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- Remember the Blood Bank Please Donate Account # is A61
- District 30 web site www.30thmasonic.org
- Grand lodge of Florida web site www.gflflamason.org

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Please contact our Secretary for Funerals and any other lodge business

Please send in 2017 Dues

WORDS OF WISDOM

Ideals are like stars, you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but, like the seafaring man, you choose them as your guides, and following them, you will reach your destiny.

Bro. Carl Schurz

From the East

Hello Brothers,

On February 25th and 26th, we had our annual Hot Dog Fundraiser during the Downtown Stuart ArtFest. It was a huge success, and the weather was just perfect. We made more than we have in past years; it was a lot of work, but the return was well worth it. We had such a great show of support and help from many brothers and their families. I would like to thank Br. OJ and his wife Vonda for organizing the event and the following people who came out and helped, Br. Justin Kunst, Br. Paul Friend, Br. Frank Kiefer, Br. George Stokus, Br. Jeremy Horton, Br. Stephen Nelson with his wife Anitha, daughter Jessica and son Caluhm who sold a ton of water, Br. Thorney and Vivian Pattenaude, Br. Ben and Debbie Geiger, Br. Richard Hai and his wife Rose, Br. Jack Durjan, Br. Kevin Beebe with his wife Lisa and daughters Courtney and Megan, Br. Steve Sumners, Br. Michael Katz and Br. Chase Chenault. The fellowship during the weekend was so nice that it didn't feel like you were working, Masonry at it's finest!

On March 1st, we had a Called Communication for the purpose of having an EA Return for Brothers Steven Sumners and Julio Sanchez. They both were proficient, so we had the Fellow Craft Degree on Thursday, March 2nd. Our SW Justin Kunst did a great job on the FC Degree.

Our monthly breakfast will be on April 15 (Tax Day) from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Come on out and enjoy some good food and fellowship for only \$5.00. What a bargain!

Our 2nd Annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser is only a few weeks away, so if you haven't bought your tickets yet, contact Paul Friend or myself for tickets, or just show up at the event and we should have enough food for everyone. It will be a great time like last year with the Bluegrass band Skeeter Kreek performing. I guarantee that you will truly enjoy yourselves!!!

The month of April has some significance in Freemasonry; on April 22nd, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree and on April 24th, 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.

Perpetual Memberships are very important for the future of our Lodge. If you do not have one yet, consider getting one. It costs twenty years worth of dues which will eliminate you from having to pay any more yearly dues, and guarantees our Lodge a return of at least 5% annually on that money from Grand Lodge. We currently have over one hundred members that have Perpetual Memberships, including myself.

Here is a little Masonic Humor...

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs. Well Brothers, that's all I've got for you this month. Wishing you all peace and harmony!

Fraternally,

Lawrence Lutrin

Worshipful Master



2nd Annual Shrimp Boil and Social

Lodge Officers

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Lodge Historian

Joseph C Crankshaw, PM

As I have already mentioned, we will be having another Shrimp Boil to help raise money so we can have the outside of our Lodge stuccoed, sealed and painted which is a much needed update. The tickets for dinner and entertainment are only \$15.00 each, and it will be held at the Lodge on April 29th, from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM, and the Bluegrass band Skeeter Kreek will be performing. Please consider purchasing some tickets for yourself, family or maybe even just making a donation to the Lodge if you are unable to attend. The funds raised by our Shrimp Boil will help with the cost but it won't be enough, and I know through the generosity of the craft we should be able to raise enough money to keep the Lodge in great shape. We will be having silent auctions that evening as well, so if anyone would like to donate something to the Lodge to be auctioned off to help raise money, please contact me or our Secretary Paul Friend. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. We are continually working to raise money so that we can maintain our Lodge.



Famous Freemasons

Meriwether Lewis, the other half of Lewis and Clark, was a Freemason also, initiated, passed and raised in the "Door To Virtue Lodge No. 44" in Albemarle, Virginia, between 1796 and 1797. On August 2, 1808, Lewis and several of his acquaintances submitted a petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting dispensation to establish a lodge in St. Louis. Lewis was nominated and recommended to serve as the first Master of the proposed Lodge, which was warranted as Lodge No. 111 on September 16, 1808. Here is his apron which is kept at the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, Helena.



APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4	5 Officer's meeting 7:00 PM	6 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30	7	8
9	10	11	12 Open Books 6 PM Ft Pierce	13 PM	14	15 Lodge breakfast 8 AM-10 AM
16	17	18	19 Officer's meeting 7:00 PM	20 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30	21	22 Earth Day
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29 Shrimp Boil 4PM-7:30PM Live music

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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 *	
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 CECIL JOHNS *	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 + *	1992MARVIN 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 commitment to our lodge. This Perpetual Membership is

Acacia Lodge No. 163 Perpetual Members

PETER ALVAREZ	OTIS (BEN) GEIGER II	RICHARD D LOEW	RAJINDHAR M. RAMSINGH	HONORARY
ANTHONY A ANDREOLI JR	STEVE GLUCKSMAN	JONNY KEITH LONG	CURTIS STOVER SR	GERALD D. BOYLES *
JAMES M BLOOMER	ROBERT GOODRICH *	RICHARD LUKESIC	DONALD A SCOTT	SAMUEL DURJAN *
MARTY BOATRIGHT *	ALBERT GRYDER	LAWRENCE LUTRIN	WESLEY SCOTT	A. ARVIN FABER *
MATHEW BUTTERI JR*	R DAVID HUNTOON	HARRY McCUBBIN	HAROLD SEAL	ANTHONY G. FABER *
MARK L CASSIDY III	MATTHEW E HARRIS	WILLIAM H MCMILLAN	J BRUCE SIFF	JUDGE GIRLINGHOUSE
MARK CASSIDY JR	STEVEN K HARTMAN	JACK C MILLER	JAMES (BUD) SLAY	DAVE HELTINGS *
THEODORE A CLARK *	ROBERT W HESLOP *	ROBERT MITTMAYER	JAMES E SMITH *	FELIX H LYNN *
ROBERT COY	SAMUEL HIRSCHLER	DONALD MURPHY	TERRY SMITH	ROBERT TRUMP PGM
L EVANS CRARY JR PGM	H. DALE HOFFA	THOMAS NEILD JR	JOE C. STATON *	
CHRISTOPHER CRUCE	MICHAEL HOFFA	MATTHEW OLIVO	GEORGE STOKUS	MEMORIAL
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CHASE CHENAULT	JEFFREY HUNTER	DYLAN PARRISH	IRA W SWIGART *	LAWRENCE E CRARY SR*
IRVIN DEGGELLER *	GARY JONES	THORNEY PATTENAUDE JR	RICHARD L. SAWYERS	HOWARD FRENED *
STEPHEN DILLEMUTH	ORION (OJ) JONES IV	VIRGIL (RED) PERRY *	JOSEPH SCHULZ	JOHN C GRAY *
JACK DURJAN	CHRISTIAN B KALB *	BRAD PETERS	STEVE TATE*	JACKSON M HARTMAN *
MATTHEW DAHLQUIST	STEPHEN L KARR	JOHN D PICKFORD	HAL TOBIAS	RALPH W HARTMAN SR*
RUI JESSE DUTRA	VICTOR KENNEDY	ROBERT A PIERCE *	ANDERSON L. TRIGGS	HARRY L. JACOBS SR.*
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WILLIAM FRANKLIN	CABOT LORD	JAMES ROWELL	DONALD J WILSON *	LEON LAROCHE *
PAUL W FRIEND	KENNETH W. LEEDHAM	THOMAS RANDAZZO	WALTER S WINDECKER *	RICHARD MARTIN *
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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 Ray Gosnell PM, Victor Kennedy, Charles Tucker, Cliff Wagner Joseph Crankshaw PM, Ralph Pocelli, Rod Dennis, Stan Mazinowski, Dale Hoffa's lady Sandy just passed away, Brother Rocky Rodriguez who is recovering from surgery, Cyrus Trowbridge, the wife of Brother Azeal Colon, son of Brother Michael Katz, and the family of our widow Grace Woodburn who passed away recently, in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

Awaiting F.C.

Awaiting M.M.

Affiliations

KEVIN POPE

JULIO SANCHEZ
STEVE SUMMERS

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK