

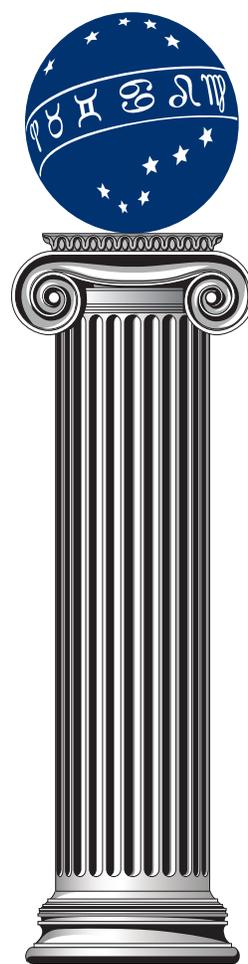
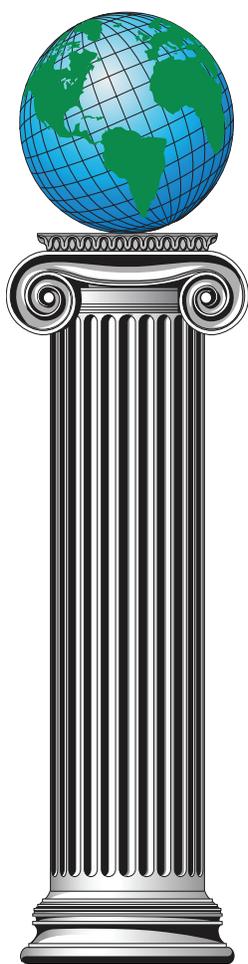
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Stated Communications 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm

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Charles Porter	1959
Theodore E. Weihe	1963
G. Kiser Hardaway	1964
J. C. Holloway	1968
R·:W·: Ray Richardson	1969*
R·:W·: Joseph H. Sellers	1970*
William "Ed" Davison	1974
Robert H. Smith	1977
R·:W·: Colin Crews	1980^*
H. C. Connell	1985
R·:W·: Theodore Jansen	1986*
R·:W·: Joseph T. Price	1987*
Michael Dozier	1988
John H. Meier V	1989
Jay A. Frizzell, Jr.	1992
Raleigh Sorenson	1993/1994
Don Barfield	1996
Tom Russell	1997/1998/2002
Mervyn Harris	1999
R·:W·: Kenneth Graves	2000*
Robert H. Browning	2003/2004
Dennis C. Ricker^	2005/2007
Roland P. Gibson	2006
Bill Green	2008

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* Past DDGM

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DDGM	R·: W·: Gary Smith 483-1556
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Board of Relief

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Chairman Don McIntyre, Larry Duff, Glen Bryan, W.: Bob Browning

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Chairman Larry Duff, R·: W·: Joe Price, Dean Sever, Saul Goodkin

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Chairman Don McIntyre, Sr. (EA), Randy Jesmok (FC),
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Greeters

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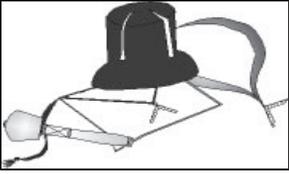
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Chairman Randy Jesmok, W·: Richard Ecott, W·: Bob Browning,
Don McIntyre, Larry Duff

Activities & Awards

Chairman John Patterson, Dick Frazier, Cliff Frazier

**Officers and Committee Chairmen will meet at 6:30 pm
before the first stated meeting of each month for
business and planning.**



From the Worshipful Master

W.: Richard Ecott

I'm happy to report we have several applications for new membership that are working their way through the petitions and investigative committees. We will be bringing these petitions before the Lodge membership during this month's meetings. Come and hear who may be your new Brethren.

To all who regularly attend our Tuesday morning breakfast and Second Sunday Monthly Dinners, THANK YOU, it can not be overstated how your fellowship and financial support keeps our Lodge running.

Fellowship at these events is, has been and will be, our primary goal. Financially, dues alone do not meet our yearly basic expenses (insurance, electric, gas, water, garbage, etc.) your financial support is what keeps us going. I am happy to report to you the membership that the six month financial report has us on the good side. Again, THANK YOU.

Recently it was brought to our attention that some new Master Masons raised in 2008 did not receive the "Masonic Education Booklets". These booklets would have been issued in a blue colored notebook and contained three booklets entitled Booklet 1, 2 & 3,

along with three booklets (The Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) and a Booklet entitled "Masonic Etiquette".

Secretary Phillips and Brother Duff have ordered and received a number of these notebooks, if you did not get one, see either Secretary Phillips or Brother Duff who are in the process of distributing the booklets to those who did not receive one.

CHECK YOUR DUES CARD, it's that time of year when the officers review the membership roles and present to Grand Lodge a list for the printing of dues notices that we will mail out in October. We have a few members who have not paid their dues for 2009 and will may be subject to suspension when the 2010 notices go out.

Don't let your membership lapse, if you are having financial difficulties, call the secretary and let him know, if you don't have a 2009 membership card, call the secretary and we will see why you didn't get one.

Hope to see you soon at a meeting, breakfast or dinner.



From the Chaplain

W.: Wayne Parks

Lady Rita Neilson, wife of Brother Fred Neilson was in LRMC with a blood infection. We're happy to report Fred has Rita at home and she is improving.

If you know of anyone that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep all our brothers in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS — We extend to all who have birthdays this month our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy celebration of your birthday. If you can't party it up this year makes plans for next year.

Words to live by: We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to live in the same box.

From the Great Light in Masonry: "Butter and honey will he eat when he knows to reject the evil and choose the good." Isaiah 7:15

CHOICE

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." Denis Waitley

"This above all: To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man." William Shakespeare — Hamlet Act I Scene III

GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

M·W· DALE I. GOEGRIG

Brethren,

“UNITY IN MASONRY” is my theme for this Grand Lodge year. It starts within each Lodge to create a cohesive force to move Masonry outside of the four walls of the Lodge and into the public view.

There are many opportunities in your community to donate your time, talent, ideas, and funds to worthwhile projects that can create a positive image of Freemasonry.

Public awareness is one of our primary goals this year. To this end I am asking every Lodge to work toward achieving the “Mark Twain Award” for public awareness. Every Lodge that participates will be a winner because their community will see that the local Lodge is contributing to its improvement. We need to let the public know who we are and what we do, so they can take that first step and ask to join.

All of the Allied and Appendant orders are dependent on us for their members. Each of them is working diligently in Florida to work together with the Blue Lodges to improve the flow of members to their organizations. There is a place for every brother in one or more of the organizations. The key is to find the place where each can contribute most effectively.

Education is a key component in improving ourselves and our Lodges to the point that we can communicate the values that Freemasonry represents to all those we come in contact with (potential members). Each member should strive to take advantage of the Masonic education materials available from Grand Lodge, especially the new members in your in your Lodge.



It is gratifying to witness the resurgence of new members petitioning our great fraternity, especially the younger ones. Our responsibility now is to give them a reason to participate in Lodge activities on a regular basis. We must make our meetings and activities meaningful and interesting not just in the Lodge, but outside in the community, to compete with the many other opportunities available to these brothers in our fast paced world.

The Grand Master’s Charity for this year is Alzheimer’s research. One of the teams at the forefront of the research effort is the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center & Research Institute located on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa. This highly respected research center has been selected to receive our donations this year. There are an estimated 5 million Americans with the disease. It is a progressive and fatal disease that destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behavior. It gets worse over time and is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. Each of us I’m sure, know one or more of those 5 million. Our financial support will assist in finding a cure for this debilitating disease.

I look forward to seeing many of our brothers all across this great state as your other Grand Lodge Officers and I travel from Pensacola to Jacksonville to the Keys, and all points in between.

I again thank all of the Florida Masons for allowing me to continue to serve this ancient and honorable fraternity and look forward to leaving it better than I found it.

Respectfully and fraternally,
Dale I. Goegrig
Grand Master



IT WAS A WARM DAY

By: Larry Duff, Junior Deacon & TB Editor

On June 20th (after July press date) a few members of the Lodge met for the announced lodge workday. It was warm with outside temperatures around 96° and a heat index of 103°.

Repaired was the outside flag spot light, shrub trimming and removal, tree branch removal, the old kitchen cabinets that had been replaced were installed in the garage for storage and a work bench, the garage was cleaned and reorganized, the dining room floor was cleaned and waxed, the kitchen got a cleaning as did the dining room ceiling fans, a few light bulbs were replaced and electrical switches replaced, the storage room off the dining room was cleaned and reorganized, all interior doors were cleaned and waxed, and the ladies bathroom got a fresh coat of paint.

Thanks goes to Brothers, Don McIntyre, Sr., Randy Jesmok, Jim Angelos, Dean Sever, Will Hoehndorf, Larry Duff and W.: Richard Ecott.

A very **SPECIAL THANK YOU** goes to Boy Scout Troop No. 1 (our sponsored troop) who out numbered Lodge members with their attendance of troop leaders, Scouts, mothers and sisters who worked hard to get accomplished the tasks we set out to do.

Our present building is 28 years old, with some of our beautiful furnishings coming from the 1922 downtown lodge building. Age and usage works against our building and furnishings as it does on us, when we look in the mirror, very few still the same face looking back as we did 28 years ago.

The Lodge "To Do" list is not complete, but shorter, we'll see you at the next lodge workday?



A STEP INTO THE FUTURE

By: Larry Duff, Junior Deacon & TB Editor

At the June 16th Stated Communications Meeting (after July press date), the Brethren of Leesburg Lodge took a bold step towards the financial security of both our Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The Brethren voted unanimously to acquire "Memorial Perpetual Memberships" for 64 deceased Past Masters at a cost of \$200.00 each.

This is an investment in the future of our Lodge as the Grand Lodge returned 5% in 2008, of which Leesburg Lodge received 4.621% and the Grand Lodge of Florida .379% on each dollar inputted into the fund. The investment return is annually for as long as Leesburg Lodge continues to exist.

For our newer Master Masons, Perpetual Memberships are authorized by the Lodge as approved by the Grand Lodge of Florida. There are several types and the cost varies as to each type.

I'll *brief* four below, but what they are, is an investment in the Lodges financial future and that of the Grand Lodge of Florida now and long after we have been received into the welcoming arms of the Grand Architect in that Celestial Lodge above.

There is a minimum cost per plan, you can add more if you like, and a payment plan is available.

A "Perpetual Membership" is for any member in good standing in a particular Lodge. the cost is twenty times the current annual dues. Your dues are paid for life and will not increase even if he Lodge votes to increase dues in the future.

A "Memorial Perpetual Membership" can be purchased for deceased Florida Mason at a cost of \$200.00.

A "Honorary Perpetual" can be purchased for distinguished and revered living or deceased Masons of this or another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida at a cost of \$200.00.

And a "Perpetual Friend Account" for a minimum donation of \$200.00 in the name of a single person or entity.

Our Lodge has existed for 141 years and there's no reason to believe it won't be here for another 141 years and beyond. For Masonry to continue to exist we must learn about our past, labor for today and plan for tomorrow.



NEW LEESBURG WEB SITE

By: Larry Duff, Junior Deacon & TB Editor

Leesburg Lodge has a new web site. The old web site had not been updated since May 2007 and as you can guess, was outdated with much of the information it contained.

A new web site was designed by Brother Duff and constructed by his niece on behalf of the Lodge.

You can access the Lodges new site by going to www.mastermason.com/lodge58 on your computers.

You'll find a message from the Worshipful Master, Educational References, Calendar of Events and more.

If you have any photographs or information you would like to see on the site let Brother Duff know.

STATED MEETING COLLATIONS

By: Senior Warden Don McIntyre, Sr.

The Senior & Junior Wardens and the Stewards have been approached by several Brethren with a suggestion regarding after meeting collations.

During our August 4th Stated Communications Meeting a discussion will be held regarding the suggestions and possible changes in the manner in which we do collations.

It has been suggested that a collation style meal be served before the Stated Communications Meetings with possibly a light desert and drink following the Stated Communications Meeting.

Brethren have pointed out that due to the hour that we generally adjourn from our meetings this is a little late for most to have a meal.

Attend the August 4th meeting or let the Wardens and Stewards know your ideas on this change.



OLD TYLERS HISTORY

By: Harley Johnson, Past Master

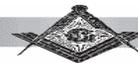
After the last meeting the young Mason was speaking to the old Tyler about the old fellows past history.

'Now I just found out that you are a Past Master, member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite Chapter, Council, Knights Templar, the Shrine, and have held office in the Grand Lodge. Now why don't you wear any of those pins or show what you are?'

"Well young man I do. Do you not see my ring and pin? It shows that I belong to the greatest group I know of. As for the others, without my Masonic base I could never have done any of those things. Yes, I am a Past Master of this Lodge and could sit on the sidelines and bask in whatever there is to bask in, However, when my term as Master was over it was my duty to listen and obey the new Master of the Lodge, not give my ideas unless asked, and do my best to help him as Master and other Masons grow in knowledge. As for being the Tyler I have the privilege of meeting each member as they enter or leave the Lodge, and to me that is a great privilege; so, when all is said and done I am a Mason, therefore I do not need all that other stuff. The Square and Compass will say it all."

"Thank you, now I see what a Mason is and should be, I will try to follow in your ideas and be humble as

well," the young Man said, and after many years of Masonic work guess who is now a Tyler.



A NEW MASTER MASON

Brother & Marshal Dean Sever accompanied by Brother Ed Sowden visited Elmer O. Smith Lodge 307 in Pinellas Park on Saturday June 27 for the Master Mason degree and raising of three new Master Masons.

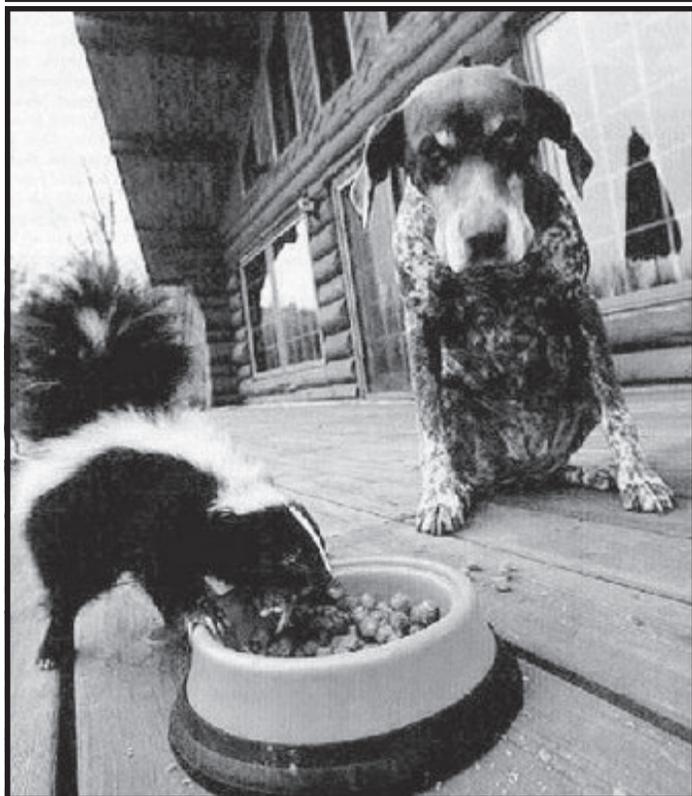
Brother Sever over the past four issues has kept us abreast of his son Michael, who was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Brother Michael Sever has studied and returned to his Lodge Brethren his catechism work between degrees for the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees.

The Worshipful Master of Elmer O. Smith Lodge 307 allowed Brother Dean the honor of raising of his son Mike.

The ritual was done to perfection followed by a fellowship meal afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

*Wisdom and Patience are generally
the best course of action.*





Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. NO DINNER is planned. October 10th and 11th have been selected as dates for the Ocala Scottish Rite's Fall Reunion.



York Rite Bodies

"A Continuation of the Blue Lodge"

www.flgyr.org

Ocala York Rite Bodies – Meetings at Belleview Lodge No. 95, Belleview.

Ocala Chapter No. 13 - Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the Second Wednesday of January, March, May, September and November beginning at 7:30 PM.

Ocala Council No. 22 - Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

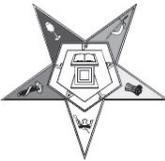
Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Eustis York Rite Bodies - Meetings at Eustis Lodge No. 85, Eustis.

Eustis Chapter No. 33, Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM

*Triangle Commandery No. 38 –Knights Templar—*Meets on the on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM



Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Lady Elizabeth Eldridge – Worthy Matron

W.: Roland Gibson — Worthy Patron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

If you are a member of the OES and wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



Order of Amaranth, No. 34

RM — Mildred Kronberg

RP — Richard Keifer

Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.m.

If you wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Paul Davidson

Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m.

If you wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.

A NEW SIGN

A young Entered Apprentice was being examined as to his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

After he had finished, he looked at his instructor and said, "I noticed several of the older members sticking their fingers in their ears and whistling. Is that a sign

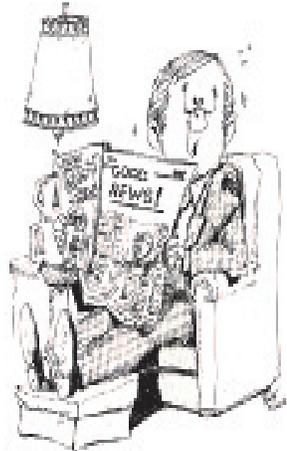
that I missed something? What does that sign mean?"

"That's not a sign," his instructor said, "those are old Past Masters adjusting their hearing aids."



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Our goal for 2009 is 60 sponsors, the sponsorship money will cover the cost of postage for 2009. That's 6 more than in 2007 and 23 more than in 2008, we're at 56 WE just need 4 more sponsors.

Editors Note: All articles and information for publication must be received by the editor prior to the 15th of the publishing month for inclusion in the next issue. Articles can be e-mailed to Larry Duff at Ldduff@comcast.net

MASONIC EDUCATION & DISCUSSION

Seek to mentor a Brother Mason: It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!

"An Educated Mason Is A Dedicated Mason" and a dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our fraternity.



ROLES – and How Well We Play Them

By :WB Wally Zink

Whenever I am downhearted and disappointed with my role and station in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the fourth grade school play.

His mother told me that he had his heart set on being in it, though she suspected that he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were assigned, Jamie rushed home, ran into the house and with excitement of a ten year old shouted, "Guess what Mom," and then in words that have hung in my mind these many years and have been a lesson to me Jamie declared with pride, "I have been chosen to clap and cheer."

It is recorded that Abraham Lincoln often visited hospitals to talk with wounded soldiers during the Civil War.

On one such visit doctors pointed out a young soldier who was near death. Lincoln walked over to his bedside. "Is there anything I can do for you?" asked the President. Obviously the soldier did not recognize Lincoln, and with exerted effort he was able to whisper, "Would you please write a letter to my mother?"

A pen and paper were given to the President and Lincoln carefully began to write down what the young man was able to say:

"My dearest mother, I was badly hurt while doing my duty. I am afraid I am not going to recover. Don't grieve too much for me, please. Kiss Mary and John for me. May God bless you and father."

The soldier was too weak to continue, so Lincoln signed the letter for him and added, "Written for your son by Abraham Lincoln." The young lad asked to see the note and was astonished when he discovered who had written it. "Are you really the President?" he whispered. "Yes I am." Lincoln replied quietly.

Then Lincoln asked if there was anything else that he could do?

"Would you please hold my hand?" the soldier asked. "It will help me see it through to the end." In the hushed room, the tall gaunt President took the boy's hand and silently held it until death came.

If there is a lesson in these two incidents it is simply this; it is not the roles we play in life but how well do we play the role we have?



HONOR

Brother Ed Halpaus

Some time ago a Brother wrote to me asking whether I had written an article on 'honor,' and asked, if I had, to please send him a copy. Well, it was a good question because it told me I needed to do something on that topic, as I hadn't written specifically about 'honor' previously. I had given talks at Masonic functions where I did mention honor, because it is important to Freemasonry and to Masons. Honor is one of the things a Mason is admonished to keep uppermost in mind when he is wearing his Masonic apron; (we symbolically wear our apron 7 days a week 24 hours a day as Freemasons – the charge to wear it with honor and pleasure does not end when the Lodge is closed.)

The New Mason gets this first important lesson about his apron when he is presented with it in his first degree: When you think about our degrees there is so much wisdom in the life lessons that are woven into them that we could spend the rest of our lives pondering the lessons and living up to them.

The new Mason is told to wear his apron with equal pleasure to himself and honor to the fraternity; actually Honor to the Fraternity also means honor to others and to himself as well. Equal Pleasure to himself and honor to the fraternity is an interesting phrase, because when a man is honorable he is a happy man; it's acting in less than an honorable fashion that contributes to unhappiness.

One of my favorite authors is Rabbi Zelig Pliskin; his books are not entirely religious, they are more like self-help and books for living than religious books, although religion is a part of self-help and joyful living.

In his book "Harmony with Others" he has a short chapter (all of his chapters are on the short side) called "Who is an Honorable Person?" The question comes from the Talmud, and the Talmud also provides the answer; from Pirkei Avos 4:1 "The one who shows honor and respect to others." This is not strictly something that is taught only in Judaism – it's something I was taught all through my youth from my parents, teachers, and ministers, – treat others with dignity and respect. Most religions of the world have something akin to the Golden Rule about treating others as you would like to be treated; The 14th Dalai Lama says he likes to amend it to "Do unto others – more – than you would have them do unto you"

Rabbi Pliskin, in his book, says we all want to be treated with basic respect, and, 'as we internalize the essential message of the Sages [Pirkei Avos 4:1], we will decrease our concern about how others treat us and we will increase our concern about how we treat others.'

In Rabi Pliskin's book "Building Your Self-Image – and the Self-Image of Others" is another short chapter called "I am My Choices." In this chapter he reminds us that in every situation we have the opportunity to make a choice. J. Martin Kohe back in the 1950's wrote a 'wonderful' small book called "Your Greatest Power;" this is a self-help classic and well worth reading if you can get a copy; in it he tells us our greatest power is the power to choose. Rabbi Pliskin reminds us about this great power, one which we use all day long every day, and he tells us that in every instance, especially stressful and disturbing moments, we have the opportunity to use our great power to choose; we can say to ourselves 'I am My Choices:' This can serve to remind us to make wise choices.

We choose our feelings, because our feelings are created by our choice of thoughts, words, and actions: The essence of who we are, as Rabbi Pliskin says, comes from our choices; choices come from thought, and are manifested through our words and actions. When we say to ourselves 'I am my choices,' we are stating a truthful fact, and we are in a position to make wise choices.

There is a lot to study about honor, but unfortunately the subject is not found in many 'Masonic' books, so in order to study it we need to look elsewhere. But then, it may come down to our power to choose, to decide, what a Masonic book is. To me a Masonic Book is not only one that talks about symbolism, history, and Masonic Lodges or Masons. It is a book that will help

the Mason in his search for truth, one that helps in understanding Masonic values even though they are not labeled as such, one that will help him in his quest to become a better man than he was previously to the learning gleaned from the book, one that will help him mentor and teach his Brother Mason, and help him in his personal quest for truth and improvement.

Information and learning about what Masonry stands for and teaches can be found in a great number of places. All we need to do is broaden our horizons and be open to finding this information in places we might not have thought of before.



HOME

The Lodge where you are a member is your home lodge. This should be the most familiar of all places for the relief of the day to day stress that one faces in the world.

The attendance and participation of each member shows the new and uninformed member how important it is to be a faithful and worthy brother. To be faithful, you must attend, and to be worthy, you must practice what you have learned in the lodge. The burden of teaching is on every member, and not the sole duty of the Lodge Education Officer.

To learn the history of the lodge, so you can pass it on to visiting brothers, is not only a matter of pride but one of honor. If you encourage a visiting brother to tell you of the history of his lodge, you will give him a chance to make a connection with all the brothers of both lodges. As you want to know them, they want to know you.

Practicing what you learn in the lodge is important. Through the practice of the principles of Masonry you become a better person. You also show the world that masonry works for the good of all and not just for its members.

When you visit another lodge, the usual questions are: What Lodge are you from? How old is your lodge? Who is the Worshipful Master? How many members do you have? When do you meet? Do you do much work?

Answer these questions, and then let them know, with dignity, how your lodge is moving forward. While you visit other lodges, be a frequent attendee to your own, "you must know home to be a traveler."



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Second SUNDAY DINNER — AUGUST 9th, 2009

11:30 a.m. TO 1:15 p.m.

Menu items :

***STUFFED CABBAGE with Tomato or Beef Sauce,
Baked Red Potatoes, Peas, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Desserts and Drinks***

Suggested donation \$8.00 per person.



Please call the Lodge, or sign the guest list in the foyer, and provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all. ***All Masons***, their families, friends and guests are invited to our Second ***Sunday Dinners and Tuesday breakfasts.. Menu items subject to change due to availability and cost.***

Dinner and Breakfast menu suggestions welcomed, just fill out a comment card and let us know.



***HELP THE CHARITY FUND
LEESBURG 58 COFFEE CUPS***

W.:M.:Richard Ecott has purchased 150 coffee cups. These cups are black with a gold square and compass with Leesburg 58 embossed on them. These cups are available for a donation of \$7.00 each. W.:M.: Ecott has directed that Your donations will be deposited into the Charity Fund to fund charitable projects in 2009. Get one while they last and help someone in need.