



Masters and Wardens Association
The Proud seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: July 11, 2009 **Location:** Winter Garden **Lodge Number:** 165
Call to order by: President Larry Williamson **Time:** 9:00 am with 58 Brothers present.
 Pledge to the flag and Prayer: Before meal: After meal: **X**

Pass the charity basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 60.00

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: <u> 1 </u>	Past District Deputies: <u> 4 </u>
State Committeemen: <u> 3 </u>	Past District Instructors: <u> 3 </u>
Zone 5 Committeemen: <u> 1 </u>	Past Masters: <u> 25 </u>
17 th District Committeemen: <u> 6 </u>	Past Potentate/Past Monarch: <u> 0/0 </u>
Worshipful Masters 17 th Dist.: <u> 5 </u>	Other Officers/ Brothers: <u> 6 </u>
Senior wardens, 17 th Dist. <u> 6 </u>	District Instructor 17 th Dist.: <u> 1 </u>
Junior Wardens, 17 th Dist. <u> 6 </u>	District Deputy Grand Master: <u> 1 </u>

Motion to accept minutes as published: Moved & seconded
Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit: Moved & seconded

Totals all funds: \$ 19,550.35

Bills: Payee, \$\$\$\$ (Paul Smith (Dist Mtg Food Deposit) / \$ 1,000.00)
 (Grand Lodge of Florida (GM Charity Donation) / \$150.00
 (Paul Smith (Balance of Food costs for Dist Mtg) / \$1070.00)
 (ASAP Printing (programs, invites, etc) / \$762.28)
 (Joan Schwebel (Hospitality Basket) / \$50.00)

The following distributions were from donations collected at District Meeting, no impact on M&W or Meeting budget
(Bahia DeMolay / \$340.15)
(Lake Sumter DeMolay / \$123.69)
(South Seminole DeMolay / \$92.77)
(West Volusia DeMolay / \$247.38)

Motion to pay Bills: Moved & Seconded

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Verbal thanks from W. Larry Williamson for support of the Youth groups.

Sickness and Distress:

R..W. Chet King reported that he had traveled to the Masonic Home and stopped in on some Brothers from our District:

Bro. Ernesto – is gradually getting worse, but tries to keep spirits up.

Bro Rhodes (Roads?) of S. Seminole was not available to visit.

Bro. John Linebarier was well enough to attend this meeting, and thanked the Brothers for their calls and visits.

Bro. Tony Stipich is not improving – it seems to be just a matter of time, although the doctors are keeping up the chemotherapy, but no further operations are planned.

Old Business:

W. Larry Williamson reported that the District Meeting was a success, with good attendance and a great program and meeting. The total cost of the meeting was \$3,087.89, and will be allocated among the district based upon Grand Lodge membership of 3,067 – a cost of \$1.01 per member, below the budget amount of \$1.04. The lodge membership counts, as reported by Grand Lodge are:

Orange 36: 171	Orlando 69: 258	Orange Blossom 80: 199
Winter Garden 165: 138	Eola 207: 341	St Cloud 221: 159
Winter Park 239: 459	Oviedo 243: 132	Composite 293: 200
Mokanna 329: 426	S. Seminole 364: 226	Pinecastle 368: 290
Mt. Moriah 400: 26		

Invoices should be sent to each particular lodge within the next month.

W. Larry Williamson extended thanks to all the brothers that helped with setup and clearing at the District Meeting. He noted that there seem to be the same 6 or so brothers helping with all the events, and was disappointed that out of the 300+ brothers attending, that more couldn't help with the work.

The installation schedule for 2010 was reviewed and is herein incorporated:

2010 Installation Calendar

Orange #36	Monday, December 28, 2009	7:00 PM
Orlando #69	Saturday, January 09, 2010	5:00 PM
Orange Blossom #80	Thursday, January 21, 2010	7:00 PM
Winter Garden #165	Saturday, January 16, 2010	10:00 AM
Eola #207	Friday, January 15, 2010	7:30 PM
Saint Cloud #221	Friday, January 08, 2010	6:30 PM
Winter Park #239	Saturday, January 02, 2010	2:00 PM
Oviedo #243	Saturday, January 02, 2010	10:00 AM
Composite #293	Monday, January 04, 2010	7:00 PM
Mokanna #329	Saturday, January 16, 2010	2:00 PM
S. Seminole #364	Saturday, January 09, 2010	2:00 PM
Pine Castle #368	Saturday, January 02, 2010	7:00 PM
Mount Moriah #400	Saturday, January 16, 2010	7:00 PM
Memorial #17	Saturday, February 06, 2010	10:00 AM

The recognition certificates and gift cards for Brothers Burke and Hannah will be ready to present at the next meeting of the Association. W. Larry Williamson requested that the brothers please see if they can have Brothers Burke and Hannah attend the next meeting.

New Business:

Good of the order:

South Seminole Lodge announced that the permits and plans are nearly complete for their new building, and they expect to be able to hold Lodge in their own building by this time next year.

The Tennessee Cave degree team is holding a practice at Orange Lodge #36 on July 20 at 7:30. The same team will be conferring the outdoor degree for Winter Garden on August 1st at Gary Story's farm at 4:00 PM. The address is 17909 Lookout Hill Rd,

Winter Garden, FL 34787.

Wor. Don Martin wanted to assure all brothers that the Flag Retirement Ceremony is NOT cancelled for next year, counter to some rumors that have been circulating. While there have been challenges finding a location to incinerate the flags, the ceremony is still scheduled.

District school of instruction: 7/22/09 **Location:** Winter Garden #165

Traveling Gavel located at : Pine Castle #368
Traveling Cup: ***won by*** Mokanna No. 329

Lodge Announcements:

Memorial 17:
Lodge is Dark today.

Orange 36:
All in TB

Orlando 69:
8/4 – MM degree at 6/7/8
Annual BBQ will be in September, date TBD

Orange Blossom 80:
8/10 – MM degree at 6:30/7:30/8:30

Winter Garden 165:
8/1 Outdoor MM degree at Gary Story's farm: 17909 Lookout Hill Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787. 4:00 PM, with BBQ Ribs dinner during the break - \$10.00 donation.

Eola 207:
Check out the new website for information: www.Eola207.com

St. Cloud 221:
All in TB

Winter Park 239:
Will be Dark for 2nd meeting in July and 1st meeting in August.

Oviedo 243:

9/12 – BBQ at 12:00

Composite 293:

10/3 – annual spaghetti dinner. 11am-6:00pm. \$6.00 donation. Children under 12 free.

Mokanna 329:

Check web site for updates: www.Mokanna329.com

7/25 – Italian dinner, with candlelight and music. Be sure to bring your wives! \$7.50 donation. The “Junior Warden Challenge” will be in effect again – Mokanna’s brothers will prepare dinner for the Lodge that purchases the most tickets at that Lodge’s next stated communications, at Mokanna’s expense.

S. Seminole 364:

A Reminder that stated communications are now on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. After approval from Grand Lodge, the meeting time will be moved from 7:30 to 7:00.

Pine Castle 368:

7/25 – Breakfast at the lodge

7/29 – EA degree 7:30

8/12 – FC degree 7:30

Mount Moriah 400:

n/a

Appendent Orders and Distinguished Guests:

Scottish Rite:

7/24 – stated meeting, with SGIG official visit. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Double Eagle award ceremony.

10/10-11 – Fall reunion

Grotto:

Meets the 1st Friday of each month. See any Grotto member for petitions or questions.

Shrine:

n/a

York Rite:

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Eola Lodge #207.

8/13 – Official visit of the District Deputy and Grand Secretary.
9/26 – Fall Reunion (one day class)

High Twelve:

Will be Dark during July and August.

Meets the 3rd Monday each month at 11:00

The State convention in December this year is a cruise to the Bahamas.

Youth Groups:

Bro. Ed Henderson attended the Rainbow state assembly this past month and was impressed with the caliber of the members and organization.

8/1 – 11:00 Orange Assembly of Rainbow will have an installation at Winter Garden Lodge.

7/12 – Bahia DeMolay will be having a car wash to raise money for their trip to Gainesville for Conclave. The car wash will be from 9am to 1pm at Michigan & Orange at the McDonald's.

District Instructor comments:

R.H. Ed Sexton is impressed by the number of degrees going on in this summertime. He has noted the following degrees upcoming:

7/29 – EA degree at Pine Castle #368

8/1 – MM degree at Winter Garden (outdoor)

8/4 – MM degree at Orlando #69

8/10 – MM degree at Orange Blossom #80

8/12 – FC degree at Pine Castle #368

Remember that Open Books will be on 7/25 at 9am to 3pm at Winter Park Lodge. District School of Instruction is at Winter Garden Lodge on 7/22

R.H. Sexton felt it important to note that Brothers should be aware that to earn a Silver card, all catechisms need not be returned at the same time. A Brother may return the EA questions and answers, then study and return FC at a later date, etc. The District Instructor tracks the proficiencies and awards cards once all are completed.

R.H. Sexton gave special recognition to Brothers Ray T Cox Jr., Joe Ingram, George Van Pelt, and Ed Henderson for attending almost all Open Books and District Schools of instruction – despite their obvious proficiency in the esoteric work. They continue to support our district and brothers in their instruction, and deserve recognition for their ongoing efforts.

The Zone 5 exemplification of the EA degree will be performed by the 17th District this

year, at Open Books on August 22. There are still some open positions, and R. H. Sexton requested that the positions be filled by line officers and brothers, not necessarily by Past Masters who have shown their proficiency at the rituals. Please contact R.H. Sexton if you are interested in participating, and please attend Open Books on August 22 to show support.

DDGM Message:

R.W. Chet King noted that the District Meeting was a success, with approximately 340 in attendance. He expressed special thanks to Brothers Bill Valentino and Larry Williamson for putting on such a great meeting, with Larry helping out when Bill needed his support. Thanks also to all the Masters and Lodges for their work and support. R.W. King expressed thanks to Brother Steve Teal for providing transportation for the Grand Master in such an exceptional style – chauffer outfit and all.

The preliminary schedule for DDGM visits has been distributed to all Worshipful Masters, and will be published and distributed once final approvals are made, in time for publication in the particular lodges' August trestleboards.

R.W. King reminded all Masters and Wardens that he has requested a 45 minute meeting after the close of the Association's meeting today, to review information passed on by Grand Lodge.

Next Meeting on: August 1, 2009 **location:** Orange #36

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

with Benediction by: R.W. Ray T Cox, Jr

Respectfully Submitted,

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