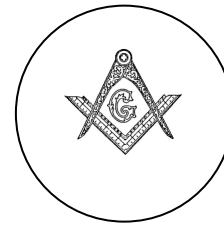


Orange Pickins

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Worshipful Master

Brethren,

We are having fun at the communications, and we miss having you here. Attendance is up, so thanks to all! W.: Steve Brick is back from his deployment and we are glad for his safe return.

An Entered Apprentice Degree will be planned for March. If you desire to take a part in the degree, simply contact me and you are in!

Get your petition in for the April 17-18 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. Great time will be had by all, and much Light. Hope to see you soon.

My fraternal regards,

Edwin F. Chittenden, III, Worshipful Master

Masonic Education

ALTAR

The Lodge System of Masonic Education-GL208

Our customs and traditions prohibit any Brother from passing between the Altar and the Worshipful Master while a Lodge is open. From ancient times the precinct between the altar and the East has been deemed sacred ground, not to be trodden under foot; there should be no obstruction between the East and the Three Great Lights; and since the Great Lights and the Charter of the Lodge are the particular responsibility of the Worshipful Master, no Brother should ever obscure his view of them. The fact that during the exemplification of the Work candidates are sometimes placed there, does not mitigate against the interpretation, but rather supports it; for if the ground between the Altar and East is otherwise held sacred, the fact will make all the more impressive those initiation ceremonies which require that a candidate be placed there.

Symbolically the Altar is a cube in shape, though in practice it is frequently made oblong. It should stand in the center of the Lodge-room, at the point of intersection of two lines drawn from the Northeast to the Southwest corners and from the Northwest to the Southeast corners. It should not be moved during any Lodge Communication, nor should the tapers be moved or extinguished. In size, its top should be at least large enough to hold the open Bible. The ballot box should never rest upon the Bible, but by its side or on a stand at the Altar.

The Altar must not be covered or decorated by the national or any other flag. Any embroidery, sign, or any other indications of any individual or any organization, other than the Lodge itself or Grand Lodge is strictly forbidden.

The shape, size, accouterments and location of the Altar have together a symbolism of their own. It is in the center of the Lodge-room, all ritualistic work is done around it; at its foot the candidate is obligated and brought to light, from it the Holy Bible sends out its rays like the sun in the midst of its planets. It is the nucleus of the Masonic life – the sacred point within the circle of the Brotherhood. Its sacredness is the guiding principles in all our attitude towards it.

DDGM's Official Visit

Lodge	Date and Time	Dinner
Oviedo 243	March 8 th 7:30pm	6:30pm
Orlando 69	March 9 th 7:30pm	6:30pm
Composite 293	March 15 th 7:30pm	6:30pm
Mokanna 329	March 22 nd 7:30pm	6:30pm
St.Cloud 221	March 25 th 7:30pm	6:30pm
Winter Garden 165	April 1 st 7:30pm	No
Memorial 17	April 3 rd After M&W @ Oviedo	
S. Seminole 364	April 5 th 7:30pm @ W-P	6:30pm
Eola 207	April 6 th 7:30pm	TBD
Orange 36	April 9 th 7:30pm	6:30pm
Orange Blossom80	April 19 th 7:30pm	TBD
Pine Castle 368	April 21 st 7:30pm	6:30pm
Winter Park 239	April 27 th 7:30pm	6:30pm

Masonic Calendar

Mar 12 6:30pm Refreshments
7:30pm Stated Meeting

Mar 26 6:30pm Refreshments
7:30pm Stated Meeting (Moon)

17th District Masters & Wardens Association and School of Instruction Schedule

LODGE	MONTH	M&W	DIST SCH
Pine Castle 368	March	6	10 – 24
Oviedo 243	April	3	14 – 28
Winter Park 239	May	1	12 – 26
Composite 293	June	5	9 – 23
Winter garden 165	July	3	14 – 28
Orange 36	August	7	11 – 25
Orlando 69	September	4	8 – 22
Eola 207	October	2	13 – 27
Orange Blossom 80	November	6	10
St. Cloud 221	December	18	8

Scheduled times for the above meetings:

M & W Assoc – 8:00am Breakfast, 9:00am Meeting

Memorial Lodge No.17 Meeting after M&W

District School of Instruction – 7:30pm

OPEN BOOKS

Mar 06, Apr 03 & May 08

State Ritual Competition May 23

At Winter Park Lodge No. 239

9:00am to 3:00pm

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Orlando Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite Calendar

Mar 22 5:45pm Knights of St. Andrew Meeting
6:00pm KCCH Metting

6:30pm Executive Board Meeting

Mar 26 6:30pm Valley Dinner

7:30pm Valley Meeting

Apr 17-18 Spring Reunion – Reception of new members.

Contact any Scottish Rite Mason for membership information and/or petition.

Rainbow Assembly No. 134

Thanks to all who attended our Installation. We hope to see you at some of our meetings. We are planning on having an initiation in the near future and the date will be announced at a later time.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Kathy Trapp, Mother Advisor (Mom Kathy)

Rainbow Calendar

Mar 03 7:30pm Advisory Board Meeting

Mar 06 12:00pm Installation at Winter Garden Lodge.

Mar 09 7:30pm Bow Club

Mar 11-14 Apopka Fair

Mar 20 Fun Day

Mar 23 7:30pm Stated Meeting

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