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WORDS OF WISDOM

“ You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.”

Maya Angelou

“ God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing”

C.S. Lewis

Greetings from the East Brothers,

We have reached the close of another season and I hope everyone’s summer was full of fun, family and good health.

At our first stated meeting of the month, I had the privilege of presenting a Friendship Perpetual Membership award to Brother Anton Eastman’s wife Kathryn. This was given by some Brothers of the Lodge in recognition for all the many hours of service to Acacia Lodge. I then had the honor of handing two Perpetual Certificate’s and pins to Brother Kevin Gilbert and Brother Frank Wilson. Thank you Brothers for your continued commitment to Acacia Lodge. Membership Certificates were then handed to Brothers Raymond Weltzin-Torano, Frank Wilson, Marcelo Do Prado and Stephen Hedrick who were all found to be proficient at our meeting. Congratulations Brothers and Thank you again Brother Jeremy “Popeye” Horton, PM for your time and dedication in conducting the classes and returns. Well done again to all who received such worthy recognition for your involvement and dedication to Acacia Lodge. Your efforts are not only recognized but sincerely appreciated.

At our second meeting of the month Paul Friend, PDDGM gave a very informative talk on Brother Douglas E Austin (1907-10), the first Master of Acacia Lodge. We heard a lot about him and all that he did for not only for Acacia Lodge but also for the communities of Jensen Beach, Okeechobee and Ft Pierce.

We are going to be having a Masters Ball in honor of all the Past Masters of Acacia Lodge No.163 F.&A.M. Its going to be held at the Martin Downs Country Club in Palm City on Saturday Night the 30th October starting at 17:30 for hors d’oeuvres. A carving station buffet style dinner will be served with various meats, vegetables etc. Please join me in honoring our Past Masters. Entertainment for the evening will be a DJ. I hope you can join us for what promises to be a fabulous evening of dinner, dancing and fun. The cost for this event is \$40 per person and tickets are available from our secretary Brother Paul Friend, PDDGM. Please ensure that you obtain your tickets before 15th October so that we can inform the venue for catering purposes. Many thanks in a anticipation of your support of your Past Masters.

If you haven’t already looked at our website, please do so. It can be found at www.acacialodge163.org Brother Mark Porter is doing an outstanding job and is keeping it up to date. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to him. Please also check our Facebook page which is updated regularly by our SW, Brother Julio Sanchez, for new events and updates. Thank you so much Brother Mark and Julio for a job well done, it is sincerely noted and appreciated.

We are still collecting any donations you would like to make to Corky’s Cupboard at the Masonic Home , which consists of hygiene items, stamps, gift cards etc. This can either be dropped off at the Lodge where we will have a container for all these donations or please call me and I will arrange to collect it from you.

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I found this in the West Australian Craftsman which was reprinted in the South Dakota Masonic Messenger in Feb. of 1974

"There is not a subject so little understood by even its own members as that of Freemasonry. It is not in the strict sense an order. Its purpose is more clearly defined when it is called a fraternity, a Brotherhood, or an institution. It is certainly not a club.

Ritualism is not Masonry. The ritual is the vehicle which conveys the sublime truths to the heart and mind. If the forms and ceremonies through which the candidate passes fail to lift him to higher conceptions of life, duty and charity..... Then they are mere-sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

Looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Stephen

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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
ANTHONY A ANDREOLI	JEFFREY HUNTER	RAJINDHAR RAMSINGH	JASON E. HELVESTON	GERALD D. BOYLES *
JAMES M BLOOMER	R DAVID HUNTOON	THOMAS RANDAZZO	B. DAVID SHORE	SAMUEL DURJAN *
MARTY BOATRIGHT *	GARY JONES	ANDREW J RIESS *	DONALD M. KNOTT	A. ARVIN FABER *
MATHEW BUTTERI JR*	ORION (OJ) JONES IV	MICHAEL ROMANOWICZ	JOHN F. BARCA	ANTHONY G. FABER *
MARK L CASSIDY III	CHRISTIAN B KALB *	JAMES ROWELL	CHARLES T. ZIRKLE	JUDGE GIRLINGHOUSE*
MARK CASSIDY JR*	STEPHEN L KARR	JULIO SANCHEZ	GIANCARIO E. ODERDA	DAVE HELTINGS *
GLENN CHADBOURNE	MICHAEL KATZ	RICHARD L. SAWYERS	JOHN CLARK	FELIX H LYNN *
CHASE CHENAULT	VICTOR KENNEDY	JOSEPH SCHOONOVER	JOHN RASH	ROBERT TRUMP PGM*
THEODORE A CLARK *	FRANK E KIEFER	JOSEPH SCHULZ	ALBERT HABERSBERGER	MARTY REITZ, PDDGM
ROBERT COY *	G. KEIR LEBECK	DONALD A SCOTT	FRANK WILSON, III	
L EVANS CRARY JR PGM	KENNETH W. LEEDHAM	WESLEY SCOTT	STEPHEN P. SMITH	
CHRISTOPHER CRUCE	STEPHEN G LEIGHTON	HAROLD SEAL	KEVIN GILBERT	
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MATTHEW DAHLQUIST	JAMES G LIANOS	JAMES (BUD) SLAY *	J. STEVEN COY	STEVE ANDER*
IRVIN DEGGELLER *	RICHARD D LOEW	JAMES E SMITH *		LAWRENCE E CRARY SR*
STEPHEN DILLEMUTH	JONNY KEITH LONG	TERRY SMITH		HOWARD FREND *
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D TRENT GALLIMORE *	DONALD MURPHY	GREGORY THOMPSON		FRANCIS E PIERCE *
STEVEN GARRETT	THOMAS NEILD JR *	HAL TOBIAS		LLOYD W PROPER *
OTIS (BEN) GEIGER II	STEPHEN C NELSON	ANDERSON L. TRIGGS		THOMAS F TAYLOR *
STEVE GLUCKSMAN	MATTHEW OLIVO	JOHN WALLACE *		LLOYD R. GASKINS *
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MATTHEW E HARRIS	THORNEY PATTENAUDE	WILLIS YOUNG		
STEVEN K HARTMAN *	VIRGIL (RED) PERRY *	CLIFFORD S YUHAS		FRIEND OF THE LODGE
ROBERT W HESLOP *	BRAD PETERS	STEPHEN G. PAULSEN		ANITHA NELSON
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MICHAEL HOFFA	ALLAN J PITCHFORD JR*	AUSTIN DRUKKER, JR		KATHERINE COLLINS

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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 MCELHELY	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	HONORARY
1933 M R CARTWRIGHT *	1964 CHRISTIAN B KALB + *	1992 MARVIN W SAWYERS *	1998 THEODORE A CLARK*
1934 R J TAYLOR *	1965 JOHN C GRAY *	1993 RICHARD L SAWYERS	* DECEASED
1935 F A STAFFORD *	1966 JOSEPH S HENDERSON*	1994 DAVID J ROBERTSON*	+ PDDGM
1936 J R POMEROY *	1967 FRED J NIEBLING*	1995 JAMES E SMITH *	> PGM
1937 A O KANNER *	1968 LLOYD W PROPER*	1996 WILLIAM H MCMILLAN +	
1938 R C MINNEHAN *	1969 WILLIAM S ROBSON	1997 WILLIAM J GILBERT JR	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice	2) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting	3) Pre work and Cooking for Pork Butts 12:00 PM	4)) Pork Butts pickup 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5)	6)	7)	8)	9) Unity Chapter No 37 OES 7:30	10)	11)
12)	13) Treasure Coast Court No. 76 Order of Amaranth	14)	15) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice 7PM	16) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting	17)	18) 8:00-10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
19)	20)	21)	22)	23) Unity Chapter No 37 OES 7:30 Official Visit of the Grand Officer	24)	25) Masters & Wardens 9:00 AM Ft Pierce Lodge No. 87 All Brothers invited.
26)	27)	28)	29)	30)	1) York Rite Degrees 7:00 -10:00 PM	2) Fort Pierce York Rite Bodies Degrees 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM

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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 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.

Brother Richard Hai, PM passed away on July 31st and Mark Cassidy, Jr. passed away on August 4th please keep their family in your prayer. Also remember Brothers Antom Eastman, Stephen Hedrick, Stephen P. Smith, Robert Davis, Milton Wegler, Duane Gardner, Richard Diekmann, Kevin Beebe, James Gibbs, Robert Crowder PM, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, Ray Gosnell PM, Charles Tucker, and Joseph Crankshaw PM, in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

CHESTER ARTHUR KING, III

RUSSELL A. HERNANDEZ

GREGORY S. HENDRICKS

Awaiting F.C.

BRIAN S. YOUNG

BRENDAN J KENNEDY

ERIC CAPERS

Awaiting M.M.

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