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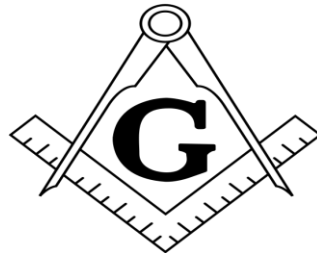
Orlando Masonic Lodge No. 69 – F. & A. M.

Warranted January 13, 1876
1204 East South Street Orlando, FL 32801

Gathering the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Dinner at 6:30 – Meeting at 7:30

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Worshipful Master: Christy B. Smith 407-473-3114

Sr. Warden: Jeff D. Battaglia – Jr. Warden: Danny E. Pratts

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Trestle Board – July 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

This has been an eventful and exciting time for Orlando Lodge #69. The renovations to the Temple are nearly complete! If you haven't been to Lodge in a while I encourage you to come and see the improvements. I have included some pictures to give you an idea of them but you really should see for yourself.

So far, continuing from the interior improvements last year, we have completed installation of cabinets and ceiling fans in the dining room. Outside we have planted Crepe myrtle trees, legustrum shrubs, and Indian hawthorns along the front. Due to a very generous donation, we were able to put a brick paver circle around the Flag pole and place our Large Ashlars there. Thus holding on to some of our heritage as well as beautifying the landscape.

The signage on the building has been restored and on the side we have a beautiful, full color mural! the last remaining pieces (sod and some lighting) will be completed in a few weeks.

With the Temple in good shape, our attention turns to the Living Lodge, its members. We have had increased attendance with some wonderful events such as having the DeMolay present their "flower talk" for Mothers Day, the "Heroes of '76" came and presented their "Old Glory" Flag program.

At our last meeting, we presented a scholarship to a wonderful student Ms. Seema Sadoo. This especially fitting, in the wake of the horrific terror attack in our city. Ms. Sadoo read her award winning essay entitled "what it means to be an American". It was wonderfully patriotic and heartfelt. We then had the Boy Scouts from Troop 864 make a special "Star Patch" presentation. Where patches made from the Stars of retired US flags were presented to all Veterans, active duty military and 1st Responders in attendance.

The timing of our meeting was perfect. We met on Flag Day, and to have a celebration of Patriotism involving some outstanding young people was a thing of beauty and a ray of hope for the future.

As Worshipful Master, I felt it was my duty to address the tragedy, call for a moment of silence and to admonish the Craft as well as the visitors present to unite as a community and stand together in love.

Brethren, as Masons we are called to serve the Great Architect of the Universe by serving one another, and our community. Let us stand as a shining example of how men of a faiths and cultures can unite in Brotherhood under the watchful eye of our creator.

I encourage you to reach out, call a Brother you haven't seen in a while. Invite him to Lodge, or just let him know you thought of him. Do not be a Mason in name only. Remember well your obligation. We need each other, and our community, our city, our nation, needs us now more than ever. As our Masonic forefathers have done before us, let us rise up, and lead the way.

I look forward to speaking to you and seeing you in Lodge!

***Fraternally,
Chris Smith, Worshipful Master***



From the West, Jeff Battaglia, SW

We have seen our ranks grow with the initiation of some good men. Our functions have been well attended.

We have had excellent involvement with our youth groups, DeMolay and Rainbow Girls.

This August 11th, the Rainbow Girls will be doing their "Rose Talk" Program. This will be open for all to attend. Events like this proceeded by a nice dinner, help to build our Fraternal bonds and are a great way to show visitors and family members what we are all about. Mark this on your calendars. Plan to attend. Bring a friend.

It is also time to start planning for our fall sponsorship of Fern Creek Elementary Schools "Adopt a teacher". Each year we support the school by assisting two teachers with supplies and funds to provide "petty cash" for various items needed in the classroom.

We have also participated in their annual "Teach in" where Brothers have gone to the school, and given a short talk on either their profession, or an area of interest for the children. This has been very rewarding and the kids love it.

Another event to mark on your calendar, is the annual Past Masters and Widows dinner. This year the event will be October 15th. Menu to be determined (but it will be good!).

I look forward to seeing more and more of you coming to Lodge meetings and enjoying these events. Until then....

Your Brother Jeff Battaglia, SW



From The South, Danny Pratt, JW

This month approaches us with new EA's and new work to be done at the Lodge. We welcome Brothers Shane Bedsole, Pedro Lopes and Frank Romano, Jr. as Entered Apprentices and are always here to help them move towards the East.

We will be having our monthly breakfast on the 9th of July, be sure to join us for breakfast as it has been getting more popular and the fellowship is fantastic. After breakfast, it would be great to have our building committee assist with cleaning and emptying out the kitchen. Approx. at noon. Please let myself or the Worshipful Master know if you can help for about an hour.

One new project which is of personal interest to me is repairing our local Park Benches. The WM has made it a goal to raise our public visibility. I believe by restoring these benches around the area, and placing a small sign saying something like "This bench has been restored courtesy of Orlando Lodge #69 F.&A.M." we could let the neighborhood know we are there, and involved. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this project.

I've been getting a lot of compliments about our meals. It is my pleasure to make sure the Craft is well fed and refreshed.

Fraternally, Danny Pratt, JW

Saturday, July 11, 2016

Monthly Lodge Breakfast

Start Serving at

8:00a.m. until 11:00a.m.

***Bring your family and
enjoy a wonder morning
of fellowship!!!!***

**Lodge Mural
Mills Avenue Side**

