

From the West

Greetings from the West,

As we approach the end of 2009 and enter the holiday season, I extend my best wishes to all. It has been a good year at our lodge and I have been honored to serve as Senior Warden and thank you all for your support.

I congratulate our Worshipful Master, Charles Hughes on a very successful year. Our lodge has raised approximately twenty brothers and our facility is in good shape! Our degree team and Catechism instructors have been very busy and deserve our appreciation.

I would like to continue with the Master Mason Roundtable next year as it is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Masonry, enjoy Masonic fellowship, and brainstorm about important work. Topics we have covered so far are the Master Mason I, II, and III Exams and a review of the lodge bylaws. For our December 8th meeting we will be watching a video and discussing Masonic Medical Research, as well as helping brothers complete the Master Mason Exams. Please feel free to submit ideas. I look forward to seeing you at the Master Mason Roundtable on the second Tuesday of every month.

The Pancake Breakfasts, started by Jon Wolfersberfer, PM, will continue to be on the 4th Saturday of each month. This event has been a wonderful opportunity for our brothers, their families, and prospective members to socialize and enjoy Masonic fellowship.

Thinking ahead for 2010, I propose that we remember our important tenants of brotherly love, relief and truth. I am also planning on a more focused effort toward charitable fundraising by planning 3-4 events, to be selected by the Lodge. There will also be blood drives during our pancake socials in March and October. There will be two Stated Communications monthly with a social event replacing the second meeting every quarter. Fraternaly,
Ron Barker, Senior Warden

From the South

My Brothers,
Thank you for your support and sponsorship of the pre-Lodge dinners, the Pancake Socials, Lodge maintenance and many special projects.

Brother Eddie, you have done a wonderful job. This Brother owns and runs a restaurant, and what do we do to him? We get him into our kitchen! His creations have been very well received and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The fundraiser we held on Saturday November 14th was a success! Thank you to the ladies of the OES for their awesome desserts! Someone made this banana creation that I really enjoyed (ate two!). Please express your appreciations to Brothers Curtis Hughes, Jason Viele, Jim Beckman, Ron Barker, Eddie Smeen, and Peter Katsoulas for all their help.

We have a Work Day scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at 8am. I will be bringing in a continental breakfast including hot coffee for those participants. The Insta-Hot Water Heater will be installed, the second ceiling fan will be done in the Secretary's office, the replacement Air Conditioning Coil will be installed outside, and the door on the North Side of the Lodge will be replaced (Many thanks in advance to Mike Hampton and Dimitrios Bitzanakis for their contributions!). Maybe we will get the Flag Lights repaired as well that day. If anyone wants to volunteer to help, we could use some brothers to clean the kitchen and the rest of the Lodge to get it in good shape for 2010. Please contact me if you are available.

Well, this is my last month as Junior Warden. I have learned many good Masonic lessons. The fact that you all ate just about everything that I have helped to prepare is one indication of satisfaction! Do not miss my last pre-lodge dinner as Junior Warden on December 21st, it will be a memorable one!
Fraternaly,
Kevin Gholston, Junior Warden

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 5th – 8 AM Breakfast
Masters & Wardens – Gateway Lodge No. 384

Monday, Dec. 7th – STATED COMMUNICATION
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 - **Election of Officers for 2010**

Saturday, Dec 12th – 8 AM to NOON
LODGE WORK DAY – Breakfast will be served

Monday, Dec. 21st
STATED COMMUNICATION
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 - Meeting open to family & friends

Saturday, Dec 26th – NO PANCAKE SOCIAL

Monday, Dec. 28th – 7:00 PM

INSTALLATION

of

OFFICERS

Dessert following Installation.
Family and friends are invited.

Monday, Jan. 4th – STATED COMMUNICATION
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 16th – 8 AM Breakfast
Masters & Wardens - Merritt Island Lodge No. 353

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NEVER FORGET

The most important day of our Masonic career was when we were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to the following members who were Raised during the month of

DECEMBER

Wallace MacGregor 12/13/1955	Daryl Fite 12/08/1980
Robert F. Erwin 12/11/1956	William Miller 12/17/1962
Wayne Clark 12/05/1970	Oran Story 12/05/1970
Leonard Wardman 12/18/1971	Joseph Vega 12/11/1978
Doc N. Williams 12/11/1975	Buna C. Lear 12/08/1980
Kevin B. Smith 12/08/1980	Glenn Whitlock 12/08/1980
David Clark 12/13/1997	Van Collie, Jr. 12/13/1997
Terry Durand 12/13/1997	Bryan Evert 12/13/1997
Larry Smith 12/13/1997	Norman Maynor 12/02/2000
Tony Snow 12/02/2000	Charles Hughes 12/03/2008
Kyle Everly 12/06/2008	Ryan Kelley 12/06/2008
Timothy O'Dell 12/06/2008	Craig Sicinski 12/06/2008
Eddie Smeen 12/06/2008	David Stoltz 12/06/2008
Rick Thornburg 12/06/2008	Dan Wilder 12/06/2008

From the East

Greetings Brothers,

It's December already and the end of the year is almost here. So let me wish everyone a joyful and happy holiday and may the blessing of God be upon every one of you this year.

I also want to thank everyone for your support this past year and I hope that you will continue that support for the Worshipful Master next year.

Happy holidays,
Charles Hughes, Worshipful Master

Secretary's Corner

Brethren,
Please note the two part form for the 2010 Dues Renewal notices. You keep the top section for your records, detach and return the bottom section with your check.

At the 180th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, the craft adopted Legislation to raise the suggested VOLUNTARY donation to the Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents (LYPMGC) to \$7.30 per member. A space is also included for a VOLUNTARY Donation of \$7.70 to the Lodge Building Fund.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary or any Officer.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Roger McKay, PDDGM, Secretary

Melbourne Lodge No. 143 Free & Accepted Masons

Chartered January 17, 1894



Trestleboard

December 2009

Stated Communications
First and Third Mondays 7:30 P.M.

Charles Hughes, Worshipful Master
321-615-6417

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LODGE MEETING LOCATION

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Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 106

Stated Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30PM
Worthy Matron: Kim Shingler: 321-727-2528

South Brevard Scottish Rite Club:

4th Thursday, 7:30PM
President: Charles Hughes, 321-615-6417

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

Charles Paul England – October 1, 2009
Walter Charles Littlecot – October 23, 2009

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