



Masters and Wardens Association
The Proud seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: October 6, 2007

Location: Orange Blossom

Lodge Number: 80

Call to order by: President Aldis Grauds

Time: 9:00 am

46 Brothers present.

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

Pass the charity basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 47.00 to General Fund.

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: 0

Past District Deputies: 5

State Committeemen: 3

Past District Instructors: 4

Zone 5 Committeemen: 0

Past Masters: 23

17th District Committeemen: 9

Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 0/1

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 6

Other Officers/ Brothers: 6

Senior wardens, 17th Dist. 3

District Instructor 17th Dist.: 0

Junior Wardens, 17th Dist. 5

District Deputy Grand Master: 0

Motion to accept minutes as published: Was moved, second and passed.

Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit: Given by W. Phillip Rowe

Totals all funds: \$15,575.73

Bills: 3 Scholarships given previous vouchers 44-12, 44-13, 44-14 for \$500.00

Total **\$1,500.00** **Motion to pay Bills:** Passed

Correspondence: A thank you letter was read from Patrick Cordova 2005 Henry T. Wetherell

Scholarship recipient attending Stanford University. He stated his appreciation for our fraternity and his studies for the future. (See attached).

Sickness and Distress – RW Tony Stipich has been stricken with a cancerous tumor to the brain which was removed but will be undergoing chemotherapy and cancer treatments. It was also noted that RW Dick Martinez Grand Junior Warden has had a heart attack and would undergo bypass surgery. Brother Tony Resuito Orange Blossom 80 has passed to the Great Architect of the Universe. John Linebarier is back in hospital and getting worse in his struggle to overcome his bout with cancer. A prayer was given for those who were sick and in distress as well as for the love ones who are caring for those who are ailing.

Old Business: W Aldis Grauds announced that the 17th District Master's & Wardens website was up and running www.District17-MastersWardens.com . Brother Ed Rees of Mokanna 329 will be administrator with coordination of president W. Aldis Grauds. Please provide the following information for the website by accessing the link and contact information on website. It is hoped that all Lodges will provide all Lodge Information such as (lodge phone numbers, websites, WM & Secretary phone numbers & e-mail etc...). All those who have questions can contact W Grauds at grauds@hotmail.com or 407-249-8934.

It was announced that W. Phillip Rowe would be stepping down next year as Treasurer and W. Aldis Grauds asked brothers to start thinking about all nominations for next year.

It was announced that Orange Lodge 36, Orange Blossom 80, And Mount Moriah 400 have still not sent checks in for the Grand Master's June Meeting and visit.

New Business: Open house at Scottish Rite February 9, 2008 was discussed and encouraged all brothers to bring out friends and guest who are not masons. RW Keith Albright announced that the 21st degree has been modified for a public ceremony to be presented at this open house. More to follow on this future event.

W Chet King announced the District 17 Wardens Leadership Conference would be October 27th, 2007 at 9-4 Pine castle lodge 368 and the Zone 5 Wardens Workshop was to be held on November 10, 2007 from 8-5 at the Scottish Rite.

Traveling Cup: Went to Mokanna 329

Good of the order: Brother Yonchik from South Seminole 364 announced that as they were helping the rainbow girls in their fundraising at the UCF home games, there are opportunities for other groups to take on some of these concessions and possibly use it as a major fundraiser. He suggested that the district getting involved to raise funds for the Henry T. Wetherell Scholarship fund.

RW Otis Erickson suggested also that the Shrine has a fund raiser by selling \$100 tickets and this also may be a good approach.

Brother Monroe from Pine castle announced that they have been requested to do a courtesy Master Mason Degree for a brother from South Dakota and would like to make it a District wide degree on December 28th 2007.

Haunted House being held 10-26, 27, and 31 with funds going to Henry T. Wetherell scholarship.

District school of instruction: 10-10, 24-07 **Location:** Orange Blossom 80

Traveling Gravel located at: Pine castle 368

Lodge Announcements:

Memorial 17: Having a meeting afterward.

Orange 36: Mentor class on 10-15, EA Degree on 10-16

Orlando 69: Everything in Trestle board and on website

Orange Blossom 80: Everything in trestle board. Need brothers to help RW Tony Stipich after this meeting.

Winter Garden 165: 10-18 mentor meeting.

Eola 207: Everything in trestle board

St. Cloud 221: 10-25 meeting canceled, Bible ceremony on 10-26.

Winter Park 239: 10-27 Halloween costume party & Ball

Oviedo 243: Everything in trestle board

Composite 293: FC Degree 10-22, Past Master's & Widows dinner on 11-16-07

Mokanna 329: Past master's & Widows dinner 10-13, 11-24 BBQ

S. Seminole 364: FC Degree 10-8-07

Pine Castle 368: all in trestleboard, 10-13 BBQ

Mount Moriah 400: No report

Appendant Orders and Distinguished Guests:

Scottish rite: Gateway lodge visitation 10-8-07, 10-13 nostalgia show, 10-20-21 reunion 10-23 Orange Rainbow visitation 10-23, 10-26 regular meeting feast of tishri, 11-3 KCCH investiture, and 12-17 33 degree coronation, Noted that dues are going up for Scottish Rite.

Grotto: Meeting 1st Friday of every month

Shrine: 10-7 pancake breakfast, 10-18 our Thursday men's luncheon, 10-12,13 paper crusade, 10-27 October fest, come win a chance at \$20,000.00, 11-16, 17 fall ceremonial.

York Rite: Successful degree for chapter & Council on 9-29-07, Commandry degree on 11-10-07

Youth Groups: SR visit to Orange Rainbow on 10-23, Hope 82 continuing to work at UCF home games for Becky Dunlap fundraiser. Bahia DeMolay having a fish fry on 10-13-07. Orange Rainbow selling funnel cakes at Winter Garden festival 10-13, 14. Pine castle Rainbow washing cars 10-13 at lodge barbeque. We are still selling coins and flashlights for the Masonic Youth Association.

District Instructor comments: School of instruction at Orange Blossom 80

DDGM Message: RW Burt Brim traveling with the Grand Master.

Next Meeting on: 11-3-07

location: South Seminole / Winter Park

Closed with peace and harmony prevailing: Time: 9:55am

with Benediction by: W. John Hannah

Respectfully Submitted,

**Worshipful Larry Williamson
Secretary Master's & Warden's**