

**MEETING OF THE CORPORATE BOARD  
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA**

April 27, 2024

No. 24

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:03 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, and via video conference on Microsoft Teams by M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman  
R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master  
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden  
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden  
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer  
M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.  
R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M.  
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Also Present:

R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel  
R.: W.: Joseph M. Fleites, P.D.D.G.M.  
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian  
R.: W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer  
W.: David O. Singer, W.M., Venice Lodge No. 301  
W.: Andrew P. Wormington, S.W., Venice Lodge No. 301  
Brother Greg Ellis, J.W., Venice Lodge No. 301

M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.  
R.: W.: Gary E. Huff, D.D.G.M., Dist. 6  
R.: W.: Antonio C. Chavez, P.D.D.G.M.  
W.: John Eaton, W.M., Tampa Lodge No. 240  
R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, and prayer was offered by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master introduced the members of the Board and others present.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 21 of March 16, 2024; Poll No. 22 of March 25, 2024; and Poll No. 23 of April 15, 2024. Motion carried.

**MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – APRIL**

- COVID-19 Update – There have been no COVID outbreaks during this reporting period.
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- 3) Referral Summary:

Total Number of Referrals in Pipe Drive	Private	Private Masonic	Fraternal	Undeoded	Totals
Nursing	8		5		13
ALF	9		9		18
					31

Age Of Referral					
0- 6 months	13		8		21
7- 12 Months	4		5		9
12+ Months			1		1

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
	13	2	1	1	14	

3. **Update on Chiller Insurance Claim:** Bob Robertson is coordinating a mutual visit and inspection of the chillers between our vendor, Airstron Mechanical, and their third-party consultant, ChillCo Inc., who is their causation expert. Traveler’s Insurance is also expected to attend.

R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the Masonic Home Administrator's Report, the Long Range Planning Committee Report, and the Operations Committee Report for April as printed and presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

**ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL**

There were no funds distributed in April of 2024 for Non-Resident Relief. The Admissions Committee received two Fraternal Care applications which were then withdrawn to continue on the Private Pay Plan.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of April as presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting and the motion was seconded by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

**NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

During the month of March, the following new General Ledger Account Numbers were created:

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 24812.001	Williams, George (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 26348.008	Callens, Mary (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26349.008	Frank, Lawrence (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26350.008	Barrett, Earl (Private Pay)	Liability

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of March. Second was made by R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

**CREDIT APPLICATIONS REPORT  
GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA FOR MARCH**

During the month of March, there were no credit applications received and processed for the Grand Lodge Office or the Masonic Home of Florida.

R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of March which was seconded by M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. Motion carried.

**LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR MARCH**

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for March. M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of March as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, and the motion carried.

**FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.  
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE MASONIC HOME BUILDING FUND**

The Board reviewed the funds received from estates and wills through the month of March for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$1,168,719.38). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,919.85). During the month of March there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of March which was seconded by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

## MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – MARCH

During the month of March, no funds were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund. The year to date total received is \$11,000.00.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for acceptance of the report for March as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – MARCH

We report that we are currently 9.45% unfavorable to the final budget (\$824k) after all twelve months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used. After contingency is used, we are only 1.28% unfavorable to the budget (\$111.8k). This is due to the planned final payment in this fiscal year for the replacement of the chiller (\$1.2 million for total chiller cost) and the costs to return it to service after the failure. M.: W.: Hudson and R.: W.: Gladstone continue to pursue any claims we may have with the vendor, contractor, and insurance.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report which was seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

### I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

The varied trademarks association with The Grand Lodge of Florida have been referred to an intellectual property attorney to expedite their renewal prior to their expiration date.

### II. ESTATES:

General Counsel continues to review files relating to open estates and/or trusts naming The Grand Lodge of Florida, the Masonic Home and/or the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., as beneficiaries.

### III. PROPERTIES:

All property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

### IV. MASONIC HOME:

General Counsel has reviewed a roofing contract. General Counsel continues to work with the Admissions Committee, including undertaking title and asset searches for incoming residents as well as the preparation of their requisite documentation upon admission.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the Report of the General Counsel as presented by R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. Second was made by R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

## LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – MARCH

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of March, R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

## REPORT OF THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

### 1. Zone 1 Properties Committee Chairman W.: Kenneth E. Thorndyke The Blocker Property, a lot at 0000 Longhorn Trail, Gulf Breeze, FL

General Counsel will, based upon the local Property Committee Chairperson's report, and at the direction of the Corporate Board, be contacting the adjoining landowner(s) to determine if they have an interest in purchasing the property.

**2. Zone 2 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Robert L. Gentry**

**The Crofton Property at Davis Street, Quincy, FL 32351**

The property is vacant land and we have posted a FOR SALE BY OWNER sign.

**3. Zone 7 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Wallace T. Fine**

**The Horwitz Property at 115 Ventor F 115, Deerfield Beach, FL**

The property was under contract and closing was set for May 20, 2024; however, the buyer backed out of the contract due to the air conditioner not working.

M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the 2024 Statement of Condition to be distributed to the Craft. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget for The Grand Lodge of Florida and the Masonic Home of Florida. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:21 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary  
Secretary to the Board

Approved:



Glen B. Bishop  
Grand Master

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA  
APRIL 27, 2024**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida with the following members present:

**PRESENT:**

R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman  
R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick, Vice Chairman  
R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin, Secretary  
R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer  
R.: W.: Glen L. Garner  
M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.  
R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob  
Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr.

**ABSENT:**

R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny

**ALSO PRESENT:** (in person or online) M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master; R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master; R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden; R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden; R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer; M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.; M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.; R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, W.: Grand Marshal; R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian; R.: W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer; R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.: W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: John A. Kraniou, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Joseph M. Fleites, P.D.D.G.M.; R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, P.D.D.G.M.; W.: Mark A. Davis, P.M.; W.: M.: John H. Eaton; W.: John Cotton, P.M.; W.: John McKinstrie; Mr. Fred Piasecki, President of the Resident Council; Ms. Cristal Baer, Outreach Coordinator; Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida.

**CALL TO ORDER:** R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman welcomed all assembled and asked them to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin then gave the Invocation.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, introduced the members of the Board of Trustees and guests in attendance as listed above.

R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting in March be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., and the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:**

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Renee Verrier reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 73 residents in the Home. During the month of March, we had four admissions, no deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 77. Of those, 28 are men and 49 are women.

**ADMITTED:**

George Williams, sponsored by John Darling Lodge No. 154  
 Mary Callens, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)  
 Lawrence Frank, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)  
 Earl Barrett, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

**ADMIT DATE:**

03/01/2024  
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 03/04/2024  
 03/14/2024

With four admissions, no losses by death, and no discharges the month of March ended with 36 Assisted Living and 41 Nursing Center for a total of 77 residents.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:**

1. Replaced motor pulley on exhaust fan #04 servicing the administration area. This was an original equipment motor from 1988.
2. Replaced safety relief valves on Kewanee and Raypak boilers after malfunction. Also added lockout/tagout switch and gas emergency shutoff for the Raypak boiler serving the laundry building.
3. Added three Tri-proof light units in walk-in freezer after a recommendation from the Health Department.
4. Repaired main hot water supply pipe on the second floor Nursing Center.
5. Replaced Oak Street gate rollers and wheels after a storm damaged the fence.
6. Replaced two outdoor sign light units that failed.

**SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** There were no reportable incidents for the month of March. There was no resident ID badges issued and three new employee ID badges issued.

The Suncoast Master Mason Association announced that W.: George Schaller has been named Resident of the Month and presented him with a \$50.00 check. Congratulations W.: George!

R.: W.: Glen L. Garner made a motion to approve the Administrator’s Report as written and presented. Second was made by R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin and the motion carried.

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M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., presented the Long Range Planning Committee Report and then moved for its adoption. R.:W.: Glen L. Garner seconded the motion which carried.

**LEGAL ADVISOR’S REPORT:** The total funds received during the month of March from Estates and Wills was \$5,031.08, which brings the year to date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$1,168,719.38. During the month of March, there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor’s Report as presented by R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. R.:W.: Kevin D. Smithwick seconded the motion which carried.

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R.:W.: Kevin D. Smithwick presented the Budget Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., made a motion to approve the cost of \$7,100 for an eddy current test to be performed by Airston Mechanical. This is necessary to discover the cause of the chiller failure. Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., seconded the motion which carried. M.:W.: Hudson also presented the estimates for an energy management system for the two chillers. BMS is quoting \$57,784 and Trane has bid \$87,600. M.:W.: Hudson recommends the matter to be tabled for the incoming Board of Trustees to handle.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, expressed his deep appreciation for all the challenging work the Board of Trustees expended. R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:W.: R. James Rocha  
Chairman

R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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

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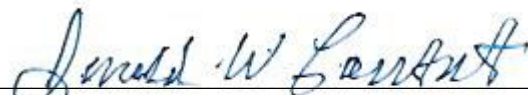
## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1


May 29, 2024

Having experienced the expeditious solving and disposal of matters involving Penal Affairs, and considering the unprecedented quantity of such matters now pending, it is in the best interest of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida to continue this procedure.

In keeping with the interest of the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge, I, M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, do hereby invest R.:W.: Alan S. Rosenthal, Chairman of the Penal Affairs Committee of this Grand Lodge, with all powers invested in the Grand Master to handle all Penal Affairs.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May A.L. 6024, A.D. 2024.

  
Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master

Attest:   
Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

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

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May 29, 2024

## DIRECTIVE NO. 1

Hon. Donald R. Goolsby, State Chairman  
Committee on Work  
2315 Lizzie Court  
Saint Cloud, FL 34771-8839

Dear R.: W.: Brother Goolsby:

This is my permission and written Directive authorizing you, R.: W.: Donald R. Goolsby, State Chairman of the Committee on Work, or R.: W.: Ryan W. Kilmartin, Vice Chairman, to approve the removal of the duplicate copies of the Forms and Ceremonies from the safes located throughout the jurisdiction of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida for the purposes of Schools of Instruction, Individual Study, and Ritual Competition during my term of office beginning on May 29, 2024, and ending on May 27, 2025.

This Directive is being issued provided that I am notified by electronic or U.S. Mail not less than seven (7) days in advance of each such opening and that a compilation of these Open Books will be included in the annual report of the Committee on Work. All other requirements of Article XV of the Constitution and Chapter 38 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida must be adhered to.

The books are to be returned to the safe immediately upon completion of each School of Instruction, Individual Study, and/or Ritual Competition authorized in this Directive and at no time are the books to be out of the designee's immediate control. Combinations and/or keys shall be distributed in accordance with the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Donald W. Cowart  
Grand Master

DWC/wj

Cc: Grand Secretary  
Vice Chairman, Committee on Work  
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

June 5, 2024

To: Worshipful Masters and Officers of All Particular Lodges  
Grand Lodge Officers  
Past Grand Masters  
District Deputy Grand Masters

Re: Summary of Legislation – 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication

Dear Brethren:

In compliance with Regulation 13.04 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, listed below are the Resolutions enacted at the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication held in Orlando, Florida, on May 27, 28, and 29, 2024. This summary should be reviewed by the Elected Lodge Officers and reported to the Brothers, in open Lodge, at the next Stated Communication after its receipt.

At the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida the following Grand Lodge Officers were Elected and Installed:

M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master  
R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master  
R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer  
M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

***THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY THE CRAFT AT THE 195<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.***

***This Summary has been reviewed by M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M., Chairman, and R.:W.: Ronald C. Mincey, Jr., Vice Chairman, of the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee.***

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

RICHARD E. LYNN, P.G.M.  
GRAND SECRETARY

GRAND LODGE BUILDING  
P.O. BOX 1020  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32201-1020  
PHONE: (904) 354-2339  
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June 6, 2024

TO: ALL PARTICULAR LODGES

RE: LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD CENTS REPORT  
PER REGULATION 22.07

Dear Brother Secretary:

Your Second Quarterly Report of collections for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, "Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents Program" and remittance is due on or before July 15, 2024, per Regulation 22.07.

This return covers your collections through June 30, 2024. In the event you have no collections, please mark the Quarterly Return NONE and return to this office. Please be sure to fill in the space provided for Lodge Name, Address and Number. We need a report filed even though there are no collections for the quarter.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely and fraternally,



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.  
Grand Secretary

REL/wj

Enc.

cc: Grand Lodge Officers  
District Deputy Grand Masters  
Chairman, L.Y.P.M.G.C. Committee

Detach and Send Only White Copy to Grand Secretary. Keep Colored Copy for Your Lodge Records.  
Return to: Grand Lodge of Florida, P.O. Box 1020, Jacksonville, FL 32201-1020

**SEND THIS COPY  
TO GRAND SECRETARY  
ON OR BEFORE JULY 15, 2024**

**2nd QUARTERLY RETURN**

<b>Particular Lodge Report on "Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents"</b>	
<b>LODGE NAME, ADDRESS, AND NUMBER</b>	<b>RETURN FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024</b>
(No. 1) Amount Collected for this Quarter .....	\$ _____
(No. 2) Check Attached .....	\$ _____
<b>This return to be filed in the Grand Secretary's Office on or before</b>	<b>JULY 15, 2024</b>
<i>"Remember Our Masonic Home in Your Will"</i>	

# Program Of Events



## The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia

**Welcomes You**

to the

## Annual Alabama, Florida, Georgia Masonic Tri-State Convention



*hosted by*

**Tyrian Lodge No. 111  
F. & A. M.**

*Warner Robins, Georgia*

**LUNCH (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)  
27 JULY 12:35 – 1:35 PM  
TYRIAN LODGE No. 111  
RETURN TO LODGE ROOM AT 1:35PM**

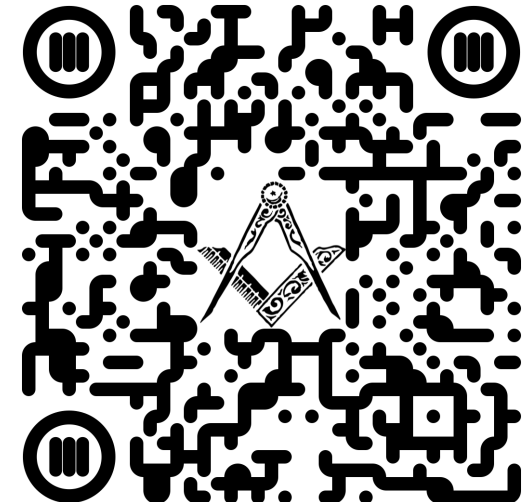
**GEORGIA LODGE CALLED TO LABOR 1:40PM  
MASTER DEGREE CONFERRED**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**GEORGIA LODGE CLOSED 3:55PM**

**LADIES LUNCHEON @ 11 AM**

**RSVP USING QR CODE BELOW FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**



<https://form.jotform.com/240587225460153>

### REGISTRATION:

**26 JULY 4:00PM–7:00PM IN THE HOSPITALITY SUITE AT  
BEST WESTERN PLUS EXECUTIVE RESIDENCY HOTEL**

**27 JULY 7:00AM–8:15AM AT TYRIAN LODGE #111**

### BREAKFAST:

**27 JULY 7:00AM-8:15AM**

**(BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)**

### GEORGIA LODGE OPENING

**27 JULY AT 8:30AM**

### RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTERS

### GEORGIA LODGE CALLED TO REFRESHMENT

**27 JULY AT 9:15AM**

**INTERMISSION 9:15AM – 9:25AM**

### ALABAMA LODGE OPENING

**27 JULY 9:25AM EA DEGREE CONFERRED**

### ALABAMA LODGE CLOSING

**27 JULY 10:55AM**

**INTERMISSION 10:55AM – 11:05AM**

### FLORIDA LODGE OPENING

**27 JULY 11:05AM FC DEGREE CONFERRED**

### FLORIDA LODGE CLOSING

**27 JULY 12:35PM**



# FISH FRY



## Pineland Lodge No. 86 F&AM

190 E Peniel Rd, Palatka, FL 32177

(Just off Highway 19 from Silver Lake Dr or Peniel Rd)

### \$12.00 per dinner

(\$12.50 with Credit Card)

Saturday July 13th, 2024

11:00am - 2:00pm

Baked Beans • Coleslaw • Cheese Grits • Hush puppies

Sweet tea included (dine in only). Sodas available for \$1.

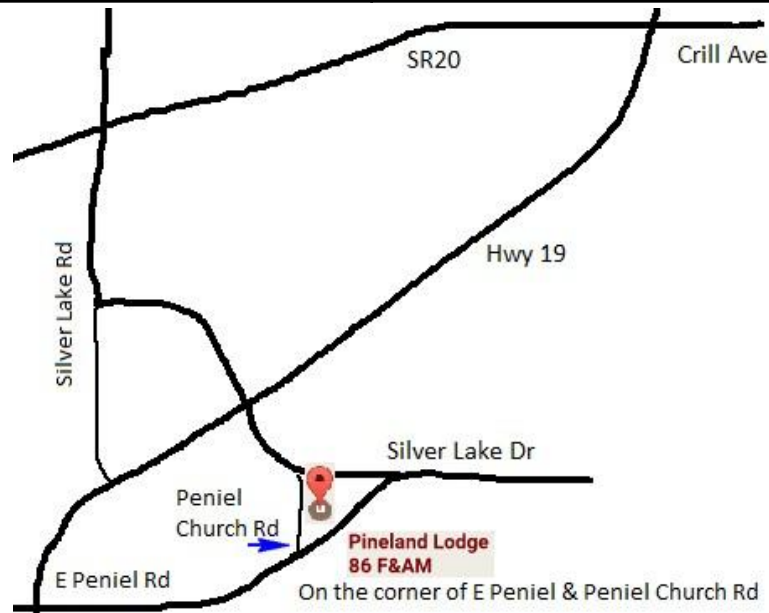
### DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

### ORDERS OF 5 OR MORE DINNERS INCLUDE FREE DELIVERY

(within Palatka area)

To arrange delivery or for more information, please call:

John Dugish	904 377-7568	Randy Bolen	386 983-0084
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**Proceeds go to Pineland Lodge General Fund**

For additional registration information, please contact Pineland Lodge No. 86 F. & A.M., Address: PO Box 634, Palatka, FL 32178, Phone: (386) 983-0084. FLORIDA REGISTRATION NUMBER CH56175 "A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL FREE 800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OR VISIT WWW.800HELPPFLA.COM. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE".

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on June 3, 2024





2024  
**Eddie L. Starling  
 Charity  
 GOLF  
 TOURNAMENT**



**7:00 am  
 August 30  
 FRIDAY | 2024**

  
 9939 Universal Blvd.  
 Orlando, FL 32819

**Shingle Creek  
 Golf Course**

**Contact:**

Arriegious Thomas - arriegious@aol.com  
 (850) 450-6106

Ira Murray - ira@murrayrealtybrevard.com  
 (321) 750-7116

Carl Finerson - drfinny@aol.com  
 (321) 795-7128

**\$125**  
 One Player

**\$500**  
 Foursome

Total Prizes  
 over  
**\$5,000**

Hole in One  
**WIN A  
 NEW CAR**



**Register at:  
<http://charitygolftoday.com/MWUGL2024>**



**R.:W.: RICK WENDLING**



**JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**

*Homecoming*  
**BBQ**



**Dress will be Masonic Casual**

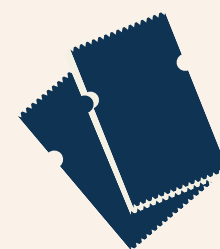
**Registration starts at 5:30 PM**



**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**

**6:00 PM**



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/junior-grand-warden-homecoming-tickets-920230422967?aff=oddtcreator>

[HTTPS://GROUP.HAMPTONINN.COM/5XI6QK](https://group.hamptoninn.com/5XI6QK)

HAMPTON INN & SUITES  
4050 ULMERTON RD, CLEARWATER FL | 727-572-7456



**MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA**  
**3201 1ST ST NE ST. PETERSBURG, FL**

# THE WORLD FAMOUS CHICKEN BBQ

Presented by: Hernando High School Leopard Quarterback Club &  
**Trilby Masonic Lodge No. 141**

**Take Out & Dine In**

**1/2 Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Coleslaw**

**Tickets**

**\$10/ Each**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
12:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**Profits Will Be Split 50/50 between**

Hernando High School Leopard Quarterback Club & Trilby Masonic Lodge No. 141



**LEOPARD  
QUARTERBACK  
CLUB**



**Located at: 21049 Old Trilby Rd, Dade City, FL 33523**

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