



Statement from Grand Lodge Hospitality Room was presented, showing a net profit of \$265.52. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to use the proceeds towards the scholarship fund.

**Correspondence:**

none

**Sickness and Distress:**

none

**Old Business:**

W. Larry Williamson presented and reviewed the tentative budget for the Grand Master's District visit, tentatively set at \$3,204.14 – for a per-member cost of \$1.04 to each lodge. This will be adjusted based upon the actual costs, including the previously passed actual postage cost. An alternate budget was discussed which would include additional hospitality room costs of approximately \$250, which would bring the per-person cost to \$1.18. After much discussion, and consideration of the likely wishes of the Grand Master, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the tentative budget of \$3,204.14 would be used, and dessert schedule adjusted to allow for an after-meeting "ice cream social" format at the Scottish Rite center.

The attendant Youth Group representatives from DeMolay and Order of Rainbow thanked all Master Masons for their support.

**New Business:**

Several brothers stood to recognize the great effort and excellent job Brothers Bob Burke and John Hannah did with the Grand Lodge Hospitality Room. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to produce certificates of recognition to Brother Burke, his wife, and Brother Hannah, as well as to acquire and present \$50 gift cards to each of the brothers so they could enjoy “dinner on us” from the brothers of the 17<sup>th</sup> district.

**Good of the order:**

R.W. Ray T Cox Jr. presented a top achievement award to Composite Lodge #293 for their efforts in supporting MH100.

<b><u>District school of instruction:</u></b>	<u>June 10, 24</u>	<b><u>Location:</u></b> Winter Park Lodge 239
		<b><u>Location:</u></b> (Scottish Rite Center)
<b><u>Traveling Gavel located at :</u></b>	St Cloud #221	
<b><u>Traveling Cup:</u></b>	<b><i>won by</i></b> Winter Garden #165	

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**Lodge Announcements:**

**Memorial 17:**

There will be a short meeting today after Masters & Wardens Association adjourns.

**Orange 36:**

All in T/B

**Orlando 69:**

All in T/B with the addition of:

FC degree on 6/15 @ 7:30.

6/13 – Breakfast at Lodge

Annual BBQ will be held in September, date TBD

**Orange Blossom 80:**

6/22 @ 7:00 - EA degree

**Winter Garden 165:**

7/4 – Breakfast at 8:00am, parade follows at 10:00am

8/1 – Outdoor degree (MM) at Gary Story’s farm 4p-8p, dinner will be available

**Eola 207:**

Spring cleanup at lodge after M&W meeting, if anyone is so inclined to assist.

A new PBX system has been installed, allowing callers to reach officers by calling the main lodge number.

A new website [www.eola207.com](http://www.eola207.com) has been implemented, as well as a Facebook page.

**St. Cloud 221:**

6/12 – 4:30-7:30 Spaghetti dinner

**Winter Park 239:**

6/16 – EA degree @ 7:00

6/27 – 8asm – St Johns day breakfast, lodge open at 9:00, district meeting that evening, registration at 5:00.

**Oviedo 243:**

6/18 @ 7:00 – EA degree

Oviedo lodge expressed special thanks to the Past Masters unit for their assistance in all the degree work in May, and also thanks to Memorial Lodge for the great job in handling the Memorial service for their Chaplain.

**Composite 293:**

All in T/B. Composite announced their new JW as Adam Alvarez, elected at the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mokanna 329:**

All in TB, keep up to date by checking the website: [www.Mokanna329.com](http://www.Mokanna329.com)

**S. Seminole 364:**

Representative noted that the meetings for S. Seminole have been held under dispensation from Grand Lodge, and the meeting schedule will change to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays beginning in July – dinner at 6:30, lodge open at 7:30

**Pine Castle 368:**

6/20 – BBQ 12-4

6/14 – Rainbow installation 2pm

**Mount Moriah 400:**

All in T/B

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTE**

During the announcements, it was suggested that the District 17 Masters and Wardens Association web address be included in the minutes, so here it is:

[www.District17-MastersWardens.com](http://www.District17-MastersWardens.com)

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

6/13 – Flag Retirement ceremony at 11:00, lunch afterwards. There will be several veterans groups, as well as some Prince Hall masons at the event, the event is open to the public.

6/26 – Stated Meeting, where the Grand Master will visit. There will also be a Ring Ceremony that evening.

The Ernest Borgnine dinner was a great success – about \$69,000 was raised.

The Fall Reunion will be held on Oct 10 and 11. The goal is 100 candidates.

**Grotto:**

The Grotto representative reminded all that the Grotto is alive and well, and welcomes new members. Please visit and/or join – speak to any Grotto member for details.

**Shrine:**

Pancake breakfast tomorrow, plus a big vendor show. The Rainbow are holding a car wash.

**York Rite:**

n/a

**High Twelve:**

Reminder that High Twelve meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of June, but will be dark in July and August.. All are welcome to the meetings at 11:00am. The State convention is in December.

**Youth Groups:**

A reminder to all lodges that the Youth groups are active and important to our future. Even though groups meet at particular lodges, all lodges are custodians of their future and should actively support and participate in whatever manner they can.

### **District Instructor comments:**

R.H. Ed Sexton reminded all lodges that there will be no short-of-time degrees this year. M.W. Dale Goehrig believes that short degrees short change the new brothers. We need to put the brothers through the catechism and degree process, following the prescribed Masonic Education from Grand Lodge.

As a reminder, open books will be on 6/30 at Winter Park Lodge

R.H. Sexton emphasized that every lodge should attend district school and open books, and particularly emphasize the importance to newer brothers.

### **DDGM Message:**

R.W. Chet King opened with a thanks to all Brothers for their support. He is deeply honored and will work hard to make sure the Grand Master's desires and instructions are communicated to the District.

The Grand Master's byline is "Unity in Masonry," and consists of 4 main ideals:

- Membership is the bedrock of our Fraternity. All appendant bodies depend upon membership in Blue lodges. The membership numbers have been declining for the past several years. These can only be improved by us.
- Introduce Masonry outside the walls of the Lodge. Funerals are good examples of where we carry the message and feeling of Masonry to non-masons. Families and friends are touched by the show of ceremony and brotherly love towards our departed brethren. More public exposure of the fraternity are essential to building interest and enhancing the standing of the Craft.
- Masonic Education is essential. There is a reason for all the books and publications that the Committee on Work provides. These courses of education and enlightenment have been thought through, tested, and should be applied regularly in our Lodge Masonic Education programs.
- Charity. The "outside" world isn't generally aware that Masonic bodies contribute over \$2 million per day to charities. We need to get the word out through more exposure to the public about our good work. We need to continue to keep in mind that Grand Masonic less on Charity and ensure that we keep it a focus in our Lodges.

R.W. Chet introduced the new committeemen, and noted that he made his selections trying to ensure that all Lodges had representatives, keeping in mind the Grand Master's ideal of Unity in Masonry. [note: a list of committeemen is attached to this report]

The District Meeting to receive the Grand Master is on 6/27 and is a big event for our district. R.W. Chet encouraged all Worshipful Masters and officers to attend, and to encourage all members of our Lodges to attend, as this is a Called Communication.

A note about how checks should be made out to the Grand Master's and First Lady's

charities will be forthcoming. First Lady Reba's charity work this year will be to redo the closets in the resident rooms at the Masonic Home.

R.W. Chet reiterated that he will do his best to serve the District and Grand Lodge.

**Next Meeting on:** July 11 **location:** Winter Garden #165

**Closed with peace and harmony prevailing: Time:** 10:12

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bro. Ed Rees**  
**Secretary Master's & Warden's**

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