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WORDS OF WISDOM

“We can continue to try and clean up the gutters all over the world and spend all our resources looking at just the dirty spots and trying to make them clean. Or we can lift our eyes up and look into the skies and move forward in an evolutionary way.”

Br. Buzz Aldrin

“We can only know the fullest joys of Masonry when we truly walk the paths of service and of hard work in the quarries”

Br. George E. Burow

From the East

Hello Brothers,

It is hard to believe that my year as Worshipful Master is coming to a close. I look back and smile when I think of the relationships that have been created and the people I have met; this has been a great experience. I am very thankful for everyone that helped me along during this year, and I would like to thank every Officer for their hard work and dedication as well as some of our members who also pitched in on different projects. It takes a whole team to accomplish the things that we did, not just one or two people. All of the Officers of Acacia Lodge worked so well together this year during our special events, fundraisers, monthly breakfasts, training classes, degrees, catechisms and Official visits. It made me proud to be at the helm.

We currently have four Fellow Crafts working on their Catechism whom should soon be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason if found proficient. We will keep you posted on their progress.

On November 18th, we had our annual Dollars Fore Scholars John Gray Golf Classic. It was a great event as usual and we were able to raise more money for our scholarship program. The weather was just perfect and we had 55 golfers participating and several volunteers helping out. The tournament was held at the Martin Downs Golf Club like we have done the past couple of years, and they always treat us very well. Breakfast and lunch was included for the golfers; both meals were very delicious. Before this years total, we have raised \$245,000 toward scholarships for our local High School Seniors. What an incredible program this is! I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Brothers Paul Friend, Jeremy Horton, Pete Alvarez, Stephen Dillemath and Dale Hoffa for all their work in putting this event together; it is much appreciated.

At our Stated Communication on December 7th, we will be having our Officer elections. All of our Officers are running unopposed, so come on out to see next year's Officers.

On Saturday, December 30th, we will be having our Officer's Installation Ceremony. Dinner will begin at 6:30 with the Installation following at 7:30. It will be an exciting evening when I pass the torch on to our next Worshipful Master Justin Kunst. This meeting will be open to everyone, so please bring your families and join us in welcoming the Officers of Acacia Lodge for 2018.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. May peace and harmony prevail!

Fraternally,

Lawrence Lutrin

Worshipful Master



Masonic Education - St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist

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Joseph C Crankshaw, PM

Freemasons historically celebrate two feasts of Saint John. The feast of John the Baptist falls on 24 June, and that of John the Evangelist on 27 December, roughly marking mid-summer and mid-winter. During the Eighteenth Century, the Premier Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland favored the day of John the Baptist, while the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Antient Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of All England at York installed their Grand Masters on the feast day of John the Evangelist. The United Grand Lodge of England was formed on 27 December 1813.

The first Grand Lodge was formed on 24 June the feast day of John the Baptist in 1717. This may arise from a very old tradition, since the Baptist appears to have been regarded as the patron of stonemasons in continental Europe during the Middle Ages. The guild of masons and carpenters attached to Cologne Cathedral was known as the Fraternity of St. John the Baptist. The earliest surviving record of Grand Lodge of Ireland installing a Grand Master is dated to 24 June 1725. As records of individual lodges appear in Ireland and in the Antients' in England, it seems many of them met to install a new master twice a year, on the feast days of both the Baptist and the Evangelist.

The Evangelist is particularly associated with Scottish lodges. The Lodge of Edinburgh was associated with the aisle of St. John the Evangelist in St. Giles Cathedral from the 15th century. The Grand Lodge of All England, and its predecessor, the Ancient Society of Freemasons in the City of York, elected and installed their President, then from 1725 their Grand Master on the day of the Evangelist,¹ and in London the Antient Grand Lodge of England elected their new Grand Masters on the same day. When the Antients and the Moderns (the Premier Grand Lodge) eventually came together in the United Grand Lodge of England, it was on the Feast of the Evangelist in 1813.

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Officer's Meeting 7pm	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm Dinner 6:30pm	8	9
10	11	12 Hanukkah begins at sundown	13 Open Books Ft Pierce Lodge 6pm—8pm	14	15	16 Lodge Breakfast 8am -10am Masters & Wardens Okeechobee Lodge
17	18	19	20 Officer's Meeting 7pm	21 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm Dinner 6:30pm	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 St. John's Day	28	29	30 Officer's Installation Dinner 6:30pm
31 New Year's Eve						

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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 *	
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

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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IRVIN DEGGELLER *	GARY JONES	THORNEY PATTENAUDE JR	RICHARD L. SAWYERS	HOWARD FREN D *
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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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 Richard Hai, Ray Rex, Leon Smith, Curtis (Smokey) Stover and also his wife, Sylvester Spinetta, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, Ray Gosnell PM, Charles Tucker, Cliff Wagner, Joseph Crankshaw PM, Ralph Pocelli, Rod Dennis, Stan Mazinowski, the wife of Brother Azeal Colon, Zachariah Katz, the son of Brother Michael Katz, and the family of Brook Dubois Jr. who passed away on Oct. 12, in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

Awaiting F.C.

Awaiting M.M.

Affiliations

KEVIN POPE

GLENN MICHAEL CHADBOURNE

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