

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

TRESTLEBOARD APRIL 2024

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THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER REQUESTS YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE
STATED COMMUNICATIONS on April 1st, 2024 & April 15th, 2024

And Called Fellow Craft Degree on April 29th, 2024



FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,

We have good news. Our sound system has been installed to the Brothers that have difficulty hearing. Will be able to hear our speakers better. Just needs to be finetuned a little bit.

At our April 1st meeting, I will not be there. Brother Senior Warden Steve Lane will be sitting in the East.

At our April 15th meeting, it's gonna be Masonic Education Night. Topics is going be who are the Masons. This is for open for non-Masons so they can be educated more on the Masons.

April 29th we are having a Called Fellow Craft degree with dinner at 6pm, and the degree starting at 7pm.

May the 11th in Jacksonville is gonna be the hundred Masons night between Georgia and Florida. This will be at the Scottish Rite.

More information to come.

Nothing else from the East.

Fraternally,

Henry Davis WM

FROM THE WEST

From the West

I am very fortunate to work very close to home here in New Smyrna Beach, and my job has me interacting with business owners and city officials alike nearly every day. I don't advertise my being a Freemason other than wearing my ring, but something that astounds me is the number of people in our community who have absolutely no knowledge of who we are or what we stand for. I have actually had a couple of folks ask me if I had any idea of how to contact the owners of that "huge abandoned building where the Masons used to meet." That the community knows so little about us speaks volumes about our standing in the community. It is time to change that. I would like to assemble a small working group of our members to discuss ways that we can increase our community engagement and involvement, with the following goals in mind:

1. Increase awareness of the Fraternity
2. Build trust and credibility.
3. Generate leads and conversations
4. Foster engagement and advocacy

Please contact me at (412) 292-1444 if you would like to serve on this Ad Hoc group.

My Brothers, I ask that you keep our own Senior Deacon, Brother Michael Reaves and his family in your prayers. Brother Michael underwent extensive cardiac surgery about three weeks ago and he remains in the intensive care unit. He is hospitalized in Gainesville, some 2 ½ hours away from home, and has a long road to recovery.

Steven R. Lane, PM Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South my Brothers!

I hope this Trestle Board finds you well! It's hard to believe it's April already but time flies when you're busy and having fun! Brothers have been busy practicing for degrees, exploring the York Rite experience and enjoying the Brotherly Love that is so prevalent in our Lodge. I hope you had the opportunity to witness the Master Mason proficiency at our meeting on February 19th! Under the watchful eye of their Mentor, Bro. Michael Reeves, Bros. Dala, Wallace and Vega did an exceptional job of demonstrating their proficiencies. At the same meeting, we heard from Illustrious Potentate Mark Charlton of the Bahia Shrine who spoke about the important work of the Shriners. On February 29th, our hardworking degree team did a fantastic job putting on another EA Degree and we now have more good men as Masons.

In closing, since last month had St; Patrick's Day, I need to get St. Patrick mentioned! I'll leave you with a portion of a short article written by Bro. Steve Harrison, editor of the Missouri Freemason magazine:

"During the French-Indian War, a young Masonic Colonel recognized the morale among his troops was low and decided they needed what today we would call some "down time." It was March, at the end of a long, brutal winter and many of the troops were Irish. It didn't take the Colonel long to figure out the best day to declare a general holiday would be St. Patrick's Day.

"Several years later, that same Freemason, now a general in the American Revolution, faced a very similar problem. Billeted at Morristown, New Jersey, his troops were discouraged after a long winter of devastating fighting and losses. On top of that, the preceding winter of 1779-80 was brutally cold. That General, George Washington, again had many Irish troops under his command and once again he saw the opportunity of celebrating St. Patrick's Day to boost morale. With that, Washington issued the order giving his troops their first day off in over two years, "The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for to-morrow the SEVENTEENTH instant, a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland]."

"The respite from the ravages of war and winter went over well with the troops, some of whom were said to celebrate with a "hogshead of rum." Washington is credited with establishing the first instances of a secular celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a tradition which caught on and has grown to become a major event today, with the hogshead of rum long replaced by freely flowing green beer." See you in Lodge! Slainte!

Bro. Tim Brown, JW

RESOLUTIONS

Brothers, there is a resolution on the floor to make, Brother Benjamin Wesley Polston II, Grand Master of Mason of Geogia a Honorary Member of New Smyrna Lodge No. 149. The first vote on March 18th, 2024 to accept the resolution as read was clear. The final ballot will be on April 15th, 2024.

CANDIDATES PROGRESS

ENTERED APPRENTICE

FELLOW CRAFT

MASTER MASON

TRANSFERS

REINSTATEMENT

Shane M Bengelsdorf
Joseph J Piegaro
Raymond J Masone
Norman Richard Meadows III

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Contact the secretary if you are planning to go to the Grand Lodge Communications May 27th, 28, 29th, so I can pre-register you for Grand Lodge. If you have already told me you were going, please email me or call the office and remind me. Before, during or after a meeting is not a good time and my memory isn't what it used to be. For those who have not paid your dues, please get them into the secretary's office. If you have not paid your 2024 dues yet, you can only attend lodge here at New Smyrna Lodge No. 149 because you do not have a current dues card for the year 2024. 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. If you find a mistake on the trestle board with your name or status, please call me and leave a message and it will be changed on the next trestle board that will go out. If you would like to pay your dues by credit card/debit card, contact me in the office or call Grand Lodge of Fl. And talk to Angela at 904-354-2389. If you call Grand Lodge ask for Angela.

For those who have noticed the flag not being flown outside the lodge, we are working on having the hardware and halyards replaced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to W:. Clarence Swimm who received his 40 Certificate for being a Master Mason. Congratulations to Brother Carl J. Winterwerp who received his 65-year Certificate for being a Master Mason. Both Brothers receive their certificates in lodge from M:.

W.: Steven P. Boring. We have a new sound system in the lodge room now. If you could not hear before, you will be able to hear those who are talking now. Come out and see for yourselves.

SICKNES AND DISTRESS

Keep Brother Michael Reaves in your prayer who at this writing is still in the hospital recuperating from open heart surgery. 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 who are sick in your prayers

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Rock Steady Boxing Fighting for Parkinson's Disease was the February 2024 Charity

BIRTHDAYS

Dionisio Campbell	4/2	Bobby Ray Duncan	4/9	David J Ellis	4/18
David W Perry	4/3	William E Pugh	4/9	Sean E Herman	4/18
Kevin R Williams	4/3	Markham T Van Cleef	4/9	Henry D Randall	4/19
Kirby H Latham	4/4	Christopher R Van Duyne	4/10	Carl D Waltz	4/19
Daniel J Hautala	4/5	Joseph G Lockhart Jr	4/15	Gary L Wisniewski	4/19
Daniel E Feagle Jr	4/6	Robert C Bartlett	4/17	James (Chris) Dixon	4/20
Johnny F McNeil	4/6	Richard W Kicklighter	4/17	Michael S Morgan	4/20
James A Ward	4/8	John W Loveland III	4/17		

MASONIC EDUCATION:

Masonic Etiquette from The Grand Lodge of Florida GL208

DISCUSSION IN LODGE:

All sectarian discussion, all argument or statement pro or con as to the merits of civil politics, or any given religion or theological creed, of racial questions, or private business, or of any other non-Masonic subject by which Masons might be divided into classes, feuds, schisms, or opposed schools, is at all times forbidden. It is strictly forbidden to discuss a petitioner or for a Mason to reveal how he has voted or in any way to seek to persuade members to vote one way or another on a petitioner. All uses of personalities, all expressions of bitterness or ill will, acrimoniousness, and all or any slurs upon the Lodge or its Officers, Grand Lodge or its Officers, and the Fraternity itself, and all flippant, unseemly, or 4 discourteous remarks addressed to the Lodge or to its Officers are condemned alike by the principles of common courtesy and etiquette and by the disciplinary laws of the Craft. This is not to say that a Master Mason, particularly one who has acted as a Representative in Grand Lodge, should not inform the Craft fully and completely as to what has taken place in Grand Lodge. Such a report can be rendered truthfully and with dignity and without the use of personalities, and this rule, of course, should always be observed. A Brother wishing to participate in a discussion in open Lodge should always rise and address the Worshipful Master. He should speak on the subject at issue in the fewest possible words, not using his privilege of the floor as an opportunity to deliver a speech merely for its own sake.

VISITORS

A Lodge's sense for that which is fitting, its instinct for hospitality, its taste in the amenities, are never more clearly revealed than in its manner of receiving visitors. If, during the purging of a Lodge, a visitor's name is announced and a Brother vouches for him with some facetious remark, or if members indulge in levity because there is none to vouch for him, courtesy is violated and a Brother may be humiliated. If the circumstances are such that a Master desires no visitor present, or if it is believed that the visitor in question might disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, all the more pains should be taken to deal with him tactfully and in delicate taste, preferably before he enters the Lodge Room. If an Examining Committee is appointed to meet him, it should deal with him in a kindly and considerate manner, remembering that it is speaking and acting for the Worshipful Master. Catch-questions, attempts to trip him up by trickery, or any attempt of the Committee to "show-off" its own knowledge in order to humiliate the visitor, are un-Masonic in spirit, violations not only of the etiquette of Masonry, but of all good manners whatsoever. The one and only duty of a committee is to assure itself that the stranger is a Master Mason in good standing in some regular Lodge; for it to go beyond this is to exceed its authority. If permitted to enter, the visitor should be introduced at the Altar to the Worshipful Master and Brethren. The Committee should assist the Senior Deacon to find him a seat and otherwise make him feel at home. Delegations of Brethren sometimes visit neighboring Lodges. It is a fine custom on these occasions, practiced in many of our Lodges, for the Master to call up the Lodge as the delegation enters, necessarily so if Masters, Past Masters, or Grand Lodge Officers are in the delegation.

FLAG

The National Flag should be on a standard placed in the East, in the corner to the Master's right. It is improper to use the Flag as a drapery for the Altar, as bunting, or for decoration purposes, or in lieu of upholstery or as drapery on, or in, any of the chairs, seats, or stations of the Lodge Room. The Flag should be given precedence over a Lodge Banner, or any other banner, emblem, or device used for a similar purpose in the Lodge Room, in public processions, or when displayed on a Masonic building. If a Lodge Banner is used it should never be placed in the East-on or next to the Master's dais C but behind either the Treasurer's or the Secretary's desk, preferably the latter.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Worshipful Master:	Henry (Greg) Davis PM, PDDGM	Senior Warden:	Steven R. Lane PM
Junior Warden:	Timothy Brown	Treasurer:	Stephen L. Kenney
Secretary:	Allen J. Winterwerp (AJ) PM	Assistant Secretary:	Robert L. Wheeler
Chaplain:	William Honsinger	Marshal:	Robert Segarra PM
Senior Deacon:	Michael Reaves	Junior Deacon:	Randall Johnson
Senior Steward:	Roger Halye	Junior Steward:	Joseph Fay
Tyler:	Herbert Bacheller (Bud) PM	Musician:	

PHONE NUMBERS ARE ON FILE IN THE SECRETARYS OFFICE

NEW SMYRNA LODGE COMMITTEES FOR 2023

FINANCE:	Steve Lane SW, PM., A J Winterwerp PM, Steve Kenney, Jon Greaves PM
VIGILANCE:	Timothy Brown JW., Steve Lane PM, R;. H.:Robert Wheeler
PETITIONS:	A J Winterwerp PM, John Greaves PM, Walter Layton PM, Sean Stenson PM
MASONIC EDUCATION:	Timothy Brown JW,, Tom Aiken PM, PDDGM, Donald H. Tucker PM, PDDGM,
BOARD OF RELIEF:	Master and Wardens
CHARITY:	Master and Wardens
LODGE MENTORS:	Jon Greaves PM, Glen E. Good PM, PDDGM, PDI, Sean Stenson PM.
LODGE PROPERTY:	Timothy Brown JW, Steve Lane PM, Robert Segarra PM
LODGE INSTRUCTOR:	Robert Segarra PM
COMPUTER/FACEBOOK:	A J Winterwerp PM, Robert Segarra PM
ACTIVITES (NON-SPONSORED):	Robert Wheeler SD, Steve Lane SW, Timothy Brown JW
SCOUTING CHILD ID:	Donald Needham PM

The (ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE ON FILE IN THE SECRETARYS OFFICE)
Committeemen list is not complete yet. When it is, an email will be sent out to the Craft.

ACTIVE PAST MASTERS

Stanley T Kypreos	1966	Herbert (Bud) Bacheller	1999	Donald H Tucker PDDGM	2012/2020
Jon F Greaves	1972	James M Payton	2000/2001	Sean Stenson	2012
Louis E Keffer	1975	Phillip A Hudson PDDGM	2001	Eric T Ellis	2013
William T Blackwell	1977	William Broughton PDDGM	2002	Thomas W Aiken PDDGM	2013
Harold Powell	1978	Walter W Greatrex	2003	Gary Wisniewski	2013
Ronald Tucker	1979	Edward P Marx	2003	William M Schaeffer	2014
Charles R Dean	1980	William Broughton PDDGM	2003	Iran Medrano	2014
Danny K Hatfield	1984	Robert J Stone	2004	Allen J Winterwerp	2015
James R Baldwin	1986	Louis W Benishek	2006	Robert Moore	2015
Robert L Griffis	1990	Paul W Dewitt	2006	Henry A Woodstock III	2015
Leon A Pike	1990	Joseph G Lockhardt Jr	2007	Allan J Baker	2016
Gustav Postreich	1991	William G Warrington Jr	2007	Clarence Swimm	2016
Bradley L Rauch PDDGM	1991	Stevan Petrov Jr	2007	Martin J Louis	2016/2017
David Lawrence	1992	Glen E Good PDDGM PDI	2008	Walter G Layton	2017
Jeff J Romano	1992	Terry L Irwin	2008	Richard Kicklighter	2017/2018
Patrick G Hill	1992	Steve Irineou	2008	Mark E King	2018/2019
James A Greene	1993	Brian R Toung	2009	Chris Dixon	2019
Richard Rademacher	1993	Bryan P Bassett	2009	Glenn Scorza	2020
Mark A. Greene	1995	Stanley J Dabrowski	2010	Donald H Tucker PDDGM	2012/2020
Louis W Benishek	1996	Dominick Tesoriere	2010	Henry T Davis PDDGM	2021
Steven Timbs	1996	Arlington (Bruce) Young	2011	Robert Segarra	2022/2023
Christopher G Buffini	1997	Howard C Chase III PDDGM	2011		
Daniel E Feagle Jr	1999	John Hamblet	2011		

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Christopher G Buffini PM
Timothy Brown
Howard C Chase III PDDGM
J. Mitchell Cole
Stanley J Dobrowski PM
Henry T Davis PDDGM
Glennard Decker
Frank H Dietrich
Ronald L Dreggors
William A Drossman

Eric T Ellis PM
George O Farrell
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William Q Flippo
Glen E Good PDDGM
Walter W Greatrex PM
Jon F Greaves PM
Mark A Greene PM
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Phillip J Haley
Jason T Halye
Roger J Halye
Robert L Hart
Michael L Hines
Leo D Johns
George N Johnson PM
Stephen L Kenney
Mark E King PM

Ronald A Koehn
David Lawrence PDDGM
Steven R Lane PM
Walter G Layton PM
Joseph G Lockhart PM
Martin J Louis PM
George R Morris PM
John C Niebielski
Edgar L Phillips
James M Payton PM
Gustav Postreich PM
Richard H Pyott
Ian Ramsbottom
William Rogers
Jeff J Romano PM
Matt Schaeffer PM
Robert Segarra PM
Gary J Seibert

John T Self
Clayton E Simons Jr
Glenn E Smith
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Sean Stenson PM
Robert J Stone PM
Brian A Toung PM
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Christopher Van Duyn
Chester E Weichey
Jeffery L Whitlock
Allen J Winterwerp PM
Thomas C Williams
George a Wolsfelt
Henry A Woodstock

50-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

William T Blackwell
Bernard J Brown
Donald L Brown
Clifton V Butler
Harold F Byrd
Everett C Chapman
James C Allen
Robert C Bartlett
Ernest Beasley Jr
Wilber K Corbin
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James R Delk
Donald Doidge Sr

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MASONIC EDUCATION CONT.

MENTORS MANUAL

GRAND LODGE

Grand Lodge is the great source of power in the Craft. It has legislative, administrative, and executive jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the Fraternity. Our Masonic traditions are in its keeping. It is only right that our respect for its Officers be shown by adhering to certain rules of etiquette necessary to maintain that respect and this etiquette must be punctiliously observed. Grand Honors are symbols of that honor and respect. Talking, promiscuous moving about the room, failure to address the Grand Master, or to use his proper title when speaking, are all violations of common courtesy and gentlemanly conduct. In an assemblage numbering hundred, it is essential that these rules be strictly adhered to in order that business coming before Grand Lodge be dispatched with promptness and in a dignified manner. Not only are all these rules relating to decorum applicable to Grand Lodge, but they might well be taken seriously by our Lodges, in which decorum is sometimes conspicuous by its absence.