

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

August 24, 2024

No. 8

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 11:01 a.m. via video conference by M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members 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, Secretary to the Board

Also Present:

R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel	M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
M.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.	M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.
M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.	M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.
R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian	R.: W.: John E. Drewett, W.: Grand Pursuivant
R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, W.: Grand Standard Bearer	R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M.	W.: M.: John H. Eaton

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

A motion was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 6 of July 20, 2024, and Poll No. 7 of August 8, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – AUGUST

- COVID-19 Update – The Home has no current issues.
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Referral Source	Website	Drive By	IMD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
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R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, 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 August as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – AUGUST

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

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 26358.008	Williams, John (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26359.008	Bernhart, Elizabeth (Private Pay)	Liability

R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of July. Second was made by R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

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

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

M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of July which was seconded by R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JULY

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for July. R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of July as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., 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 July for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$61,499.41). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,710.32). During the month of July there were no funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund. The year-to-date total for Estates and Wills deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund is \$7,780.47.

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of July which was seconded by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – JULY

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

M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., made a motion for acceptance of the report for July as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – JULY

We report that we are currently 3.64% favorable to the budget (\$341,018k) after four months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report as printed and distributed which was seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

General Counsel has reviewed several inspection company contracts for the proposed Grand Lodge Building purchase. General Counsel has also reviewed and approved an elevator service contract for the current Grand Lodge Building.

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 Medical Specialist Services Contract and a Pain Management Contract at the request of the Administrator. General Counsel has also responded to a call received from a foreclosure attorney relative to an estate of a deceased Brother and 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.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, 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.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – JULY

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of July, R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., 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 Venter F, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
 The property is under contract for \$112,500.00 and we are awaiting Buyer approval by the Association.
4. **Zone 7 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Wallace T. Fine**
The Barlow Property at 7050 SW 10th Court, Pembroke Pines, FL 33023
 The property is currently listed for \$479,900.00 and several offers, albeit below the listing price have been received.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to accept an offer of \$438,750 for the Barlow Property located at 7050 SW 10th Court, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33023, as recommended by the State Chairman of the Properties Committee. R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, 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 11:18 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
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
AUGUST 24, 2024**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 10:04 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida with the following members present:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

R.:W.: Raymond M. Ali
W.: Mark A. Davis

ALSO PRESENT: (in person or online) 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; M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.; M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.; M.:W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.; M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.; R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Marshal; R.:W.: John E. Drewett, W.: Grand Pursuivant; R.:W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian; R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.:W.: Michael J. St-Laurent, D.D.G.M. Dist. 18; R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: John A. Kraniou, P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: Manuel Olmedo, P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: R. Michael Hinson, P.D.D.G.M.; W.:M.: John H. Eaton; W.:M.: Allen W. Norwich; W.:M.: Roger L. Hall; W.: John B. Livingston, P.M.; W.: John A. Cotton, P.M.; W.: John McKinstrie, P.M.; W.: Oran B. Ellis, Jr., P.M.; W.: Henry T. Barron, P.M.; W.: Frederick L. Piasecki, P.M. and President of the Resident Council; Brother David J. Marrs; Brother Garry Buzzell; and Ms. Renee Verrier, Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida.

CALL TO ORDER: M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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. Brother Angel Sardina then gave the Invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES: M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M., Chairman, introduced the members of the Board of Trustees and guests in attendance as listed above.

R.:W.: John Paniccia made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting on July 20, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Jorge L. Filgueira and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:

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Renee Verrier reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 81 residents in the Home. During the month of July, we had two admissions, three deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 80. Of those, 29 are men and 51 are women.

ADMITTED:	ADMIT DATE:
John Williams, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	07/01/2024
Elizabeth Bernhart, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	07/12/2024

DECEASED:	DECEASED DATE:
James Hedden, sponsored by West Broward Lodge No. 253	07/08/2024
Admitted: October 23, 2018	
Fleurette Alexis, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	07/17/2024
Admitted: May 14, 2024	
Rosemarie Knigge, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	07/23/2024
Admitted: February 28, 2024	

With two admissions, three losses by death, and no discharges the month of July ended with 40 Assisted Living and 40 Nursing Center for a total of 80 residents.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:

1. Early on Wednesday morning the 7th the fan motor on AHU #16 failed. The smoke from the motor caused the fire alarm system to call the fire department who quickly removed the smoke from the laundry mechanical room. On Thursday we were able to find a replacement motor and sheave and restored the AHU Thursday afternoon.
2. Replaced controller on Invacare patient lift after battery fuses blew when trying to charge the batteries.
3. Replaced high limit switch on dryer #1 after failure. Also refired dryer #2 after cleaning the burner tubes.

4. Repaired three pieces of equipment in the Kitchen; the Fryer, Southbend oven (2), and pass-through refrigerator.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT: There were no reportable incidents for the month of July. There were no new resident ID badges issued and eight new employee ID badges issued.

The Suncoast Master Mason Association announced that Mrs. Alice Lanier has been named Resident of the Month and presented her with a \$50.00 check. Congratulations Alice!

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob made a motion to approve the Administrator's Report as written and presented. Second was made by Brother Angel Sardina and the motion carried.

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R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira presented the Long Range Planning Committee Report and then moved for its adoption. R.: W.: John Paniccia seconded the motion which carried.

LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT: The total funds received during the month of July from Estates and Wills was \$1,984.73, which brings the year-to-date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$61,499.41. During the month of July there were no funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund. The year-to-date total for Estates and Wills deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund is \$7,780.47.

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob made a motion to accept the Legal Advisor's Report as presented by R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira seconded the motion which carried.

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Brother Justin W. Franke presented the Budget Committee Report and moved for its adoption. Second was made by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board of Trustees agreed to approach the top two prospects for the position of Administrator of the Masonic Home of Florida.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held concerning increasing the cost of the Skilled Nursing Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Masonic Home of Florida on September 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Brother Angel Sardina gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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



Charity Cornhole Tournament in aid of Hernando Foster Children Sponsored by Paul Revere Masonic Lodge

Date: Saturday October 5th
Registration: 12:00-2:00 PM
Tournament Start: 1:00 PM
Location: Marker 48



12147 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL

Rules: 2-person teams, blind draw to form teams, double elimination

Entry fee: \$15/pp (cash preferred)
There will also be a 50/50 raffle (cash only)

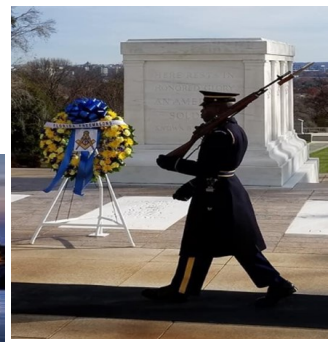
Prizes: 50% of entry fees go to 1st and 2nd place teams – 70/30
Winner of 2nd elimination playoff - gift basket courtesy Marker 48

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FLORIDA FREEMASONS ANNUAL WASHINGTON D. C. TRIP VII

Thursday December 5th -Sunday December 8, 2024



2024 Preliminary Itinerary 2

Please RSVP to FLDCTRIP@gmail.com 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 a name drawing to choose the wreath ceremony participants at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel lobby. Then we go eat somewhere in groups.

Friday Dec. 6th Morning: Friday Festivities include Breakfast at hotel, Motorcoach transportation for the day to Arlington National Cemetery, Cemetery Trolley Tour, House of the Temple Tour, and Dinner. SUIT AND TIE / BUSINESS ATTIRE is required for the entire day on Friday. This is a day trip for the Brothers, but ladies are welcome to join us at the Dinner Banquet at the House of the Temple. They will have to arrange transportation to and from hotel.

TOTAL COST FRIDAY \$175.00 per Brother

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. entry, Trolley Tour of Cemetery exit at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Public Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb by our Grand Master and three Brothers chosen by lottery begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp! After the Wreath Ceremony, the Trolley will take us on the balance of our cemetery tour then we meet up at the Motor Coach for departure. We will then transport to the White House Area for a Masonic Presentation at Blair House. Followed by a break for lunch. You will have the opportunity to pick a place to eat and visit many historical sites. We will meet back together at the White House Visitors Center for a tour at approximately 1:30 –2:00 p.m. (its possible we may stop somewhere else time permitting) then we will arrive at the House of the Temple for a short tour, a Tyled Called Communication of Brandon Lodge No.114 in one of the Lodge rooms with presentations. We will then have a catered banquet/buffet in the George Washington Dining Room. Following dinner, we will reboard Motorcoach to visit the Lincoln, Viet Nam, Korean and Iwo Jima Memorials. We have changed the late 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 is an open day! Several Excursions are being planed by different Brothers and all are available: Museum of the Bible, The George Washington National Masonic Memorial, The Congressional Cemetery, Smithsonian and National Archives and others, you do what you want or nothing at all.

Saturday Afternoon: Leave hotel by Uber at 2:15ish to Potomac Lodge No.5 in Georgetown. Reception begins aprox. 3:00 p.m. DDGM's, PDDGM's and GRAND LINE wear TUXEDO, All others Business Attire (SUIT & TIE). 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 email when available

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

You can mail a check made out to :

GM Account

11575 NW 167th Place Reddick FL 32686

or Zelle \$175.00 to 352-804-3981

2024 Committee R.: W.: Brothers Steven Silvers, Alan Cox, Randy Bolen, Greg Wynn, Ernest Catsulis, W.: Jeremy Barnes



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.

JOURNEY TO THE EAST 2027

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Fundraising Auction

To Support RW Vest's Journey to the East

\$25 a Plate

"Million Dollar" Spaghetti dinner

5pm Registration 6pm Dinner

RSVP Eventbrite "SGW Auction 24"



Saturday December 14th, 2024

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SpringHill Suites Pensacola

King: \$119/night

Featuring

487 Creighton Rd Pensacola, FL 32504

2 Queen: \$124/night

Auctioneer

Group: Journey to the East 2027 Hotel Cutoff:11/20

RW Bill Catsulis

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link?id=1725384551110&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true>



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