

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

May 2017 Edition

FUTURE EVENT — 4th of July

July 4th(Tues): 4th of July Picnic at Lodge and Dock of WBL No.253
@ 12pm - 4pm

Lodge will provide Hamburger, Hotdogs and drinks. Please bring side dishes and desserts.



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. Richard Mendelson Mr. Sebastian Valcy-Charles

Entered Apprentices

Bro. Peter Pagan

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

MAY CALENDAR

May 3rd (Wed): District of Instruction & Open Books @ 5pm - 8pm

Location: Doric Lodge No.140

May 4th (Thu): Stated Meeting @ 7:30pm meeting, 6:30pm dinner

May 15th (Mon): Open Books @ 5pm-8pm Location: Doric Lodge No.140

May 24th (Wed): Masters & Wardens @ 7:30pm meeting, 6:30pm dinner

Loc: Eureka North Shore Lodge No.269

May 25th (Thu): Eboard meeting @ 7pm

JUNE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

Jun 1st (Thu): Stated Meeting @ 7:30pm meeting, 6:30pm dinner

Jun 7th (Wed): District of Instruction & Open Books @ 5pm - 8pm
Location: Doric Lodge No.140

Jun 19th (Mon): Open Books @ 5pm-8pm Location: Doric Lodge No.140

Jun 22nd (Thu): Eboard meeting @ 7pm

Jun 28th (Wed): Masters & Wardens @ 7:30pm meeting, 6:30pm dinner

Location: Roe Fulkerson Lodge No.299



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

