THE OBL 80 TRESTLEBOARD

Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 Free & Accepted Masons
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Regular Stated Communications - 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30 P.M.

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••••TAKE TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW ••••

February	**3rd,**	**at**	**8:00 A.M.**	**Master's & Warden's Association meets @ Oviedo Lodge.**
February	**5th,**	**at**	**7:30 P.M.**	**Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.**
February	**9th,**	**at**	**7:00 P.M.**	**Osceola Scottish Rite Club Meets at St. Cloud**
February 9th thru 17th,		**at**	**12:00 A.M.**	**Silver Spurs Rodeo And Osceola County KVLS Fair *FUND RAISING PROJECT.***
				(Runs 9 Days) Ticket Entry Booths Fund-raiser Event (report @ 4 P.M. Weekdays, & 10 A.M. Week Ends).
February	**10th,**	**at**	**8:00 A.M.**	**Osceola Shrine Club Meets at St. Cloud Fat boy's Bar-B-Que for Breakfast**
February	**10th,**	**at**	**6:00 P.M.**	**Osceola Scottish Rite Club Valentine's Fried Turkey Dinner Pot Luck @ St. Cloud.**
February	**14nd**	**ALL DAY LONG**		**Happy Valentines Day! *Don't forget that Special Lady!***
February	**19th,**	**at**	**7:00 P.M.**	**Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner @ 6:30PM for all.**
February	**23rd,**	**at**	**6:30 P.M.**	**Orlando Valley Scottish Rite Meets at Scottish Rite Center, Winter Park**
February	**26th,**	**at**	**7:00 P.M.**	**Called Communication for OBL80 Lodge conferring Fellowcraft Degree *(W:. Johnny Brock in East).***
February	**28th,**	**at**	**7:00 P.M.**	**District Committee Meeting and District School @ Mokanna No. 329 @ 6:30PM**
March	**5th,**	**at**	**7:30 P.M.**	**Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.**
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March	**3rd,**	**at**	**8:00 A.M.**	**Master's & Warden's Association meets @ Mokanna Lodge No.329.**

Greetings from the East:

Once again, it is my *Proud!* honor to serve you, the craft, as Worshipful Master of this ***Grand Ole OBL80 Lodge***. It is very humbling to have the faith and confidence you have in me, placed once again in my hands as we continue our journey's together. I have the distinct honor and rare privilege, being a recycled Past Master, of looking forward to another superb year in 2007. Because, this time, I know I will get it right! I know this to be so, because our present District Deputy Grand Master, RW Bob Morrow, served his 2nd time around as WM in 2002, when I was also Master of OBL80, and all he could say then was; how much better it was the second time around, knowing what to do, how to do it, and how much fun doing it again as Master, since he was a Past Master from 1984 and also serving again as Worshipful Master, he could not only now tell himself just what to do, but also how!! A salute to all Past Masters!!

Let us work together to make this the Premier Lodge of the District and State, where Brothers can come and feel at home, and know they are in the "Fraternity of Man", under the "Canopy of The Supreme Architect," and love abounding from our actions and deeds to promote the tenements of this great organization, ***Faith, Hope***, *and* ***Charity,*** *with most of all* ***Brotherly Love.***

I would be very remiss if I did not recognize and thank all the officers who have joined me for this term. Each of you are very special and will always have a fond place in my heart and memory as I continue my Masonic journey with you by my side. Our TEAM is the BEST and we have everything to be PROUD and thankful for in 2007.

The Installation of 2007 officers was a resounding endorsement for this Lodge. Well attended by over 120 friends and family, I was very surprised to see so many come to see us installed. This is the first time we've had an evening installation in some time, and the support was heart warming, due to all the conflicting engagement occurring throughout the district.

This was the first time in my recollection that I can remember, and was sad to see, that our very own MW Ralph Miller PGM, could not be the Installing Officer. Due to his serious health condition, RW Jim Morrison PDDGM, stepped up to the podium and "piloted the ship" with no problem. MW Ralph was preparing for open-heart surgery in Cleveland, Ohio to repair his upper aorta and ventricle. I have received great news now, that he has passed the critical moments of surgery with flying colors, and after 3 weeks of recuperation, is now back in Florida, convalescing with his daughter as he undergoes rehabilitative therapy. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts as you go about your day.

The other Installing Officers TEAM were: RW Keith Albright PDDGM, Master of Ceremonies; W George Van Pelt PM, 17th District Instructor, Installing Marshall; RW Ottis Erickson PDDGM, Installing Chaplain; W Sammy Pascal PM, Introduction to Freemasonry; and W Wayne Parks PM, Charge to Officers. These individuals and Brothers stepped up to the plate at the last minute, and did an exemplary performance, as several of our go-to standards were unable to do their usual call to duty due to last minute obligations. We were honored and grateful that Freemasonry is alive and so well represented with these Brothers who graced our Lodge with their skills and expertise during this installation. Our heartfelt thanks to each of you, and Blessings upon each of you as you continue to set such fine examples of Masonry.

There is so much going on this month. Our Lodge is once again gearing up for the KVLS fair, beginning the 9th, and continuing all week long until the 17th. W:. Jim Fisher is Ramrod, once again, and would sincerely appreciate your volunteering to assist us as we *"round up the tickets and lasso the proceeds"* for the KVLS/Silver Spurs Rodeo Event at Heritage Park this year. This is our primary fundraiser, and without the donation we receive for our volunteer efforts, we would be hard pressed to continue operation of OBL80. So if you can and it's within the length of your cable tow, come on out to the FAIR and do your *FAIR* share to support the lodge.

Last year we were very pleased to have 17 brothers begin their Masonic journey with the EA degree. We have passed several, raised some more, and now it is time to pass 5 more brothers to Fellowcraft. Please come to the Called Communication on Feb. 26, and support our newest Fellowcrafts as they continue their search for more Light. W:. Johnny Brock PM, will be sitting in the East…..and promises a prompt start and good degree. Be There! Our membership has increased since 2002 from 166 to 188 members, and we still have several EA and FC awaiting their degrees. As these Brothers return their caticisms, we will continue to confer degrees from within the ranks of our Lodge. I sincerely hope you would remember the day you were raised, knowing what it meant to you then, and come out to support these new Brothers at their various degrees.

Our Chaplain, Bro. Bernie Stevens, wants everyone to know how important our adopted charity, Give Kids the World is. We have over 8000 donated hours of time in service to GKTW and will be continuing this tradition in 2007. Our next date, we will be serving dinner on Saturday, Feb. 24th at 6:00 PM. Volunteers are to be there by 5:30PM and each will have their dinners served to them, after the guests are served. It's a great feeling, fantastic time and meal, and this year, we will be doing something EXTRA special. CHRISTMAS IN JULY! That's RIGHT! At our GKTW date in July, the Lodge will be presenting each child with a wrapped Christmas gift, and surprise each child with something they will not expect, a special gift and possibly a visit from St Nick himself!! Santa has requested all gift donations to be brought to the Lodge and given to any of the officers, or Bro Bernie. This will be GREAT fun! BUT….you have to be there to enjoy it.

In this month's ***TRESTLEBOARD*** we will be renewing our continuing request for your support on the ***Orange Blossom Lodge No.80 Masonic Memorial Walk Way of Honor***, which is constructed of pavers brick at the entrance patio in front of the Lodge. You may purchase one, or more, bricks, engraved with a loved ones name and title, in remembrance of them, or; you may purchase one in honor of an individual accomplishment; i.e. Officer of the Lodge, Past Master, or Appendant body, or; if you prefer, just to place your own name, with your Masonic Dates, placed in a permanent position of honor in front of the Lodge you love, to be there for posterity, and honoring your Masonic Heritage. Each brick is available for the modest initial setup fee of $75.00 per brick, and when you purchase your first brick, additional brick can be obtained for an additional $25.00 per brick. (Coupon displayed below). Fill it out and submit to the Secretary with you remittance.

Fraternally in Freemasonry

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To the Officers of Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80:

Please find attached my check in the amount of $_____ which is to be used for the purchase of _____ bricks in the Memorial Brick Walkway in front of the Lodge. The name (& info) I wish to have placed on the brick(s) is listed in the squares below. In the case of multiple brick purchases, I have copied additional coupons and attached them also.

My contact information for any questions is as follows:

NAME:_____

PHONE:_____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST:____ ZIP:_____

Remember: spaces counts a one square between words