



OFFICERS MEETING STATED MEETING

OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00

OCTOBER 10<sup>™</sup> AT 7:30 (DINNER AT 6:30)

SEE PAGE 9 FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF J. DEWEY EVENTS.

## 2019 OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: JAMES 'FREEBORN' FREEBORN

SENIOR WARDEN: RAMON RAMIREZ

JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT:  $\mbox{W}\mbox{:}\mbox{:}\mbox{solomon goldenberg}$ 

TREASURER: R:W: MIKE BINDER P.D.D.G.M.

SECRETARY: W: ROBERT WISEHART

CHAPLAIN: W. CARLTON MCLEAN

MARSHALL: R:W: NICHOLAS CANORA, P.D.D.G.M.

SENIOR DEACON: VASKEN 'KENNY' LAKHOYAN

JUNIOR DEACON: RANDALL LAY

MUSICIAN: R:W: COLIN SMITH, P.D.D.G.M.

TYLER: W: VIVIAN GOLDSON

## !! PASSED TO FELLOW CRAFT !!

Brothers Daniel Jolly, Douglas Liantonio, and Kevin Oconefsky have been passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

## !! ENTERED APPRENTICE !!

Petitioner Christopher Britton has been regularly elected to receive the three degrees of Freemasonry.

## 2019 J. DEWEY HAWKINS LODGE CHARITY:

## LIPPMAN YOUTH SHELTER

221 NW 43CT., OAKLAND PARK



We are coordinating a clothing drive to assist Lutheran Services Florida through their Youth and Teens Services. We are collecting clothing (clothes, shoes, etc.) for children aged 10-17 to give to this local shelter for runaways and troubled youth. You are encouraged to donate this clothing by depositing it in the box provided at the Lodge.

For more information, visit <u>Lutheran Family Services</u> website.

## **Birthdays for October 2019**

Jorge	Α	Ortiz Jr	10/03/19
Stirling	Blair	Thomas Jr	10/07/19
Michael	Kevin	Ferrara	10/09/19
William	Frank	Levin	10/11/19
Robert	Α	Weil	10/14/19
Ken	E	Wood	10/20/19
Robert	William	Smathers	10/22/19
Ryan	Eric	Salajeka	10/28/19

## FROM THE EAST

It has been a busy month. The first week of September had both a threatening storm and an Entered Apprentice proficiency.

Although hurricane Dorian did not make landfall in Florida, it affected us greatly. Schedules were altered to keep our families safe, homes were boarded against wind damage, and Masons contacted Masons to ensure everyone prepared in a reasonable manner. In the end, we were spared.

Freemasonry is not just a fraternity in Florida. The storm stalled over the Bahamas and its destructive wake will continue to be felt for some time. Masons in Florida contacted Brothers in the island country and assembled an aid infrastructure that will continue as long as needed. If you wish to contribute to that aid, contact any Lodge Secretary for details.

With the storm as a backdrop, J. Dewey managed to hold an EA proficiency that rivaled any in recent memory. In the weeks since, those Brothers were passed to Fellow Craft.

Our Stated meeting included a ballot that cleared the path for petitioner Chris Britton to receive the degrees and an Entered Apprentice degree is tentatively scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>.

On a night of great fellowship, the Brothers of J. Dewey and the brothers of Coral Springs attended the Stated meeting at Roe Fulkerson and J. Dewey captured the Traveling Gavel. Unfortunately, the rules were misinterpreted and WM Freeborn (me) presented the gavel to Coral Springs Lodge at the subsequent Masters and Wardens meeting. The brotherhood displayed by all invlolved proves that District 26 has never been more cohesive.

Brotherhood takes many forms and the brotherhood evident in the events recorded in this column proves that Freemasonry is as strong as it has ever been.

May we govern our actions by the Square of Virtue,

James Freeborn, WM



# MASONIC PHILOSOPHY (or What Masons Believe In)

☑ Brotherly love: love for each other and for all mankind.

☑ Relief: philanthropic and/or charitable contributions. Relief can be monetary, but it can also be giving a part of one's self and time to improve the life of a community or an individual.

☑ Truth: in a Masonic Lodge, Light is a symbol of truth and knowledge.

Freemasons are always seeking Light. Freemasonry inspires individuals to search for Light both in groups and on their own.

#### **BASIC PRINCIPALS OF FREEMASONRY**

✓ Morality: Freemasons believe men should behave honorably at all times. Masonry teaches personal decency and personal responsibility, as well as goodwill toward all mankind.

☑ Charity: Freemasons not only provide relief but also contribute generously to charity. In America alone, they provide \$2 million every day. Masonry teaches that giving is more rewarding than receiving and is every Mason's duty.

☑ Education: Freemasonry teaches a system of morality and brotherhood using symbols and presentations.

☐ Faith: Freemasons believe in a Supreme Being but it is definitely not a religion. Freemasonry doesn't promote any religion over any other. It is one's faith that defines one's morality.

☑ Equality among members: Freemasonry regards only a man's character. Wealth, station, status, etc. are not considered when a man petitions to take the degrees. Every mason answers to the title 'Brother' because all masons meet at the same level.

**Philosophy:** The rational investigation of the truths and principles of being, knowledge, or conduct.

The whole purpose of philosophy is attained when men are enabled to think clearly and act wisely. Long before Plato strove to elicit from men their knowledge as to what constituted truth and virtue, men had been eagerly groping for the light that makes men free.

It has been said that Masonry is philosophy teaching by symbol, even as History is philosophy teaching by example. In Masonry, we have a philosophy that is practical for life and conduct everywhere, and all the time. The most important work to be done now is to emphasize fundamentals. To do this effectively, we must go back to the Landmarks of the Fraternity.

Landmarks: Masonic philosophy is embodied in Landmarks. To translate those Landmarks into civic duty and to bring to each Mason a realization of his own part is a major aspect of the search for light. He who recognizes the value of such an interpretation will live it.

A set of ancient and unchangeable principals that Freemasons believe to be commandments or directions governing man's conduct or actions. Landmarks define the due bounds of a Lodge.

Fraternity: a Mason must be a man, freeborn, and of lawful age

♣ Equality: all men are equal and meet on the level

Secrets: ritual and recognitionAfterlife: immortality of the soul

Degrees: Symbolic Masonry has three degrees

♣ Tyle: all duly congregated meetings must be Tyled

The lodge room is a good school. It teaches how to conduct debates, the value of discipline, the strength of combined numbers, social customs, mutual dependence, and the necessity of promptitude and fidelity in the discharge of every duty. Moreover, it accustoms one to public addresses and ceremonials, and if a person is so inclined, it affords the best possible means to acquire the art of oratory. Thousands of our best speakers today got their first and most valuable lessons in the lodge room.

**Business favors.** There is no real excuse for the stranger who comes to you pleading for business favors because of your common Masonry, and you are not acting un-Masonically if you refuse it. It is far less Masonic to receive than to give or to ask than to offer. The brother who uses his Masonry as a means of getting something he otherwise would not be entitled is not acting in a truly Masonic manner.

Proper Attire: The brother who goes into the lodge-room in rough, untidy clothing cannot but feel a kind of humiliation if all about him are men in formal attire. A man who is careful of his dress on all occasions displays a certain element of refinement that is certainly commendable, and that brother who is careful to appear at lodge meetings in appropriate dress shows an appreciation of the place and the people with whom he is to mingle that is praiseworthy.

# 2019 COMMITTEES

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	FINANCE VIGILANCE			PETITIONS &			BOARD OF RELIEF				
INVESTIGATIONS											
SW:	Ramon Ramirez, Chairman	W∴ Solomon Goldenberg, Chair		W∴M∴	James 'Freeborn' Freeborn		W∴	Solomon Goldenberg			
R∴W∴	Robert Wisehart, V.C.	R∴W∴ Nick Canora		W∴	Solomon Goldenberg		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 McLe	an	R∴W∴	Stephen Gladstone			
	CHARITY	BUILDING				MAS	ONIC EDUCATION				
(LODGE PROPERTY)											
W∴	Solomon Goldenberg	R∴W∴	Mike Binder, Chairma	n		W∴ Solom	on Goldenberg (LMC, Chair)				
W∴	Carlton McLean	R∴W∴	Nick Canora			SW: Ramo	Ramirez, Chairman (LMC)				
W∴M∴	James 'Freeborn' Freeborn	W∴	Robert Wisehart			R∴W∴ Mike I	Binder (LM	der (LMC)			
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			W∴M∴ James 'Freeborn				'Freeborn'	Freeborn			
COMMUNICATIONS/WEB CATECHISM		DEGREES			FUNDRAISING						
R∴W∴	Mike Binder	W∴ Rober	t Wisehart	R∴W∴	Mike Binder,	Degree Master	R∴W∴	Mike Binder, Chairman			
W∴M∴	James 'Freeborn' Freeborn	W∴M∴ James	'Freeborn' Freeborn	W∴	Robert Wiseh	obert Wisehart		Solomon Goldenberg			
Bro:	Robert Duran	R∴W∴ Mike	Binder	W∴ Solomon (		denberg	W∴M∴	James 'Freeborn' Freeborn			
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## TAKE NOTICE THEREOF:

#### J. DEWEY HAWKINS NO.331 STEAK DINNER!!!

R:W: Mike Binder and W: Robert Wisehart will be preparing the meal at our next Stated meeting. They will be serving Caesar Salad, NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, and all the trimmings.

All are welcome to share the fellowship.

Please RSVP so that we can get a head-count.



## FROM THE WEST

My Brothers it was a pleasure to have participated in the Fellow craft degree that was recently conducted in our lodge. It is always a great experience to see Brothers progressed in their pathway towards more light in Masonry.

As they advanced to the Middle Chamber of King's Solomon Temple, they are now entitled to enrich their knowledge and further their enlightenment. Every single step in their staircase of knowledge will be followed by new experiences that will slowly fortify their character and vision of that temple not built with hands, eternal in heavens. May their pathway may we continue, as their guidance and conductors, to assist them in it. May they continue to find light in their voyage towards the East.

Ramon Ramirez, SW



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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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## FROM THE SOUTH

Dear Brothers,

I am grateful to our Worshipful Master James Freeborn for allowing me to sit in the East for the Fellowcraft degree. I want to congratulate brother Islam who sat as senior steward for the first time. I hope that we can raise those three fellowcrafts before the election in December. Let us not forget we also have another person to be initiated. I am proud to see the lodge growing again.

As our Grand Master said "If each member can bring at least one new brother into the lodge we would double our number". I also want to thank W. Bob Wisehart who provided a delightful variety of pizzas for the evening.

Solomon Goldenberg,

Junior Warden.



## FROM THE TREASURER

My Brothers,

Any of you Brothers that has not paid your dues for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. If you are paying with a debit or credit card, you can contact me at 954-647-8422 and I will take your payment or you can mail a check to the Lodge for \$167.30. If you are NPD on your dues- no worries. Just call me or Secretary W:. Wisehart and we will help you to get your membership reinstated. (This Involves paying 2 years past dues and submitting some paperwork, which we will be happy to assist you with.)

Please call if you have questions.

Also, my Brothers, our next Stated Meeting will be on October 10. We will be having another full steak dinner with all the trimmings, same as last time. Bring friends and guests!

Please RSVP to me ASAP.

S&F

Mike Binder, P.D.D.G.M. Treasurer



# PETITION FOR THREE DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY

## PETITIONER(S): CHRIS BRITTON

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 SECRETARY:

Brothers, the second half of the year is slipping away. Hopefully, soon, the weather will start cooling down and we will move into fall. It is a great time to attend our Lodge Stated communications. We have been having wonderful steak dinners and great fellowship. Also, as a reminder, if you haven't yet paid your dues up this year, please attend that duty.

As we have a Storm approaching our area, I would like to remind all our brothers, it is time to check your Hurricane plan and supplies. Above all, please be safe.

Please RSVP if you are coming to the dinner, so that we may be prepared with enough steaks.

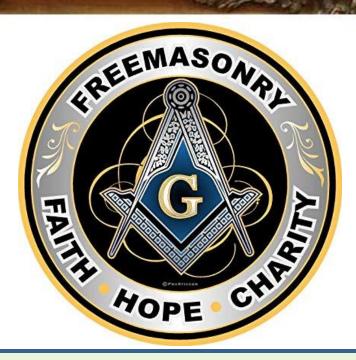
My phone number is 305-218-6672 if you need anything at all, my brothers.

Robert Wisehart, PM





If you are aware of a Brother who is ailing, or you are ailing yourself, please contact our Brother Secretary or Worshipful Master.





Our monthly visits to a restaurant for fellowship between families, as well as friends and Brothers, have become a staple of our Lodge. While the individual faces change from week to week, we have consistently drawn 20-30 diners and it has brought us closer together. It also shows the public the true nature of Masonry instead of the stereotypes that dog our Fraternity.

All are welcome. If you haven't joined us recently, now is the best time to meet new Brothers and/or re-acquaint yourself with long-time members and the people with whom they associate outside the Lodge.

If you would like to suggest a restaurant, don't hesitate to contact the Junior Warden, Secretary, or Worshipful Master.

