

Correspondence:

none

Sickness and Distress:

RW Ray T Cos's wife Betty is going for Heart Bypass surgery – S FL Hospital
Bro Tony Stipich- has had a relapse of his Brain cancer. Lesions have grown. Please give a call or visit if you can

Bro Phil Rowe – is out of the hospital recuperating from an intestinal blockage

Bro Carol Brannock – from Lodge #140 in Murphyville NC – is in Debary Manor, recovering from a car accident. Visits and calls are welcomed

Old Business:

Reviewed the Lodge Installation scheduled for 2010. All Lodges are encouraged to set their dates. Current list is on Website

Next M&W at Mokanna #329 (Apr 4), then Pinecastle (May 2) then Winter Park (June 6) See website for schedule and updates

Showcasing the Brotherhood program – Bro Aldis Grauds reported a good turnout. Approximately 180 people attended, over 30 non-brothers. 4 Lodges participated with displays. Th event had the added bonus of providing “Masonic renewal” as some Brothers who hadn't been around for a while attended.

There was some discussion about whether a Brother had to personally know a petitioner personally, and whether for a specific period of time. It was determined that this is the decision of individual lodges, as there appear to be no specific guidelines, other than common sense.

New Business:

Americanism Day – Wor Larry Williamson discussed the upcoming event. He hopes all Lodges will come out to support the youth. Composite 3/22 at 4PM

Scholarship program – Wor Ed Sexton - 30 pamphlets sent to the schools. They were requested to be returned by Apr 30, hope to have results by June meeting. We are currently awarding one (1) scholarship.

The list of lecturers for the 17th district will be posted to the web site

Child ID program – Oviedo Lodge will be at Hebrew Day School from 12:30-4:30. Also will be present at Taste of Oviedo, Apr 18. Any Brother can show up and help

Bro Bill Vanentino reminded all WM's of the program on 6/27. The first meeting will be 3/25 at District School, just before (6:30). WM's please think about your participation on one of the several committees – there are currently 9 different committees.

Bro Aldis Grauds – reminded all of the Road to Victory event at Scottish Rite on Apr 25/26. This is conjunction with the WW II Museum, and will include reenactments, and vehicles

Good of the order:

Wor Larry Williamson present a plaque to Wor Ed Sexton as thanks and recognition of his term as President of Masters and Wardens Association during 2008. Thankfully, Wor Ed Sexton was speechless.

The Hospitality Suite at Grand Lodge will be serving meals on the following schedule: Mon: B, L, D; Tue: B, L, D; Wed: B - tickets are \$30 from Bros Bob Burke and Bob Morrow.

A flyer on the Ride to the Masonic home for Bikers was available and mentioned

Bro Marty Schweibel announced that he can be contacted by any lodges to present one of 3 different patriotic programs for use at meetings or events.

District school of instruction: 3/22, 25 **Location:** Oviedo #243

Traveling Gavel located at : Orange No. 36
Traveling Cup: Winter Garden No. 165

Lodge Announcements:

Memorial 17:

DDGM visit will be at today's meeting, immediately following M&W. Memorial Lodge is in need of a SW, JW and Sec – any brother is eligible and encouraged to participate.

Orange 36:

All in T/B

Orlando 69:

3/17 – EA degree; 4/4/ Catfish Fry – 12-5pm, \$10

Orange Blossom 80:

3/16 DDGM Visit, during which Wor Elliot will be presenting Bibles and Aprons – this meeting is open to all, 6p Dinner, 7:30 meeting

Winter Garden 165:

3/21 Short of time degree – 8 candidates. Could use help with the degree, as there are so many events happening that day. 8 am.

Eola 207:

3/14 – 3-7pm BBQ - \$7

St. Cloud 221:

3/18 – EA at 7PM

3/13 – Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30-7:30

Winter Park 239:

3/24 – DDGM visit, dinner before. All else in T/B

Oviedo 243:

3/8 Child ID program at Jewish Community Center in Maitlad 12:30-4:30

3/21 – Courtesy Degree at Winter Park Lodge

4/11 – MM degree, 9am. 8 brothers

4/23 EA degree – 7:30PM

Composite 293:

3/22 – Americanism Day

3/23 – FC degree

4/4 Spring BBQ - \$7 – 3p-7p

Mokanna 329:

3/23 DDGM Visit – moved from 3/9.

New website: www.Mokanna329.com

All else in T/B

S. Seminole 364:

3/13 – MM degree at Winter Park Lodge building. – 8 brothers. 10am breakfast

Pine Castle 368:

3/25 – EA degree 7PM

3/14 – BBQ – 12-5 - \$6

Mount Moriah 400:

All in T/B

Appendent Orders and Distinguished Guests:**Scottish Rite:**

4/18-19 Spring Reunion.

May 30 – dinner with Ernest Borgnine

Flag Retirement program is only at 1,400 flags, versus over 3,000 last year. All Brothers are encouraged to gather old worn flags and bring to Scottish Rite center or contact Wor Don Martin.

Grotto:

4/11 – Spring Fling. 6P Social, 7P Dinner. \$13 per person, \$25 per couple
Please support the Grotto and consider joining.

Shrine:

3/26 at St Cloud Lodge will be a presentation by the Potentate

York Rite:

9/19 One Day class

Youth Groups:

This month is Masonic Youth Month. Please support the Youth at Americanism day

High Twelve:

Meetings at Perkins on Mondays at noon. This coming Monday will include attendance by the Potentate. The goal of High Twelve is to support the Youth Groups.

District Instructor comments:

All WM's should encourage all members to attend District School of Instruction.

3/21 – Zone 5 degree competition at Open Books (Winter Park Lodge)

4/25 Open Books at Winter Park Lodge

3/21 – 8am breakfast, 9 meeting for Scottich Rite degree masters and district committeemen

DDGM Message:

R.W. Ray T Cox, Jr. communicated Greetings on behalf of M.W. Fleites.

The program at the Shrine on 2/28 was a good meeting, sorry if you missed this fine program.

3/21 Masonic Home visit. Will dedicate the new Dining Room

All WM please provide Mentor lists to DDGM – there will be a meeting of mentors shortly.

Roundtable was held at St Cloud Lodge this past week and was a great meeting.

Investigations – a reminder that signers cannot be on the Investigation Committees.

Please make sure investigations are taken seriously.

Next Meeting on: 4/4/09

location: Mokanna #329

Closed with peace and harmony prevailing: **Time:** 10:22am

with Benediction by: R.W. Ray Cox

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Ed Rees

Secretary Master's & Warden's

Proud 17 th District Committeemen	
DDGM	R.W. Ray T. Cox, Jr
District Instructor	R.H. George Van Pelt
District Ambassador	Wor. Don Martin
Child ID	Wor. Johnny Brock
FA-100	Wor. Ralph Valido
MH 100	Wor. Bob Burke
LYPMGC	Wor. Ralph Pugh
Masonic Education	Wor. Michael Hemphill
GM Charity	Wor. Steve Teal
Masonic Youth	Wor. Larry Williamson
Perpetual Membership	Wor. Lafayette Michael
Public Education & Citizenship	Wor. James Hamilton
Wills & Gifts	Wor. Robert Simmons
Wardens Workshop	Wor. Chet King
Public Relations & Publicity	Wor. Aldis Grauds
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