

NEW SMYRNA MASONIC LODGE NO. 149 F & AM OF FLORIDA

TRESTLEBOARD MARCH 2023

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THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER REQUESTS YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE

MARCH 6TH, 2023 STATED COMMUNICATION

MARCH 20TH, 2023 STATED COMMUNICATION

APRIL 20TH, 2023 CALLED ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE



FROM THE EAST

From the East

I hope this message finds you all healthy and safe! My brothers let me start by saying how proud I am to be your Worshipful Master! The support I receive from our officers, the craft and other lodges help make our lodge one of the best in the 13th Masonic District.

First, I must commend Bob Wheeler, Lodge Educator, on a well taught and amazing presentation of the Fellow Craft proficiency examination. Both our Brothers, Michael Reeves and Joe Fay, did an amazing job challenging each other from question to answer and it was a sight to behold! The craft was more than eager to accept their proficiency as read!

Second, The Master Mason Degree was excellent! Our brothers made it to practices and it reflected in our work! The Floor work was precise and deliberate! The first section was almost flawless. The second section was excellent with all the brothers bringing a sense of realism to each part! The presentations from the lecture, to charge and bible were amazing and as usual flawless! But the best part of the degree was to hear from the brothers who went through the degree and their experiences during the ceremony! Again, I thank all the brothers for an amazing degree!

So, what's next... We must give an amazing thank you to RW Howard Chase for trying to improve our sound system! At our last stated communication, the craft was presented the financial audit from Brother Charlie McLaughlan, PM and it was approved. The lodge is presently working on conducting a "Table Lodge". In a communication from the Grand Lodge, we are directed to service more youth groups and to date we are in discussion with the 4H club, scouting, YMCA, local colleges (Scholarships), PALS, and others youth-based organizations. Our building committee continues to move forward with repairs. Our activities committee continues to plan social events for us and our families. But remember this only works if our members participate!

Lodge practice remains the 1st Thursday of the month and every Wednesday thereafter @ 6:30pm. The Entered Apprentice Degree is 4/17/23, Monday at 7pm, Lodge Officers/Committee meeting is Wednesday 3/8/23 @ 6:30pm and Grand Lodge Tour/Luncheon is Saturday 2/25/23 @10am.

In closing, I believe this will be an excellent year moving forward and I urge you to get involved! My brothers all, as is customary, please join me in prayers for all our brethren, their families, our military, first responders, police, firemen, and all medical personnel!

Amen

Bob Segarra

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Greetings from the West,
Hard to believe we're already into March.
Last month we had a fellowcraft proficiency. It was one of the best proficiencies I've seen in 36 years.
We're starting to practice for an Entered apprentice degree scheduled in April. Come out and get involved.
March 1st the Master Mason Association will be having their meeting at Houligan's on ISB in Daytona. Dinner at 6:00 meeting at 7:00. There will be a candidate for the Junior Grand Warden visiting that night.
Nothing else from the West.
Henry Davis, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Fraternal greetings from the South Brethren! We have a number of projects ongoing in or about the Lodge building this year, including replacement of the exterior pantry and kitchen doors. The process of contacting vendors, meeting them at the Lodge and getting price quotes is very time-consuming, and even then the quotes are generally only good for 10-30 days since the price of building materials is very volatile and the availability of materials changes daily. Bids were received and the money approved at the last stated communication to FINALLY get these doors replaced. We are also taking bids for the complete re-painting and waterproofing of the exterior of the building. Special thanks go out to both RW Howard Chase for reconfiguring and tuning the sound system in the Lodge room, and to RW Greg Davis for completing the electrical repairs in the kitchen pantry.
Fraternally,
Steven R. Lane, PM
Junior Warden

CANDIDATES PROGRESS

ENTERED APPRENTICE

William O. Wallace

FELLOW CRAFT

Adam M. Dala

MASTER MASON

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Daniel L. Stevens

REINSTATEMENT

Johe P. Bystrowski Jr

Joshua A. Culp

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brothers, the Craft has decided to try keeping the cost of mailing down, and stop sending the Trestle Board to all brothers by USPS who have an email address with the lodge. Starting in March, all brothers who have emails will be sent the Trestle Board by email. If you are getting the Trestle Board by US mail, March will be your last Trestle Board by mail unless you call, or email the lodge and request the Trestle Board by mail. All should receive the Trestle Board by email.

Contact the secretary's office if your phone number, address or any other pertinent information for you or your family has changed so I can update the records of the lodge. Brothers, please call the lodge, or email the lodge if you, or a member of your family, or a brother you know is having surgery, or just needs someone to talk to. Leave a message and we will get in contact with the Chaplain and put you and them on our prayer list. Check the Lodge out on Facebook, and our new web site should be up and running sometime in March. Check it out at [New Smyrna Lodge 149 F&AM Masons of Florida](#) You will see the activities, updates and articles on it soon.

BROTHERS, IF YOU WANT TO PAY YOUR DUES BY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD, DO NOT GO THROUGH CIRCUMSCRIBE. Call the secretary and, if I am not in the office, leave a message for me to call you back to get your information. Or you can call Grand Lodge and talk to Angela in Accounting and she will take your information. This is a temporary fix for brothers who want to pay by credit or debit card. Neither New Smyrna Lodge nor the Grand Lodge keeps your credit or debit card information on file. It is destroyed immediately after entering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1st, Wednesday, 6:00 pm dinner/7:00pm Master Masons Assoc. meeting at Houligan,s restaurant on Int'l Speedway in Daytona Beach.

The Master Mason Assoc. meetings are open now to your wife, significant other, Entered Apprentice, and Fellow Crafts.

March 5th. A Masonic Memorial service, at 11:45am at Edgewater Union Church located at 500 S. Ridgewood Ave. Edgewater Fl. 32132

March 6th. Monday, 6:00 pm dinner/7:00pm, Stated Meeting

March 20th. Monday, 6:00 pm dinner/7:00pm, Stated Meeting

Lodge practice is on the 1st Thursday of the month and every Wednesday thereafter at 6:30 pm

School of Instruction and Open Books 4th Saturday of every month at 8:00 am at St. Johns Lodge No. 37.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

February charity was Under the Stars Mission

March TBA

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Brother Richard Audian Turner passed to the Celestial Lodge about on February 10th, 2023. A Masonic Memorial service on March 5th, 2023, at 11:45am at Edgewater Union Church located at 500 S. Ridgewood Ave. Edgewater Fl. 32132. Brothers, please put this on your calendar for this brother's memorial service. I will put another email out when it gets closer to the date. Any questions contact the office. Keep all our service personnel at home and abroad, all our first responders, all our brothers in nursing homes, assisted living, along with the brothers who we don't know are sick in your prayers

BIRTHDAY

Norman Slifkin	3/2	Arlington B Young	3/18	Norman R Meadows	3/28
Donald E Boliver	3/5	Dennis M Jones	3/19	Brian J Moore	3/28
Charles P Kyle	3/5	Jesse H Tankersley	3/22	Kevin W Percy	3/28
Calvin L Langford	3/9	Charles L Ogram	3/23	Lawrence A Long	3/29
Lamon R Owens	3/11	James H Richard Jr	3/23	Thomas Lopez	3/29
Carlo Monetti	3/12	J. Mitchell Cole Jr	3/24	Roy A Malphurs Jr	3/29
Leslie D Williams	3/13	Eric A Gerhardt	3/24	Brian R Toung	3/29
William H Evans Jr	3/15	Richard K Rodgers	3/24	Edward Z Midgett	3/3
Joe W Garrett	3/17	Michael H Fielder	3/26		
Bryan D King	3/18	Burton K Jordon	3/28		

The Story Behind Forget Me Not Emblem!

In the years between World War 1 and World War 2 The blue Forget Me Not Emblem (Das Vergissmeinnicht) was a standard symbol used by most charitable organizations in Germany, with a very clear meaning: **"Do not forget the poor and the destitute"**. It was first introduced in German Masonry in 1926, well before the Nazi era, at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne, in Bremen, where it was distributed to all the participants. That was a terrible time in Germany, economically speaking, further aggravated in 1929 following that year's Great Depression. That economic situation, contributed to Hitler's accession to power. Many people depended on charity, some of which was Masonic. Distributing the forget-me-not at the Grand Lodge Communication was meant to remind German Brethren of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge. In early 1934, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the Grand Lodge of the Sun (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realising the grave dangers involved, adopted the little blue Forget Me Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses. It was felt the flower would provide brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale confiscation of all Masonic Lodge properties. Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness. In 1936 the *Winterhilfswerk* (a non- Masonic winter charity drive) held a collection and used and distributed the same symbol, again with its obvious charitable connotation. Some of the Masons who remembered the 1926 Communication possibly also wore it later as a sign of recognition. We have no evidence of that and its general signification still was charity, but not specifically Masonic charity. During the ensuing decade of Nazi power, a little blue Forget Me Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby brethren could identify each other in public (although even then it was not always safe to wear any non-Nazi pin), and in cities and concentration camps throughout Europe. The Forget Me Not distinguished the lapels of countless brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished. When the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth in 1947, by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little pin in the shape of a Forget Me Not was officially adopted as the emblem of that first annual convention of the brethren who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness to rekindle the Masonic Light. At the first Annual Convent of the new United Grand Lodges Of Germany AF&AM (VGLvD), in 1948 Bro. Theodor Vogel, Master of the Lodge "Zum weißen Gold am Kornberg", in Selb (then in Western-occupied Germany), remembered the 1926 and 1936 pin, had a few hundred made and started handing it out as a Masonic symbol wherever he went. When Brother Vogel was later elected GM of the Grand Lodge AFuAM of Germany and visited a Grand Masters' conference in Washington, DC, he distributed.

But is the story True?

Information about the Masonic tradition surrounding the blue forget me not amounts to very little. It is true that the flower was used by some German Masons about 1926, and it appears likely that in March 1938 some of them did wear it again as a Nazi badge, even though by an extraordinary coincidence, it had been chosen as a Masonic emblem twelve years earlier. It is likely not true that it was ever worn after March 1938 as a secret mean of recognition. However, even if many German Masons (together with the great majority of German citizens of that time) never objected to the Nazi politics and went so far as to support Hitler, some were brave enough to fight him openly. Based on the membership of all the then existing German Lodges, it is likely that around 1 or 2%. Out of the 174 Lodges which participated in the creation of the first United Grand Lodge of Germany, five only belonged to the Symbolical Grand Lodge of 1930, the only German Grand Lodge which resisted Hitler. For human and political reasons as well, those Masons

who thought it their duty to rebuild German Freemasonry once the War was over could hardly tell the whole truth to their foreign brethren. I personally believe they might have told the story of those dark years in a different way, but I am ready to admit that it is probably easier to say so in 2009 than it was in the 1950s. Accordingly a legend was born. Not the legend of the forget-me-not, but that of a German Freemasonry too weak to resist, banned as soon as Hitler became Chancellor of the Reich, wearing a badge on the streets and – of all things ! – in concentration camps. That legend was likely born as the result of an unconscious effort to inhibit the past as well as a conscious manoeuvre. It was believed not only because it was the logical thing to do, but also because it was reassuring to imagine Freemasons acting according to their ideals, fighting for freedom and defending it. Let's keep it at that and let us admit to the Masonic Brotherhood of the blue Forget Me Not and thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a symbol of the fraternity, and become perhaps the most widely worn emblem among Freemasons in Germany.

In the years since adoption, its significance world-wide has been attested to by the tens of thousands of brethren who now display it with meaningful pride. This entry was posted in [Masonic History](#) and tagged [Das Vergissmeinnicht](#), [Forget Me Not](#), [Freemasonry](#), [Freemasonry in Nazi Germany](#), [German Freemasonry](#), [Germany](#) by [Alexander](#). Bookmark the [permalink](#).

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Jon F Greaves	1972	Leon A Pike	1990	Daniel E Feagle Jr	1999
Ralph N Flippo	1972	Gustav Postreich	1991	Herbert (Bud) Bacheller	1999
Louis E Keffer	1975	Bradley L Rauch PDDGM	1991	James M Payton	2000
William T Blackwell	1977	David Lawrence	1992	James M Payton	2001
Harold Powell	1978	Jeff J Romano	1992	Phillip A Hudson PDDGM	2001
Charles R Dean	1980	Patrick G Hill	1992	William Broughton PDDGM	2002
Ronald R Tucker	1983	James A Greene	1993	Walter W Greatrex	2003
Danny K Hatfield	1984	Richard Rademacher	1993	Edward P Marx	2003
James R Baldwin	1986	Louis W Benishek	1996	William Broughton PDDGM	2003
Joe W Garrett	1987	Steven Timbs	1996	Robert J Stone	2004

William H Evans Jr	2005	Dominick Tesoriere	2010	Henry A Woodstock III	2015
Louis W Benishek	2006	Arlington (Bruce) Young	2011	Allan J Baker	2016
Paul W Dewitt	2006	Howard C Chase III PDDGM	2011	Clarence Swimm	2016
Joseph G Lockhardt Jr	2007	John Hamblet	2011	Martin J Louis	2016/2017
William G Warrington Jr	2007	Donald H Tucker PDDGM	2012/2020	Walter G Layton	2017
Stevan Petrov Jr	2007	Sean Stenson	2012	Richard Kicklighter	2017/2018
Glen E Good PDDGM DI	2008	Eric T Ellis	2013	Mark E King	2018/2019
Terry L Irwin	2008	Thomas W Aiken PDDGM	2013	Chris Dixon	2019
Steve Irineou	2008	Gary Wisniewski	2013	Glenn Scorza	2020
Brian R Toung	2009	William M Schaeffer	2014	Henry T Davis PDDGM	2021
Bryan P Bassett	2009	Iran Medrano	2014	Robert Segarra	2022
Stanley J Dabrowski	2010	Allen J Winterwerp	2015		
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