

**Orlando Lodge #69  
1204 E. South Street  
Orlando, FL 32801**

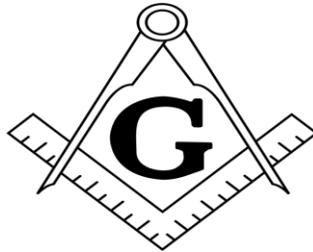
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# Orlando Masonic Lodge No. 69 – F. & A. M.

Warranted January 13, 1876  
1204 East South Street Orlando, FL 32801  
**Gathering the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays**  
Dinner at 6:30 – Meeting at 7:30  
**WWW.ORLANDOMASONS1876.COM**



**Worshipful Master: Christy B. Smith 407-473-3114**  
Sr. Warden: Jeff D. Battaglia – Jr. Warden: Danny E. Pratts  
Secretary: Gary T. Paquette, PM – Treasurer: O’Harris Springer, PM  
Chaplain: Warren R. Lively  
Sr. Deacon: Lee Ashby – Jr. Deacon: David Shabatt Love  
Senior Steward: Louis Dobles – Junior Steward: Alex M. Silva

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## Trestle Board – May 2016



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

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**From the East, Chris Smith, WM**

Brethren, we have had an incredible month. Orlando #69 is experiencing greater attendance and as well, more involvement with our youth groups, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay.

Many thanks go out to the Bahia DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls for offering a wonderful Mothers Day presentation at our last meeting. To round out the evening, Br. Jr. Deacon, David Shabat Love presented an enlightening talk on the history of the value of women (mothers) within the Hebrew tradition.

As our renovations are coming to an end, you may have noticed the Temple grounds are improving as well. Trees and shrubs have been planted, new signs are being installed around the building and we are planning a brick circle around the flag pole as a place to put out very large Ashlars. To tie it all together, when the sod goes

down we can honestly say that our Lodge is a fitting resident of the community.

***None of this could be possible without your help and support.***

The month of May is when I will begin calling every single Mason in our Lodge. I need your help Brothers. One of the questions I will be seeking guidance on is “what you would like to see at and from our Lodge?” What kind of work, or event would bring you to the Lodge? Do you need a ride?

If you don't think I already have it, call or email me with your number and email.  
**407-473-3114 – [chrisorl69@gmail.com](mailto:chrisorl69@gmail.com)**

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

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

***Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast  
Serving 8:00a.m. Until 11:00a.m.***

***The Rainbow Girls will be having another car wash at the breakfast to support their youth group.***

***Come on out and enjoy a great breakfast and support our kids by having your car washed. Bring your family and enjoy the morning.***



**From the West, Jeff Battaglia, SW**

We are coming upon a very busy time for our lodge. We have had several candidates apply to our lodge and will be having several degrees in the coming weeks.

One of the areas that we **GREATLY** need help with is catechism instructors. I fully understand this is a commitment to make which requires you to be up at the lodge on a weekly basis, but I also know that it is a rewarding experience.

You are able to see new brothers grow in the light of the lodge and the camaraderie between yourself and the new Brothers. When you see your students successful in overcoming their nervousness in their task, and finally when they are raised to the Sublime Degree, brings a special joy.

***Currently, I am the only full time instructor our lodge has and I have two groups of brothers that I'm working with.*** There is a group of three Entered Apprentices who are working very hard and will be performing **their return on May 10 (with a Fellow Craft Degree scheduled for May 17)**. They would love to see you at either or both of these meetings.

I am also working with a Master Mason class of four brothers who are exceeding all expectations and learning quickly.

With all that being said, we will have a new group of EAs coming soon and we need someone who is willing to dedicate their time and knowledge to bring them along the process. I am willing to help you in any way that I can, but we desperately need your help. Perhaps if you can't teach every week, you could even partner with someone so that you can share the teaching duties.

**This is a great way to give back to your lodge and share your knowledge.**

Lastly, we are constantly making improvements in and around the building. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, come and see the changes that we have made, I think you will be impressed. But more work is to be done and we need your help.

**Your Brother Jeff Battaglia  
Senior Warden**



**From The South, Danny Pratts, JW**

Brethren, thank you to all who showed up for last months breakfast, and for your support with the Rainbow Girls car wash. For those who were unable to show up at the last meeting in April, we had a great turn out with Mothers Day in mind.

The Rainbow Girls were serving dinner and the Bahia DeMolay presented a Flower Presentation that was absolutely fantastic and educational. We need more support from the fraternity for our youth groups, they learn what they see and who better to learn from than us.

We are working on getting some concrete benches in the area near the Lodge that will be "**Donated by Orlando Lodge #69**" to demonstrate our sincerity and charity within our community. We can use a few brothers to help with this project and if you are interested, please contact me so we can do this quickly and advertise our lodge and what we stand for.

Our Lodge has come a long way from where it was years ago and it continues to get stronger month by month. For those who have not been around in a while, we ask that you at least stop in for a meal and say hello. You will be very surprised on how your Lodge has been transformed both inside and out.

**You can say that you are proud to call Orlando Lodge No. 69 "Your Home Lodge"**

We will be having a **Fellow Craft degree on May 17** and would love you to attend and support your new brothers as they continue to seek light in Masonry.

Don't forget our monthly **breakfast**, 2nd Saturday of the month (**Saturday May 14**) and bring your families and let them enjoy fellowship with the fraternity.

## **Meal Plan For May**

### **First Meeting - May 9th**

Home Made Chicken Fetteccine  
Alfredo, Cheesy Garlic Bread, Salad & Desert.

### **Second Meeting – May 23rd**

Home Cooked Sliced Roast Beef ,  
Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Warm  
Dinner Rolls, Salad and Desert.

We look forward to seeing you at our next stated communication: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Don't forget to view our website for upcoming events and updates on the progress of our "Home Lodge" at [Orlandomasons1876.com](http://Orlandomasons1876.com)

**Fraternally,**

**Danny Pratts, JW**

### **Masters & Wardens Golf Tournament**

Orlando Lodge sponsored a beverage cart at Masters & Wardens Golf Tournament.

**Collectively, all the Lodges raised over \$33,000 in scholarships for the children of our community.**

