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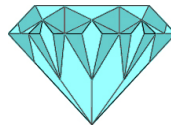
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FROM THE EAST

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My Brothers & Ladies,

Bro Jim Johnson took care of arranging to get the new water heater installed in late March,. My thanks to all for the donations coming in. We still need more work in the kitchen when we can get some volunteers.

We celebrated W.M.: Glenn Turner, PM's 65 years a Master Mason Saturday March 19th. If anyone has any pictures, please, get them e-mailed to the Secretary.

Hopefully, by our first Stated, we will have received the Proposed Legislation for the Annual Grand Communication in May. We need to know how you want these issues settled. If we do not hear from you now, we do not want to hear it later.

Fraternally,

Dave Vandembenden, W.M.

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

Masonic Education – Aged and Infirm

Members of a Lodge who, because of age or infirmity, find it either difficult or impossible to attend at the assemblies their Brethren stand in need of special consideration at the hand of their Lodge; and because of their condition, no others are so peculiarly appreciative of the kindness or courtesies that may be shown them. A Lodge will maintain its contacts with them unbroken; will see that they are visited; will send them messages on special occasions, and perhaps encourage its members to remember them now and again with appropriate gifts or reminders. Some Lodges follow the admirable custom of setting aside once each year a "Patriarch's Night" in honor of its aged members; others make it a practice at certain intervals to send a vehicle for such as are physically able to attend Lodge; but have not the means.

Masonic Etiquette – GLF Committee on Work GL-208



FROM THE WEST

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Brethren,

It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone. We are already in the second quarter of 2016. We have two EA's almost ready to be examined the Catechism, which means that we will have two for the FC Degree coming up shortly.

Last month on the 19th I attended the Pilgrimage to our Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. The home itself is gorgeous. I believe the residents there are happy and content. Sandee and I give generously to the home knowing that one day it may be our residence too.

I want to thank you for your very generous donation to Corky's Cupboard. By having these items easily available for them raises the personal morale of our aged Brothers and their spouses.

It was also a pleasure that same evening to attend W\ Glenn Turner, PM's 65th Masonic Anniversary party. W\ Glenn, just to put this into perspective, I was seven years old when you became a Freemason.

March 26th, at Leesburg Lodge 58, pursuing my duties as Chair of Masonic Education for the 18th District, classes were taught in Master Mason I, II, & III. There were 15 Brothers from various Lodges who attended. All in all it was a rewarding day.

Prior to March 26th, the Master Mason exams were open only to Brothers who are associated with the Grand Lodge of Florida. Through some personal connections I have been able to make in the Grand Line, that rule has now been changed. We live in a state where snowbirds abound. Many Masons from other jurisdictions spend their winter months in Florida. They attend our meetings, and although they are not paying us any dues, we welcome them into our Lodges. These Brothers often want to participate in the classes being held around the state, sometimes for their own edification, other times simply because they seek the camaraderie of being with other men their own age. The Grand Lodge of Florida will now award certificates of participation and/or of proficiency to any Brother who attends our classes as long as he has valid identification from a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

I was recently sent all of the materials for classes in Masonic Leadership Training. The classes can be held in a group format, will probably be done in a workshop, perhaps at the District level, maybe at the Zone level. Because of the extensiveness of the program, I am not sure that we will be able to have these classes before Grand Lodge in May, but certainly look for them following Grand Lodge. The classes are designed, NOT to prepare Masonic managers, but to prepare Masonic leaders. A theme which runs through the entire program is that we spend less time on Stated Communications and more time having Masonic speakers and lecturers guide us upon our Masonic journey. Team effort is the key to Masonic success.

On April 2nd at 6 to 8 pm, our Junior Warden, Bro. Jeffrey Snyder and our W\ Dave Vandembenden, WM will be preparing a spaghetti dinner. This is designed to collect donations to help us replace the hot water heater in the kitchen with a tank less water heater. I'm told that it will heat our water better, get rid of the horrible chlorine smell in the water lines. I urge you to bring your friends and relatives, and most importantly, I urge you to give generously.

Fraternally,

Jay B. Kosner, SW

Charity Of The Month — APRIL

Canine Companions for Independence



FROM THE SOUTH

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We have two new Masons within our craft who are on their way to Master Mason. During this time, they will be exposed to rituals and symbols not meant for the rest of mankind. But how well will they know them? Who amongst us will help?

In operative Masonry the hidden mysteries of nature and science could well relate to the Fellow Craft's obligation to study and become familiar with the principles of construction and design of the mighty edifices upon which he and the members of his Lodge were engaged and thus, by practical work and active instruction, the Apprentice or Fellow Craft would acquire the skill and knowledge qualifying him to become a Journeyman or Master at his trade or occupation. In speculative Masonry, is this not an injunction to so study the hidden mysteries of the Craft that they become understood and accepted and used to construct a life, richer, fuller and more in conformity with the design of the G.A.O.T.U. Many candidates are frequently raised to the Degree of a Master Mason without any course of study whatever or without the acquisition of any knowledge other than that obtained from rote memorization of their catechisms.

I appeal to all the Brethren to actively participate and accept their responsibility not only to follow a formula of words, actions and signs, but, as opportunity affords, make a real attempt to acquire some understanding of the hidden meanings to be found in what otherwise might appear, on the surface, to be a meaningless routine, obscure in origin and somewhat ridiculous in performance unless fully understood.

Freemasonry stands for many things besides the grand principles upon which the Order is founded - namely, brotherly love, relief and truth. It stands for Patriotism - the love of one's native land and a devotion to its interests and welfare. Tolerance - for the opinions and views of others; a mutual respect for each other's feelings; a mutual regard for each other's rights; a mutual desire for each other's welfare. Equality - between the Brethren in their Masonic life; friendship for all mankind of whatever race or color, who upon examination, or enquiry, are found to be good men and true, obedient to the moral law and observance of the golden rule.

This year has been flying by already! The fellowship, brotherly love, and Masonic commitment has been outstanding! Let's keep 2016 moving right along!

Please take the opportunity to check out the website at www.groveland190.com, our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groveland190, or our internal iPhone / Android app which can be found in iTunes or the google playstore.

As always, I support the Brethren and the Worshipful Master with any suggestions, comments, questions, or issues.

Fraternally,
Jeff Snyder, J.W.

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PETITIONS—none at press time

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Kirk Allen Mugler —Elected to receive Degrees of Freemasonry.....- 3/24/16

Fraternally,
Tom Brown, PDDGM, Secretary

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Attendance

- 2/25/16 Stated = 26
- 3/10/16 Stated = 27

Community Volunteers

- Lake County Adopt-A-Roadway Program —Saturday, Feb 20 the following Brothers met for coffee & donuts at the Lodge. Then went out and cleaned up Simon Brown Road. (6) David Vandenbemden, WM; W.: Charlie Marden, PM; Bro. Bill Vandenbemden; W.: John J. O'Brien, PM; R.: W.: S. T. Brown, Jr., PDDGM; Bro. Joseph P. Lojko; W.: Glenn Turner, Jr., PM. Mrs. Wilma Brown prepared a lunch for the team.

First Time Visitors Welcomed

- 2/25/16 —Bro. Marvin Neiswinger, Clay City Lodge No. 562, Clay City, IN
- 3/10/16 Stated = ??

Our “Thanks” To These

- Lawn Maintenance—Bro. Bill Vandenbernden—
- Trestle Board Staff—Bro Alec Quellhorst; W.: Brett Hamilton, PM; W.: Charlie Marden, PM; Bro Joe Lojko, JD; Bro. Mike Mohr; Bro. Jeff Snyder; R.: W.: Tom Brown, PDDGM & anyone else that wants to help.

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

- 2/25/16 —W.: John J. O'Brien, PM
- 3/10/16 —Bro. Paul Shepard

Use of the Lodge building

- Groveland Garden Club — First Wed.

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QUOTE

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Bro. Albert Pike (b.1809 Boston, Massachusetts -d.1891) American attorney, Confederate Officer, Writer, and Freemason



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 April Fool's Day	2 — 190 Spaghetti 6pm-8pm
3	4	5	6 Groveland Garden Club	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Open Books Dist 18 School at Tavares 234	14 — 190 Stated	15	16
17	18	19	20 Dist 18 Assn & Memorial 18 at Tavares 234	21	22 GHS Class '61	23
24	25	26	27	28 — 190 Stated	29	30
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CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS — APRIL

01	HARRELL REVELS, PM	10	MIKE MOHR
02	JOE LOJKO	15	JANICE SPARKS
02	RENE CASTRO	15	TOM BROWN, PDDGM
04	DEBORA JOINER	15	JERRY FLEETWOOD
06	PHIL BLOOM, PM	23	J. ROBERT GUNNELL
09	GLORIA CRAIG	25	WARREN SHIPPEE, PDDGM
09	DARRELL EWING	28	FREDA O'BRIEN
09	JEFF SNYDER	29	DIANA KUHARSKIE

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ANNIVERSARIES — APRIL

12 GREG & DENISE KURFISS (1985)
19 JOE & JUDY LOJKO (1976)
27 DAVE & HEIDI VANDENBEMDEN (2010)
28 ELLIOT & JANICE FREEMAN (1968)
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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS — APRIL

	<u>RAISED</u>
W.: Roland Gibson, PM -----	04.10.1963*
W.: Donald Gano, PM -----	04.28.1964*
Bro. Leon Turner-----	04.12.1966
W.: Derwood Hyatt, PM-----	04.17.1975
Bro. Arnie Lumbers II-----	04.16.1985
R.: W.: Warren Shippee, PDDGM-----	04.06.1991
Bro. Elliot Freeman-----	04.21.1999
Bro. Dave Meixner-----	04.24.1999
W.: Bob Moore, PM-----	04.24.1999
Bro. Rene Castro-----	04.22.2014
Bro. Tim Pratt-----	04.22.2014

*Note: 50 or more years

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QUOTE

A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes. *Mark Twain (Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens 1835-1910)*

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2016 COMMITTEES

Appointed by W. : Master

10.01 Committees of the Lodge.—There shall be the following standing Committees: Finance, Vigilance, Petitions, Masonic Education, Board of Relief, Charity, and Lodge Property. (2010)

10.02 1. Jay Kosner, Senior Warden, Chairman*
Finance: 2. Elliot Freeman
 3. John O'Brien, PM

10.03 1. Jeff Snyder, Junior Warden, Chairman*
Vigilance: 2. David Vandenbemden, WM
 3. S. T. Brown, Jr., PDDGM

10.04 1. Rene Castro, Chairman
Petitions: 2. Joe Lojko
 3. _____

10.05 1. Jay Kosner, Chairman
Masonic Education: 2. Allan Zubkin, PM
 3. Derwood Hyatt, PM

10.06 1. David Vandenbemden, W. : Master*
Board of Relief: 2. Jay Kosner, Senior Warden*
 3. Jeff Snyder, Junior Warden*

10.08 1. Jay Kosner Senior Warden, Chairman
Charity: 2. David Vandenbemden, WM
 3. Jeff Snyder

10.09 1. David Vandenbemden, WM
Lodge Properties: 2. Bill Vandenbemden
 3. George Rosario

Budget: 1. David Vandenbemden, W. : Master
 2. John O'Brien, PM, Treasurer
 3. S. T. Brown, Jr., PDDGM, Secretary

Grand Master's 1. Jay Kosner Senior Warden, Chairman
Charity: 2. _____
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2. Elliot Freeman
3. David Vandenbemden, WM
- Investigation (Petitions): 1. 3 Members on each Petition
- Masonic Home 1. Jay Kosner, Senior Warden, Chairman
Endowment: (LYPMGC, 2. _____
MH100, Wills & Gifts) 3. _____
- Refreshment 1. Jeff Snyder, Junior Warden, Chairman
& Entertainment: 2. Chris Singh, Senior Steward
3. Greg Neese, Junior Steward (+ other volunteers)
- Trestle Board: 1. S. T. Brown, PDDGM, Editor 2. Alec Quellhorst
3. Brett Hamilton, PM 4. Charlie Marden, PM
5. Mike "Master Chief" Mohr 6. Jeff Snyder
7. Joe Lojko 8. _____
- Visitation (Sick): 1. Joe Lojko, Chaplain 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
- Visitors
Examining: 1. Jay Kosner, Senior Warden 2. Elliot Freeman, Senior Deacon
3. _____ 4. _____
- Lodge Preparation:
- Kitchen & Dining Room < JUNIOR WARDEN + SENIOR & JUNIOR STEWARDS + other volunteers
 - Ante-Room & Apron Cleaning < TYLER
 - Lodge Room Preparation — Officers Aprons, Collars, Gavel & Rods < JUNIOR DEACON + other volunteers
- ### LODGE INSTRUCTION
- Lodge Instructor: Allan Zubkin, PM
- Degree Team Leaders E.A. Elliot Freeman
(Optional) F. C. Jeff Snyder
M.M. Jay Kosner / David Vandenbemden, WM

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2016 COMMITTEES (continued from page16)

Catechism Coaches

- E.A. 1. John O'Brien, PM
2. Jay Kosner
3. Allan Zubkin, PM

- F.C. 1. John O'Brien, PM
2. Jay Kosner
3. Allan Zubkin, PM

- M.M. 1. John O'Brien, PM
2. Jay Kosner
3. Allan Zubkin, PM

- Mentors 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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SAINTS JOHN LODGE BIBLE

Saints John Lodge No. 1, New York City, owns the Bible used by George Washington in the first Presidential Inauguration.

Several Presidents-Elect have chosen to use this Bible in their Inauguration, including George W. Bush. Unfortunately the weather was so inclement on the day of the Inauguration that it was decided not to risk exposure of the Bible, which has such historical value.

As a result of the publicity given to the Bible, representatives of the Masonic Information Center (MIC) were among those present when the Bible was actually brought to Washington. Several newspapers called the MIC and wanted information concerning the Masonic Fraternity, and questions such as "What makes a Bible a Masonic Bible?" Stories about the Saints John Lodge Bible and Freemasonry were carried, with positive results, on several networks and in many newspapers.

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Editor's note: Do you know the answer to the question in quotes above?

WILLS AND GIFTS PROGRAM

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Florida

One of the most satisfying things that we can do as Masons is to leave a legacy for someone or something we care deeply about. Over the years many Brethren and friends have included a charitable provision in their wills or made a direct cash donation to our Masonic Home of Florida. The results of those gifts have allowed us to influence the lives of many of our fellow Brethren and Widows in their final years.

The Wills and Gifts Committee is charged with ensuring a sound financial future for our Masonic Home by educating both Masons and non-masons alike in the various estate planning vehicles available. There are several categories of gift giving available to anyone who wishes to make a donation to our Masonic Home.

In order to assist in making decisions regarding planned giving, Grand Lodge has developed a brochure entitled "A Guide to Wills & Trusts in Florida." The District Committee Chairmen should obtain an ample supply to disseminate among their individual Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Florida has a list of attorneys, within the Fraternity, who are willing to assist Masons and non-Masons in making charitable bequests to the Masonic Home.

Types of Gifts

Bequest Gifts: For many of us a charitable bequest is the easiest and best way to make a gift to our Masonic Home. By means of your will or other estate plan, you can name the Masonic Home as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate or of particular assets in your estate. Giving by bequest costs nothing now, yet it may give you a great deal of satisfaction to know that your future gift will live on.

Charitable Gift Annuities: These gift annuities will provide you (and/or someone you designate) with income for the rest of your life, avoid capital gains tax, and leaves a lasting gift to our Masonic Home. A portion of this income stream may be tax-free and you will receive charitable deduction for the value of your future gift to the Masonic Home. Our Grand Lodge has created a brochure entitled "The Charitable Gift Annuity Program" that will help educate potential donors about the advantages of utilizing this gifting strategy. We have also gathered a list of Brothers that are willing to speak to potential donors on an individual or group basis to provide further information regarding this program.

Outright Gifts: These gifts include one-time or ongoing donations of cash or other assets that you wish to donate to the Masonic Home. Typically these gifts have favorable tax advantages associated with them which may be received right away.

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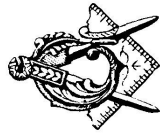
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