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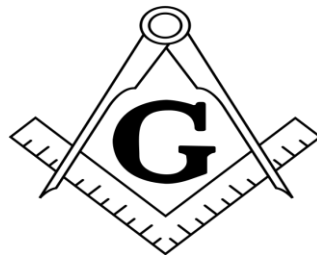
Orlando Masonic Lodge No. 69 □F. & A. M.

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: □□□ □□□

Sr. Warden: Danny E. Pratts – Jr. Warden: Jose Fernandez, PM
Secretary: Gary T. Paquette, PM – Treasurer: Harris Springer, PM
Chaplain: Warren R. Lively
Sr. Deacon: Chester Mondesier – Jr. Deacon: Dashawn Barnett
Senior Steward: Alexander Bowser – Junior Steward: Chad Eyer
Marshall – Chris Smith, PM

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Trestle Board – November/December 2017

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 Jeff Battaglia
Worshipful Master**

My brothers, first let me to apologize to each and every one of you. It has been far too long since a trestle board has been sent to the Brothers of Orlando 69. This is unacceptable and I take full responsibility for not ensuring that one was delivered to you. I have no excuses except to say that I was not diligent enough in getting this done. Rest assured that I have talked it over with our Senior Warden, Danny Pratts and our Junior Warden, Jose Fernandez to guarantee it will not happen again.

Our plans are to develop a dedicated Trestle board Committee to work this project and I will personally create them from my home to ensure they are distributed in a timely manner.

We DO need your email addresses to keep the membership informed on events in a timely manner.

Now on to what else has been happening since our last publication. We have had a very successful summer with several projects in and around the lodge and the district. We have had guest speakers from the **Epilepsy Association of Central Florida** (our second quarter charity) who came in to talk to us about the work they do and how we can assist them. We were able to collect \$300 for that organization to support their efforts.

We also had representatives from **Kaley Lake Como Elementary School** come in to talk to us about how we can assist them. Normally at this time of year, we work with Fern Creek Elementary School to partner with our adopt a school program. Fern Creek Elementary, however, was forced to close at the end of last year, and they assisted us in partnering with **Kaley Lake Como Elementary**, our newly adopted school.

We have adopted two teachers and presented them with supplies we were able to obtain, and for the first time we gave the school and each teacher an **Official Grand Lodge Certificate of Adoption**. This will also be noted in the Grand Lodge Report at the next Communication in May of 2018. This activity will also gain us points for community participation for our lodge.

So far, we have awarded one **Student of the Month** and will soon be awarding our second; not to mention our continued support of the **Orange County Public Schools Teach-In**.

On Halloween, we hosted our first ever **Trunk or Treat**. While this event was not huge in terms of visitors, I believe we can grow the event if we continue to support it. We had 9 brothers and families come full with candy and had about 20 –

25 guests come trunk or treating. Everyone one who was there was extremely happy to be there and the guests were very pleased and thankful that our lodge held the event to give back to the community.

We also initiated 4 new Entered Apprentices and they are very anxious, enthusiastic, and raring to go. I know they all have a bright Masonic future ahead of them and it is exciting to see the joy in their eyes when it comes to Masonry.

A lot of great things are happening in the district as well. **On Saturday, Nov 4, we held the first annual Island Degree on Makinson Island in Kissimmee.** We raised 4 brothers to Master Mason (3 of which are from Orlando 69). There were 65 brothers on the island to witness the event. The food (roast pig and gator tail stew) was amazing and the night was out of this world with perfect weather and a full moon.

Finally, the district supported an event to raise money for our youth groups. We took them to an **Orlando Solar Bears Game on Sunday, Nov 12 where they participated in the Chuck a Puck.** The youth sold foam rubber pucks which were tossed on the ice during intermission for a chance at a prize. In total, the youth earned \$910, got to go onto the ice to collect the pucks, and had a blast. We will be doing this again in February. If you want to go, tickets are only \$14 and the information is available on Facebook (or you can see me).

As the year is about to come to a close, my time in the East is running short. I would like to immensely thank the brothers of Orlando 69 for entrusting me with the care of their lodge. I know I have been far from perfect in the East, but I believe we accomplished a great deal. We are working toward building our membership and reaching out to the community to let them know that we are there for them and are willing and able to help. We do not wish to hide behind the walls with total secrecy, but we want to be out to support our community. I want to fully throw my support behind the Officers that will fill the chairs, whoever that may be, as I'm

positive that they will do a fantastic job in promoting the efforts of our growing lodge.

Our elections are set for Tuesday, December 12 so please come out to support these brothers. The installation is slated for Saturday, January 27 and we would love to see you in the lodge.

Thank you my brothers for a successful year and thanks for all the support you have shown me and the lodge. With my last thought for this posting, I would like to challenge everyone to attend one of the last meetings where I will serve as your Worshipful Master. I promise you that they will not be just traditional business meetings and I guarantee at least one guest speaker.

W.M. Jeff Battaglia



**From The West Danny Pratts, SW
From the West**

Brethren, as we approach the end of the year, we have had a very successful year at the lodge and hope to continue its growth.

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, I will not be residing in the East next year, but will assist to guide the lodge in the direction of success.

I encourage all brothers to come to the lodge and spend some fellowship with your brethren. Always feel free to bring a friend or family member to show them what it is to be a Mason. Always remember our lodge and your brethren.

Come sit and inform your brethren of your profession and gain their knowledge of their profession as well. Our organization is a great way to help each other and we need you to help us grow.

Hope to see you more often. Let us know what you've been up to and catch up on the latest news on our charities and how we are helping our community.

Hope to see you for the Installation of Officers.

Best Regards,
Danny Pratts, SW
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**From the South Jose Fernandez JW/PM
News from the South**

As we bring this year to a close, we see our Lodge going through a transition from 2017 to a new year of 2018, but before we venture to this, it is important to reflect on the past year. Through the leadership of the Worshipful Master Jeff Battaglia, we have accomplish many of the objectives he set for us, with the community and the brotherhood. With the help of the Past Masters and the up-coming members of the Lodge it becomes also key to the ongoing development of our Lodge.

Thank you Worshipful Joseph Crum for reducing or electric bill with the installation of LED lights in our facilities and Worshipful Chris Smith with the maintenance of our building. In addition, with the joint work of Worshipful Roberts and Smith, we were able to acquire the most needed money from

the City of Orlando for the easement of our back property, so we can invest on repairs of our Lodge's roof.

Furthermore, we gave you all a variety of good quality meals, in order to prepare ourselves for our stated meetings. We cannot forget our monthly breakfast, and the participation of the Rainbow Girls in their monthly car wash event.

I especially want to thank you Louise and Warren Lively for your help in the preparation of those meals so key to our Lodge as I could not have done it without your guidance and assistance.

We have to look to the future and expand our horizons with new young candidates that will invigorate and energize our Lodge and our future events during 2018.

Thank you to all our brothers that in one way or another helped in the success of our Lodge and with the help of the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Lodge will continue to grow and prosper.

**Finally, may you all have a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018.**

Jose Fernandez, JW/PM

From The Secretary

My Brothers, just a reminder that if you haven't done so, please pay your dues as soon as possible. We are getting ready to send out the final notices and you don't want to go NPDP from the Lodge as it takes so much effort to regain your membership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 407-461-9327

Fraternally, Garry Paquette, PM/Secretary