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March 2023



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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

We have many activities coming up in the next several months that we are very excited about. Monday, March 6th we will be parking cars for the Florida Strawberry Festival. This will be at our old lodge building. Thank you to Brother Hayes for this fundraiser opportunity. Thursday, March 16th is our family night. Our dinner will be a St Patrick's Day theme. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing as many brothers and sisters as possible. Please bring your family and friends.

The next event that we are in the process of organizing is an Open House. This will include the Grotto, Eastern Star, and our Masonic Lodge. The event is scheduled for May 20th from 12:00 to 4:00pm so please put this on your calendar. Please be on the lookout for more details.

Our lodge is moving in a positive direction. We would invite you to come join us to see for yourself all the new happenings and positive atmosphere.

As always, should you have any questions/concerns and more importantly ideas on how to continue to improve – please join us at the Lodge or call me directly at (813) 310-4300.

Fraternally,

Charles P. Chancey, Jr.

Worshipful Master



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PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Plant City Chapter No. 81, OES will be having an open Installation of Officers for 2023 / 2024 on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

We are excited to be working with Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79 on Adopting a School. At a joint business meeting on Feb 23 it was decided to reach out to Burney Elementary. We hope to have a blessed year and are excited for the adventures ahead of us.



FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

Hoping all brothers are in good health and doing well. I would like to thank all the Brothers who attended the Stated Communication meetings in February 2023. It was good to see everyone in attendance and all the visitors we had from out of town. I hope to see more of our brothers in future meetings. March brings the Florida Strawberry Festival. We will be parking cars on March 6, 2023, for the parade. We are using the old Lodge property adjacent to Acacia Street and across on the south side of Reynolds Street.

On April 22, 2023, at the Plant City Airport is the Planes, Trains, and Automobile Event. We will have a booth set-up along with Turkey Creek Lodge and need volunteers to help answer questions about Freemasonry and what we represent. The last Thursday of each month, we hold a business meeting at the lodge at 6:00 pm to discuss upcoming items. The month of February we are discussing helping the Eastern Stars community outreach program they are working toward adopting a school within the Plant City area. All members are encouraged to attend in order to stay updated on ongoing business. Anything that you would like to discuss can be included during this meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that the 3rd Thursday is our Family Night and we would like to have all our brothers bring their families for the meal at 6:30 pm before our Stated Communication at 7:30 pm.

It's always good seeing all our brothers and sisters and supporting each other. Just a reminder; every Tuesday @ 8 am we have coffee club in the dining room. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed month.

Fraternally,

James C. Jones, Jr.

Senior Warden



PLEASE NOTE

It is requested that you supply the Lodge Secretary with your updated contact information including e-mail address and cell phone number.

DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:00 AM

FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers,

The year is well underway. Seems like it only just begun and it is already March and spring is in the air. We have enjoyed some additional members attending our Stated Communications and it is good to see them in the Lodge. There is always a need for members to come and participate in all Lodge activities. Our Family Nights are beginning to grow in number and we welcome and appreciate all those who join in the fellowship at supper before our Third Thursday meeting. This month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 and we will be having a special meal of ham and cabbage on March 16 at 6:30 pm before our Regular Stated Communication. As always if you care to bring a side dish or dessert it is appreciated. Just let me know in advance so that I can plan accordingly. Please plan to join us for this extra special event.

As we move forward there are plans to work together with the Zenda Grotto and the Eastern Star Chapter to promote both fellowship and the Fraternity. Any ideas you may have for fund raisers or just fun events are welcome. Working together we hope to grow in strength and number.

Special congratulations go to Brother Clifford B. Turner celebrating 50 years in the Fraternity and to Brother M. E. Moore & Norman A. Hilton who each are celebrating 60 years as Masons. These Brothers are truly a credit to Olin S. Wright Lodge and Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

R.: W.: Royce A. Yancey

Junior Warden

OLIN S. WRIGHT LODGE No. 79, F&AM - BIRTHDAYS

February

07 Michael Dan Snyder
11 Marlon Lavann Bearry, Sr.
21 Cecil Carroll Carr
24 William Herbert Flamm
27 George J. Elder
27 Michael Grantham

March

02 Norman Arthur Hilton
12 James David Baldwin
19 Charles Edward Keel
20 Donald Eugene Wingate
27 Robert Wesley Rounds



MARCH 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION Supper @ 6:30 / Meeting @ 7:30	3	4
5	6	7 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	8	9 Ritual/Degree Practice 7:00 pm	10	11
12	13	14 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30pm Valentine's Day	15	16 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION Supper @ 6:30 / Meeting @ 7:30	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	21 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	22	23 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm Ritual/Degree Practice 7:00 pm	24 Memorial Lodge John Darling 154 7:30 pm	25 PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES Installation of Officers 7:00 pm
26	27 Master Masons Association John Darling 154 7:30 pm	28 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30pm	29	30	31	

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Our Past Masters



Enoch E. Mizzel 1876	Albert Schneider 1905	M. C. Moore 1937	Paul S. Buchman 1966	David Varnum 1995
Enoch E. Mizzel 1877	John Thomas Lowe 1906	James O. Gresham 1938	Nathan L. Watkins 1967	Buddy Odom 1996
William Collins 1878	Earl W. Mays 1907	Alois W. Anders 1939	Olin R. Yancey, Sr. 1968	Richard Woods 1997
William Collins 1879	Vivian B. Collins 1908	Harry L. Keller 1940	Manuel Buchman 1969	H. T. Red Coleman 1998
William Collins 1880	Vivian B. Collins 1909	Thomas Houghton 1941	Richard C. Holt, Sr. 1970	Timothy Surrency 1999
William Collins 1881	Thomas M. Strickland ... 1910	Thomas Houghton 1942	Jerry L. Joyner 1971	Irvin E. Rupp 2000
William Collins 1882	Olin S. Wright 1911	Fred D. Alley 1943	H. Chad Smith 1972	James W. Ford 2001
William S. Knight 1883	Sheldon C. Wells 1912	Frank S. Scheible 1944	George W. Joyner 1973	Eddie D. Stephens, Sr. ... 2002
William Collins 1884	Jasper Evers 1913	Thomas D. Harvley 1945	Ray E Brobst 1974	Floyd K. Alderman 2003
William Collins 1885	Thomas Carr Calmes 1914	Earle Cobb 1946	Raymond D. Mercer 1975	R. Wesley Rounds 2004
William Collins 1886	Lovell H. Harrell 1918	Harry Harrel 1947	Robert A. May 1976	Royce A. Yancey 2005
G. W. Knight 1887	Frank E. Cummins 1919	Wilder Branford 1948	William E. Sams 1977	Philip P. Bethea 2006
William Collins 1888	Cyrus Taylor Neuner 1920	Ray H. Crum 1949	Robert M. Venning 1978	Robert "Boog" Powell 2007
Olin S. Wright 1889	Cyrus Taylor Neuner 1921	Benton L. McEwen 1950	Lloyd W. Owens 1979	Louis K. Mittong, II 2008
Olin S. Wright 1890	Unknown 1922	Arthur A. Tickel 1951	Edward W. Simmons 1980	Clarence Rudolph 2009
William Collins 1891	Walker Scott Rardin 1923	Elmer N. Dickenson 1952	Cecil C. Odom 1981	James Harden 2010
William S. Knight 1892	Marcus E. Coue 1924	Willis K. Harrington 1953	James N. Reed, Sr. 1982	Harmon Van Horn 2011
Olin S. Wright 1893	Alex McQuinn 1925	Royce M. Wills 1954	Harry McElfresh 1983	Robert W. Taylor, Sr. 2012
Olin S. Wright 1894	Alex McQuinn 1926	Charles W. Lancaster ... 1955	Tony Henry 1984	Jimmie S. Marko 2013
Andrew R. Tyson 1895	Lewis G. Carlton 1927	Lee E. Russell 1956	John Ken Kimbel, III 1985	Roger Mays 2014
Simeon E. Sparkman 1896	R. B. Hedrick 1928	Ira B. Russell 1957	Timothy Conway, III 1986	Todd Horne 2015
Thomas W. Wilder 1897	Clyde N. Simmons 1929	Harley S. Miller 1958	Wayne B. Ward 1987	Robert W. Taylor, Sr. 2016
Olin S. Wright 1898	Ray H. Kramer 1930	Harley H. Rollyson 1959	R. W. Yancey 1988	Jimmie S. Marko 2017
Olin S. Wright 1899	Earnest G. Kellam 1931	William A. Twiss 1960	Michael E. Lytle 1989	Louis K. Mittong, II 2018
Olin S. Wright 1900	Wesley Bell 1932	Thomas J. Powell 1961	Frank A. Gaustella 1990	Royce A. Yancey 2019
William A. Beaty 1901	R. Clyde Colson 1933	Paul A. Bailey 1962	E. Arthur Allen 1991	Anthony N. Cline 2020
James M. Forbis 1902	Richard Houghton 1934	John E. Hancock 1963	Edward W. Simmons 1992	James R. Jones 2021
Robert E. Fletcher 1903	Wiley F. Smith 1935	A. C. Sutherland 1964	James Cameron 1993	Michael E. Lytle 2022
Albert Schneider 1904	Jesse E. Tuttle 1936	Cecil L. Shackelford 1965	Cecil C. Carr 1994	