



Greetings from the East



Brothers, I am at Grand Lodge in Orlando this week. Hope to see some of you there.

We are having our *Fellowship at the Park* this year on May 31st (10am-4pm) at the Sweetest Town playground, located at 211 W Osceola Ave.

You and your families are invited. We are having hot dogs & hamburgers and I am making baked beans. If you would like to bring a side dish or desserts, let me know. We could also use someone to provide drinks & chips. We are going to make this a yearly event; it should be a great time of Fellowship & Brotherhood.

We are planning a lodge cleanup day on the 7th or 14th of June. Will give more info as we get closer. We could use everyone's help.

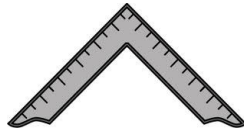
Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer. Remember we meet the first and third Thursday of every month and you are welcome to come and enjoy some good food and Fellowship.

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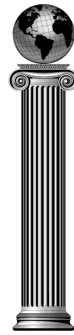
Essay Scholarship Winners



Sugarland No. 281 awarded scholarships to Liliana Hayes and Kimberly Hunter, 2025 Seniors at Clewiston High School. We want to wish them luck in all their future endeavors.

STATED COMMUNICATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY



JUNE 5

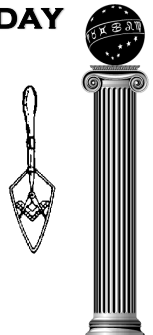
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JUNE 19

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From the Secretary's Desk



We have reached the midpoint of the year and so far it has been eventful! We've handed out the first of hopefully many more, Sugarland No. 281 Education Scholarships. I think our first two scholarship winners, Liliana Hayes and Kimberly Hunter, are representative of the type of students we created these Scholarships for and to assist in furthering their goals.

We will enter our second phase of the 50/50 Raffle for funding our education scholarships in a few months; I encourage all my Brothers to get out and sell these tickets, so we can continue offering these scholarships.

I want to remind all my Lodge Brothers to continue working on your qualifications: Master Mason I, II, & III, as well as your MLT training. These are required if you wish to move through the chairs; NO Brother is exempt from these requirements. Even for Brothers who have been through the chairs before, this is required for you to now be elected to sit in the JW, SW, and WM chairs. The training is very beneficial and will help you move through the chairs. Please see me so we can go about setting up the training.

My Brothers, as we continue on through this year let us do our best to grow our Lodge and promote it throughout our community. Let everyone who meets a Brother come away with a favorable view of Freemasonry, in how we conduct ourselves, care about our community, and reflect the values of our great fraternity.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

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"There are no strangers in Freemasonry, just friends you've yet to meet." —Author Unknown

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Musings From A Chaplain

By Brother Phil Keyes, LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

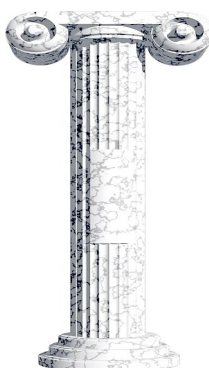


Showing brotherly love through hospitality is a powerfully effective way to create a community-wide awareness of the positive aspects of a Masonic Lodge. In another Lodge a couple years ago, a Ukrainian refugee and his family were traveling to a new home when there was a traffic crash.

Fortunately, none of them were injured but the car was not drivable. Repair parts could not be delivered until the next day. A local Mason witnessed the crash and took pity on the family. He understood their money was scarce and they could potentially miss a couple of meals. Without hesitation he invited all four to be the guests that evening at his Lodge's meeting-night dinner. As it turned out the man's father and father-in-law were members of a Masonic Lodge in Kiev.

The Holy Scriptures often depict the sharing of meals, especially in the New Testament when the most unlikely people would share a meal. We read of bread being broken among the disciples with outcasts and members of society not accustomed to eating with religious leaders.

In many cases, a communal meal provides the context for revealing ourselves to people who otherwise would never consider who Freemasons are. It is a great way to let our light shine in the community.



Appointed Officers Word Search

The seven (7) Appointed Lodge Officers are hidden in the word puzzle below. Can you find them?



**Chaplain Junior Deacon Junior Steward Tyler
Marshal Senior Deacon Senior Steward**

FAMOUS FREEMASON



Oliver Hardy

Born January 18, 1892
Died August 7, 1957

At a young age Hardy's mother wanted him to go to college to study law. There is no evidence this happened. Instead Hardy started his career in the

movie industry in 1910 when a movie theater opened in his home town. Hardy became a projectionist, ticket taker and manager.

Hardy was raised in Solomon Lodge No. 20 in Jacksonville Florida. He was raised sometime before 1954 since his membership was mentioned on the television show "This is Your Life" in 1954.