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WORDS OF WISDOM

“The first duty of a government is to give education to the people.”

Br. Simon Bolivar

“In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education.”

Br. Earl Warren

From the East

Good Day Brothers,

What a productive year we've already had. Thank you to all the Brothers for showing up and participating in the degree work. Especially to Brothers Jones, Horton, Sanchez, and Nelson for their work as Worshipful Master and Senior Deacon, respectively.

In January we started off with a special Saturday Master Mason degree followed by a Fellowcraft degree on our second called meeting.

In the first meeting of February we had 2 new brothers initiated as Entered Apprentices. Welcome Brothers Stephen Paulsen and Sergio Nativi to Masonry! As you begin your journey through the 3 degrees of operative masonry, move forward with an open heart and open ears.

Acacia Lodge 163 is hosting a Patriotic Night February 15, 2018 to honor our country and the brave men and women in our military. There will be a delicious dinner served at 6:30pm, followed by an open lodge meeting at 7:30.

We will have speaker Jo Ann Maitland from the Gold Star Mothers and awards including presentation of Bibles and aprons to 4 Brothers and two brothers receiving 60 year pins. It will be a fun and honorable meeting open to the public so bring your family and friends.

On the 24th and 25th we'll have our Hotdog Sale at the Stuart Art Festival. Volunteer, as this is one of the best fundraisers for the Lodge. You can come with your family, enjoy the fair, and hang out. It's hosted right in Acacia's parking lot. Sign up with our Junior Warden, Jeremy Horton.

Fraternally,
Justin Max Kunst
Worshipful Master

Hello Ladies of Acacia Lodge,

I hope this Sprig finds you well and in good spirit. If you haven't been told already you are welcome at every Thursday evening dinner. If you have children, then bring them too! We would love to see their smiling faces. There is room for your whole family at Acacia. The dinners this year are being coordinated by Brother Jeremy and he is a great cook. You'll definitely find something on the menu that you'll enjoy. At the end of every dinner is a tasty dessert and fresh coffee to sip. Family is very important to Masonry and you make the dinners complete when you show up.

Your First Lady,
Jacqueline Kunst

P.S. “I think togetherness is a very important ingredient to family life.” - Barbara Bush

Masonic Education - King Solomon's Table

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King Solomon's Temple plays an important roll in all 3 degrees of the blue lodge. Let's learn more about this important place at the center of Freemasonry.

King Solomon's Temple was created to house the Ark of the Covenant, the golden box that contains the fragments of the original Ten Commandments. The materials were compiled by Solomon's father, King David. Because of David's bloodshed, God forbid King David from constructing the temple and passed the honor to his son Solomon.

Construction of the temple cost about 3,000 tons of gold and 300,000 tons silver. The temple took about 7 and a half years to construct and was built on the site where God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

The temple had a porch at the entryway with two pillars on each side. Within was a middle chamber and finally in the center was a smaller chamber called the Sanctum Sanctorum. Outside of the three parts was the places where common people came to worship while the inside areas were reserved for the holy men of the temple.

The temple is an important symbol for Masons. Not only are we brought through the chambers of King Solomon's Temple within the degrees, we are taught to fit ourselves as living stones for the temple of heaven.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Officer's Meeting 7PM	1) Called Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting Entered Ap- prentice Degree	2)	3)
4)	5) Amaranth Meeting 7:30PM	6)	7) Open Books @ Ft Pierce Lodge 6PM Townhall Meeting	8) Eastern Star Meeting 7:30PM	9)	10)
11)	12)	13)	14) Officer's Meeting 7PM	15) Called Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting, Patriotic Night	16)	17) Lodge Break- fast 8am -10am
18)	19) Amaranth Meeting 7:30PM	20)	21)	22) Eastern Star Meeting 7:30PM	23)	24) Masters & Wardens @ Fort Pierce Lodge. Hotdog Sale for the Stuart Art Fest
25) Hotdog Sale for the Stuart Art Fest	26)	27)	28)			

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Acacia Lodge No. 163 F.&A.M. Past Masters



1906 THOMAS HELLIER *	1939 RALPH B ULMER *	1970 DEAN GARY *	1998 ALBERT D GRYDER
1907-10 DOUGLAS E AUSTIN *	1940 A C COURSON *	1971 IRA W SWIGART *	1999 MATTHEW E HARRIS
1911,13 CHARLES T HELLIER *	1941 ARLIS STUART *	1972 RAY L BLACKWOOD JR*	2000 JOSEPH C CRANKSHAW
1912 H L PHILLIPS *	1942 H E REDDELEIN *	1973 JAMES E BROWN *	2001 PETER A ALVAREZ
1914 L L YELRINGHAM *	1943 R A TUNLEY *	1974 WILLIE W BARRIOS *	2004 MICHAEL J YUHAS
1915 EDWARD LAKE *	1944 JOHN N MANN *	1975 VIRGIL S PERRY *	2005 OTIS (BEN) GEIGER II +
1916 ERICH SCHROEDER *	1945 J F WESTER *	1976 G WADE AYCOCK	2006 EARL S KRATZER
1917 GUARD SCHROEDER *	1946,47 W D BLANTON *	1977 WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM *	2007 GEORGE H WINTERLING
1918 M R JOHNS SR *	1948 E E VAN SCOY *	1978 RALPH S WOOD + *	2008 KEVIN M GRIMES*
1919 GEORGE W PARKS SR *	1949,52 LEE HIGBEE *	1979 COY D ISAACS *	2009 RICHARD G BEECROFT JR
1920,21 S A MATHEWS *	1950 GEORGE W PARKS JR *	1980 WILLIAM MCELHELRY	2010 R. WAYNE RICHTER
1922 JOE A YOUNGBLOOD *	1951 J L COLEMAN *	1981 FRED L EMERY	2011 JAY L. REX
1923 A M CHRISTIANSON *	1953 GEORGE W LAVENE + *	1982 WALTER S WINDECKER *	2012 G. KEIR LEBECK
1924 L B EURIT *	1954 GLENN F ULMER *	1983 CHARLES A KNOELLER *	2013 JOHN D. PICKFORD +
1925 E H ARBEAU *	1955 HENRY C BECKMAN JR	1984 JACK E BRADY *	2014 FRANK E. KIEFER
1926 TOLEY ENGERBRETSON *	1956 JACKSON M HARTMAN *	1985 ROBERT L CROWDER	2015 DYLAN PARRISH
1927 M G LITTMAN *	1957 ERNEST HIGBEE *	1986 HAROLD CATO *	2016 GEORGE M. STOKUS
1928 J H WHITFIELD *	1958 STEPHEN HUDDLE *	1987 EDWARD S BOBECK *	2017 LAWRENCE G LUTRIN
1929 J E COLEY *	1959 ED SCHNURBUSCH *	1988 MARTIN E MALTBIE *	
1930 CHARLES H RUE *	1960 L EVANS CRARY JR + >	1989 DAVID J ROBERTSON	
1931 R CECL JOHN S *	1962 JAMES FOSTER + *	1990,02,03 PAUL W FRIEND +	
1932 EDWARD MAPP *	1963 CARL F DYKES	1991 HARLEE J ENGEL	
1933 M R CARTWRIGHT *	1964 CHRISTIAN B KALB + *	1992 MARVIN W SAWYERS *	
1934 R J TAYLOR *	1965 JOHN C GRAY *	1993 RICHARD L SAWYERS	HONORARY
1935 F A STAFFORD *	1966 JOSEPH S HENDERSON*	1994 DAVID J ROBERTSON	1998 THEODORE A CLARK*
1936 J R POMEROY *	1967 FRED J NIEBLING*	1995 JAMES E SMITH *	* DECEASED
1937 A O KANNER *	1968 LLOYD W PROPER*	1996 WILLIAM H MCMILLAN +	+ PDDGM
1938 R C MINNEHAN *	1969 WILLIAM S ROBSON	1997 WILLIAM J GILBERT JR	> PGM

Perpetual Membership

You are strongly encouraged to purchase a Perpetual Membership. This will not only eliminate your need to pay dues in the future but also help our lodge forever. The funds from your Perpetual Membership will continue to be received by the lodge long past the time when you pass on to the Celestial Lodge above. Through these Perpetual Memberships, Acacia Lodge will continue to thrive in the future. A future guaranteed by your foresight and com-

mitment to our lodge. This Perpetual Membership is not costly and there are many ways to pay for it. For further information please contact our Secretary. And thank you for your dedication.

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Meets first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm
(Dinner at 6:30pm)



Unity Chapter No. 37, Order of Eastern Star

Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30pm



Treasure Coast No. 76 Order of the Amaranth

Meets second and fourth Mondays at 7:30pm



Ziba Grotto, of the Florida State Grotto Assoc.

Meets quarterly, usually at 6pm the first Monday of the month



Sickness and Distress If you know of any Brother who is having Health problems, please let us know. Please keep Brothers Robert Crowder, Ray Rex, Leon Smith, Curtis (Smokey) Stover and also his wife, Sylvester Spinetta, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, Ray Gosnell PM, Charles Tucker, Cliff Wagner, Joseph Crankshaw PM, Ralph Pocelli, Rod Dennis, Stan Mazinowski, the wife of Brother Azeal Colon, and Blaine Rhodes who's wife Sally passed away recently in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

Awaiting F.C.

Awaiting M.M.

Affiliations

STEPHEN PAULSEN

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FORD DWYER

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