

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

### TRESTLEBOARD MARCH 2024

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### THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER REQUESTS YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE STATED COMMUNICATIONS on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### From the East

Greetings from the East,

Our first meeting on March the 4<sup>th</sup>. we will have official visit from the District Deputy Grand Master. New Smyrna OES is having their installation of officers March the 9th, dinner at 4:00 installation to follow. The Eastern Star would like to have some of the Brothers come out to serve, so if you're able to attend please be there about 3:30. At the second meeting on March the 18th, there will be an Entered Apprentice proficiency. March 21st I would like to get the brothers together to visit Landmark Lodge for their stated meeting. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30

Nothing else from the East.

Henry Davis Worshipful Master

#### FROM THE WEST

From the West

From the day I first inquired about becoming a Freemason I have been told that the strength of any Lodge is the Craft itself. Those words were spoken to me nearly ten years ago, but in order to fully understand this one has to kind of take a step back from the day-to-day workings of the Lodge and view the Lodge from an outsider's perspective.

What does an outsider see when they look at our Lodge building? A dusty old building that looks abandoned most days, since most of our work is done at night. What do they see when they look at the Brothers who belong to our Lodge? They see good men who dress up a few times a month and file into that dusty old building at rush hour, and if we are lucky, they might catch us in the middle of an act of kindness or generosity. They might even notice your Masonic ring or the badge on the back of your car. Other than this all they know is we're into some "secret-squirrel" type stuff that may or may not involve riding goats under a full moon. THIS is all the exposure the average person has to the craft, along with all the rest of the nonsense on the Internet about the so-called Illuminati and how we control the world banking system.

For centuries our Craft has relied upon good men asking a Brother about the Lodge and how to join. I say, WHY WAIT? Rather than sit passively by and wait for a good friend or co-worker to ask you about Freemasonry, why don't you ask HIM what he knows about the Craft? Instead of waiting for a good man to ask US, why aren't we out in the community with a Lodge shirt doing something good for the community in broad daylight? Why are we not harnessing the greatest strength of the Lodge, the Craft, to not necessarily recruit members, but to simply show them what a good man looks like? A good man who chooses to associate himself with other good men to do good things for others? The answer to that is WE MUST GET OUT OF THE LODGE BUILDING.

Convince me I'm wrong.

Submitted by Steven R. Lane, PM

*You have power over your mind — not outside events.*

*Realize this, and you will find strength."*

**Marcus Aurelius**

#### FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South my Brothers!

I hope this Trestle Board finds you well! It's hard to believe it's March 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 it is March, 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 "hogshhead 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 hogshhead of rum long replaced by freely flowing green beer."

See you in Lodge! Slainte!

Bro. Tim Brown, JW

### **CANDIDATES PROGRESS**

#### **ENTERED APPRENTICE**

Shane M Bengelsdorf

#### **FELLOW CRAFT**

Joseph J Piegaro

Raymond J Masone

#### **MASTER MASON**

#### **TRANSFERS**

#### **REINSTATEMENT**

### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

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 FI. And talk to Angela at 904-354-2389. If you call Grand Lodge ask for Angela.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mach 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 Stated Communication will be the second official visit for RW Rodney Gray 13<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Deputy Grand Master and his Committee men.

### **SICKNES AND DISTRESS**

Keep the family of Brother David Irons who passed to the Celestial Lodge above in your prayers. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming when we receive them. Keep Brother Charles Lizotte who is home now but was in the hospital. 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**

**Marine Discovery Center was the February 2024 Charity**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Norman Slifkin	3/2	Jesse H Tankersley	3/22	Kevin W Percy	3/28
Donald E Boliver Sr	3/5	Charles L Ogram	3/23	Lawrence A Long	3/29
Charles P Kyle	3/5	James H Richard Jr	3/23	Thomas Lopez	3/29
Calvin L Langford	3/9	J Mitchel Cole Jr	3/24	Roy A Malphurs Jr	3/29
John P Bystrowski Jr	3/11	Eric A Gerhardt	3/24	Brian R Toung	3/29
Carlo Montti	3/12	Richard K Rodgers	3/24		
Leslie D Williamson	3/13	Michael H Fielder	3/26		
Bryan D King	3/18	Burton K Jordon	3/28		
Dennis M Jones	3/18	Brian J Moore	3/28		

**MASONIC EDUCATION:**  
**Masonic Etiquette from The Grand Lodge of Florida GL208**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

The District Deputy Grand Master is the personal representative of the Grand Master and when visiting a Lodge, whether it be formally or informally, he should be accorded all respect. He should never be addressed by his first name during any part of Lodge ceremonies. Such conduct demeans his office. The District Deputy Grand Master should be received in accordance with provisions adopted at the 180th Grand Lodge in 2010 (Revised-Reception of District Deputy Grand Master). (See Grand Lodge Officers in this booklet) A District Deputy Grand Master is required by our Constitutional Law to officially visit every Lodge in his District at least once during his term. He comes there to perform certain specific duties required by Grand Lodge and to give the Brethren the message of the Grand Master. This message contains matters of importance concerning which the Grand Master, in his wisdom, deems it necessary to inform the Craft. The remarks of the Deputy then are of supreme importance. It is his evening. No programs or speeches other than his should be allowed. What he has to say should stand out. Nothing must detract from it. The Constitution also requires that the District Deputy inspect the records and accounts of the Lodges and see that the same are in proper order (Article VI, Section 11). There have been instances where Lodges have gotten into difficulties because of irregularities which such an inspection would have disclosed, but were not discovered until too late, because this Constitutional requirement had not been complied with. This being a duty imposed upon the District Deputy, by our Constitution, the Master should formally tender the Lodge records to the District Deputy, before such an official visitation, and preferably at a time convenient to the District Deputy to examine the same, so that a conscientious District Deputy will not be put to the embarrassment of asking for the records. When making an official visit to a Lodge in his District, the District Deputy shall be formally received with Grand Honors. (See "Grand Honors" for those entitled to receive the same.) On such occasions, all guests who are not entitled to Grand Honors, but whom it is desired to honor by a special introduction at the Altar, should be received first. Thereafter, the District Deputy may prefer to be received alone, ahead of the others entitled to Grand Honors, in order that he may himself preside at the reception and the rendering of Grand Honors to such other guests, or he may desire to enter with such other distinguished guests, in which case, it being his official visitation, where in the absence of the Grand Master, he is directly exercising his function as the personal representative of the Grand Master. He will head the procession and be introduced first. Following the introduction, welcoming and rendition of Grand Honors at the Altar, the District Deputy is first escorted to the East, then the other distinguished guests are escorted to seats in the East. If there be more of them than can be seated in the East, then seats should be reserved for them as close to the East as possible. The District Deputy may, if he desires, retain the gavel and preside over such meeting, in which case he will be covered and the Worshipful Master will uncover, but the District Deputy will not wear his hat when entering the Lodge Room, as our law provides that a Worshipful Master is required to uncover only for the Grand Master in person. The District Deputy will be covered when presiding, for the same reason that anyone presiding in the East, whether by right or at the request, or with the consent of the Worshipful Master is covered, the Worshipful Master remaining uncovered while such a person presides. It is the usual practice for the District Deputy to return the gavel to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, when his status is that of principal guest of honor, but, as before stated, he may preside if he so desires. At such official visitations of a District Deputy, the Worshipful Master should consult with the District Deputy in advance, as to arrangements, and his wishes should be scrupulously followed. If there are other speakers, the District Deputy will, as the most honored guest, speak last, unless the Grand Master should be present. When a Grand Master makes his official visitation to a District, the District Deputy is in full charge of and is responsible for the proper handling of all the details incident to such a meeting. (See "Grand Masters Visitation")

**PAST GRAND MASTER**

A Past Grand Master should be received in accordance with "Grand Visitations" as found in the Official Florida Monitor. Past Grand Masters may close a Lodge in "Ample Form."

**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.

## OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

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

PHONE NUMBERS ARE ON FILE IN THE SECRETARYS OFFICE

### NEW SMYRNA LODGE COMMITTEES FOR 2023

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

## THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA F. & A. M GRAND MASTER

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### ACTIVE PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Thomas W Aiken PDDGM	Eric T Ellis PM	Ronald A Koehn	John T Self
Allan J Baker PM	George O Farrell	David Lawrence PDDGM	Clayton E Simons Jr
Herbert E Bacheller PM	Daniel E Feagle Jr PM	Steven R Lane PM	Glenn E Smith
James R Baldwin PM	William Q Flippo	Walter G Layton PM	Robert Somers PM
Brady Benishek	Glen E Good PDDGM	Joseph G Lockhart PM	Sean Stenson PM
Louis W Benishek PM	Walter W Greatrex PM	Martin J Louis PM	Robert J Stone PM
David Bessette	Jon F Greaves PM	George R Morris PM	Brian A Toung PM
William E Broughton PDDGM	Mark A Greene PM	John C Niebielski	Donald H Tucker PDDGM
Christopher G Buffini PM	Daniel H Haley	Edgar L Phillips	Christopher Van Duyne
Timothy Brown	Phillip J Haley	James M Payton PM	Chester E Weichey
Howard C Chase III PDDGM	Jason T Halye	Gustav Postreich PM	Jeffery L Whitlock
J. Mitchell Cole	Roger J Halye	Richard H Pyott	Allen J Winterwerp PM
Stanley J Dobrowski PM	Robert L Hart	Ian Ramsbottom	Thomas C Williams
Henry T Davis PDDGM	Michael L Hines	William Rogers	George a Wolsfelt
Glennard Decker	Leo D Johns	Jeff J Romano PM	Henry A Woodstock
Frank H Dietrich	George N Johnson PM	Matt Schaeffer PM	
Ronald L Dreggors	Stephen L Kenney	Robert Segarra PM	
William A Drossman	Mark E King PM	Gary J Seibert	

### 50-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

William T Blackwell	Thomas E Duane	Johnny F McCullers	Warren A Sets
Bernard J Brown	Howard S Eaton Jr	Ben F McGraw	Glenn L Smith
Donald L Brown	Miles O Edge Jr	Johnny F McNeil	Gordon S Smith
Clifton V Butler	Robert C Forestburg	Ellis E Medders	R Terrell Smith
Harold F Byrd	Jon F Greaves	Edward Z Midgett	Michael J Strothers
Everett C Chapman	Kyle F Hall	Charles L Miller	George G Telesh
James C Allen	Jack H Hayman Sr	George R Morris	Donald H Tucker
Robert C Bartlett	Richard L Hill	Jack M Onie	Ronald Village
Ernest Beasley Jr	Tedd Jakomas	George M Pilcher Jr	Gary E Wandelt
Wilber K Corbin	Harry T Johnson	Henry D Randall	Larry G Watson
Richard E Doughty	Thomas F Johnson	Henry W Reynolds	Leslie D Williamson
James R Delk	Calvin I Lanford	Franklin W Roberts Jr	Carl J Winterwerp
Donald Doidge Sr	Melvin L Malachoski	Jerry C Sapps Jr	Chester E Wolsge

### WHO IS THE HIGHEST RAINKING FREEMASON

After a Mason becomes a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Master Mason from a recognized Blue Lodge, we are all equal on the Level. There are elected officers that manage the affairs of our order, first in the Blue Lodge, then in the Districts, and finally in the Grand Lodge. But they are all of equal stature within the order. You can even go further in the Scottish Rite and can reach the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. However, that is only in Scottish Rite, an appendant body of Freemasonry. There are also additional degrees within the York Rite, and you may become a Knights Templar, however you are still on the level with other Masons. There's an excellent line from an installation ceremony of one of the Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry – it is stated, "From the ranks you have risen and to the ranks you shall return." It is a good reminder that some of us may be called to lead from time to time, we must always remember that we are still "ON THE LEVEL" with our Brothers.

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**From L to R: SD Mike Reaves, Instructor, Brothers Wallace, Vega and Dala who received their Aprons and gave their Master Mason Proficiency to the Craft on 02/19/2024.**

## **MASONIC EDUCATION CONT.**

### **MENTOR=S MANUAL**

#### **6.5 The Right of Burial:**

A Masonic Burial is a privilege reserved for Master Masons in good standing at the time of death. Masonic Funeral Rites are conducted only at the request for the deceased or some member of his immediate family. The choice belongs to the family and not to the Lodge, though the Master of the Lodge may, for good and sufficient reasons, decline to conduct any funeral. There are two services, one which is held at the graveside following the religious service, and the other held on the evening before interment in the funeral home. Both types should be explained to the family and their wishes in the matter be followed unless the Master deems it inappropriate to conduct one or the other of the services. Each Mason should attend the funeral communications of his Lodge whenever it is possible. Our funeral service is old and should be handled in a dignified impressive manner, which can only be done if the services are supported properly by the Brethren.

#### **6.6 The Responsibilities of a Master Mason:**

“To preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied” is the constant responsibility of the Master Mason, for he is Freemasonry to many people in the circle of influence which surrounds every life. An exemplary life is the best means by which we can discharge our individual responsibility to our own Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general. The conduct of each Master Mason is strictly his own responsibility; he should choose the course which will bring credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity.