



Masters and Wardens Association
The Proud seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: Feb 7, 2009

Location: Composite

Lodge Number: 293

Call to order by: President Larry Williamson

Time: 9:00 am

with 71 Brothers present.

Pledge to the flag and Prayer: Before meal: After meal:

Pass the charity basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 121.00

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: 0

Past District Deputies: 3

State Committeemen: 1

Past District Instructors: 3

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past Masters: 30

17th District Committeemen: 6

Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 0

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 14

Other Officers/ Brothers: 13

Senior wardens, 17th Dist. 7

District Instructor 17th Dist.: 1

Junior Wardens, 17th Dist. 5

District Deputy Grand Master: 1

Motion to accept minutes as published: Moved & seconded

Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit: Moved & seconded

Totals all funds: \$ 21,007.15

Bills: Payee, \$\$\$\$ (none / \$ _____)

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Motion to pay Bills: n/a

Correspondence:

none

Sickness and Distress:

Bro. Oscar Swinson – going to hospital to receive treatment for Lung Cancer (2/17)
S.W. of Mt. Moriah (Robert Simmons) is in Lakeland Hospital with pneumonia
Wor. Davis wife – needs to rest before another operation
Wor. Hemphill is home with the Flu

Old Business:

Scholarship program – is now being handled by Wor. Ed Sexton. He will be looking for volunteers to review the applications.

Bro. Aldus Grauds reminded all of the upcoming “Showcasing The Brotherhood” program at Scottish Rite on Feb 21, at 5:00PM and encouraged all to bring friends, neighbors or co-workers who might be interested in Masonry. It is expected that the Grand Master will attend, and the event has had coverage in the Orlando Sentinel. The program is free to all, although the lodges in the district have made donations to help support this program.

Wor. Larry Williamson reminded us that Americanism Day has been adopted by the Youth groups, and will be on Mar 22 at 4PM. The venue will be at Composite, as the suggested city sites all had significant costs associated with them. He and the Youth groups are asking for assistance from the Lodges and brothers – Winter Park lodge has already offered to assist. The program should be final by March 1.

New Business:

Wor. Don Martin reminded all that the annual Flag Day ceremony at Scottish Rite is soon upon us, and asked all brothers to please collect flags, from their neighborhood, police and fire stations, schools or businesses. The current collection of about 2,000 flags is below past years' pace, as we try to exceed 4,000 annually.

Wor. Larry Williamson requested a show of interest for participation in Relay For Life, and having seen none, decided to decline participation in this year's event.

Greg Hoggatt – indicated that the City of Orlando has a new fire facility planned, and we have the opportunity to participate in the “laying of the cornerstone” ceremony. He has gained preliminary OK from the two main department heads that lead this. Any lodges that are willing to participate, please contact Greg.

The M&W Meeting Schedule was made available as hand-outs, and is also on the website, as is the DDGM's visit schedule for the spring.

Wor. Larry Williamson is compiling a list of requested installation dates for 2010. We will make available on the website as well as at each meeting.

R.W. Bob Morrow reminded all that he still has a supply of ties on sale, that we can wear to show support of him for the Grand Line position. He said that he will be taking 1/2 of the profits and donating to the Rainbow as their fundraising has fallen far short of past results. This fund supports their trip to the Grand Gathering.

Good of the order:

Wor. Larry Williamson thanked all brothers for their participation in today's meeting, and encouraged continued participation, as this is important to ensuring communication between the various lodges.

<u>District school of instruction:</u>	<u>Feb 11</u>	<u>Location:</u> Composite #293
	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Location:</u> Composite #293
<u>Open Books:</u>	<u>Feb 21 and Mar 28 (Ritual Competition for Zone 5)</u>	
<u>Traveling Gavel located at :</u>	St. Cloud #221	
<u>Traveling Cup:</u>	Pine Castle #368	

Lodge Announcements:

Memorial 17:
Installation today, after M&W meeting

Orange 36:
Charity dinner at VFW – Mar 14th. Tickets are \$20 all else in Trestleboard.

Orlando 69:

Mar 7th – Fish Fry – time TBD

Mar 17th EA Degree. Details TBD.

Orange Blossom 80:

Fair Fundraiser - upcoming

Winter Garden 165:

Mar 20/21 – Short of Time Degree. Details TBD

All else in Trestleboard

Eola 207:

2/10 – FC Degree – 7PM, meal after

2/24 – EA degree – 7PM, meal afterward

3/14 – Fundraiser BBQ – 3pm-7pm, \$7

St. Cloud 221:

2/26 – 7:30PM Roundtable discussion –after meeting

3/26 – 7:30PM – open meeting, Shrine presentation

Winter Park 239:

2/17 – EA degree, 7PM, refreshment after

3/3 – FC degree, 7PM, refreshment after

All else in Trestleboard

Oviedo 243:

2/23 – DDGM visit at 7:30

Held a successful Child ID program this past Saturday, special thanks to Wor Johnny Brock

2/12 – EA degree, 7PM, no meal

Composite 293:

All in Trestleboard.

Tentative BBQ on Apr 4.

Mokanna 329:

Special thank you to Memorial Lodge for help with funeral of our PM Laboree

2/23 – EA degree, 7:30PM, meal at 6:30

S. Seminole 364:

3/14 – MM degree, 8/9/10

Pine Castle 368:

2/25 – FC degree at 7:30PM

3/14 – BBQ 12:00-5:00pm, Donation \$6

Mount Moriah 400:

All in Trestleboard

Appendent Orders and Distinguished Guests:

Scottish Rite:

Oct 25 – “Road to Victory – Military Vehicle Display” \$5 fee for parking

Sat 10AM-6PM, party 6PM-9PM

Sun 10AM-1PM

Feb 27 – Double Eagle award ceremony

Grotto:

n/a

Shrine:

Feb 28 – Master & Warden dinner, 6:30PM – Free to Masters & Wardens, \$15 to others. Ladies invited and encouraged to attend.

York Rite:

n/a

Youth Groups:

2/15 – Installation at Pine Castle

2/28 – Installation at S. Seminole Demolay (Winter Park Lodge). Dinner at 6:00pm

Other:

June 27: Grand Master official visit

District Instructor comments:

R.H. George Van pelt encouraged all brothers to attend District School, so we can work together as a district to improve the level of our work.

DDGM Message:

R.W. Ray Cox had some brief comments, being mindful of the time:

- Greetings to all on behalf of M.W. Joe A Fleites, Grand Master of Florida
- Reports on Citizenship and Public relations are due to Wor. Jim Hamilton now
- Be sure to list the names of candidates in Trestleboards
- Mentoring is important – R.W. Johnson wants a meeting of mentors from all lodges. Lodges should provide R.W. Ray with a list of names as soon as possible.
- The First Lady’s charity is behind schedule in its fundraising efforts. R.W. Ray would like for all lodges to consider contributing, if possible.

Next Meeting on: [Mar 7, 2009](#)

location: [Oviedo #243](#)

Closed with peace and harmony prevailing: Time: [10:07 AM](#)

with Benediction by: [R.W. Ray T Cox, Jr](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bro. Ed Rees
Secretary Master's & Warden's**

Proud 17 th District Committeemen	
DDGM	R.W. Ray T. Cox, Jr
District Instructor	R.H. George Van Pelt
District Ambassador	Wor. Don Martin
Child ID	Wor. Johnny Brock
FA-100	Wor. Ralph Valido
MH 100	Wor. Bob Burke
LYPMGC	Wor. Ralph Pugh
Masonic Education	Wor. Michael Hemphill
GM Charity	Wor. Steve Teal
Masonic Youth	Wor. Larry Williamson
Perpetual Membership	Wor. Lafayette Michael
Public Education & Citizenship	Wor. James Hamilton
Wills & Gifts	Wor. Robert Simmons
Wardens Workshop	Wor. Chet King
Public Relations & Publicity	Wor. Aldis Grauds
Masonic Renewal	Wor. Robert Monroe
Photographer	Wor. Mark Plosila