

March 2020



South Seminole Lodge # 364

STATED COMMUNICATIONS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of
Every Month at 7:30pm with Dinner at 6:30pm



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TRESTLE BOARD

A few Words from...



The East

Hello My Brothers,

A new obstacle has affected us all—the Coronavirus (Covid-19). It has affected us in our homes, workplace, public events, shopping areas and all aspects of our lives. I encourage Brothers to take the threat seriously. Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Westerman, III issued DIRECTIVE No. 3 stating that all Masonic activity is to stop. This directive is to last until May 4th but could last longer. I have been in close contact with the elected officers and we have been in several discussions on how to proceed for everyone's safety. Please read the Trestle-Board section below titled Directive No. 3 which contains more information that the Grand Lodge released on Coronavirus guidance. If anyone needs assistance for anything, especially our elderly Brothers, even if it is for something simple like getting prescriptions or groceries, please contact us so we may help. Be safe my Brothers and we will get through this together.

Fraternally,

W. M. Luis A. Tellez, Worshipful Master



The West

Greetings from the West!!!

A new month has begun, and we are ready for another tough schedule. The great thing is, we have the Brothers to help as needed.

We had our first Stated Communication with RWDDGM Jerry Clark visiting, along with a few of his District Committee Men. We also opened to the public and had our Grand Musician Mike Seeley give an outstanding presentation of Civil War General George B. McClellan with Masonic stories of the era and questions from the Craft.

There was an excellent EA proficiency return by Brother Travis Mulligan, making it possible for him along with Brothers John Shiver and Charles Entress to be Passed in the Fellowcraft Degree. Congratulations Brothers!!! Thank You to RH Eli Ellich for his delivery of the Lecture and Charge!

We will have a few more Fellowcraft Degrees coming up along with an EA Degree set for new candidates ready to begin their Masonic journey. We are almost ready to Raise a few Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! Be ready to support our Brothers being Initiated, Passed and Raised!

A toll is being taken as we move into March with the Coronavirus flu moving through the USA. Please be careful to keep hands clean and pay attention to the suggestions and announcement's being made to help control and keep to a minimum the passing of this dangerous virus from one to another.

Keeping focused and On the Level!!!

Fraternally,

Robert E. Dibble, Senior Warden

"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."

- William Howard Taft



The South

We have nothing from the South at this time.



Additional Words From...



The Secretary

My Brothers,

This month I will use this space to reiterate what I said last month. We still have a lot of brothers who have not paid their dues. Please don't let yourself fall behind on your Masonic duty. If you have not paid your dues please do so or contact the secretary at 407-252-4939 and our secretary worshipful Tim French will be more than happy to assist you by credit card check or cash.

Fraternally:

W.: Timothy D. French, Secretary



The Treasurer

Brothers,

When you are able to return to Lodge, you will be treated to a beautiful new lobby and library. Fresh paint and new trim is in now and carpet is coming. Careful planning and financial management has allowed this work to go on in this time of other uncertainty. We do all have to rethink how we are taking care of our building. Regular cleaning must not rest on a few dedicated Brothers...it is everyone's responsibility. If you make a mess and cannot physically handle it, ask a more able Brother for assistance. This last week our men's room was left in horrible condition by at least one user... and very unsanitary. The coffee maker in the kitchen was left plugged in and on, which could have ruined it or started a fire. With old coffee left in the basket, ants had moved in and it was necessary to disassemble the brewer to sanitize.

Thanks to our advanced planning, our funds and systems are sufficient to pay the bills and handle all SSL responsibilities. For those few still owing dues for 2020...please try to start planning to pay. Our Brother Secretary is happy to take a credit card over the phone. The health of South Seminole depends on ALL of our Brothers remembering their obligations. That said, we are also ready to help if you are experiencing financial hardship...IF you make your situation known to the Worshipful Master or Secretary. Stay safe...and wash your hands.

Fraternally,

W.: David Yonchik, P.M., Treasurer



The Chaplain

Brothers,

I'm sitting here trying to write something relevant for the Trestle Board and it occurs to me that since Charity is one of our main purposes, that maybe Charity would be a good topic.

As we go about our daily business we come across people who are far less fortunate than we are. This occurs often enough that we don't always notice them. It may be an elderly person trying to cross a busy street or even a lady in the supermarket checkout lane who's a little short on her grocery bill. Or maybe it's a guy sitting in front of Denny's who doesn't have the funds for a meal.

It's usually just a small thing to step in and lend a hand. I've seen a lot of people in need out there and it's easy to get burned out helping folks who are too lazy to work, but a quick conversation will let you know which is which. It will seldom cost very much to buy somebody breakfast or a sandwich or to help the lady with her groceries. It's like tossing a pebble into a lake. You never know how far those ripples will spread. At times the Great Architect will put an angel in your path just to test you. How you treat that angel decides whether or not you pass.

A good friend of mine once told me that he made it a point to give away 10% of his money every week. Being much younger than myself, I told him I thought he was crazy. He smiled at me and said, "I've never been broke or hungry since I started doing that."

I may not always rise to his standards, but he was right. It works. Tell the people you meet to pay it forward then just sit back and watch the ripples!

Fraternally,

Tom Erskine, Chaplain

For The Children

Child ID, OSOL

Brethren,

We had a great two events within the past few weeks. Between Pioneer Days and the Bahia 5K run, more children are now protected. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, the forthcoming events have been cancelled. I will keep everyone updated on re-scheduling, if they are rescheduled.

I want to send out a big thank you to Tom Erskine, Stephen Shields, Kelly Hacker and Nick Conner for helping out on the last events.

Sincerely,

Murray Martin, Senior Deacon



Charity

Brothers, Family & Friends,

Due to the school closures, school requests for food and teacher support are not coming in. This is helpful since our primary soccer fundraisers are on hold until at least April. We are well funded if an emergency request comes in. Your Lodge also stands ready with help and assistance for any of our Brothers and extended friends or family. Contact an officer if you need anything...get sick...get quarantined...and just need to talk. We can bring supplies and help in many ways.

Thank You!

W.: Skip Yonchik, Treasurer

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:

Scott Doll	Justin Kraft
Kenneth Huddleston	Alex Rosa
Killian Hiltz	John Coates
William Irizarry	Chris Stencil

Entered Apprentice with Rick Swanner:

Dan McCoy
Edward Madera
Michael Perez
Michael Smith

Fellow Craft with Luis Tellez:

John Shiver
Charles Entress
Travis Mulligan

Fellow Craft with Bruce Carter:

Bryan Brecia
Hector Gonzalez
Jonathan Rincon
Steve Towery



Masonic Anniversaries for March:

Jerry Scott Morey - 11 Years

Ralph Cruz - 11 Years

Micheal Anthony Reahl - 11 Years

Harry Joseph Berenger Jr - 17 Years

Richard James Swanner - 17 Years

Phillip Grady Landers - 17 Years

Pierre Mascia - 17 Years

Roy Nigel Campbell - 19 Years

Patrick Roy Charles - 25 Years

Drake Arnold Grable - 31 Years

Terry William Mau - 31 Years

Sprague Owings - 39 Years

Leon Raymond Van Varenberg - 40 Years

Thomas Earl Embree - 43 Years



Birthdays for March:

3/5 - Harry Joseph Berenger Jr

3/5 - Paul Warren Freeman Sr

3/7 - Phillip Craig Dozier

3/12 - Christopher Ryan Schuck

3/13 - John William Holian Jr

3/18 - Gary Wayne Lashley

3/18 - Juan Rafael Lopez

3/19 - Patrick Roy Charles

3/19 - Carlos Gomez Sr

3/21 - William Robert Ellis

3/23 - Charles Thomas Dunty

3/24 - Michael Gregory Lautenburg

Masonic Highlights

Welcome to the March 2020 trestle-board! Due to the current state of affairs with COVID-19 many things have been cancelled such as soccer games and Masonic meetings. For now, we will also be dark in April. See our calendar for all details. Please also view Grand Florida Lodge Directive No. 3 and Coronavirus best practices below.



W.: John D. Dibble, Marshal

Circumscribe:



To serve as a continued reminder - At the 186th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, a new online software application named Circumscribe was presented and implemented. Everyone now has access to the new system. It is important for you to log in as soon as possible, re-view your profile, make changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card which you will receive in the mail.

1. Open your internet browser, and be sure to disable private browsing
2. Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net/>
3. On the login screen, enter your temporary username & password:

4. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password a. your NEW user name should be an email address that you use regularly b. your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice
5. Upon successfully changing your email and password, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new username and password. MAKE SURE TO WRITE THIS DOWN SOMEWHERE.
6. Once you have successfully logged back in, you will be taken to your Profile Page. Please verify all of your information on this page, and make any appropriate changes. You will also have the option to upload a current picture for your permanent ID card.
NOTE: You must upload your picture within 30 calendar days of your first successful login, and no more than 60 days past your Lodge on-board date. Do's of uploading your picture:

- As high a resolution as possible (can be picture taken with smartphone/digital camera)
- No hats or sunglasses
- No other individuals in the picture
- No animals in the picture
- Your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible

7. You may immediately begin to record your Masonic attendance, and take Master Mason I, II, III exams ONLINE

- For additional support, please contact the Lodge Secretary.



South Seminole is electronic. Brothers, in this day and age it is becoming more important than ever to maintain the lines of communication. As such it is becoming increasingly important that we can communicate electronically and at the very least have your latest telephone numbers and addresses. Please make sure the secretary has your most up-to-date email address and phone number so that he can send you email correspondence on things such as membership updates, newsletters, events, our new trestle-board, and other Lodge communications. We will not be doing any more physical mailings any more except for special cases.

Wanting to go digital? Download a QR code reader app on your smartphone or other smart devices and go straight to the trestle-board area of our Web site to read it and our past trestle-boards.



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TODAY!**

Grand Lodge Announcement

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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DIRECTIVE NO. 3

March 17, 2020

To: All Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of the Particular Lodges

In consequence of the new orders set out by the Governor of the State of Florida concerning the coronavirus pandemic, as Grand Master, I hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT that effective immediately all Stated and Called Communications, Masonic meetings and events are suspended until at least May 4, 2020.** This suspension includes, but is not limited to, all Masonic Education/Masonic Leadership Training classes, Secretaries and Treasurers Seminars, Child ID Events, Social Gatherings, all Allied and Appendant Orders and Masonic Youth Groups that meet in any Lodge buildings, and Lodge building rentals. If a Brother is working with a candidate on catechisms outside the Lodge building, continuing to get together for instruction is up to the individuals; however, they should practice "social distancing" and following the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control. This Directive should be forwarded to your Lodge membership and may be considered proper notification. If your Lodge meeting is tonight and it is not practical to cancel at this late hour you may proceed.

My Brothers, this situation is fluid and moving very fast. The safety of our Brothers and their families shall be the priority and please use common sense and be safe.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Sincerely and fraternally,


John W. Westerman, III
Grand Master

"Success Favors the Bold"

Coronavirus Safe Practices

Keeping the workplace safe

Encourage your employees to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Be careful with meetings and travel



- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

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Keeping the school safe

Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings



- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after-school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

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- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

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Coronavirus Safe Practices Cont'd

Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

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Keeping commercial establishments safe

Encourage your employees and customers to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door, and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Avoid crowding



- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow
- Use online transactions where possible
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings

For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares



- Keep windows open when possible
- Increase ventilation
- Regularly disinfect surfaces

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Curtis F. Blow * U.D & 1968
Verbun A. Jones * 1969
Frank Bingham * 1970
Louis Kirby * 1971
Francis P. Oddo * 1972
Troy Tatum * 1973
William P. Byles * 1974
Carl E. Strom * 1975
J.C. Valentine * 1976
Rodger T. Peterson, Sr * 1977
William B. Ritter * 1978
Phillip G. Marriott * 1979
Max R. Jones 1980
Samuel M. Lewis * DDGM, 1981
Past Grand Master 1981
Thomas E. Embree DDGM * 1982
Ottis R. Erickson DDGM * 1983
William R. Ellis 1984
William E. Johnson * 1985
Carl E. Lloyd * 1986
John F. Schroth, Sr. 1987
Edward K. Herr * 1988
James D. Dickenson DDGM 1989
John W. Bornman 1990
Jay W. Leffert* 1991
Billy M. Mew 1992
Roger C. Reynell 1993
John A. Melanson * 1994
Thomas D. Roberts 1995

Deceased *

Edwin C. Henderson 1996
Paul W. Freeman, Sr. 1997
Kenneth N. Holladay * 1998
Marty Nash APM * 1998
Donald Maurizio * 1999
Joseph Cordeiro 2000
Randy L. Vess 2001
B. Franklin Ellis 2002
E. Neal Tish 2003
Samuel A. Tish 2004
Douglas B. Guthrie 2005
John J. Walsh * 2006
William D. Dieringer 2007
Robert T. Billoni * 2008
Herman (Skip) Yonchik 2009/10
Thomas Hoopes 2011
Greg Rushing 2012
Jose Ayala 2013
Petronio Martins 2014
Christopher Wall 2015
Gary Bouton 2016
Tim French 2017
John Dibble 2018
Tim French 2019

Affiliated Past Masters
Ellis Hormats, New York * 1969
Don Grable, Spain 1969/70
Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin 1983
Jeff Battaglia, Orlando 2017

2020 Committee Chairmen:

Finance Bro. Robert E. Dibble
Masonic Vigilance Bro. Nathan Wilson
Petitions W.: Tim French
Masonic Education Bro. Robert E. Dibble
Board of Relief W.:M.: Luis Tellez
Charity, Wills & Gifts W.: Tim French
Lodge Property W.: Skip Yonchik
Corporate Relations W.:Tim French

Mentoring W.:M.: Luis Tellez
Youth Activities W.: Skip Yonchik
Public Relations and Publicity W.: Tim French
Building Rental W.: Tom Hoopes
Child-ID Bro. Murray Martin
L.Y.P.M.G.C. W.: Skip Yonchik
By-Laws W.:M.: Luis Tellez
Charity W.:M.: Luis Tellez

Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro
Charles Raymond Crouch
Ralph Cruz
James David Dickenson
Charles Thomas Dunty
James Harvey Dunty III
Benjamin Franklin Ellis
Thomas Earl Embree
Michael Parke Fisher
Paul Warren Freeman Jr
Paul Warren Freeman Sr

Jeffery Karl Gerlitz
Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz
Drake Arnold Grable
Donald Wayne Grable
Douglas Brent Guthrie
Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr
David Robert Harden
Robert John Havlicek
Edwin Calvin Henderson
John William Holian Jr
Kenneth Charles Jordan

Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr
PGM Pierre Mascia
Billie Marvin Mew
Jerry Scott Morey
Ray Earl Norman
Sprague Owings
Truman Parker
Cleveland Paul Perdue
Raymond Alfred Ralph
Roger Charles Richards
Anthony W Rossi

David Bruce Roy
Gregory Kent Rushing
John Anthony Russell
William Junior St John
Richard James Swanner
Billie James Thornton
Douglas Sherman Tomlinson
Joseph Raymond Valdes
Christopher Michael Wall
Chad Jason Oehmke

Upcoming Events

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	3  SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	4	5	6	7 Masters & Wardens - Mokanna #329 - 8am
8  Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm	9	10	11	12	13 SSL DeMolay Parking Event/ Advisory - 4:30pm	14
15 	16  SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	17  SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal Cancelled	18	19	20	21
22  Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm Cancelled	23	24	25 District SOI - Pinecastle #368 Cancelled	26	27	28 Open Books - Winter Park #239 8:00am Cancelled
29	30	31				

Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 3/3:

Sandwiches, Desert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 3/17:

Shepherd's Pie, Desert, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Grand Lodge Announcement



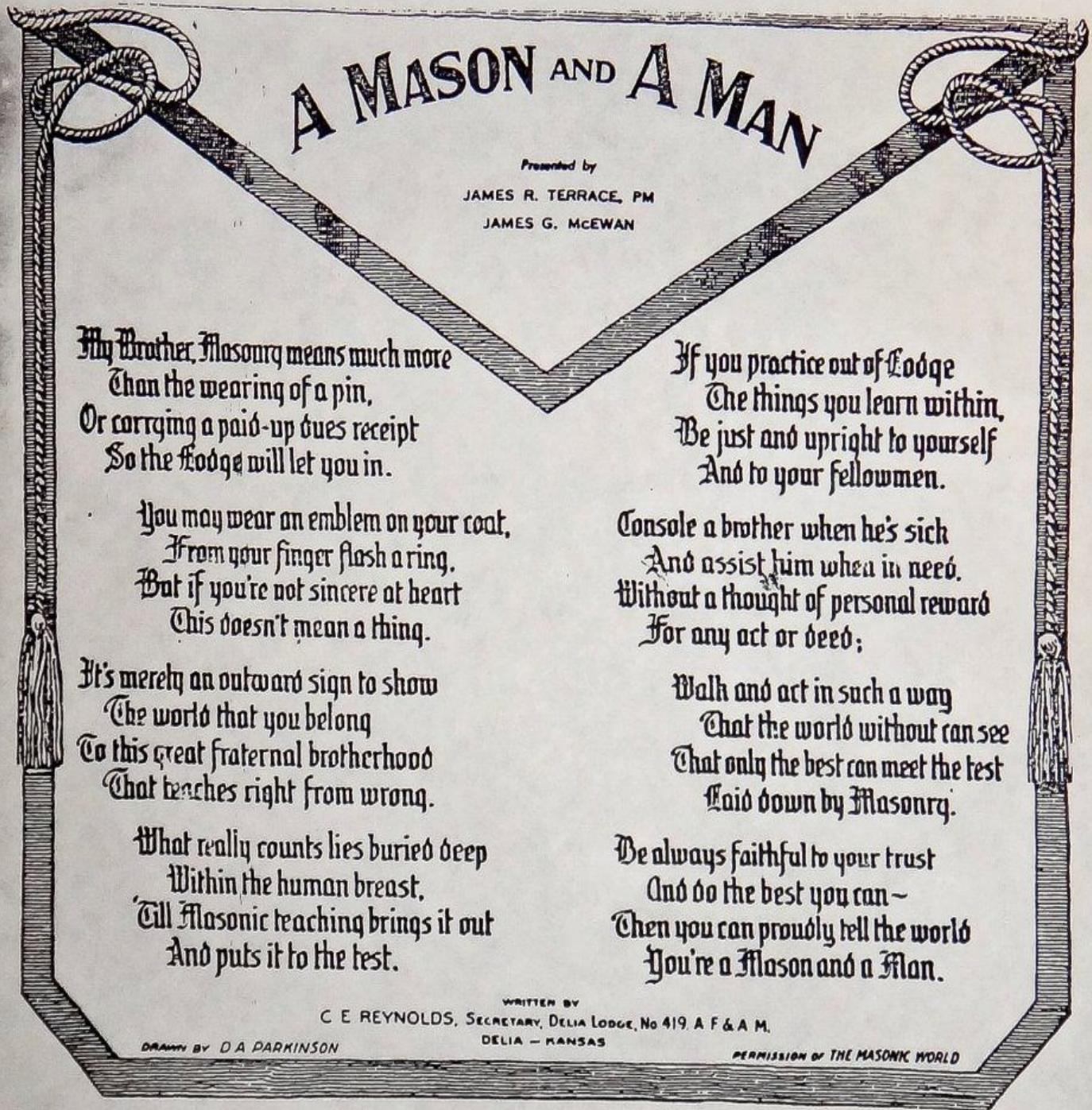
Brethren, the Grand Lodge of Florida has sent the following **URGENT** notifications, please take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

****Pilgrimage Day has been postponed indefinitely. We will notify you once it has been rescheduled.****

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, Pre-Board and Board of Trustees Meetings at the Masonic Home are closed to Board Members only until further notice. We cannot afford to bring any serious illnesses to the Masonic Home and risk the health

Poem of the Month

A Mason And A Man - By: C. E. Reynolds



Bits & Pieces

Congrats to the New Fellow Crafts!!



W.: Skip Yonchik Publicly



Honored—Congrats Skip!!



Bits & Pieces



Shriners on Parade—Go Nathan!



South Seminole Foyer Renovation



Bits & Pieces



Rainbow Installation



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?
Please send them to us and they will be posted in the next Trestle-board!!