



The Trestleboard



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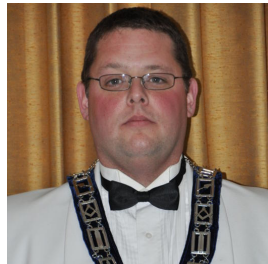
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The Master's Message

W.: John Hamblett



Greeting from the East. Just an update for this month. The year is progressing well, we've had several great new brothers begin their Masonic journey and others continue theirs towards the sublime degree. I would like to personally congratulate Brother Daniel Reyes Duran on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at this year's Outdoor Degree. I would also like to extend a warm

Halifax 81 welcome to our newest EA Michael Silverman. The enthusiasm and excitement in the Lodge this year has been awesome.

As far as building matters, I am happy to announce we have a signed lease with the new tenant where AVA used to be. This has been a great relief to me as I was very worried about the hit our budget would have taken had that space stayed empty for an extended period of time. Additionally we have begun planning some major bldg fixes for the summer months. We are planning to fix the floor in the anti-room, which has been getting progressively worse over the years and is now getting dangerous. Very soon we will open the grave in the West, an area that has not been open in approximately 30 years. Also if we can find the funds, we will be removing the old wood paneling in the East. It is so eaten up with termites it needs to come down. Speaking of termites W.: Truhlar has graciously donated a quantity of Termite killer and we will be having a pest control specialist coming into show us how to drill the holes and apply the termite killer. This hopefully will help get them under control and with continued application kill them altogether. Anyone wishing to assist in these projects either financially or with time and sweat should please contact myself or Bro. Sean Stenson.

As always my brothers your support of this Lodge in all its endeavors is greatly appreciated.



How did the Masonic Forget-Me-Not originate?

The records of the *Reichssicherheitshauptamt* (the Reich Security Main Office) show that during World War II the persecution of Freemasons was overseen by Professor *Franz Six* and was responsible for “ideological” tasks, by which was meant the creation of anti-Semitic and anti-Masonic propaganda. While the number is not accurately known, it is estimated that between 80,000 and 200,000 Freemasons were killed under the *Nazi regime*. Masonic concentration camp inmates were graded as political prisoners and wore an inverted *red triangle*

The small blue *forget-me-not* flower was first used by the Grand Lodge *Zur Sonne*, in 1926, as a Masonic emblem at the annual convention in *Bremen*, Germany. In 1938 the forget-me-not badge – made by the same factory as the Masonic badge – was chosen for the annual Nazi Party *Winterhilfswerk*, a Nazi charitable organisation which collected money so that other state funds could be freed up and used for rearmament. This coincidence enabled Freemasons to wear the forget-me-not badge as a secret sign of membership.



After *World War II*, the forget-me-not flower was again used as a Masonic emblem at the first Annual Convention of the United Grand Lodges of Germany in 1948. The badge is now worn in the coat lapel by Freemasons around the world to remember all those that have suffered in the name of Freemasonry, especially those during the Nazi era.

What is the Order of the Eastern Star?

The *Order of the Eastern Star* is a *fraternal organization*



that both men and women can join. It was established in 1850 by *Rob Morris*, a lawyer and educator from *Boston, Massachusetts*, who had been an official with the *Freemasons*.

It is based on teachings from the *Bible*,^[1] but is open to people of all theistic beliefs. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and approximately 500,000 members under its General Grand Chapter. Members of the Order are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons. Originally, a woman would have to be the daughter, widow, wife, sister, or mother of a master Mason, but the Order now allows other relatives^[2] as well as allowing *Job's Daughters*, *Rainbow Girls*,

The Order has a charitable foundation ^[5] and from 1986-2001 contributed \$513,147 to *Alzheimer's disease* research, juvenile *diabetes* research, and juvenile *asthma* research. It also provides bursaries to students of *theology* and *religious music*, as well as other scholarships that differ by jurisdiction. In 2000 over \$83,000 was donated. Many jurisdictions support a Masonic and/or Eastern Star retirement center or nursing home for older members; some homes are also open to the public.

Traditionally, a woman who is elected Associate Conductress will the following year be elected to Conductress, then the next year Associate Matron, and the next year Worthy Matron. A man elected Associate Patron will usually the next year be elected Worthy Patron. Usually the woman who is elected to become Associate Matron will let it be known who she wishes to be her Associate Patron, so the next year they will both go to the East together as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. There is no male counterpart to the Conductress and Associate Conductress. Only women are allowed to be Matrons, Conductresses, and the Star Points (*Adah*, *Ruth*, etc.) and only men can be Patrons

Editors note: Each month for the next several months, as part of our Masonic education, I will highlight one of our Masonic appendent bodies.

Next Month The **Grotto** will be highlighted

16Th District Trestleboard - May 2011

Mon 5/2/11	7:00 PM New Smyrna Lodge 149	Entered Apprentice Degree
Wed 5/4/11	6:00 PM The Clubhouse Restaurant	Master Masons' Association Meeting Daytona Beach, Fl
Thurs 5/5	7:30PM Halifax Lodge 81 (Dinner 6:30 PM)	Stated Meeting Fellowcraft Profeciency
Sat 5/7/11	8:00 AM Pelican Bay So. Golf Course	16Th District 1St Annual Gold Outing 550 Sea Duck Drive Daytona Beach, F
Sat 5/7/11	9:00 AM Winter Park Lodge 239	Zone 5 Open Books
Mon 5/9/11	7:00 PM Bunnell Lodge 200	Entered Apprentice Degree
Sat 5/14/11	9:00 AM Sirius Sunshine Lodge 402	District 16 School Of Instruction
Thurs 5/19	7:30 PM Halifax Lodge 81 (Dinner 6:30 PM)	Called Communication Open in E.A. For Masonic Education
Sat 5/21/11	9:00 AM St Johns ' Lodge 37	16Th District Open Books
Mon 5/30/11	8:00 AM Rosen Plaza Hotel	Grand Lodge Of Florida
Tue 5/31/11	Orlando, Fl 2011	Grand Communication

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Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Ryan A. Glynn
Brother Richard Carbonell
Brother Matthew Vaitkunas
Brother Scott Watson

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

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

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

May 5th. Stated Communication

Fellowcraft proficiency
Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

May 17th. Called Communication

Masonic Education
Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

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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

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