



# The Trestle Board

January 2024



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## FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. It's time to get started on the New Year. I am looking forward to all that is in store for Olin S. Wright Lodge in the year ahead.

I first would like to say thank you for having faith in me again this year and electing me as your Worshipful Master. The Installation for our new officers is scheduled for Saturday, January 13th at 5:00 pm. Dinner is immediately following the Installation. The Installation is open to all and I hope to see everyone there.

I was both honored and humbled at being selected Master Mason of the Year for 2023. This is truly a great honor that could only be achieved with the help and cooperation from all the members of the Lodge. I will continue to follow the same path as I journey into 2024.

Our stated communications are still held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm and Supper is at 6:30 pm Our third Thursday meeting will continue as our Family Night and we especially invite family and friends to join us for the meal and fellowship. We would like to see each and every one of you at our meetings.



Our Christmas Celebration was well and enjoyed by all. There was a wonderful variety of delicious food and savory desserts. We had face painting for children of all ages as well as balloon animals and other creations. Santa Claus made his annual appearance to the delight of all present. He brought lots of gifts for young and old alike.

Come be a part of your Lodge.

Upon the Square,  
*W.: Charles P. Chancey, Jr.*  
Worshipful Master



## FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence placed in me as your Senior Warden for the coming year. I pledge to make my best effort toward fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of this office. I appreciate the support of every Brother in Olin S. Wright Lodge. It takes us all to truly make a successful Lodge. We need each and every one of you to take part as much as you are able.

As we at Olin S. Wright Lodge begin our 148th year I think we should reflect on where we've been and where we are now. This Lodge has a long and rich history. Among its members are and have been great leaders not only in the Fraternity but also in the community. As we move forward it is important that the Lodge continue to grow and make a presence in our local community. The life of every Lodge lies in its ability to be a presence with others around us.

We have enjoyed quite a bit of Degree activity lately and it is good to see new Brothers pursue their journey into Freemasonry. There was a Fellow Craft Degree on Saturday, December 16th and there were three Entered Apprentices passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Michael Watkins and George Maxwell of Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248 and Robert Martinez of Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79 were the candidates for the Degree. A special thanks to Brothers from Brandon and Turkey Creek Lodge who helped to make the Degree a success. It is always good when Lodges can work together in Masonry.

The year ahead will be bigger and better than ever so if you've not been active in the Lodge please consider coming and taking part in the activities and fellowship. We need the support of every member.

On the Level,

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

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,

First and foremost I would like to congratulate our 2024 elected and appointed officers. Also, a big thank you goes out to the 2023 Officers who guided us through another successful year. I would like the Craft for having confidence in electing me to the South. However, I am not sure about the origin of that confidence because I do not, and cannot cook. Why, I can't even boil water successfully. No worries though; I have been instructed not to include boiling water on this year's menu!

From fear of being repetitive or redundant, I probably don't need to remind everyone of the Coffee Club meeting every Tuesday morning at 8:00 am; the Stated Communication the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm, or even our Installation of Officers for 2024 on Saturday, January 13th at 5:00 pm, with dinner to follow. So I won't mention any of it.

At our Christmas Celebration on December 16 we were able to meet and introduce to those present our 2023 Teacher of the Year Ms. Emily Parrish of Burney Elementary School. She was not able to join us for our Awards Ceremony in November. She is just one of many educators who work tirelessly to provide excellent educational opportunities for our children.

I would like to share some words which I like to rely on in life's journey. I am sure each and every one of us have come across or read these words at some point. The words originate from the first line of the Serenity Prayer which was written by Reinhold Neibuhr in the 1800's. This prayer became very popular in the 1940's with Alcoholics Anonymous but it is applicable to all walks of life.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;

Courage to change the things I can;

And, the wisdom to know the difference.

Let us always remember, and never forget, that each and every one of us can make a difference.

By the Plumb,  
*Alvie L. Still, Jr.*  
Junior Warden

**OLIN S. WRIGHT LODGE No. 79**

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Emily Parrish

Burney Elementary School



Emily Parrish    Brittany Durant



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

## JANUARY

05 David Earl Chestnut

06 Jessie Lee Carr

10 Leslie Travis Belles

14 Roger Mays

15 George Eben Parker, Jr.

20 Michael Thomas Popham

25 Morris Lee Dennison

27 Billy W. Bunting

## FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79      Saturday, December 16, 2023





# JANUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am	3	4 Ritual/Degree Practice 6:00 pm  LODGE DARK No Stated Meeting	5	6
7	8	9 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	10	11 Ritual/Degree Practice 6:00 pm	12	13 148th ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 5:00 pm Dinner to Follow
14	15 Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	16 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	17	18 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION & FAMILY NIGHT Supper 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20
21	22 Master Masons Association Egypt Shrine 6:30 pm Supper 7:30 pm Meeting	23 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	24	25 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm	26 MEMORIAL LODGE No. 920 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 7:00 pm	27
28	29	30 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am	31			

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## Our Past Masters



Enoch E. Mizzel ..... 1876	John Thomas Lowe ..... 1906	Jesse E. Tuttle ..... 1936	Paul S. Buchman ..... 1966	Buddy Odom ..... 1996
Enoch E. Mizzel ..... 1877	Earl W. Mays ..... 1907	M. C. Moore ..... 1937	Nathan L. Watkins ..... 1967	Richard Woods ..... 1997
William Collins ..... 1878	Vivian B. Collins ..... 1908	James O. Gresham ..... 1938	Olin R. Yancey, Sr. .... 1968	H. T. Red Coleman ..... 1998
William Collins ..... 1879	Vivian B. Collins ..... 1909	Alois W. Anders ..... 1939	Manuel Buchman ..... 1969	Timothy Surrency ..... 1999
William Collins ..... 1880	Thomas M. Strickland .. 1910	Harry L. Keller ..... 1940	Richard C. Holt, Sr. .... 1970	Irvin E. Rupp ..... 2000
William Collins ..... 1881	Olin S. Wright ..... 1911	Thomas Houghton ..... 1941	Jerry L. Joyner ..... 1971	James W. Ford ..... 2001
William Collins ..... 1882	Sheldon C. Wells ..... 1912	Thomas Houghton ..... 1942	H. Chad Smith ..... 1972	Eddie D. Stephens, Sr. ... 2002
William S. Knight ..... 1883	Jasper Evers ..... 1913	Fred D. Alley ..... 1943	George W. Joyner ..... 1973	Floyd K. Alderman ..... 2003
William Collins ..... 1884	Thomas Carr Calmes .... 1914	Frank S. Scheible ..... 1944	Ray E Brobst ..... 1974	R. Wesley Rounds ..... 2004
William Collins ..... 1885	Lovell H. Harrell ..... 1915	Thomas D. Harvley ..... 1945	Raymond D. Mercer ..... 1975	Royce A. Yancey ..... 2005
William Collins ..... 1886	E. Samuel Tyner.....1916	Earle Cobb ..... 1946	Robert A. May ..... 1976	Philip P. Bethea ..... 2006
G. W. Knight ..... 1887	E. Samuel Tyner.....1917	Harry Harrel ..... 1947	William E. Sams ..... 1977	Robert "Boog" Powell ... 2007
William Collins ..... 1888	Wayland H. Hill .....1918	Wilder Branford ..... 1948	Robert M. Venning ..... 1978	Louis K. Mittong, II ..... 2008
Olin S. Wright ..... 1889	Frank E. Cummins ..... 1919	Ray H. Crum ..... 1949	Lloyd W. Owens ..... 1979	Clarence Rudolph ..... 2009
Olin S. Wright ..... 1890	Cyrus Taylor Neuner .... 1920	Benton L. McEwen ..... 1950	Edward W. Simmons .... 1980	James Harden ..... 2010
William Collins ..... 1891	Cyrus Taylor Neuner .... 1921	Arthur A. Tickel ..... 1951	Cecil C. Odom ..... 1981	Harmon Van Horn ..... 2011
William S. Knight ..... 1892	Cyrus Taylor Neuner .... 1922	Elmer N. Dickenson ..... 1952	James N. Reed, Sr. .... 1982	Robert W. Taylor, Sr. .... 2012
Olin S. Wright ..... 1893	Walker Scott Rardin ..... 1923	Willis K. Harrington ..... 1953	Harry McElfresh ..... 1983	Jimmie S. Marko ..... 2013
Olin S. Wright ..... 1894	Marcus E. Coue ..... 1924	Royce M. Wills ..... 1954	Tony Henry ..... 1984	Roger Mays ..... 2014
Andrew R. Tison ..... 1895	Alex McQuinn ..... 1925	Charles W. Lancaster .... 1955	John Ken Kimbel, III .... 1985	Todd Horne ..... 2015
Simeon E. Sparkman .... 1896	Alex McQuinn ..... 1926	Lee E. Russell ..... 1956	Timothy Conway, III .... 1986	Robert W. Taylor, Sr. .... 2016
Thomas W. Wilder ..... 1897	Lewis G. Carlton ..... 1927	Ira B. Russell ..... 1957	Wayne B. Ward ..... 1987	Jimmie S. Marko ..... 2017
Olin S. Wright ..... 1898	R. B. Hedrick ..... 1928	Harley S. Miller ..... 1958	R. W. Yancey ..... 1988	Louis K. Mittong, II ..... 2018
Olin S. Wright ..... 1899	Clyde N. Simmons ..... 1929	Harley H. Rollyson ..... 1959	Michael E. Lytle ..... 1989	Royce A. Yancey ..... 2019
Olin S. Wright ..... 1900	Ray H. Kramer ..... 1930	William A. Twiss ..... 1960	Frank A. Gaustella ..... 1990	Anthony N. Cline ..... 2020
William A. Beaty ..... 1901	Earnest G. Kellam ..... 1931	Thomas J. Powell ..... 1961	E. Arthur Allen ..... 1991	James R. Jones ..... 2021
James M. Forbis ..... 1902	Wesley Bell ..... 1932	Paul A. Bailey ..... 1962	Edward W. Simmons .... 1992	Michael E. Lytle ..... 2022
Robert E. Fletcher ..... 1903	R. Clyde Colson ..... 1933	John E. Hancock ..... 1963	James Cameron ..... 1993	Charles P. Chancey, Jr. ... 2023
Albert Schneider ..... 1904	Richard Houghton ..... 1934	A. Cody Sutherland ..... 1964	Cecil C. Carr ..... 1994	
Albert Schneider ..... 1905	Wiley F. Smith ..... 1935	Cecil L. Shackelford ..... 1965	David Varnum ..... 1995	