

Birthdays for May 2019

Richard	Perry	Coffer	05/04/19
Ramon	•	Ramirez	05/09/19
David	Α	Fillak	05/14/19
Leighton	Thomas	Delk Jr	05/15/19
Raymond	Charles	Callen	05/19/19
Robert	Earl	Dooley	05/21/19
Eric	J	Hammond	05/24/19
Kurt		Williams	05/29/19

190th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida will hold its 190th Annual Grand Communication on Monday, May 27th thru Wednesday, May 29th, 2019. It will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, located at 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819. The schedule has not yet been released, but will be updated as soon as it is finalized.



FROM THE EAST

It is a busy time for J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge.

This month we have a packed agenda. We have several orders of business that must be addressed, not the least of which is the proposed legislation that will be voted upon at the upcoming Grand Communication in Orlando.

Another major event is our upcoming Fellow Craft proficiency. Brother Islam Qader has worked hard and I have no doubt he will soon be eligible for the Master Mason degree.

The great success of the Diamonds and Gold event is detailed on page 6.

Our clothing drive continues. Bring clothes for children ages 10-17 and drop them in the box in the collation room.

Thanks to Brother Sol for his efforts to secure a room for our Friends and Family night at Catfish Dewey's. Relations with the restaurant were chaotic but the fellowship shared was heartening. Attendees included Brothers, spouses, friends, family, candidates, etc. Laughter beats chaos every time.

Joining us at the dinner were our newest Entered Apprentice Brothers, Kevin Oconefsky, Daniel Jolly, and Douglas Liantonio. Congratulations to them for starting on this journey.

May we govern our actions by the Square of Virtue,

James Freeborn, WM



LODGE OFFICERS: APPOINTED

o Senior Deacon

o Tyler

o Junior Deacon

o Chaplain

o Senior Steward

o Marshall

o Junior Steward

o Musician

<u>SENIOR DEACON</u> - The Senior Deacon has regular duties during opening and closing of the Lodge; his jewel is the Square and Compasses with the Sun in the middle (symbolizing his place in the East).

He introduces visitors and, so, must make certain they are greeted warmly.

- Messenger of the Worshipful Master.
- Greets and introduces visitors.
- Responsible for preparation of candidates for the Degrees.
- In charge of ballot box.

JUNIOR DEACON – The Junior Deacon has regular duties during opening and closing of the Lodge; his jewel is the Square and Compasses with the Moon in the middle (symbolizing his place in the West).

- Messenger of the Senior Warden.
- Guards the outer door (with Tyler).

<u>SENIOR and JUNIOR STEWARDS</u> – The Stewards are primarily responsible for the physical and mental preparation of candidates; their jewel is the Cornucopia.

- Duties during Degree work.
- Assist Junior Warden in prep of refreshments and cleanup afterward.
- Set up the Lodge room.
- Return paraphernalia to proper storage area.

LODGE OFFICERS NOT IN THE PROGRESSIVE LINE

<u>TYLER</u> – Guards the Lodge's outer boundaries; must be a Brother but not, necessarily, a member of the Lodge; his jewel is the Sword.

- He sits outside the closed door, armed with a sword.
- This officer is often a long-standing member of the Lodge.
- Principal role is ensuring that only those who are duly qualified are allowed to enter the Lodge.
- He ensures that visitors and/or late arrivals are 'properly clothed'.
- He is to keep unskilled workmen from overhearing the conversation within the Lodge Room.

<u>CHAPLAIN</u> – Optional appointment. He is the spiritual leader of the Lodge and offers prayers during opening, closing, and during Degree Work; his jewel is the Open Book (Volume of Sacred Law).

May be tasked with:

- . . . sending condolences to bereaved families.
- . . . coordinating Masonic funeral ceremonies.
- ... heading the Lodge visitation committee.
- . . . other moral obligations of the Lodge.

<u>MARSHALL</u> – Duties are governed solely by Master's wishes; his jewel is the crossed batons. He is the 'Master of Ceremonies'.

May be tasked with:

- ... introducing and accompanying visiting dignitaries.
- . . . organization of processions.
- . . . speaking at public events.

<u>MUSICIAN</u> – Optional appointment. He is to render music during the ceremonies of the Lodge; his jewel is the Lyre (created by Mercury to provide godly music).

Music has a significant place in Masonic philosophy and rituals. It is one of the seven liberal arts and has always featured prominently in Freemasonry.

2019 COMMITTEES									
	FINANCE		VIGILANCE		PETITIONS &		BOARD OF RELIEF		
				IN	VESTIGATION	S			
SW:	Ramon Ramirez, Chairman	W∴	Solomon Goldenberg, Chair	W∴M ∴	James 'Freeborn' Fre	eborn	W∴ Solomon Goldenberg		
R∴W∴	Robert Wisehart, V.C.	R∴W∴	Nick Canora	W∴	Solomon Goldenberg	3	SW: Ramon Ramirez		
W∴M∴	James 'Freeborn' Freeborn	W∴	Robert Wisehart	R∴W∴	Nick Canora		W∴M∴ James 'Freeborn' Freeborn		
R∴W∴	Stephen Gladstone	R∴W∴	Mike Binder	W∴	Carlton McLean		R∴W∴ Stephen Gladstone		
	CHARITY		BUILDING			MASONIC EDUCATION			
(LODGE PROPERTY)									
W∴	Solomon Goldenberg	F	R∴W∴ Mike Binder, Chairman		W∴	Solomo	on Goldenberg (LMC, Chair)		
W∴	Carlton McLean	R	∴W∴ Nick Canora		SW:	Ramon	Ramirez, Chairman (LMC)		
W∴M∴	James 'Freeborn' Freeborn		W∴ Robert Wisehart		R∴W∴	Mike B	inder (LMC)		
W∴	Robert Wisehart		SW: Ramon Ramirez		W∴	Robert	Wisehart		
					W∴M∴	James '	'Freeborn' Freeborn		
COMMI	UNICATIONS/WEB		CATECHISM		DEGREES		FUNDRAISING		

R∴W∴ Mike Binder, Degree

Master

W∴ Robert Wisehart

W: Solomon Goldenberg

R∴W∴ Mike Binder, Chairman

W: Solomon Goldenberg

W∴M∴ James 'Freeborn' Freeborn

R∴W∴ Mike Binder

Bro: Robert Duran

W∴M∴ James 'Freeborn' Freeborn



W∴ Robert Wisehart

R∴W∴ Mike Binder

W∴M∴ James 'Freeborn' Freeborn

DIAMONDS AND GOLD LADIES NIGHT

FOR A LONG TIME NOW, FREEMASONRY HAS BEEN IRONICALLY KNOWN AS A 'SECRET' ORGANIZATION. THE SECRET IS OUT.

WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE GROUP AND OUR RECENT DIAMONDS AND GOLD AFFAIR BROUGHT THAT MESSAGE HOME IN THE MOST ELEGANT WAY BY HONORING THE WOMEN WHO STAND BESIDE THE MEN. WITHOUT OUR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, WE MIGHT BE LESS INCLINED TO STAY ON THE PATH OF IMPROVEMENT GROUNDED IN FREEMASONRY.

ALL LODGES OF DISTRICT 26 WERE REPRESENTED BY BROTHERS AND THEIR BEAUTIFUL AND ELEGANT LADIES. THE GUESTS MINGLED, DANCED, ATE DELICIOUS MEALS AND WON FABULOUS PRIZES DURING THE RAFFLES. A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. IN ADDITION TO SPOUSES AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, A NUMBER OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

EVEN THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT INVOLVING A BROTHER WHO HAD A BAD REACTION TO HIS NEW MEDICATION DID NOT SEVERELY DAMPEN THE MOOD. IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDED BY BROTHERS WHO WERE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, THE AILING MAN REMAINED COHERENT AND STABLE UNTIL PARAMEDICS ARRIVED. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, HE RECOVERED QUICKLY AND WAS BACK AT LODGE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.



James and Shonnie Freeborn

THE EVENT HAS BECOME SO POPULAR THAT ITS TRUE PURPOSE GETS LOST IN THE FESTIVITIES. THIS DINNER IS AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE CURRENT FIRST LADY'S PROJECT AT THE MASONIC HOME. THIS YEAR, THE DISTRICT RAISED MORE THAN \$4,000.00 AND THAT CHECK WILL BE PRESENTED TO MOST WORSHIPFUL JOHN KARROUM AT THE UPCOMING GRAND COMMUNICATION IN MAY.

J. DEWEY HAWKINS LODGE CONTINUES TO PROMOTE BROTHERHOOD, CHARITY, AND INCLUSIVENESS BY SETTING UP THIS YEARLY EVENT AND IT IS NO EASY TASK. IT IS THE EFFORTS OF MIKE AND JANET BINDER, ESPECIALLY, THAT KEEP THIS EVENT GROWING YEAR AFTER YEAR.



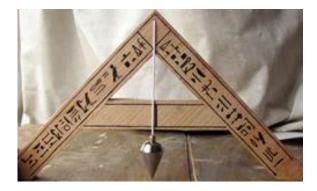
PETITION FOR THREE DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY

PETITIONER(S):

It is requested that all members of the Lodge consider Petitioners carefully and notify W. James Freeborn of any facts or reasons that you believe would justify denial of petition. All information received will be held in strictest confidence.



FROM THE WEST



Brethren, it was a great pleasure to sit in the East for the first time during the recent EA Degree that we conducted this past month.

It was very enlightening to see the faces of the candidates when they were brought from darkness to light for the first time.

A whole new world just opened before them. That was their first moment when they became our Brothers, their first real Masonic experience. I am sure that moment will remain in their minds forever. It will definitely stay in mine.

It is from now on for all of us to continue to nurture them and continue to guide their Masonic pathway. I had sent them a twenty-question quiz that contains some of the basic knowledge that they should have as an Entered Apprentice. I will continue to guide them and entice them with Masonic knowledge as they go through their catechism with the assistance of our JW, Sol Goldenberg. Hopefully, this will create interest and maintain their enthusiasm. It will be a great feeling for all of us if we are successful in continuing to build our Lodge and retain our Brothers indefinitely.

Fraternally,

Ramon Ramirez, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

I am working with our three initiates, and they are doing well with their catechism. We have three more young men who wish to be initiated in our fraternity. They are all eager to join our lodge. Please welcome them when you meet them at the next stated meeting in May. Our treasurer R:W: Mike Binder is arranging for a steak dinner on that day and is bringing someone to cook the steaks.

I arranged for us to eat at Catfish Dewey Restaurant, on Thursday 04/25/2019 for our Friends and Family meeting. The food was good and the company.



Brothers, I am so glad to be serving our lodge. We have a great line of officers and my sincere thanks to Worshipful Master James Freeborn, W: Robert Wisehart, R:W: Mike Binder and our hard working Senior Warden, Dr. Ramon Ramirez and Senior Deacon Kenny Lakhoyan and, of course, our Junior Deacon, Randall Lay. I am also grateful to Worshipful MacLean and R:W: Nick Canora for their support.

Sol. Goldenberg, Junior Warden



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FROM THE TREASURER

My Brothers,

If you have not yet submitted payment for your 2019 Lodge dues, please pay them – ASAP. We now are able to take your credit or debit card payments for your dues (with a small surcharge).

If you have any questions concerning your dues, you can contact me at 954-647-8422.

S & F

Mike Binder, Treasurer



Welcome to the Grand Lodge of Florida Online Membership Portal!

Your portal access requires further action, please see instructions below.

Your Temporary Username is:

The letters "FL" + Your Grand Lodge Member Number + "@changeyouremail.info" example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info

Your Temporary Password is:

The letters "FL" + Your Grand Lodge Member Number example: FL1234567

Step 1: Login to your member profile using the temporary Username and Password examples provided above.

Step 2: You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password.

Step 3: The new Username you select should be an email address that you have access to and check regularly.

Step 4: The new Password you select should only be known to you. Do not share your password with anyone.

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