



The Trestleboard



The Voice of Halifax Lodge 81, F & A M
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Master's Message

W.: John Hamblett

My Brothers here is a story I found I while back that I liked alot and thought it would be fitting for this months Master's Message.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount."

Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change.

You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it is at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it is a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Standing Committees for 2011

Finance

Brother Sean Stenson
R:W: William Broughton
R:W: William Evans

Vigilance

W: John Hamblet
Brother Gary Wisniewski
Brother George Tarrant

Petitions

R:W: William Evans
Brother George Tarrant
Brother Sean Stenson

Charity

W: John Hamblet
R:W: William Evans

Funerals

Brother Richard Kicklighter
W: Melvin Bonner
W: John Hamblet
W: Richard Geyer
W: Edwin Sanders
Brother George Tarrant
R:W: William Evans
Brother Sean Stenson

Building

Brother Sean Stenson
W: Richard Geyer
W: Melvin Bonner
Brother Matthew Dueweke
Brother Gary Wisniewski

Masonic Education

W: Richard Geyer
W: John Hamblet
Brother Sean Stenson
Brother Gary Wisniewski

Communication

W: John Hamblet
R:W: William Evans
W: James Bannerman

By Laws Review/Revision

W: John Hamblet
W: James Bannerman
W: Richard Geyer
R:W: William Evans
Brother Sean Stenson

A Message from the Lodge Secretary

R:W: Bill Evans

Ever think about purchasing a Perpetual Membership...there are many advantages that benefit you and Halifax Lodge. By purchasing a Perpetual Membership you don't have to pay anymore dues to the Lodge or any special assessments and your membership also assists Halifax Lodge financially; a portion of the interest is given back to the lodge annually. There are two ways to purchase a Perpetual Membership...a one time payment of \$1,000.00 or the Grand Lodge has the easy payment plan with no interest, just a down payment of \$200.00 and you decide how you want to pay the remainder, monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually and take up to five years to complete. You still have to maintain current membership if the payments go beyond a year. It can't get any easier.

Masonic Education

W: Jim Bannerman

Did you know that the following were President of the United States and Freemasons?

George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Gerald R. Ford. Some authorities also include Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, but documentry evidence is lacking. Lyndon B. Johnson received the Entered Apprentice Degree, but did not advance.

The following two were not only Presidents and Freemasons but also Grand Masters:

Andrew Jackson of Tennessee and Harry S. Truman of Missouri.

Masonic History in April

April 2, 1879 Halifax Lodge #81 held its first meeting in Daytona.

April 22, 1785: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree.

April 20, 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus.

April 5, 1886: Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree.

April 24, 1901: President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.

A Brief History of Halifax #81

W.: Jim Bannerman P.M.1998

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Stated Communication 1st. Thursday
Called Communication 3rd. Thursday
Officers Practice 2nd. and 4th. Thursday

April 7th. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

April 21st. Called Communication

Open in the Entered Apprentice Degree
For Work and Instruction
Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

On our Trestle Board

Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Ryan A. Glynn
Brother Richard Carbonell
Brother Daniel Reyes Duran
Brother Matthew Vaitkunas
Brother Scott Watson

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother James Zimmer, Jr.
Brother Donald E. Needham
Brother Athul Radkarishnan
Brother Ferando Fernandez

Awaiting Balloting for the Three Degrees

Mr. Michael Jonathan Silverman

The first meeting of members of the Masonic order, held south of St. Augustan was in January, 1872, four years before the town of Daytona Beach was incorporated. They met at the old deserted saw mill at Ponce Inlet (then known as Port Orange). Only six Masons were present. Nine members were required before they could apply for dispensation, and it was not until January 1876 (the same year Daytona was incorporated) that they were able to recruit the required members.

On January 11, 1877, the lodge, known as Halifax Lodge #81, received its charter at a meeting in George Stevens store, which was located near the west end of the present Port Orange bridge. There were 25 charter members. The first Worshipful master was George Stevens. The Senior warden was William Jackson and the Junior warden was B.C. Pacetti.

George Stevens died the following summer, and the Stewards Herman and James Knappe moved to Jacksonville, which left the work of the lodge on the shoulders of the remaining officers. It was a tough struggle for the next two years, to keep from losing their charter. William Jackson traveled from Daytona to Port Orange in all kinds of weather to open the lodge. The only road from Daytona to Port Orange at that time was a rough old logging road through the scrub. Jackson, Anderson (the secretary) and Montague (the Senior Deacon) assumed the responsibility for keeping the lodge going. They approached the New Britain Colony (now called Ormond), seeking new members. Four offered to join if the lodge would move to Daytona. William Jackson offered the use of the hall over his store at the corner of Beach and Orange (where the 5th. district court house is now located) and grand lodge granted permission to move.



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Meetings were held on the first Wednesday after the full moon each month. On other nights the hall was used for community events including the town council meetings and dances which were held each Friday night and said to go on until dawn.

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Stanley T. Kypreos	1966	Richard Rademacher	1993
Guy E. Lewis	1970	William Evans * 1994	
Jon F. Greaves	1972	Richard G. Ragsdale	1995
Louis E. Keffer	1975	Steven Timbs	1996
C. James Wilson	1976	James W. Bannerman	1998
William T. Blackwell	1977	Ed M. Halligan	1999
Harold Powell	1978	James M. Payton	2000-01
Harry G. Ison	1980	William Broughton *	2002
J. P. Yelvington	1981	Edward P. Marx	2003
Edwin L. Sanders	1982	William Broughton *	2003
P. A. Weatherford	1985	Richard M. Geyer	2004-05
T. N. Iltopoulos	1987	Melvin R. Bonner	2006
Alfred S. Tatum	1989	Stevan Petrov. Jr.	2007
Ed M. Halligan	1990	Steve Irineou	2008
Bradley L. Rauch *	1991	Thomas W. Truhlar	2009
		Dominick Tesoriere	2010

* Denotes DDGM

Perpetual Members

W.: Ed Halligan, W.:Jon Greaves, W.:John L. Hamilton,
W.:Loyd Moulton, W.:Patrick Hill, W.:Ted Iltopoulos,
Bernard Devins, Robert Leisner, Michael Morgan,
W.:William McCorkle, Henry Perry, Sam Oreopulos,
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Baird, Richard Flatt, E. J. Halligan, Michael Toole, W.:L.
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W.: Edwin Sanders, Howard Blatchford, Mark A. Dayton

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