



Masters and Wardens Association

The Proud Seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: Nov. 1, 2008

Location: Orange Blossom #80

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: 9:15 AM (Due to some lazy so-and-so waltzing in late)

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

Absent: V-President W. Larry Williamson

The President thanked W. M. Brian Shaw for the hospitality and the use of and had him introduce the kitchen crew.

Pass the Charity Basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 161.00. Since it was going to support the Masonic Youth, a motion was made, seconded and passed to raise the amount to an even \$200, with the balance coming from M&W.

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: 2

Past District Deputies: 0

State Committeemen: 1

Past District Instructors: 2

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past Masters: 13

17th District Committeemen: 3

Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 1

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 7

Other Officers/ Brothers: 10

Senior wardens, 17th Dist. 4

District Instructor 17th Dist.: 1

Junior Wardens, 17th Dist. 2

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: \$17,003.87

Bills: None

Motion to pay Bills: N/A

Correspondence: None

Sickness and Distress:

R.W. Tony Stipitch continues his fight against cancer.
W. Rodney Hollis is back home resting after being treated at FI Hospital South.
R.W. Ernesto Fueste is at the Masonic Home.
Bro David R. from S. Seminole is there also.
W. Hershiser is experiencing lung problems, and 'not out of the woods'.
Also Bro. Dave for Orlando 69 is at FI. Hospital in Altamonte
Joe Milo of OB 80 was in the hospital.
Hal Evers continues to recover from the auto accident.
W. Bob Burke's father passed away.
Continued prayers were offered for these brothers and their families.

Old Business:

The date for the "Wardens work shop", Zone 5, is 11/22/08 at Eola Lodge. Flyer is attached to M&W email.

Orlando 69 and Mt. Moriah 400 were asked to check on contributions for District meeting.

New Business:

Bro. Ed Repsher reported on the last Masonic Round table meeting, which was held at Orlando Lodge No. 239, saying that it was a good discussion. The next meeting would be delayed until January to get through the installations.

The address of the web site is: www.masonicroundtable.com.

W. Ed Sexton discussed Americanism Day, and said that W. Larry Williamson has not received feedback from the lodges. Larry has been talking to Woodlawn Cemetery to see if it might be done

there again. Further discussion ensued about the date. Since the “Showcasing the Brotherhood” event was held in February, there were concerns that having two large events close together would detract from one or both. W. Sexton asked the Masters and Wardens to take it back to their lodges for discussion.

The President reminded everyone that the next Masters’ & Wardens’ meeting would be on Dec. 20th at St. Cloud Lodge No. 221, and that elections would be on that date. There was further discussion about eligibility to vote and hold office; Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters within 5 years of being Master are the only ones with a vote – provided their 2008 dues had been paid. The secretary reminded everyone that he had the list of who had paid.

W. Johnny Brock asked for help finding 3 brothers for High 12 (Lawrence Hunt, Al Isaacs and James Keyser).

Good of The Order:

Masonic Youth Fun Day was going on at Moss Park.

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

The Traveling Cup: In possession of St. Cloud Lodge No. 221

Lodge Announcements:

- Memorial Lodge: A brief meeting will be held after M & W meeting. Two funerals coming up – Fred Bliss, Sunday, Nov. 9th at 2 p.m. at the Shrine, and Vincent Wright, a sojourner, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6th at Glenhaven.
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- Orange 36: Everything is in the Trestle Board. Short of time degree Fri, Nov. 14th and Sat., Nov. 15th.
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- Orlando 69 MM^o on 12/12 at 6 p.m.
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- Orange Blossom 80: Everything is in the Trestle Board. Hosting the Grand Masters for Dinner (steak) for charity on the 15th at 6 p.m.
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- Winter Garden No 165: Everything is in the Trestle Board (So W. Teal hopes!).
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- Eola Lodge No 207: Raised 3 bros. in Oct – thanks to the PMs of 1990. No meeting on the 4th for National elections.
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- St. Cloud Lodge No 221: On the 4th no lodge due to the elections On the 14th spaghetti dinner at 6:30 PM. Raised 3 bros. on Monday – thanks to Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80, who came with 18 brothers.

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- Winter Park Lodge No 239: Everything is in the Trestle Board. EA Degree on the Nov 18th (Tues) 7 pm
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- Oviedo Lodge No 243: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
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- Composite Lodge No 293: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
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- Mokanna Lodge No 329: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
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- South Seminole Lodge No 364: 10th of Nov. there will be an outdoor Lodge in the old S. Seminole Bldg in Casselberry. Everything else is in the Trestle Board.
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- Pine Castle Lodge No 368: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
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- Mt Moriah No 400: Everything is in the Trestle Board.

Appendent Orders/ Distinguished Guests:

- Scottish Rite: Golf Tournament Dec. 13th at Walkabout, looking for hole sponsors. Regular meeting on Nov 21st, none in Dec.
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- Bahia Shrine: Fall Ceremonial Nov 15th. Mitch says, "Remember the Paper Drive!" For \$100, get a plaque for the lodge; for \$100 get next year's sticker for the plaque.
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- Grotto will be having elections on Dec. 5th.
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- York Rite: For class information, contact Marty Schwebel or Harry Eisenberg.
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- High 12 is having an installation Nov. 17th 11 a.m. at Composite Lodge No. 293.
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- Youth Groups: A Masonic Youth Fun Day is scheduled at Moss Park for Nov 1, right after this meeting. Cost \$10 for lunch & dinner today; \$15 if you want to camp and have breakfast tomorrow.
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- 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.
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District Instructor's Comments:

District School of Instruction will be at Orange Blossom Lodge No 80, Nov 12th, 7:30 p.m.

R H Van Pelt urged all to attend the District Schools of Instruction. Nov 15th - Open Books at Winter Park Lodge from 9-3.

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 (or you can tell him yourself if you're going to be in Lake City).

Peace and Harmony is the theme for these times. After the rush of elections and installations, the DDGM second round of visits will start in February – incoming Masters need to see about dates.

Next meeting will be Dec 20th at St. Cloud Lodge No. 221.

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

Meeting was closed at: 10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Valentino,
Secretary (not Secretariat – if I were that fast, I'd never be late!)