



Masters and Wardens Association

The Proud Seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: Oct 4, 2008

Location: Eola #207

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. Ed Sexton, President, W. Larry Williamson, V. President, and Treasurer W. Chet King; R.H. George Van Pelt---DDGM Ray T. Cox

Absent: Secretary Bro. Bill Valentino

There were **49** Brothers present.

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

Pass the Charity Basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 47.00

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: 0	Past District Deputies: 3
State Committeemen: 2	Past District Instructors: 2
Zone 5 Committeemen: 0	Past Masters: 23
17 th District Committeemen: 2	Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 1
Worshipful Masters 17 th Dist.: 6	Other Officers/ Brothers: 2
Senior wardens, 17 th Dist. 5	District Instructor 17 th Dist.: 1
Junior Wardens, 17 th Dist. 3	District Deputy Grand Master: 1

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: \$16,977.19

Bills: None

Motion to pay Bills: N/A

Correspondence:

Mokanna Barbecue – Oct 11 at 12:00-3:00

Demolay carwash – 10/4 (today) 9-1pm

Demolay Annual Turkey dinner 11/23 11am-3pm at the Shrine

Sickness and Distress:

Bro. Bob Flemming passed

Bro. George Young lost his wife (Starr) last Thursday

Bro. Howard Evans has been transferred back home, but is not receiving visitors yet

Bro. George Collier passed away last weel. Will have a Memorial at York Rite.

Ella Mar has been in an auto accident and has both a brain tumor and stage 4 lung cancer

Scott Shafer of Pinecastle underwent brain tumor surgery. The doctors are still concerned and are following up with radiation

W. Rodney Hollis is having heart problems and has lung cancer, but is at home

R.W. Tony Stipitch is still fighting cancer.

R.W. John Linebarier is sounding well, and is hoping to attend the MM degree at Mokanna on 10/27.

W. Ed Sexton has a broken collarbone. Will be having surgery this week and be at Health Central for a couple of days.

Continued prayers were offered for these brothers and their families.

Old Business: W. Larry Williamson reported that the notices of the 17th District Meeting were sent out to the Lodges of the 17th District this month, only 5 lodges have returned payments. W. Williamson went over the schedule for 2009 lodge installations, and also the GM dinner.

New Business:

W. Larry Williamson reminded everyone that Americanism Day plans were still up in the air, and suggested that the Sr. Wardens of the District get together to determine the plan of action.

Good of The Order:

Many Brothers from the District will be traveling to Fort Clinch State Park for an outdoor MM degree by Amelia Lodge #47, on Oct 18. The degree is performed at the old fort with period costumes. The meal is a low country boil at 3pm, with the degree beginning at 7pm.

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

The Traveling Cup: Was awarded to Orlando Lodge #69.

Lodge Announcements:

- Memorial Lodge: no meeting today
- Orange 36: Rainbow program Oct 24th meeting. 10/25 – PM & Widow dinner 5pm (\$10).
- Orlando 69 FC degree 10/7 at 7:30p, every month on the 2nd Saturday the lodge holds an informal breakfast.
- Orange Blossom 80: today, raising 11 Brothers in short of time degree. 10/18 the GM's inspection. \$10 for dinner at 6pm.
- Winter Garden No 165: all in Trestle Board
- Eola Lodge No 207: MM degree on 10/30 at 6,7,8.
- St. Cloud Lodge No 221: FC degree on 10/7 at 7pm. Spaghetti dinner on 10/10 at 4:30-7:30
- Winter Park Lodge No 239: all in Trestle Board
- Oviedo Lodge No 243: FC degree on 10/16 at 7pm; MM degree on 11/13 at 6,7,8
- Composite Lodge No 293: 10/18 Saturday lodge cleanup at 8:30am
- Mokanna Lodge No 329: EA degree 10/6 at 7:30pm, FC degree 10/13 at 7:30pm; MM degree 10/27 at 7:30pm. Barbecue 10/11 at 11:00-3:00pm.
- South Seminole Lodge No 364: All in Trestle Board
- Pine Castle Lodge No 368: Barbecue on 10/11 at 12:00-5:00; FC degree 10/22 at 7:30pm; EA degree on 10/29 at 7:30pm
- Mt Moriah No 400: all in Trestle Board

Appendent Orders/ Distinguished Guests:

- Scottish Rite: 10/9 traveling to Deland Raibow Assembly. 10/24 Stated meeting – knighting ceremony for KOSA, service awards.
- Grotto: 11/7 meeting; today participating in a Walk for Downs Syndrome research at Lake Eola Park.
- Bahia Shrine: paper Crusade 10/17-18; Fall Ceremonial Nov 15th
- York Rite: n/a

- Youth Groups: W. Williamson asked for support of Orange Assembly No. 134 Rainbow, for their installation 10/5 at 2pm, Pinecastle lodge. A Youth Day is scheduled at Moss Park for Nov 1.

District Instructor's Comments:

District School of Instruction will be at Eola Lodge No 207, Oct 8th and 22nd , 7:30 p.m..
R H Van Pelt urged all to attend the District Schools of Instruction

Open books is on Oct 10th at Winter Park Lodge, from 9:00 to 1:30pm

Warden's workshop will be on 11/22 at the Grotto, or Eola #207, pending approval of the Grotto. The fee is \$15 which include breakfast and lunch.

December's meeting will be 12/10 at St Cloud #221

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.

He reported that the Grand Master's homecoming event in Miami was a great affair and well attended.

The Grand Master will be at Orange Blossom #80 on Nov 15 to award a 50 year pin.

He reminded all that candidates' names must appear in the Trestle Board prior to balloting. He also noted that any member dropped for NPD must be balloted on by ball and must have the background check performed. He also provided a reminder that 18 year olds may now be made masons.

R.W. Ray noted that the Mentoring program is very important. He mentioned that attendance at District School is low, please try to have at least one member of the lodge attend each school – it is very important to continue.

R.W. Ray urged the brothers to attend the Masonic Roundtable events – he feels that this is a great program and should be encouraged.

Next meeting will be Nov 1st at Orange Blossom #80.

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

Meeting was closed at: 10:27 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Rees