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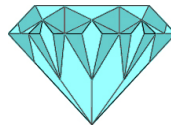
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FROM THE EAST

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Brethren all,

Finally, winter decided to get to Florida, we are blessed to have some cool weather! I would like to thank everyone again who attended my installation. It was very intimate and personal to me and it was great to share it with you.

Congrats to Mr. Castro on having been elected to receive the three Degrees of Freemasonry at our first stated meeting. Furthermore I would like to congratulate him on being initiated on February 2, your journey has just begun. I'm quite confident you will be as good of a Brother and asset to our Lodge as your father is. Our two EA Brothers, will be working as diligently on their catechisms as our Fellow Craft Degree team will be to perfect our ritual. Stay tuned for updates as these Brothers progress through the mysteries of Masonry.

Our website is live... www.groveland190.com ... we have worked very hard to get the foundation of the site up before we released it officially. Brothers this is your site, the Lodge's site, if there is anything you want on there, email me. We will be continually updating certain pages to keep them as current as possible. The Past Master section will take a little more time, as Brother Snyder and I will be scanning in the images of all the Past Masters to post them and, also, have a current digital copy. Please check it frequently, it will start showing up when you run a Google search in about 3 weeks after you received this Trestle Board. It's yours, use it! More exciting things are coming...

Finally, we will be having a road clean up on February 20th, **9 am** at the Lodge to clean up our section of Simon Brown Rd. I will have hot coffee and a couple dozen doughnuts there around 8:30 am. I would LOVE to have as many brothers there as we did last time, it really made the clean up quick. One other date to pencil in, April 9th **6-8 pm**. We will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to fix a few things around the Lodge. Additional menu items, and suggested donation will be in the next article. That's over 2 months from when you read this, please pencil it in.

Humbly,
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Feb 17 Wed – 18th Dist Masters & Wardens Assn – Groveland 190

Feb 20 Sat – 190 Adopt-A-Roadway. Meet at the Lodge 9am coffee & donuts.



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Wow! The time just ticks by. Hard to believe I am already preparing February's column. On the second of this month our Brother, Jeff Snyder will be in the East for another EA Degree. In addition to the EA Degree from our Lodge, we might also be doing courtesy work for both Eustis and Clermont Lodges. Our Degree Team is becoming the best in the 18th District; I would like to think the best in the state.

On Saturday, March 26th Leesburg Lodge will be hosting Master Mason 1-2-3 classes. I encourage our newest Brothers to attend those classes. The material provided will help you on the educational portions of your Masonic journey. Interested Brothers need to send a note so the correct supplies and proper amount of food can be ordered. If you plan on attending, please send me a note no later than March 1st: profjbk@gmail.com. Classes begin at 10 AM and should be completed by 4 PM.

When we have our normal business meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, I can't help but to notice the absence of several Brothers. Many of our absentees are relatively new Brothers who became Master Masons within the last year or two. Brothers: Groveland Lodge is your Lodge. Not only does your Masonic journey encourage self-growth, but your active participation---your ideas, your opinions, and your assistance---assures the progressive success of Groveland Lodge as a whole. Please rejoin us on our meeting nights; help us make Groveland Lodge 190 the best of all Lodges in the state of Florida.

Charity Of The Month — FEBRUARY Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation

Fraternally,
Jay B. Kosner, S.W.

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187th Annual Grand Communication 2016

May 30, 31, and June 1, 2016 to be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville – Riverfront Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida
 Sunday, May 29, 2016 – Grand Master's Banquet
 Wednesday, June 1, 2016 – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers



FROM THE SOUTH

Bro. Jeff R. Snyder, Junior Warden (Lisa)

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Brethren All:

As we are now fully into 2016, I must ask... have you been keeping your resolutions? Have you kept up with the new diet, the new exercise program, the new sleep schedule? If not, why not? What keeps us making new resolutions each and every year, only to be disappointed in ourselves within only a few short months? Is it the thrill of a new beginning? Are we just jumping on the crowd mentality when the ball drops? What is different the next day... or the next week... or the next month? Resolutions are commitments to ourselves that we really want to make that usually involve making ourselves better. Why don't we follow up?

The same questions can be asked in Masonry. Do we have the same zeal for Masonry that we had when we were going through the three degrees? Do we still study, question, wonder, listen, and participate, or do we just sit on the sidelines? Yes, we all get older and slow down a bit, but should that slow or stop our yearning to continue to become better Men and Masons? There are few differences between a New Year's Resolution and the Obligation we recited those many years ago. We may have forgotten the exact verbiage, but have we forgotten the meaning of the words?

I will continue to better myself as a Man and Mason. This is not a difficult resolution; this can easily be accomplished by helping a newly made Mason understand the craft. It could be by telling the Brothers about how Masonry has changed their life for the better. It could just be by coming to a meeting and supporting the young Worshipful Master with his Lodge. Whatever we do, do not let us slip our Obligations as we have so many times let slip our resolutions.

The main difference between our resolutions and our Obligations is that we can always make a new resolution next year... our Obligation is for life. Let's all keep our Obligation and use 2016 to jump-start ourselves in Masonry with a new dedication to the Craft.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions that I can bring to the Worshipful Master to better the Lodge and the Craft.

Fraternally,
Jeff Snyder, Junior Warden

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Fraternally,
Joe Lojko, Chaplain

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February 2016

Feb 02 Tue – Called Communication E. A. Degree 7:30pm Refreshments 6:30
Feb 03 Wed – Groveland Garden Club
Feb 06 Sat –
Feb 10 Wed – Open Books 6pm-9pm & 18th Dist School 7:30pm – Tavares 234
Feb 11 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments at 6:30pm
Feb 12 Fri – Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 13 Sat –
Feb 14 Sun – Valentine's Day
Feb 15 Mon – Presidents' Day
Feb 17 Wed – 18th Dist Masters & Wardens Assn – Groveland 190
Feb 20 Sat – 190 Adopt-A-Roadway. Meet at the Lodge 9am coffee & donuts.
Feb 22 Mon – Bro. George Washington b.1732
Feb 25 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments at 6:30pm
Feb 27 Sat –

Charity Of The Month — FEBRUARY Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation

<div>2016</div> <div> <div>FEBRUARY</div> <div>Grand Master's Proclamation</div> <div>"AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP MONTH"</div> </div> <div>2016</div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 —190 Called E.A. Degree 7:30	3 <i>Groveland Garden Club</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Open Books Dist 18 School Tavares 234	11 —190 Stated	12 <i>Lincoln's Birth</i>	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17 Dist 18 M&W Memorial 18 Groveland 190	18	19	20 Adopt-A- Roadway Cleanup Meet at Lodge 9am
21	22 Bro. George <i>Washington</i> <i>b.1732</i>	23	24	25 —190 Stated	26	27
28	29					

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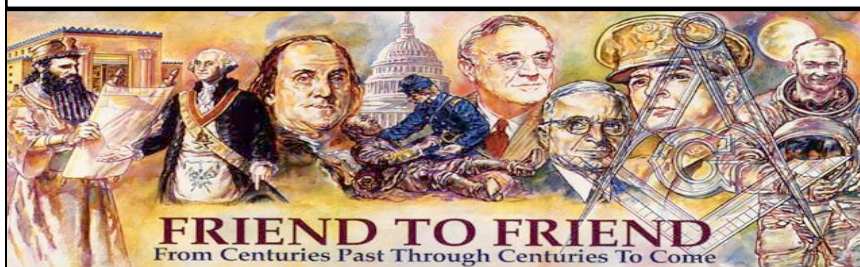
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CHARITY REPORT ~ 2015

	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>
Charity1	1,208.00	-1,221.00
Charity2 –Relief	0.00	-406.20
Charity3 –LYPMGC	666.40	-666.40
Charity4 –MH-100	367.00	-490.00
Charity5 –Scholarship*	<u>*1,162.40</u>	<u>-500.00</u>
Total	3,403.80	-3,283.60

*Note: 662.40 collected for next Scholarships.

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W.∴ Allan Zubkin, PM

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John O'Brien, PM, Installing Officer Presenting W.∴ Vandembemden to the Craft.

W.∴



R.∴ W.∴ Butch Gannett, PDDGM Delivers to Charge to W.∴ Vandembemden.



Miss Natasha Klienbach — Gavel Presentation on behalf of the Eustis Rainbow Girls Assembly #79



Bro. Bill Vandembemden
“Proud father”



Bro. Chris Singh Arranged gifts for William
→
←Heidi & son – William

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PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP INTREST REPORT — 12-31-2015

Standard Perpetual Members	= 23
Financed Members.....	= 00
50yr exempt Perpetual Members	= 04
Dual Perpetual Members.....	= 00
Plural Perpetual Members	= 00
Honorary Perpetual Members	= 03
Honorary Memorial Members	= 01
Memorial Perpetual Members	= <u>36</u>
Total.....	= 67

Principle Balance Forward..... = \$29,171.92 (Original Fees \$800.00)
Yield Approx. 5.7754%

Grand Lodge Annual Return for (year).....= \$ 2,126.53
 Perpetual Payout Check for (2015).....(-) = \$ 1,728.59
 (Lodge Portion 1,312.06 / GL Portion 416.53)
Amount not covered by Perpetual Payout Check ...\$ -397.94
(Remember – GL per-capita went up \$14 to \$20. Also, interest dropped)

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Compare:								
Perpetual Payout for 2007.....	= \$	970.56						
Perpetual Payout for 2008.....	= \$	946.64						
Perpetual Payout for 2009.....	= \$1,	171.80						
Perpetual Payout for 2010.....	= \$1,	309.50						
Perpetual Payout for 2011.....	= \$1,	307.92						
Perpetual Payout for 2012.....	= \$1,	421.14						
Perpetual Payout for 2013.....	= \$1,	548.55						
Perpetual Payout for 2014.....	= \$1,	763.84						
Perpetual Payout for 2015.....	= \$1,	728.59						

Fraternally,
S. T. Brown, Jr, PDDGM, Secretary

“Perpetual Membership” — See Lodge Secretary (20 X Lodge Dues)

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 Umatilla 65— <http://www.umatillamasoniclodge.com/>
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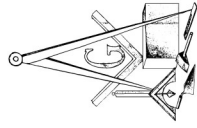
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