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~ From the East ~

How precious be that enlightenment once sought by we? Where once was darkness now we see. Each man a runner torch in hand shall pass the flame from man to man.

> How precious be that life we live When to our brothers Light we give?

James Hamilton

Do not go gentle into that good night, Old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right, Because their words had forked no lightning they Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay, Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight, And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way, Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay, Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height, Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray. Do not go gentle into that good night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Dylan Thomas

Sincerely,

Bro. James E Hamilton W.M. Noah Lodge #357 F&A.M.

From the West "On the Level"

Greetings from the West

The Mason wives challenge all other Lodgers to bring their families and friends to this event.

The information s as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: ELEPHANT BAR RESTAURANT

Address: 4125 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers (Located at the Edison Mall)

Must RSVP by August 6th (to ensure reservation number)

RSVP to Ashlie Tillman @ 239-218-7139

NOTE: Each couple/family is responsible for their own meal purchases.

1966	Earl C. Lewis*	1991	Norris W. Clark, Jr.		
1967	Robert Thompson*	1992	Stephen G. Sibbald		
1968	Gordon Mason	1993	Alex Sibbald		
1969	Louis Foss *	1994	Dr. Mark C. Means		
1970	David R. Grant *	1995	Floyd D. Waddell		
1971	Charles Nelson	1996	Dr. Rick A. Means		
1972	Walter Stilwell	1997	Larry G. Hayes		
1973	John R. Lee	1998	John A. Dean		
1974	James T. Linton *	1999	Dana P. McGrath		
1975	Bruce Cowart *	2000	Thomas Reedy		
1976	Horace Welch	2001	Lawrence Tomlinson		
1977	Gerald Keeton *	2002	Brian Harkins		
1978	Alex Sibbald	2003	Mike Morrow*		
1979	Robert Morrow	2004	Jerry Timberlake		
1980	Fred Henniger*	2005	Robert Gilliand		
1981	Upton S. Higginbotham	2006	David Dellinger		
1982	Charles J. Christman	2007	Christopher Kelly		
1983	Milton A. Bayliss, Jr.	2008	Lawrence Tomlinson		
1984	Howard L. Ekiss	2009	Thomas Reedy		
1985	O. Jay Hilderbrandt	2010	Dr. Rick A. Means		
1986	Charles R. Lawson	2011	Larry Newton		
1987	John A. Dean	2012	Lawrence Tomlinson		
1988	John R. Grabowski *				
1989	O. Jay Hilderbrandt	* Indicates Deceased			
1990	Richard Bashaw *				

From The South "Observing the time"

Brothers,

From the JW

Brothers if you have not been at lodge because we are dark. You are missing out on a great time of fellowship and training. Bro Sabo is practicing to do the EA degree and doing a good job, but if you think you don't need practice you might want to re-think that. Every week we come back with little things to change and just being around your brothers can be enlightening. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon. We have a great bunch of Bro's doing this degree, but as always your help is always welcome and your insight is always welcome, cause we don't know it all or I should speak for myself and just say I don't. Look forward to seeing you there every Monday at 7:30.

Michael W. Gardner Junior Warden



From the Secretaries desk

Greetings Brothers,

Well, I can report with ease that "the Secretary's Desk" is still a mess, but is an ever-changing mess. We are dark for yet another month or so and I hope to get somewhat caught up before our first LONG meeting of catching up with the backlogged reports and news from the two months "off".

The GREAT NEWS: The Officers are fast approaching another EA Degree event at which we will be initiating several Men into the world of Masonry. Herein should be some details of that event, I hope to see every one of us in attendance at that very important moment in another newly-initiated first step in the Light we all once craved so much.

The less-great news: I'm preparing our mid-year "Non-paid Dues" notices for mailing next week (hopefully, as always). If you are one of the Brothers who hasn't yet remembered or simply cannot afford to pay this year's dues (\$150), PLEASE CALL ME at <u>239-707-0001</u> and we'll figure out some way to get through these interesting times TOGETHER as BROTHERS, just like we obligated ourselves to do several times along the path to that house not made with hands. If you've already started an installment plan to pay 2013's dues, remember there are only five months before 2014 dues notices are sent, so please plan accordingly in your budgeting. Lastly: If you are receiving this Trestleboard by snail-mail, PLEASE send me your email address so we can add you to our online/email list. These cost serious money these days, so every penny we keep is one we can use to help a worthy, distressed Brother as we obligated ourselves to do many times.

See you at Lodge, Brothers – if you haven't been to Lodge lately, you have some pleasant surprises awaiting you. One of our Brothers took on the task of updating the Lodge and the work done is simply amazing to see and enjoy. Fraternally, Dana McGrath, Secretary 239-707-0001

From the Chaplain

My Brothers,

Time has a way of passing swiftly. It will soon be half way through the year. Have we used our time wisely?

Have we achieved the goals we set for this year?

Have our new year's resolutions been forgotten?

We still have time to loose weight, stop smoking, attend lodge, do a good deed every day, tell our loved that we do love them, and perhaps the hardest of all, forgive those who we feel have wronged us. My brothers the time to start is now. Will we see you in lodge the next meeting?

May God bless you every day in every way.

AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Veterans Breakfast 7:30 to 10:30
4	5 Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30	6	7	8	9	<i>10</i> Traveling Fork, 5 PM, Family Night
11	12 Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Brothers,

We have been practicing for the E.A degree set for August 26,2013, the Brothers have been doing well in their practice. We have a few Brothers who have missed a couple of our practices however I am sure they know their parts well. Brother Sabo will be residing in the East for the degree and our Lecturer has not been confirmed as of July 29,2013. I am confident Brother Sabo will locate a Lecturer. We plan to have a great degree and a hearty welcome for our 3 new Candidates coming in and hope all Brothers are available to bring them to Light.

My new job as District Instructor of the 28 Masonic District has been very rewarding thus far. I have visited Moore Haven and Tropical to date and have been received well by all the Brothers at each Lodge and the work performed was about as good as any Lodge could do. I have other Lodges to visit and will continue to visit various Lodges in the District and if you are interested in going on these visits just let me know. My visits are not official as The DDGMs visits are they are only courtesy visits to see if the Lodges need assistance in any way with their work and to get to know all the Brothers of the District just a little better.

If you feel you are proficient in any of the degrees or catechisms lets work on getting you your Silver, White, Green or up to the Blue card, all it takes is a little determination and a lot of studying. I know you have the determination or you wouldn't be a Master Mason today, now all you have to do is study see you are half way there already. Remember the old guys who used to teach you and spend a lot of their free time at Lodge or elsewhere teaching a class, guess what that old guy is you now. Step up take your turn at the plate and pass the work on, the correct work.

Last but not least if you don't know our Zone Instructor for Zone 8 (my boss) he is none other than Right Worshipful Ed Lanham, who has done many of our Lectures in District 28 and 29. RW Lanham is a GOLD CARD holder and worked very hard to earn this great reward for his hard word, as you should also be rewarded also for you hard work for your studying and your dedication. Make your Lodge even prouder to have you as a member get a card. You could be the next Ed Lanham. Open books are the 4th Saturday of every month 9 am till 12:00, anything you want to look at or work on.

Thank you,

RH Lawrence A. Tomlinson

We balloted on three Candidates on March 18, 2013, all of whom will be initiated 8/26/13 Please plan to help with the Degree work and welcome these Candidates to the world of Masonry:

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Jerrold Matthew Zacharias JR 1823 LAKEVIEW BLVD NORTH FORT MYERS FL 33903

Benjamin Bevan Green: 5134 ATLANTIC CT CAPE CORAL FL 33904

Michael Robert Wampler 1840 LAKEVIEW BLVD NORTH FORT MYERS FL 33903

At our March 18, 2013 Stated Communication, Noah Lodge voted to move a Petition forward on the following Applicant:

Christopher Taylor 8467 BREEZE DR NORTH FORT MYERS FL 33917

The art of reasoning, and one of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, whose uses are inculcated in the Second Degree. The power of right reasoning, which distinguishes the man of sane mind from the madman and the idiot, is deemed essential to the Freemason, that he may comprehend both his rights and his duties. And hence the unfortunate beings just named, who are without this necessary mental quality, are denied admission into the Order. The Old Charges define logic to be the art "that teacheth to discern truth from falsehood."

Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry