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WORDS OF WISDOM

Try to understand men, if you understand each other you will be kind to each other. Knowing a man well never leads to hate and nearly always leads to love. There are shorter means, many of them. There is writing promoting social change, writing punishing injustice, writing in celebration of heroism, but always that base theme . Try to understand each other.

Bro. John Steinbeck

From the East

Hello Brothers,

Independence Day of the United States, also referred to as the Fourth of July or July Fourth in the U.S., is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 241 years ago in 1776 on July 4, by the Continental Congress. It declared that the thirteen American Colonies regarded themselves as a new Nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. From the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, it appears that 9 were Masons. Those Brothers were Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, William Ellery, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, Robert Treat Paine, Richard Stockton, George Walton and William Whipple. I hope everyone enjoys their Independence Day celebration.

On May 29th, 30th and 31st, most of our Officers and a few Brothers attended Grand Lodge in Orlando. As in past years, it was very educational, and it was also great seeing and spending time with other Masons from our District, as well as from around the state.

At our June 1st meeting, Brothers Julio Sanchez and Steven Sumners showed proficiency on their Fellow Craft return, so we had a Master Mason Degree on Saturday, June 3rd. Brothers Julio and Steven, along with Bro. Miguel Ferguson, Bro. Joseph Piero and Bro. Edward Roseberry from Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. There was a total of 41 in attendance showing support for these newly raised Master Masons. It was a great morning.

On Saturday, June 10th, Acacia Lodge hosted the Masonic Leadership Training Part 2 class. There were eleven Brothers from Acacia Lodge that attended, along with others from our District. This great participation just goes to show that our Officers and some brothers are doing all they can to become educated and dedicated leaders for our Lodge and Fraternity. After the class, I had the privilege of presenting Brother Richard Livermore his 50 year certificate, Gold member card and Gold Pin at his home on behalf of Acacia Lodge. Thank you brother for all your years of dedication to our Fraternity, it is much appreciated.

Work has begun on the outside of the Lodge. The stucco has been completed and painting should be done the end of June or early July depending on the weather. All the recent rain has slowed up progress on the building, but when all the painting gets done on the outside of our building and fence, the Lodge should look great.

On June 24th, we celebrated the 300 Year Anniversary of Freemasonry with a Called Communication. We invited W.: Glenn Edwin Chandler who is a Masonic Historian to speak at our Lodge. He traveled all the way from Jacksonville, Florida for this meeting, and gave us so much history about Freemasonry. We enjoyed a great meal, great lecture, and great fellowship.

Next month on August 19th, our District will be making our annual trip to the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg to throw the residents a Cowboy BBQ luncheon. If you are interested in going, ask one of the Officers for more information. Also, any donations you would like to make to Corky's Cupboard, which consists of hygiene items, stamps, gift cards etc... can be dropped off at the Lodge where we will have a container for all donations. You can also make a monetary donation, if you like, to help support our Masonic Home.

On May 27th, Acacia Lodge held a Masonic funeral for Bro. C. Pfeiffer Trowbridge at All County Funeral Home in Stuart. Bro. Pfeiffer started a private practice of law until he was appointed as the youngest Circuit Court Judge in Florida. He was subsequently elected for 27 years in this position with no opposition. He was a Mason for 67 years and a member of our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lawrence Lutrin

Worshipful Master



Lodge Officers

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This Degree symbolizes one's birth, coming into the physical world, essentially helpless and blind, but there is in you as in all men, an inherent need for Light, an awareness that you are not complete in yourself and must discover more Light. Coming from the ignorance and darkness of the outer world, your first craving is for light—not that physical light which springs from the great orb of day as its fountain, but that moral and intellectual light which emanates from the primal source of all things from the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Creator of the sun and all that illuminates.

There are three Principal Tenets of Masonry, which are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. There are also four Cardinal Virtues of Masonry which are Temperance (moderation or self-restraint), Fortitude (mental and emotional strength in facing difficulty), Prudence (care, caution and good judgment as well as wisdom in looking ahead) and Justice (just behavior or treatment). In order to live a productive life, we must be temperate or moderate, and not radical in our actions and interactions with others. We must also have Fortitude, or strength and endurance in the face of adversity, for life brings much grief, and sorrows and frustrations as well as opportunities, and it is easy to give up or become discouraged. We must have Prudence, that is, the ability to act with thoughtfulness, but otherwise we act on a first impulse, and we can do great damage to ourselves and others by doing so. We must have a sense of Justice, so that we understand the importance of not judging others assuring that all people are treated fairly.

In this Degree, Masonry teaches us three great duties. You owe a duty to God, to respect and love him. You have a duty to yourself, to grow and develop as a person, discover and nurture your spiritual nature, and to live a life which reflects credit upon you and your family. You also have a duty to your neighbor, which is best summed up in the Golden Rule—treat others as you would wish to be treated. You are also to be a good citizen of your country, avoid getting into arguments about the fraternity with those who are not members, and be careful of who you recommend for membership, making sure they are good people. Finally, remember to keep the actions and ceremonies of the Lodge confidential.

JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 	5 Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	6 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30	7	8
9	10	11	12 Open Books Ft Pierce 6 PM	13	14	15 Lodge Breakfast 8-10 AM
16	17	18	19 Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	20 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30	21	22 M & W Ft. Pierce 8 AM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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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 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.

Acacia Lodge No. 163 Perpetual Members

PETER ALVAREZ	OTIS (BEN) GEIGER II	RICHARD D LOEW	RAJINDHAR M. RAMSINGH	HONORARY
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CHASE CHENAULT	JEFFREY HUNTER	MATTHEW OLIVO	IRA W SWIGART *	LAWRENCE E CRARY SR*
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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 *
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(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 Sylvester Spinetta, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, who's wife passed away, Ray Gosnell PM, Charles Tucker, Cliff Wagner, Joseph Crankshaw PM, Ralph Porcelli, Rod Dennis, Stan Mazinowski, the family of Cyrus Trowbridge, who passed away in May, the wife of Brother Azeal Colon, Zachariah, the son of Brother Michael Katz, and the family of our widow Grace Woodburn, who passed away a few months, in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

Awaiting F.C.

Awaiting M.M.

Affiliations

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