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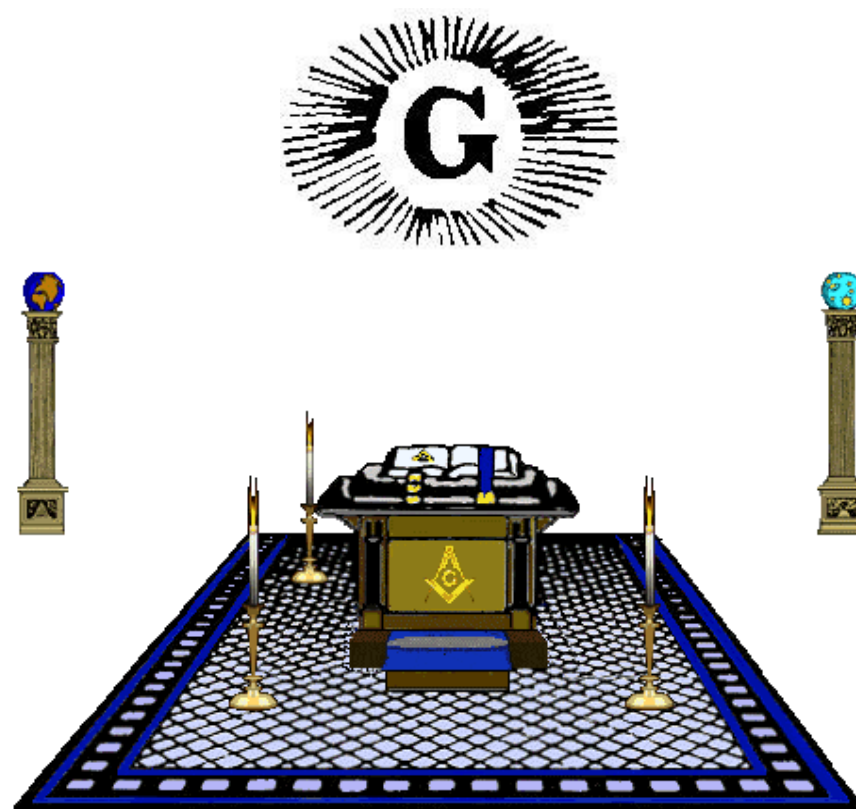
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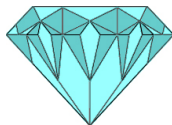
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Passed	04/19/1990	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI
Raised	05/31/1990	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI
Master	01/01/1995	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI
Dimitted	04/10/2007	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI
Affiliated	06/28/2007	Groveland Lodge 190, Groveland FL
Died	02/21/2015	Clermont FL
Service	02/26/2015	Bee's Resort
Survived By Spouse — Margarite		

"Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust".
Brother William Shakespeare (1564-1616) Cymbeline Quote (Act IV, Scene 2)



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Brothers all,

The DDGM made his visit on February 12th and all went well. Good job done by all.

The Valentine's Day dinner on February 14th was a big success and everyone went home full and happy. Great job done by Rainbow Restaurant. Thanks to Jean Davis, Freda O'Brien, and Sue Price for the decorations and to Wilma Brown for the music and to Jay Kosner for taking the RSVPs and to Billy Evans for coordinating the catering.

Brothers, please remember:

- March is Masonic Youth Month.
- Festive Table Lodge to be held March 3rd at Springs Lodge No.378 in Homosassa, FL.
- 38th Annual Chitlin Degree to be held on March 7th in Chipley, FL.
- Masonic Home of Florida Pilgrimage Day is Saturday March 21st.If you have never been to the Masonic Home on Pilgrimage Day, please try to make the trip with your family. You will enjoy it.

Be well and live your obligation.

Fraternally,
F. E. Price, W.M.

March 3	On this date in 1753, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia
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FROM THE WEST

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Brethren,

Br. Senior Warden Dave Vandenbemden has been on paternity leave. I am not about to even attempt to replace him in his absence. However, the following article will temporarily fill his space in our trestle board so that the document can be published in a timely manner. We wish him loads of happiness with the new baby. Next month we hope to see the article from the West back in your hands, Brother Dave.

Zedekiah's Cave – King Solomon's Quarries

According to Masonic legend, some eighty thousand workers hewed the stones for the Temple from this cave. In fact, the stone structure in this cave is identical with that of the stone remnants preserved from the era of King Solomon in the Wall.

For hundreds of years the cave was blocked. It is believed that it was blocked during the time of the Crusades out of fear that defense positions would be taken up there. It was but pure chance, that, while on a walk with his dog, near the Northern Wall, an American Brother, an archeologist, discovered the Cave. The dog dug into the hillside and an opening was thus revealed. The Brother went into the opening with lighted candles and observed a spacious cave with a huge curved ceiling supported by numerous pillars. Hebrew and Arabic writings, difficult to decipher were discovered on the walls of the cave. Many legends circulated concerning the cave – among others, that people entered the cave and never came out again. The authorities closed the entrance in about 1879, thus barring any further admittance.

Legends and beliefs abound to the effect that somewhere deep down in the cave treasures of the holy utensils and instruments of the Temple are to be found, these having been hidden there at the time by the Priests, when the Roman Legions, led by Titus, placed Jerusalem under siege.

During the British mandate, and up to 1949, large chunks of stone were quarried from the rock in the cave and dispatched by sea to various countries throughout the world to be used as foundation stones for newly erected Masonic Buildings.

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IN MEMORIAM



BROTHER MITCHELL DEVON BROWN

Born	10/22/1947	Lakeland FL
Initiated	12/12/1975	Groveland Lodge No. 190
Passed	04/13/1976	Groveland Lodge No. 190
Raised	05/11/1976	Groveland Lodge No. 190
25yr	05/11/2001	Groveland Lodge No. 190
Died	02/24/2015	Groveland FL
Service	00/00/0000	Arrangements being made
Survived By Spouse — Charlotte		

March 23	On this date in 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 3rd degree.
March 25	On this date in 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3rd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London

The Cable Tow
Presented by Dr. Jay B. Kosner

The Cable Tow is purely Masonic in its meaning and use. As far back as we can go in the history of initiation in several parts of the world, we find the Cable Tow, or something like it, used very much as it is used in a Masonic Lodge today. If we were to take a good look at the Cable Tow used in our Lodge we would notice that it is a three stranded rope (made of soft material, so as not to injure,) the three strands make it stronger for its use. The cable consists of individual fibers, worked together to form strands. These strands are laid together to make up ropes and the ropes to form a cable. As separate entities, the fibers have little strength. However, when organized into a three-stranded cable their strength is immense. So it is with Freemasonry: A Masonic Cable is made from individuals who form a Lodge. Lodges organize into Districts. Districts unite into a Grand Lodge. And as three ropes entwined produce the strong cable, so too does Virtue, Morality and Brotherly Love give strength to Masonry. A Cable Tow gains its strength from three equal ropes, laid together.

Each rope is as important to the whole as the other. So it is with the three degrees of Freemasonry. As a strong cable is made from three ropes entwined, the strength of a Lodge comes from the Three Great Lights, the Three Lesser Lights, and the three principal officers—each denoting one of the three pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Most Lodges in this era no longer display the three physical pillars, replacing them with the principal officers: the Master, and the Senior and Junior Wardens.

We are first introduced to the Cable Tow as a restraint and control applied to the candidate prior to an obligation. Control, obedience, direction or guidance—these are the three meanings of the Cable Tow as it is interpreted by the best insight of the Craft. It controls us, shapes us through its human touch and its moral nobility. By the same method, by the same power it wins obedience and gives guidance and direction to our lives. At the Altar we take vows to follow and obey its high principles and ideals; and Masonic vows are not empty obligations: They are vows in which a man pledges his life and his sacred honor. In speculative Masonry it is symbolic of our obligations and teaches restraint, self discipline, prudence, temperance, etc.

If a lodge is a symbol of the world, and initiation is our birth into the world of Masonry, the Cable Tow is not unlike the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth; and so it is usually interpreted.

Just as the physical cord, when cut, is replaced by a tie of love and obligation between mother and child, so, in one of the most impressive moments of initiation, the Cable Tow is removed, because the brother, by his oath at the Altar of Obligation, is bound by a tie stronger than any physical cable.

The Cable Tow is the sign of a man's pledge of his life. As in his oath he agrees symbolically to forfeit his life if his vow is violated, so too, he pledges his life to the service of the Craft. He agrees to go to the aid of a Brother, using all his power on his behalf, "if within the length of his Cable Tow," which means, if within the reach of his power.

The old writers define the length of a Cable Tow, which they sometimes call a "cables length," variously. For each Mason the Cable Tow reaches as far as his moral principles (continued on page 17)



FROM THE SOUTH

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This Masonic year is off to a roaring start. We just completed two Master Mason Degrees: congratulations to Br. Gregory Neese and Brother Anthony Alicea.

We also had a well-attended Valentine's Day Party. We had 50 guests who enjoyed meals catered by Rainbow Restaurant. Our Junior Steward, Br. Billie Evans, knows the owners of Rainbow so he was responsible for getting us super meals at a super price. Thanks Br. Billie for your contribution to make this a successful evening.

Bro. Gregory Neese was just raised a couple of days before the Valentine's Party. He is not one of our stewards, but he voluntarily spent almost the entire Valentine's Party—washing tableware, bussing tables, and keeping our kitchen spotless. A special thanks to Br. Gregory Neese for all his hard work.

On the day following the Valentine's party I was joined at the Lodge by Sr. Steward Elliot Freeman and Bro. Hewey Davis. Together, we put away decorations, washed tables, and vacuumed the dining room. Thank you, Brothers, for all your help.

On March 21st, in honor of St. Pat's Day, our Jr. Steward, Billy Evans, will once again work with Rainbow Restaurant to supply us with corned beef and cabbage. This event is scheduled for 5:00 PM until 8:00PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are available at a cost of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. They can be purchased from any Lodge officer.

Some of you may remember back to when John Andrek was WM. He had a bagpipe out in front, complete with kilts and the Great Highland Bagpipe playing Irish tunes. That jolly fellow was me! As the years have gone by and old age has set in, I've made a few changes, now playing an electronic bagpipe which, while still requiring some skill doesn't require the physical stamina. So then, on St. Pat's Day, I may once again be entertaining you with some pleasant Irish music.

Our Widows' Luncheon is going to be a barbecue held on May 2nd. However, I will discuss that more in the April issue of the trestle board.

Fraternally,
Jay Kosner, JW

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Bro. David Vandenbernden's wife, Heidi, gave birth to a son.
 Bro. Gregory Wayne Neese.....Master Mason Degree 2/5/15
 Bro. Thomas Anthony Alicea.....Master Mason Degree 2/5/15

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Grand Master's Proclamation —March “MASONIC YOUTH MONTH”

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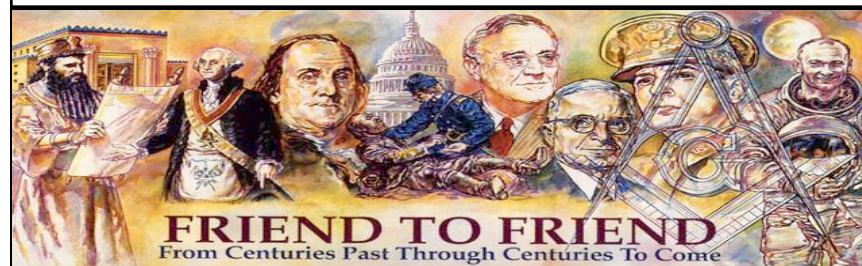
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Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.

Bro. Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826), 3rd president of US



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Mrs. Janice Hayes (W.: Bro. Bill, PM)died 2/1/15
W.: Brother Richard Louis Dugas, Sr., PM..... died 2/21/15
Brother Mitchell Devon Brown.....died 2/24/15

Please, remember the above in your prayers and contact us if you know of any of our Masonic Family that is in need of our prayers.

Faternally,
Chris Singh, Chaplain

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## Attendance

01-22-15 Stated = 26

02-05-15 Called = 30 MM Degree

02-12-15 Stated = 28

## Charity Of The Month — MARCH

Masonic Youth Association of Florida Inc

## Community Volunteers

W.: Bill Price, WM, W.: John O'Brien, PM & Bro. Dale Beall worked on Playground area at Groveland Elementary School Saturday January 31.

## Floral arrangements donated by Kim E's Flowers & went to

01/22/15 — Bro. Joe Schlegel

02/12/15 — Bro. David Grice

## Lodge Cleanup:

Bro. Dave Vandembenden —lawn maintenance

W.: Bill Price, WM & Bro. Hewey Davis —shampoo carpet, dinning room

## Outside groups using the Lodge building

2/4/15 —Groveland Garden Club

## Welcome First Time Visitors

2/5/15 Bro. Richard Agathos —Ancient York No. 155, Lisbon Falls, Maine

2/12/15 W.: James Farrow, WM —The Villages No. 394, Wildwood FL

