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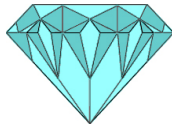
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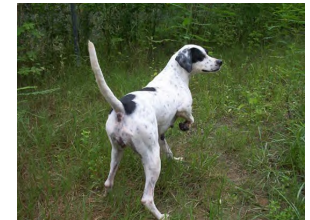
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Masons provide relief as groups (Blue Lodge) or as individuals. No Brother is asked to give more than he can afford. But each Brother is requested to give according to his own spending limits. Although Relief is almost always provided by fiscal means, some Masons provide relief through their brawn. They sweep, mop, paint, and build. No one method of providing relief that is better than another. Any method which makes our community a better place to live is acceptable by our standards of Masonic Relief.

*TRUTH*

Masonry suggests that to be in darkness is to be ignorant, to not be able to differentiate that which is truth from that which is untrue. Our rituals support this search for the truth. When we enter the Lodge, whether for the first time or in subsequent degrees, we do so in darkness: blindfolded. Our degrees suggest that we seek light or truth. Darkness suggests ignorance and unawareness. Light is a symbol of spiritual truth and knowledge.

Masonry can be thought of as a school, a place for learning. However, like in any school, our fraternity cannot set the level of truth and knowledge that any Brother will gain from his relationship with his Masonic Brethren and with his God. Masonry seeks to make good men better but it does not set a standard for knowledge whereby each member of the fraternity will walk away with equal knowledge. If Masonry makes a good man better than he was at his first introduction to our fraternity, the goal of the Masonic fraternity will have been accomplished. JBK

QUOTE

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.  
*Mark Twain (Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens 1835-1910)*



FROM THE EAST

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R.: W.: Alan E. Heist, D.D.G.M. 2015-16 Visitation Schedule

6/1/15	Clermont 226	
6/8/15	Villages 394	Wildwood Masonic Temple
6/16/15	Leesburg 58	
6/22/15	Eustis 85	
7/6/15	Umatilla 65	
7/14/15	Tavares 234	
7/16/15	Mount Dora 238	
7/28/15	Wildwood 92	
8/13/15	Groveland 190	

9/25/15 —GM's Official Visit Dist. 18      Clermont Masonic Temple

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed – 18<sup>th</sup> District Master's & Warden's Assn. 7:30pm & Memorial Lodge

June 17	Clermont 226
July 15	Tavares 234
August 19	Mt Dora 238
September 16	The Villages 394 at Wildwood Lodge
October 21	Leesburg 58
November 18	Umatilla 65
December 16	Eustis 85

District School of Instruction meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. until complete at Tavares Lodge. This is in conjunction with Open Books which meets from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Proficiency card qualification starts at 6:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER: Please visit the following link for information on a Discovery Tour of Freemasonry Roots in Washington DC and Philadelphia, PA, June 25 – July 2, 2015

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Fraternally,  
'Bill' Price, W.M.



## FROM THE WEST

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Dear Brethren and all,

As always I hope the world sees you well. Congratulations to our 8 Master Masons for successfully completing the catechism and receiving the aprons! It was with deep regret I had to miss this occasion due to work. You guys worked hard and it paid off. I'm very proud and impressed, and so is our Lodge. We look forward to your continued presence and involvement with your Lodge.

At this time, I'd like to take a second and talk about Masonic etiquette. Let me preface this by saying I love the laid back atmosphere of our Lodge, it is why I joined, and continue to come every week. That being said, there is a difference between laid back and lazy. I've noticed many brothers not rising to speak to the Master, this is the ultimate sign of disrespect to his office. I'm well aware there are some that are unable to due to age or health, but for the one who are able, I'd like to remind you that when you address the Master stand as a sign of respect. This includes when the Master addresses you directly, making and seconding motions, and when you need to speak to another brother on the sideline. We are all guilty of it at some point or another and this is just a reminder to be respectful.

The widow's night was great, the ladies really enjoyed the fabulous meal prepared by the Hyatt's. The decorating committee did an outstanding job, my wife and I loved the throw back vibe. We really want to thank everyone for their love and kind words for our son, it was his first trip to the Lodge, but not his last. Heidi and I love having all of you as our family!

Humbly,  
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## BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, & TRUTH

Br./Dr. Jay B. Kosner

During my recent cruise I spent a good deal of time sitting in one of the many shipboard pubs watching the bubbles rise to the surface in my ginger ale, and pondering my Masonic fraternity. What are the three great attributes of our fraternity and why are they so important—to me and to my brethren? The answer can be found when we discuss Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth!

### *BROTHERLY LOVE*

Masonry is not a religion. However, all of our brethren must have a belief in God. While some members may not believe in organized religion, the fact is, most of us do. Although our belief in God is mandatory, what faith we follow is strictly our own choice. Some brethren may be Christian, non-Trinitarian while others may believe in the Trinity. Still other members may be Jewish, Moslem, Hindu, or a member of some other faith.

To produce Brotherly Love as we know it these faiths must share some commonality besides just a belief in a Supreme Being. Examples of various religious dogma include:

- \* Buddhism: The head of a family (usually male) should minister to his family and friends by generosity, courtesy, and benevolence, by treating them as he treats himself, and by being as good as his word.
- \* Christianity: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- \* Hinduism: Men gifted with intelligence should always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated.
- \* Islam: No one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.
- \* Judaism: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The above examples suggest that most religions believe in Brotherly Love. It should be of little surprise, then, that our fraternity's belief in Brotherly Love comes from our own members and from their personal religious beliefs.

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## EIGHT IS ENOUGH (continued from page 14)

A few practice runs before the WM called us to order, and we were on.

We took our spot before the Altar, and we gave our catechism. Sure, there were a few hiccups, but we did well enough to earn our aprons.

Other than the obvious, I learned a few things from this experience. When given a small section of the catechism to learn, it seems everyone relaxed. I feared that many of us would just know our part and nothing else. But, without the pressure to learn the whole thing, we assimilated the entire catechism. Sure, not everyone knew it word for word, but each of the eight could have passed on our own if we needed to.

The most important lesson of the experience, more so than the awarding of our aprons, is the camaraderie and bond the eight of us formed. Each person was teaching everyone else. It was a true group effort.

I was proud to be the leader of the effort, but it would not have been possible without my brothers.

Congratulations to these Brothers: George Rosario, Tim Pratt, Rene Castro, Anthony Alicea, Greg Neese, Billy Bates and Chris Singh.

And thank you all,  
Bro Bob Emanuel Jr.

## THE TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

by Alphonse Cerza, 33°

Masonic Discipline in England  
Love and Honour Lodge No. 75 of Falmouth, England, records an unusual case of Masonic discipline. A Petition for Affiliation was being Balloted upon. The result was a box full of Black Balls. The Petitioner had been a visitor at the Lodge and was known to be a person of bad character. After the unfavorable Ballot it was ordered that "his Apron shall be burnt in the Lodge, that no Brother shall defile himself by ever wearing it in the future.



# FROM THE SOUTH

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Brethren All:

My wife, Sandee, has taken me on a cruise visiting countries half way around the world. Because of my being out on the high seas, I am unable to complete this column in a timely manner for the month of June.

Before I left the United States I found an interesting article emanating from the University of California at Irvine. The university and their student body have decided that our flag—the Stars and Stripes—the flag which is a symbol of our freedom—and which so many American men and women have died to protect—no longer has a suitable place on their campus. Reading this article angered me to no end! UC-Irvine receives federal tax dollars; UC-Irvine's students receive subsidized federal student loans—but the symbol of the greatest country in the world no longer has a place on UC-Irvine's campus.

I am reminded of a commentary written by a Brother many years ago. His name was Br. Red Skelton. People my age remember him; younger members of our Fraternity can find his biography in books or on the Internet. Following is Br. Skelton's commentary. I hope you enjoy it.

Fraternally,

Jay Kosner, JW [ The piece by Bro Skelton will be in a future edition, Ed]

## STORIES OF BROTHERHOOD

## "House Undivided" By Bro. Allen E. Roberts

I saw a poor fellow brought into camp as a spy. He protested his innocence, and pled to be allowed to return to his unprotected wife and children, who were suffering in his absence, but all in vain. Finally he resorted to a mystic sign, when the commander saw the force of his arguments and turned him loose.

QUOTE

I am not young enough to know everything.

*Brother Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900) Author, Irish dramatist, novelist, & poet*

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## EIGHT IS ENOUGH

A few months ago, a group of recently raised Master Masons were enjoying some good conversation when the subject of aprons came up. Eight of Groveland's nine recent Master Masons had not yet undergone the catechism, and the simple question of "Why" was brought up.

Time seemed to be the greatest detriment. The catechism, as we all know, is quite long and involved. On its face, it appears to be a daunting task.

I broached the subject about a group effort. What is we could get all eight of us to agree to learn the material? Would the lodge allow us all to participate as one? Could we make the logistics work?

Our Worshipful Master was out of town, so I approached some of our senior leaders and pitched the idea. To my surprise - and the surprise of the others - an eight-for-one idea was not only accepted, but it was lauded as something never done before to anyone's knowledge.

When our Worshipful Master returned, he embraced the idea and gave us his blessing.

Carving out parts for eight Master Masons to learn and repeat was not easy. It required some scratch paper, some math and some calculations. Each person had to have a few lines in the pre-obligation section. Each had to have a part of the obligation. Each had to have a part in the third section. And, each had to know the closing.

We had five weeks to work on our catechism. Unfortunately, with eight people came eight divergent schedules. There were many phone calls to read our lines. Practices consisted of a three to four of us at times. We actually had seven for one practice. But, until the night of the proficiency, we never had all eight together.

The final night, there was trepidation. One of our eight was in Tampa and returning in the afternoon. Another had an event nearby less than an hour before our meeting. One-by-one, however, we arrived at the Lodge. Finally, the eight came together. Sure, it was not as epic as the Avengers assembling for the first time, but it was a relief to us all.

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PETITIONS —none at press time

## CONGRATULATIONS

On May 5th, the following 8 Brothers were found to be Proficient in the Master Mason Degree Catechism & were presented with White Presentation Aprons:  
Bro. Anthony Alicea; Bro. Billy Bates; Bro. Rene Castro; Bro. Robert Emanuel, Jr.; Bro. Greg Neese; Bro. Tim Pratt; Bro. George Rosario & Bro. Chris Singh

Fraternally,

Tom Brown, PDDGM, Secretary ☺

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Updated: 5/16/15

Jun 01 Mon – DDGM’s Visit Clermont 226  
Jun 02 Tue – 190 School  
Jun 03 Wed – Groveland Garden Club –using the building?  
Jun 06 Sat –  
Jun 08 Mon – DDGM’s Visit The Villages 394 Wildwood Masonic Temple  
Jun 09 Tue – 190 School  
Jun 10 Wed – Open Books 234 Tavares 6pm-9pm & 18<sup>th</sup> Dist School 7:30pm  
Jun 11 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments served at 6:30pm  
Jun 13 Sat –  
*Jun 14 Sun – Flag Day*  
Jun 16 Tue – DDGM’s Visit Leesburg 58  
Jun 17 Wed – 18<sup>th</sup> Dist Assn 7:30pm & Memorial Lodge 918 – Clermont 226  
Jun 20 Sat –  
*Jun 21 Sun – Father’s Day*  
Jun 22 Mon – DDGM’s Visit Eustis 85  
Jun 23 Tue – 190 School  
*Jun 24 Wed – Saint John the Baptist Day*  
– *Grand Lodge of England Founded 1717*  
Jun 25 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments served at 6:30pm  
– Discovery Tour of Freemasonry Roots in Washington DC and Philadelphia, PA, June 25 – July 2, 2015  
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Jun 27 Sat –

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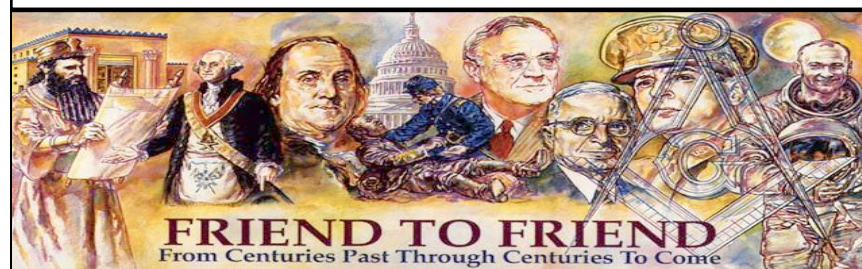
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14 Flag Day	15	16 190 School	17 Dist 18 M&W Memorial 918 Clermont 226	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 190 School	24 St. John the Baptist Day	25 190 Stated	26	27
28	29	30 190 School				

## BIRTHDAYS — JUNE

01 BILLY JOE BATES	17 MARK DRAPER, PM
03 JOHN O'BRIEN, PM	17 BOB BAIRD
04 JANET BLOOM	18 STEVE ALLEN
04 DAVE MEIXNER	20 BOB MOORE, PM
07 GEORGE ROSARIO	21 JANICE HAYES
08 CONNIE FLEETWOOD	21 MIKE WRIGHT
09 TERRY SANDLIN	22 JOANN BAIRD
11 DALE AKINS	25 SANDEE KOSNER
13 HELEN TYSKA	25 JEFF KUHARSKE, PM
14 TED JANSEN, PDDGM	30 FLORENCE COWAN
15 WILMA BROWN	30 MARY CARLTON

## ANNIVERSARIES — JUNE

03 JESSE & MIRIAM BAKER (2001)  
 08 WARREN (PDDGM) & BECKY SHIPPEE (1969)  
 15 JEFF (PM) & TRICE CRANDALL (1978)  
 15 GENE (PM) & RHONDA WADDELL (1991)  
**17 PHIL (PM) & JANET BLOOM (1956)\***  
 26 BOB (PM) & NADINE MOORE (1976)  
 30 BILL & KATHY JAMBURA (1987)

\*Note: 50 years or more



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