



**Masters and Wardens Association**  
**The Proud seventeenth Masonic District**



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**Meeting of:**

**Call to order by:** President Larry Williamson

Pledge to the flag and Prayer: Before meal:

**Location:**

**Time:** 9:00 am

After meal: X

**Lodge Number:**

with 58 brothers present.

**Pass the Charity Basket!**

Charity plate totals: \$ \$ 71.00

**Introductions:**

Grand Lodge officers: 0

Past District Deputies: 6

State Committeemen: 2

Past District Instructors: 4

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past Masters: 27

17<sup>th</sup> District Committeemen: 9

Past Potentate: 1

Worshipful Masters 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 10

Past Monarch: 14

Senior wardens, 17<sup>th</sup> Dist. 4

Other Officers/ Brothers: 14

Junior Wardens, 17<sup>th</sup> Dist. 3

District Instructor 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 1

District Deputy Grand Master.: 1

***Motion to accept minutes as published:*** Held over to June 2009 meeting

***Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit:*** Moved & seconded-

-Motion Carried

**Totals all funds:** \$ 20.999.37

**Bills:** Payee, \$\$\$\$ NONE / \$ )

CHARITY \_\_\_\_\_ / \$ + 71.00 )

Dues Paid \_\_\_\_\_ / \$ + 40.00 )

**Motion to pay Bills:** Moved & Seconded ---- Motion Carried

**Correspondence:**

None

**Sickness and Distress:**

*Ms. Betty Cox is back in the hospital but expects to be out in time for the DDGM's Roast at Pine Castle this evening.*

Rodney Hollis, PM of Winter Garden Lodge and was the current Treasurer was united with the Great Architect Wednesday morning, April 29, 2009. Details of his memorial service to be held April 16, 2009 will be announced at a later date.

Stewart young of Orange Blossom 80 is in the hospital.

W. Neal Tish is back in the hospital fighting pneumonia.

Bro Bill Koff of Eola Lodge is recovering from heart problems

W. Ed Sexton slipped in the shower and injured is ankle.

R.W. Tony Stipich is undergoing chemo therapy treatments

Let's also remember M.W. Lewis, R.W. Linebarier and all of our Brothers, their familiy's and friends in our prayers.

**Old Business:**

W. Johnny Brock will have a report prepared for next month concerning the reworking of the Child ID Program.

**New Business:**

There will be a Grand Lodge Legislation review held at Scottish Rite. This will be the annual meeting to discuss the legislative changes proposed for Grand Lodge this year. R. W. Bob Morrow will announce the date for a round table discussion before Grand Lodge. W.M.s, SWs, JW's and or all voting delegates should attend this meeting.

W. Ralph Valido announced that the Proud 17<sup>th</sup> District collected a total of \$ 1127.10, or 36.4% of the membership for F.A.-100 this year. MT. Moriah Lodge No 400 was the first winner of the tie with 100.96% of Lodge donations and Orange Lodge 36 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> winner of the tie. R.W. Ray T. Cox thanked W. Ralph for his work and all the Brothers of the Proud 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District for their generous donations.

W/M. Scott Penvose moved that the starting time of M& W meeting be moved from 9 AM to 8:30 AM to help assure that the meeting may end sooner and the Brothers have more time to spend with their families. W. President Larry Williamson stated that this would require an amendment to the by-laws. The motion was then tabled and Pres. Williamson appointed W.M. Penvose as chairman of a committee to propose amendments need to be made to our by-laws. W. M. Stephan Brick of Orange Lodge No 36 was also appointed to this committee.

**Good of the order:**

Winter Garden Lodge No 165 won the Traveling Cup again in May with all 3 of their principal officers and their Secretary in attendance. Congratulations!!!!

The Traveling Gavel is STILL at Pine Castle Lodge No 368

There was a discussion over the rules pertaining to the Gavel specifically how Plural members should be counted. The Gavel and the rules concerning it started in 1974, before the event of plural membership. W. M. Penvose and his by-laws committee were assigned to also look into updating the rules for the Traveling Gavel.

One of our Brothers, who is a member and representative of the Orlando Fire Dept., cautioned everyone to take every precaution possible to prevent the spread or being infected with the H1-N1 virus. Don't go out in public if you are sick, stay away from those who appear to be sick, cover your mouth when you sneeze and above all wash your hands often.

This month's Charity Basket \$ 71.00 Dollars

**District school of Instruction:**

May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Pinecastle Lodge No 368

All W.Ms are requested to attend organizational meeting at 6:30 for the Grand Masters official visitation.

**Traveling Gavel located at:**

Pinecastle Lodge No 368

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**Lodge Announcements**

**Memorial 17:** Memorial Lodge will have a brief meeting following M & W and will hold elections for the offices of Sw. JW and Secretary.

**Orange 36:** Everything is in the Trestle board

**Orlando 69:** Dark May 26 Dark May 26 Ea Degree: 5/19/2009 7 Pm  
Join us for breakfast on Saturday mornings

**Orange Blossom 80:** Degrees: EA 05/06/09 at 7PM FC 05/11/09 at 7 PM

**Winter Garden 165:** Degrees; EA 5/21/09 at 7: 30 PM  
Outdoor Degree on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM \$ 10.00 donation for diner.

**Eola 207:** Short of time degree: EA--Wed 5/20/09 7 PM FC & MM will be on Saturday 5/23/09 starting at 9 AM break for lunch with MM following in the afternoon. A diner will be served in honor of the newly raised Brothers at 5:30 PM . We need help with conductors, call Mike Rudd.

**St. Cloud 221:** Come eat Spaghetti with us on Fri.

**Winter Park 239:** Dark on 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 5/26/09 MM Degree 5/5/09 Tuesday, 6 PM

June M & W meeting at winter Park breakfast at 8 AM, Meeting at 9 AM, Memorial Lodge 17 after.

June 27<sup>th</sup> St John's Day Celebration breakfast at 8 AM meeting at 9 AM The Grand Master's Visitation at the Scottish Rite Center: Registration opens at 5 PM

**Oviedo 243:** Degrees: FC 5/7/09 at 7 PM MM 5/21/09 at 6 PM  
Bar B-Q and Child Id on May

**Composite 293:** Everything is in the Trestle board.

**Mokanna 329:** Dark 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 5/25/09

Corn Boil Saturday 5/9/09 11 till the corn runs out. All you can eat Zellwood corn. Donation \$ 7.00 children \$ 3.00 be had by all.

Degrees: Short of time: EA 5/11/09 7:30 PM FC Fri 5/15/09 7:30 PM MM Sat 5/16/09 9-10-&11 AM

**South Seminole 364:** Degrees practice on may 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

**Pine Castle 368:** DDGM "Roast Diner" in honor of R>W> Ray T. Cox, 7 PM 5/2/09.  
Donation \$ 10.00. Dress casual, bring your Lady and enjoy.

**Mount Moriah 400:** Work is still in progress on their web site should be 3 weeks up and running  
2 to 3 weeks.

### **Appendant Orders and Distinguished Guests**

**Scottish Rite:** Stated meeting 5/22/09 **ERNEST BORGNINE 33°**, Grand Cross will be at the  
Scottish Rite Center on Saturday, May 30, 2009,. Registration at 6:00PM Diner at 7:00Pm and the Program  
At 8:00 PM. Proceeds to benefit the Scottish Rite Foundation of FL Childhood Language Disorders Clinics.  
SEE [www.srorlando.org](http://www.srorlando.org) FOR MORE DETAILS.

R. W. Curtis Johnson 32° will be hosting the Scottish Rite mentors program at the SRC, May the 16<sup>th</sup>.

KSA will be serving diner. Call V.M. Larry Williamson for scheduling.

Military show next year will be on Mach 27 and 28, 2010 Start Planning Ahead!!!!

**York Rite:** Short of time Fall Degree: CHANGE OF TIME New time is September 26, 2009.

Fee for all 3 degrees, Chapter, Council and Knights Templar is \$ 180.00.

**Grotto:** Next stated meeting will be June 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Grotto.

**Bahia Shrine:** Pancake Breakfast every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month  
**Spring Ceremonial** May 15 thru May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Villages.

Special Shiner's Rates available at the Waterfront Hotel, 352-753-7535 before 5/18/09

**Youth Groups:** Rainbow Grand Assembly and DeMolay Conclave are coming up so please support the Youth. The SMC Banquet for DeMolay will be held this year at the Bahia Shrine in Orlando on May 23; the hosts will be the State Master Councilor and the State Sweetheart.2009. Donations for the meal are \$ 20.00 This year the State Master Councilor of DeMolay has raised almost \$ 2000.00 for the Vitas Hospice association of Central Florida. Becky Dunlap is the Grand Worthy Advisor and is working hard for her charity, which is a wildlife refuge on Sanibel Island. Hope Assembly will have a car was at the Shrine, at the Pancake breakfast.

**Hi Twelve:** DDGM R. W. Ray T. Cos to be the guest speaker at the May meeting.

**Other Bodies:** W. Aldis Grauds will host the Masonic round Table At Mokanna Lodge No 329 on Sunday, May 17, 2009, at 3:00 PM.

### **District Instructor Comments:**

R. H. George Van Pelt thanked everyone for all the help and support they gave him in the past year as the District Instructor for the Proud 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. He also thanked R. W. Ray T. Cox for his support and stated what an honor it was to have served with him.

School of instruction will Be at Pinecastle Lodge on May 13<sup>th</sup> this month. The planning meeting for the Grand Master Visitation meeting will begin at 6:30. All Worshipful Masters need to attend for this meeting.

Open Books on 5/16/09 at Winter park Lodge No 239 from 9 AM till 3 PM.

No Cave Degree practice this month but there will be one at Mt Moriah Lodge on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **DDGM Message:**

R. W. Ray T. Cox extended greetings from M. W. Joe A Fleites, Grand Master of Masons of FL. R., W. went to say how saddened he was that his year as DDGM has come to a close but how happy and

thankful he is that he had such a good year and great support from everyone.

R. W. Cox introduced all of his committeemen who were present and extended a special "Thank You" to them for all their good work and support and stated that he thought he had the best group of committeemen. This being his last M & W meeting as DDGM was bitter-sweet for him.

R. W. Cox then introduced W. Chet King who will be his successor for the year 2008-2009.

**Next Meeting on:** June 6, 2009

**Location:** Winter Park Lodge No 239

**May's m & W meeting closed with peace and harmony prevailing:**

**Time:** 10:30<sup>AM</sup> **with Benediction by:** **R.W. Ray T. Cox**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Erik B. Andersen**

**Pro-Temp**

**Secretary Master's & Warden's**