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 •••••

NOV	3rd,	at	8:00 A.M.	Master's & Warden's Association meets @ South Seminole Lodge 364 (@ Winter Park)
NOV	5th,	at	7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.
NOV	9th,	at	7:00 P.M.	Osceola Scottish Rite Club Meets at St. Cloud.
NOV	10th,	at	8:00 A.M.	ZONE 5 Warden's Work Shop @ the Scottish Rite Center, Winter Park
NOV	10th,	at	8:00 A.M.	Osceola Shrine Club Meets at St. Cloud Fat Boy's Bar-B-Que for Breakfast
NOV	14th,	at	7:30 P.M.	THERE IS ONLY ONE! District School of Instruction @ Composite Lodge 293 @ 7:30PM.
NOV	16th-17th,	at	8:00 A.M.	Bahia Shrine Ceremonial and Dinner at the Shrine Auditorium in Maitland
NOV	18th,	at	4:00 P.M.	Sunday Afternoon *LODGE MOVIE TIME* with Movie Fare @ 4:00PM for all.
NOV	19th,	at	7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner @ 6:30PM for all.
NOV	21st,	at	7:00 P.M.	Master Mason Degree Practice @ OBL80 Lodge @ 7:00PM.
NOV	22nd	ALL DAY LONG		THANKSGIVING DAY! *Enjoy The Supreme Architect's Bountiful HARVEST!!*
NOV	26th,	at	7:00 P.M.	*Called Communication* for OBL80 Lodge conferring Fellowcraft Degree *(W:. Jim Davis in East).*
NOV	29th,	at	7:00 P.M.	Master Mason Degree Practice @ OBL80 Lodge @ 7:00PM.
DEC	3rd,	at	7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 @ 6:30PM Dinner for all. *(ELECTIONS OF 2008 Officers).*
DEC	5th,	at	6:00 P.M.	*Called Communication* for OBL80 Lodge conferring Master Mason Degree *(W:. Johnny Brock in East).*
DEC	7th,	at	6:30 P.M.	Scottish Rite Temple Christmas Dinner *(And Stated Communication for 2008 Officer's Elections).*
DEC	8th,	at	NOON	ORMADZ GROTTO INSTALLATION in College Park.
DEC	12th,	at	7:00 P.M.	THERE IS ONLY ONE! District School of Instruction @ St Cloud Lodge 221 @ 7:30PM.
DEC	15th,	at	8:00 A.M.	Master's & Warden's Association / Breakfast meeting @ St. Cloud Lodge 364 *(ELECTIONS)*
DEC	17th,	at	7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 @ 6:30PM Dinner for all. *(Officers MOVE UP NIGHT).*
DEC	25th	ALL DAY LONG		CHRISTMAS DAY! *Remember the Reason for the Season! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!.*
DEC	27th,	at	6:30 P.M.	St John's Day! Orange Lodge No. 36 *INSTALLATION*, Apopka.
DEC	28th,	at	11:00 A.M.	17th District-Wide Master Mason Degree performed at PineCastle No. 368
DEC	29th,	at	2:00 P.M.	St. Cloud Lodge No. 221 *INSTALLATION @2:00 P.M.*
DEC	29th,	at	7:00 P.M.	Winter Park Lodge No. 239 *INSTALLATION @7:00 P.M.*
JAN	1st	ALL DAY LONG		HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008! *MAY YOU BE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS!!.*
JAN	7th,	at	7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.
JAN	21st,	at	7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.

Greetings from the East:

My Brothers; It is fast approaching the end of 2007 and my 2nd term in service to This Great Lodge Orange Blossom No.80. Another one for the books! We have much to be proud of, and many things to be thankful for, as we express our appreciation to the Grand Architect for our bountiful year. We have been blessed first and foremost with many new Masons for our Lodge. OBL80 has raised over 20 masons is the past year and we have 8 more in various levels of study working hard toward their Master Mason's degree.

If you have not been to Lodge in a while, you should make it a priority to stop by and introduce yourself to these new brothers…. I am very pleased that many of our new Brothers are young, exciting and professional men, still in their prime and willing to work for the good of Masonry. It is very heartwarming to see them involved in practicing, and yes, even performing the rituals, while still teaching the work to those coming behind them in the Masonic way. Our Lodge is in good hand for many years to come…

As was mentioned in the last Trestleboard, there was a vote put to the craft last month about increasing the dues in order to make our Lodge more solvent in the future. Thank you, brothers, for having the foresight to see, and understand, just how badly we needed this increase. It was passed and will become effective with the 2009 dues. Yearly dues are increased from $45.00 per to $75.00 per year. This was long, long overdue, and will help insure our future in keeping our building operational for quite a while. Now is the time for you to consider getting that perpetual membership. If you make out the paperwork and submit the necessary funds, you can lock in the lower rate before the dues increase in 2009. Please don't delay, call our Secretary, W. Bob Cunningham to arrange that the proper paperwork is in place BEFORE the new increase takes effect.

Under sickness and distress, by now many of you have heard that RW Tony Stipich has been stricken with Brain Cancer, and is need very much of your prayers. Please take the time to give RW Tony a call, or drop him a card. He has stepped down from his duties as Treasurer and Bro. Pat Fisher has graciously taken over the Treasurer's duties until the December elections.

Also, we have had pass away to the Supreme Lodge, a very dedicated and hard working Brother, Tony Rosado, given to the Grand Architect last month, after he succumbed to cancer. Bro Tony was always there, smiling and helping, at many Lodge functions, and served as appointed officer in various capacities to several Past Masters during his service to OBL80. Our charter is draped in mourning for Bro Tony, as is our Altar, for the lost of 2 Past Grand Masters. One being MW Keith Dean, who was also a Honorary Member of OBL80 and another Grand Friend to Freemasonry.

Some GREAT news is our own MW Ralph Miller has recovered from open heart surgery this past Spring, and has returned to his home in Live Oak, FL. He states he is feeling much better…. WAY TO GO!! Most Worshipful!!!

As you can see from the full Calendar above there is a lot of activity in and around our District and Lodge for the year's end. The time to be a Mason is NOW! We are ALIVE and Strong, but only with YOUR help. When was the last time you stopped by for a meal and a meeting? We are having fun at Lodge, and the Brethren are bringing their families and enjoying each other company at a very satisfying meal. Please COME!!!

Brother's, there is a lot of things we still need to do. Our Lodge is one of the most active in the District, and our District is a forerunner in the State. We have 3 Committee-Chairmen at the state level and a Grand Officer this year, all from Orange Blossom Lodge. Plus we have 2 District Committeemen. These titles are in recognition of the work, and commitment, these Masons make for the betterment of the Fraternity, and is a distinct honor to be named any of these titles. OBL80 has many dedicated Masons, some attend Lodge, and some don't. Won't you renew your own personal commitment to the Lodge, and to the obligation you took, when you became a Mason, by returning to Lodge??

We have a Lodge School of Instruction each Sunday at the Lodge, and our fraternity and brotherhood gets stronger with each new face… Please, if you haven't been to your Lodge in a while, we want you BACK!! WE NEED YOU!! Each year, only 20-30 members may attend meetings and make decisions for all 200 members of our Lodge. If you don't come to Lodge, your voice will not be heard and your vole will not count! Don't let 10% of the membership make the decisions of the rest of us…. ATTEND LODGE!! Change is made from within, and with participation. If you don't participate from within our meetings, how can you disagree with a positive action taken by the craft in your absence?? I say to you, your voice needs to be heard, but NOT heard after the fact! ….ATTEND LODGE!

Fraternally in Freemasonry

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REMEMBER! 2008 OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER!

2008 DUES ARE NOW DUE !!

2007 DUES SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE DEC. 27 OR YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUSPENSION OF YOUR MASONIC PRIVILEGES!!

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:_____

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