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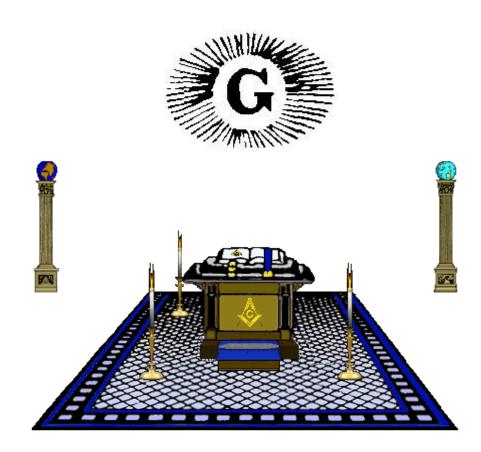
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Born	07/27/1931	Detroit MI		
Initiated	03/08/1990	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI		
Passed	04/19/1990	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI		
Raised	05/31/1990	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI		
Master	01/01/1995	Jefferson Lodge 553, Jefferson MI		
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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# FROM THE EAST

W∴ F. E. "Bill" Price, Worshipful Master (Sue)

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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.lf you have never been to the Masonic Home on Pilgrimage Day, please try to make the trip with your family. You will enjoy it.

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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



# FROM THE WEST

Bro. David Vandenbemden, Senior Warden

(Heidi)

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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

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## 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

Bro. Dr. Jay B. Kosner, Junior Warden (Sandee)
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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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 bagpiper 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, I will discuss that more in the April issue of the trestle board.

Fraternally, Jay Kosner, JW

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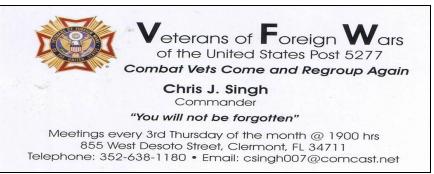
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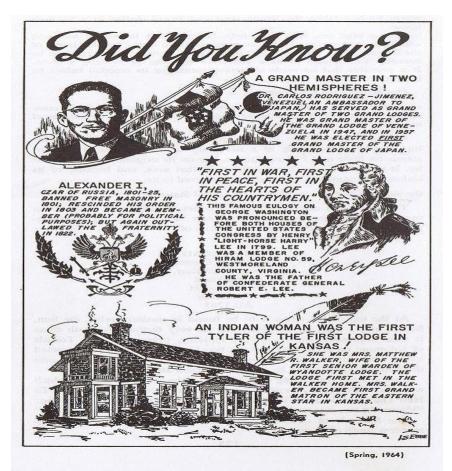
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The Association holds fund raising activities in the District such as golf matches and fishing trips and assists other organizations such as the Rainbow Assembly. It donates funds to charity, helps Brothers in need and contributes to the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers elected from the District. It has as its purpose the general

support of any District 18 Lodge or Master Mason who is in need. It also provides coordination and financial support to the District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District during his term of office.

The Association has no permanent home, but holds its meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of most months in one of the Lodges of the District. The host Lodge rotates among the District Lodges in numeric order.

Submitted by Dr Jay Kosner



# THE SECRETARY'S DESK

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PETITIONS —none at press time

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Bro. David Vandenbemden's wife, Heidi, gave birth to a son.

#### Fraternally,

Tom Brown, PDDGM, Secretary

MARCH 2015 Groveland Lodge No. 190 F. & A. M.

#### Grand Master's Proclamation —March "MASONIC YOUTH MONTH"

Mar 03 Tue – 190 School – 1845 Florida becomes a state.

Mar 04 Wed – National Pancake Day

Mar 06 Fri – GHS Class '61 get together at 190

Mar 07 Sat -

Mar 10 Tue – 190 School

Mar 11 Wed – Open Books 234 Tavares 6pm-9pm / 18<sup>th</sup> Dist School 7:30pm

Mar 12 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm — Bro. Albert G Mackey b.1807

Mar 14 Sat -

Mar 17 Tue – 190 School – St. Patrick's Day

Mar 18 Wed – 18<sup>th</sup> Dist Assn – ?

Mar 21 Sat - Pilgrimage Day - Masonic Home of Florida, St. Petersburg

Mar 24 Tue – 190 School

Mar 26 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm —Refreshments served at 6:30pm

Mar 27, 1513 - Juan Ponce de Leon, made his landfall on Easter Sunday, Also known as the "Feast of Florida" to the Spanish (Pascua Florida)

Mar 28 Sat -

Mar 29 Sun – *Palm Sunday* 

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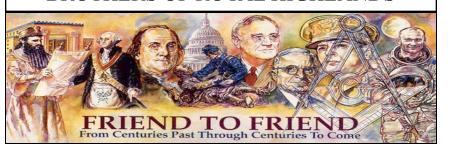
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Elliot Freeman & anyone else that would like to help.

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



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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.

Fraternally,

Chris Singh, Chaplain

#### <u>Attendance</u>

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 Vandenbemden —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

## **OUR HISTORY**

Masonry began in what is now the 18th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Florida in January, 1868, with the creation of Leesburg Lodge #58 in the city of Leesburg in Sumter County. Five years later Ft Mason Lodge #65 was created in February, 1873, at Fort Mason in Orange County. In January, 1885, Eustis Lodge #85 was created in the city of Eustis, also in Orange County.

In January, 1886, three new lodges were chartered: Penninsular Lodge #88 in the city of Tavares in Orange County, Wildwood Lodge #92 in the city of Wildwood in Sumter County, and Altoona Lodge #93 at the city of Altoona in Orange County.

On May 27, 1887, Lake County was formed from pieces of Orange and Sumter counties. At that time Lake County included Leesburg Lodge #58, Ft Mason Lodge #65, Eustis Lodge #85, Penninsuar Lodge #88 and Altoona Lodge #93.

In 1888, a fire destroyed Penninsular Lodge and a new charter was issued. In 1890, Ft Mason Lodge changed its name to Umatilla Lodge to match the name of the town in which it was now located. Both Altoona and Penninsular Lodges surrendered their charters in 1891.

Mascotte Lodge #190 was formed in January, 1910, in the town of that name. Clermont Lodge #226 was formed in that town in January, 1914. Tavares Lodge #234 was formed in January, 1916 and Mt Dora Lodge #238 in January, 1917.

In 1925, Mascotte Lodge was moved three miles east to the city of Groveland and became Groveland Lodge #190.

When the Grand Lodge of Florida realigned its zones and districts in 1993, the 18th Masonic District was formed to include all of Lake County and Wildwood Lodge #92 in Sumter County.

The latest addition to the 18th Masonic District was Villages Lodge #394 which was chartered in June, 1998, at The Villages.

Masons of the 17th District formed a Masters And Wardens Association to help coordinate the Masonic activities of the District. Membership was open to the Masters and Wardens of each Lodge with each Lodge having a maximum of three votes on any question. Other Master Masons were encouraged to attend meetings, but had no vote on matters brought before the Association.

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# BIRTHDAYS — MARCH

03	DENISE KURFISS	21	ALEC QUELLHORST
04	NANCY EWING	22	<b>DWIGHT WATERS</b>
07	MICHAEL REVELS	23	SHIRLEY WYATT

12 JIM WYLIE, PM 24 DONNA MANWARING

13 GARY REVELS
28 BILL TURNER
17 HENRY HOFFMANN, SR.
28 NADINE MOORE

20 BARBARA COULSON

# ANNIVERSARIES — MARCH

07 TERRY & SANDY SANDLIN (1987)

17 CLIFFORD & HEATHER LAMB (2007)

18 JERRY & CONNIE FLEETWOOD (1978)

19 JIM & BETTY JOHNSON (1976)

19 TONY & SANDRA HERRINGTON (1980)

21 JEFF (PM) & DIANA KUHARSKE (1981)

\*Note: 50 years or more

If you have a birthday (or anniversary) and your name does not appear here, please, call or drop us a card. We do not always know unless someone tells us.

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After the Six Days War (1968) when control over the area was gained, the cave was reopened to the public by the Israeli government. Lighting was installed in the cave and stone steps were built. In one of the recesses in the far corner of the second hall, water issuing from a small spring situated in the high roof of the cave, keeps dripping into a small pool below. The legend says that these drops of water are the "tears of King Zedekiah", which he shed while escaping from the Masoretes during the Crusades. Zedekiah awakens hidden thoughts in the hearts of Freemasons. Masonic Rituals in various degrees were carried out there. King Solomon and the Temple in Jerusalem are holy symbols to all Freemasons throughout the world, irrespective of creed, color or race. Zedekiah's Cave is veiled in legends and respectful feelings and no doubt Masons, both from Israel and the rest of the World gather in the cave to carry out their Masonic work and rituals in a very special atmosphere in the spirit of peace and fraternity to humanity.

(Contributed by Jay Kosner, JW)