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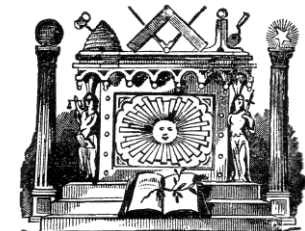
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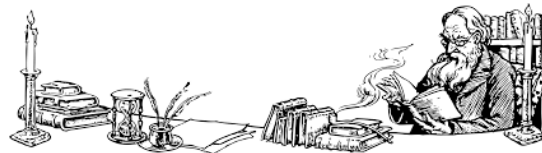
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**There will be NO Open
Books in June. They will
resume July 6th, 2022**



Degree Masters 2022

This year we will be trying to get back to our old traditions. One was that the degree master for each degree throughout the year is one particular officer. For this year, they are as follows.

Entered Apprentice: Dino DeRosa

Fellow Craft: Robert Sigman, PM

Master Mason: Ronald Lentz

If you are interested in participating in any of the degrees, please let these brothers know.

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From the East

Hello Brethren,

Every time I look at the Lodge building, I think about the dedication of those Brothers who came this way before us. Just think, how did they come up with the funds to construct such a beautiful and functional building for all to enjoy long after they departed. To be realistic there were over 918 members in 1991, now we have 221, including 50 year and emeritus members, leaving us with 160 members paying Grand Lodge per capita, which is the number of Lodge dues paying members. As you can see, not just our membership is declining, but it is the same for all non-profit organizations. We have all experienced cost increases in our lives. Your Lodge is no different. While our purpose is to bring more men into Masonry, we cannot do this without the beautiful facility provided us by those who came before us. It is incumbent on us to maintain and improve this facility as needed.

Much thought and discussion has been given by your Officers about rising costs. Our membership has decreased while expenses have increased. We are now facing the challenge of our dues NOT covering the cost of maintaining YOUR Lodge. Our Treasurer is preparing a fact sheet to be presented at the June 6th meeting to better understand the financial status of the Lodge. Your attendance at this meeting provides a chance for you to understand the problem and add your thoughts. Only a small percentage of our members contribute extra time, talents, and money towards fundraisings. This has kept us in the black until the last several years. Your participation is urgently requested at the second meetings in June and July where any necessary action will be voted upon. You are welcome to call the Worshipful Master or any officer with your comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Roger McKay, Worshipful Master

From the West

My Brothers,

My wife handed me an article she was sent from a friend in Brazil. After reading this article, she had numerous questions which I had to answer. As the article is in Portuguese, I will summarize the article contents and my answers.

The Author is a 12 year (past mason), having resigned approximately 2 years ago. I suspect this past brother, wrote the article about Free and Accepted Masons to explain to friends and other brothers why he resigned and maybe to try to place political pressure on his issue.

In his article he was positive and factual about masonry and the brotherhood. His main reason for leaving masonry was his belief that a Master Mason Brazilian Senator was taking political bribes. He resigned because the masons would not deal with this "dishonest politician".

Before I continue, it is too bad brothers from his lodge did not mentor this brother and help to temper his passions. This was a bittersweet article.

I was asked the following questions by my wife. The following are general answers to her questions:

- Addressing the corruption – The article gives no proof of the incidents. I reminded my wife of this and stated Masons are not political or law enforcement. My wife asked, what if the Senator was convicted? I said the facts would be put before the lodge and the craft of that lodge would make the decision of masonry justice of any.

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From the West (continued)

- Masons Correcting Behavior – I told her that masons do not pass rumors or embarrass other brothers. As brothers, we are free to speak quietly, and on the square, I used privately, to a brother being suspected of an issue. Not to accuse but to learn and assist.
- Making Good Men Better – I told my wife that we do everything possible to only accept men for membership to worthy, good men. Therefore, after being exposed to the masonic lessons, Good Men will become Better Men.
- My wife asked what happens if a brother does a crime – I told her it is possible for a brother to lose his way and make mistakes. Of course, we all are humans and not perfect. However, the brothers are there to guide and assist.

As Masons we are constantly faced with life in the real world. Each of us must consider the issues presented to determine the masonic way of life. The guidance which we need in our masonic life is supplied by you, our brothers. Please become involved with our lodge. Your presence is needed.

Fraternally,
Ronald Lentz, Senior Warden

JUNE - Masonic Events – JUNE

Charity of the Month: Serene Harbor, Inc.

Thursday, June 2nd, 7:00 PM

Entered Apprentice Degree
No Dinner

Saturday, June 4th, 8:00 AM

Masters & Wardens Association
Indian River Lodge No. 90, F&AM

Monday, June 6th

Stated Communication

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Review Lodge Finances

Monday, June 13th

Fellowship Dinner – CANCELLED
Enjoy your summer vacation

Saturday, June 18th, 8:00 – 10:00 AM

Family Breakfast at Your Lodge

Monday, June 20th

Stated Communication

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
DDGM Official Visit

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

First vote related to Lodge Finances

JULY – Masonic Events - JULY

Charity of the Month: Candlelighters of
Brevard, Inc.

Monday, July 4th

NO MEETING

Enjoy July Fourth with family and friends

Wednesday, July 6th, 6:00PM

Open Books – Harbor City Lodge

Friday, July 8th, 7:00 PM

Gun Raffle Drawing
at

Azan Shrine Center
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Saturday, July 9th, 8:00 AM

Masters & Wardens Association
Merritt Island Lodge No. 353, F&AM

Monday, July 11th

NO Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, July 16th

NO Family Breakfast

Monday, July 18th

Stated Communication

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Second vote related to Lodge Finances

AUGUST – Masonic Events – AUGUST

Charity of the Month: Habitat for
Humanity of Brevard County, Inc.

Monday, August 1st

NO MEETING
LODGE IS DARK

Wednesday, August 3rd, 6:00PM

Open Books – Harbor City Lodge

Saturday, August 6th, 8:00 AM

Masters & Wardens Association
Brevard Lodge No. 113, F&AM

Saturday, August 20th

NO FAMILY BREAKFAST
To resume in September

Monday, August 15th

No Stated Meeting or Dinner
A notice will be sent via Email and Text
Message if a Called Meeting is
Required for Degree Work

SEPTEMBER – Masonic Events - SEPTEMBER

Labor Day, September 5th

NO MEETING

Enjoy time with your family and friends

Watch for additional information in the
September Trestleboard