

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

TRESTLEBOARD MAY 2024

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THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER REQUESTS YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE
STATED COMMUNICATIONS on MAY 6TH, 2024 & May 20th, 2024



FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,

First, I'd like to congratulate our new brothers on being passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. At our first Stated meeting May 6th. we'll be presenting a scholarship and should have in attendance Past Grandmaster Jeff Foster.

We will also be going over the proposed legislation for Grand Lodge that night.

On May the 11th in Jacksonville, there will be the "100 Mason Nite", between Georgia and Florida. If you would like to go, contact me so we can car pool and save gas, also enjoy fellowship on the way up and back home.

On May 27, 28 and 29 I will be at the Grand Lodge over in Orlando.

Nothing else from the East,

Henry Davis PDDGM, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

My Brothers-

May is always an exciting time in the Masonic calendar because the annual Grand Communication is held over the Memorial Day weekend. Besides voting on legislative matters pertaining to the Craft, the Grand Communication is also the meeting where a new slate of Grand Lodge officers is elected, and appointments are made for other Grand Lodge officers such as the District Deputy Grand Masters and committeemen. If you have never attended a Grand Communication, I would encourage you to do so, it is a great experience.

And speaking of appointed Grand Lodge officers, I would like to congratulate our own Right Honorable Robert Wheeler for a successful year doing one of the most difficult jobs in Freemasonry, District Instructor. **WELL DONE, BROTHER BOB!** You set the bar very high for others to follow!

If any Brother still needs to complete any of the Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) modules, please get in touch with me ASAP. We will make every effort to provide an opportunity for you here in our Lodge before the end of May.

Fraternally,

Steven R. Lane. PM

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South!

May is about to begin and the Craft have been quite busy here at your Lodge! Recently, we made some new Brother Masons, held a Fellowcraft Degree, awarded two Master Mason length of service pins and had a great visit from Right Worshipful DDGM Rodney Gray and his various Committee Chairs. Don't forget that the Lodge will be dark for the first meetings in July, August, and September.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with this short article from the March/April 2009

Scottish Rite Journal. It explains our response to Prayer when we gather as Masons:

"It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty "Amen," a word meaning "So be it." It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew word meaning "certainly." Thus, a congregation saying "Amen" is literally saying "So be it." The word mote is an archaic verb that means "may" or "might," and traces back to Old English. The phrase "So mote it be" means "So may it be," which is the same as "So be it." "Now that we've established the equivalence of "Amen" and "So mote it be," the question remains, "Why do Masons end their prayers with 'So mote it be'?" The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The

poem ends famously with this couplet: 'Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity.' "Thus, Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you're in lodge and say "So mote it be" after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600-year-old Masonic tradition."

See you in Lodge!

Bro. Timothy Brown, JW

CANDIDATES PROGRESS

ENTERED APPRENTICE

David R. Slye (Ray)

FELLOW CRAFT

MASTER MASON

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

TRANSFERS

REINSTATEMENT

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. 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. Thank you to Brother Ron Koehn who donated money to 4 of the lodge's youth charities. A motion/second at the last March meeting was made and passed to match his donation. Checks went out to Deland Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 31, Dale Chapman Chapter DeMolay, Cub Scout Pack 443, and Scouts of America Troop 3443 for \$500.00 each.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grand Lodge Communications on May 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2024 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando Florida. **THE LODGE WILL BE DARK ON THE FIRST MEETINGS IN JULY 1ST, AUGUST 5TH, AND SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2024.** There will be regular stated meetings on July 15th, August 19th, and September 16th, 2024. Please mark your calendars.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Keep Brother Michael Reaves in your prayer who at this writing is home from open heart surgery. Keep Brother Don Boliver who is home from rehab. 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

Colors of Hunger was the charity for the month of April 2024

BIRTHDAYS

Michael S Carter	5/1	Louis E Keffer	5/6	Terry L Irwin	5/22
James F Murphy	5/2	Leon A Pike	5/7	Serafim S Oreopulos	5/22
Edward G Kadet	5/3	Robert E Tompert	5/9	Harold Powell	5/23
George W Waite	5/3	Hal Stuble	5/11	Chis E Hutchison	5/24
Ronald R Wright	5/3	Hugh J Bourne Jr.	5/12	A J Winterwerp	5/25
George M Pilcher	5/4	Scott Gilman	5/13	Michael A Fabula	5/27
Robert D Schmid	5/4	Rebel L. Glover	5/13	Randall W Johnson	5/27
Peter W Gordon	5/5	Dennis D Thomas	5/14	Raymond A Bilotta	5/30
Timothy S Leister	5/5	Charles R Carnes	5/17	Walter G Layton	5/30
Franklyn L Schreihofe	5/5	Robert L Hart	5/18	Phillip A Hudson	5/31
James I Webb	5/5	James Baldwin	5/19	Joel A Meister	5/31
Gregory G White	5/5	Dylan G Woods	5/21	Steven R Thomas	5/31

MASONIC EDUCATION:

From the Grand Lodge of Florida's Mentors Manual

MENTOR

1.1 Definition: The word Mentor is one which is defined in the dictionary as "a wise and faithful adviser, friend or teacher." In the old operative Lodges of Scotland, the officer entrusted with the task of instructing the new apprentices bore the title of Intender. It was his duty to intend, increase and intensify the knowledge of the new Craftsman. The Mentor, in our present system, will seek to expand and intensify the Masonic instruction imparted by the ritual, adding to it many other points which will enlarge the new brother's understanding of Freemasonry and its relationship to life in this twentieth century.

1.2 Objective: The Mentor and the Brethren must generally understand that the production of a generation of Masonic scholars is not the objective of this plan. Its motive is simply to indoctrinate each new Mason in the ways of Masonry, to create in him an understanding of things Masonic and arouse in his mind a feeling of pride in the Fraternity. In so doing it is hoped that he will learn that Freemasonry is a way of life which each may embrace with great satisfaction to himself. The instruction given must seek to capture the interest of the candidate as he begins his Masonic life. To properly accomplish this each candidate must have a Mentor assigned to him immediately after his election to receive the Degree of Entered Apprentice. It will be the Mentor's duty to prepare the mind of the candidate for the reception of the great truths of Freemasonry and an appreciation of its tenets and teachings. 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.

1.3 The Appointment: The Worshipful Master of every Florida Lodge is requested to appoint an Educational Committee for his Lodge and to designate certain well-qualified, dedicated and enthusiastic Brethren as Mentors. There should be a sufficient number of these Brethren so that no Mentor would be required to serve more than five Brethren at any one time. The assignment of candidates to the several Mentors may be done by either the Master or the Committee. As a suggestion, the Mentor may be allocated 30 to 45 minutes with the candidates during a scheduled class of catechism instruction, or the Catechism Instructor may even relinquish to the Mentor an entire evening of his scheduled instructions

1.4 The Method Explained: It is necessary that our new Brethren become impressed with the spirit of Freemasonry if we are to keep the Order strong and active. This must be done so that he will understand its great purpose and high ideals, and having understood, he shall believe in and practice them in his daily life. Years ago, a plan of Masonic education was started in the Grand Lodge of Florida and the Lodge System of Masonic Education was printed. This was, for the most part, intended to be used by the candidate and the committee based on the reading, absorption and the discussion of written material. For some years the leadership of the Masonic Fraternity has known that it is too much to expect a man to come into a society such as ours and take his place unless he is guided by someone with a full understanding of its aims and objectives. Nor can we reasonably expect the new Mason to find his place in his own Lodge and assume his part of its work without some help and interest from those who have gone before him. Our failure to prepare these new Brethren for the discharge of their duties and the full enjoyment of their privileges has helped to produce a great number of dues-paying but inactive Masons. We have an obligation to each candidate, and we must discharge it if we are to keep our Fraternity strong and virile. The means of discharging our obligation is to be found in personalized Masonic Education wherein the Mentor seeks to give the new Brother instruction and information by word-of-mouth as well as through a printed text. Time must be provided in which the candidate may ask and have his questions answered for him and this can only be accomplished by word-of-mouth instruction and personal contacts. The Mentor Plan is intended to provide a means whereby the initiate, in each of the stages of his Masonic development, may receive added instruction and the answer to those questions which inevitably arise in the mind of the new Mason as he progresses through the Degrees. Thus, we shall attempt to place each initiate in possession of the key by which he will be able to unlock the door of understanding of Freemasonry and enable him to fit its teachings and philosophies to his own life. The objective of this manual is to enable the Mentor to find a ready reference for the many questions which will come to him and aid him in the task of impressing upon those new Brethren the spirit of Freemasonry. He will also help each to attain an understanding of its purposes and ideals. Each Mentor is urged to understand the importance of his mission if our plan of Masonic Education is to and we are to preserve Freemasonry as one of the great and basic institutions for good in our complex twenty-first century society.

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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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
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Walter W Greatrex PM
Jon F Greaves PM
Mark A Greene PM
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Phillip J Haley
Jason T Halye
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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
Robert Somers PM
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Allen J Winterwerp PM
Thomas C Williams
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50-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

William T Blackwell
Bernard J Brown
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Ernest Beasley Jr
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TRUE STORIES AND EVENTS

AN IRISH MESSAGE ON STONE

In 1860, at Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription:
"I will serve to live with love and care, Upon the level, by the square."

LODGE IN TWO COUNTRIES

At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office, it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.