



TRESTLEBOARD
FEBRUARY 2010
OKEECHOBEE LODGE NO. 237, F&AM



Chartered January 18, 1917

Lodge website:

www.30thmasonic.org/Okee.html

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays

7:30 p.m.

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Secretary's Message

The 2010 dues notices have been mailed. Please remit your dues promptly. Why not consider a Perpetual Membership - Contact me for more information.

Rick Holt, PDDGM
 Secretary
 863-634-8085

Lodge rings
Stainless Steel
Lodge Name and Date of Charter
Square & Compasses
\$125
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From the East

My Dear Brothers,Greetings,

Thank you all for attending the installation. It turned out very nice and dinner was great!

In total, we had 60 in attendance, big thanks to the brothers that worked in the kitchen and the DeMolay for their assistance. I in addition, would like to thank to the installing officers: R.W. Leonard Harper (PDDGM) Installing Master; W. Lloyd Smith (PM KYCH) Installing Chaplain; P.M. Richard Sweet Installing Marshall. Now to our 1st meeting, we had our hands full. We balloted on seven candidates for three symbolic degrees in Masonry, then we conferred and entered the apprentice degree upon:

MESSRS.

Lee Edward Allen
 Fredrick Jay Alger
 William Lee Davis
 John Joseph Kupka

WELCOME BROTHERS

Many apologies to Mr. Lenard Terry Cunningham, for waiting to go through the E.A. degree. Not making it was running late had to be at work by 10:00 p.m.

The work was not finished, there were four votes to cast and other readings. Next meeting, three candidates to go through the E.A. degree. They could not attend the same evening, as the others, due to their prior obligations. The new officers did a great job on the degree. There was also some other business that had to be taken care of, a vote was taken to donate \$500 to the DeMolay, passed. A collection box was set out, extra money was collected to help them with travel and other expenses. The meeting was adjourned @ 11:30 p.m., long night. Brothers, this meeting went on too long. I will strive to make them shorter. We will hold of, lengthy speeches and comments for voting ballots or otherwise. We have a good group of officers, trying to make this year a special one. If you haven't come to the lodge for a while, brothers, if you can make your way, we are here for you. Bring your wife for a good dinner. We will set up a T.V. to watch a DVD. While we hold our meeting, take a break from the house. Come on by, we'd love to see you!Don't forget Jan 31, J&S fish camp pig roast.

Fraternal Love and Peace for You and Yours,
 God Bless You,

John Bubel, W.:M.:

From the West

Installation of officers on January 9, 2010 went well under the direction of Right Worshipful Leonard Harper. The food was excellent thanks to Brother Hugh Alger, Tom Jolly, Dick Belbry, Fred Alger and numerous other brether Master Masons.

It was good to see the DeMolay working together to serve dinner. Larry Saucier and Jim Green deserve a real round of applause for the effort that they have put forth for each other, as we have , we may not realize it, but we are setting an example for these young DeMolay men.

There was a wonderful attendance at the first meeting with the new worshipful master and four good men became Entered Apprentices. It was also a real delight to have Keith Tomey as our new chaplain and Dave Pittard as historian. We look forward to both men serving this year.

Fred Covert SW

From the SD

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Bro. George R. Williams SD
 The article can be read in its entirety on the Lodge web site, for this was only an excerpt.

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February 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
		7:30p.m.-10:30p.m. OES Stated Meeting Ground Hog Day			Last Quarter	9a.m.-12p.m. Lodge Workday OES Yard Sale
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
	7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. Okeechobee No. 237 Stated Communication	7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. Tyrian No. 36 Stated Assembly				OES Widows Dinner
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
New Moon 8:00a.m.-11a.m. OES Breakfast Valentines Day	Presidents Day Deadline for Trestleboard articles	7:30p.m.-10:30p.m. OES Stated Meeting	Ash Wednesday			
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
	First Quarter 7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. Okeechobee No. 237 Stated Communication	7:30p.m.-8:30p.m. St. Lucie No. 17 Stated Conclave				8a.m.-11a.m. Master's & Warden's Stuart Lodge
<u>28</u>						
Full Moon 8:00a.m.-11a.m. Masonic Breakfast						

Past Masters of Okeechobee Lodge No. 237, F&AM

1916 (UD) Douglas E. Austin*
 1917 Charles L. Hatch*
 1918 Robert B. Trask*
 1919 Douglas E. Austin*
 1920 Hahs F. Evernden*
 1921 Hahs F. Evernden*
 1922 Henry H. Hancock*
 1923 Horace C. Adams*
 1924 Hugh H. DeYarman
 1925 Kirkland B. Edlon*
 1926 Horace C. Adams*
 1927 Orlando J. Price*
 1928 Joseph E. Lovvorn*
 1929 Eweart G. Sellars*
 1930 Lester W. Jennings*
 1931 Lewis A. Turner*
 1932 Irving Goldberg*
 1933 Albert Berka*
 1934 Thomas W. Conely, Jr. *
 1935 Sollie Roy Raidsnider*
 1936 John M. Roe*
 1937 Willaim A. Moore*
 1938 Andrew L. Bragg*
 1939 Frank W. Zander*
 1940 Fredrick W. Humphries*
 1941 Walter H. Lee*

1942 William J. Hendry, PDDGM 1949*
 1943 William R. Page*
 1944 Zibe King Williams*
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 1946 John W. Swain*
 1947 Pelham P. Evans*
 1948 Hiram H. Raulerson*
 1949 Maurice G. Crum*
 1950 Robert A. Burgess*
 1951 John D. Brette*
 1952 Roger L. Jones
 1953 Dowling R. Watford
 1954 Leonard Berger*
 1955 Dowling R. Warford
 1956 Zibe King Williams*
 1957 Thomas W. Conley, Jr.*
 1958 Dowling R. Warford
 1959 Kennth E. Ford
 1960 Haynes E. Williams
 1961 William H. Williams*
 1962 John Ed Burdeshaw
 1963 Oliver D. Godwin*
 1964 Donald R. Mack
 1965 Kenneth W. Ford
 1966 Russell V. Domer*
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 1970 Charles A. Robertson, PDDGM 1982*
 1971 James Ammons*
 1972 Pelham P. Evans*
 1973 Charles A. Robertson, PDDGM 1982*
 1974 Johnny Mack Kinsaul*
 1975 Ralph L. Davis*
 1976 Charles A. Robertson, PDDGM 1982*
 1977 John W. Abney, Sr.
 1978 A.M. Richards*
 1979 A.M. Richards*
 1980 Richard Black*
 1981 Richard Black*
 1982 Robert L. Alderman
 1983 Leonard F. Harper, PDDGM 1990
 1984 Thomas A. Markham
 1985 Kyle S. VanLandingham
 1986 Ernest L. Presley*
 1987 Gary E. Scherrer, PDDGM 1988
 1988 Richard A Holt, PDDGM 1997
 1989 J.W. Owens
 1990 Woodrow Schad*
 1991 Alfred A. McNamee
 1992 Donald L. Trent
 1993 Gary P. Miles

1994 Joseph E. Mann
 1995 Kelly J. Ammons
 1996 Richard Schreier
 1997 Tom Wilson
 1998 Mike Sturgeon
 1999 James Reynolds
 2000 David Yoder
 2001 Jessie Griffen*
 2002 Maurice E. Ewing*
 2003 Donald Williams*
 2004 Clifton "Kip" Gardner, PDDGM 2008
 2005 Richard E. Sweet
 2006 Buchannon J. Yoder
 2007 Matthew P. Buxton
 2008 Jose M. Verano
 2009 James Arnold Green
 2010

Honorary Past Masters

1988 Louis P. Milke*
 1995 William H. Jackson, V*
 1995 Robert L. "Bob" Peltier*

* Deceased

From the Senior Deacon

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I don't know about you my Brothers, but some of the Officers are concerned over the lack of fiscal responsibility and financial preparedness that we seem to be experiencing year after year. As you know, we have a Five thousand dollar Insurance Premium facing us again this year, and a Three thousand dollar electric bill, which represents only a portion of our total annual operating expenses, which amounts to more than Twelve thousand dollars. Donations, contributions, and miscellaneous expenditures amount to approximately an additional Fourteen thousand dollars; altogether we have Twenty-six thousand dollars going out the door each and every year.

There is more to think about, like out four very old air conditioners (\$6000.00 each) and the 5% insurance deductible of \$40,000.00. God help us if we have a bad fire or a major storm.

If it were not for Brothers Alger and Jolly along with a few others, we would have been a whopping twelve thousand dollars in the hole this past year, that's how much support they gave to this Lodge from their fundraising efforts. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Let all of us tip our hats to them, thank you Brothers Alger and Jolly.

We would like to thank the Brothers that included the voluntary contributions with their dues; this is something that we should all be doing, including us Perpetual Members, it makes a difference. Think about it.....Please.

Frugally, should be the key word this year and in all future years until we have a reserve of cash to cover all our regular and emergency expenditures.

Fraternally,

Bro. George R. Williams SD