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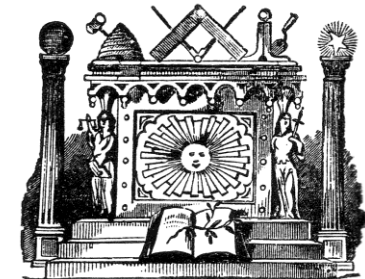
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From the South

Greetings from the South,

Of the many symbolic emblems of Freemasonry, none is more iconic than that of the lamb skin apron. Unfamiliar outside the lodge, within it represents the totality of what it means to be a Mason. We recall it's "more noble than the Roman Eagle or the Golden Fleece". The Masonic apron is literally, the badge of a Mason, carried with each of us throughout this life and into the next.

Albert Mackey, a Masonic historian, author, and scholar says:

"There is no one of the symbols of Speculative Masonry more important in its teachings, or more interesting in its history, than the lambskin, or white leather apron. Commencing its lessons at an early period in the Mason's progress, it is impressed upon his memory as the first gift which he receives, the first symbol which is explained to him, and the first tangible evidence which he possesses of his admission into the Fraternity. Whatever may be his future advancement in the "royal art", the lambskin apron-his first investiture-he never parts. Changing, perhaps, its form and its decorations, and conveying, at each step, some new but still beautiful allusion, its substance is still there, and it continues to claim the honored title by which it was first made known to him, on the night of his initiation, as "the badge of a Mason."

Blessings from the South,
John Sutton, Junior Warden

From the East

Fraternal Greetings Brothers,

Well, it is February and we made it past one month. As each of you know we have been through a Fellow Craft degree on January 30th. I want to send out a special thanks for everyone that took the time to be involved. This was the first time our primary officers were in their perspective chairs. I felt they rose to the challenge. I send out a very special thanks to Worshipful Mickey Goshen, whose effort was essential in making this a great experience for all the brothers. This will be something they will remember for a lifetime.

We will have an EA Degree on February 8th at 7 PM for a good group of new candidates. Worshipful Hughes will be in the East and will conduct both parts of this degree.

We will be hosting the first meeting of the District 17 Masters and Wardens. We will be setting the stage with a good country breakfast. I will need some help in the kitchen for sure. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. It is in our house, so let's make a great showing. If you have some ideas for this brotherhood, please bring them to this meeting.

As we continue to work with our newer brothers, lets motivate them to be more of a part of our lodge, especially in the kitchen area. I cannot say enough how much this helps them feel like they are a part of us.

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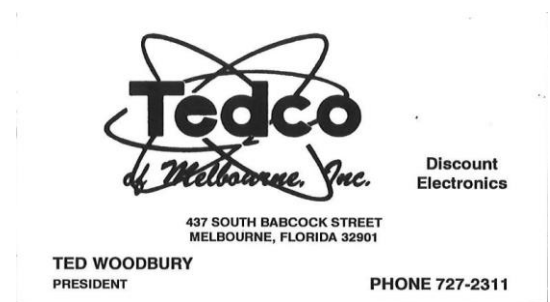
From the East Continued

Membership needs a push, brothers. Let's start by bringing a friend to the prelude dinners each month. Dinner for them will be on us.

And last, and by all means not the least, please remember we have the first Open Books starting this month. Please come out and make this time useful. There is always something we can review.

Fraternally,
Richard Earls, Worshipful Master

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From the West

Hello Brothers,

Per the Digest, the Senior Warden is the chair of the finance committee for the lodge. For 2021, the members are Brothers Ron Barker, Roger McKay, Chris Durie, Kevin Gholston and me. Brother Bob Vega, who is a CPA, will specifically support, upon request, Brother Roger as Treasurer, myself as the chairman of the finance committee, and the committee in general upon request. Brother Bob has been certified a competent advisor in 2020.

We are completing the 2020 financial review and will have a report to the Worshipful Master by January 31, 2021. The first full meeting of the finance committee will be held on February 11, 2021 at 6:00PM in the conference room at LGM International, Inc. This first meeting will address financial reporting to the Craft.

If anyone from the Craft have issues that they wish to be addressed by the committee, please let a member of the committee know so we can address it at that meeting.

As I said earlier, the finance committee will address and resolve each issue one at a time. It is better to complete 3 important issues in the year than to be working on 10 and completing nothing.

I look forward to serving you, the Craft and the Worshipful Master.

Yours Fraternally,
Ron Lentz, Senior Warden

February 2021

**Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.
Charity of the Month – Brevard Schools Foundation**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	2 Degree Practice: EA Degree 6PM	3 Open Books 6-9PM Harbor City No. 318	4 Degree Practice: EA Degree 6PM	5	6 Masters & Wardens Melbourne No. 143 Breakfast: 8AM Meeting: 9AM
7	8 <u>Called</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Entered Apprentice</u> <u>Degree</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:00PM</u>		10	11	12	13
14	15 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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