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September 28, 2008 - November 08, 2008  
**Joe A. Fleites GRAND MASTER**

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"Be a leader; make the difference"

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<i>Oct 5</i>	<i>Oct 6</i> Grand Lodge Work Day	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>Oct 8</i>	<i>Oct 9</i> Mahi Shrine  Yom Kippur	<i>Oct 10</i> Grotto	<i>Oct 11</i>  District 36 O.V.
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Oct 13</i> 34 & 35 Masters & Wardens  Columbus Day (Observed)	<i>Oct 14</i>	<i>Oct 15</i> Scottish Rite	<i>Oct 16</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Oct 18</i> 9:00 AM Christmas in Oct. by Dist. 34 & 35  10:00 AM BOT  11:00 AM Corp. Board
<i>Oct 19</i> 11:00 AM Board of Trustees	<i>Oct 20</i>  Grand Lodge Work Day	<i>Oct 21</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>Oct 24</i>  District 28 & 29	<i>Oct 25</i> 50 Years Deerfield Beach Lodge
<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Oct 27</i>  Grand Lodge Work Day	<i>Oct 28</i> Table Lodge Harbor City 318	<i>Oct 29</i>	<i>Oct 30</i>	<i>Oct 31</i> Halloween	<i>Nov 1</i>  District 8 & 9
<i>Nov 2</i> Daylight Savings Time Ends	<i>Nov 3</i>  Grand Lodge Work Day	<i>Nov 4</i> Election Day	<i>Nov 5</i>	<i>Nov 6</i> Stated Oleeta West Dade Lodge	<i>Nov 7</i>	<i>Nov 8</i>  District 5 & 6

September 18, 2008

To: All Particular Lodge Secretaries

From: Richard E. Lynn, Grand Secretary

RE: Outstanding Courtesy Awards for Sojourning Brothers

The Grand Lodge is endeavoring to close the records on outstanding Courtesy Awards (Time in Service) for Sojourning Brothers. We continue to receive an overwhelming number of follow-up requests from other Jurisdictions for status of presentation and need your assistance in order to respond to these requests for information.

**Please advise the Grand Lodge Office at your earliest convenience of any outstanding awards the Lodge has in its possession, any record of presentation, failure to locate Brother, or other information you may have concerning the awards. If you have no such awards or information relating to them, we need that information as well. You may send us a list by email (preferred method), regular US mail or fax. If you have any questions you may contact Martha Dudrow at [Martha@gflamason.org](mailto:Martha@gflamason.org) or by telephone at the Grand Lodge Office.**

If you do have the awards in question in your possession, you may return them directly to the Grand Lodge of origin (Illinois, Michigan, Maine, etc.) as long as you notify the Grand Lodge Office of this action in order for the files to be closed. This effort will greatly contribute towards our goal of reducing paper as well as reconciling award files.

Thank you for your assistance!

# MEMORANDUM

To: All Particular Lodge Secretaries

From: M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Re: Items of Interest

1. Laurel Hill Lodge No. 44 is in need of an Altar Square and Compass. If your Lodge has one which is not being used please contact W. :. Lynn A. Brandin, Sr., Secretary of Laurel Hill Lodge No. 44, at [cabinetman@cfi.net](mailto:cabinetman@cfi.net) or by phone at (850) 682-5475.
2. The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education will be holding its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on April 24 – 36, 2009, in beautiful Springfield, Illinois. This Anniversary of the Conference also marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and there will be plenty of activities in Springfield to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact Thomas L. Hauder at [webmaster@midwestmasoniceducation.com](mailto:webmaster@midwestmasoniceducation.com).
3. We are very saddened to inform you that R. :. W. :. Randy Wilkey, D.D.G.M. of the 15<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, passed away on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We do not have information on services at this time. Please keep Paula and Randy's family in your prayers.
4. R. :. W. :. Steven Travis, D.D.G.M. of the 14<sup>th</sup> Masonic District was diagnosed with pneumonia and admitted to the VA Medical Center in Gainesville on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. He is in Room 431, bed 35 and his phone number is (352) 379-2614. Visitors and phone calls are welcome. Please keep Brother Steve and Dru in your prayers.

Cc: Florida Directory

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

August 16, 2008

No. 8

A meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Master's office at the Masonic Home of Florida by M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master  
R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master  
R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden  
R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Jim J Harris Junior Grand Warden  
M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer  
M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Joseph Shurette, P.G.M.  
R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Nicholas L. Canora, P.D.D.G.M.  
M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Richard Lynn, Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Also present:

M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Robert D. Trump, P.G.M.	M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Dwight S. Wilkes, P.D.DG.M.	R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Joseph M. Martin, Senior Grand Deacon
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Danny R. Griffith, P.D.DG.M	R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Michael Binder, D.D.G.M.33 <sup>rd</sup> District
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Charles W. Fossler, D.D.G.M.35 <sup>th</sup> District	R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> A. Gary Cavanaugh, P.D.DG.M.
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Walter L. Bush, P.D.DG.M. Grand Historian	R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Robert T. Langford, P.D.D.G.M.
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> William G. Ellis, Jr., D.D.G.M 26 <sup>th</sup> District	R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Jorge L. Aladro, P.D.D.G.M.
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup> Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel	

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given and prayer was offered by R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master introduced the members of the Board and others present.

A motion was made by R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No.7 of July 19, 2008. The motion carried.

R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden, then made a motion to approve the Masonic Home Applications received during the month of July 2008 and Non-Resident Relief report for July 2008. R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, seconded the motion which carried.

**MASONIC HOME APPLICATIONS**

During the month of July the following applications were approved by the Admissions Committee:

Herman Stein, sponsored by Florida Keys Lodge No. 336  
George Foster, sponsored by Clearwater Lodge No.127  
Norma Foster, husband's membership at Clearwater Lodge No. 127  
Russell Turvy, sponsored by Clearwater Lodge No. 127  
Velma Turvy, husband's membership at Clearwater Lodge No. 127  
John Irvine, sponsored by Lake Placid Lodge No. 282  
Marie Irvine, husband's membership at Lake Placid Lodge No. 282  
Samuel Brooks, sponsored by Nitram Lodge No. 188

No applications for admission to the Masonic Home were received to be presented to the Board of Trustees during the month of August. It was agreed that the funds reported on the accounts of the residents and application not be published and be contained in the original report.

R^ W^ J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden, moved for adoption of the report which was seconded by R^ W^ Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

### **NON-RESIDENT RELIEF**

There were no Non-Resident Relief Funds distributed in July of 2008

R^ W^ Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, moved for approval of the New Account Numbers and Credit Applications for July 2008. The motion was seconded by R^ W^ Nicholas L. Canora, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

### **NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2008**

ACCOUNT NO.:	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
010 93-00 43001.100	Fund Raising – Fleites	Revenue
060 00-00 24585.001	Stein, Herman (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 24586.001	Brooks, Samuel (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 24587.001	Irvine, John (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 24588.001	Irvine, Marie (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 26138.008	Kiefer, Donald (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26139.008	Holland, Mary (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26140.008	Daking, Alfred (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26141.008	Shipman, Gene (Private Pay)	Liability
062 00-00 24030.200	F-100 Defunct Lodge Jose Marti Perez	Liability

### **CREDIT APPLICATIONS GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA**

During the month of July there were no new credit applications received by the Grand Lodge Office for the Masonic Home of Florida.

At this time there was a review of the List of Properties by County, and M^ W^ Joseph Shurette, P.G.M., then moved for adoption of the Properties Activity for the month of July 2008. R^ W^ Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

M^ W^ Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, then moved for adoption of the Report of Estate Activity for the month of July. R^ W^ Nicholas L. Canora, P.D.D.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

The Board reviewed the Funds Received for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$76,230.98) and then reviewed funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$155,280.00). A motion was made by R^ W^ Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, to approve the report. A second was made by R^ W^ J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

The Grand Master then called upon the Deputy Grand Master for the Administrator's Report as well as the Long Range Planning Committee Report. R^ W^ Dale I. Goehrig reported the following:

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- 2008/09 Budge update – The Administrator has shared budgetary concerns with the Department Managers. Several actions have been put in place to reduce costs which include overtime reduction, elimination of agency nursing staff and discontinuation of the 8/80 work schedule for the nursing department. The State of Florida reduced the certified nursing assistants staffing requirements from 2.9 to 2.6 hours which will help us curtail labor costs.

- Discharge notice has been given to Resident Robert Parsons, sponsored by High Twelve Lodge No. 317, for inappropriate behavior in the Masonic Home. We will assist him with alternative living arrangements.
- Several letters of appreciation were presented to be read at the Board of Trustees Meeting on August 17, 2008.

R^ W^ Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, moved for adoption of the report which was seconded by R^ W^ Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. The hurricane shutters have been tested and cleaned in preparation of hurricane season.
2. The first floor shower room has been completed and the second floor shower room is scheduled to be started the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Committee recommends obtaining three (3) bids for the trimming of the mangrove trees with the option for contracts to span three (3) years if available.
4. The Committee recommends looking into future cleaning and sealing of the Masonic Home and a review of the existing warranty.

R^ W^ Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, moved for adoption of the report which was seconded by R^ W^ Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

### **MASONIC HOME BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

R^ W^ Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, was called upon for the Masonic Home Budget Report and reported that after four months we are 1.27% over budget, after amortizing the annual insurance premium over 12 months.

R^ W^ Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, moved for adoption of the report which was seconded by, R^ W^ J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

Following the Budget Report, the Grand Master called upon General Counsel, R^ W^ Stephen R. Gladstone. The following report was given:

Review of the contract to house the safes for the duplicate copies of the Forms and Ceremonies is being reviewed. There was discussion of the possible need to issue mortgages on some of the property, such as mobile homes, that otherwise will not sell.

R^ W^ Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to approve the report of the General Counsel. The motion was seconded by M^ W^ Elmer G. Coffman, Grand Treasurer, and the motion carried.

R.:W.: Joseph M. Martin, Chairman of the Properties Committee, presented the following report:

### **REPORT OF THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

**Zone 5:** R.:W.: Glenn A. Reynolds, Zone 5 Properties Committee Chairman, reported that he delivered the keys and signed a listing to the new broker after the rejection of the sale offer for the Weldy property in Eustis.

**Zone 6:** W.: Randall A. Currelly, Zone 6 Properties Committee Chairman, reported that the Hardy property in Clearwater is still listed for \$134,900.00; the real estate market is still very slow at this time. He has spoken to Nancy Dively, the realtor, concerning the sale of the property and they agree it may take some time to move it in this market. The buyers are still waiting to see where the real estate market is headed. We may need to drop the price on the property if this trend continues.

**Zone 7:** We received a property from John and Marie Irvine in Lake Placid. R. W. A. Gary Cavanaugh, Zone 7 Properties Chairman, reported that the house has not been cleaned out and there remains a tremendous amount of boxes, furniture and personal belongings which are filled with the Irvines' clothing as well as other items.

R. W. Cavanaugh also indicated that he visited the house on Friday after receiving the keys from Mrs. Neveitt on Thursday. Both the deadbolt and door knob to the front door were unlocked. He called the Worshipful Master of Placid Lodge No. 282 who informed him that he did not know how many keys were out there floating around but he suspected that there are quite a few. He told R. W. Cavanaugh he had a set of keys and he and his wife had been packing things up. They were at the property on Tuesday but locked the door when they left.

R. W. Cavanaugh also indicated that the house is going to require a lot of cleaning, including the carpet, since it is stained resulting from pets.

No inventory was taken and there is no way to determine if any items are missing. R. W. Cavanaugh has been advised to secure the property as soon as possible and hold the keys; he believes it would be more cost effective to change the locks rather than have a locksmith change the tumblers.

R. W. A. Gary Cavanaugh, Zone 7 Properties Committee Chairman, spoke to Linda Leonard who is the realtor handling the Booze property in Lakeland. She advised him that there was not a single property sold in the Sandpiper Golf Community this month. Our property, however, continues to have several viewings per week. She indicated that it is one of the more attractive ones in the community, however, people are just not purchasing. She does not recommend changing the listing price at this time.

**Zone 8:** R. W. Edward D. Stepp, Zone 8 Properties Committee Chairman, spoke to our realtor, who advised that there was no interest in the Cartwright Property in Punta Gorda (Port Charlotte), though she did not really expect any until the fall. While single family home sales have improved, the condo market continues to be very slow.

**Zone 10:** The broker reported that there had not been any calls this month and she recommended we reduce the listing price of the Kirby Property in Miami from \$159,900 to \$109,000, which is the listed price of another similar unit in the building in hopes that we can generate some interest. Our monthly expense is \$600.00 per month on this property. The sale of properties in this condominium community have been at a virtual stand-still at the present time. A revised contract will be presented to the Board.

#### **Vehicles Listed for Sale at the Masonic Home:**

- 1996 Acura Sedan – 3.2TL – 191,029 miles – Listed in Auto Trader for \$4,200.00 with **NO** calls what-so-ever over the last month. Suggest we list for \$3,200.00 and go with best offer.
- 1977 Mercedes Sedan – 300D – 204,109 miles – Listed in auto trader for \$3,500.00 with one call in over a month (**Not Interested**). Suggest we list for \$1,500.00 and go with best offer.
- 1998 Buick Park Avenue – 67,604 miles – Kelly Blue Book suggests value at \$4,900.00. This appears to be a good starting point. Trade in Value is \$3,200.00.
- 2004 Buick LeSabre – 22,211 miles – Kelly Blue Book suggests asking price \$11,400.00. This appears also to be a good starting price. Trade in value is \$9,040.00.
- 2005 Toyota Camry – 29,493 miles – Kelly Blue Book suggests an asking price of \$13,900.00. Trade in value is \$12,270.00.

After presenting the Properties Committee Report R. W. Joseph M. Martin, Chairman of the Properties Committee, recommended to lower the listing on the Kirby property to \$ 109,000.00.

R. W. Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master, then moved for adoption of the Properties Committee Report and approval of the recommendation of the Chairman on the Kirby property. R. W. J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

M<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master, recognized R<sup>^</sup> W<sup>^</sup> Robert T. Langford, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman of the Endowment and Investment Committee, for an explanation of current investment policies of the Grand Lodge of Florida. After R<sup>^</sup>:W<sup>^</sup>: Langford's presentation to the Board the Grand Master requested recommendations from the Endowment and Investment Committee at the next Corporate Board Meeting for the following:

1. Should the Grand Lodge utilize more than one (1) financial manager?
2. Should the Grand Lodge move finances to separate banks to minimize loss in case of catastrophic failure in the banking industry?

After discussion of the Masonic Home Petty Cash Account R<sup>^</sup>:W<sup>^</sup>: J. Dick Martinez made a motion that the Masonic Home Petty Cash be increased to \$5,000 for the remainder of the hurricane season and that it be controlled with a lock box and the Administrator be the only person with access. R<sup>^</sup>:W<sup>^</sup>: Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business, the Grand Master closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

*Signature on File*

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

Approved:

*Signature on File*

Joe A. Fleites  
Grand Master

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

August 20, 2008

No. 9

At the request of the Grand Master, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken requesting the approval the lease agreement with Saxon Business Systems for the Duplicator Machine used for high volume printing in the Grand Lodge Office, which met the approval of General Counsel. The members voted as follows:

M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden	Yes
M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer	Yes
M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Joseph Shurette, Past Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Nicholas L. Canora, P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:

*Signature on File*

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

Approved:

*Signature on File*

Joe A. Fleites  
Grand Master

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

September 9, 2008

No. 10

At the request of the Grand Master, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken requesting the approval of a recommendation from the Chairman of the Properties Committee to accept an offer of \$12,500 for the 2005 Toyota Camry which is listed for sale at the Masonic Home. The values listed in the Kelly Blue Book are as follows: Private Pay - \$13,910 and Trade In - \$12,270. The members voted as follows:

M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden	Yes
M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer	Yes
M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Joseph Shurette, Past Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Nicholas L. Canora, P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:

*Signature on File*

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

Approved:

*Signature on File*

Joe A. Fleites  
Grand Master

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

September 9, 2008

No. 11

At the request of the Grand Master, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken requesting the approval of a recommendation from the Chairman of the Properties Committee to accept an offer of \$300.00 for the 1999 John Deer Mower that is for sale at the Masonic Home. The mower is not in real good condition. The maintenance team at the Masonic Home recommended listing the mower for \$500.00. The members voted as follows:

M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Dale I. Goehrig, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	J. Dick Martinez, Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Jim J Harris, Junior Grand Warden	Yes
M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer	Yes
M <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Joseph Shurette, Past Grand Master	Yes
R <sup>^</sup> W <sup>^</sup>	Nicholas L. Canora, P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:

*Signature on File*

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

Approved:

*Signature on File*

Joe A. Fleites  
Grand Master

**BULLETIN - SEPTEMBER 2008**

Note: Now formatted so you may cut out the change and tape it in the Masters and Secretaries Directory.

CHANGES ARE UNDERLINED

**CHANGES TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES DIRECTORY:**

Solomon Lodge No. 20  
Page 3  
Change Mailing Address

Earl E. Boone  
c/o J. Boone  
5418 Teakwood Lane  
Jacksonville 32244-2132  
Res. (904) 721-5661

Zephyr Lodge No. 198  
Page 20  
Change Email Address

Wesley I. Manning  
P.O. Box 695  
Zephyrhills 33539-0695  
Res. (813) 788-6885  
sonsan2@verizon.net

Bykota Lodge No. 333  
Page 31  
New Secretary

Patrick Paynter  
5357 Oldsmobile Drive  
Lakeworth 33463  
Mbl. (561) 876-2966  
Tinyf16@comcast.net

Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398  
Page 58  
Change Physical Address

5030 S. Memorial Drive

**Please make the following changes to the FLORIDA DIRECTORY:**

Corporate Board of Directors  
Page 6  
Add New Member

Nicholas L. Canora  
6206 NW 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Margate, FL 33063-5624  
Res. (954) 970-3080  
Mbl. (954) 465-9417  
nicholascanora@bellsouth.net

**Please Make the Following Changes to Your 2008 LIST OF LODGES DIRECTORY:**

Grand Lodge of Maconica do Estado do Mato Grosso  
Page 162  
New Grand Master & Grand Secretary

Jose Carlos Almeida, Grand Master  
  
Rubens Carlos de Oliveira, Grand  
Secretary of International Relations

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA  
August 17, 2008**

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic Home of Florida met in regular session on Sunday, August 17, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., with all members present. Also present were M.: W.: Joe Fleites, Grand Master, M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., M.: W.: Elmer Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, M.: W.: Robert Trump, M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, M.: W.: Joseph Shurette, and R.: W.: Stephen Gladstone, General Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chairman of the Board and Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Dale I. Goehrig, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Chairman welcomed all assembled and asked them to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Invocation was given by R.: W.: Danny Griffith.

M.: W.: Joe Fleites welcomed all the residents who were in attendance at the Board Meeting.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Dwight Wilkes and seconded by R.: W.: Lenny Lorenzo that the minutes of the July 20, 2008, Board of Trustees meeting be adopted as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S BOARD REPORT:** Lisa Tsotsos reported at our last regular Board Meeting, we had 107 residents in the Home. During July we had 6 admissions and 3 losses bringing the total to 110.

<b>ADMITTED:</b>	<b>ADMIT DATE:</b>
(PRIVATE PAY)	
Mary Holland, husband's membership at Bunnell Lodge No. 200	July 06, 2008
Gene Shipman, membership at Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291	July 23, 2008
(LIFE CARE)	
Herman Stein, membership at Florida Key Lodge No. 336	July 22, 2008
Samuel Brooks, membership at Nitram Lodge No.188.	July 28, 2008
John Irvine, membership at Placid Lodge No. 282	July 29, 2008
Marie Irvine, husband's membership at Placid Lodge No. 282	July 29, 2008
<b>DECEASED/DISCHARGED:</b>	<b>DECEASED:</b>
Virginia Corbett, PP, husband's membership at Northside Lodge No. 283	July 06, 2008
Admitted: January 29, 2008	
Robert Kapfhamer, PP, membership at King Oscar Lodge No. 855	July 06, 2008
Admitted: September 8, 2006	
Irvin Crews, LC, membership at Clermont Lodge No.226	July 09, 2008
Admitted: May 11, 2000	

Therefore, with 6 admissions, and 3 losses, the month of July ended with 56 Assisted Living Residents and 54 Nursing Center Residents, for a total of 110 residents. Of those, 51 are men and 59 are women, with 3 of the women sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star.

Resident Council member Bob Gilliland was introduced.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Dwight Wilkes, and seconded by R.: W.: Danny Griffith, that the Administrator's Report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORT ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT - July 2008**

R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, Chairman, presented the following report:

Some of the Special Events held during the month included:

- Entertainment was provided by the Larry Hoffman Show, Joe Landry's Elvis Show, Music Ministry Song & Prayer, The Masonic Band Concert, and the Mike Boyd Variety Show.

- Trip activities included N.E. Plaza, lunch trip to Lee Gardens Chinese Buffet, Disston Plaza, Walmart, Tampa Scottish Rite, and a free trip to the Tampa Bay Rays game at Tropicana Field.
- On the Fourth of July, everyone wore red, white and blue. Residents attended the Indoor Picnic in the Dining Room, and in the afternoon, there was a special performance by the residents groups: the Songbirds and the Dingbats in the Board Room, and a Big Bucks Bingo was held in the evening. Also that evening, some of the residents watched the fireworks outside by the Gazebo.
- Special events included a “Red Day”, National Tell a Joke Day, Purple Cow Day with Grape Crush & Ice Cream Floats, “A Tisket-a-Tasket - Let’s Clean & Decorate Your Walker Basket”, Birthday of the Ice Cream Cone Social, and the celebration of Helen Hula’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the Dining Room with Dixieland Band entertainment provided by Gulfstream Lodge No. 245. Gulfstream Lodge members also presented a generous donation of \$1,000 to the Masonic Home!
- Some of the other monthly activities that offered a wide variety of interests included Painting Classes, Dance Class with Elsie, Karaoke, Craft Class, Wine & Cheese party with fruit & music, US Trivia, Po-Ke-No Game, Gin Rummy, and Ceramics Classes with Nora.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Jorge Aladro, and seconded by R.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, that the Activities Report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING & FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:** R.:W.: Lenny Lorenzo, Chairman  
R.:W.: Dwight Wilkes presented the following reports:

**DIETARY DEPARTMENT:** The total number of resident meals served for the month of July was 9,897 with 1,781 other meals, which included employees, visitors, and special events, for a total of 11,678 meals served. The Masonic Home collected \$814.00 towards meal cost. The raw food cost per meal was \$1.67.

**SECURITY DEPARTMENT:** There were four (4) reportable incidents for the month of July. Two employee and three resident I.D. cards were issued.

**HOUSEKEEPING/LAUNDRY DEPARTMENT:** The Housekeeping Department standards are at a good level to maintain the facility standards. During the month of July the Housekeeping Department processed 43,250 lbs. of laundry. The total chemical cost was \$527.83.

**GUEST HOUSE:** The Guest House was occupied for 41 nights during the month of July. Visits were for the Board of Trustees and family members of several residents. The Masonic Home collected \$2,745.00 in donations from Guest House occupants.

R.:W.: Lenny Lorenzo, Chairman, presented the following report:

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. We want to report that the hurricane shutters have been tested and cleaned in preparation of this hurricane season.
2. The first floor shower room has been completed and the second floor shower room is scheduled to be started the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. We recommend obtaining three bids for the trimming of the mangroves with the option for contracts to span three years if available.
4. We recommend looking into future cleaning and sealing of the Masonic Home and a review of the existing warranty.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Lenny Lorenzo, seconded by R.:W.: Danny Griffin, that the Planning and Facilities Committee Report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

**ESTATES AND WILLS – August 12, 2008 - (New year begins April 1st)**

**FUNDS RECEIVED THRU JULY 2008**

Funds received and deposited in the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) Corporation.

DATE DEPOSITED	ESTATES AND WILLS RECEIVED FOR MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.	AMOUNT RECEIVED
07/02/08	Bernice Baker – Trust	\$ 828.64
07/11/08	Arnold Johnson – Estate	44.35
07/21/08	Peter Fuhrmann – Estate	33.85
07/29/08	Nelson S. B. Alexander – Trust	49,597.77
07/30/08	A. Sigmund Weil – Trust	934.78
	Total Received	<u>\$ 51,439.39</u>
	TOTAL RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE:	<u>\$ 76,230.98</u>

A motion was made by R.: W.: Jim J Harris, and seconded by R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, that the Legal Advisor's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:**

R.: W.: Jim J Harris presented the following report:

The following report reflects expenditures through July 31, 2008:

Administration	50.63%
Maintenance	34.83 %
Dietary	32.89%
Nursing	37.27%
Housekeeping	31.06%
Recreation	34.44%
Social Services	34.58%

**TOTAL 38.48%**

After four months we are 1.27% over budget, after amortizing the annual insurance premium over 12 months.

A motion made by R.: W.: Jim J Harris and seconded by R.: W.: Dwight Wilkes, that the Budget Committee Report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

**ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez**

During the month of August, no applications were presented to the Admissions Committee for approval.

A motion was made by R.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, and seconded by R.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, that the Admissions Committee Report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS: M.: W.: Joe Fleites, Grand Master continued with the following:**

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS-APPOINTED: R.: R.: Robert J. "Stretch" Liekefet, Grand Chaplain and his lady, Ruth; W.: Stephen Gladstone, Grand Orator; W.: Nicholas L. Canora, Grand Marshall; W.: Fred C. Baker, III, Grand Sword Bearer; W.: Ronald C. Newton, Senior Grand Steward, and his lady, Beverly; W.: Walter S. Graham, Sr., Junior Grand Steward; W.: J. David Neveitt, Grand Tyler, and his lady, Debbie; W.: Walter L. Bush, Grand Historian, and his lady, Lee.**

**PAST GRAND MASTERS: M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., M.: W.: Joseph Shurette, and his lady, Marjorie; M.: W.: Elmer G. Coffman, and his lady, Pat; M.: W.: Robert D. Trump, and his lady, Virginia and M.: W.: Richard Lynn.**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS: R.: W.: Robert H. Owen; R.: W.: Jimmie B. Crowder; R.: W.: Jackie W. Keen; R.: W.: Wendell Farrow; R.: W.: William G. Ellis, Jr., and his lady, Deb; R.: W.: John F. Wermann; R.: W.: Michael Binder; R.: W.: Charles W. Fossler, and his lady, Patty.**

**DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS: R.: H.: Henry "Gene" Hagan, and his lady, Dee; R.: H.: George E. Goddard, Jr. GRAND LODGE COMMITTEEMEN: Montague R. "Sam" Chancey, General Service Panel, and his lady, Minnie Lee; Danny Robison; Richard C. Daniel, General Service Panel, and his lady, Melody; Frederick H. Stoltzfus, Fraternal Administrative Endowment Committee, and his lady, Margaret; David A. Henderson, Fraternal**

Administrative Endowment Committee; Harold Mike McCool, Grand Master's Charity Committee, and his lady, Linda; Jim Storms, Grand Master's Charity Committee; Richard Hoover, Jurisprudence Committee, and his lady, Robyn; Richard Whalen, Jurisprudence Committee; Benjamin Piatt, Penal Affairs Panel, and his lady, Sandy; Raul A. Reyes, Penal Affairs Panel, and his lady Nellie; Rodger C. Carson, Public Relations Committee, and his lady, Golda. **OTHER GUESTS:** Stephen Jacobson, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25; William C. Cobb, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25; Kermit J. Hines, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25; C. Miles Hartnett, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25; Joseph Citro, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 ; Chuck Taylor, Ridge Lodge No. 398; John M. Lee, Ridge Lodge No. 398; Ed Street, Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385; Patrick Barrett, Kathleen Lodge No. 338; Wink Dillard, Kathleen Lodge No. 338; Peter Merrill, Kathleen Lodge No. 338; Arthur Dees, Kathleen Lodge No. 338; Delmar Tanner, Kathleen Lodge No. 338; David Keen, Kathleen Lodge No. 338; Modesto Alvarez, Mozart Lodge No. 121; David Ray, Lakeland Lodge No. 91; Alex F. Van Duyn, Lakeland Lodge No. 91; Floyd Huettemann, Lakeland Lodge No. 91; Dwight Ridgeway, Braidentown Lodge No. 99; Barry Swan, Braidentown Lodge No. 99; Paul Ester, Braidentown Lodge No. 99; Todd Meschelle, Braidentown Lodge No. 99; James Bryington, Braidentown Lodge No. 99; Ken McCoy, Braidentown Lodge No. 99; Bob Thompson, Floral City Lodge No. 133; James Hugney, Floral City Lodge No. 133; John Paxton, Floral City Lodge No. 133; Norman Cyphers, Sarasota Lodge No. 147; James Godshall, Sarasota Lodge No. 147; Andrew Wormington, Sarasota Lodge No. 147; William Garrett, Masters and Wardens District 20 and 22; Ed Kellner, Brandon Lodge No. 114; Jon Vonderau, Clearwater Lodge No. 127; Stan Rakita, High Twelve No. 317; Steve Walden, Merritt Island Lodge No. 353; Tom Kruse, Merritt Island Lodge, No. 353; Reed Rue, Elmer O. Smith Lodge No. 307; Larry Gillespie, Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Board meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida in St. Petersburg, Florida on September 21, 2008.

R.:R.: Robert J. (Stretch) Liekefet gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig, D.G.M.  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

R.:W.: Dwight S. Wilkes  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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### ADDENDUM NO. 1

**PLANNING & FACILITIES REPORT:** - R.:W.: Leonard W. Lorenzo

#### FAILED EQUIPMENT REPORT – July 2008

1. Replaced motor/transmission coupler on Resident personal washing machine on R/C 2 south wing.
2. Replaced pot sink faucet in main kitchen. Also welded broken seam on stainless steel table at disposal rim.
3. Replaced defective boiler relief valve on Raypak boiler servicing laundry and guesthouse.
4. Replaced worn out gaskets and seals on face of Milnor washers #6 and #7.
5. Replaced 7.5 H.P. blower wheel motor on AHU #6 in R/C 2 lobby mechanical room. Old motor to be sent out for new bearings and seals.
6. Replaced leaking Armstrong pump/motor combo on laundry boiler.
7. Replaced worn out motor contactor/starter on AHU #14 servicing main kitchen.

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September 11, 2008

To: All Particular Lodge Secretaries

Re: Criminal Background Check Procedures/Regulations

Dear Brothers:

As a result of Edict No. 1 issued by M.:W.: Joe A. Fleites, Grand Master, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2008, the changes to the following Regulations are now in effect with regard to the procedures to the Criminal Background Check for petitioners:

**31.04** A Lodge may not ballot on a petition until the Investigation Committee (formally referred to as the "Character Committee") has reviewed a criminal background investigative report.

**33.02** Particular Lodges which may desire to print their own form of Petition for the Degrees must first submit the prepared form or copy to the Grand Secretary for his approval as to form and wording. In addition to the Petition, a statement of consent by the candidate to have a criminal background investigation ordered by the Lodge in addition to an understanding that the Brethren will be making due inquiry into the character and standing of the candidate. It shall be the responsibility of the Lodge Secretary to order the criminal background investigative report. No copies of the criminal background report shall be made nor shall its contents be revealed by or other than to the members of the Investigation Committee. The complete criminal background investigative report shall be returned to the candidate regardless of whether the candidate is accepted or rejected and a receipt obtained by the Lodge and made a part of the Lodge record.

**33.03** The Secretary shall present to the Lodge at its next Stated Communication all petitions for the Degrees received by him, unless deferred by the Worshipful Master for good cause. After the Lodge receives a petition and the statement consenting to the criminal background investigation report, they become a permanent record of the Lodge and should be filed by the Secretary after the Committee reports. A petition, after being received by the Lodge, cannot be withdrawn, even by unanimous consent of the Lodge, except in case of death or severe accident, that would render the applicant ineligible to receive the Degree in such cases. The Worshipful Master should order abatement of the proceedings in regard to such petitions so received by the Lodge.

**33.10** A ballot spread, inadvertently or otherwise, upon any petition for initiation before the Investigating Committee reports, is null and void and proceedings abate. Each member of the Committee should investigate independently, and may submit his report in writing or authorize some Brother to report for him, if unable to be present in person. The Committee may submit a unanimous report, or it may submit a divided report, but whether unanimous or divided, the Committee is automatically discharged when it reports, and the petition reported on must go to ballot, but the time of spreading the ballot is the Worshipful Master's responsibility, and a motion to spread the ballot is out of order. The Committee, or any member thereof shall not, after having made its report, disclose any information which was received by the Lodge concerning the criminal background investigation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Signature on File*

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

REL/wj

Cc: Grand Master  
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

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September 16, 2008

To: All Particular Lodge Secretaries

Re: Transfer of Membership

Dear Brother Secretary:

With the Masonic year coming to a close in just a few 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.

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Signature on file*

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

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cc: Grand Lodge Officers  
District Deputy Grand Masters