



Masters and Wardens Association
The Proud seventeenth Masonic District



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Meeting of: April 4, 2009

Location: Mokanna

Lodge Number: 329
 with **54** Brothers present.

Call to order by: President Larry Williamson

Time: 9:00 am

Pledge to the flag and Prayer: Before meal: X After meal:

Pass the charity basket! Charity plate totals: \$ 94.00

Introductions:

Grand Lodge officers: 0

Past District Deputies: 5

State Committeemen: 1

Past District Instructors: 4

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past Masters: 29

17th District Committeemen: 5

Past Potentate/Past Monarch: 0/3

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 11

Other Officers/ Brothers: 10

Senior wardens, 17th Dist. 4

District Instructor 17th Dist.: 1

Junior Wardens, 17th Dist. 4

District Deputy Grand Master: 1

Motion to accept minutes as published: Moved & seconded

Motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit: Moved & seconded

Totals all funds: \$ 20,878.81

Bills: Payee, \$\$\$\$ (none / \$ _____)

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Motion to pay Bills: n/a

Correspondence:

Received notice of Composite's BBQ on April 4 at 3-7pm (\$7). Also will be an Easter Egg hunt organized by DeMolay

Sickness and Distress:

W. Rodney Hollis – Lung Cancer is steady, he is currently on Dialasys as well.

Tony Stipich – has been reported that more lesions have been found. He is not doing well, it appears to be only a matter of time now.

Betty Cox – doing well – dismissed by surgeon, no fluid in lungs

Bro Rick Wisehart's wife is undergoing cancer treatment

Gerals McKeane of Eola – has his wife in the hospital

W. Larry Williamson's cousin passed

Old Business:

W. Sexton – reported on scholarship program – he has requested that applications from schools be submitted by end of April. He has already arranged for several brothers to assist with the evaluations of applications.

W. Larry Williamson on Americanism Day- was put on primarily by the Youth groups, and was very poorly attended – only 7 master masons attended. We need to show more support for the youth groups, and need to look long and hard at our support of future events to help show our support and help the youth groups in any way we can.

Installations for 2010 updates – Mt Moriah : 16 Jan at 7pm, Orange 12/18 at 7pm. W. Larry Williamson will help negotiate any conflicting dates.

June 17 is the GM district visit. The last planning meeting was at 2nd District School in March, and was poorly attended. Next meeting is Apr 22 at 6:30pm. This sill cover budget and is important.

W. Chet King emphasized that the District Meeting should be attended by all brothers, as it is a stated communication. Please encourage all brothers to attend – all lodges are paying their portion, so there is no financial drawback to attending. Please make sure ALL brothers know that EVERY brother is encouraged to attend with their ladies.

New Business:

w. Johnny Brock on Child ID: would like to see if all lodges in district would coop on a kit that can be shared, the cost is \$4,000 and could be split among all or as many lodges as would like to contribute. Please go back to your lodges and determine if you will participate, or the level of interest. Most lodge equipment is older and utilizes tape, the newer equipment utilizes digital technology and will process more kids more quickly.

R.W. Bob Morrow reminded all that the hospitality room at Grand Lodge has been secured, and that meal tickets are only \$30, which covers all meals.

Flag Retirement ceremony is on June 13 at the Scottish Rite. We are currently far short of our usual collection numbers all brothers are encouraged to go out and collect more flags from businesses and VFW's.

R.W. Burt Brim suggested we add a page to the M&W web site for unemployed brothers to advertise their availability. Bros. Ed Rees & Jim Gillespie both agreed to add these pages to the sites (M&W and Shrine) as time permits. It was noted that this would be a good item for lodge trestleboards (note about the site, to direct brothers there both seeking employment and employees)

Good of the order:

- Fish Fry next Friday by the Oriental Band
- Circus on 24/25th of April
- East/West Shrine game on Jan 23, 2010
- Bahia Ceremonial at the Villages on May 14-15
- Also, a short of time ceremonial at Grand Lodge on Monday May 23.

District school of instruction: 4-8, 4-22 **Location:** *Mokanna* Lodge 329

Traveling Gavel located at : Orange No. 36
Traveling Cup: Winter Garden No. 165

Lodge Announcements:

Memorial 17:

Short meeting today, will have elections in May

Orange 36:

Dinner – sponsored by the VFW, proceeds to go to lodge, for a new roof. Apr 25. 6-7
Happy hour, 7 Brisket dinner (at the VFW in Apopka)

Orlando 69:

MM degree 4/21 @ 6/7/8
EA degree 5/19 @ 7:30p
4/4 Fish Fry

Orange Blossom 80:

All in T/B

Winter Garden 165:

4/18 – Lodge is participating in Winter Garden’s “Bloom & Grow” event. Come by and support through food purchase or rent space for rummage sale. Tables \$20.
3rd Thursday (stated) will have a speaker from the Oakland Nature Center.

Eola 207:

4/21 – awards at meeting for 25,60 year memers and a special dinner. Also bible and apron ceremony.

St. Cloud 221:

4/9 DDGM visit
4/15 EA degree at 7p
4/21 FC degree at 7p
4/28 MM degree at 6/7/8
4/23 – having an open meeting with special speaker.
2nd Friday is spaghetti dinner.

Winter Park 239:

5/5 MM degree at 6/7/8
All else in T/B

Oviedo 243:

4/11 MM degree 9/10/11
4/18 Child ID program at Taste of Oviedo festival – all brothers welcome to visit or help
4/23 EA degree 7pm

Composite 293:

BBQ today 3-7p
4/6 DDGM visit
All else in T/B

Mokanna 329:

4/27 stated meeting – special meeting honoring all past potentates who are members of Mokanna. Expecting Divan and Ill. Bob Amico to also be in attendance.

5/9 corn boil

5/11 EA degree 7:30p

5/15 FC degree 7:30

5/16 MM degree 9/10/11

S. Seminole 364:

4/27 EA degree 7p

All else in TB

Pine Castle 368:

4/11 bible and aprn presentation, open to families

4/15 DDGM visit

4/25 M degree 5/6/7

5/2 dinner honoring DDGM R.W. Ray Cox – tickets \$10

Mount Moriah 400:

4/7 DDGM visit

5/5 Dark

All else in T/B

Appendent Orders and Distinguished Guests:**Scottish Rite:**

4/18-19 – reunion

4/24 – Ill Amico speaker at meeting

4/24-25 “Road to Victory” military vehicle show – see flyers.

Grotto:

4/11 – spring fling. 6p social hour, 7p dinner. Tix: \$13 or \$25 couple. Jazz band will perform.

Shrine:

4/25-26 circus. Need help/workers if available. Have tickets for any underprivileged children

Pancake breakfast tomorrow.

York Rite:

Convention for FL York Rite is at the Marriott in Lake Mary this week. See the website for details.

9/19 – one day class scheduled.

High Twelve:

4/20 – lunch guest will be Ill Amico (11am) – meet at the Perkins at 6425 University Blvd. in Winter Park.

Youth Groups:

S. Seminole DeMolay – participating in the National Ritual Competition

Bahia DeMolay – has an Easter Egg hunt today.

Rainbow #6 at Pine Castle meet tomorrow at 2pm (Pine Castle lodge)

Soujourners:

Heroes of 76 have programs for the lodges if they need presentations / programs/ speakers. Contact W. Marty Schweibel.

Misc:

4/11 – Amaranth at Eola – installation at 2pm

Widow's Sons bike club – meeting at 10:15 after the Pancake Breakfast

Last week's bike ride to the Masonic Home raised over \$3200.

District Instructor comments:

DI asked that all lodges try to get more members to attend District School and Open Books.

4/25 Open Books at Winter Park. (9-3)

4/8 and 4/22 – District School at Mokanna

4/22 is GM District Visit planning meeting at 6:30 – please have all WM’s or their proxies attend.

In May, there is only ONE District School at Pine Castle

The Zone 5 legislative meeting is at Scottish Rite on 4/29

DDGM Message:

DDGM conveyed greetings from M.W. Fleites and wishes all the best to all the brothers and lodges.

Some lodges are not listing candidates on their Trestleboards. This is important so that all lodges are aware of the candidates and will be able to disclose any relevant information about these candidates that they may know regarding their character.

Remember that investigation committee members may not be signers for the candidates.

W. Curtis Johnson will have a mentors meeting in May.

Next Meeting on: ___May 2, 2009___ **location:** Pine Castle #368

Closed with peace and harmony prevailing: **Time:** 10:20

with Benediction by: R.W. Ray Cox

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bro. Ed Rees
Secretary Master’s & Warden’s**

Proud 17 th District Committeemen	
DDGM	R.W. Ray T. Cox, Jr
District Instructor	R.H. George Van Pelt
District Ambassador	Wor. Don Martin
Child ID	Wor. Johnny Brock
FA-100	Wor. Ralph Valido
MH 100	Wor. Bob Burke
LYPMGC	Wor. Ralph Pugh
Masonic Education	Wor. Michael Hemphill
GM Charity	Wor. Steve Teal
Masonic Youth	Wor. Larry Williamson
Perpetual Membership	Wor. Lafayette Michael
Public Education & Citizenship	Wor. James Hamilton
Wills & Gifts	Wor. Robert Simmons
Wardens Workshop	Wor. Chet King
Public Relations & Publicity	Wor. Aldis Grauds
Masonic Renewal	Wor. Robert Monroe
Photographer	Wor. Mark Plosila