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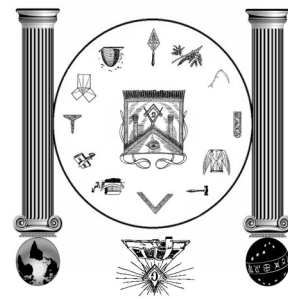
Winter Park Lodge # 239

Stated Communications 2nd and 4th Tuesday of
Every Month

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Trestle Board



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From the West



My Brothers,

I would like to welcome all of you back from the break; I trust all of you had great vacations. The lodge has been very busy over the summer as no one made a motion to go dark, it was business as usual! Along with the usual activities it was also time for the finance committee to meet. As Senior Warden I am charged with heading this committee and it is my job to safeguard the financial health of the lodge. I wish I could report to you that all is well, unfortunately it is not. Over the last ten years the lodge has been operating consistently at an annual deficit of approximately 1500 to 2000 dollars a year. In the past other funds such as the building fund have been tapped to make up this shortfall, however, this cannot continue as the building needs major repairs and other sources have dried up. Unfortunately the decision has been made to put forth a resolution to raise dues and initiation fees. This decision was reached by the ranking members of the committee, and the other two principle officers were in agreement. During the debate (which was lively) it was brought up that a lot, if not most of the brothers don't know how their dues are spent. One might even think that with the size our membership operating costs would be no problem; that is not the case. The breakdown is as follows:

Dues are currently \$91.35

\$67.35 Operating Costs

\$10.00 Building Fund

\$14.00 Grand Lodge

Operating costs this year are around 46,000.00 per year, if all 452 members paid this would not be an issue. However when churn and perpetual membership is figured in it leaves only approx. 375 members paying. We realize that this increase comes at a time when things are difficult, and if there is anyone who needs to make arrangements they can contact myself or the W.M. to discuss any issues confidentially. The resolution is in the lay over process and will be voted on September 27, the details are as follows:

Dues From \$95 to \$120

EA Initiation - No Change

Fellow Craft Degree From \$100 to \$150

Master Mason Degree From \$50 to \$75

The \$5 discount for paying early will be discontinued



- Allen Stearns

Senior Warden

Charity Of The Month

Shriners Hospitals

www.ShrinersHospitalsforChildren.org



And Now A Word From....



The East

My kids and I just got back from a great road trip up to New England to visit family. We drove almost 3,300 miles in 13 days and my Masonic ball cap helped me meet new people up and down the Eastern seaboard. One woman I spoke with was a former Rainbow girl who told me that the Masonic lodge near her home had closed its doors due to a lack of support.

There is no risk of closing our doors Winter Park Lodge; we have positive signs of growth. But we always need to make our lodge stronger by focusing on our needs and our goals. This month we will examine our needs as we consider a resolution to increase our dues for a vote at our September 27th communication.

Our lodge is not a building. It is the members of the lodge. Fraternity and charity should be our highest aspirations. Our building is a home where we can enjoy the benefits of our fraternity and practice our charity. Keeping dues in line with costs allows us to move forward for many years enjoying each other as Brothers and showing the world that Freemasons are a group of men and their families who meet to encourage each other and give to those in need. Winter Park Lodge will continue to be open as a part of the world's greatest fraternity

-Chris Chag,

Worshipful Master



The South

I can't believe it's September already. If I'm to believe everything I'm told, then it's all downhill from here. What I do know is that we still have plenty of activities between now and the end of the year. A few of those include our lodge bowling night on September 16th and Open Books from 9-12 on the 17th. We also have the District Family Picnic at Bahia Shrine on September 10th. We may be on the downhill side of the calendar, but the year isn't over. There's still plenty of work to be done and if our lodge is to continue the success it has enjoyed for years, we need to get everyone involved. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, come back, we've missed you. If you know we have a degree coming up, offer to help with setup or conduct. If you know the catechism, offer to instruct a class, if not, offer to mentor a new brother. And hey, I can always use a hand in the kitchen. In case you missed the hint, don't wait for someone to ask. If you went through the degrees, you know how much work is involved. Someone helped instruct you and you may have even been lucky enough to have a mentor. It's your turn to return the favor. It's your turn to step up and do your part to make sure our lodge continues to thrive.

- John Halter

Junior Warden

District 17 Picnic
At Bahia Shrine
September 17

Fellow Craft Degree
Tuesday September 20
7:30

More Words From...



The Secretary

Brothers,

I trust and pray that you all have enjoyed a fabulous summer to date and as the season turns, your thoughts turn to the Lodge and all that we have to offer!

If I may, gotta say, the Lodge is a jumpin'! Stated Communications twice a month, degrees nearly twice a month, open books, catechism practices, LOS / Eastern Star.... Something for every Brother my Brothers... come on out!

Of course no trestle board article, from any Lodge Secretary this time of year would be complete without a comment about Lodge dues. Despite reminder letters, previous trestle board prodding, reminders in open Lodge, and formal Delinquent Dues Notices, at last count there are 34 members of Winter park #239 whom have not yet paid their 2011 dues. My Brothers all, take a quick moment, open your wallet, rummage through your sock drawer, unlock that massive wall safe and take a look... do you have a 2011 dues card in your possession? If not, odds are you are a member of the "34 Club" (a clandestine club if there ever was one). Contact me; get yourself straight or, as Willie Shakespeare once quipped: "*Hell hath no fury like a Worship Master scorned*" (or something to that effect).

- Mike Griffin

Lodge Secretary

Bowling Night

September 16 @ 7PM

Aloma Bowl in Winter Park



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. There are two additional plots available by a member of Winter Park. 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,

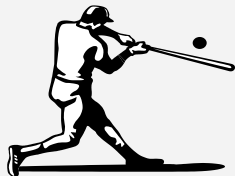
This months sickness and distress shows us that prayer works. So many people that were on the list have either been taken off due to recovery or at least shown great improvement. So please keep praying for the following brothers. Tyrone Galvan's mother is doing better but needs more treatments for breast cancer and Justin's mom is doing much better with her cancer treatments. Stu Orgaz's wife passed the first round of eligibility for a heart transplant. Ken Knickerbocker's dad is in a nursing home after several strokes, but he is comfortable. Mark Griffis' dad is doing better after his heart surgery but he is still not out of the woods yet. Finally Brad Ammons leukemia tests were not good but he is still in good spirits. As always, pray for our soldiers, police, firefighters, and everyone else whose job puts them in harms way.

Jason Streit

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Dis.17 Picnic @ Bahia Shrine
11	12	13 Stated Winter Park 7:30 DDGM	14 School of Instruction Orlando 69	15	16 Bowling 7:00 Aloma Bowl W.P.	17 Open Books W.P 9-3
18	19	20 F.C Degree W.P 7:30	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Stated W.P. 7:30	28	29	30	

On Deck Petitions Received
 Thomas Swonger
 David Portella
 Anthony Sierra



Dinner Meeting 9/20
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Pasta Alfredo
 Vegetable

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
 Kismet Court #86 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner starting at 6pm. If you are interested in attending the dinner as a social or getting information on LOS, please contact High Priestess Cyndi Rudd @ 407-898-2627. Ladies related by birth, marriage or adoption to a member in good standing or a deceased member who was in good standing as a Noble or a Master Mason and are 18 years of age are qualified. We raise money for Special Projects that benefit our Shrine children, march in parades and anything fun.

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!

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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. Griffiths-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

Den Ardinger

How is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart connected to Winter Park Lodge 239?

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) is a brother in good standing of Winter Park Lodge 239. “Hmmm...how can that be?” you may ask. “Winter Park Lodge was not chartered until 1917, more than 126 years after the famous composer’s death.” The answer is simple. Wolfgang Mozart became an Honorary Perpetual Memorial Member of Winter Park Lodge this year following a unanimous ballot by the brothers. His connection with the lodge has even been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria in 1756. From the age of four he exhibited an amazing musical gift and he was composing his own music by the age of five. He gave many concerts to Austrian nobility. By his early teens he had mastered the piano, harpsichord and violin and was already writing symphonies and operas.

Mozart was initiated an Entered Apprentice in the Zur Wohltatigkeit (Lodge Beneficence) in Vienna in 1784 and within a few months he was passed to Fellow Craft and then quickly raised a Master Mason. He belonged to several lodges in Vienna. He composed Masonic music that was used in certain solemn ceremonies such as funerals. Some of his Masonic music is considered mysterious to this day.

Masonic Birthdays

Brothers raised in April

Dennis Ardinger
Robert Bankers
Nelson Bonet
Jay Cebollero
Atila Cingoz
John Essick
Ernesto Fuste
Bobby Granthum
Ervin Janssen
Walter Lovette Jr

Mel Bledsoe
Brian Dewitt
James Brown
Jeff Onest
Jason Streit
Daniel Roberts
Steven Tyler
Manny Lozada
Steve Jobs
Rick Scott

