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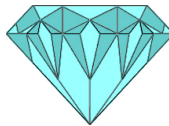
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## FROM THE EAST

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Brethren,

I hope this article finds you all well! It's hard to believe it's already May and already time for Grand Lodge. For those of you who are unaware it will be held in Jacksonville this year 5/30-6/1. There are special rates at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, I would encourage all who have never attended a Grand Lodge communication to do so, not only is it our duty, it is also very educational for all Master Masons. If you can't make it this year plan ahead for next, its returning to Orlando. That means we are lucky enough to be able to commute, if you don't want to stay at the facility.

We will be going over the proposed Legislation that will be voted on at the GL communication, during the next couple stated meetings. I know it makes for a long, boring meeting brothers, but the legislation directly affects OUR Lodge. As usual, there are a few good proposals and a few ludicrous proposals, I think they throw the latter in just to get grumpy Past Masters worked up! In an effort to help expedite this laborious, a copy of the legislation will be linked on our website (groveland190.com) in the newsletter link. Pay attention to the consolidation and shuffling of zone and districts. Lastly, remember Brethren, although the legislation meetings are longer than normal the Lodge votes based purely on the opinion of the craft, not the opinion of the principle officers. If you aren't present to voice your opinion, you can't complain!!

I want to take a second to personally thank each and every person who came out to our Spaghetti Supper. Your donation helped. It was, to say the least, a huge success, our hot water heater has been installed & electrical wiring upgraded, and for the first time in a long time, the Lodge didn't have to cover the difference. This was due PURELY out of the generosity of many of our Brothers and their families. I want to particularly thank those who helped set up the event, Clermont Chapter of O.E.S for delivering some ridiculously delicious desserts, and Mrs. Helena Eschrich for giving us a great head start on the project. A Thank You to all, it was a great turn out!

Humbly,  
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### “OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST”

There is some confusion as to postings found on the Facebook Page of “REGULAR GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA, INC.” This is NOT a recognized Grand Lodge and Members of Florida Lodges should refrain from posting on this site.

FYI —Our Grand Lodge is —

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## FROM THE WEST

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Brethren All:

Master Mason I, II, III conducted at Leesburg Lodge 58 was a huge success. We had 15 brothers in attendance from various Lodges around the district.

I am honored to say that R.: W.: Ed Mayfield, DI took the course as a refresher. He thought the program was well presented and worthy of his time.

Starting before the Annual Grand Communication and completing by the end of June 2017, I was also going to take on Masonic Leadership Training. However, I am proud to announce that our Junior Warden, Bro. Jeff Snyder will be assuming that role. Like me, Bro. Jeff will be an 18th District Committeeman.

I have an additional new role. I have been appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees at our Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. Although my appointment begins on June 1st, I have been instructed to make all meetings prior to the Annual Grand Communication.

At Groveland Lodge 190, we have been diligently studying to put on a series of degrees. Our W. : Master, Dave Vandenberg, has really kept our Lodge jumping with potential new Members. Keep up the good work.

Charity Of The Month — MAY  
Rainbow Girls Assembly #79, Mt Dora

Fraternally,  
Jay Kosner, S.W.

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## VISITING OTHER LODGES

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When a Brother Mason desires to visit a Lodge, he should:

- Arrive early – so that he can be examined before the Lodge opens.
- Inform the Tyler and furnish documentary evidence and proper identification of membership in good standing in a regular Lodge. A current year's Dues Card + picture I. D. may be required. Be prepared to take the Tyler's Oath.
- Apron – Be sure to be properly clothed.
- Be understanding if you are informed that the Lodge will be engaging in the examination of a private matter and wish you to retire and come back some other date.



## FROM THE SOUTH

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There have been some very disturbing events, both mentally and physically, bombarding the Masonic way of life and our mainstream media is cashing in on the propaganda that causes hate and discontent between Lodges and, more importantly, Men. I have kept part of this Trestle board message because it remains vitally important as we enter the summer months.

No matter your personal views, we must consider the views of others and follow the edicts of the Lodges and Grand Lodges around us. We can choose to fail to recognize them, but what exactly has been accomplished. Why not celebrate their decision to make such a bold statement and, although we may not stand behind their ideals, we stand behind their decision to speak their minds. On the other side of the coin, exactly where are we headed as a society? How many things have to change before the total erosion of the way of life that had lasted for thousands of years? What needs to be done to either accept the changes around us or "secure our doors" and regain the secrecy of our society. 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, color, or sexual orientation who, upon examination, or inquiry, are found to be good men. True, obedient to the law, observant of the golden rule, and believing in a higher power.

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 keep the Florida sun in mind when you are outdoors.

Please take the opportunity to check out the website at [www.groveland190.com](http://www.groveland190.com), our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groveland190](http://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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Mr. Vasilios 'Billy' Poulos, Clermont —For the Degrees of Freemasonry  
Due Course..... 4/14/16

### CONGRATULATIONS

R.: W.: Bro. Warren R. Shippee, PM, PDI, PDDGM —25-year award..4/6/16  
Bro. Kirk Allen Mugler —Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason.....4/19/16  
Bro. William Leon Turner —50-year award 4/12/16 .....4/28/16  
Bro. Gary J. Halousek —50-year award 4/19/16, Klamath Lodge No. 77, Klamath Falls, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Oregon.....4/28/16

### Attendance

03-24-16 Stated = 20  
04-07-16 Called = 10 Funeral  
04-14-16 Stated = 18  
04-19-16 Called = 17 EA Degree

### Community Volunteers

(If any of our Brothers or their families volunteer, even once a year, for a charitable endeavor let us know. We need to let the rest of our community know we are out there)

### First Time Visitors Welcomed

4/14/16 —Bro. Steve Barber, Eustis Lodge No. 85  
4/28/16 —Bro. Gary J. Halousek, Klamath Lodge No. 77, Klamath Falls

### Our "Thanks" To These

- Lawn Maintenance —Bro. Bill Vandenbemden
- Trestle Board Staff —

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

3/24/16 —Bro. Anthony Alicia  
04/14/16 —R.: W.: Brother Warren R. Shippee, PDI, PDDGM

### Use of the Lodge building

4/6/16 —Groveland Garden Club  
4/22/16 —GHS Class '61

### Visits to other Lodges

R.: W.: Butch Gannett, PDDGM —Eustis 85; Umatilla 65 & Halifax 81 Daytona Beach.



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## LOSSES

**BROTHER BEN E. WILLIAMS**  
died Sunday April 2nd

Please, remember this family in your prayers  
(see Memorial on page 18)

## SICKNESS or DISTRESS

Bro. Jay Kosner (Santee) —  
W.: Jim Wylie, PM  
Bro. Bo Carlton (Mary)  
W.: Johnny Lee Moss (Barbara)  
Marie Miller (W.: John)  
Bro. Chris & Sarojini Singh's daughter —  
Doris Turner (W.: Glenn)  
Edith Johnson Mugler (E.A. Bro. Kirk)

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,  
Joe Lojko, Chaplain

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## MAY 2016

May 01 Sun – *National Correctional Officers Week*  
 May 04 Wed (1st) – Groveland Garden Club –using the building  
 May 05 Thu – *National Day of Prayer*  
 May 07 Sat –  
 May 08 Sun – *Mother's Day*  
 May 11 Wed (2nd) – Open Books 6pm-9pm & 18<sup>th</sup> Dist School 7:30pm – Tavares  
 May 12 Thu (2nd) – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments at 6:30pm  
 May 14 Sat –  
 May 15 Sun – *Peace Officers Memorial Day / National Police Week*  
 May 18 Wed (3rd) – 18<sup>th</sup> Dist Masters & Wardens Assn – Mt Dora 238  
 May 21 Sat – *Armed Forces Day*  
 May 26 Thu (4th) – 190 Stated 7:30pm—Refreshments at 6:30pm  
 May 28 Sat –  
 May 30 Mon – *Memorial Day* – 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication — 2016



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>National Correctional Officers Week</i>	2	3	4 Groveland Garden Club	5 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11 Open Books Dist 18 School Tavares 234	12 — 190 Stated	13	14
15 <i>Peace Offi- cers Memorial Day / National Police Week</i>	16	17	18 Dist 18 M&W / Mem 18 Mt Dora 238	19	20	21 <i>Armed For- ces Day</i>
22	23	24	25	26 — 190 Stated	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> — 187th Annual Grand Communi- cation	31 — 187th Annual Grand Communi- cation	1 June — 187th Annual Grand Communi- cation			

## CONGRATULATIONS



### BIRTHDAYS — MAY

02	TIFFANY BATES	07	SUE PRICE
04	JUDITH JAMES	19	KEN AVERITT
04	MARVIN TOMLINSON	19	KEN LAWN
05	DR. ALLAN ZUBKIN, MD	22	JUDY LOJKO



### ANNIVERSARIES — MAY

01	DAVID & LANDI ADAMS (1998)
06	GEORGE & VIRGINIA FRIZZELLE (1967)
08	MIKE & BRENDA MOHR (1993)
18	<b>BILL &amp; SUE PRICE (1963)*</b>



### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS — MAY

	<u>RAISED</u>
<b>Bro. Dick Toole</b> -----	<b>05.27.1952*</b>
<b>Bro. Donald Bronson</b> -----	<b>05.28.1957*</b>
<b>Bro. Don Wynn</b> -----	<b>05.18.1959*</b>
Bro. Darrell Ewing-----	05.26.1973
W.: Phil Kuharske, PM-----	05.11.1976
Bro. Rick Kurfiss-----	05.11.1976
Bro. Marvin Tomlinson-----	05.11.1976
W.: Don Gynnor, PM-----	05.23.1983
W.: Raven Gabbard, PM-----	05.24.1999
W.: Jeff Kuharske, PM-----	05.24.1999
Bro. Justin Gabbard-----	05.08.2000
W.: Gene Waddell III, PM-----	05.08.2000
Bro. Dale Beall-----	05.26.2009
Bro. Billy Evans-----	05.26.2009
W.: Allan Zubkin, PM-----	05.26.2009

\*Note: 50 or more years

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THE VILLAGES MASONIC No. 394.....	Membership	<u>162</u>
9 Lodges	Total Membership	1015

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*Brother Henry Ford (1863-1947) Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit MI*

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The poem, written in Chaucerian English, is the oldest known Masonic document in existence. The unknown monk who composed it showed a remarkable clarity of understanding about the fraternity of Freemasons of the time, who were, of course, of Operative workmen. He lists the rules that governs the craft, and the religious duties of the Craftsmen. Nearly all of the articles set forth in this ancient document, nearly six hundred years old, are as applicable today (in substance) as they were when written.

The final words in the poem are: "Amen! and Amen! So mote it be!:"  
 "Mote" is the Anglo-Saxon word originally derived from the Saxon word  
 "Motan" meaning "may". It is the ancient "Amen" of the Freemason. Such as:  
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## THE MASONIC OBLIGATION AND THE ART OF TRICKERY

We've been tricked. Of course, being tricked isn't always bad. Sometimes there's a reason for it and in this case the reason leads to a profound Masonic lesson.

Before we are allowed to enter, the Master was assured that we were worthy and well qualified, in other words that we were honorable men.

We are led to believe that the secrets we are being sworn to protect are matter of life and death. The vast majority of Masons spend the rest of their lives believing the Craft's secrecy is the most important aspect.

Curiously, though, when you ask Masons precisely what the secrets are, they can't say...because they actually don't know.

We were tested by being required to make a promise. Then we are watched to see how we treat that promise as we progress through out our Masonic travels.

Most Masons, eventually, realize that there are no real secrets in Freemasonry, but still decline to discuss the confidences with which the Lodge has trusted him.

A less than honorable man would disregard his promise as trivial. Only a truly honorable man would stand by his word no matter what, as Joshua did in the ninth chapter of the book of Joshua in the Bible.

When a man gives his word, how well he keeps it is a measure of how honorable he is.

*Excerpts from:*  
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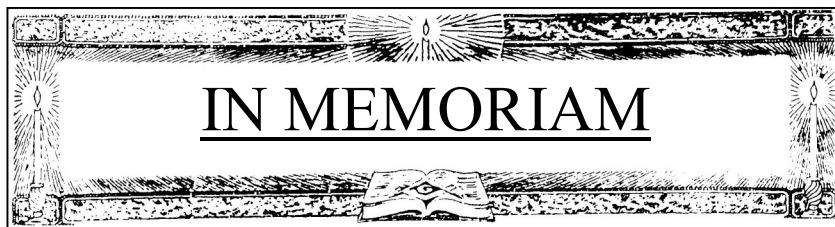
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## QUOTES

Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort.

*Bro. Carl H. Claudy b.1879 – d.1957 Writer.*





## BROTHER BEN ELDRIDGE WILLIAMS

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Passed	01/31/1978	Orlando Lodge No. 69 Orlando FL
Raised	03/21/1978	Orlando Lodge No. 69 Orlando FL
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Dimitted	12/26/2000	Orlando Lodge No. 69 Orlando FL
Affiliated	03/08/2001	Groveland Lodge No. 190 Groveland FL
Died	04/02/2016	
Service	04/07/2016	Greenwood Cemetery, Groveland FL



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the fight



The valorous champion of truth and right,  
Determined, honest, level-headed, just,  
Who broke no promise or betrayed a trust,  
His genial face with courtly kindness beamed --  
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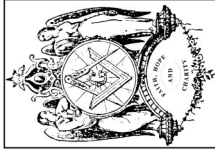
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