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FROM THE WEST

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Brethren:

I want to start out by again saying congratulations to our newest Brother, Brandon Castro. Pay close attention, not only to the degree rituals but as you begin your Masonic journey, to the events that will naturally occur in the fraternity. It's an eye-opening experience and one which will benefit you throughout your adult life.

March 19th is a Very Special Day. It is the Pilgrimage to our Masonic Home in St. Petersburg! It's a fun day with merchandise sales, music, food (chili cook off) and various other events held throughout the day. This event is open to all Masons (EA, FC, and MM are equally welcome) and their families throughout the entire state of Florida.

My Brothers, there's a serious side to this visit as well. Let us not forget that as Master Masons we pledgeto contribute to the relief of..... The Masonic Home maintains an area popularly referred to as "Corky's Cupboard." This cupboard is maintained primarily by our Brothers throughout Florida and consists of a closet filled with those things which our Senior Brothers and/or their widows use to make their lives more comfortable. These sundry items include hairspray, toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, and other assorted items, some things being non-gendered and other items being gender specific (lipstick, cologne, etc.). Whether visitor or member, if we can get every single person who enters our Lodge Room to contribute a minimum of \$5.00 (five dollars) to our cause, then we will have fulfilled our Masonic oath tocontribute to the relief..... of those Brothers and widows who need our help. Every dollar collected will be added to our charitable Lodge contribution for March. Donations are being collected by all officers of Groveland 190. Feel free to turn in your donations to any one of them. Collected funds will be sent to the Masonic Home prior to or on the date of the pilgrimage. And.....thank you for helping to make Groveland 190 the best Lodge in the state of Florida!

On March 26th at Leesburg Lodge 58 classes are going to be conducted for Master Masons who desire to learn more about their fraternity. Classes will begin at 10:00 AM and should conclude about 4:00 PM. If you plan on attending please let me know, either in Lodge or by sending me a note at profjbk@gmail.com. All supplies will be provided but I have to know how many packages to have ready. Completion of the course work and the brief examination will bring you a Certificate of Proficiency from the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,
Jay B. Kosner, SW

Charity Of The Month — MARCH
CORKY'S CUPBOARD (Masonic Home)



FROM THE SOUTH

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Greetings My Brethren,

As we finally see the end of our winter season here in Florida, how many of us have continued to improve ourselves in Masonry? How are we seen “on the outside”? Let’s look at a Man and Mason who lived a humble life in Masonry... This is an excerpt from W.: Jerry Reese, WM of Smryna Lodge No. 532.

George Washington, Freemason

Our first president; our greatest president measured by the glamour that attaches to his name; our greatest when measured by the effect of what he said and did has had upon succeeding generations; by far our greatest president so far as many Masons are concerned. Many presidents have been Masons, but Washington is the only one distinguished for having been a Mason; he is the only one known to have made Masonry a part of his daily life. His Masonry came second only to his God and his country.

Contrary to general opinion, Washington was a frail man physically, but he was a robust man spiritually, and there must have been a divine spark that guided him in the great cause in which he was engaged. His will must have been an indomitable one. His courage must have been of the kind that today inspires men to offer their lives in defense of the freedoms and the liberties which we, as Masons, demand for ourselves and for all peoples.

Outstanding in Washington’s Masonic life was his unanimous selection for Grand Master when the Grand Lodge of Virginia was organized. He was at the time commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces. He refused the honor, saying his duties did not leave him time to fill the office, but probably a greater reason was that he had not yet served as Master of a Lodge and believed himself not to be qualified.

We need, in these days of ambitious men, the calm and steadying influence of such men as Washington, who sought not the suffrage and plaudits of the multitude, but rather was a leader who would not fail in any call to service as our first President, a Freemason did.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all mankind.
Jerry Reese, WM of Smryna Lodge No. 532.

I am always up for constructive comments or suggestions.

Fraternally,
Jeff Snyder, J.W.

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ATTENDANCE—

1/28/16 Stated = 14
2/2/16 Called = 38 EA Degree
2/11/16 Stated = 23

FIRST TIME VISITORS WELCOMED—

02/02/16 —(4) Bro. Garrett Paquette, JD, Clermont 226; Bro. James Trevorow, JD, Tavares 234; Bro. Wes Reed, Clermont 226; E.A. Bro. Richard Cataloni, Clermont 226
025/11/16 —Bro. David Hink & Bro. Drew Davenport —Trilby Lodge 141

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1/28/16 Stated —Bro. Rene Castro (W.: Glenn Turner, Jr., PM)
2/11/16 Stated —W.: Glenn Turner, Jr., PM

VISITS TO OTHER LODGES

2/15/16 Clermont 226 (1) Bro. Jay Kosner, SW
2/16/16 Leesburg 58 (1) Bro. Jay Kosner, SW



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Mrs. Jean Roberts
(E.A. Bro. Kent Roberts' mother passed away)

SICKNESS or DISTRESS

Please, remember the above in your prayers.

Marie Miller (W.: John)	Bro. Joe Schlegel (Katherine)
Doris Turner (W.: Glenn)	W.: Johnny Lee Moss, PM (Barbara)
Gloria Craig (W.: Terry)	W.: Harrell Revels, PM (Sandra)
Betty Hyatt (W.: Derwood)	W.: Jim Dyer, PM (Debbie)
Sharon Beall (Bro. Dale)	W.: Jim Wylie, PM
Bro. Billy Evans	W.: John O'Brien, PM (Freda)
Bro. Bo Carlton (Mary)	

Fraternally,
Joe Lojko, Chaplain

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The Grand Master's Proclamation — MARCH is
"AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP MONTH"

March, also, marks the anniversary of the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay

Mar 02 Wed (1st) – Groveland Garden Club —using the building

Mar 03 – 1845 Florida becomes a state.

Mar 05 Sat -

Mar 09 Wed (2nd) – Open Books 6pm-9pm & 18th Dist School 7:30pm– Tavares 234

Mar 10 Thu (2nd) – 190 Stated 7:30pm —Refreshments at 6:30pm

Mar 12 Sat – *Bro. Albert G. Mackey b. 1807*

Mar 13 Sun – *Daylight Savings Time begins*

Mar 16 Wed (3rd) – 18th Dist Masters & Wardens Assn —Clermont 226

Mar 17 Thu – Saint Patrick's Day

Mar 19 Sat – W.: Glenn Turner, PM—65 year Master Mason – Party at 190,
7pm. Light refreshments.

– Pilgrimage Day to the Masonic Home of Florida, St. Petersburg

Mar 20 Sun – *Palm Sunday*

Mar 24 Thu (4th) – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments at 6:30pm

Mar 25 Fri – *Good Friday*

Mar 26 Sat – Master Mason Exams I, II, III hosted by Leesburg 58. Classes begin at 10am. Coffee and donuts and a lunch will be available.

Mar 27 Sun – Easter – 1513 Juan Ponce de Leon, made his landfall on Easter Sunday. Also known as the “Feast of Florida” to the Spanish (Pascua Florida).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Open Books Dist 18 School Tavares 234	10 — 190 Stated	11	12
13 Daylight Sav- ings Time	14	15	16 Dist18 M&W and Memorial 18	17	18	19 W. . Glenn Turner 65yrs Pilgrimage Day
20 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	21	22	23	24 — 190 Stated	25 <i>Good Friday</i>	26 MM Exams I, II, III - 10am Leesburg 58
27 <i>Easter</i>	28	29	30	31		

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS — MARCH

Master Mason

*Note: 50 or more years

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March 2016 marks the 702nd Anniversary of the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay, the namesake of the Order of DeMolay, the Masonic-related youth group for young men.

We celebrate the lore and ideas born out of Jacques DeMolay and the values he represents. We celebrate 97 years of DeMolay International. We celebrate the members, the advisors, and the support that makes DeMolay a source of pride.

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A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.
Mark Twain (Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens 1835-1910)

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"The History of Corky's Cupboard"

Coreen Brownell, "Corky", came up with the idea in 1990, to hand out sundry items and health & beauty aids to residents, received from donations. She was a Member of the Masonic Home Service Guild whose members volunteer and who are also Eastern Star Members. She initiated a state-wide plea for donations and they started coming in from Lodges and Chapters. (Read more on the Masonic Home Website)

Brothers,

Helping the residents at the Masonic Home is just as important as financially supporting the Home.

District 32 will have a booth at the Grand Communications to collect items needed for Corky's Cupboard. Each item given to Corky's Cupboard or the Activities Department is deeply appreciated by all residents in the home. All check or cash donations will go to the "Now and Then" gift shop where Corky's Cupboard is located. It is entirely sustained through kind donations. A custom designed Apron will be awarded to the Lodge who presents the most Masonic Donations. Bring your Donations and be counted.

Charles White P.M.

Gulf Stream Lodge No.245, District 32 Corky's Cupboard

~Some of the Items needed~

After Shave *	Lipstick (Reds, Pinks, Neutral)
Baby Wipes / Wipes Refills *	Liquid Hand & Body Soap *
Blush (Neutral/Pinks) *	Liquid Shoe Polish / Laces
Body Lotion	Masonic Jewelry & Pins
Cold & Facial Cream Oil of Olay *	Men's Cologne *
Corky's Cupboard Cash Donations *	Mouth Wash (Scope or Listerine) *
Cotton Balls / Cotton Pads	Nail Polish (Reds, Pinks, Neutral)
Denture Adhesive	Nail Polish Remover / Cotton Pads
Depends / Poise / Sanitary Pads *	Nic-Nacs For Gift Shop*
Efferdent, Polident, etc.*	Rolls Of Stamps *
Emory Boards / Nail Clippers	Room Freshener *
Face Powder & Foundation *	Sm. Liquid Laundry Detergent
Fragrant Body Spray *	Socks-Men & Women, White
Hair Spray *	Tooth Paste-Colgate & Crest
Hair Tonics	Toothbrushes
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PROCEDURES FOR PETITIONS FOR THE DEGREES & BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

—An applicant requests a petition.

—A Petition Form & Background Check Waiver Form is obtained from the Lodge Secretary or Grand Lodge website & given to the applicant.

—The completed Petition, Fee for Initiation & Fee for Background Check is turned into the W.: Master. He notifies the Petitions Committee.

—**Reg. 10.04 Petitions Committee.**—The Petitions Committee shall be composed of not less than three nor more than seven members, whose duty it shall be to cause each applicant for the Degrees before his petition has been received by the Lodge, to appear personally before the Committee (at the Lodge) to be interviewed and give such information as may be requested. (This Committee fills out a Supplementary Form.) The Committee shall make its report to the W.: Master, after which the petition shall take its usual course.

—At the next Stated Communication, the W.: Master will direct the Secretary to read the Petition to the Lodge “....unless deferred by the W.: Master for good cause.” (Regulation 33.03)

—If the petition, thus presented, is received by the Lodge then it must follow the usual course.

—When the Petition has been received by the Lodge the W.: Master will appoint an **Investigation Committee** (Reg. 10.07) .

—The Secretary will order the Background check from the vendor designated by Grand Lodge. “No copies of the criminal background report shall be made, nor shall its contents be revealed by or to anyone other than the members of the Investigation Committee.” (Regulation 33.02) “The complete criminal background investigation report shall be returned to the candidate regardless of whether the candidate is accepted or rejected and a receipt obtained by the Lodge and made a part of the Lodge record” (Regulation 33.02)

—**Reg. 10.07 Investigation Committees.**—Upon the Lodge receiving a petition for the Degrees, or for affiliation, or for reinstatement, or for dual

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