



# Masters and Wardens Association

## The Proud Seventeenth Masonic District



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**Meeting of:** Sept 6, 2008

**Location:** Orlando # 69

Meeting was called to order by President W. Ed Sexton, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a Prayer by R. W. Ray T. Cox.

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Officers in Attendance:** W. Larry Williamson, V. President, Secretary, Bro. Bill Valentino, and Treasurer W. Chet King; R.H. George Van Pelt---DDGM Ray T. Cox

**Absent:** President W. Ed Sexton

There were **66** Brothers present.

The President Pro-tem, thanked W. M. Dave Hershiser for the hospitality and the use of and had him introduce the kitchen crew.

**Pass the Charity Basket!** Charity plate totals: \$ 65.00

**Introductions:**

Grand Lodge officers: 0	Past District Deputies: 5
State Committeemen: 3	Past District Instructors: 3
Zone 5 Committeemen: 1	Past Masters: 26
17 <sup>th</sup> District Committeemen: 6	Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 1
Worshipful Masters 17 <sup>th</sup> Dist.: 7	Other Officers/ Brothers: 8
Senior wardens, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 7	District Instructor 17 <sup>th</sup> Dist.: 1
Junior Wardens, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 4	District Deputy Grand Master: 1

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**Motion to accept minutes as published:** Moved & seconded

**Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit:** Moved & seconded  
Treasurer's report given by W. Chet King

**Totals all funds:** \$17,103.64

**Bills:** None

**Motion to pay Bills:** N/A

**Correspondence:** None

**Sickness and Distress:**

W. Ed Sexton is feeling ill.

R.W. Tony Stipitch is still fighting cancer.

W. Rodney Hollis has lung cancer and is at FI Hospital South.

R.W. Ernesto Fueste is at the Masonic Home, and would appreciate visitors.

Bro David R. from S. Seminole is there also.

Continued prayers were offered for these brothers and their families.

**Old Business:** W. Larry Williamson reported that the notices of the 17<sup>th</sup> District Meeting were sent out to the Lodges of the 17<sup>th</sup> District this month.

The date for the "Wardens work shop", Zone 5, is TBA.

W. Williamson went over the schedule for 2009 lodge installations, and also the GM dinner.

**New Business:**

Bro. Ed Repsher reported on the last Masonic Round table meeting, which was held at Orange Lodge No. 36, saying that it was a good turnout and that the discussion was lively and interesting. The next meeting would be at Composite on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The address of the web site is: [www.masonicroundtable.com](http://www.masonicroundtable.com).

W. Larry Williamson discussed Americanism Day, and said that he has not received feedback from the lodges.

Warden's Work Shop is still tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15, and conflicts with Open Books and the Bahia Shrine fall Ceremonial. This date may affect attendance.

## **Good of The Order:**

See Lodge announcements

**The Traveling Gavel:** The Gavel is at South Seminole Lodge No 364

**The Traveling Cup:** In possession of Winter Garden Lodge No 165.

## **Lodge Announcements:**

- Memorial Lodge: A brief meeting will be held after M & W meeting.
- Orange 36: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
- Orlando 69 DDGM Visit Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept
- Orange Blossom 80: Everything is in the Trestle Board. Hosting the Grand Masters for Dinner (steak) for charity on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Garden No 165: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
- Eola Lodge No 207: EA Degree on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30. Past Master's dinner tonight.
- St. Cloud Lodge No 221: On the 11<sup>th</sup> DDGM visitation, dinner at 6:30 PM. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, EA Degree.
- Winter Park Lodge No 239: Everything is in the Trestle Board. DDGM visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; Master Mason Degree on the 27<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 8 am – breakfast (lunch likely also, since there will be at least nine brothers being raised.
- Oviedo Lodge No 243: FC Degree on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>; everything else is in the Trestle Board.
- Composite Lodge No 293: Spaghetti Dinner from 11-6 today; everything else is in the Trestle Board.
- Mokanna Lodge No 329: Everything is in the Trestle Board. Ed Rees announced that Orlando No. 69 had the best attendance at the spaghetti dinner, and wins kitchen help from Mokanna.
- South Seminole Lodge No 364: Rusty Nail Degree Sept 22 and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Oct and 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov. there will be an outdoor Lodge in the old S. Seminole Bldg in Casselberry. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> is regular stated meeting; everything else is in the Trestle Board.
- Pine Castle Lodge No 368: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
- Mt Moriah No 400: Everything is in the Trestle Board.

## **Appendent Orders/ Distinguished Guests:**

- Scottish Rite: Visitation on  
  
Fall Reunion on September 20 / 21<sup>st</sup> and a Military Show will be held on April 2009 on the Scottish Rite Grounds.
- Bahia Shrine: Pancake breakfast Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, \$4; Picnic on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-4, the paper drive kicks off on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Fall Ceremonial Nov 15<sup>th</sup>
- York Rite: Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, chapter and consistory; 25<sup>th</sup>, commandery. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a one-day class.

- Youth Groups: W. Williamson asked for support of Orange Assembly No. 134 Rainbow, for their fundraiser. A Youth Day was being scheduled at Moss Park for Oct 25<sup>th</sup> (\*Note, this has been re-scheduled for Nov 1)
- Grand Master's Coins are for sale to benefit the Masonic youth Association. Bronze Coins are \$5.00, imitation silver for \$ 15.00 and real silver coins are \$ 30.00.

### **District Instructor's Comments:**

District School of Instruction will be at Orlando Lodge No 69, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m..  
R H Van Pelt urged all to attend the District Schools of Instruction

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Open Books at Winter Park Lodge from 9-3. The Fellowcraft degree will be exemplified. Florida will be putting the Master Mason degree in Kingston, TN, next August for the Cave Degree. See RH Van Pelt if you would like to participate.

### **DDGM's Message: Travel --- Travel --- Travel**

R. W. Cox also urged all the Lodges to travel and go in search of the Gavel, as well as the travelling cup.

R.W. Cox extended Greetings from our Grand Master M.W. Joe Fleites. He reminded everyone to support the Masonic charities with the purchase of coins and ties.

He also gave a message about the importance of the ballot box, saying it was more sacred than anything in the lodge but the Holy Scriptures, and to treat it with its due reverence. It is not proper to discuss how you voted, nor ask someone else how he voted. A vote is up to each Mason, but he is always to think, not about a personal issue, but what is best for the Fraternity.

**Next meeting** will be Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Eola 207.

Benediction was delivered by R. W. Ray T. Cox.

**Meeting was closed at:** 10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Valentino