



Masters and Wardens Association

The Proud Seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: Dec. 20, 2008

Location: St. Cloud No. 221

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

Absent:

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

Pass the Charity Basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 90.00. .

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: 0

Past District Deputies: 3

State Committeemen: 3

Past District Instructors: 3

Zone 5 Committeemen: 2

Past Masters: 32

17th District Committeemen: 10

Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 2

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 6

Other Officers/ Brothers: 10

Senior wardens,17th Dist. 8

District Instructor 17th Dist.: 1

Junior Wardens,17th Dist. 6 (Elect – 6)

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: \$21,295.01

Bills: None

Motion to pay Bills: N/A

Correspondence: None

Elections: First order of business was to select the officers for 2009. Chet King went over the election procedure. Glen Avery nominated Larry Williamson for President. Alex Darwich nominated Bill Valentino for Vice-President. Frank Walker nominated Ed Rees for Secretary. Mark Avery nominated Chet King for Treasurer. Bob Monroe nominated Joe Ingram for Director and Ed Rees nominated Don Martin for the other Director position. After a unanimous ballot was cast, R.W. Ray T. Cox was the installing officer, W. Ed Henderson the Marshall and W. Steve Teal the Chaplain, and the 2009 officers were installed for the ensuing term.

Sickness and Distress:

Don Grable experiencing heart problems (8 stints)
R.W. Tony Stipitch continues his fight against cancer.
W. Rodney Hollis is being treated at FI Hospital South.
R.W. Ernesto Fueste is getting more involved care at the Masonic Home.
M.W. Harvey Eddy is in declining health
Terry S. & Bernie Stevens also in poor health.
Bob Morrow's daughter had a horse riding accident and has broken bones in her back.
Hal Evers continues to recover from the auto accident, but is still not mobile.
Burt Brim's grandson was in an accident and needs prayers.
Bob Shonyo reported his SW daughter is in the hospital.
Continued prayers were offered for these brothers and their families.

Old Business:

Chet King presented the audit that he, Mike Hemphill and Bob Shoyno performed for the past year. The report was accepted and approved. The M&W budget for 2009 was accepted and approved.

The installation schedules for December and January were confirmed.

New Business:

The M&W schedule for the coming year was presented – it is also on the M&W website. W. – Elect Penvose made a motion which was accepted and passed to move the July M&W meeting to 7/11. The installation for Memorial Lodge No. 17 will be on February 7 after the M&W meeting at Composite Lodge. W. Ed Henderson made the suggestion that 2010 installations be coordinated and arranged geographically.

W. Larry Williamson said has not received feedback from the lodges about Americanism Day. Larry said that since the youth of district were a big part of it in the past, perhaps they could spearhead it this year with a 10-15 minute presentation. 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. With that, W. Williamson suggested the date of March 22, which would give the youth groups and lodges time to come up with a presentation. He talked about location, with Scott Penvose suggesting a Veteran’s park on SR 50 and Rob Junecko named a similar park in Kissimmee. Larry Williamson simply encouraged the lodges to participate.

R.W. Cox made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to donate \$100.00 to the First Lady’s Charity, which involves the Masonic Home.

W. Aldis Grauds made a motion, seconded and passed to allot \$300.00 toward a Hospitality Room at Grand Lodge in May.

W. Aldis Grauds asked that lodges support the Showcasing the Brotherhood this year.

Good of The Order:

The District

Instructor announced that School of Instruction would be at Orange Lodge No. 36 on Jan 28th.

The Traveling Gavel: The Gavel is at St. Cloud Lodge No. 221

The Traveling Cup: In possession of Orange Blossom No. 80

Lodge Announcements:

- Memorial Lodge: A brief meeting will be held after M & W meeting.
- Orange 36: Everything is in the Trestle Board.
- Orlando 69 R.W. Curtis Johnson is on the Grand Lodge Jurisprudence Committee. Everything else is in the Trestle Board.
- Orange Blossom 80: Christmas Eve charity. Installation in January.

- Winter Garden No 165: Everything is in the Trestle Board, including upcoming installation.
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- Eola Lodge No 207: W. Schwabel introduces the craft to Luis Nunez as the new WM for Eola.
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- St. Cloud Lodge No 221: Everything is in the Trestle Board
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- Winter Park Lodge No 239: Installation Dec 30th. Everything else is in the Trestle Board.
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- Oviedo Lodge No 243: Announced installation and Child I.D. Program. Everything is in the Trestle Board.
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- Composite Lodge No 293: W – Elect McNutt introduced his officers for the new year. 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: Meeting nights will be changed to 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. 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.
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Appendent Orders/ Distinguished Guests:

- Scottish Rite: Feb. 13th a “Mystery Dinner Theater”
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- Bahia Shrine: Will be having a Christmas Party for kids on 12/24.
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- Grotto will be having installation on Dec. 21th.
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- York Rite: Olivet Commandry will be having an installation 12/29..
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- Youth Groups: A Masonic Youth Day at Masonic Home on 12/21. Bahia Chapter is having a fundraiser by selling licorice. Rainbow Assembly 134 is having their installation on 1/31.

District Instructor’s Comments:

R.H. Van Pelt gave a Green card to Rob Junecko. He also mentioned a degree competition on 1/24. W. Hemphill reminded WMs that education forms need to be to GL by 1/15.

DDGM's Message: Travel --- Travel --- Travel

R. W. Cox thanked the outgoing officers of M&W.

R.W. Cox extended Greetings from our Grand Master M.W. Joe Fleites

Wants a mentoring program – believes it is the WMs responsibility for starting him off.

Reminded new WMs about dates for visits.

Thanked his committeemen, and the brothers of the 17th M&W for the donation to the first lady's charity.

Next meeting will be Feb 7th at Composite Lodge No. 293 .

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

Meeting was closed at: 10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Valentino,
Secretary