

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

September 21, 2024

No. 9

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 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.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.
M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.	M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.
M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.	R.: W.: Ernest W. Catsulis, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian	R.: W.: William S. McCloud, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Philip A. Slack, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: James R. Bosch, D.D.G.M. Dist. 4
W.:M.: Leonard Morreale	

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. 8 of August 24, 2024. Motion carried.

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

- During the month of August, the facility experienced an incline of positive COVID cases. The first noted case was August 18<sup>th</sup> in the Skilled Nursing Center. Skilled Nursing had a total of 3 positive residents and 1 positive staff member. The Assisted Living had a total of 2 positives for residents and no staff members. Testing ceased on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
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  - Total Charges for this budget year - \$8,694 which will have minimal to no impact to the current line item budget
- As this is my first meeting and report as the Administrator for the Masonic Home I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to being a part of your community. I look forward to working alongside all of you as we continue to do what is best for our residents and our community.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER**

- Chiller Update: The new chiller and related equipment is running well. A Certificate of Completion and a Certificate of Occupancy was received from the City of St. Petersburg. A release of lien was received by Trimak Building Systems for the work done on the enclosure. We need a release of lien from VSC Sprinklers as well before we pay Harper Mechanical. VSC Sprinklers is a subcontractor of Harper Mechanical and they have not been paid yet. A GAF representative inspected the roof over the enclosure and will report to Trimak their findings but all seems to be in order. Harper Mechanical’s maintenance agreement expires in January of 2025. Director Robertson will be requesting bids for maintenance. The new chiller will continue to be serviced by Harper Mechanical since they installed it. This maintenance agreement expires in August of 2025. Director Robertson will schedule Global Environmental for the cleaning of the old chiller tubes and will perform the Eddy current testing as well. We will have an insurance representative onsite when this is to be done.
- The Residences of Coffee Pot Bayou: Director Robertson will do a walkthrough and inventory what is needed as far as repairs, maintenance, etc. The property manager that was hired is responsible for the interior of the building and the Masonic Home is responsible for the exterior.
- Inventory of the Facility: M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, stated that he has an inventory of the facility that was completed 2 years ago and he will forward it to Director Robertson to be updated.
- Tour of the Facilities: After the Board Meeting we will be doing a walkthrough of the facility if any Board Members are interested.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER**

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**2. Referral Summary: 45 open leads in Salesforce – SNF-10, ALF-35**

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	12	8	0	5	20
					0

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 September

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 – SEPTEMBER**

One application for Fraternal Care was reviewed for a final time on Ms. E.R. Her application missing an IRS Tax Return form for 2019, but was otherwise complete. Due to personal and family circumstances this document could not be obtained. Despite this minor deficiency, a motion was made, seconded, and the application was approved.

There were no new applications for Non-Resident Relief and no funds were distributed in the month of September.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of September 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 AUGUST**

During the month of August, the following new General Ledger Account Number was created:

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 26360.008	Logan, Franklin (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 August. 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 AUGUST**

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

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of August which was seconded by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M. Motion carried.

#### **LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR AUGUST**

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for August. M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of August 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 August for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$63,511.53). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,710.32). During the month of August 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.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of August which was seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

## MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – AUGUST

During the month of August, funds in the amount of \$3,500.00 were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund. It shall be noted that the only designation from the donor was “Hurricane Relief.”

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Relief Fund Report for August as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

### I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

General Counsel continues to work towards the closing of the new 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 several contracts for companies that would locate prospective candidates for the Administrator’s position 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. General Counsel continues to work with the IRS to get The Grand Lodge of Florida’s EIN number corrected so the Home can get Medicaid benefits.

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior 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.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – AUGUST

We report that we are currently 2.87% favorable to the budget (\$259,971k) after five months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report as printed and distributed which was seconded by R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – AUGUST

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of August, R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior 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 is awaiting a response from the neighboring land owners as to their interest in purchasing the property from us.
- 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, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442**  
The property closed on September 6, 2024.

**4. Zone 7 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Wallace T. Fine**  
**The Barlow Property at 7050 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Court, Pembroke Pines, FL 33023**  
The previous offer on the property was cancelled. The property has been relisted with the same terms with another realtor.

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: William S. McCloud and R.: W.: Ernest W. Catsulis, Jr., made a presentation to the Corporate Board concerning starting a scholarship fund in the name of Malcolm A. McDougall who donated property to the Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc., which was sold in 2023. A report of the requirements of the scholarship will be submitted to the Corporate Board for approval in the near future.

The Grand Secretary offered an update on the new Grand Lodge Facility in Jacksonville.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 11:31 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

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September 25, 2024

No. 10

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken to accept an offer on the Barlow Property (Masonic Home Resident) located at 7050 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Court, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33023, for the full listing price of \$450,000. The members voted as follows to accept the offer:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.	Yes
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:



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



Donald W. Cowart  
Grand Master

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October 15, 2024

No. 11

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M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.	Yes
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Donald W. Cowart  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 10:05 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.: 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:** (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.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.; M.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.; R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Marshal; R.:W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian; R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel; R.:W.: James R. Bosch, D.D.G.M. Dist. 4; R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.; R.:W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.; W.:M.: Leonard Morreale, R.:W.: Philip A. Slack, P.D.D.G.M.; W.: Frederick L. Piasecki, P.M. and President of the Resident Council; many other beloved Masonic Home Residents; Mrs. Darcy Buck, Director of Human Resources and Ms. Megan Gracia, 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 10:08 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.

Brother Justin W. Franke made a motion that the Minutes from the last regular Board of Trustees Meeting on August 24, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Raymond M. Ali and the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:**

- During the month of August, the facility experienced an incline of positive COVID cases. The first noted case was August 18<sup>th</sup> in the Skilled Nursing Center. Skilled Nursing had a total of 3 positive residents and 1 positive staff member. The Assisted Living had a total of 2 positives for residents and no staff members. Testing ceased on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
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Megan Gracia reported that at our last regular Board Meeting we had 80 residents in the Home. During the month of August, we had one admission, five deaths, and no discharges bringing the total to 76. Of those, 26 are men and 50 are women.

<b>ADMITTED:</b>	<b>ADMIT DATE:</b>
Franklin Logan, Private Pay (Non-Masonic)	08/01/2024

<b>DECEASED:</b>	<b>DECEASED DATE:</b>
Alain Cerf, Private Pay (Non-Masonic) Admitted: May 16, 2024	08/07/2024
Alicia Friedland, Private Pay (Non-Masonic) Admitted: June 18, 2024	08/08/2024
Victor Gonzalez, Private Pay (Non-Masonic) Admitted: November 16, 2023	08/14/2024
Lawrence Frank, Private Pay (Non-Masonic) Admitted: March 4, 2024	08/18/2024
George Williams, sponsored by John Darling Lodge No. 154 Admitted: March 1, 2024	08/26/2024

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

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT:**

1. The main air compressor had a leak at the check valve and regulator. Replaced both along with a new gauge and pressure switch.
2. Replaced starter motor on Kawasaki Mule for the grounds department. This equipment is over ten years old.
3. Replaced front sliding door controls, motor, and related equipment after failure. The new unit has fail-safe E-lock and quiet belt operation.

**SECURITY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** There were no reportable incidents for the month of August. There were two new resident ID badges issued and seven new employee ID badges issued.

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

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob made a motion that the rates for the Skilled Nursing Center be increased as follows: Semi-Private Room \$325.00 per day; Single Private Room \$375.00 per day; Additional Bed Fee \$425.00 per day. R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali seconded the motion which 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.: Raymond M. Ali seconded the motion which carried.

**LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT:** The total funds received during the month of August from Estates and Wills was \$2,012.12, which brings the year-to-date total of funds received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., on behalf of Estates and Wills to \$63,511.53. During the month of August 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.

**ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** One application for Fraternal Care was reviewed for a final time on Ms. E.R. Her application missing an IRS Tax Return form for 2019, but was otherwise complete. Due to personal and family circumstances this document could not be obtained. Despite this minor deficiency, a motion was made, seconded, and the application was approved.

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W.: Mark A. Davis presented the Operations Committee Report and moved for its adoption. W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles seconded the motion which carried.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:** We report that we are currently 2.87% favorable to the budget (\$259,971k) after five months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Masonic Home of Florida on October 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The Chairman of the Board recognized W.: Frederick L. Piasecki, P.M. and President of the Resident Council, for his remarks. The Vice Chairman of the Board assured W.: Piasecki that the Board was working on the issues presented.

The Chairman of the Board recognized the Grand Master for his remarks who then thanked the Board for all their hard work.

W.: Mark A. Davis gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

# ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2025

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Grand Secretary **immediately after your annual election of Officers** per Regulation **22.03 of the Digest of Masonic Law!**

**(Please use member numbers)**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY:**

**W.M.** \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone to show on Web \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**S.W.** \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone to show on Web \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**J.W.** \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**TREAS.** \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone to show on Web \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**SECT.** \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**PLEASE GIVE ADDRESS WHERE YOU WISH TO RECEIVE LODGE MAIL:**

**Address for Lodge Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**By signing below I hereby affirm that the names listed above are the newly elected Officers/Directors of the Lodge and further authorize Richard E. Lynn, Grand Secretary/Registered Agent, to file the 2025 Corporate Return with the State of Florida.**

Lodge Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Lodge Secretary

**APPOINTED LODGE OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2025**

LODGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

<u>MEMBER NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME OF OFFICER</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
_____	_____	Chaplain
_____	_____	Marshal
_____	_____	Senior Deacon
_____	_____	Junior Deacon
_____	_____	Senior Steward
_____	_____	Junior Steward
_____	_____	Tyler
_____	_____	Musician
_____	_____	Historian

**\*\*\*Please note: all contact information that is filled out on this form will be added/updated to Masonic Records.**

The “Phone to Show on Web” line will show up on the Lodge Locator. If you are a Worshipful Master or Secretary, your information will be printed in the Masters and Secretaries Directory.

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  
FAX: (904) 632-3865

October 31, 2024

To: All Particular Lodge Secretaries

Re: Do Not Initiate New Transfers of Membership

Dear Brother Secretary:

With the Masonic year coming to a close in just a couple of months, we wish to recommend to our Particular Lodges that Transfer of Membership procedures **NOT BE INITIATED** with other Grand Jurisdictions as it is almost impossible for all correspondence to be cleared between the Grand Secretary's Offices in this short period of time. Upon receipt of a Petition for Affiliation by Transfer of Membership, there is a 30-day period for investigation and then balloting after which time the Brother's Notice of Election and Request for Dimit must be forwarded to that Grand Jurisdiction before the Transfer Certificate of Good Standing expires at the end of the Grand Lodge Year, December 27, 2024.

Therefore, we fraternally request, that in order to avoid the possibility of the member having to pay dues in both Grand Jurisdictions, you suspend **INITIATING** Transfer activity until the beginning of the next Grand Lodge Year. (*\*Note: This does not apply to transfers already in progress.*)

In addition, you should make a concerted effort to complete any transfers already in progress.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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

REL/wj

cc: Grand Lodge Officers  
District Deputy Grand Masters

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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Lodge Secretaries

From: M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Re: Future Annual Grand Communications

Date: October 31, 2024

Dear Brother Secretary:

This is to notify you that as of this date, the next four Annual Grand Communication dates have been scheduled as follows:

196<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication on May 26, 27, and 28, 2025  
to be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
Sunday, May 25, 2025 – Grand Master’s Banquet  
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

197<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication on May 25, 26, and 27, 2026  
to be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Grand Master’s Banquet  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

198<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication on May 31, June 1 and 2, 2027  
to be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
Sunday, May 30, 2027 – Grand Master’s Banquet  
Wednesday, June 2, 2027 – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

199<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication on May 29, 30, and 31, 2028  
To be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
Sunday, May 28, 2028 – Grand Master’s Banquet  
Wednesday, May 31, 2028 – Installation of Officers

You will be notified of any changes.

cc: Corporate Board  
Florida Directory  
Member States of the Southeastern Masonic Conference

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NOVEMBER 2024

## BULLETIN

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE

#### OFFICE CLOSED:

Monday, November 11, 2024 – in observance of Veterans' Day

(Wed. at 12:00 p.m.) Thursday & Friday, November 28-29, 2024 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25, 2024 – Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – in observance of New Year's Day

The Grand Lodge Office Staff wishes you season's greetings and hopes that "every one of you" has a safe and happy holiday season.





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District Lodge  
Development  
All Lodge Officers  
Encouraged to attend !

# Training Seminar



This seminar  
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transformative  
experience for  
all Lodge  
Officers .

Geared to the  
Secretary and  
Treasurers

Friday November 22, 2024



At 6PM-9PM

**Location**

Pace Lodge No. 349  
5158 Spencer Field Rd.

Presented by

The Grand Secretary and other Knowledgeable Brothers

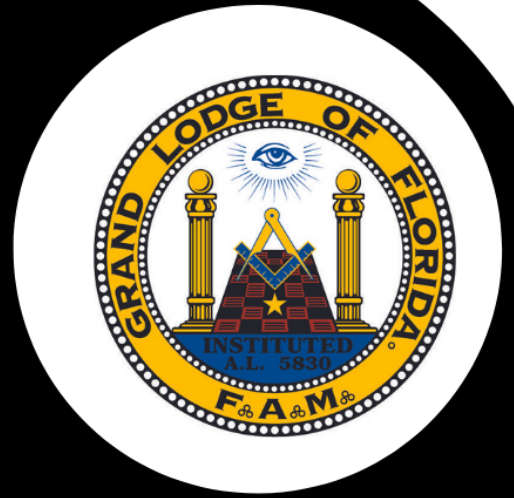


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Saturday  
November 23, 2024



At 9AM-1PM

## Location

Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
1332 Fortune Avenue Panama City

Presented by

The Grand Secretary and other Knowledgeable Brothers



Our Phone  
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# District 5



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# Training Seminar



This seminar  
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all Lodge  
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Saturday December 14, 2024



9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## Location

Geared to the  
Secretary and  
Treasurers

Barrett Lodge No. 43  
11557 100th Street  
Live Oak

Presented by

The Grand Secretary and other Knowledgeable Brothers



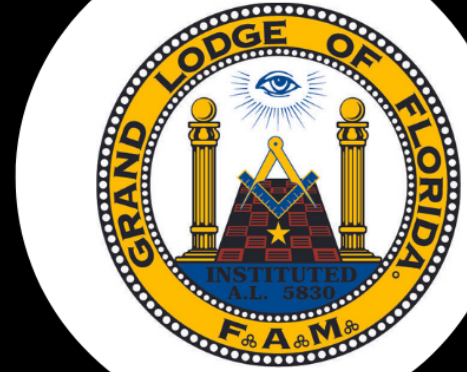
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**Len Morreale**  
**(386) 320-3830**

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



**OPEN TO THE PUBIC**

**THE CENTER AT DELTONA**



1640 RD M.L.K. BLVD,  
DELTONA, FL 32725

**Saturday**

**MARCH 15TH, 2025**

REGISTRATION 8:30AM

FIRST GAME STARTS 9AM

**\$40 FOR TEAM OF 2**

**INCLUDES T-SHIRT IF REGISTERED BY MARCH 1ST, 2025**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ TSHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TSHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on October 8, 2024

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- 2 PLAYER W/ T-SHIRTS
- TABLE AREA IN LOBBLY
- LOGO PLACEMENT
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS
- EVENT RECOGNITION



**GOLD SPONSOR \$500**

- 4 PLAYER W/ T-SHIRTS
- TABLE AREA IN PLAYING AREA
- LARGE LOGO PLACEMENT
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS
- EVENT RECOGNITION
- LANE SPONSOR

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TSHIRT SIZE** \_\_\_\_\_

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