



Jupiter Light LodgeSM

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The Trestleboard

From The East

Stated Communication

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Dinner Served at 6:30pm

Dress Code

Dress in coat and tie are required for attending Officers & Brothers

Meeting Schedule

- **May 14th:**
Stated Communication
- **May 27-29th:**
Grand Lodge
- **May 28th:**
No Stated Communication

District Deputy

R:W: Gerald Strohacker
Phone : 561-329-2399

District Instructor

R:W: Roy Strohacker
Phone : 561-329-2261

April was a great success! With the 9th Annual Clay Shooting Tournament and the Mother's Day Cook Out we had a lot of smiling faces at Jupiter Light Lodge.

May will be time for our annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner event on Friday, April 24^h at 6:00 pm. The Lodge needs your help with set up and service. Please contact me or Clay Gordon if you are able to help that day. You and your family are invited to attend. Please wear Coat and a tie if you can. This is our way of expressing our appreciating the commitment and service of our area Law Enforcement!

May is also Grand Lodge Month. Due to the holiday and Grand Lodge, there will NOT be a stated communication on May 28^h. There will not be Lodge Clean Up on Saturday, May 25th. The officers of Jupiter Light Lodge and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Please remember that, Memorial Day is a holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Please take a moment that weekend to place a flag on the grave of a member of the Armed Forces, Fly the flag at your home and most of all, Thank a Veteran!

Our Senior Warden Clay Gordon has begun Operation No Brother Left Behind. With the help of our Secretary R:W: Travis Routt, we have made a list of brothers we have not seen or heard from in a while. All the officers and I have a list of names to contact. We are not calling to harass anyone, rather we want to know how you are and if you have any needs from your lodge.

To support this, we are holding a Rusty Nail Degree on Tuesday, June 25th at our regular stated meeting. R: H: Roy Strohacker will preside as our district instructor. This will be a great opportunity to review our lodge practices and tenants. Please mark your calendar for this special event. Dinner at 6:30 pm and Lodge at 7:30 pm.

Please know that if you have transportation needs that are prevent you from attending, PLEASE CALL ME. (336) 826-1068. Our brothers will come pick you up and take you home. If driving at night or other issues are keeping you away, we will be HAPPY to help!

Jupiter Light Lodge is your lodge! We are working hard to make it an even more special place to meet as we continue to make our building look inviting inside and out! BUT it is more than a building! Your attendance and participation is what makes Jupiter Light Lodge special. We are doing monthly programs, hosting speakers and scheduling events. None of this matters without you!

Fraternally,

David W. Watjen
Worshipful Master 2024

Message From the West

Brethren,

In April I had to deliver a report to the team I manage at work regarding their performance numbers over the first quarter of this year. It would be charitable to say that the performance numbers didn't match expectations. Prevailing wisdom dictates that a good leader inspires those he leads to do better rather than discipline them for not measuring up, so I decided to write an inspirational speech to rally the troops. The problem was: what wisdom can I bestow on them to find it within themselves to perform at a higher level? Where do I look for this wisdom? In a moment of panic I quickly performed a Google search for inspiring quotes, and I came across a quote from a book I read years ago. This book is from a fantasy series meant for a juvenile audience. As embarrassing as it was, I shared the following quote from Albus Dumbledore in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets to inspire the team: "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

From this quote I reminded the team that they were a part of the team because they all had the ability to succeed but asked them whether the choices they made over the last quarter show who they truly are as professionals and individuals. Evidently this quote hit a chord with them because after the meeting, many of these associates apologized for their first quarter performance and insisted they would show me what they're made of this next quarter – and without needing to discipline them.



Why am I sharing this with you? First, to share how wisdom can be found in the most unlikely places if we choose to acknowledge it as such. Secondly, have the choices we made this year show who we truly are as men and Masons? Reflecting on this question, I can humbly state that I can certainly make better choices. But unlike the team I manage, I have the support of Masonic brethren who can whisper those words of wisdom to guide me towards those choices and decisions that truly reflect what my character is and can be.

With warmest regards, I humbly remain

Fraternally yours,

Clayton Gordon
Senior Warden

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David Watjen

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Junior Deacon

Jeff Jennings

Marshal

Ronald Katz

Senior Steward

Jared Dokovna

Junior Steward

Alex Montero

Musician

Scott Hoffmeister

Tyler

Gary Schluter

2024 Mother's Day BBQ

A Mason's Wife - Author Unknown

*From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and families we salute;
We surely know the price you
pay,
Who sit alone while we're away.*

*No high degrees on you con-
ferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom
heard;
You serve our cause though out
of sight,
While sitting home alone tonight.*

*Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who
strive,
To keep our fortitude alive.*

*You're part of every helpful deed,
On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could
we,
Continue acts of charity?*

*And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above.*



From The South

Hello Brethren,

The Worshipful Master, in each meeting, asks if we have anything to bring before the lodge. This month, I have something I wish to bring before all of you. Why do we use 'Wardens' to designate two officers so named in Freemasonry?" We find the answer in the "Masonic Dictionary." The root, 'Ward', is of Medieval origin, having been used in early English, French, German, etc., always in the sense of to guard something, a meaning preserved in warden, guard, guardian, wary, ware, ward. A warden is guardian of the west gate of the Temple, the Junior Warden of the south gate.

I'm also happy to report that this past weekend we had a huge turnout for a great breakfast and lodge clean up! We were able to get the closets cleaned out and reorganized, gaining us valuable storage space. It would be amazing to see our monthly lodge clean up & breakfast to be this big every month with the lodge full of brothers!



Fraternally,

Johnny Burluson
Junior Warden

Secretary's Column

Greetings Brethren,

I wanted to let you know that your lodge officers are working on an ambitious project where we have identified over fifty former members who, for one reason or another, missed paying their dues and had to be suspended. Our goal is to personally call each one of these men and encourage them to rejoin our lodge. We have already had success in getting former members to fill out paperwork and submit the \$220 necessary to file for reinstatement. We are asking for your help to increase our odds of success. If you know of someone who was once a member of our lodge but fell by the wayside, please reach out to them, and encourage that former brother to contact myself or one of the lodge officers. The reinstatement process has been streamlined and the cost reduced. As I look over the fifty plus names we have identified, I see numerous high-quality men who would make a great Mason once again.



Lastly, if you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible. The lodge needs your financial support to continue making a difference in our members' lives, their families, and our local community.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.:W.: Travis Routt
Secretary

2024 Committee Chairs

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Scenes from the 2024 Rabbit's Revenge Shooting Event



*"The secret of **Masonry**, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be **felt and acted**. It is, in fact, **an open secret**, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and **no man can know it alone**." - Unknown Author*



Masonic Education:

Why the Black & White Clothing?

By: Brother Richard Num *as found on MasterMason.org*

The following was compiled in response to a question by a Prince Hall Brother on the Internet asking why freemasons wear black and white.

This has been the custom for over a hundred years. In the 1700's freemasons did not wear black and white. In an old masonic catechism of that time there is a question asking about the Master's clothing - "yellow jacket and blue breeches" forms part of the answer. This was an allusion to the colours of a pair of compasses and a square, perhaps. There is a painting showing the Scottish poet Robert Burns in Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning, Edinburgh (Scotland) on his appointment as lodge poet laureate - members of the lodge wear variously coloured coats, breeches and stockings, not black and white. This event was supposedly on 1 March 1787; the painting (by Brother Stewart Watson) was produced in 1846. Blue and Gold were certainly recognised as the official colours of freemasonry in the 1720's - nowadays these colours are used as the edging on aprons of Grand Lodge Officers and on their collars; private lodge officers use light blue collars and have light blue trimmings on their aprons.

A quick Internet search on the history of men's formal wear yielded two useful sites: site (1) and site (2).

>From site (1) it seems that black formal wear was invented by an English writer. The idea of wearing black for evening wear was, according to the English clothing historian James Laver, first introduced by the nineteenth-century British writer Edward Bulwer-Lytton, who utilized it "as a romantic gesture to show that he was a 'blighted being' and very, very melancholy." And it was Bulwer-Lytton who gave further impetus to this notion of black as the color for formal wear by writing, in 1828, that "people must be very distinguished to look well in black." Naturally, the moment this statement was noted by would-be dandies, the style became decidedly de rigueur...or "cool" in modern parlance.

This was probably a reaction to the sartorial excesses of men during the time of the English Prince Regent (later Brother King George IV) when dandies such as Beau Brummell wore more splendid apparel than females.

The original dinner jacket was "invented" by Brother King Edward VII when Prince of Wales. He was also the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in the last quarter of the 19th Century. He certainly made the dinner jacket fashionable, and no doubt this is why the vast majority of freemasons in Australia and some other countries wear dinner jackets (some WMs and Grand Lodge folk wear white tie and tails).

From site (2) - the tuxedo was "invented" by Pierre Lorillard IV, a wealthy man of Tuxedo Park in New York State, in 1896. His son and friends wore the first tuxedos to a white tie and tails ball. The cummerbund and bow tie (popular with many freemasons in Australia) were later additions to the "tux" outfit.

In the more tropical parts of Australia, masons wear white mess jackets rather than the somber dinner jacket or tuxedo or tailcoat. Members of daylight lodges here wear day clothes such as a business suit or perhaps a formal sports jacket.

Frequent attenders at lodge take their freemasonry fairly seriously, and wearing formal clothes perhaps helps to set the mood. Furthermore, the "uniform" of black-and-white might mean that we pay more attention to the man than his clothes - the reverse might occur if we wore catwalk "gear" to lodge!

In many parts of the world, at least a portion of the lodge floor is black and white. As to how long these chequered or black-and-white mosaic pavements have existed in lodge, maybe someone else can answer that question. I would suspect that these pavements became fashionable in permanent lodge rooms, when chalk marks on the floor or floor coverings were no longer required to be laid out by the Tyler in temporary accommodation such as taverns and hostels. As an aside, there is a vogue in Australia for some new lodges to meet in temporary accommodation such as clubs, so the rolled up masonic carpet (afghan) is making a comeback. Such carpets are mainly comprised of black and white squares arranged in a mosaic pattern.



Past Masters

UD - Richard Atkins*
1962 - Donald McHale*
1963 - Ivan Carter*
1964 - Fleming Fowkes*
1965 - Julian Blackburn*
1966 - Arliss Krum*
1967 - Ken Stevens*
1968 - James Worth*
1969 - Al Butterfield*
1970 - James Marrs*
1971 - James Crooks
1972 - William Jacques*
1973 - Cliff Chapman Sr.*
1974 - William Stewart*
1975 - James McCray*
1976 - John Sailors*
1977 - M.K. Vance
1978 - John Watson*
1979 - Dewey Hillhouse
1980 - William L:eyhe*
1981 - James Woody*
1982 - Nathaniel Davis*
1983 - Jack Pannell*
1984 - Robert Maynard
1985 - Patrick Seachord*
1986 - Ray Kinser*
1987 - Iva Bridges*
1988 - Frank McCray*
1989 - Charles Woody

Past Masters Cont'd

1990 - Donald French*
1991 - Michael Henze
1992 - Orel Beasley*
1993 - Karl Frankfort*
1994 - Cliff Chapman Jr.
1995 - Gary Schultzer
1996 - James Knabe
1997 - Robert Osterhoudt*
1998 - George Wiggins
1999 - William Capel*
2000 - Harold Gordon
2001 - Jan G. Johnson
2002 - Richard Puig
2003 - Thomas H. Watson*
2004 - Robert J. Brown*
2005 - Jeff Palm
2006 - Alfred Mueller Jr.
2007 - Jay Kaspar
2008 - Max Groceman
2009 - Jim Schmidt
2010 - William R. Bates Sr.
2011 - Travis Routt
2012 - Michael Loeffler
2013 - William E. Hawkins Jr.
2014 - James Mullinax
2015 - Donald Hires
2016 - William Owen
2017 - Jason Silvers
2018 - Shawn Lopez
2019 - Keith Campbell
2020 - Mark Murray
2021 - Frank Kitzerow
2022 - Johh B. Hammill
2023 - William R. Bates Sr.
2023 - Buddy Berrisford (Hon.)



Contact Info & Dues Reminder

As we head into 2024, we encourage all Brothers to remain active within the lodge, attend events, and share in the rights, Light, and benefits of our Lodge.

In order to receive your 2024 Dues Card, we ask all Brothers to be sure your 2024 Dues are paid, either via Amity or directly with a Lodge Officer.

For any inquiries, or to be sure you are receiving all communications, please send any changes to your Address, Email, or Phone numbers by emailing:

JLLSecretary@Outlook.com

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We've all seen the bricks already placed for our Brothers and their loved ones... reserve yours today!

100 Mason Meeting

William. B. Barnett Lodge No. 187 F. & A. M. in Jacksonville will be hosting the 6th Annual 100 Mason Event at the Scottish Rite Building at [965 Hubbard St. Jacksonville, Florida 32206](#). All Master Masons are invited to join us in an evening fellowship. This will be a Called Communication. Please bring a current dues card.

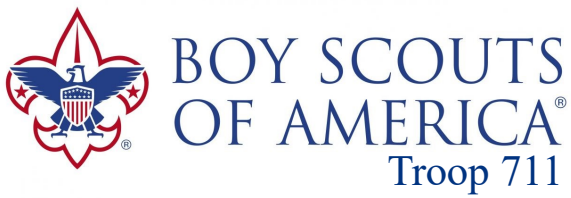
There will be barbecue and smoked meat for the meal. There will be door prizes, and Masonic goody bags (includes free t-shirt) for the first 200 Brothers in attendance. Parking is limited, so please try and carpool.

Register for free at Eventbrite (so we know how much food to make).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-georgia-florida-100-mason-meeting-tickets-792746816067?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



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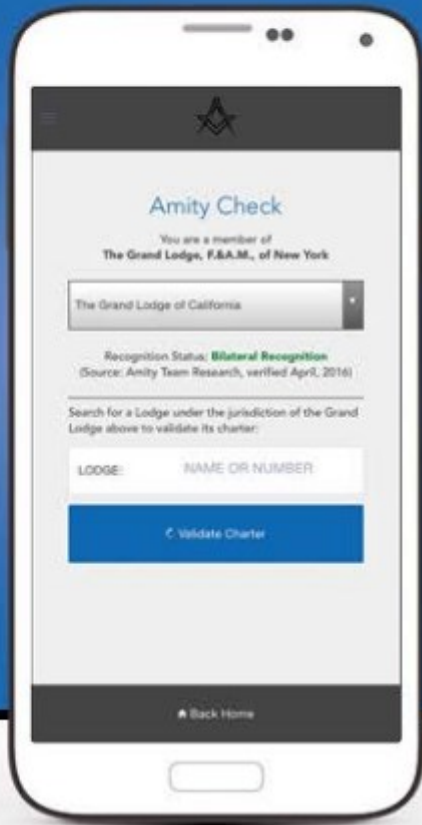


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
BEACHCOMBERS MEETING		OFFICER'S MEETING 6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS	ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BEACHCOMBERS MEETING		OFFICER'S MEETING 6:30PM	BOY SCOUTS	DEMOLAY		SEA CADETS
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BEACHCOMBERS MEETING		STATED COMMUNICATION 6:30PM DINNER 7:30PM MEETING	BOY SCOUTS	ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR		DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
BEACHCOMBERS MEETING		OFFICER'S MEETING 6:30PM	DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE SEWING EVENT - AM BOY SCOUTS	DEMOLAY	LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER	SEA CADETS
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
BEACHCOMBERS MEETING	GRAND LODGE	NO STATED COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE	BOY SCOUTS GRAND LODGE	ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR SOCIAL EVENT		

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