

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

May 26, 2024

No. 25

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida, 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	M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.	M.:W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.
R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian	R.:W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin, P.D.D.G.M.	W.: John Eaton, W.M., Tampa Lodge No. 240
W.: Leonard Morreale, W.M., Landmark Lodge No. 383	

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. 24 of April 27, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MAY

- COVID-19 Update – The Home entered an outbreak period on April 2, 2024, due to a positive resident in the ALF. We remained on outbreak status through May 7th per Pinellas County Department of Health guidelines.
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12+ Months			1		1

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

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 May as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY

There were no funds distributed in May of 2024 for Non-Resident Relief. The Admissions Committee received one Fraternal Care application from Alice Barlow, sponsored by West Broward Lodge No. 253. This application will be on next month’s agenda.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of May 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 APRIL

During the month of April, no new General Ledger Account Numbers were created.

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of April. 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 APRIL**

During the month of April, 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 April which was seconded by M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR APRIL

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for April. M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of April 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 April for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$4,009.70). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic

Home Building Fund (\$574,700.32). During the month of April there were funds received for Estates and Wills in the amount of \$7,780.47 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 April which was seconded by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – APRIL

During the month of April, no funds were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund.

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – APRIL

We report that we are currently 1.63% favorable to the budget (\$145.7k) after one month of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

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 registration for the varied trademarks associated with The Grand Lodge of Florida have been updated.

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 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.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege to be of service to the Corporate Board and the Grand Lodge Office this year.

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 – APRIL

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of April, 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
We had a contract on the property to be sold; however, the buyer backed out of the contract due to the air conditioner not working in the unit. The property is back on the market listed for \$115,000.

M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the following additions/changes to the Budget Manual. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

D-2 Dietary: D-207 Contract Food Service This is a change in description on an inactive account
Monthly Fees for full service operation of the dietary department including food, Salaries, paper goods and use of meal service software.

D-3 Nursing: D-303A OTC Medications This is an inactive account to re-activate
This account is for non-prescription medications such as vitamins, Tylenol, and other over the counter medications used as house stock.

D-304A Billable Medical Supplies This is a change in description on an inactive account
This account is for medical supply items which are considered a billable item under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Examples are Treatment supplies, creams, catheters, and suture kits.

D-311 Pharmacy Consultant This is a change in description on an inactive account
This account is to accurately record monthly fees charged for the pharmacy consultant. (Currently being booked to Prescription Drugs)

D-313 Therapy Services This is a NEW account
This account is for PT, OT and ST services provided to residents.

D-6 Building and Grounds

D-603A Routine Equipment Inspections This is a NEW account
This account is for the annual county, state or federal inspections required for licensure.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, made a motion to set the price of the Masonic Bibles at \$15.00 each due to an increase in the cost. R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to set the cost of the FA-100 Ties for the fundraiser as follows: Long Ties - \$50.00; Self & Pre-Tied Bow Ties - \$50.00; Bow Tie/Cummerbund Sets - \$75.00; and Vest - \$75.00. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to set the cost of the 2024 Bronze Coins at \$15.00 each and the cost of the 2024 Silver Coins at \$60.00. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the overdrawn funds of the 2023-2024 Masonic Home Budget to be taken out of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund due to unforeseen extenuating circumstances. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried after discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 2:39 p.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

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June 1, 2024

No. 1

The Organizational Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 9:35 a.m. on June 1, 2024, via video conference on Microsoft Teams, by M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

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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
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Also present:

M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master. The Grand Master then requested R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, to give the Invocation.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, that the Grand Lodge Officers and Committees be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the year in the performance of their duties. Travel allowance for the driver of the automobile only, at the rate of \$0.50 per mile or actual expense of travel by commercial plane, train, or other commercial carrier. Hotel or motel rooms, meals, and miscellaneous expenses at actual cost, only to the limit of the amount budgeted for the Officers' or Committees' expense budget.

The cost of meals purchased for others must be itemized, including the date of the expenditure along with the Committee or title of the person(s) whose meal you purchased, the time and place of the meal and the cost. The nature of business or business reason for the expenditure must be indicated on the reimbursement request form. All expenditures must be supported by a receipt. Inadequate documentation will result in the expense reimbursement request being returned. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., that all check vouchers issued by the Grand Secretary be delivered to the Grand Master on demand. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, that in the event of the incapacity of the Administrator, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are authorized to sign such payroll checks. Motion carried.

The Grand Master announced that the monthly meetings of the Corporate Board will be held at various locations or via video conference on the published date to begin at 10:00 a.m. or at another time as designated by the Grand Master.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, that Howard and Company, CPA, P.A., be hired/continue to conduct the audits in accordance with our Regulations. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, that the Investment Management Agreement for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund between The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Morgan Stanley be extended for the ensuing year, with the Masonic Home Endowment and Investment Committee reviewing their performance. Motion carried.

The Grand Master requested that the Grand Secretary prepare the monthly Corporate Board Agenda and distribute it to each Board Member the week prior to the Corporate Board Meeting.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., that the petty cash in the Grand Secretary's Office be continued at the present amount. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, that the Minutes of the 195th Annual Grand Communication, having not been read in the Annual Grand Communication, be published and distributed in the Proceedings after having been reviewed by the Grand Master and immediate Past Grand Master. Motion carried.

The Grand Master discussed proposed guidelines for the Properties Committee. Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, for the guidelines to remain the same. Motion carried.

The Grand Master announced that the next Corporate Board Meeting will be held June 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Ocala, Florida, and via video conferencing.

Prior to closing, the Benediction was given by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

There being no further business, M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, closed the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
MAY 26, 2024**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

R.: W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman
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R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin, Secretary
R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny
R.: W.: Charles A. Dyer
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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.: Jorge L. Aladro, 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.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.: W.: Philip A. Slack, 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.: John Paniccia, P.D.D.G.M.; W.: M.: John H. Eaton; W.: M.: Leonard Morreale; 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 1:00 p.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.: Charles A. Dyer 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 on April 27, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Kevin D. Smithwick and the motion carried.

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ADMITTED:

Arthur Snyder, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

ADMIT DATE:

04/11/2024

DECEASED:

Arthur Snyder, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

Admitted: April 11, 2024

Christine Dutmers, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)

Admitted: February 8, 2024

DECEASED DATE:

04/26/2024

04/27/2024

With one admission, two losses by death, and no discharges the month of April ended with 37 Assisted Living and 39 Nursing Center for a total of 76 residents.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:

1. Replaced 3 door closers in the Nursing Center Building.
2. Repaired several pipe leaks throughout the facility.
3. Replaced defective outside sensor at front entrance sliding door.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT: There were no reportable incidents for the month of April. There was one resident ID badge issued and four new employee ID badges issued.

Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., made a motion to approve the Administrator’s Report as written and presented. Second was made by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob 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. Brother Michael R. Pender, Jr., seconded the motion which carried.

LEGAL ADVISOR’S REPORT: The total funds received during the month of April from Estates and Wills was \$4,009.70, which brings the year to date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$4,009.70. During the month of April, funds were received in the amount of \$7,780.47 for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

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Chiller Claim Update: The insurance carrier's engineer has inspected the Trane unit and could not determine a cause for the failure but opines that it may be due to loss of refrigerant from a leak(s) (which is what M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., has suspected all along). The engineer recommends a leak detection survey be conducted. Concurrently, Airstron Mechanical conducted an Eddy Current Inspection and found "no measurable defects" but 46 of 185 tubes in the condenser showed signs of being "restricted." The insurance carrier has e-mailed us stating in part, "As of right now, it seems that there is a slow leak in a tube which would be considered wear and tear." i.e., an excluded cause of loss. It is our intention to contest this conclusion but to do so will require a leak test. We explained the need for 1. Cause & Origin expert opinion in writing; 2. An estimate to repair; and 3. A bid for replacement which will be submitted if the cost of repairs exceeds the value of the unit. M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., agreed to obtain these items.

R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin presented the Operations Committee Report and moved for its adoption.
R.:W.: Charles A. Dyer seconded the motion which carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: We report that we are currently 1.63% favorable to the budget (\$145.7k) after one month of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

R.:W.: Kevin D. Smithwick presented the Budget Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.:W.: Charles A. Dyer and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., pointed out that Bob Robertson, Director of Facilities at the Masonic Home, is set to retire in one year. M.:W.: Hudson recommends that the search for his replacement begin now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: R.:W.: Glen L. Garner pointed out that hurricane season is about to start and therefore recommends that the incoming Board of Trustees analyze and make contingencies for worst-case scenarios. R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone then recommended the upcoming Board of Trustees create a separate committee on this topic.

R.:W.: Michael S. Griffin offered to the incoming Board of Trustees all of the prior property appraisals; expert reports; marketing analysis; Board of Trustees PowerPoint presentations as to the multiple options for the future of the Masonic Home; attorney opinion letters; ROI analysis on the remodel recommendation; architect drawings; contractor renderings; third party correspondence, for example The Grand Lodge of Ohio outsourcing potential, etc.; that have been created and obtained over the last few years.

R.:W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, thanked the Board for all of their hard work, not just this past year but over his long tenure on the Board. In turn, R.:W.: Kevin D. Smithwick, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, presented Brother Chairman Rocha a replica WWE Wrestling Championship Belt as R.:W.: Rocha is a huge fan of professional wrestling. THANK YOU R.:W.: JIM!

M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, thanked the Board of Trustees for all of their hard work this year and expressed his hope and desire that the Masonic Home survives and prospers for years to come.

The Board wishes to thank W.:M.: John H. Eaton as unofficial "Marshal at Arms" during this Grand Lodge Year! W.:M.: Eaton took it upon himself to take attendance, perform AV duties, and whatever else the Board needed throughout the year and was a true joy! THANK YOU BROTHER JOHN!

R.:W.: R. James Rocha, Chairman, gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:W.: R. James Rocha
Chairman

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

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA**

June 1, 2024

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2024, via Microsoft Teams, by M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman
Brother Justin W. Franke, Vice Chairman
R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali
W.: Mark A. Davis
R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira
R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob
W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles
R.: W.: John Paniccia
Brother Angel Sardina

ALSO PRESENT:

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.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.
W.: John H. Eaton, General Service Panel Member
W.: John B. Livingston

M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, asked all assembled to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Invocation was given by W.: Mark A. Davis.

A motion was made by Brother Justin W. Franke, seconded by W.: Mark A. Davis, that Ms. Renee Verrier be hired as the Administrator of the Masonic Home until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in June. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, seconded by Brother Justin W. Franke, that R.: W.: John Paniccia be appointed Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali, seconded by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, to set the daily residency fees as follows and as increased in 2023:

- Skilled Nursing: \$250 per day for semi-private rooms, \$300 per day for private rooms
- Assisted Living: \$150 per day, 2 room suites \$225 per day

A motion by R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali, seconded by R.: W.: John Paniccia, was made to set the Petty Cash Fund at \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

The time of the Board Meetings will be 9:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month and workshops and Sub-Committee meetings will be held as needed; unless rescheduled by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Brother Justin W. Franke, seconded by R.:W.: Raymond M. Ali, for the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer to sign payroll checks in the absence of the Administrator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, seconded by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, to have the Audit of the Masonic Home in accordance with the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, seconded by W.: Mark A. Davis, that all property be handled in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Corporate Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, seconded by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, to have contracts drawn for sale or disposal of property, approved by the Properties Committee, reviewed by a proper attorney, and signed by the Grand Master. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles, seconded by R.:W.: Raymond M. Ali, that the revision of printed documents submitted to the Board by the staff of the Masonic Home for the June meeting be considered for permanent acceptance at all future meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, seconded by Brother Justin W. Franke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be June 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Benediction was given by W.: Mark A. Davis.

There being no further business, M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, closed the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

R.:W.: John Paniccia,
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Chairman

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RULING AND DECISION NO. 1

The following question has been raised:

1. What is the proper attire for Lodge Meetings?

I will refer you to the Masonic Etiquette Book, Page 5, *“Its principle is good taste; its practice is to wear such attire as shows respect to the Brotherhood and expresses the dignity of Masonry”*. As well as the Masonic Leadership Training Manual, Page 138, *“Under no circumstance is it ever proper to attend Lodge in shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, open toe shoes or sandals without socks”*.

Therefore, it is my Ruling and Decision that the proper attire for all Stated and Called Communications of the Particular Lodges shall be in accordance with the Masonic Leadership Training Manual and Masonic Etiquette Book: Coat and Tie is preferred; or at a bare minimum, Long Trousers, and a Collared Shirt, **NO** shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, open toe shoes or sandals without socks, as it is also required for attending the Annual Grand Communication.

Attire of other recognized Allied and Appendant Orders are not proper to be worn in a Stated or Called Communication except that they may be used for honor guards in open installations. Attire of non-recognized groups, associations, clubs etc., will not be allowed without exception.

The violation of this Ruling and Decision shall be subject for Masonic discipline.

Fraternally,



Donald W. Cowart
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RULING AND DECISION NO. 2

The question has been raised concerning the use of Side Degrees, i.e. Yellow Dog Degree, Water Buffalo Degree, Armadillo Degree, etc.

Digest of Masonic Law CHAPTER 47 CLUBS AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

Regulations

47.01 All Masonic affiliated clubs, societies, or similar organizations, including Masters and Wardens Association, formed, organized, and operating within the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida shall be subject to the jurisdiction and approval of The Grand Lodge of Florida and subject to the direction and control of a central or general authority recognized by the Grand Lodge. Any Mason joining, having membership in, or affiliated with any club, society, or similar organizations, including Masters and Wardens Association, not recognized or approved in accordance with this Regulation, who, upon order or directive from the Grand Master fails or refuses to withdraw therefrom shall be subject to Masonic discipline. (1991)

Currently, there are seventy-three clubs excluding the Masters & Wardens or Master Masons Associations, none of which have reported to the Grand Lodge since their inception and are believed to be defunct; documentation does not exist to confirm this assumption.

Adding to this problem, we have many other clubs that have sprung up as mentioned in the heading without the proper review and approval of the Allied and Appendant Orders Sub-Committee of the Jurisprudence Committee and approval at an Annual Grand Communication.

Therefore, based on Regulation 47.01 any Mason who is a member of any club, society, or similar organization not approved by the proper procedures at an Annual Grand Lodge Communication must withdraw his membership therefrom or shall be subject to Masonic discipline.

Fraternally,



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master

53RD ANNUAL CAVE DEGREE



KINGSTON, TN
August 16th & 17th



LODGING

Hampton Inn Lenoir City
585 Fort Loudoun Medical Center Dr.
Lenoir City, TN 37772
865-988-2000

EVENTS

Union Lodge No. 38
550 West Spring St.
Kingston, TN 37763

Aug 16: 9:00a Registration begins
4:30p - 7:00p Dinner
7:00p North Carolina EA Degree

Aug 17: 8:00a - 11:00a Breakfast
1:00p Florida Master Mason Degree in Cave
5:00p - Farewell Dinner

QUESTIONS

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tdchastain@yahoo.com

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M.W. Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on June 20, 2024

R.:W.: Thomas Aiken 386-690-4297
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OCT 19, 2024

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Lodge No. 62

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E³ EDUCATION & ENLIGHTENMENT EVENINGS

HELD AT EUREKA-NORTH SHORE MASONIC LODGE
ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH



These Called Communications are dedicated to enriching the minds of all Masons through insightful educational presentations and engaging group discussions.

What to Expect:

- In-depth Presentations: Learn from knowledgeable speakers who delve into various aspects of Masonic history, esoterics, and practice.
- Interactive Discussions: Engage in thoughtful conversations, sharing insights, and exploring new ideas.
- Brotherhood and Fellowship: Strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in an atmosphere of mutual respect and intellectual growth.

Who Can Attend:

- All Masons, regardless of degree, are welcome to attend. Presentations are tailored for specific degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason.



Eureka-North Shore Lodge No. 269

101 SE 1st Ave, Dania Beach, Florida, 33004

Dinner 6:30 PM | Gavel Open 7:30 PM

Stated Meeting First Thursday | Called Communications (E3) Third Thursday

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FLORIDA FREEMASONS
ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D. C. TRIP VII

Thursday December 5th through Sunday December 8, 2024

Preliminary Itinerary



Please RSVP to FLDCTRIP@gmail.com

It is best to book your flights and hotel ASAP.

Thursday Dec 5th Arrive Washington D.C. at your leisure it's a Free Evening, however we have introductions and draw names for wreath ceremony participants at 6:30 p.m. in hotel lobby. Then we go eat somewhere in groups.

Friday Dec. 6 Morning : Friday Festivities include Breakfast, Motorcoach transportation for the day, to Arlington Ntl Cemetery, Cost of Wreath, Cemetery Trolley Tour, Lunch, Dinner and for the Bus to Potomac on Saturday TOTAL COST FRIDAY should be between \$175.00 and 200.00 per Brother SUIT AND TIE / BUSINESS ATTIRE.

Breakfast 6:30—7:15 a.m. at Hotel, Motor Coach Leaves at 7:15 a.m. to Arlington National Cemetery 8:00 a.m. w/ Trolley Tour of Cemetery to Tomb of the Unknowns with 9:15 a.m. Public Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by our Grand Master and three Brothers chosen by lottery, after Ceremony the Trolley will take us on the balance of tour. Reboard Motor Coach.

MID DAY ACTIVITIES AND LUNCH ARE BEING PLANNED.

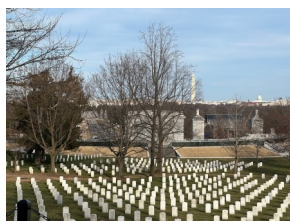
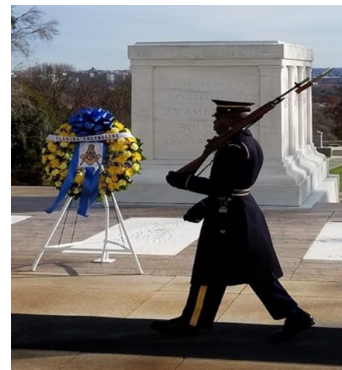
Sometime after 4:00 we will arrive at the House of the Temple for a short tour, a Tyled meeting in one of the Lodge rooms (Florida Work with dispensation) with presentations. We will then have a catered banquet / buffet in the George Washington Dining Room. Following dinner we will reboard Motorcoach to visit, Lincoln, Viet Nam Korean Memorials and the last stop will be The Iwo Jima memorial return to hotel. We have changed the evening up in the past, therefore it is subject to change on the fly for weather and or additional monument visits.

Saturday Dec. 7 Morning Free Time: Breakfast at Hotel 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon Board Motor Coach for at 2:15 ish to Potomac Lodge No.5 Reception at aprox 3:00 p;m. DDGM, PDDGM GL TUX, Otherwise Business Attire Installation of Lodge Officers Potomac Lodge No.5 Georgetown. 4:00 p.m. After the Installation a Ticketed Holiday Party is available, a link to purchase tickets will be sent on an updated flyer when available

Sunday or Monday: return home at your will and pleasure.

As soon as the committee finalizes cost a new flyer will be sent with payment instructions.



2024 COMMITTEE FLORIDA

R.: W.: Brothers Steven Silvers,
Alan Cox, Randy Bolen, Greg
Wynn, Ernest Catsulis, in DC

W.: Jeremy Barnes Potomac No.5

Flight Info / Transportation to DC

Book Your Flights to arrive on

Thursday Dec 5th as close to noon as possible returning Sunday Dec. 8th some Brothers will come in a day early and leave a day later. Groups Leave from Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, West Palm, on nonstops to Washington Reagan (DCA)

Driving: If you have in interest in driving there are some Brothers who would gladly help with expenses rather than flying.

Hotel:

Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston
4610 N. Fairfax Dr. Arlington VA
703-243-9800

www.hiarlington.com

Group Name: Florida Freemasons
Double Rooms 129.00, King 129 + Tax
per night which includes full breakfast for two in room.

Room Block is from Wednesday Dec 4th– Monday Dec 9th for those that want to come in early and stay later.