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WORDS OF WISDOM

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” Walt Disney

“That which does not kill us makes us stronger.” Friedrich Nietzsche

“Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans.” John Lennon

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Joe Kennedy

Greetings from the East Brothers,

I trust you are all doing well and that this cooler weather finds you in good spirits. This is my favorite time of year. Through the air drifts various fragrant smells such as cinnamon, apples, and pumpkins that hopefully take us all back to fond childhood memories. Then there is the opportunity for the creation of new memories at the joyous gatherings of friends and family as the year draws to an end and Festive Season starts to ring in.

At our First meeting of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the importance of recognizing those around us in need of Prayers and support was mentioned. A short presentation on our 1955 Past Master, Worshipful Brother Henry “Bud” Beckman was given and the influence he had not only on our Lodge but to me personally. He was a good man and Mason.

At our second meeting we initiated to the Entered Apprentice Degree, Brothers Chester Arthur King III, Russell A. Hernandez and Gregory S. Hendricks. Courtesy work for Bykota Lodge No. 333 was done for Brother James Steadman. There were 50 Brothers in attendance. Congratulations Brothers and well done to the Degree Team under the direction of our JW, Brother Glenn Chadbourne. Thank you to our SW Brother Julio Sanchez for standing in for me. Your dedication to the Craft is recognized and sincerely appreciated. It was a very enjoyable and memorable night.

The Grand Masters Official visit was on the 22nd of October and I would like to thank the Brothers who came out in support of our RW DDGM.

Attendance forms the foundation of any Lodge and we have lots of great Masonic events coming up this month. Your Lodge Officers have all been working really hard in their various stations so please try and attend a meeting and show your support to them.

Nov 11th is Veteran’s Day. The National theme for Veterans Day 2021 is centered on the centennial commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Located at Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, with the burial of an unknown service member from World War I. Please join me for a special evening on the 4th of November at our First Stated Communication in recognition of Veterans Day. Brother Matt McKaig, a long-time tomb guard will be giving a brief talk on life as a tomb guard and Mason.

Our second meeting on 18th November we will be initiating Candidates to the Entered Apprentice Degree. Please come out and support these men on that first very important step of their journey.

Brothers I would be amiss if I didn’t mention the hard work that is taking place at Acacia Lodge with our Membership Committee. This has been a trying year with the lingering influence of the pandemic but it is clear that their great efforts are visible. Thank you for the many hours spent with Candidates from the initial contact and receiving of a petition till the First Degree. One thing I think is important that we do as Masons is to have a short elevator-type speech prepared. You never know if you’re going to be walking somewhere and someone sees your ring, or your polo shirt and asks “what do Masons do?”. I start by saying that we’re a Fraternity. A group of men who get together because we enjoy each other company and do things for the community. Then I invite them to dinner at a Stated Communication so that they can meet us and get an opinion of the caliber of men they are to be associated with and that we can get to know them.

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With elections coming up, I urge you to attend if at all possible and meet your officer line for next year.

I hope that everyone has a great Thanksgiving. Families will be travelling to visit friends and family and it is my sincere wish that everyone have a safe and great Thanksgiving.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Stephen
Worshipful Master

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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 commitment 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.

Acacia Lodge No. 163 Perpetual Members

PETER ALVAREZ	JEREMY W HORTON	MAHENDRA RAMGOPAL	JAMES W. GOODE	HONORARY
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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 *	2018 JUSTIN M KUNST
1930 CHARLES H RUE *	1960 L EVANS CRARY JR + >	1989 DAVID J ROBERTSON*	2019 ORION F JONES, IV
1931 R CECIL JOHNS *	1962 JAMES FOSTER + *	1990,02,03 PAUL W FRIEND +	2020 JEREMY W. HORTON
1932 EDWARD MAPP *	1963 CARL F DYKES	1991 HARLEE J ENGEL	
1933 M R CARTWRIGHT *	1964 CHRISTIAN B KALB + *	1992MARVIN W SAWYERS *	HONORARY
1934 R J TAYLOR *	1965 JOHN C GRAY *	1993 RICHARD L SAWYERS	1998 THEODORE A CLARK*
1935 F A STAFFORD *	1966 JOSEPH S HENDERSON*	1994 DAVID J ROBERTSON*	* DECEASED
1936 J R POMEROY *	1967 FRED J NIEBLING*	1995 JAMES E SMITH *	+ PDDGM
1937 A O KANNER *	1968 LLOYD W PROPER*	1996 WILLIAM H MCMILLAN +	> PGM
1938 R C MINNEHAN *	1969 WILLIAM S ROBSON	1997 WILLIAM J GILBERT JR	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31)	1)	2)	3) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice	4) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting	5)	6)
7)	8)	9)	10)	11) Unity Chapter No 37 OES 7:30	12)	13)
14)	15) Treasure Coast Court No. 76 Order of Amaranth	16)	17) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice	18) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting E.A. Degree	19)	20) 8:00-10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27) Masters & Wardens 9:00 AM
28)	29)	30)	1) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice	2) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting	3)	4)

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Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30pm



Treasure Coast No. 76 Order of the Amaranth

Meets third Monday at 7:30pm



Ziba Grotto, of the Florida State Grotto Assoc.

Meets Quarterly, usually at 6pm the first Monday of the Quarter



Sickness and Distress If you know of any Brother who is having Health problems, please let us know. Please keep the families of Brother Bruce Mead who passed away o March 2, and Brother Stephen Stouffer passed on Oct. 21 in your prayers. Also remember Brothers L. Evans Crary, Jr., Thorney Pattenaude, Jr., Bruce Walker, James Danuser, Antom Eastman, Gus Habersberger, Milton Wegler, Duane Gardner, Richard Diekmann, Kevin Beebe, James Gibbs, Robert Crowder PM, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, Ray Gosnell PM, Charles Tucker and Samuel Hirschler in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

MARCOS A. HERNANDEZ

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