



# The Trestleboard



The Voice of Halifax Lodge 81, F & A M  
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## Halifax Lodge #81 F. & A. M.

### December 1. Stated Communication Election of 2012 Officers

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

### December 8 & 22. Officers practice

Light dinner 6:30pm Practice 7:00pm

### December 15. Stated Communication

E.A. Proficiency

Fellowcraft Proficiency

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

## On The Trestle Board

### Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Michael Silverman

Brother Donald E. Needham

### Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Athul Radkarishnan

Brother Ferando Fernandez

Brother Michael D. Star

## 2012 Installation of Officers Schedule

St. John's #37	12-27-11	6:00 pm
Sanford #62	01-03-12	6:00 pm
Volusia #77	01-07-12	10:00am
Landmark #383	01-07-12	4:00 pm
Sirius Sunshine #402	01-10-12	10:30pm
Ormond #326	01-10-12	6:30 pm
New Smyrna Beach #149	01-14-12	10:30am
Halifax #81	01-14-12	5:00 pm
Bunnell #200	01-21-12	4:00 pm
Daytona Beach #270	01-28-12	11:00am
Memorial Lodge D 16		TBD

## Three of our newest Brothers join the Scottish Rite

On October 15th. and 16th Brothers Scott Watson, Rich Carbonell and Daniel Rayes Duran attended the Valley of Orlando Scottish Rite reunion and continued their Masonic work through the 32nd. Degree. Congratulations Brothers, but never forget that the heart of Masonry is, and always will be, in your home Blue Lodge

## Brother Matt Vaitkunas raised and then moves

On Thursday evening October 20th. Brother Matt Vaitkunas was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Halifax Lodge #81. Our Junior Deacon Matt Dueweke presided in the East and R.:W.: Brad Rauch-delivered the lecture. R.:W.: Jay Rodgers delivered a beautiful rendition of “*Yonder Book*”

Brother Vaitkunas was an Embry Riddle student majoring in Homeland Security. He hoped to graduate in 2013 but due to a family emergency has had to return to his home town of Sandtown New Hampshire. We will miss you in Lodge Matt and wish you the best of luck.

**Brother Lamar Johnson** was scheduled to receive his 50 year pin on November 17, However we have received the following email:

*My work schedule has overwhelmed me this year and it looks like it will be after Jan. 1,2012, before I can get down there. I had assumed work would have slowed down by the end of the federal fiscal year, 9/30.*

*In addition to working like a man half my age, I am in the middle of a campaign to raise \$250,000 to rehab a building at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute into a museum on the history of the eradication of polio. Worldwide we are extremely close to the eradication of polio with Rotary International being the largest contributor by far to that effort. My wife, the late Ann Johnson, was the first female Rotary district governor in the state of Georgia and we are going to name this museum the Ann Johnson Heritage Center in her honor. After Ann retired as one of the first female VP's at Aflac, she was very active as an unpaid fund raiser for non-profits in the Columbus area.*

*I will be in touch with you around the first of the year to firm up a date for my attendance. Thanks again for reminding me.*

*Lamar Johnson*

## Standing Committees for 2011

<b><u>Finance</u></b>	Brother Sean Stenson R.:W: William Broughton R.:W.: William Evans
<b><u>Vigilance</u></b>	W.:John Hamblet Brother Gary Wisniewski Brother George Tarrant
<b><u>Petitions</u></b>	R.:W: William Evans Brother George Tarrant Brother Sean Stenson
<b><u>Charity</u></b>	W.:John Hamblet R.:W.:William Evans
<b><u>Funerals</u></b>	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
<b><u>Building</u></b>	Brother Sean Stenson W.:Richard Geyer W.:Melvin Bonner Brother Matthew Dueweke Brother Gary Wisniewski
<b><u>Masonic Education</u></b>	W.:Richard Geyer W.:John Hamblet Brother Sean Stenson Brother Gary Wisniewski
<b><u>Communication</u></b>	W.:John Hamblet R.:W.:William Evans W.:James Bannerman
<b><u>By Laws Review/Revision</u></b>	W.:John Hamblet W.:James Bannerman W.:Richard Geyer R.:W.:William Evans Brother Sean Stenson

## Masonic Education

W.: Jim Bannerman

Lodge Instructor

A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see youre wearing a Masonic emblem. Im a Freemason too. It happens that Im desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You dont know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moments thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young mans astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you werent a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young mans face as he stammered, No, I wasnt, but I wish youd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didnt need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find

out whether the things Id heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, Dont let that worry you too much. I wasnt a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didnt want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldnt be too much to lose to learn if what Id heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what Id heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico **Freemason**

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Mr. Cory Jay Lamontague  
petitions Halifax #81

Mr. Cory Jay Lamontague of Deland Florida has petitioned Halifax Lodge #81 for the three symbolic degrees in Free Masonry. Mr. Lamontague is born in Biddeford Maine on September 13, 1981. He is employed at Radon Corporation as a Software Engineer. He and his wife Jamie Lynn have an 8 month old son.

R.:W.: Bill Evans and Brother Gary Wisniewski were the bottom line signers on Mr. Lamontague's petition. The investigating committee is composed of Brothers Matt Dueweke, Bob Moore and Dick Geyer.

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William T. Blackwell	1977	James M. Payton	2000-01
Harold Powell	1978	William Broughton *	2002
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J. P. Yelvington	1981	William Broughton *	2003
Edwin L. Sanders	1982	Richard M. Geyer	2004-05
P. A. Weatherford	1985	Melvin R. Bonner	2006
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Ed M. Halligan	1990	Steve Irineou	2008
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\* Denotes DDGM

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