4.02:

"Grand Lodge has exclusive original penal jurisdiction over elected Grand Lodge Officers for life and over Masters and Wardens of the Particular Lodges and District Deputy Grand Masters and subordinate Grand Lodge officers while in office and continuing jurisdiction after expiration of term of office as to offenses committed while in office." *The Particular Lodges have penal jurisdiction over all other Masons as set forth in Regulation 44.12 (1984). Any Masonic charges filed against a Brother Mason of any Particular Lodge by a Grand Master or his designated representative, penal jurisdiction shall remain in the Particular Lodge of the accused Masonic Brother. The Grand Master may send a delegation to said Particular Lodge to state his case, but in all respects the Particular Lodge shall maintain full jurisdiction unless a trial commission is requested by the accused or the Particular Lodge pursuant to Regulation 44.63.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the words in bold, italic, and underlined are to be added to the Digest of Masonic Law found under 44.23:

"The Grand Master in the exercise of his discretion, may investigate or cause to be investigated any matter coming to his attention and file charges or order charges to be filed in every instance where there is probable cause to believe there has been conduct justifying the filing of charges" *under the guidelines established in 4.02 and 44.77.*

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this amendment shall be retroactive for seven years from the date of its passage, in that any individual who has previously been tried by a Grand Lodge Trial Commission that was NOT under exclusive and original penal jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, as found in the herein amended 4.02 and 44.77, such previous trials shall be null and void and the Brother so tried has the right to a new trial in his Particular Home Lodge and such trial shall conform to all aspects found in the Digest of Masonic Law as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: John R. Stokes, P.D.D.G.M.

W.: Kevin S. Sanders, P.M.

R.: W.: Jimmie G. Boone, P.D.D.G.M.

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING RECOGNITION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA AND JURISDICTION THEREUNTO

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Florida (hereinafter the Grand Lodge) in order to establish and implement full and complete Masonic recognition; to insure a continuing harmonious relationship between it and The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, Belize, Central America and Jurisdiction Thereunto (hereinafter the Union Grand Lodge); to provide for the successful coexistence of both Grand Lodges and to promote Freemasonry in general among all peoples; and

WHEREAS, it has become generally accepted that Prince Hall Freemasonry is regular in form and practice; and

WHEREAS, the Prince Hall Grand Lodges derive their origin from Africa Lodge No. 459, which received a Charter from the United Grand Lodge of England in 1784; and

WHEREAS, the Union Grand Lodge was created in 1877 as a Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge for the Jurisdiction of Florida, Belize, and Central America; and

WHEREAS, 41 United States Grand Lodges have established a fraternal relationship with one or more Prince Hall Grand Lodges; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge desires to remain autonomous within its jurisdiction and to operate hereafter as heretofore with its own Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, Constitution, Digest of Masonic Law, By-Laws, Ritual, Rules and Regulations, and to retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty over its own subordinate Lodges and membership;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida that:

1. The Grand Lodge hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge as a duly constituted Masonic Grand Lodge.

2. The Grand Lodge will remain autonomous within its jurisdiction, and does not abrogate its absolute and supreme sovereignty- legislative, executive and judicial- over its own subordinate Lodges and membership and will operate hereafter as heretofore with its own Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, Constitution, Digest of Masonic Law, bylaws, ritual, rules and regulations.

3. Established, herewith is a committee to be named The Prince Hall Fraternal Relations Committee. The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman and four members appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The duty and function of this Committee shall be to establish and maintain formal fraternal contact with the Union Grand Lodge for the purpose of creating and sustaining a Compact between the two Grand Lodges and to review all such matters and things relating to the fraternal relationship between both Grand Lodges and to make report and recommendations thereon to the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

R.: W.: Seth L. Rothstein, P.D.D.G.M., Solomon Lodge No. 20

Brother Simon D. Rothstein, Solomon Lodge No. 20

Brother Fitzhugh K. Powell, Solomon Lodge No. 20

**(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)**

#### RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATUS OF A BROTHER WHO HAD MASONIC CHARGES FILED AGAINST HIM BUT WAS NEVER PROSECUTED

WHEREAS, on occasion charges of unmasonic conduct have been filed against a Brother, and those charges were never accepted either by the Lodge or Grand Lodge for prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the Brother finding himself in this situation does not know how to answer an inquiry as to whether or not he has had charges filed against him; and

WHEREAS, a Brother in this situation should be authorized to state that formal Masonic charges have never been filed against him.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 44.26 should be amended to state that a Brother has not been formally charged until charges are accepted by the Lodge or Grand Lodge for prosecution.

#### Regulation 44.26 currently reads:

44.26 Charges shall be deemed filed when the original and six (6) copies have been delivered to the Secretary of the Lodge personally or by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested. Upon receipt of charges, the Secretary shall forthwith endorse on the original and all copies the date and time of delivery to him and the means by which the same was delivered to him.

#### Regulation 44.26 changed to read:

44.26 For administrative and time purposes, charges shall be deemed filed when the original and six (6) copies have been delivered to the Secretary of the Lodge personally or by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested. Upon receipt of charges, the Secretary shall forthwith endorse on the original and all copies the date and time of delivery to him and the means by which the same was delivered to him. *Such action shall not be considered a formal filing of charges until such charges are accepted either by the Lodge or Grand Lodge for prosecution.*

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Ronald A. Herring, P.D.D.G.M.

**(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)**

#### RESOLUTION ON ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7, CONSTITUTION WORDING

WHEREAS, at the 168th Annual Communication in 1997 the Craft adopted a Resolution adding three new sets of Books and a Spanish Speaking Member to the Committee on Work; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 7, dictates that "the Committee on Work shall be composed of not less than three nor more than twelve members" including a Spanish Speaker; and

WHEREAS, when Article IX, Section 7, was ratified there were only seven (7) Zones and now there are ten (10); and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Sections 2, states that the Committee on Work may be divided into such Sub-Committees as the Grand Master shall deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the Committee on Work has increased with the addition of additional sets of the Official Forms and Ceremonies at the District level and it may become necessary to increase the members of the Committee on Work and the Grand Master has historically had almost unlimited powers when selecting Committee membership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the wording of Article IX, Section 7, of the Constitution, be amended to read "The Committee on Work shall be composed of not less than ten nor more than fifteen of which one must be Spanish speaking."

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Frederick J. Latsko, Chairman

Committee on Work

**(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)**

## Wedding Bells



Historic Wedding Bells symbolically rang resoundingly at Parker Masonic Lodge No. 142 in Parker, Florida on February 20, 2010, for the first time ever. Brother Nicolas P. Desrosiers and Miss Heather C. Adams were united in Holy Matrimony in a beautifully decorated Lodge Room and with a beautiful ceremony performed by Captain Dwayne Durham of the Salvation Army. Light refreshments were served afterward, including a delectable three-tiered wedding cake and a huge "to-die-for" chocolate groom's cake.



STATEMENT OF CONDITION

To: Particular Lodge Delegates  
Elected Grand Lodge Officers  
Past Grand Masters

Date: January 15, 2010

Pursuant to Chapter 14.12, 2 (d) of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, the Proposed Budget for the 2010-2011 Grand Lodge year is attached. Below are summaries of the expenses anticipated and income needed to fund both the Grand Lodge Administrative Budget ("A" Budget) and the Masonic Home of Florida Budget ("D" Budget) for the Grand Lodge year ending March 31, 2011.

**GRAND LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET**

The proposed Grand Lodge Administrative Budget for 2010-2011 totals \$1,712,169. This is a decrease of \$92,052.00 from the 2009-2010 "A" Budget. Despite our continuing decline in membership and the resulting decrease in funds received from the per capita assessment, the Grand Lodge Administrative Budget remains on sound footing thanks to the increase in our per capita which was passed by the Craft several years ago.

Line 600 Contingency was decreased by \$119,294 from the 2009-2010 Budget. However, even with this decrease there are sufficient reserves for the operation of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, M W Richard Lynn, and his staff, along with the Grand Treasurer, M W Elmer Coffman, are to be commended for the continued efficient, constructive, and helpful work they do for us in the operation of our Grand Lodge.

**MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA BUDGET**

The Proposed Budget for the Masonic Home of Florida for 2010-2011 totals \$7,742,216. This is an increase of \$275,588 over the previous year's budget. Due to the present economic situation our investments have not yielded sufficient income to satisfy the Budget requirements to operate the Masonic Home; therefore, a \$2,700,000 transfer from the Masonic Home Endowment Fund may be necessary. The final transfer figures will be known at the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund continues to grow and is currently close to the value it was before the economic decline, with credit given to the Endowment and Investment Committee and Investment Team.

The Maintenance Budget Line 698 contains \$72,000 as a reserve for equipment replacement. This line should be budgeted annually for large items such as A/C Chillers and an aging roof system. Employee's salary increase is also reflected throughout the Budget affect-

ing all of the departments. This is after a one year freeze on salaries in all departments. Line item 612 of Maintenance is \$25,500 for the purchase of an Apollo Tub, removal of the old Teco Chillers on the roof and repair to the Walk-in freezer located in the kitchen.

The Masonic Home is a commitment made in 1912 to serve our Brethren and their wives with exceptional care and dignity. Our Masonic Home is very special and all the Brothers of Florida should be proud.

The Administrator Mrs. Lisa Tsotsos and her staff, your Junior Grand Warden and the other Grand Lodge Officers are to be commended on a job well done. They should be congratulated for their efforts in holding the line on cost of running the Masonic Home, while maintaining a 5-star facility with the highest quality care possible for our residents.

The Endowment and Investment Committee Chairman, R W Robert Langford, and his Committee are to be commended for their diligence and hard work all year long.

Your Grand Lodge Officers will continue to review the Proposed Budget until our Grand Lodge Communication in May 2010 when the Finance and Accounts Committee will finalize any changes in the revenue and expense figures.

These Proposed Budgets have been reviewed and recommended by the undersigned members of the Corporate Board of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, and is presented to the Particular Lodges and their Delegates for consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Dale I. Goehrig*

M.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master

*s/ J. Dick Martinez*

R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, Deputy Grand Master

*s/ Jim J Harris*

R.: W.: Jim J Harris, Senior Grand Warden

*s/ Jorge L. Aladro*

R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Junior Grand Warden

*s/ Elmer G. Coffman*

M W Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer

*s/ Joseph Shurette*

M.: W.: Joseph Shurette, P.G.M.

*s/ Steven P. Boring*

R.: W.: Steven P. Boring, P.D.D.G.M.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR "A" GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011  
APRIL 1, 2010 THRU MARCH 31, 2011**

	INCOME AVAILABLE 2009-2010	ANTICIPATED INCOME 2010-2011			
<b>REVENUES:</b>			206A GRAND TREASURER	6,000	7,000
CURRENT ASSESSMENTS	608,863	608,863	206 OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS	3,600	5,000
G.W.N.M.A. @ \$5 EACH INITIATION	7,995	7,995	208 D.D.G.M. EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,400	3,400
FEES COLLECTED	340	400	209 D.I. EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,400	3,400
COMPUTER SERVICES	13,251	16,740	207 D.D.G.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	5,200	5,200
SALE OF PUBLICATIONS	32,579	33,368	211 MASONIC CONFERENCES OF NORTH AMERICA	9,500	9,500
SALE OF MERCHANDISE	1,698	1,487	210 SOUTHEASTERN MASONIC CONFERENCE 15,000	5,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	7,786	3,967	212 TRI-STATE DEGREE	-0-	2,200
CHECK & SAVINGS INTERESTS	-0-	-0-	<b>TOTAL GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>	<b>94,500</b>	<b>93,100</b>
PARKING LOT RENT	25,850	28,200	<b>A-3 EXPENSE OF COMMITTEES:</b>		
POSTAGE - REIMBURSEMENT	11,943	11,773	301 CORPORATE BOARD	5,600	8,600
INVESTMENT INCOME G/L ENDOWMENT	27,020	21,127	302 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS	800	800
GAINS GRAND LODGE ENDOWMENT	-0-	-0-	303 MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE	1,500	3,000
INVESTMENT INCOME "F" FUND	2,724	-0-	303A FOREIGN RELATIONS	800	800
INVESTMENT INCOME BUDGET (CASH MGMT FD)	6,758	4,837	304 COMMITTEE ON WORK	4,000	5,000
INVESTMENT INCOME "C" RESERVE (CASH MGMT FD)	-0-	5,005	305 DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL	300	300
INVESTMENT INCOME CURR REV (CASH MGMT FD)	1	-0-	307 MASONIC EDUCATION	2,500	5,000
CASH MGMT GAINS/LOSS	-0-	-0-	308 PUBLIC EDUCATION & CITIZENSHIP	1,500	3,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>746,808</b>	<b>743,762</b>	309 MUSEUM AND HISTORY	1,000	1,000
DUE FROM MASONIC HOME/GRAND LODGE ADMINIS.	518,767	578,408	310 MASONIC YOUTH ACTIVITY	1,000	1,000
UNEXPENDED FUNDS	538,646	390,000	311 LEGAL ADVISORY PANEL	5,400	2,500
FUNDS FROM "F" ACCOUNTS	-0-	-0-	312 WORKSHOP FOR LODGE SECRETARIES/OFFICERS	500	-0-
FUNDS FROM STORE	-0-	-0-	313 PENAL AFFAIRS PANEL	5,000	8,500
PROCEEDS FROM LOAN	-0-	-0-	314 MASONIC YOUTH ASSOCIATION	2,000	2,000
LESS:			315 MASONIC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP	11,500	11,500
PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP TRF TO G/L ENDOW.	-0-	-0-	316 PUBLICITY COMMITTEE	2,000	2,000
RETURN OF INVESTMENTS TO ENDOWMENT	-0-	-0-	319 GRAND MASTER'S CHARITY	500	500
REPAYMENT OF LOAN FROM MASONIC HOME	-0-	-0-	321 PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP	200	200
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR "A" GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,804,221</b>	<b>1,712,170</b>	323 INSURANCE COMMITTEE	1,000	1,000
<b>A-1 GRAND COMMUNICATION EXPENSES:</b>			325 G.L. FRATERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENDOWMENT	1,000	500
101 P/D & MILEAGE - REPRESENTATIVES - LODGES	62,835	62,835	328 WARDENS SEMINAR	1,000	5,000
102 P/D & MILEAGE - COMMITTEES	28,000	29,000	329 MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LAB	500	2,000
103 P/D & MILEAGE - GRAND LODGE OFFICERS	20,298	18,000	330 CHILD ID	1,500	3,000
104 OFFICERS & DDGMS TO BE INSTALLED	5,000	5,000	<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE</b>	<b>51,100</b>	<b>67,200</b>
119 G.S. PERSONNEL & COURT REPORTER	9,000	11,000	<b>A-4 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:</b>		
121 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ROOMS	6,000	7,000	400 SALARY - GRAND SECRETARY	57,500	59,000
122 GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET & LUNCHEONS	26,992	26,992	402 SALARY - GRAND TREASURER	10,000	20,000
123 GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT	1,200	1,600	403 OTHER SALARIES	442,366	480,636
125 LADIES ENTERTAINMENT	4,000	4,000	409A TAXES - MED FICA	6,414	8,115
126 AUDITORIUM & BUS RENTAL	500	500	409 TAXES - FICA	27,427	34,697
120 PRINTING, SUPPLIES, RENTALS & OFFICE SPACE	17,600	17,600	410 TAXES - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,664	5,623
<b>TOTAL GRAND COMMUNICATION EXPENSE:</b>	<b>181,425</b>	<b>183,527</b>	410A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	1,431	1,032
<b>A-2 GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES:</b>			419 EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE	49,322	55,611
200 GRAND MASTER	14,800	14,800	424 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND	13,500	14,400
201 GRAND MASTER'S SECRETARY	5,600	5,600	425 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMIN	7,500	7,500
202 DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	7,200	8,200	430 TRAINING AND EDUCATION	1,500	1,500
202A DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S SECRETARY	2,800	2,800	416 AUDIT	9,000	9,000
203 SENIOR GRAND WARDEN	6,000	7,000	428 COMPUTER CONSULTANT & MANAGEMENT	28,000	28,000
204 JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN	6,000	7,000	418 JEWELS, BADGES, APRONS	33,000	33,000
205 GRAND SECRETARY	6,000	7,000	413 RELIEF ASSOCIATION DUES	500	500
			414 MASONIC SERVICE ASSOC. OF U.S.	3,600	2,500
			421 MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS	6,000	6,000
			427 GRAND LODGE LIBRARY	625	625
			499 DEPRECIATION PROVISION (ART. XIV, SEC. 9)	2,000	13,000
			423A OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	10,000	10,000

REVENUES:	INCOME AVAILABLE 2009-2010	ANTICIPATED INCOME 2010-2011
<b>A-4 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE: Cont.</b>		
429 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	3,000	10,000
423 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	5,000	5,000
406 POSTAGE & SHIPPING	30,000	30,000
404 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	32,000	28,000
408 NEW EQUIPMENT	20,000	10,000
411 RENTAL/LEASE EQUIPMENT	26,000	26,000
422 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,000	2,000
405A PRINTING ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS	8,000	8,000
405B PRINTING GRAND LODGE PUBLICATIONS FREE	28,000	28,000
405C PRINTING G/L PUBLICATIONS FOR RESALE	21,800	21,800
405D PRINT SHOP	18,000	18,000
407 FLORIDA MASON PUBLICATION	40,000	22,000
437 TRAVEL	500	500
420 INSURANCE PREMIUM	30,000	32,000
412 BOND PREMIUM GRAND LODGE/LODGES	2,500	-0-
436 CORPORATE FILING FEE	500	500
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE</b>	<b>994,999</b>	<b>1,047,139</b>

REVENUES:	INCOME AVAILABLE 2009-2010	ANTICIPATED INCOME 2010-2011
<b>A-5 GRAND LODGE BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS:</b>		
501 ELECTRICITY	23,000	30,000
502 WATER AND SEWAGE	4,500	4,800
503 GAS FURNACE/FUEL	3,000	3,000
506 AIR CONDITIONER MAINTENANCE	15,000	15,000
512 PLANTS AND LANDSCAPING	1,700	1,700
510 JANITORIAL SERVICE	7,650	7,650
509 SUPPLIES	1,700	1,700
505 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE/ALTERATIONS	60,000	15,000
504 INSURANCE	29,500	29,500
511 TAXES: STATE AND COUNTY	16,000	12,000
<b>TOTAL G.L. BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS EXPENSE</b>	<b>162,050</b>	<b>120,350</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,484,074</b>	<b>1,511,316</b>
<b>A-6 CONTINGENCY:</b>		
600 BUDGET RESERVE	320,147	200,853
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,804,221</b>	<b>1,712,170</b>

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR "D" MASONIC HOME AND RELIEF FUND  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 • APRIL 1, 2010 THRU MARCH 31, 2011**

REVENUES:	INCOME AVAILABLE 2009-2010	ANTICIPATED INCOME 2010-2011
RESIDENTS FEE EARNED	1,870,699	1,845,553
PRIVATE PAY	1,389,484	1,247,271
EA INITIATION HOME BUILDING	7,955	7,955
MISCELLANEOUS	59,049	23,780
OES DECEASED GUEST BALANCE	45	-0-
RESIDENT GUEST ADMISSION FEE	10,500	8,500
GRAND CHAPTER OPERATIONS	144,709	171,372
INVESTMENT INCOME "E" FUND	909,195	758,836
CAPITAL GAINS FROM "E" FUND	-0-	-0-
INVESTMENT INCOME "F" FUND(60/64FD)	999	-0-
INTEREST CHECKING/SAVINGS(40/50FD)	848	-0-
INTEREST NOTES RECEIVABLES 50 FD	101	-0-
INVESTMENT INCOME "C" FUND	101,623	43,756
CAPITAL GAINS/LOSS "C" FUND	-0-	-0-
INVESTMENT INCOME "C" FUND(CSH MGMT FD)	-0-	7,949
INVESTMENT INCOME BUDGET FUND(CSH MGMT FD)	11,866	8,424
INVESTMENT INCOME CURRENT REVENUE(CSH MGMT)	-0-	-0-
CASH MANAGEMENT GAIN/LOSS	-0-	-0-
INVESTMENT INCOME MH ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.	461,872	401,633
GAINS/LOSS MH ENDOWMENT FUND INC.	-0-	-0-
INT NOTES REC/VINT CHECK 90 FC	-0-	5,142
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>4,968,945</b>	<b>4,530,171</b>
UNEXPENDED FUNDS PREVIOUS YEAR	280,333	520,000
TRANSFER FROM ENDOWMENTS	2,200,000	2,700,000
TRANSFER FROM "E" ACCOUNTS	25,306	-0-
LESS:		
EA INITIATION HOME BLDG. (REG. 14.03)	(7,955)	-7,955
RETURN OF EARNINGS ENDOWMENTS	-0-	-0-
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,466,629</b>	<b>7,742,216</b>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR "D" MASONIC HOME</b>	<b>7,466,629</b>	<b>7,742,216</b>
<b>D-1 ADMINISTRATION:</b>		
100 SALARY - ADMINISTRATOR	125,454	126,210
103 OTHER SALARIES	137,025	161,136
409A TAXES - MED FICA	3,806	4,210
115 TAXES - FICA	16,273	18,002
114 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	971	3,460
114A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	9,137	7,084
118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	36,236	45,443
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND	7,950	8,000
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	3,750	4,000
125 TRAINING AND TUITION	1,500	1,500
124 EMPLOYEE INCENTIVES	5,000	5,000
119 EMPLOYMENT RECRUITING	6,500	5,500
119A DRUG TEST	3,000	3,000
122 AUDIT	22,000	22,000
108 LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSE	2,500	2,500
107 TRUSTEE EXPENSE	8,000	10,000
113 DUES/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	4,500	4,500
128 COMPUTER CONSULTANT	1,500	1,500
131 MH PUBLICATION	40,000	40,000
132 ADVERTISING	2,000	2,000
123 GRAND LODGE ADMINIS. CHARGES	518,767	578,408
105 OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000	5,000
105A OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,500	12,500
105B OFFICE EQUIPMENT, LEASE & MAINT.	10,000	11,000
104 POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	5,000	6,000
106 TELEPHONE	28,000	29,000
112 TRAVEL EXPENSE	3,500	3,500
109 FACILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM	450,000	450,000
120 LICENSE AUDIT LIFE CARE	500	500
121 LICENSE FEE - CITY, COUNTY, STATE	10,000	10,000
110 LIFE INSURANCE RESIDENT GUESTS	4,000	4,000
111 BURIAL EXPENSE	25,000	25,000
130 EMPLOYEE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,200	1,200
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,499,569</b>	<b>1,611,153</b>
<b>D-2 DIETARY:</b>		
200 SALARY	522,750	538,433
115A TAXES - MED FICA	7,580	7,807
115 TAXES - FICA	32,411	33,383
114 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,772	9,084
114A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	18,198	13,137

118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	73,180	77,163
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND 1	3,900	14,764
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	4,634	5,000
209 TRAINING AND TUITION	500	500
208 UNIFORMS	3,500	3,500
203 KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM EQUIP.	5,000	6,000
207 LEASED EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-
201 STAPLE FOOD	305,000	305,000
202 REPLACEMENT OF EXPENDABLES	3,000	4,000
204 PAPER AND PLASTIC SUPPLIES	14,000	14,000
205 CLEANING SUPPLIES AND CHEMICALS	11,000	11,000
206 LINEN RENTAL	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL DIETARY</b>	<b>1,017,425</b>	<b>1,042,771</b>
<b>D-3 NURSING:</b>		
300 SALARIES	1,650,000	1,699,500
409A TAXES - MED FICA	23,925	24,643
115 TAXES - FICA	102,300	105,369
114 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	7,762	24,655
114A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	57,440	41,467
118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	181,232	199,235
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND	40,000	42,859
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	9,670	11,000
302 MEDICAL DIRECTOR STIPEND	19,200	19,200
301 PHYSICIAN CONSULTING SERVICE	60,000	60,000
306 REQ. SCHOOL TUITION	3,000	3,000
303 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	225,000	225,000
304 MEDICAL SUPPLIES	45,000	55,000
305 HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICE	-0-	-0-
307 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	3,000	4,000
308 MEDICAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,500	3,500
308A COPIER LEASING & MAINT	3,000	3,500
309 TRANSPORTATION	1,500	1,500
310 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	55,000	65,000
312 UNIFORMS	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL NURSING</b>	<b>2,490,529</b>	<b>2,588,428</b>
<b>D-4 HOUSEKEEPING:</b>		
400 SALARIES	315,000	324,450
115A TAXES - MED FICA	4,568	4,704
115 TAXES - FICA	19,530	20,116
114 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,079	6,056
114A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	10,966	7,916
118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	53,729	60,405
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND	9,458	9,458
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	1,042	1,200
406 TRAINING AND TUITION	250	250
401 UNIFORMS	1,500	1,500
403 DRY CLEANING	600	600
404 SUPPLIES	30,000	35,000
405 HOUSEKEEPING/LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT	4,000	4,000
407 LEASE/PURCHASE EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-
408 LINEN REPLACEMENT	8,000	8,000
<b>TOTAL HOUSEKEEPING</b>	<b>460,722</b>	<b>483,655</b>
<b>D-5 RECREATION:</b>		
501 SALARIES RECREATION	135,000	139,050
115A TAXES - MED FICA	1,958	2,016
115 TAXES - FICA	8,370	8,621
114 TAXES UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	555	1,730
114A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	4,700	3,393
118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	19,655	22,083
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND	4,260	4,300
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	1,385	1,400
510 TRAINING AND TUITION	500	500
502 ALLOWANCE RESIDENT GUESTS	34,650	34,650
503 TREATS	11,000	11,000
504 CHAPEL	2,800	3,500
505 NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES	1,000	1,500
506 EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	3,500	4,500
507 BEAUTY AND BARBER SUPPLIES	2,500	2,500
508 DRY GOODS/CLOTHING	3,000	4,000
509 VOLUNTEER SERVICES	750	1,000
<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>235,583</b>	<b>245,743</b>
<b>D-6 MAINTENANCE - BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS:</b>		
600 SALARIES MAINTENANCE	134,130	138,154
600A SALARIES - SECURITY	110,635	113,954
115A TAXES - MED FICA	3,549	3,656

REVENUES:	INCOME AVAILABLE 2009-2010	ANTICIPATED INCOME 2010-2011		
<b>D-6 MAINTENANCE - BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS: cont.</b>				
115 TAXES - FICA	15,175	15,631		
114 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,386	4,326		
114A WORKERS COMPENSATION INS.	8,521	6,151		
118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	19,830	22,318		
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND	7,400	7,800		
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	4,000	4,000		
613 TRAINING AND TUITION	500	500		
614 UNIFORMS	1,500	1,500		
698 MH DEPRECIATION (ART. XIV, SEC. 9)	-0-	72,000		
608 WATER	80,000	80,000		
607 ELECTRIC	420,000	420,000		
605 FUEL, NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE	155,000	155,000		
606 FUEL, DIESEL	10,000	10,000		
610 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	30,000	30,000		
603 EQUIPMENT (MAINTENANCE OR REPLACEMENT)	35,000	35,000		
609 AUTO EXPENSE - FUEL	4,000	4,500		
609A AUTO EXPENSE - REPAIRS	5,000	5,000		
611 GROUNDS MAINT/EQUIPMENT	70,000	50,000		
602 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	85,000	85,000		
612 MASONIC HOME IMPROVEMENT	-0-	25,500		
604 SUPPLIES	15,000	15,000		
615 LEASE/PURCHASE EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-		
616 LEASE/CABLE TV	38,000	36,000		
<b>TOTAL BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>1,253,626</b>	<b>1,340,990</b>		
<b>SOCIAL SERVICE</b>				
750 SALARIES SOCIAL SERVICE	47,705	49,136		
115A TAXES - MED FICA	692	712		
115 TAXES FICA	2,958	3,046		
114 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	139	433		
114A WORKERS COMP. INS.	1,717	1,199		
118 EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	4,958	5,568		
116 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND	1,500	1,524		
117 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND ADMIN.	1,000	1,250		
760 TRAINING AND TUITION	500	500		
770 OFFICE SUPPLIES	300	300		
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICE</b>	<b>61,469</b>	<b>63,668</b>		
<b>D-7 NON-RESIDENT RELIEF:</b>				
701 NON-RESIDENT RELIEF	10,000	10,000		
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENT RELIEF</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>		
<b>D-8 EMERGENCY RELIEF:</b>				
802 EMERGENCY RELIEF	5,000	5,000		
<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY RELIEF</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>		
<b>D-9 HOSPITAL SERVICE FUND:</b>				
902 HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE	1,000	1,000		
<b>TOTAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL MASONIC HOME OPERATIONS/ NON-RESIDENT EXPENSE</b>	<b>7,034,923</b>	<b>7,392,408</b>		
<b>MASONIC HOME PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES:</b>				
<b>D-10 ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND:</b>				
1001 L.Y.P.M.G.C. COMMITTEE	4,000	4,000		
1002 WILLS AND GIFTS COMMITTEE	3,000	3,000		
1003 MH-100 COMMITTEE	2,000	2,000		
1004 ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	4,200	4,200		
1006 LEGAL EXPENSES	36,500	36,500		
1007 FUND RAISER	35,000	35,000		
1005 INVESTMENT FEES	250	250		
<b>TOTAL MH PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>84,950</b>	<b>84,950</b>		
<b>TOTAL HOME OPERATIONS &amp; RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>7,119,873</b>	<b>7,477,358</b>		
<b>D-11 PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:</b>				
1101 PROPERTIES COMMITTEE	2,000	2,000		
1102 PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT AND EXPENSE	20,000	20,000		
<b>TOTAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>		
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,141,873</b>	<b>7,499,358</b>		
<b>D-12 BUDGET RESERVE:</b>				
1200 CONTINGENCY RESERVE	324,755	242,858		
1200 ADJUSTED D-1200 CONTINGENCY RESERVE	324,755	242,858		
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,466,628</b>	<b>7,742,216</b>		
<b>TOTAL HOME OPERATIONS &amp; RELIEF APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>7,466,628</b>	<b>7,742,216</b>		

## The George Washington Masonic Memorial The Freemasons' White House Stones Exhibit

by Mark A. Tabbert

The George Washington Masonic Memorial opened a new exhibit in February featuring 45 historic White House stones. Each stone is marked by a Scottish stonemason who helped build the White House. The stones are reassembled for the first time since President Harry S. Truman sent one to every U.S. Masonic Grand Lodge in 1952. Complementing the stones is a Minute Book from The Lodge of Journeymen Masons No. 8 of Edinburgh, Scotland. It lists members of the Lodge, who in 1794, immigrated to help build the White House. Accompanying the Minute Book is the Lodge's Mark Book, showing each stonemason's trade mark. By comparing these marks to the marks on the stones, visitors may identify the men who helped to build the President's House. The exhibit opened in conjunction with the Memorial Association's 100th Anniversary and will run through May 2011.

In 1789, first President George Washington and the U.S. Congress were determined to build a great Capital City. By 1792, the site was chosen, designer Pierre L'Enfant's street plan was adapted, and work began. At the city's center would be the U.S. Capitol, the "People's House." The President's House would be located on Pennsylvania Avenue. Washington reviewed the site and personally selected architect James Hoban's design. The mansion's cornerstone was laid with a small civic and Masonic Ceremony on October 13, 1792.

Although foundation work then began in earnest, the government soon discovered the young nation had an abundance of craftsmen, but few Master Stonemasons. What's

more, those it did have were working on the U.S. Capitol. After a thorough search in America and Europe, agent George Walker traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland. By spring 1794, he had recruited at least eight Stonemasons from The Lodge of Journeymen Masons No. 8.

With the arrival of the eight Scots Stonemasons, the White House walls rose to completion in 1798. During construction, the Stonemasons, being Freemasons, joined the local Lodge. Federal Lodge No. 15 had been Chartered September 12, 1793 by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. James Hoban was its first Worshipful Master. Federal Lodge became the first Lodge when the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was constituted in 1811. The exhibit also includes Federal Lodge's first Account Book listing the Scots Stonemasons and White House architect James Hoban as its first Master. Additional materials include a letter from President Truman, historic photographs and other items.

The White House stones were discovered soon after Truman became President in 1945. With major plaster cracks appearing and a piano dropping nearly through the floor, it was obvious that the executive mansion needed a complete overhaul. The First Family relocated to Blair House as work began. By 1950, only the White House façade and some of the original foundation stones remained. President Truman inspected the work often, and during one tour he noticed a large number of stones engraved with Mason's Marks. Recognizing that they were made by Scottish Stonemasons, he contacted the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and had more than 100 of them delivered to the Grand Lodge headquarters on New York Avenue - just three blocks away.

In 1952, President Truman asked the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to send one of the marked stones to each U.S. Grand Lodge. Each stone had a small White House brass plaque affixed to it accompanied by a letter, framed of recycled White House wood, to the Grand Master. Additional

stones were distributed to Canadian Grand Lodges, several Order of Eastern Star State Grand Chapters, a few local Lodges, DeMolay International, the two U.S. Scottish Rite Supreme Councils, the Grand Lodge of Israel, and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Many were hand delivered by Truman or by Carl Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. In 2004, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia presented stones to the recently independent Grand Lodge of Alaska and Grand Lodge of Hawaii.

This unique exhibit of American and Scottish Masonic history is sponsored by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia, and by the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia. It is also made possible by the cooperation and support of many U.S. Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, The Lodge of Journeymen Masons No. 8 of Edinburgh, Federal Lodge No. 1 of the District of Columbia, and the White House Historical Association.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is a private, non-profit educational organization. Its membership is comprised of 52 Grand Lodges (50 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico), representing nearly two million Freemasons in the United States. The Memorial Association was created on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1910. Between 1922 and 1932, it built the George Washington Masonic Memorial through volunteer donations from American Freemasons. The Association's mission is: "To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country."

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Collections of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

## Child ID Program Honors Somer Thompson

A Child ID Program Registration operation, sponsored by the 11th and 12th Districts Masonic Association, was conducted at the Orange Park, FL City Hall at the Somer's Day Music Festival in Honor of the slain child, Somer Thompson, on Sunday, November 15, 2009. It was a huge success. The booth was crowded with parents, their children, and even teens lining up to be photographed, fingerprinted, and registered in this free program.

Shown here are a couple pictures showing the volunteers working at their tasks to photo-



graph, fingerprint, register the children and hand out materials to the parents and guardians. Seen were a number of the workers assisting in the various areas. Some of the Masons noticed working at the event were: C. Alan McQuaig, P.D.D.G.M., Child ID Chairman, Zone 3; Pat Farrell, Secretary, 11th & 12th Districts Masonic Association;

Carl Yochelson, and Bill Fowler. These Child ID Programs held Saturday and Sunday, November 14 -15 at Midtown Centre in Jacksonville, and Sunday, November 15 at the Somer's Day Festival in Orange Park were quite successful. It was estimated that Masons registered a total of about 500 children at these events.

## Raiford Lodge 2010 Officers Installed

by Ted Barber

Raiford Lodge No. 82, Free and Accepted Masons celebrated their installation of new officers Tuesday evening, January 19, 2010. The installing team included Coy Pacetti, the Installing Officer and the current District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) for the "Friendly" 10th Masonic District; Stan Harvey, Installing Marshall and a Past DDGM; and Tom Adams, Installing Chaplain and a past DDGM. The team placed Ramsey French in the East as the Worshipful Master of Raiford Lodge for the ensuing year. Worshipful French then watched as the Installing Team placed Dan Johnson as the Senior Warden, and Brett Starling as the Junior Warden. Don Rosier and Alvin Griffiths retained their offices as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Eric Johnson and Alvin French were installed as the Senior and Junior Deacons, respectively, and Paul Johnson was installed as the Tyler.

Prior to the Installation Ceremony, about 60 members and guests enjoyed a fantastic covered-dish meal which included a special BBQ, squash casserole and several great salads. Desserts like upside-down pineapple cake, sugar-free cherry cheesecake and banana pudding were hard to resist. Alvin and Geraldine Griffiths, Linda Rosier, and Johnny Pearce also provided entertainment.



## W.: Rudolph Installed As Chaplin



W.: Ronald L. Malone, Jr. on left and W.: Ralph P. Rudolph on right

Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm in Belleview Lodge No. 95, Belleview, FL, before 75 Brothers and guests, W.: Ralph Rudolph, Past Master, Mount Vernon Lodge Malden, MA 1979-1980, was the installing Chaplin. W.: Ronald L. Malone, Jr., who was to be installed as Worshipful Master requested W.: Rudolph to serve as his personal installing Marshal.

After signifying his assent to the Ancient Charges and Regulations, and being invested with the Insignia of the Office, He was presented to the Installing Master, W.: Rudolph, then returned to his seat as Installing Chaplin. The Masonic memory was the fact that 31 years ago, in Mount Vernon Lodge in Malden, the Jr. Deacon

Installed in W.: Rudolph's Line of Officers was Brother Ronald L. Malone Sr., The Father of W.: Ronald L. Malone, Jr.

Mrs. Dianne Malone, Mother of W.: Malone, was in attendance and presented a 31 year old Mount Vernon notice with her husband's name listed as Jr. Deacon with the list of officers.

## Deploying Guardsmen Become Master Masons

by Ted Barber

On Saturday, December 19, 2009 four members of Florida's 53rd Infantry Brigade (153rd Engineer Company in Lake City, Florida) were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Baldwin Lodge Number 217, Free and Accepted Masons. Most Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master of Masons in Florida granted Baldwin Lodge permission on November 13, 2009 to hold a "One Day Class" for Curtis Lee Landolt, Larry James Roth Jr., Hugh Carlton Hunnicutt, and Matthew Daryl Key. This meant that Baldwin Lodge could Confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees in Freemasonry on the same day to all four deploying members of the Florida National Guard. Beginning at 7:00 AM Saturday morning Right Worshipful Coy Pacetti, the current District Deputy Grand Master for the "Friendly" 10th Masonic District, opened Baldwin Lodge in the Entered Apprentice Degree and all four guardsmen were Initiated as Freemasons. The lecture was presented by Worshipful Cleaton Johns of Sanderson Lodge No. 122 and the Charge was delivered by Right Honorable Sandy Huff of Pine Hill Lodge No. 9. Then R.:H.: Leaman Alvarez of Lake Butler Lodge conferred the Fellow Craft Degree with Worshipful Jeff Wood of Baldwin Lodge delivering his first Fellow Craft Lecture and R.:H.: Huff delivering the Charge. Then Worshipful Darrell Davis of Baldwin Lodge Conferred his first Master Mason Degree earning his Blue Card of Proficiency (shows that he is able to Confer the First Three Degrees in Freemasonry).

Right Worshipful Stan Harvey of Dawkins Lodge in Macclenny delivered the Lecture and R.:H.: Huff gave the Charge. All Three Degrees were presented and the four newly Raised Brothers became Master Masons prior to their January 2010 deployment. The "Friendly" 10th Masonic District had Master Masons from seven Lodges and the 11th Masonic District had Master Masons from two Lodges present. R.:W.: Mike Key had the pleasure of having his son Matt Key raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The "One Day" Class bypassed the Waiting/Learning and Proficiency Demonstrations expediting the new initiates to the Third Degree or Master



Matthew Daryl Key, Hugh Carlton Hunnicutt, Larry James Roth Jr. and Curtis Lee Landolt with their Fellow Craft Aprons



Leaman Alvarez, Darrell Davis, Curtis Lee Landolt, Stan Harvey, Larry James Roth Jr., Larry Scott, Hugh Carlton Hunnicutt, John Bellovich, Coy Pacetti, Matthew Daryl Key, George Barber, Mike Key, Sandy Huff, Cleaton Johns, Gerald Anderson, and Ted Barber from left to right.

Mason Degree in Freemasonry.

These four newly made Freemasons are members of one of Florida's most well known units. The 53rd Infantry Brigade is the largest Florida National Guard Unit and has 32 subordinate elements with approximately 4,166 authorized personnel. The 153rd Engineer Company is located in Lake City and is deploying with the four newly Raised Master Masons next month. In June 2005 the 53rd Infantry Brigade deployed more than 1,200 soldiers to Afghanistan. The soldiers spent a year training the Afghan National Army through the Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix. In the spring of 2003, approximately 1,800 Brigade soldiers conducted combat operations in Iraq. Now approximately 4,000 Florida National Guard soldiers from the 53rd Infantry Brigade are being deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan during the next twelve months. This deployment is expected to be the largest in the state of Florida's history.



L to R: Shawn Rae, Worshipful Master; Samantha Poolson, Sam Poolson

Samantha Poolson, a student at Seminole Elementary School, had a school project to complete. The students were to think of a problem in their neighborhood or community that they could help to improve. Samantha had heard her father, Sam Poolson, speak of the Holiday Food Baskets that his Masonic Lodge gives to needy families in the neighborhood, and decided exactly what she was going to do. Samantha began taking on additional chores at home and collecting donations from friends to raise money for the Holiday Food Baskets. On December 10th Samantha showed up at Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge with a check in the amount of \$20.00 to go toward the Holiday Food Baskets. Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge is very proud of Samantha and her efforts to be a positive force in her community and hope that this serves as an example to everyone, no matter their age.

## Elementary Student Help Masonic Lodge Charity

## M.:W.: Coffman Visits Kentucky

M.:W.: Elmer Coffman recently made a visit to Rocky Ford Lodge No. 765 in Kentucky. M.:W.: Coffman is a dual member of the Lodge and this was the first time he was able to attend after becoming a member. The Lodge is in the community where he grew up and he received a warm welcome with a wonderful meal and great Fellowship with the Brethren.



L to R: W.: Rodney Elam, P.D.D.G.M.; M.:W.: Elmer Coffman; R.:W.: Paul Lewis, DDGM District 21; and W.: A.C. Richards, Worshipful Master, Rocky Ford Lodge.

## Child ID Program At Jacksonville Jewish Center

A Masonic Child ID Program was conducted by the 11th and 12th Districts Masonic Association at the Jacksonville Jewish Center in Jacksonville from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2009, in conjunction with other family activities at the Center.

The Team of Masons participating in the event on this occasion included: Brothers Bill Gould of Orange Park Lodge No. 267, F & A.M.; Bill Fowler of Woodstock Park Lodge No. 313; Mel Abando of William Barnett Lodge No. 187; and R.:W.: Alan McQuaig, of Hyde Park Lodge No. 370, P.D.D.G.M., Child ID Chairman for Zone 3.

Brother Bill Gould worked on orientation and registration. Brother Bill Fowler worked on fingerprinting the children. And Mel Abando and Alan McQuaig worked on the photography and recording of information on CD's.

The Program was a great success as there were a lot of families with children attending the event, and it was a fine location and set-up in the gymnasium for the Child ID booth and equipment.

Shown here are a few pictures of the Brothers, and some of the parents and kids.



## Brother Lester S. Hopkins, Jr. 50-Year Mason

The Official Visit to District No. 19 of Most Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master of Masons in Florida was held at the Spring Hill Shrine Club on October 10, 2009. Brother Lester S. Hopkins, Jr., was presented his 50-Year Pin by M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig at that time. Brother Lester's Son, Brother David S. Hopkins, read his Accomplishments in Masonry and placed the Pin on his lapel.

Brother Les was Raised a Master Mason by his father, Lester Steven Hopkins, Sr. Brother Les Raised his son, David Steven Hopkins.

Brother Les was Raised a Master Mason at St. Andrews Lodge No. 39 in Rhode Island on May 14, 1959. He was drafted shortly after in December 1959, and while serving in the United States Army he served as Junior Deacon in 1961 and in 1962 as Senior Warden in Frankfurt, Germany. The meetings took place each week at the Frankfurt-on-the-Main Lodge No. 861, meeting in the Grand Lodge of Germany, putting on a Degree a week. Les was the first Rhode Island Mason to visit the Berlin Lodge, in Berlin Germany in 1961 for their Third Degree. This Lodge is Chartered under the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. At that time the Berlin Wall was being built and he needed special clearance as the Lodge was located in the British Section.

On returning to the United States, Brother Les became a member of DeWitt Clinton Lodge in Sandwich, Massachusetts in 1982. He was also chairman of the Fellow Craft Team for new Masons at DeWitt Clinton. In 1994 Brother Les was awarded the Honor of Mason of the Year.

Brother Les moved to Florida in 1999. He became a dual member of Floral City Lodge No. 133 in 2002. In 2006 he Affiliated with Ridge Masonic Daylight Lodge. In 2006 he served as Marshal, in 2009 he served as Treasurer. On May 14, 2009, he became a 50-Year Member.



Lester Hopkins; David Hopkins, son; Nancy Hopkins, Wife.

## Two Named As Honorary Members

by Gary R. Stengl, PM, Ribault Lodge No. 272

October & November Stated Communications of Ribault Lodge No 272 provided an opportunity long sought to make Honorary Members of two of Florida's Prominent Masons. Samuel E. Cowan, P.G.M. and his wife were welcomed to Ribault in October for the presentation of a Certificate of Honorary Membership. Cowan, P.G.M. stated that there is no Honor given in Masonry or any other organization greater than that of "Brother." In November, Richard Ivey, P.D.D.G.M. Lanier, was added to Ribault's list of Honorary Members. P.D.D.G.M. Richard's response, as is his norm, was delivered in verse appropriate to the occasion. Presentations were made by Charlie Irl P.D.D.G.M., assisted by W.:M.: Roger Bodkin and the Craft present.





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## Welcome to the Grand Lodge of Florida



### The Old Masters Wages

I met a dear old man today who wore a Masonic Pin.

It was old and faded like the man, it's edges were worn and thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat, to give the old Brother his due.

I said, "I see you've traveled east," he said, "I have, have you?"

I said, "I have and in my day before the all seeing sun, I played in the rubble with Jubala, Jubilo, and Jubalun."

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son, it's good and sweet and true, and if you've traveled as you said, you should give these things a due."

The work, the sign, the token,  
The sweet Masonic Prayer, the Vow that you have taken, you have climbed the Inner Stair.

The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold, but the gain comes from Contentment. When you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations for almost 50 years. It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears...

Now I'm losing my mind and body, death is near. But I don't despair, I've lived my life upon the Level and I'm dying on the Square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew and the old man in the park today has changed my point of view.

To all my Masonic Brothers the only secret is to care.

May you live upon the Level and part upon the Square.

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