



Stated Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Mount Moriah Lodge No. 400 F. & A.M.
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 Secretary



LODGE OFFICERS 2008

- Worshipful Master - Leslie R. Williams PM
- Senior Warden - Robert N. Simmons PM
- Junior Warden - TBA
- Senior Deacon - John Cabibbo
- Junior Deacon - Luther B. Pender
- Treasurer - Melvin H. Roe PM
- Secretary - Mark W. Plosila PM
- Marshal - TBA
- Chaplain - "Val" McLaughlin PM
- Senior Steward - TBA
- Junior Steward - TBA
- Tyler - Thom H. Doran PM

**PAST MASTERS, AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS,
 PAST GRAND MASTERS**

- "Val" McLaughlin – PM Miami Temple 1981
- Ralph Lott – PM Boca-Delray 1982
- Keith W. Dean * - 1982 – PGM 1999
- Wesley M. Jester – PM Composite 1995
- Gary A. Johnson – PM Composite Lodge 1999
- Thom H. Doran – PM Oviedo Lodge 1997
- PM MM Lodge 2001
- PM MM Lodge 2008
- Melvin H. Roe – PM MM Lodge 2002
- Leslie R. Williams – PM MM Lodge 2003
- Cornelius Kruchten * – PM MM Lodge 2004
- Mark D. Griffis – PM MM Lodge 2005
- Mark W. Plosila – PM MM Lodge 2006
- Robert N. Simmons – PM MM Lodge 2007

* Deceased



From the East



FEBRUARY 2009

My Brothers:

Here it is, time for your newly installed officers and appointees to conduct the affairs of the Lodge. We are looking forward to helping you make this a great year in Masonry.

I encourage each and every one of you to make it to your Lodge Stated Communications and participate in the business of the Lodge. We want you to be an active part of the Masonic experience. Only participation will provide this most satisfying result.

I am hoping that each and every one will search their soul and determine if there is a friend who meets the basic criteria of being a Mason. I further wish to encourage each and every one of you to do your best to recommend one prospect this Masonic Year! Let us make our Lodge grow and in the mix we will be able to hold more group functions. Help your Lodge.....be there on February 3rd.

Here is some interesting history for you to contemplate:

Due Guard

By Bernard E. Jones

Still surviving in a very few English lodges, in most Irish lodges, and in lodges throughout the U.S.A. is the Due Guard, which was no doubt in use in the English lodges of the early eighteenth century, and is very likely to have been inspired by, or borrowed from, operative practice. Lodges in the American system appear to lay as much emphasis in their ceremonies on the Due Guard as they do on the sign or signs of the degree.

In general, the Due Guard relates to the attitude of the Candidate at the time of taking the Obligation in any one of the degrees. It is a sign in itself, but its real purpose can be compared with that of the keeper-ring, which serves as a protection against the loss of the wedding ring. The Due Guard is just that—a keeper, a protection against the accidental loss or betrayal of the real sign of the degree, because any invitation to give that sign is immediately countered by a demand for the Due Guard. Thus, without the Due Guard from one Brother, the sign of the degree will not be vouchsafed by another. Every separate rite in the American system appears to have its own individual Due Guard, although in the Irish system the Due Guard is only known in the First and Third of the Craft Degrees, an indication, perhaps, that both of the Due Guards belonged originally to the old First and Second Degrees before their rearrangement and the addition of the Third.

The old French term Dieu for 'God' was known in early English literature, and there may be a relation between the two terms, although it seems that the word 'Due' is used in a most obvious way as meaning 'correct,' 'proper,' in the sense of the term 'due form.' The Oxford Dictionary of English Proverbs (1935) gives a number of references. we are told, for example, that a 'beck' or 'becke' (a 'bow' or a 'nod' is as good as a 'Dieu Gard,' and that the old French dieu vous garde ('God keep you') was a polite salutation of the year 1538. 'Dieugard' (sometimes spelt 'Dew Guard') was Middle English for the same salutation.

Leslie R. Williams WM

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Sickness and distress: Our Senior Warden, W.: Bob Simmons, is currently being hospitalized for pneumonia at the VA hospital in Lakeland. As a result, he will be unable to attend our first Stated Communication this month. Please keep him in your prayers.

One of our Brothers has a birthday coming up in February. We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to: *Les Williams*, our Worshipful Master.

February Events

- 02/03/09** Mount Moriah Lodge No. 400 Stated Communication – 7:30pm
02/07/09 Masters & Wardens @ Composite Lodge – 8am
02/07/09 Memorial Lodge Installation @ Composite Lodge after Masters & Wardens – 10:00am
02/09/09 EA Degree – Orange Blossom 80 – 7:30pm
02/17/09 Mount Moriah Lodge No. 400 Stated Communication – 7:30pm
02/18/09 DDGM official visit to South Seminole Lodge – 6:30pm
02/20/09 DDGM official visit to Orange Lodge No. 36 – 6:30pm
02/21/09 Showcase the Brotherhood @ the Scottish Rite Center – 5pm to 8:30pm
02/23/09 DDGM official visit to Oviedo Lodge – 6:30pm
02/24/09 DDGM official visit to Orlando Lodge No. 69 – 6:30pm

From the Secretary's Desk



Respectfully submitted,

Mark W. Plosila PM

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Secretary, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 400

P.S. I would like to express a special "thank you" to W.: Bob Simmons for creating the template that was used to prepare this Trestleboard.