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WORDS OF WISDOM

“A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.”

~Harry S Truman

Past Grand Master of Missouri A.F. & A.M.

From the East

Hello Brothers,

Summer is just about half over, so this is the time of year that parents are looking forward to their kids returning to school. Hopefully everyone has been enjoying their Summer vacations and had a wonderful 4th of July.

At our July 6th meeting, Debbie Geiger and the Girl Scouts hosted dinner for everyone. They served a delicious meal with a variety of desserts, and after the meal they presented Acacia Lodge with a Community Award for allowing them to use our Lodge throughout the year.

On July 20th we had an Entered Apprentice Degree with our Junior Warden, Brother OJ Jones, sitting in the East. He did a great job as did all the other Brothers. R.:W.: Ronnie Brock came all the way from Sebastian to give the Lecture, and he did an amazing job. What a great evening it was! Welcome to the Fraternity Brother Austin Carey.

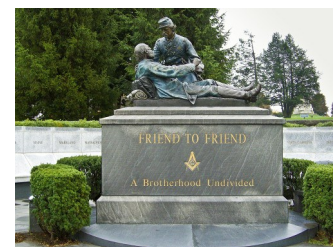
We have several events coming up this month. On August 2nd, we will be having an EA Return for Brother Glenn Chadbourne, and if found proficient, we will be having a Fellow Craft Degree on August 3rd. On Saturday, August 12th, our Masonic District 22 will be hosting a Cowboy BBQ luncheon for the residents in the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg beginning at 12:00pm. This Cowboy BBQ was originally scheduled for August 19th, but it was changed by the Board of Directors to the 12th. There is a container at the Lodge for any donations for the Masonic Home which will be delivered that day. On August 17th, we will be having our Official DDGM visit with RW George Stokus and his Committeemen. Saturday, July 19th, is our Lodge breakfast from 8:00am until 10:00am.

Here is a little Masonic history: On August 4th, 1753, Brother George Washington received his Master Mason Degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. On August 21st, 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the Friend to Friend Masonic Monument in the Gettysburg National Cemetery in commemorating acts of kindness between Freemasons who fought on opposite sides in the American Civil War.

Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master



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This Degree symbolizes the intellectual awakening of the Brother and him maturing as a thinker. Knowledge is the beginning of the process. This Degree also draws heavily on the symbolism of early Jewish mystical thought and on the symbols of Alchemy. Alchemists were philosophers who believed that the physical world could reveal spiritual truths. They discovered many of the principles of Science and many different medicines. They also studied the natural world in order to understand the will of God.

There are three working tools of a Fellow Craft which are the Plumb, Square and Level. The Plumb symbolizes the uprightness of life. Acting with integrity morally, intellectually and spiritually. It teaches us not to take the easy way out of anything. The Square symbolizes the Square of Virtue and Morality. Virtue and Morality are not the same thing, Virtue deals with our own character and our relations to the Divine, while Morality deals with other people. Therefore, it is immoral to cheat, to take advantage of others and to mistreat others. The Square teaches us that our character and relationship must be tested by both.

There is great significance to the two Pillars which are placed on the porch of King Solomon’s Temple. These Pillars represent Strength and Wisdom, and when a Brother passes through them, it represents his entry into his new life as a Mason. The globes on top of the Pillars represent the Earth and the Universe. These symbolize the change and transformation which is the dominant theme of the Fellow Craft Degree.

The Winding Stairs are divided into three sets with the first set representing the Officers of the Lodge as well as the three stages of life: Youth, Manhood and Old Age. They also represent the ways in which we approach knowledge and information with a willingness to hear and learn. The second set represents the five orders of Classical Architecture and the five human senses. The last set of stairs represent the seven liberal arts which were considered important for a free man to know.

The wages of a Fellow Craft were Corn, Wine and Oil: Corn for nourishment, Wine for refreshment and Oil for joy.

AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Officers Meeting & EA Return 7:00	3 Fellow Craft Degree 7:30 Dinner 6:30	4	5
6	7	8	9 Open Books Ft Pierce 6 PM	10	11	12 Cowboy BBQ @ the Masonic Home 12pm
13	14	15	16 Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30	18	19 Lodge Breakfast 8am -10am
20	21	22	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 + *	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

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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 Sylvester Spinetta, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, Ray Gosnell PM, Charles Tucker, Cliff Wagner, Joseph Crankshaw PM, Ralph Pocelli, 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 also his mother-in-law, the family of our widow Grace Woodburn who passed away a few months ago, in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

Awaiting F.C.

Awaiting M.M.

Affiliations

KEVIN POPE

GLENN MICHAEL CHADBOURNE

AUSTIN PIERCE CAREY

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