



Masters and Wardens Association
The Proud seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: September 1, 2007

Location: Winter Park

Lodge Number: 239

Call to order by: President Aldis Grauds

Time: 9:00 am

44 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: 4

State Committeemen: 1

Past District Instructors: 3

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past Masters: 25

17th District Committeemen: 6

Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 0/1

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 6

Other Officers/ Brothers: 5

Senior wardens, 17th Dist. 4

District Instructor 17th Dist.: 0

Junior Wardens, 17th Dist. 3

District Deputy Grand Master: 1

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

Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit: NA Totals all funds: No Report

Bills: None

Total \$0.00 **Motion to pay Bills:**

Correspondence: None

Sickness and Distress – W. Howard Cooley feeling better. The passing of Grand Worthy Matron Betty Boyer was announced and funeral arrangements would follow. Brother Ernie Voda wife had a stroke and is recuperating. John Linebarier is back in hospital and getting worse in his struggle to overcome his bout with cancer. W. Ernie Elliot announced he had recently had a mini stroke and was feeling the effects and some of the residual problems. 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 RW Bob Morrow and W Bob Burke would chair and host the relay for life next year in Apopka.

The Website development was announced and Brother Ed Rees has offered his services for hosting a district website and maintaining this year free of charge. If all goes well with his business in the future he anticipates no cost to the district unless his business slacks off then our cost would be \$52.00 per year for hosting. W. Grauds noted he would work with him to help maintain the site and needed others input and information. All those who have information to forward on, for the website can contact W Grauds at grauds@hotmail.com

Americanism Day will be hosted by Eola Lodge next year and they are planning a good program.

Ed Sexton reported on scholarship program, and asked for input on continuing. One brother asked who was Henry T. Wetherell, and how was the fund started. It was noted that W Wetherell was a Past Master of Composite 293 and did a lot for Masonry and the Youth. His endeavor led to the fund starting, and was later honored by his name on it after passing several years ago. It was asked why we did not put it to private high schools as well as public? A lengthy discussion went on about the pros and cons of our program. After all was said and done it was decided that it was good for the future of Masonry in order to keep us out in the public as well as giving us a purpose. The problem was finding someone to head up the program and keeping it going. W Ed Sexton spoke that as masons what are we hear for and what do we do for our community. RW Jim Dickenson after hearing the discussion stepped forward to volunteer and head it up for the future. W Aldis Grauds stated we still need to find ways to fund it.

W Grauds brought up about having a tent at the Haunted House along with a table to show our organizations and what we are all about on the 27th of October. 4-9 pm at Avalon Park off of Alafaya Trail.

New Business: None

Traveling Cup: Went to Winter Garden 165

Good of the order: W Larry Williamson spoke on inspiring other brothers to get involved to help our

individual lodges as well as providing support to the Masters' & Wardens. It is apparent our lodges are struggling to find brothers to step forward to fill offices, head committees, and after the previous discussion on the scholarship we are in need of enticing others to step forward, as most of us are already overloaded in many ways. RW Burt Brim and W Sam Paschal spoke and stated that most brothers don't come to Master's & Wardens as they don't feel they have a vote. It was stated we might need to change the name or the way we approach our meetings to entice others to want to be involved.. W Johnny Brock stated that our lodges need to increase with their functions and membership in order for the Master's & Wardens to increase. He also noted that when brothers ask about doing something different we are told we can't and that tends to deter brothers from wanting to get involved. It is apparent that change has to come from all of us, both old and new masons alike.

District school of instruction: 9-12, 26 **Location:** Oviedo 243

Traveling Gravel located at: Mokanna 365

Lodge Announcements:

Memorial 17: Having a meeting afterward.

Orange 36: All in trestle board. W Ernie Elliot 50 year pin on September 7 at 7:30

Orlando 69: Degree upcoming this month

Orange Blossom 80: 10-6 Hosting Master's & Wardens, Visit from Masonic Home Administrator on 10-1

Winter Garden 165: 9-29 Past Masters & Widows dinner, EA Degree coming.

Eola 207: No Report.

St. Cloud 221: 9-6 EA Degree, Spaghetti dinner starts back the second Friday of the month.

Winter Park 239: 9-11 Masonic renewal dinner and program, 9-18 MM Degree, 9-29 90th birthday celebration and dinner, 10-2 EA Degree.

Oviedo 243: Everything in trestle board, hosting school of instruction next month

Composite 293: 9-3 dark, 9-24 open House, 9-29 Spaghetti Dinner

Mokanna 329: 9-8 Italian dinner, 9-24- EA Degree

S. Seminole 364: 9-17 meeting.

Pine Castle 368: all in trestleboard, 4th Saturday fundraising breakfast

Mount Moriah 400: 9-18 DDGM Official visit

Appendant Orders and Distinguished Guests:

Scottish rite: 9-28 meeting and knighting Ceremony, 10-13 nostalgia show, 10-20-21 reunion 11-3 KCCH investiture, and 12-17 33 degree coronation, RW Albright noted that dues and initiation fees are going up for Scottish Rite.

Grotto: 9-7 meeting

Shrine: 9-16 pancake breakfast, 9-20 our Thursday luncheon, 9-29 paper crusade kickoff meeting and dinner they will be honoring the Officer who pulled out the little boy in the recent Sanford plane crash along with others (the Young boy is being treated by shrine hospital), 10-27 October fest, come win a chance at \$20,000.00, 11-16, 17 fall ceremonial.

York Rite: 9-27 Table Lodge honoring Robert Burlison, 9-29 Degrees for chapter and Council, 10-10 Comandry degrees

Youth Groups: Hope 82 Installation 9-16 at 4pm, Becky Dunlap needs help for a fundraiser concession that they are hosting at UCF Campus at the football Games. We are selling coins and flashlights for the Masonic Youth Association.

District Instructor comments: School of instruction in September at Oviedo. .

DDGM Message: RW Burt Brim Thanks to all for your support throughout the district it's nice to see a good group out. Pine castle #6 Rainbow is not having any meeting this month.

Next Meeting on: 10-6-07

location: Orange Blossom 80

Closed with peace and harmony prevailing: Time: 10:15am

with Benediction by: W. John Hannah

Respectfully Submitted,

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