

FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers,
Many of us are asked questions like "What do Masons do?" or "What is Freemasonry all about?" There is a tendency to give a vague answer so as not to accidentally reveal any "secrets." Maybe we should ask ourselves these questions before someone else does so we can be prepared to answer them in a forthright manner. As an example, we can reveal that masonry stresses to the members the importance of morality, justice, patriotism, and brotherly love. Masons believe in God and they open and close their meetings with prayer. The nation's flag is kept in a place of honor in the lodge and the Masons salute the flag and recite the pledge of allegiance at every meeting. No political or religious differences can be discussed in lodge because harmony among the Brothers is very important.

Freemasonry is a charitable organization which supports hospitals, medical research facilities, the Masonic Homes, and many charity funds. Programs for charity and relief are carried out on a regular basis.

In order to become a Mason, a man must voluntarily ask to join a lodge. He must be of good character and have high ethical and moral ideals and believe in God.

When we ask ourselves these questions and examine our answers, we can see that we are part of a very worthy organization that we can be proud of.

Come to lodge brothers and renew your commitment to Freemasonry. See you in lodge.

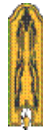
Upon the Square,
Ronald B. Watson
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



No article submitted by press time.

On the Level,
Fred Kalkbrenner, Jr.
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,
As a member of the finance committee, I feel it is important to notify the craft on the following recommendations and actions: 1) – The Committee cut the budget significantly last December; 2) - An increase in dues is needed; 3) - Just recently, and most importantly, the craft approved a realignment of funds to help cover shortfalls in the budget and to continue to meet our financial obligations. As of now, the dues are \$40.00, of this the Lodge gets to keep \$26.00, and Grand Lodge gets the remaining \$14.00. There are approximately 75 members that pay dues, which equates to \$1,950.00. Our fixed expenses at the present time besides Grand Lodge, is \$2,400.00 building rent and \$1,200.00 office space rent. This is a total of \$3,600.00. As you can see, we are in the red. Therefore, it has been proposed to raise the dues to \$60.00 a year. Forty-six dollars will go to the Lodge and Fourteen dollars to Grand Lodge. I know this is not a popular subject, but one that needs to be addressed, to keep the Lodge functioning properly. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

By the Plumb,
Ed Street, Zone 6 Chairman Committee on Work,
P.D.D.G.M., P.D.I., & P.M.
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren, we still have 8 members that have not paid their dues. Look at your dues card if it doesn't say 2011 then you haven't paid for this year. Final Late Dues Notice will be mailed October 1, 2011, if you are one of those members I encourage you to send your dues in as soon as possible or if your having a financial problem let me know, we can always work something out. Please make all checks payable to Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385.

Brethren, at the last meeting 13 August 2011 the Finance Committee announced that our income was not keeping pace with our expenditures and recommended that we raise the dues from \$40.00 to \$60.00. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to raise the dues from \$40.00 to \$60.00 effective 28 December 2012.

*******OFFICIAL NOTICE*******
THIS WILL BE BALLOTTED ON AT THE
OCTOBER 8, 2011 MEETING

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to raise the dues from \$40.00 to \$60.00 effective 28th December 2012. This action must take a change to our by-laws as follows: The proposition must be made in writing at a Stated Communication, and if approved by a majority vote, shall lie over to the next Stated Communication of which the membership shall be given written notice; and if three-fourths of all the members of the Lode then present vote in favor thereof it is adopted and will go into effect after approval of the Grand Lodge or its authority. Proposed By-Laws or amendments, after adoption by the Lodge, shall be submitted for approval in accordance with the provisions of Regulation.

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BY-LAW CURRENTLY READS

4.01 Dues – Every member of this Lodge shall pay the Secretary, for the use of the Lodge, the sum of \$40.00 per annum, which sum shall be due and payable in advance on or before the first day of the Masonic Year, which Masonic Year shall begin on the 28th day of December of each year and end on the 27th of December of the following year, except life members, honorary members and those whose dues are remitted in accordance with Masonic Law.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE TO READ

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*******OFFICIAL NOTICE*******

Please make an effort to attend this meeting. This is your Lodge don't let just a few make all the important decisions for you. Come out and take an interest in your Lodge.

Brethren, remember to notify the secretary of any change of address, telephone number, or other forms of communications. Also have your family notify the secretary or chaplain of any sickness, distress, or death.

L. Kelly Dougherty, Sr., P.M.
Secretary

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Brethren:

There has been no report of sickness or distress during the month of August (so far). Just remember to report any sickness or possible distress to us when it becomes known. Otherwise, we cannot respond if we don't know about it. We are always concerned about those who are under "the weather" and possibly need our attention. Something I thought would be of interest. "PERSPECTIVES" "I'm sorry about your Dad," the football coach said to one of his players whose father had died the previous week. "Coach, please let me start the game Saturday," the player asked. Now the player was strictly a back-up and only saw playing time when the game was either won or hopelessly lost. But the coach read the expression on the player's face and agreed to let him start. "It will only be for the opening series," he warned. On the first play from scrimmage the player sacked the quarterback. He was all over the field and ended up playing the whole game, which turned into an upset victory. After the game, the coach awarded him the game ball. "What got into you today?" the coach exclaimed. "You played like a Pro." "A lot of people didn't know it, but my father was blind," the player said. "Today was the first game he ever saw me play."

Charlie Cheshire, P.M.
Chaplain

Sickness & Distress

No reports of sickness and distress.



To All our Brothers thoughts and prayers; know others Love and Care.

MASONIC BIRTHDAY'S



September/October

<u>50 Years</u>	None	<u>Raised</u>
<u>40 Years</u>	None	
<u>25 Years</u>	None	
<u>Other</u>		

Tod G. Ansel	09/28/2002
Anthony Barbato	10/25/1977
Andrew F. Beville, Jr.	10/01/1962
Lawrence L. Burhans	10/26/1996
Rene' Cardona	09/30/2006
Nicholas S. Cutts	10/03/1998
L. Kelly Dougherty, Jr.	10/15/1982
James L. Jonas	10/26/1996
Thomas J. Lankford	10/03/1998
Randolph H. Malsch	09/11/1993
Charles J. Manser	09/29/2007
Thomas W. McVeigh	10/02/1973
Bradd A. Menendez	10/03/1998
Paul J. Phuchino, Jr.	10/26/1996
W. Bruce Steube, III	09/24/1959
Lynn E. Vogt	09/28/1989



LODGE CALENDAR DATES

September 10th - Stated/Business Meeting @ 10:00 am
September 24th - TBA (To be announced)
October 8TH – Stated/Business Meeting @ 10:00 am
(Official Visit - R.: W.: Charles R. "Chas" Jordan, DDGM)
October 22ND – TBA (To be announced)