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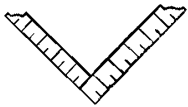


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## Master's Message



The George Washington Memorial Fish

Fry was a success. My thanks to all of the Brothers who worked so hard on Saturday, cleaning the Lodge and grounds, and those who worked so hard on Sunday. This event has been taken care of for many years by W.: Zimmerman. This year was his last year and we truly appreciate all your efforts over the years. Thanks Bill!!! I heard rave reviews on how good the meal tasted.

Thank you to our Appendant bodies who furnished our delicious deserts.

Please welcome our two new Entered Apprentices. They are Brother Kevin O'Shea and Brother James Scheuring. When you see new faces around the Lodge, please introduce yourselves so they can get to know their Brothers.

Because of the financial condition of the Lodge due to these hard times, the Craft voted to participate in three fund raisers. The first is to sponsor and man a breakfast on a Saturday each month. This will begin in May. Regularity of having the breakfasts will help bring in customers. We will also man a concession booth three times

during this year's Rays baseball season. The last is we have permission to park cars in a close by site to the Trop, and keep all of the parking fees. For my brothers who are inactive, please help us out with manpower. These are things that will only take only some your time to help the Lodge.

From The East,

C.J. Morris



## Upcoming Events

### Stated Meetings

Apr. 8th & Apr. 22nd

### Called Communication

Apr. 1st & Apr. 15th

### Bethlehem Chapter 169 OES

Apr. 5th & Apr. 19th

### Gulf Beach Chapter 241 OES

Apr. 12th & Apr. 26th

### Tahuti Court No 44 LOS

Apr. 6th

### Important

#### Dates!

April 17th

8am to ?

Masters & Wardens Trap Shoot

SilverDollar Trap and Skeet Club

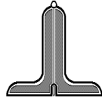
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## 2009 Lodge Officers

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Brothers,

The first three degrees in Free Masonry were given to you in our Lodge. You were told throughout these degrees that these degrees were only a starting point in your quest for knowledge. Through the various lectures, you were advised to continue your education concerning the principles and symbolic meanings of the various "working tools" and other items depicted in the Lodge. However, no one told you HOW to do this.

Freemasonry is based on the fact that each individual has his own opinions and particular ideas concerning his own views and that those views should not be denounces of others. It is

also understood that each person has his own capacity to understand the higher principles and ideals of our fraternity. Although these views and opinions may be discussed with others, it is not for anyone to tell another his understanding is wrong and those views argued.

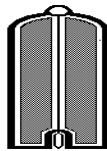
But before anyone can reach an understanding for himself, he must be versed in the philosophy of our order. It is incumbent upon each of us to seek out further "light" for himself because it's not for our fraternity to tell each individual WHAT to think or how to reach his own opinion.

It is encouraged by our fraternity for its members to seek

out various avenues of information. This may be done by reading, conversing with well-informed brothers or even going through other various rites. The three degrees given you should have sparked a desire to learn more, because they are a starting point and not an end. To increase knowledge in yourself is to increase your usefulness to yourself and family and to the fraternity itself. Remember, there is no answer to the question "how much is too much knowledge".

L. Ed. Villiaum  III

Sr. Warden

**Junior Warden's Journal**

Brothers, As you can see, the Easter Bunny is bouncing around this month! I can't stop but wonder how many people know the true meaning of Easter? Sure, we all know it is about easter eggs, presents for the kids and a great meal. But let's not forget the sacrifice one man made for us so we may celebrate this day

Brothers,

It is good to see all the discussions regarding fund raising, and all the different inputs by the members of this Lodge.

with kids and family.

We have 2 new Brothers! They are Bro. Kevin O'Shea and Bro. James Scheuring. Please come to lodge and share your wisdom with them. They are eager to learn.

In closing, May is coming soon and that means Grand Lodge. Please come and lis-

ten to the new ideas that our proposed for the coming year. Your opinion will be listened to and the officers will vote according to your wishes at Grand Lodge.

Matthew B. Winters

Junior Warden

**Treasurer's Thoughts**

We as a Lodge can really prosper if we truly put our thoughts together.

I want to congratulate all the Brothers who are assisting in this endeavor, and look forward

to working with all of you.

David Henderson,

Treasurer

## Secretary's Scribe



Brethren,

Another month is upon us and spring is all around us.

Please plan to come out and attend one of your Lodge meetings this month. We have some new adventures coming up.

We have been asked to assist Tahuti Court No. 44 in their endeavor of manning one of the concession stands at the Rays games. Our first outing is Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending out a general email on this event within the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. If anyone wishes to join us, please contact me via email at

[nitram188@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:nitram188@tampabay.rr.com).

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I can not stress enough the importance of sending in your 2010 dues. If you have not done so, please consider paying your dues by the end of April. Your Lodge would greatly appreciate it. Also Brothers, if you have any changes in your current status such as address, phone number, or email address, please inform me as soon as possible. Our Lodge records need to be kept up to date.

Fraternally,

Richard Hoover, Secretary

## Lodge Committees 2010

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**Sick and Visitation**

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All Officers

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Robert Johnson, PM  
Chris Egan

**Board of Relief**

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Ed Villiaume, PM

**Trestleboard**

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**Charges**

Robert Johnson, PM

**Master-Wardens**

David Henderson, PM, DDGM

**Funeral Lectures**

All Officers

**Youth Activities**

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Chris Egan

**Scholarship**

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# Happy Birthday!!!



Charles Dearmin	04-02	Michael Martin	04-19	Stanley Szeimer	04-23
Joseph Fuller	04-14	Robert Mecker	04-02	John Willmot	04-10
Roy Grimes	04-18	Marion Mitchell	04-15		
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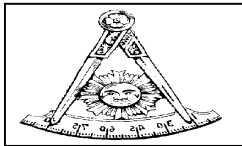
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1968 Alvin F. Baumgartner  
1969 Robert J. Schram\*  
1970 Carl Weisenberg  
1971 David J. Barr  
1972 J. Fred Bobbitt\*  
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