



The Trestle Board

February 2024



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FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

Here we are, starting another year at Olin S. Wright Lodge and we are looking forward to a very exciting and busy year.

Our Turkey Shoot that we held in October of 2023 was another huge success and we are going to continue the tradition again this year so please be on the lookout for more details in the coming months.

We are going to continue to grow our lodge as we did last year. We will keep you posted on upcoming events. Please realize that your lodge needs your support and participation in everything that we do.

If our first meal from our newly elected Junior Warden is any indication of how our meals are going to be – you would be remiss in not joining us for meals before our Stated Communication meetings. Our meetings are held the First and Third Thursday of every month. Meals are served as 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

Stay tuned for more exciting news from the East. We would love to see any and everyone at the Coffee Club on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am.



If you haven't attended a meeting or event at the Lodge lately, you are truly missing out on some wonderful fellowship.

Come be a part of your Lodge.

Upon the Square,

W.: Charles P. Chancey, Jr.

Worshipful Master

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024



FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

The month of January is already behind us and the year is well underway. There are already many activities planned. We will have a Fellowcraft Degree on Thursday, February 8th. Supper is at 6:30 pm and the Degree is at 7:30 pm. Come join us and be a part of this important step for another Brother on his Masonic Journey.



Last year we experienced a lot of activity in the Lodge and some growth of new members and the return of a few older members. We will continue that progress in the year ahead but there can be greater success if we get the participation of every member in Lodge activities.

There are two new petitions for the three Degrees ready for balloting at our next Stated Communication and another petition for reinstatement. As the Degree activity continues to grow we need every Brother that is able to come and be a part of these important meetings and Degrees. Our new and returning Brothers need the assurance that they have the full support of every member and we can always use additional assistance with our Degree work. If you take part in a Degree you will grow in your Masonic experience.

Come to the Lodge and be a part of all the meetings and activities. You will get good fellowship, enjoyment, and enrichment in your personal Masonic journey. We need the support of every member.

On the Level,

R.: W.: Royce A. Yancey, PDDGM

Senior Warden

PLEASE NOTE

It is requested that you supply the Lodge Secretary with your updated contact information including e-mail address and cell phone number.

DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:00 AM

FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers,

I hope all is well and everyone is off to a great start for 2024. It is hard to believe we are already going into the second month of the year. Also, a big thank you goes out to the 2023 Officers who guided us through another successful year. I would like to congratulate all of the elected and appointed officers installed last month. Also, a big thank you goes out to the installing officers.



During the installation I was reflecting upon my previous year as Senior Deacon. One of my responsibilities was the introduction of guests and this was truly an honor for me. The list varied from Past Masters, Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Orator and Past Grand Masters and several other visiting Brothers.

As it is with many, recalling faces, names, and titles is a challenge for me. I have a much easier time remembering that the Coffee Club meets Tuesdays at 8 am, and the Stated Communications are the first and third Thursdays of each month. But as far as names and titles go, I try to think of which is the most valuable. In my humble opinion, that title is "Brother".

Let's all remember our Masonic commitment and take a more active part in the Lodge.

By the Plumb,
Alvie L. Still, Jr.
Junior Warden

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF BY-LAWS PROPOSAL

At our last Stated Communication a resolution was read and approved by the Craft to amend our By-Laws to allow changes to our Degree Fees. The following is your official notice of these proposed changes.

This is Resolution to amend section 9.01, FEES FOR THE DEGREES AND AFFILIATION, of the By-Laws for Olin S Wright Masonic Lodge No. 79, located at 803 W. Mahoney Street in Plant City, FL.

CURRENT WORDING

*The fee for the Background Check shall be **\$15.00**: for Initiation shall be **\$50.00**: for Passing **\$50.00**: and for Raising **\$50.00**. In every case the fee shall be paid to the Secretary in advance, without which no petition or application shall be read or announced, and in every case of rejection the fee shall be promptly returned from the treasury, upon the Master's Order. (ACCEPTED AND APPROVED SEPTEMBER 28, 1981).*

AMENDED TO READ

*The fee for the Background Check shall be **\$15.00**: for Initiation shall be **\$100.00**: for Passing **\$100.00**: and for Raising **\$100.00**. In every case the fee shall be paid to the Secretary in advance, without which no petition or application shall be read or announced, and in every case of rejection the fee shall be promptly returned from the treasury, upon the Master's Order. (SUBMITTED TO THE CRAFT JANUARY 18, 2024)*

Final consideration and a vote by written secret ballot for final approval will be taken at the Stated Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Please plan to attend.



OLIN S. WRIGHT LODGE No. 79, F&AM - BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

07 Michael Dan Snyder

11 Marlon LaVann Bearry, Sr.

21 Cecil Carroll Carr

24 William Herbert Flamm

27 George J. Elder

27 Michael Grantham

The Masonic Home of Florida

Brothers,

Happy New Year and Congratulations to all of the newly installed Officers for 2024!

The Masonic Home and Masonic Outreach Services Program (MOSP) would like to wish each of your Lodges a wonderful and prosperous 2024, as well as let each of you know that the Home and the MOSP is here to assist in any way we can – be it education for meetings, simple questions about the Home or the MOSP, or assisting with finding services or working on a Home application.

With that in mind, we also wanted to reach out to each of you and see if it would be possible to maintain a little corner in each of your month Trestle Boards that “advertised” the Masonic Home and MOSP (really more of a reminder that we are here and the ways that we can assist Brothers, Spouses, Widows and your Lodges / Districts as a whole). Would this be possible? We’d also like to put in a reminder of Pilgrimage Day 2024 coming up on March 16th, 2024.

Another thing we wanted to start this year was having twice a month evening Teams / Zoom / Facebook / Google Meetings that would take place during the dinner portion of a Lodge meeting (the nights would change monthly so that each lodge would have the ability to attend at least one together as a lodge, but they could also be logged into by Brothers from their homes, offices, etc. outside of Lodge and would be recorded) that could serve as an open forum Q&A session for the Brothers regarding the Home and the MOSP as well as provide education on various Home and MOSP topics. Would you all be interested in something like this?

Thank You and Most Respectfully,

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FEBRUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION Supper 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am	7	8 OSW CALLED COMMUNICATION Fellowcraft Degree Supper 6:30 pm Degree 7:30 pm	9	10 Pink lodge Brandon Lodge No. 114 6:30 pm
11 Superbowl Sunday	12	13 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION & FAMILY NIGHT Supper 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	16	17
18	19 President's Day Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	20 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am	21	22 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm Ritual/Degree Practice	23	24
25	26 Master Masons Association Egypt Shrine 6:30 pm Supper 7:30 pm Meeting	27 OSW Coffee Club 8:00 am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	28	29 Ritual/Degree Practice 6:00 pm		

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Our Past Masters



Enoch E. Mizzel 1876	John Thomas Lowe 1906	Jesse E. Tuttle 1936	Paul S. Buchman 1966	Buddy Odom 1996
Enoch E. Mizzel 1877	Earl W. Mays 1907	M. C. Moore 1937	Nathan L. Watkins 1967	Richard Woods 1997
William Collins 1878	Vivian B. Collins 1908	James O. Gresham 1938	Olin R. Yancey, Sr. 1968	H. T. Red Coleman 1998
William Collins 1879	Vivian B. Collins 1909	Alois W. Anders 1939	Manuel Buchman 1969	Timothy Surrency 1999
William Collins 1880	Thomas M. Strickland ... 1910	Harry L. Keller 1940	Richard C. Holt, Sr. 1970	Irvin E. Rupp 2000
William Collins 1881	Olin S. Wright 1911	Thomas Houghton 1941	Jerry L. Joyner 1971	James W. Ford 2001
William Collins 1882	Sheldon C. Wells 1912	Thomas Houghton 1942	H. Chad Smith 1972	Eddie D. Stephens, Sr. ... 2002
William S. Knight 1883	Jasper Evers 1913	Fred D. Alley 1943	George W. Joyner 1973	Floyd K. Alderman 2003
William Collins 1884	Thomas Carr Calmes 1914	Frank S. Scheible 1944	Ray E Brobst 1974	R. Wesley Rounds 2004
William Collins 1885	Lovell H. Harrell 1915	Thomas D. Harvley 1945	Raymond D. Mercer 1975	Royce A. Yancey 2005
William Collins 1886	E. Samuel Tyner.....1916	Earle Cobb 1946	Robert A. May 1976	Philip P. Bethea 2006
G. W. Knight 1887	E. Samuel Tyner.....1917	Harry Harrel 1947	William E. Sams 1977	Robert "Boog" Powell ... 2007
William Collins 1888	Wayland H. Hill1918	Wilder Branford 1948	Robert M. Venning 1978	Louis K. Mittong, II 2008
Olin S. Wright 1889	Frank E. Cummins 1919	Ray H. Crum 1949	Lloyd W. Owens 1979	Clarence Rudolph 2009
Olin S. Wright 1890	Cyrus Taylor Neuner 1920	Benton L. McEwen 1950	Edward W. Simmons 1980	James Harden 2010
William Collins 1891	Cyrus Taylor Neuner 1921	Arthur A. Tickel 1951	Cecil C. Odom 1981	Harmon Van Horn 2011
William S. Knight 1892	Cyrus Taylor Neuner 1922	Elmer N. Dickenson 1952	James N. Reed, Sr. 1982	Robert W. Taylor, Sr. 2012
Olin S. Wright 1893	Walker Scott Rardin 1923	Willis K. Harrington 1953	Harry McElfresh 1983	Jimmie S. Marko 2013
Olin S. Wright 1894	Marcus E. Coue 1924	Royce M. Wills 1954	Tony Henry 1984	Roger Mays 2014
Andrew R. Tison 1895	Alex McQuinn 1925	Charles W. Lancaster 1955	John Ken Kimbel, III 1985	Todd Horne 2015
Simeon E. Sparkman 1896	Alex McQuinn 1926	Lee E. Russell 1956	Timothy Conway, III 1986	Robert W. Taylor, Sr. 2016
Thomas W. Wilder 1897	Lewis G. Carlton 1927	Ira B. Russell 1957	Wayne B. Ward 1987	Jimmie S. Marko 2017
Olin S. Wright 1898	R. B. Hedrick 1928	Harley S. Miller 1958	R. W. Yancey 1988	Louis K. Mittong, II 2018
Olin S. Wright 1899	Clyde N. Simmons 1929	Harley H. Rollyson 1959	Michael E. Lytle 1989	Royce A. Yancey 2019
Olin S. Wright 1900	Ray H. Kramer 1930	William A. Twiss 1960	Frank A. Gaustella 1990	Anthony N. Cline 2020
William A. Beaty 1901	Earnest G. Kellam 1931	Thomas J. Powell 1961	E. Arthur Allen 1991	James R. Jones 2021
James M. Forbis 1902	Wesley Bell 1932	Paul A. Bailey 1962	Edward W. Simmons 1992	Michael E. Lytle 2022
Robert E. Fletcher 1903	R. Clyde Colson 1933	John E. Hancock 1963	James Cameron 1993	Charles P. Chancey, Jr. ... 2023
Albert Schneider 1904	Richard Houghton 1934	A. Cody Sutherland 1964	Cecil C. Carr 1994	
Albert Schneider 1905	Wiley F. Smith 1935	Cecil L. Shackelford 1965	David Varnum 1995	