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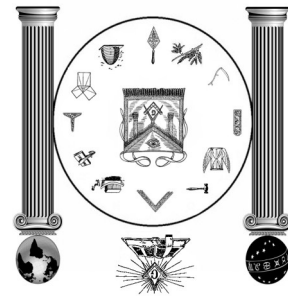
Winter Park Lodge # 239

Stated Communications 2nd and 4th Tuesday of
Every Month

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Winter Park Lodge No. 239

Secretary—Mike Griffin
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Masonic Events



District Christmas
Party
At
Bahia Shrine's Red Fez
December 11th



January 3rd, 2012
Installation of Officers



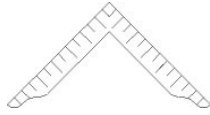
Dinner 6:30
Installation 7:30

Lodge of Sorrow
Masonic Ceremony
All are welcome
December 6th
Dinner 6:30



Its Coming!
The re-launch of winterparklodge.org
January 2012

And Now A Word From....



The East

Brothers,

It has been an honor to be the Worshipful Master of Winter Park Lodge No. 239 for this year. From the day I was elected to right now, as I sit and my computer and type this, I have enjoyed all the ups and downs that have come with the job. Thank you, all my Brothers, who entrusted me with this solemn and important opportunity. I need to thank Mike Griffin for his fantastic work as Secretary this year, and his trusted sidekick, Boom-Boom/Lois Jr. (Ray Malanga). Also R.: W.: Chet for his efforts as Treasurer and Chairman of Lodge Property. And Al Stearns and John Halter have been the best Wardens a Worshipful Master could ask for. All of these Brothers are always making sure that your lodge is up and running.

We have been ending the year with a fury of degree work, much like the rest of the year. New candidates come to the lodge and the opportunity to make new friends happens every day. Like friendship, lodges require a solid foundation and as this year draws to a close, I believe we have strengthened the base of our lodge for many years to come.

There are those who say that Freemasonry's greatest days are behind us. I disagree. We are a part of a Fraternity that promotes Tolerance and Virtue. We are the foundation of Liberty and Equality. Many people say there is no place in the world where men from so many different backgrounds can meet and share Brotherly Love. But Freemasonry is the place. In a world of chaos and divisiveness, Masonry promotes Harmony and Cooperation. When at last we make the move to the Celestial Lodge, there can be no greater achievement than that Square and Compasses that marks our final resting place and proudly says "As others fought and bickered, here rests a Man and Mason who put aside petty differences for the good of all mankind."

Our greatest days lie ahead.

Chris Chag

Worshipful Master



The West

My Brothers,

I trust you all had a happy Thanksgiving and are enjoying the holiday season. As the end of the year and my tenure as Senior Warden approaches, I want to thank all of you for entrusting me to the West. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity.

Although the year is almost over there is still much to do. On December 6th the Lodge of Sorrows convenes. This is a ceremony to bid farewell to all our departed Brethren. This ceremony is rarely performed anymore, and I urge all of you to come out to see it. Our brother, Jason Streit, has been working very hard on bringing you the best performance Winter Park has to offer.

Additionally, December 13th will be the election of officers. As Masons it is important that we come out and choose the future of the Lodge. The installation of officers will be on January 3rd, with dinner at 6:30 and the event at 7:30.

Finally, please check the lodge website often as the relaunch of winterparklodge.org will be in early January.

Allen Stearns

Senior Warden



The South

For months now, I've heard "It's all downhill from here", but it never really felt that way until now. With only one meeting and one degree scheduled this month, this will be my easiest month all year! As busy as this year has been, next year will likely be even busier. Interest in masonry and in Winter Park Lodge is on the rise, which means even more degree work. With the

More Words From...

most of our degrees this year have consisted of a lot of the same brothers. If you have never sat in a chair for a degree, make 2012 the year you step forward and get involved. Learning the ritual work takes time, but most of it can be done on your own in your spare time.

Also, we've looked for opportunities to get together outside the lodge this year and want to continue that effort in 2012. Our monthly bowling night started off strong, but lately has consisted of only 3-4 people. Despite the downturn in attendance, bowling night will continue with our next event on January 20th. We are looking for ideas for other activities that give our brothers a chance to socialize outside the two meetings each month. If you have any suggestions for something you think the brethren would enjoy, please email me or talk to me after the next meeting. Lastly, I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous 2012

John Halter **Junior Warden**



The Secretary

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Brethren, for the honor of being your Secretary for 2011! Ah yes, "What a long, strange trip it's been" as Jerry Garcia once sang. A ton of work, frustrating at times and gotta admit, sometimes downright spooky (all alone in the building, wind howls, the vent on the roof clangs and I would swear the place was haunted!) but a true "Labor of love" I assure you!

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my heart-felt thanks to Brother Ray, aka, "Boom Boom", aka, "Louis Jr.", aka, "Sugar Ray" Malanga for all of his filing, form-ing, and find-ing (of long-lost Brothers) which made my job that much easier! "Boom Boom" is a true asset to our Lodge and is a gift from the Grand Architect himself. A warm note of thanks to R.:W.: King for allowing my silly "Clad as a Viscount in his bespoke puffy shirt as he conveyed the Treasurer's Report" type notations in the minutes (which, if I may, should make for some interesting "discovery" in some 300 years or

so from now!) as well as to W.: Chris, the Brother with the heart of gold ("Gold Jerry, GOLD!").

Again, thank you my Brothers and have a fantastic holiday season!,

Mike Griffin

Secretary



The Treasurer

Winter Park Masonic Lodge has six cemetery plots in the "Garden of Truth" at Glen Haven Memorial Park located at 2300 Temple Drive in Winter Park. These six remaining plots are available for sale with all proceeds to benefit the Lodge. For details or to make a purchase, please contact me at 407-405-3268.

Fraternally,

Chester A. King, PDDGM

Support The Building Fund

R.: W.: H. Glen Avery made a challenge last year, encouraging each member to make a donation to the building fund each year on their birthday. This gift should represent one dollar for each year of the birthday you are celebrating. All gifts of this type will be placed in the building fund for use in restoring our aging building to the pristine condition we have all become accustomed. Please consider making your gift today, by mailing or handing a check to the Secretary or Treasurer.



The Chaplain

Brothers please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

William Triplet had his gallbladder removed and the surgery went well. Karl Stimson's wife has a fractured knee and is in need of prayer as she recovers. Lois Bukowski is in need of prayer as she has been in poor health. Mark Griffis' dad is doing better after his heart cath and he will not need surgery as had been thought. Irv Jansens granddaughter was admitted to hospital with thyroid condition. Lastly, Bill Compton was called on high and his family could use our prayers in this difficult time.

Jason Streit

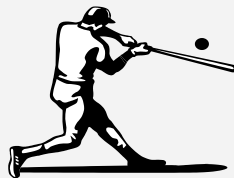
Chaplain

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Master Ma- son Degree WP 8 am
4	5	6 Lodge of Sorrow WP Dinner 6:30	7	8	9	10
11 Xmas Par- ty Bahia Shrine	12	13 Stated Elections WP 7:30	14	15	16	17Masters and Wardens South Semi- nole
18	19	20 Lodge is Dark	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

On Deck Petitions Received

Thomas O'Brien
Donald Scott



OES Pioneer Chapter 99

O.E.S. Pioneer Chapter #99 is looking for new members from Winter Park Lodge and the Masonic community. Masons and their Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Widows and Sister of Masons qualify for membership. For more information, call Worthy Matron Ann Dunlap or Secretary Lynette Garnett, Past Matron at 407-894-6476. Pioneer Chapter 99 meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of the month**, 7:30 pm at the Winter Park Lodge. Please Come Out And Support The Chapter!

YORK RITE FREEMASONRY

Are you interested in joining York Rite Freemasonry? For background purposes, York Rite Freemasonry consists of four bodies: BLUE LODGE (3 degrees); CHAPTER (4 degrees); COUNCIL (3 degrees); and COMMANDERY (3 Orders). Approximate total cost: \$180. As a MM, you are encouraged to petition Orlando York Rite or Sanford York Rite--(Spring Class: 3 and 10 MAR 2012; held at EOLA Lodge)--for the 4 CHAPTER degrees [Mark Master; Past Master; Most Excellent Master; and Royal Arch]. Be especially alert to observe closely the "grip of a PAST MASTER." This grip will be an "eye opener" for ALL candidates as well as sideliners involved in the PAST MASTERS DEGREE.

In the ROYAL ARCH DEGREE, the "long lost word" will be revealed to you. Not even a Blue Lodge Past WM is in possession of the LONG LOST WORD until he has become a holder of this CHAPTER Degree.

Sam Tish

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Winter Park Past Masters
1916-Benjamin W. Stone* (UD)
1917-Benjamin W. Stone*
1918-Homer S. Hope*
1919-J. Otis Hale*
1920-Walter H. Schultz
1921-Frank J. Lindergreen*
1922-Raymond W. Green*
1923-William G. Hoffman*
1924-James E. Harper*
1925-Adolphus A. Wesson*
1926-H. Earl Cole*
1927-J.A. Podmore*
1928-George C. Dolive*
1929-Warren M. Ingram*
1930-Willis J. Johnson*
1931-Willis J. Johnson*
1932-Milton A. Perch*
1933-Forrest B. Stone*
1934-J.C. Russell*
1935-Guy F. Colado*
1936-Milton A. Perch*
1937-Webber B. Haines*
1938-Eziel D. Cook*
1939-Huland W. McCord*
1940-William A. Gilbert*
1941-John G. Graylee*
1942-Carroll L. Ward*
1943-Lloyd H. King*
1944-R.W. Fred L. Tuck*
1945-J. Rex Holiday*
1946-Willis J. Johnson*
1947-Chester O. Cornwall*
1948-B. Roy Sloniger*
1949-George C. Russell*
1950-M.W. George L. Myers, P.G.M.*
1951-James T. Pegram*
1952-Charles O. Kummer*
1953-Roscoe E. Sloniger*
1954-Robert F. McCord*
1955-Thomas W. Tope*
1956-James M. Rhiner*
1957-R.W. Morris D. Parker*

Winter Park Past Masters
1958-Robert F. Edwards*
1959-Dallas L. Bishop*
1960-Albert L. Mashburn*
1961-Charles W. Hostetler*
1962-M.W. Harvey B. Eddy P.G.M.*
1963-R.W. Eugene B. Taylor*
1964-Walter J. Boyer*
1965-Donald A. Nyholm*
1966-Eugene R. Simpson
1967-Julius Blum*
1968-Deane W. Hammond*
1969-R.W. Robert D. Fiedler*
1970-R.W. H. Glen Avery Jr.
1971-Daniel W. Hughes*
1972-James E. Winne
1973-Norman T. Gore
1974-George Ray Sloniger
1975-R.W. Charles C. Hayes
1976-Robert Kowalski
1977-Kenneth White
1978-R.W. Ernesto Fuste
1979-Wallace D. Myers*
1980-David E. Smith
1981-Carl P. Kummer
1982-Jesse W. Ridley*
1983-William A. Boyland, Jr.*
1984-Anthony J. Decanio*
1985-G. Keith Gordon
1986-R.W. Allen Fiedler
1987-R.W. Michael G. Juett
1988-R.W. Zeb E. Blanton Jr.
1989-Fred E. Brooks*
1990-R.W. Chester A. King
1991-William B. Erd
1992-Lewis S. Lawson Jr.
1993-Walter R. Becker
1994-Carl J. Moore +++
1995-Jerry W. Spruiel
1996-Phil Bloom
1997-Bobby E. Granthum
1998-Hans Weinmann
1999-John H. Beatty*

Winter Park Past Masters
2000-John T. Scheidt*
2001-John E. Devlin
2002-Warren T. Gillis
2003-Cameron Lovett
2004-Robert W. Jeffrey Sr
2005-Rodolfo T. Galvan
2006-Michael A. Costa
2007-Harry V. Eisenberg
2008-Alex A. Darwich
2009-R.H. Bill Valentino
2010-Mark Avery

Associate Past Masters
Gene H. Mount-Trafalgar #413
Trafalgar, IN 1966
Martin I. Allin-Champagne #82
Laon, France 1966
Robert W. Jones-Copestone Ophir #108
Kearney, NJ 1975
R.W. Ottis Erickson-South Seminole #364
FL 1983
Raymond E. Turner, Jr.-Eiffel #855
Germany 1961
Norman D. Hitchcock-St. Paul's #14
Newport, RI
John E. Bukoski-Livingston #11
New Jersey 1979
Mark D. Griffis-Mt Moriah #400
FL 2005
Neal Tish-South Seminole #364
FL 2003
Sam Tish-South Seminole #364
FL 2004
Bob Billoni-South Seminole #364
FL 2008
William Miller, Peace & Concord #445
Lima, Peru 2002-03

Masonic Trivia


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“The Masonic Writings of Robert Macoy”

Freemasonry has a rich history that has been preserved for hundreds of years by a few dedicated individuals who have painstakingly researched and recorded our ancient origins. One of these men was Robert Macoy who lived from 1815 to 1895. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and most noted for his book (still in publication) titled “A Dictionary of Freemasonry.” When it was originally published in the late 19th century, it was titled, “Cyclopedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry.” He also wrote “The Book of the Lodge” and “True Masonic Guide.” During his long Masonic career he held many positions of distinction and respect. Macoy’s dictionary is a treasure-trove of information on the subject of Freemasonry. It begins with a general history and then lists various topics alphabetically. It is illustrated with 300 engravings that depict certain subjects as found in no other book. The symbols most recognized by Masons are illustrated and explained in great detail. Hardbound copies of Macoy’s dictionary can be purchased new from Amazon.com for \$24.50 or used for \$12.25. A copy should be in every brother’s library as a handy reference.

Masonic Birthdays

Brothers raised in October

Cee Lo Green	2005 Alex Darwich	2000
Richard Mangan	2009 Jeff Morgan	1997
Ricardo Parente	1997 Brad Paul	1997
Mike Beebe	2000 Steve Isaacs	2000
Gary Brook	1997 David Com	1989
Earl Crain	1961 Johnnie Mills	1989
Jerrod Niemann		2004



Charity of the Month
 Heart of Florida
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