



The Trestle Board

December 2023



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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

First and foremost I would like to thank my Officers and all the Brothers for their support. 2023 - What a year it has been. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. It has been a wonderful and busy year. Brothers, nothing that has happened this year would have been possible without all of us working together.

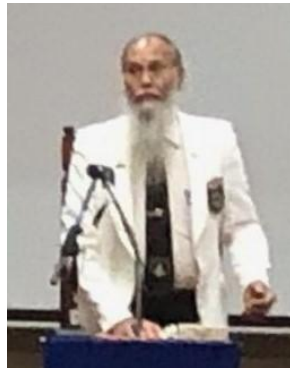
As the year comes to an end, let me remind you that there are still many important things yet to come. The Election of Officers for 2024 will be held on December 7th at our Stated Communication. This is a very important duty to select those who will continue to lead the Lodge to success in the year ahead.

The Lodge will be dark on Thursday, December 21st so that we may all enjoy our traditional Family Night and Christmas Celebration beginning at 6:30 pm. Please plan to come and enjoy this annual event and invite your friends, neighbors, and those who may be less fortunate to join in. There will be great food and good fellowship for all. Santa Claus will be on hand with presents for young and old.

Fraternally,
Charles P. Chancey, Jr.
Worshipful Master



Memories from the Thanksgiving Family Night and Community Awards Presentations



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 Communication in the month of November. It was good to see everyone in attendance and all the visitors we had. I hope to see more of our brothers in future meetings. We had a wonderful family night Thanksgiving meal this month and it was a full house with some new faces in the crowd. Awards were given to members of our local community. Receiving recognition were; Plant City Police Officer, Plant City Firefighter, Hillsborough County Sheriff Deputy, and Burney Elementary School Teacher of the year.



Plans are already underway for our annual Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 21st so mark your calendar and come join us for another great night of fellowship and fun. There is a gift wrapping event scheduled for Friday, December 22nd sponsored by Zendah Grotto. If you have Christmas packages and gifts that need wrapping bring them and get them all done up in bright Christmas colors. The event begins at 4:00 pm and there will be hot chocolate and maybe an early visit from Santa Claus.

The year is close to an end but there are many things in store for the year ahead. We will continue to have our Family Night meal at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday each month and our Officers meet at 6:00 pm every 4th Thursday.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas Day and throughout the Holidays.

Fraternally,

James C. Jones, Jr.

Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers,

We have had a successful month of November with our annual Thanksgiving Family Night Meal and Awards Program. If you were unable to attend you missed a truly great time with plenty of good food and fellowship. We paid tribute to several individuals who have distinguished themselves in the community and recognized them for their service and dedication.

On Thursday, December 21st there will be our final Family Night for the year along with our Christmas Celebration. This is something you don't want to miss. On Thursday, November 9th we had the pleasure to welcome Tomas Lazaro Gacia, our newest Entered Apprentice, into the Fraternity as we conducted his Initiation Ceremony. It was a great Degree and we now have another new Brother in the Fraternity.



A Veterans Day Dinner and Tribute to all those who have so valiantly defended and protected this Great Nation was held on Saturday, November 4th. We all have a debt that can never be fully repaid for the sacrifice made by our military personnel both at home and abroad. It is their selfless dedication that allows all of us to enjoy our many freedoms and privileges we sometimes take for granted. As has been said previously, there are great things ahead for Olin S. Wright Lodge but it takes the dedication and talents of everyone to assist in making the Lodge the very best it can be. The Election of Lodge Officers for 2024 is Thursday, December 7th as we will begin our 148th year.

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

DECEMBER

03 Billy Gene Passmore

08 Joshua Joseph Louwagie

19 Michael Edward Lytle

20 Kenneth Carl Hill

31 Arthur Paul Jewell, Sr.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE PHOTOS

Thursday, November 9, 2023





DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Plant City Christmas Parade 7:00 pm Downtown Plant City	2 Zendah Grotto 2024 Installation of Officers - Open to all Social Hour 5:00 pm Installation 6:00 pm Supper to Follow
3	4	5 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am Ritual / Degree Practice 6:30 pm	6	7 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION Supper 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	8	9
10	11	12 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	13	14 Ritual / Degree Practice 6:00 pm	15	16 Breakfast 8:00 am Fellow Craft Degree 9:00 am
17	18 Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	19 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am Ritual / Degree Practice 6:00 pm as Necessary	20	21 OSW LODGE FAMILY NIGHT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Supper 6:30 pm Celebration to Follow No Stated Meeting	22 Zendah Grotto Christmas Gift Wrapping Party 4:00 pm	23
24 / 31 Christmas Eve New Years Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	27	28 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm	29	30

VETERANS DAY EVENT
Saturday, November 4, 2023



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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	