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Greetings From The East...



It's hard to believe it's already April. The year is off to a fast start, that's for sure. As I write this article we are preparing for an outdoor Master Mason Degree for four great Brothers. I'm really looking

forward to seeing them continue their Masonic Journey. If you don't know them, come to a Lodge meeting and get to know them. They are certainly an interesting group of men who are really interested in being part of our Lodge.

I have been discussing a few programs with some of the officers. We have talked about an extended Masonic Education program for men interested in our fraternity. This will also be of interest to all of the current Brothers of the lodge. We have also discussed a Masonic Meditation program open to all Master Masons. I for one have always been interested in Meditation but have never really gotten into it. Lastly I would love to start a Masonic Book Club. There are so many great Masonic books available. I think a formal discussion of these literary works with my Brothers would be fantastic.

If you're interested in any of these programs, please let me or one of the other officers know

and stay tuned to email and future Trestle Boards for scheduling. If there's something you would like to see us do, or something done different, please bring it to us.

We continue to collect various items for those in need. Please continue to bring in school supplies, food and Hygiene products. School supplies go to less fortunate student in the County, food goes to families in need and Hygiene products are going to the Masonic home for our Brothers and Sisters who are residents in the final chapter of their life. We have slowed down with our donations the last few months. If you think about it Brothers, we will make sure they go to great organizations to help the less fortunate.

Please contact me if "Our Lodge" can be of assistance to you in any way my Brothers. We have a great group of dedicated Brothers that come to The Lodge for meetings and events. If we haven't seen you at lodge for a long time, please know we want you with us. If you need a ride, we will drive you. Please just reach out to one of us and we will help you out Brothers.

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally Yours,

W. Jeff Kagan
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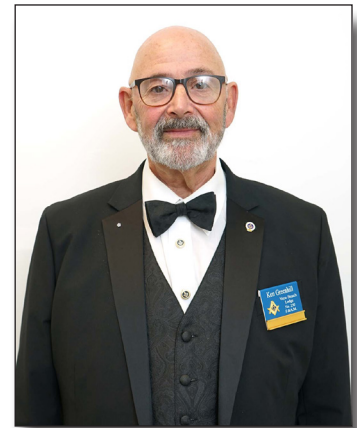
My Brothers,

Wow! Another month has passed and I'm excited about what lies ahead.

This month, April 16, 2024 at 6:00PM, (which is a regular meeting night so cabletow excuses should not interfere), we are gathering to celebrate what is a long overdue event. The Past Masters/Awards Night. In addition to honoring the service of those who have served in the East, (see the last page), we have almost 20 service pins and certificates to present to brothers whose service to Masonry collectively exceeds more than 600 years! We do hope you set aside the time to attend and pay tribute to those who have worked so hard to keep our Fraternity alive. For the younger, newer brothers, this is an opportunity to come and share in a small part of the history of Vero Beach Lodge and see why time can sometimes be seen as an enemy and at other times a tribute. "Freemasonry, notwithstanding has still survived"!

On another note, I want to thank you all for cooperating with the "get a petition" changes. It has really helped to streamline getting future brothers started in the right path.

RWB Ken Greenhill
203-494-4839



From The South...

Recent health situations have rendered our Junior Warden unable to write an article for this month, however, as the new budget has been approved, many of the things that the Building Committee have been planning are well underway!

Join me in offering my prayer for Bro. Kevin's speedy recovery and a healthy return to the South. Your patience and assistance in sharing in his many duties would be greatly appreciated.

Jeff



Lodge Charity Activities

Please support Vero Beach Masonic Lodge in our Charity Campaign. We have donation bins in the Lodge for Food, School, Supplies and Hygiene products. Please help us help the less fortunate.

Look for future charity events that we will participate in. We are planning work days for Habitat for Humanity in the near future.

If you know of an organization that needs our help, please talk to one of the officers.

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PAST MASTERS/AWARDS DINNER!

WM Jeff Kagan has announced that Vero Beach Lodge has scheduled a night of celebration to present his gratitude for the service of ALL Past Masters of the lodge as well as a night of service award presentations to those whose years of service to our Fraternity will be duly recognized. This event is open to all brothers and family members. The event is planned for April 16, 2024 at 6:30 at the Lodge. There will be NO CHARGE for all award recipients, however, a free will offering of \$20 per person would be appreciated as one feels fitting.

**Please contact the Master at (772) 643-3360, jeff@kaganmail.com
KEN GREENHILL at 203-494-4839 or kengreenhill@yahoo.com
with your intension to attend so that we may plan accordingly.**

Just Saying!

Bro. Chad Buchanan, Sr. Deacon



The Deacons

In Freemasonry, the role of Deacons holds significant importance within the lodge hierarchy. Deacons are officers who serve as messengers and play crucial roles in the smooth functioning of Masonic rituals and ceremonies. The Deacons, consisting of the Senior Deacon and the Junior Deacon, are positioned strategically within the lodge to facilitate communication and ensure the security and harmony of the proceedings.

The Senior Deacon, positioned between the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, acts as a messenger between these key figures. Their duties include introducing and accommodating visitors, guiding candidates during rituals, overseeing the ballot box, and assisting in various ceremonial aspects. On the other hand, the Junior Deacon, positioned between the Wardens, attends to alarms at the door, ensures lodge security alongside the Tyler, and supports in ritual activities.

In the rituals of Freemasonry, the Deacon plays a crucial role in guiding candidates through various stages of initiation and enlightenment. From the solemn procession during degree ceremonies to the symbolic placement of candidates within the lodge, the Deacon's actions serve to impart important lessons and insights to those seeking to deepen their understanding of Masonic teachings.

The staffs carried by the Senior and Junior Deacons in Freemasonry, adorned with symbols of the sun and moon, hold profound significance within the Masonic tradition. The sun symbol on the Senior Deacon's staff represents his position in the east, aligning with the Worshipful Master, and signifies enlightenment, leadership, and guidance. This symbol embodies the idea of light illuminating darkness, reflecting the Senior Deacon's role as a messenger of wisdom and a conductor of candidates through their Masonic journey. In contrast, the moon symbol on the Junior Deacon's staff, denoting his position in the west, symbolizes reflection, intuition, and receptivity. It represents the Junior Deacon's role in overseeing the lodge during moments of contemplation and introspection, guiding members through periods of transition and growth.

The term "Deacon" originates from the Greek word "diakonos," meaning servant or messenger, which aptly describes their role in Freemasonry. Through their diligent service and adherence to Masonic principles, Deacons contribute to upholding the traditions and values of Freemasonry while ensuring that the lodge proceedings are conducted with precision and respect for Masonic customs.

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From the West. . .

One year ago this month, I was diagnosed with cancer. On the 27th, I had a 6 hour surgery to remove said cancer. This was followed up with radiation treatments and after a couple more surgeries on the road to healing. During this time, I received sooo many text, cards, and phone cards from my brothers all across the District. There are not enough proper ways I say “Thank you!” I truly mean it.

That being said, it is so good being back among the people that I cherish and love. I give thanks first and foremost to God, who is the great Physician! The Lodge is doing great in its work, and I am looking forward to the next several months as we have some great opportunities ahead for us.

This is a reminder of the upcoming Air Show coming up in May. We need all of us to step up and volunteer to assist in this great endeavor. Then, later in the year, we will be preparing for our annual Golf Tournament. (More on that latter)

Also, coming up real soon is the Past Master’s dinner. What a great time to honor those that contributed so much to make our Lodge what it is today. I’d love to see all of our Past Masters attend this important dinner. We have so many pins and certificates to give out to so many deserving men.

Remember the symbol of the Bee Hive!

Now, in closing, I’d ask you all to remember the Charity Box.

Bro. Larry Johnson
Senior Warden

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Ever wonder how you can help support your Lodge? Naturally, your being there is the best support, but your financial support is so vital to keeping our Lodge going.

Advertising in the Trestle Board can be a great way to share your business, group events, or even just your well wishes for family, friends or Brothers!

We have a beautiful Lodge thanks to the many hours of effort donated by many brotherly hands, but, like anything else, it costs, money. Won’t you help?

2024 APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OFFICERS MEETING 6:30	2	3 Degree Team 6:30	4	5	6
7	8	9 Stated Com 6:30 Casual Attire	10 Degree Team 6:30	11	12	13 Lodge Clean Up
14	15 OFFICERS MEETING 6:30	16 Stated Comm PAST MASTER DINNER- Formal	17 Degree Team 6:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Degree Team 6:30	25	26	27 MASTERS & WARDENS
28	29	30				

BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSERIES • SERVICE AWARDS

March Birthdays

Robert Allen
Robert Clark
Thomas Clark
Robert Clevenstine II
Robert Edmonds
Jerry Fair

Kevin Gilbert
Matthew Hamilton
Samuel Moon Jr

April Birthdays

Carl Broekhuis
Fredrick Baker
David Hincemon

ART RAFFLE!

The Lodge is holding an ART RAFFLE featuring three signed, framed prints from noted speaker and artist,
Bro. Juan Sepelveda

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and are available for any officer. Proceed will be for scholarships and help in some of the many building need.
This is just another way in which you might support our Lodge!

Brothers In Harmony Bound by Humility!

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