

FROM THE WEST —

My Dear Brothers,

It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to be your Senior Warden. I am learning so much from many of you and I appreciate everyone's mentoring and Brotherly Love. Our Fraternity is unique because of that Love we feel and the commitment we have for each other. Other organizations provide social events and have their own rituals but there are few which compare to F & AMs. We are truly an organization that come together on the level, act upon the plum, and when we part from the Lodge we square our virtues to all but most specially a Brother.

One of the key component that makes us a great Lodge system is our ritual work. The ritual is not necessarily only found in that little red book we were provided when we became M.M.s. The true ritual needs to be search through an expert brother, attending the Open Books and learning it from the actual books. Much of what we do regarding the ritual is memorization but there are two additional parts to it. The second and equally important part is the floor work. Each of our movements has meaning and if we make the wrong moves or actions we may overtly or subliminally relay the wrong message. I can honestly tell you that every time I am at the Open Books I learn something new on the floor work. Thus, I recommend that we attend Open Books and learn from those who mastered the work. The third part of the ritual is less interesting since it requires much research and actually doing something that many of us feel is awkward. That is inward esoteric side of the ritual.

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The part that we do not practice well is the meditation/prayer. We need to be more introspective with ourselves and learn the secret of smoothing that Ashlar, learn the seven Arts and Sciences to truly experience and understand nature and people, thus learning to control our minds; and lastly learn to evolve towards a more perfect man by applying both points of the compasses to ourselves and controlling our emotions and inner mind (ego).

Our journey is not an easy one and we know this. That is why we continue to pursue Freemasonry with our heart and mind. Our opening and closing rituals say a lot and we need to pay due attention and practice what is said (if we understand the nature of what is being stated--hence the research and introspective view of ourselves). Our charges (that I have heard only the first one stated by our W.M.) are powerful and inspirational. The prayers that our Chaplain states throughout the ritual is grounding and motivational. When I leave the Lodge I leave my Brothers and can't wait to our next reunion. Brotherly Love is our unification, the ritual our tool, and our minds the spark of enlightenment. I invite all Brothers to come to come to Lodge and partake of this wonderful experience. It would be such a pleasure to have the Lodge full of Brothers which we can join our energies and evolve through our rituals. It is also a pleasure to be among like-minded souls that share in the same strategies for development. May the G.A. of T.U. Bless us all and I look forward to seeing all my Brothers at our next Stated Communications.

Hector Mirabile, S.W.

West Broward Lodge No. 253

Aug 2017 Edition

Master Mason (MM) I, II and III class.

Saturday, September 2nd 2017

Eureka-North Shore Lodge No. 269

101 SE 1st Ave. Dania Beach, FL33004

(class will be over by about noon.)

All Brothers are welcome whether they have taken the class or not--please don't be shy.

☑ Must bring their dues card;

☑ Bring a pen; and

☑ All Brothers are welcome to bring their laptop, tablet or if they have the Digest, or if your Lodge wishes to let them borrow one of yours, please bring it. If you have Brothers in your Lodge who have taken the MM I, II and III online and passed, or if your Lodge has performed a MM I, II and III class, please fill out the form attached, save copies of the completed exams and sign-in sheet and be sure to notify me. Remember all Brothers who anticipate being elected to Junior Warden must have completed these exams prior to installation, or they cannot be installed. Furthermore, our RW Deputy Grand Master, John Karroum, has gone on record stating that legislation will be forthcoming requiring not just the Junior Warden, but the Senior Warden and Worshipful Master to have taken and passed MM I, II and III, prior to installation. Any questions, contact brother Matt Goldstein goldmatt3@gmail.com or (954) 655-9032.

Petitions & Advancements

Prospective Members:

Mr. Aleck Brailsford Mr. Bernardo Lopes
Mr. Juan Colon Mr. Allan Escoto
Mr. Gary Chisholm Mr. Michael Alvarez
Mr. Chris Stephenson Mr. Jorge Lacera
Mr. Sebastian Valcy-Charles

Entered Apprentices

Bro. Peter Pagan Mr. Richard Mendelson

Fellow Crafts

Bro. Daniel Garcia Mr. Felix Onate

OFFICERS 2017

W. Master: Brian Chartrand, PM
Sr. Warden: Hector Mirabiles
Jr. Warden: Manny Fernandez, PM
Treasurer: Glenn G. Gomez, PDDGM
Secretary: Carlos "Chuck" Hernandez, PM
Sr. Deacon: Roman Maciag, Jr.
Jr. Deacon: Thomas Fabricio
Sr. Steward: Brian Tienhaara
Jr. Steward: George Mercado
Chaplain: Philip A. Slack, PM
Marshal: Derek Cordle
Tyler: Robert Scheinwald

AUGUST CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

Aug 2nd (Wed): District of
Instruction & Open Books @ 5pm - 8pm
Location: Doric Lodge No.140

Aug 3rd (Thu): Stated Meeting @
7:30pm meeting, 6:30pm dinner

Aug 5th (Sat): Helping Kids in
Broward School Supply Drive 8am -1pm

Aug 21st (Mon): Open Books @ 5pm -
8pm Location: Doric Lodge No.140

Aug 24th (Thu): Eboard meeting @
7pm

Aug 30th (Wed): Masters & Wardens @
7:30pm meeting, 6:30pm dinner

Location: J Dewey Hawkins Lodge

Sponsored by Coral Springs No.373

Aug 31st (Wed): Teacher
Appreciation Day @ 7pm



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Sunrise, Florida 33323

Stated Meetings
1st Thursday of Each Month
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Stated Meeting