

Orlando Masonic Lodge No. 69



Trestle Board – August 2016



Lodge Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of Every Month – Fellowship at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30
Mizpah Order of the Eastern Star meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of Every Month, Meeting at 7:30
Lodge Breakfast the 2nd Saturday of Every Month, served from 8:00 until 11:00 – Family Welcome



From the East, Chris Smith, WM

Brethren, the "dog days" of summer are here but aren't slowing down! In fact, the year is speeding by. I have to say this has been an amazing year so far, and I look forward to finishing strong.

We are finishing the landscaping at the Lodge, contributing much needed funds to worthy charities like Autism Research and the Russell Home and building our esoteric studies as we go.

We have had guest speakers such as the gifted artist Br. Juan Sepulveda. We have had programs honoring Mothers and our veterans. We have also had some great degree work.

In the very near future, we will present service awards to 25, 40 and 50 yr Masons. August 23rd, our Fellowcrafts will return their catechism with their Master Mason degree to follow on September 20th.

The 1st section will be at 6:30, meal at 7:30, 2nd section at 8:30. Please attend and enjoy the evening by congratulating our newly raised Brothers.

August 13th will be our Monthly Breakfast. The Rainbow Girls will once again be washing cars.

August 19th and 20th will be the Tennessee Cave degree so Contact the secretary if you would like details to attend.

Heading into the fall we have many events very near completion of planning such as veteran's appreciation, Past masters and Widows dinner, schools of instruction and our DDGM Official visit. It's going to be action packed so come on out and enjoy the fellowship for all these events.

Please plan to attend, bring a friend, come, rest and refresh yourself in the warm embrace of fraternal love and friendship.
Fraternally,

Chris Smith, Worshipful Master



From the West, Jeff Battaglia, SW

My brothers, this is a very important time of year for us in terms of one of our biggest community projects is concerned. In just a few weeks a new school year will begin and we will once again be adopting two teachers from Fern Creek Elementary. This could be a very special year for the school as they may be closing their doors at the end of the year. Therefore, we want to make it as special of a year for them as we can. With that in mind, here is what I have planned for them for the year, and I hope you can support our efforts:

- **September** – We will adopt two new teachers by visiting the school and presenting them with their “Welcome Package”. We will ask them to create a list of supplies they want and then pick up what we can.
- **October** – We will invite the principal, community rep, and our teachers to lodge for dinner and fellowship and present them with the supplies that we have collected. If you wish to contribute anything, please let me know.
- **October/November** – We will once again support the Fern Creek Teach-In. I know we have many brothers out there with incredible stories to share with the students. Let’s see if we can pack the school with our outstanding brothers.

- **December** – We will provide our teachers with small gifts to let them know we are thinking of them during the holiday season.
- **January/February** – At this time, I hope to have a surprise for the faculty/staff of Fern Creek. If all goes according to plan, we will invite some of the senior staff to lodge (or some of us will go to the school) and provide them with a special gift. More info on that in the coming months.
- **April** – Provided he is able to travel, we hope to arrange for Sir Gus the Camel to visit their annual Spring Picnic.
- **May** – Hopefully some type of end of the year celebration for the Faculty/Staff.

It’s a lot to do brothers, but I think we can pull it off if we all work together.

The other thing I want to talk about is the heat. At this time of year especially, temperatures rise to a serious level. Be careful out there my brothers. Be sure to stay hydrated, dress appropriate, be smart and stay cool.

I realize that it is hot during the day, but I would be remiss in my duties if I failed to mention that I have noticed some Brothers coming to Lodge in short pants. Quoting from the Masonic Etiquette Guidebook, “its practice is to wear such attire as shows respect to the Brotherhood and expresses the dignity of Masonry.” Please govern yourselves exemplifying the dignity of Masonry.

Your Senior Warden Jeff Battaglia

**Fraternally,
Jeff Battaglia, SW**

August Meal Plans



From The South, Danny Pratts, JW

As we enter the new month, we hope to have more of our brothers return to the lodge. It's always a pleasure to see brothers who haven't had the opportunity to return, due to their cable-tow. Our dinners have been getting short on supply due to our growing numbers during Fellowship and I *will do my best to continue to feed my brothers and their guests.*

Saturday August 13th is our monthly breakfast and that has been growing as well. If you have the time, come down and show your family and friends your home lodge and brethren. If you haven't been able to make it during the week, Saturday morning is a great way to see the improvements, your brethren and make new friends as well. Personal breakfast served from 8 AM to 11 AM.

I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to assist with the kitchen clean-up and re-organizing after breakfast. This project shouldn't take more than 2 hours, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Tuesday August 9th - Glazed Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, biscuit, veggies, salad and dessert.

Saturday August 13th - Lodge Breakfast (eggs any style, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, etc..)

Tuesday August 23rd - Baked Chicken Quarters with diced seasoned potatoes, veggies, salad and dessert. (Come Hungry)

Gary Paquette, Secretary - PM

Brethren, notices are going out to all who have yet to pay their dues. Please remember, the two things that make up the "life blood" of the Lodge are:

- **Your participation, attendance, involvement which grows our Fraternity body and soul**
- **Your dues, which keep the doors open and bills paid.**

Orlando #69 has such a rich and proud history, we need both! Especially if you haven't been to Lodge in a while, you know you will be greeted with genuine love, respect and affection. There are Brothers who will be thrilled to see you, and new ones who will be honored to meet you. Additionally, I am trying to update our email list. Out of 250 active members, I only have 56 email addresses. Please send me your email so that I can send you information on coming events and news. Thank you, from the secretary's desk.

Fraternaly,

Gary Paquette, PM, Sec.

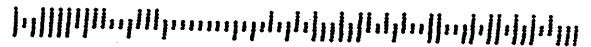
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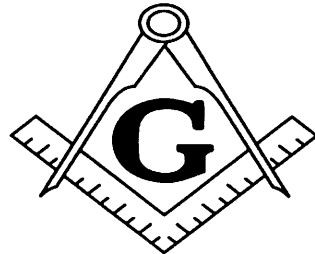
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