



# The Trestle Board

June 2023



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## FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

First and foremost I would like to congratulate and welcome our newly initiated EA's, Brother Robert Martinez and Brother Joseph Grant Knight. I look forward to watching you both as they each



begin the journey into Freemasonry.

We had our open house, combined with Zendah Grotto and Eastern Star Chapter No. 81 on Saturday, May 20th and it was a huge success. We had some people stop by saying that they did not know we were even still in the Plant City area. We also received one petition for membership. Thank you to all that attended and assisted in this event.



For our stated communication scheduled for July 6th, we will be going dark. However, in lieu of a meeting we will be having a BBQ Social for all members and their families. Dinner will still be at 6:30 pm and the lodge will be providing ribs and baked beans but we are asking for our members to bring a covered dish to share. We will also be making fresh homemade peach ice cream that night. I am hoping this will be a fun evening of fellowship and a great way to celebrate the birth of our nation.

We are actively planning the 2nd Annual Turkey Shoot. This event will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00am - 4:00pm. It will be held at the Cattlemen's pavilion located at 6404 S County Road 39, Plant City, FL 33567. Updates and more information will be forthcoming.



If you have any questions or wish to be involved, please reach out to either my wife, Dawn Chancey at 813-365-1566 or myself at 813-310-4300 for additional information.

Coffee club still meets every Tuesday at 8:00am at the Lodge. Come join us for some good coffee and even better communication.

Our Stated Communications are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm. The third Thursday is always our family night. However family is always welcome at any dinner. Our Junior Warden, Royce Yancey has been outdoing himself with our meals so please plan on joining us soon.

Fraternally,

*Charles P. Chancey, Jr.*

Worshipful Master

## Open House - May 20, 2023



## FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

Hoping all brothers are in good health and doing well. I would to thank all the Brothers who attended the Stated Communications in May. I hope to see more of our brothers in future meetings. We had a wonderful family night meal this month with several guest. The food was delicious and enjoyed our time together.

May was a very busy month. On May 13th, we had an Entered Apprentice Degree with 5 new Brothers Initiated. This was the Ebenezer Degree in recognition of the original chartered name of Olin S. Wright Lodge in 1876. On May 20th we had an Open House with turkey Creek Lodge No. 248, Plant City Chapter No. 81 OES, and Zendah Grotto. We had a good turnout and



enjoyed talking with several individuals interested in joining the Lodge. The Plant City Fire Department and Police Department had representatives on hand and I enjoyed talking with Sgt. Chris from Plant City Police Department. The month of May wrapped up with the annual Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando.

The Turkey Shoot planning committee will meet at the lodge on June 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to that event on October 14th.

Our Officers Meeting is on Thursday, June 22nd at 6:00 pm. We encourage all members to attend this business meeting at the lodge where we discuss upcoming events and items of interest. Come join in to stay updated about future events at the Lodge. This would be a good time for suggestions on fundraising ideas or other ideas or concerns.

Finally, just a reminder that every Tuesday morning at 8:00 am we have the Coffee Club in the dining room if you'd like to join in.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed month ahead.

Fraternally,

*James C. Jones, Jr.*

Senior Warden



## FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers,

This year just keeps on passing by and we have enjoyed considerable activity at the Lodge. On May 13th we initiated 5 new Entered Apprentices; Three from Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248 and Two from Olin S. Wright Lodge. It was a good Degree and was held in remembrance of Ebenezer Lodge the original chartered name of Olin S. Wright Lodge.

On May 20th we held an Open House inviting current members and people from the community to gather for fun, food, and information about the fraternity. If you did not attend you missed a great opportunity for fellowship with others that attended.

Our Third Thursday Family Nights are continuing to be well attended and I would like to thank the Sisters from OES 81 for joining us for the meal and fellowship. On June 15th there is another Family Night and we plan a great meal and a short program in the Lodge Room to pay tribute to our great country in honor of Flag Day. All are invited to attend and bring along a friend. Plant City Chapter No. 81, OES and Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79 have adopted Burney Elementary School as a sponsored charity. We are committed to providing school supplies and other needs to the school for students that require assistance with these and other necessities. On Thursday, May 25th we assisted



by providing hamburgers and hot dogs for the fifth grade students who will move on to Middle School next year. It was great to see the fifth grade students enjoy the food and fun on the next-to-last day of the school year.

If you are not attending events at the Lodge and keeping up with our activities you are truly missing a wonderful opportunity. Please consider coming back to the Lodge and renew your commitment to our great fraternity. You are missed when you are not present among us.

Fraternally,

*R.: W.: Royce A. Yancey, PDDGM*

Junior 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**

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

June

03 Dennis Jay Lee Buchman

12 Grady Lawrence Brown

03 M. E. Moore

17 Robert Dale Dixon

09 Ronald Elliott Gainey



## PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR



On May 20th we had our Joint Open House with Olin S Wright Lodge No. 79. It was a really good turnout, had several donate blood, and look forward to our next one. On May 25th OES Plant City Chapter No. 81 provided food for Burney Elementary 5th Grade Class Banquet and was also on hand to serve the meal. Our Chapter will be having our Official Visit on June 13, 2023 and we will meet at Fred's Market for a meal at 5pm followed by our regular meeting at 7:30. On June the 27th we will be honoring Sister Lois Casaccia PGM and Brother Jim Ford PGP during our meeting at 7:30 pm followed by refreshments. The Eastern Star Chapter will be hosting a few fundraisers during the summer to help purchase school supplies for the beginning of the Next School Year at Burney Elementary (more information will be coming soon).

Have a blessed month.





# JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Grand Lodge Communication Orlando	29 Grand Lodge Communication Orlando	30 Grand Lodge Communication Orlando	31 Grand Lodge Communication Orlando	1 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION Supper @ 6:30 / Meeting @ 7:30	2	3
4	5	6 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	7	8 Ritual/Degree Practice 6:00 pm	9	10
11	12	13 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30pm	14	15 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION FAMILY NIGHT Supper @ 6:30 / Meeting @ 7:30	16	17
18	19 Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	20 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	21	22 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm	23 Memorial Lodge No. 920 John Darling 154 7:30 pm	24
25	26 Master Masons Association Egypt Shrine 7:30 pm	27 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30pm	28	29	30	

## Meet Our Newest Entered Apprentices



Brother Joseph Grant Knight

Brother Robert Martinez

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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	William 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	