

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

My Brothers,

Oviedo has had an unparallel level of events and participation throughout the past two months and I wanted to highlight a few of these key activities. Foremost, I want to thank everyone who has participated and attended the Oviedo 243 Annual BBQ in September, and the Past Masters & Widows Dinner in October. I have been approached by Brothers, Past Masters, and other senior Masons who had not participated in Lodge events in a while, all of whom complimented Oviedo 243 on OUR events and increased in participation. The hard work of all Brethren in OUR endeavors has paid off! I also want to thank the wives and significant others who have taken the time to support Oviedo 243! I would like to expand on each event:

Oviedo 243 Annual BBQ:

Envisioning the first community-oriented event at the Lodge in years, the Officers in charge had many objectives. The primary objective was to unify and bond the Brethren at an event at OUR Lodge. It was designed to promote camaraderie and Brotherhood, building a strong Masonic bond to ensure the future of OUR Lodge. Oviedo 243 achieved OUR primary objective. Approximately 25-30 Brothers attended and actively participated, making the BBQ the largest turn-out in years! Every large-scale community event will undoubtedly encounter last minute stresses and bumps along the way. OUR Brotherhood was able to overcome all obstacles and it is my opinion that our Lodge has grown stronger as a result of the collective participation of the Brethren.

The secondary objective of the BBQ was to raise funds for the Lodge. One senior Past Master commented that he did not think Oviedo 243 had ever raised an equal amount of money during a single event. That compliment echoed the general sentiment resounded from every Brother in attendance!

The third objective of the BBQ was to promote additional awareness of our Masonic Child ID program (This was not the primary objective of the event). Brothers Gary Gray and John Jeffers deserve special recognition as their hearts have been in the right place from the start, and despite adversity,



UPCOMING EVENTS

STATED COMMUNICATION:

Second & Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM

EDUCATION & PRACTICE:

Every Thursday 7:00 PM

Parking lot chain and lock is up as of October 25, 2009! Please use caution entering the lot!

Lodge will be dark for Practice November 26, 2009 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Oviedo 243—Masonic Calendar

LODGE	MO	DAY	EVENT
Oviedo 243	Oct	4	PM & Widows Dinner 5:30 pm
Oviedo 243	Oct	12	Stated Communication
Oviedo 243	Oct	26	Stated Communication
Eola 207	Oct	31	Lodge Officer Training
Oviedo 243	Nov	12	EA Degree
Oviedo 243	Nov	9	Stated Communication
Oviedo 243	Nov	14	Child ID (Tentative)
Oviedo 243	Nov	19	Bible Ceremony
Oviedo 243	Nov	21	Lodge Workday
Oviedo 243	Nov	23	Stated Communication
Oviedo 243	Nov	26	Dark for Thanksgiving

17th District Masters & Wardens / District School of Instruction Calendar

LODGE	MONTH	M&W	DIST SCH
Eola 207	October	3	14 & 28
Orange Blossom 80	November	7	11
St. Cloud 221	December	19	9



OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Final Reminder: Brothers interested in serving in an Officer position in 2010 are urged to speak with the Worshipful Master or the Senior Warden

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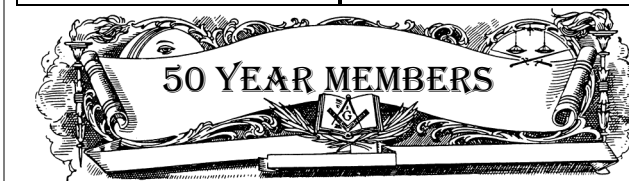
SECRETARY

A total of 7 Brothers have not paid their 2009 dues. 2010 Dues cards have been mailed to all Brethren. Please pay your 2010 dues promptly. A friendly reminder that Brothers should consider Perpetual Membership, as 2011 dues are planned to increase. It is each Brothers responsibility to ensure the Secretary is informed of any change to your address. Please inform the Secretary accordingly.



LIVING PAST MASTERS

1961	R.H. Noegel	1995	John Werner
1962	R.H. Noegel	1996	Robert Merchant
1974	D.C Lofus	1997	Thom H. Doran
1979	John A. Strykul	1998	Thomas Mumea
1980	Leonard Howard	1999	Thomas Bryson
1981	Ernest N. Spikes	2000	Steven McElhaney
1984	David A. Spikes	2001	Larry Humphreys
1985	L. Scott Grant Jr.	2002	Dana L. Fredey
1987	Ivan C. Zorn	2003	John L. Hannah
1988	Richard Caldwell	2004	George C. King
1990	Dale H. Raisley	2005	Aldis Grauds
1991	Don L. Fuchs Jr.	2006	Larry Rubright
1992	Sidney L. Poff	2007	Chuck Shiery
1994	Thomas Chapman	2008	James E. Black



50 YEAR MEMBERS

Harris B. Mullins	Alvin W. Thurman
Paul W. Schwimmer Jr.	George C. King
Reight O. Simmons	Dennis W. Ingerman
Roswell H. Nogel	Herman L. Ingerman
Ernest M. Voda	



CHAPLAIN

If Oviedo 243 can be of assistance in any way during any difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Lodge Officers. Please keep Brother Jim Reinhart and his family in your prayers as his son has been very ill.



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inculcated Masonic ideals in supporting Oviedo 243. Brother Gray provided an enormous amount of background support in getting the BBQ off the ground. Brother Jeffers was instrumental in the overall planning and execution of the BBQ. Both of these Brothers provided enormous behind the scenes support and the end product equaled success!

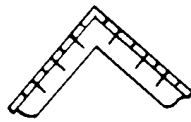
Past Masters & Widow's Dinner:

The Past Masters and Widows dinner was also an unparalleled success! Over 35 Brethren and their families attended, which was quite a turn-out for a dinner that was not advertised. In conformity with the atmosphere of Oviedo 243, it was very casual and relaxing. For those who did not make it the food was GREAT! The menu included roast beef, mash potatoes, green beans and peach cobbler. I want to thank Brother Paul Smith and his wife Patty for preparing the dinner. They always do an excellent job. My hat is off to all Brethren. This event truly attests to the character of the Lodge!

Other Activities:

Multiple candidates are ready to be initiated as Entered Apprentices. Their initiations are tentatively scheduled for November 12 2009. Several Brothers are still learning their EA catechisms and the Fellow Craft degree will be performed when they successfully return their EA proficiencies. A bible ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November 19th for those Brothers who have returned their MM proficiency. The website will be updated with future Lodge activities.

In recent months an "informal" committee of Brothers have made an effort to enhance communication within Oviedo 243. This is a great idea! Brother Steve Kimball has stepped up to the plate to form a "Members only" Yahoo Group exclusively for members of Oviedo 243. **I stress the Yahoo Group is for Members/Brothers only. All requests not verified as a Brother of Oviedo 243 will be deleted!** If you have not received an invitation to join the Yahoo group, please contact Brother Kimball at steve.kimball@lmco.com. The Yahoo Group will automatically send out announcements to your email account. Members will have access to the email addresses of all Oviedo 243



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Brethren and be able to see various links, calendars, and discussions which will keep all members up to date on Lodge activities. Oviedo 243 has also established a public account for members and non-members on Facebook.com named, "Oviedo Masons". If you have a Facebook account, please add Oviedo as a Friend!

It is extremely important that all Brothers are aware that **beginning on October 26, 2009, the chain to the parking-lot will be put-up and locked after each Lodge event. Please use caution entering the lot so you do not damage your vehicle!** The combination to the lock was voted upon and announced at the Stated Communication on September 28, 2009. If any Brother does not know the combination, but requires access to the Lodge, please contact the Worshipful Master.

Finally, I would like to thank Chuck Shiery, PM for organizing and executing the annual Oviedo 243 Lodge function on the Tanner Park property on September 23, 2009. Also concerning the property, the Officers of Oviedo 243 will be having an Officer Retreat on the Tanner Park property on November 7, 2009.

Chuck Harper, W.M.



**FROM DARKNESS INTO
LIGHT**

We have the pleasure to introduce the newest EAs who happen to be literal Brothers as well as Legacy members. Please introduce yourselves to Brothers Brett Kirby and Kirk Kirby. Welcome to Oviedo 243!



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