



**Coral Springs Lodge No. 373 F.&.A.M.  
June 2020**

**Word from the East**



My Brothers,

We're back! Woo-hoo! It's time to get back to work! I hope you are doing well as we all deal with this pandemic. If we can be of some assistance during this awful situation, please reach out.

Given that we will need to make up time for previously scheduled degrees and catechisms, some of our events may be canceled. We owe this to the great men who are currently going through the degrees, as well as those who have now unexpectedly waited additional time to join.

Even with the masks and the additional safety items in place, if you feel uncomfortable coming to a meeting, don't feel obligated. Keeping yourself and your family safe come first.

Again, I hope all is well with each of you. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely

Akili Nebiu WM

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District Number: 26  
Zone: 7A  
Total Members: 71  
Chartered: 04/24/1975

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**Stated Communications**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Meeting's held at Eureka North Shore  
Lodge No. 269  
101 SE 1st Ave, Dania Beach, FL 33004

6:30 (Open) Dinner  
7:30 (Tiled) Meeting

**Every Month ↓**

1st Wednesday & 3rd Monday -

Open Books &  
School of Instruction  
Doric Lodge  
5:00 - 8:00

Last Wednesday -  
Master & Wardens  
Locations Vary

6:30 Dinner /  
7:30—8:30 Meeting

## Word from the West

Brethren,



I am looking forward to our first meeting on June 9th. Even though we will be socially distanced, it will be great to feel everyone's presence.

As a new feature for the Trestleboard, we are soliciting articles from the lodge on a topic you want to write about. We encourage anyone who wishes write an article, to reach out to the Worshipful Master for his approval, and we will then publish it for the next Trestleboard.

This months is really a great story by Brother Eric Schlossberg. Our next months story will be from Bro. Barry Deutsch.

Fraternally,

Ken Derector Bro. Senior Warden

## Word from the South

Brethren,



I am looking forward to returning to the lodge this month. I am elated that we'll be back together in some form to share in brotherhood and enjoy some tasty morsels. I am looking forward to the opportunity on having a Master Mason catechism, an EA degree, an FC degree and possibly a MM degree. FC degree team, continue learning lines and we'll work on practice and scheduling the degree. We'll also form an EA and MM degree team and i look forward to you volunteering to help our brothers seek and continue seeking light in Masonry.

So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of **Freemasonry**, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind. Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected. (George Washington)

Faithfully,

Mike Connell  
Junior Warden

## Masonic Education

### Masonic Education (By Brother Haris Tanveer)

Greetings brothers, Thank you for giving me the opportunity for presenting the lecture on the subject. As I am a new traveller and my enlightenment is like drop of water in front of the ocean. I will try my best to contribute on this scared subject. **Corn, wine and oil were the Masonic wages of our ancient brethren.**

**Operative Freemasonry Wages:** IN ancient operative times, the Master of the Work received the highest wages. His wages were corn, wine, oil and sometimes the coin of the realm.

Fellow craft and Entered Apprentice wages were less than the Master, but they were kept in "mete and drynk" (meat and drink).

**Speculative Freemasonry Wages:** In Speculative Freemasonry, Masonic wages are not earned in coin. They are the rewards earned through acts of kindness, good deeds of service, and the gift of your time to others.

They are earned by mentoring other brethren, helping others, remembering the widow and the orphan and visiting the sick. In short, wages are earned much as the biblical verse says:

"Do unto others as you would HAVE them do unto you.

### **Corn, Wine and Oil**

Corn, wine and oil are the Masonic elements of consecration. The adoption of these symbols is supported by the highest antiquity. Corn, wine and oil were the most important productions of Eastern countries; they constituted the wealth of the people, and were esteemed as the supports of life and the means of refreshment.

David enumerates them among the greatest blessings that we enjoy, and speaks of them as:

**Psalm 104: 15:** "wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthened man's heart".

### **Anointed With Oil:**

In devoting anything to religious purposes, the anointing with oil was considered as a necessary part of the ceremony, a rite which has descended to Christian nations.

The tabernacle in the wilderness, and all its holy vessels, were, by God's express command, anointed with oil;

Aaron and his two sons were set apart for the priesthood with the same ceremony;

...and the prophets and kings of Israel were consecrated to their offices by the same rite.

Hence, Freemasons' Lodges, which are but temples to the Most High, are consecrated to the sacred purposes for which they were built by strewing corn, wine and oil upon the Lodge, the emblem of the Holy Ark.

Thus does this mystic ceremony instruct us to be nourished with the hidden manna of righteousness, to be refreshed with the Word of the Lord, and to rejoice with joy unspeakable in the riches of divine grace.

- **Discourse iv, 81:** "wherefore do you carry you that in the pilgrimage of human life you are to impart:

a portion of your bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of your consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies, or

## Masonic Education (Con't)

affliction rent in the heart, of your fellow-travellers?"

- **Corn...The Staff of Life:** In processions, the corn alone is carried in a golden pitcher, the wine and oil are placed in silver vessels, and this is to remind us that the first, as a necessity and the "staff of life" is of more importance and more worthy of honor than the others, which are but comforts.
- **Wine:** ...as a symbol of the inward refreshment of a good conscience is intended, under the name of the *Wine of Refreshment*, to remind us of the eternal refreshments which the good are to receive in the future life for the faithful performance of duty in the present.
- **Oil:** The Hebrews anointed their Kings, Prophets and High Priests with oil mingled with the richest spices. They also anointed themselves with oil on all festive occasions, whence the expression in

**Psalm xlv, 7:** "God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness."

And, thus, your unspotted white lambskin Masonic apron is a symbol reminding you of the necessity of the purity of heart, and uprightness of conduct in order to earn the Masonic wages which are due you.

**Your final wages will be earned when you leave this world and travel to:**

**"that House not made with hands", where you will receive your Masonic wages for a life well spent in the "coin" of that realm.**

*Courtesy: Masonic Lodge of Education Website through Internet.*

Be safe Brethren !

Yours Sincerely,

Haris Tanveer Senior Steward

## A Word From A Brother

### A Couple of Hats

I've never been a person to wear hats. I dislike the feeling of having something on my head, and anyways I really hate the way I look in them. At the beginning of our previous winter I begrudgingly awaited the anticipated, yet well deserved, "I told you so's," by those who indeed told me so. Having the melanoma removed from my head brought me around to idea that a hat may be a neat accessory to my ensemble, which generally consists of shorts and a tee-shirt. Regardless a purchase of two ball caps displaying the symbol of Freemasonry was made and I would not go out into the world without protecting my head. I was not pleased.

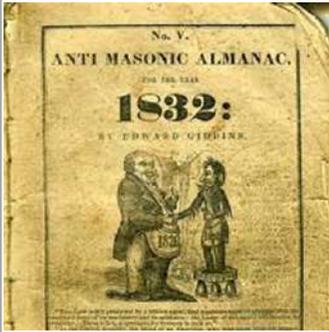
Upon regularly wearing my new hats in society two interesting things happened, and happened immediately. The first was that I become very conscious of what I was wearing on my head. Why did I choose to only buy a couple of hats with these symbols on them, I now represent the brotherhood everywhere I go. I don't believe I was a bad person when I joined up, but I have bought into the idea of seeking to better myself. I have found myself behaving noticeably different. I am much more patient. I am much more giving. The discomfort and awkwardness that has always prevented me from wearing hats became a beacon and a constant reminder. Everywhere I go I must make sure that I carry myself in a way that represents the brotherhood. The path to enlightenment has now been facilitated. It could be simple gestures like noticing the person behind me and my full shopping cart only has five items, so I let them go in front of me, or bigger things like understanding that people go through things that may affect you, but its not their intention and you have the choice to let it bother you or let it go.

The second thing that happened, which I think is the bigger one and has had even a greater effect on me, is that wearing the hat is an obvious marker that I am in the brotherhood. I am not exaggerating when I say almost every-time I go somewhere, at least one brother will approach me and give me a sign or a token. It happens at a rate that its weird and disappointing when I go out and it doesn't happen. It is a feeling of warmth. It is an understanding that we are everywhere, and of all walks of life. Its always a very friendly encounter. I remember all of them. I especially appreciate when they will strike up a conversation with me and not reveal anything until they say good-bye. The first time it happened was in January, I took my family to the South Florida Fair. I love the South Florida Fair, and this year was a little better than normal as they had dedicated their museum space entirely to The Highwaymen, which is one of my favorite groups of artists. I was in the back and a gentleman, well into his retirement came up to me as I was staring obnoxiously long at one of the paintings, and commented on how beautiful it was. I asked him if knew the history of The Highwaymen (because it sort of changes the experience a bit), and he allowed me to explain it to him. We broke out into a very deep, heartfelt conversation, which is uncommon with a total stranger. He left with his family, but not before saying he was glad that we were brothers and gave me the sign.

In life you make many decisions, the bad generally as valuable as the good in many circumstances. I had no choice but to start wearing hats, as a man can only withstand a certain number of, "I told you so's." The decision to purchase the hats representing Freemasonry was a light one that didn't propose any sought out or predicted changes. I don't really have any sports team that I follow, so the decision was more or less a, "might as well." I appreciate all of my brothers who have accepted me, you have changed my life in many ways, and have helped me recognize ways in which I can make myself better. Every experience brings more fulfillment and joy, even when its just from a couple of hats.

— Brother Eric Schlossberg

## A Word From A Brother



Third parties have never done well in America, but they have upset the balance from time to time. The first third party did better than most, but it did not alter the outcome. What was the first third party? it was the anti-Masonic Party and the presidential election it ran a candidate in was the one in 1832.

In 1828, the incumbent, running for re-election was John Quincy Adams, a National Republican, and his opponent was Andrew Jackson, a Democrat. Jackson, fresh from leading troops to a victory in New Orleans in the war of 1812, was one of the Presidents who was a Mason and, in fact, the Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee. John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, was not a Mason and he hated the Masons. He made hating the Masons a part of his campaign for re-election. And, lost. This deepened his disdain for our fraternity.

As Jackson prepared to run for re-election, Adams joined the anti-Masonic Party. That party was born out of a fever of dislike for Masons who were accused of the murder of William Morgan, a mason, who left the fraternity and became a public critic. He referred to us as elitist. Since many civic leaders and prominent businessmen were Masons, elitism was an easy charge to make. At the time of the Declaration of Independence, the governors of every founding state were Masons as was our first Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin. In fact, many of America's Founding Fathers were Freemasons: Samuel Adams, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Richard Henry Lee, and John Hancock were all raised to the sublime degree.

The Anti-masonic movement began in northwest New York, and it was very influential in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island, and a few other states. The Federalist Party, founded by Alexander Hamilton, had ceased to exist and those who were opposed to Andrew Jackson were looking for a new party.

At first the anti-Masons were successful. Anti-Masons, William A. Palmer and Joseph Ritner, won election as governors of Vermont and Pennsylvania the party controlled the balance of power in the state legislature. In 1831, the party held the first presidential nominating convention, a practice that was subsequently adopted by all major parties. The convention chose former attorney general William Wirt its standard bearer in the 1832 presidential election and Wirt won 7.8% of the popular vote and carried Vermont.

Adams had another distinction. He was the only president who, after giving up the White House, was elected to the House of Representatives. There he developed a deep rivalry with Henry Clay. Clay, a noted orator became a prominent US Senator who later was himself a candidate for president in 1844. Clay arrived in Lexington KY in 1798 seeking to start a legal career decided to join the freemasons and became an Entered Apprentice in Lexington Lodge Number 1. Clay remained active in the lodge and became Master of Lexington Lodge No. 1 and simultaneously took the post of Grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

The anti-Masonic Party eventually collapsed and merged into the Whig Party.

— Brother Barry Deustch.

## Secretary's Corner



BRETHREN

Per the Order of the new Grand Master Tommy Turlington, we are open again and this Tuesday, June 9th will be a stated meeting DINNER AT 6:30 PM OPEN SESSION, the Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK, SOCIAL DISTANCING IN EFFECT.

Although a stated meeting it is voluntary to attend and the policy is that those at risk should stay home and

IF YOU ARE SYMPTOMATIC STAY HOME!

June Birthdays Brothers;

Patrick De Oliveira

Steven Lindenbaum

Mike Previti

Fraternally,

Ira F. Markowitz, P.M., Secretary

STAY SAFE

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- Masonic Education: Br. Mike Connell
- Board of Relief: W.:M.: Akili Nebiu
- Charity: W.:M.: Akili Nebiu
- Lodge Property: R.:W.: Michael Tishman

**Optional -**

- Events: W.:Howard Shtulman
- Technology: R.:W.:Michael Tishman

## June 2020

Due to COVID-19, Contact the hosting Lodge before the day of the event for scheduling updates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Coral Springs Stated  Communication  Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30	10	11 Mahi Shriners  Miami Springs Country Club  Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm	12	13
14	15 YR—Chapter/ Council  Eureka North Shore Lodge When: 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm	16	17 SR Valley of Miami  SR Temple Miami Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30	18	19	20
21	22	23 Coral Springs Stated  Communication  Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30	24 Masters and Wardens  North Star Lodge  Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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