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July 2023



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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I cannot believe this year is already half over and thanks to everyone working together I am seeing a very positive direction in Florida Masonry within our Lodge. This is all due to the amazing team work among our Lodge Brothers.

I am looking forward to starting the second half of the year with our family Barbeque on July 6th. The Lodge will be DARK for this special event. I really hope to see each and every Brother and their family at our belated Independence Day celebration. The Lodge will be providing the meat - Barbeque Ribs. If possible we would appreciate any covered dish to accompany this. However, we welcome everyone no matter what. Please come and join us!

My Brothers, I urge you to come witness the happenings in our Lodge. If you have not been to the Lodge lately you are missing out on a lot of activity. Looking ahead to the rest of July; our Widows Dinner is scheduled for July 22nd at 2:00 pm. Dinner will be at Fred's Market in Plant City. If you are able to join us please call or text me for your reservation at 813-310-4300 no later than July 15th. Just a friendly reminder our Stated Communication meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each and every month. Dinner is prepared by our amazing Junior Warden, Royce Yancey at 6:30 pm and the Lodge meeting at 7:30 pm. Additionally, do not forget our coffee club meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am. Come solve the world problems with the rest of us.



In addition to the regular Stated Communications and other monthly events we have many other activities underway or in the planning stages. We need your help and participation to make Olin S. Wright Lodge the very best it can be. Come and join us because we don't want anyone to be left out.

Fraternally,
Charles P. Chancey, Jr.
Worshipful Master

District 19 & 20 Grand Master's Visit - June 17, 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 June. I hope to see more of our brothers in future meetings. We had a wonderful family night meal again this month. There was a special program for everyone presented in the Lodge Room honoring Flag Day.

June was another busy month. We began the month having completed Grand Lodge for another year and we welcome Most Worshipful Glen B. Bishop as our new Grand Master of Masons of Florida. Also we extend congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers as we wish them a

successful year ahead. The Grand Master's Official Visit to District 19 & 20 was held at the Egypt Shrine on June 17th and everyone that attended enjoyed the fellowship. Olin S. Wright Lodge was well represented as all three principal officers were there in attendance.

On July 6th we will enjoy a fun evening with family and friends. Come and join our cookout rib dinner meal served at 6:30 pm. This is a family and community event so come join us for a good time and invite your friends and neighbors.

The Turkey Shoot planning committee will meet at the lodge on July 12th at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to that event on October 14th.

Our Officers Meeting is on Thursday, July 27th 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,

We have begun the second half of the year. It seems like 2023 just recently got underway and now half the year is already behind us. Activities continue at the Lodge and you are truly missing out if you do not come and join us.

Our two new Entered Apprentices are working hard on their Catechism instructed by W.: Mike Lytle. They are making great progress and it will not be very long until they are ready to be examined and take the next step in their journey as they Pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft. We have another Entered Apprentice petition received and expect to have an Entered Apprentice Degree in the near future as well. We



We need assistance with this work and your presence will make a difference as we support these new arrivals and make them feel welcome at Olin S. Wright Lodge. As previously announced, 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. Even though school is out for the summer, it is not a time to neglect our responsibility to this worthwhile effort. We are collecting school supplies for the beginning of the next school year and any donation you might care to make is appreciated. Pens, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, highlighters, and glue sticks are among the items requested. If you care to make a monetary donation, that too would be helpful and appreciated.

Come to the Lodge and get involved, we need your support!

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

JULY

01 James Chester Jones, Jr.

04 Clinton Harold Hall

04 David Eugene Herndon

06 Paul Stanley Cromwell

10 James Wesley Ford, PGM

15 Colin Faron Hines

15 Gregory Wilson Murrow, Sr.

17 Philip Eugene Faith

19 Timothy Wayne Tew

21 Ronald Curtis Hartley

30 Thomas Ronnie Haya

31 Louie Arthur Myers, Sr.

SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

Within Freemasonry there are many different paths from which to choose. Many Masons are members of various Appendant Bodies. These include York Rite, Scottish Rite, The Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, The Grotto, and many more. All of these groups promote fine ideas and principals to expand our knowledge in our journey through this great fraternity. It is, however, important to remember that the beginning the journey for each of us is the Blue Lodge and the commitment we each made as we progressed through the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry.

I have heard some members say that there just isn't enough time for them to continue to be active in any of the Masonic events at the Lodge due to other duties and responsibilities. There truly are other things that come ahead of the Blue Lodge and Freemasonry. Your family and your job responsibilities should always come first, together with your duty to God and the way you choose to worship. These are learned very early as the most important commitments and should never under any circumstances be neglected.

Many Masons devote considerable time to one or more of the Appendant Bodies of Freemasonry and sometimes seem to neglect or ignore altogether their commitment to their roots in Freemasonry; the Blue Lodge. I submit that if you don't have time for your Masonic Lodge then you don't have time for any activity associated with an Appendant Body of Freemasonry. There is nothing at all wrong with supporting the various bodies within Freemasonry but your Blue Lodge should always come first for without that the rest has little meaning or purpose. Don't neglect to give your support to where it all began . . .



JULY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Independence Day  OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	5	6 SPECIAL JULY 4th CELEBRATION Family Barbeque Supper @ 6:30 LODGE DARK	7	8
9	10	11 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES DARK Summer Recess	12	13 Ritual/Degree Practice 6:00 pm As Necessary	14	15
16	17 Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	18 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	19	20 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION FAMILY NIGHT Supper @ 6:30 / Meeting @ 7:30	21	22 Widows Dinner Fred's Market Restaurant 2:00 pm
23 / 30	24 / 31 Master Masons Association 7/24 Egypt Shrine 7:30 pm 7/31 Fifth Monday	25 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES DARK Summer Recess	26	27 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm	28	29

M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master



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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	