

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge No. 250 F & A.M.

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July, 2024 Issue

Quote of the Month

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." - Walt Whitman

IMPORTANT DATES

First Responders Dinner

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Stated Meeting

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Tuesday, July 16th, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Masters & Wardens

Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge No. 87
Saturday, July 27, 2024
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Start

Special Practice

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Monday, July 15, 2024



Ritual Practice

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
Every Wednesdays at
6:30 p.m.



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Worshipful Master - Jeff Kagan

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Lodge Instructor - Michael Reichenbach



From the East

Jeff Kagan
Worshipful Master 2024



Summer is upon us Brothers.

It's hard to believe it's July already. Some lodges go dark in the summer, not Vero Beach Lodge No. 250. We have a very busy next few months ahead of us. We have our First Responders Appreciation night at the Lodge on July 2. Of course Independence Day is the 4th of July. On the 4th we are Helping Sebastian Lodge with the Festival they host every Independence Day. We need all available Brothers to help out.

We will be doing Monthly beach clean up. I would like to thank Brothers Sam McDuffie for leading the beach cleanup. We are a beach community and anything we can do to keep our beaches clean, is good for all of us. We will do another clean up day soon.

We are very close to renting out the downstairs to a tenant. This will provide us with the financial security to pay our bills and contribute to the community as needed. This will enable us to keep the dues down and still have money to maintain the building without worrying about how we will be able to pay for it.

Please continue to bring school supplies, hygiene products and food. We have some very needy families in our community. Anything we can do to help them out, we should do. The kids go back to school next month and they need our help. I appreciate your support in helping the less fortunate students of our community.

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We are hard at work planning a golf tournament. It will be November 2 and Sand Ridge Golf Course. We need your help with finding golfers, hole sponsors and raffle prizes. It's going to be a great event. With your help it can be even better.

I look forward to seeing you at a future lodge meetings. If we can help you in anyway, please let us know. If there's a nonprofit in the community that we can be of service to, we would love for you to bring it to our attention.

**Enjoy the summer and stay safe.
Jeff Kagan, Worshipful Master**



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From the West

Larry Johnson
Senior Warden 2024



Looking forward to the Summer as well as most of you are also.

Please enjoy your times with your family and make plenty of memories! We are working hard on preparing for our Golf Tournament coming up in November, however there is a lot of work to be done between now and then. We desperately need players, Hole Sponsors, gifts donated, etc, etc. But most of all, we need YOU! Please contact me for further information and how you can help make this Tournament a success. I read this story and felt it was an appropriate reminder of what freemasonry is all about.

This story is about a salesman who was in a new job after being unemployed for a while. The salesman was new and could barely afford petrol. His car broke down and he took it in to the local garage. He noticed that the mechanic wore a Masonic ring. Having heard that a Mason was honour bound to help another Mason, he identified himself as a Mason and asked if there was anywhere he could stay for free. The mechanic took him to the local motel and paid for his room. The mechanic then met him the next morning and bought him breakfast. The mechanic then fixed the salesman's car and sent him on his way without charge. Some years later, that same salesman joined the order. But in hindsight his actions grew to bother him. One day he was travelling through the town once again. So he stopped and looked up the mechanic. He told him his story, confessed his dishonesty and offered to repay the mechanic. The mechanic replied that he had always known that the salesman was not a Mason when he first visited. He also said "I didn't help because you were a Mason -- but because I was." That one story says so much about freemasonry and the reasons for which most of us join.

Fraternally, Bro Larry Johnson. Senior Warden



From the South

Kevin Gilbert
Junior Warden 2024



I am looking forward to being back with my brothers.

Brothers,

We have immediate family, and some of us have military brothers and sisters with whom we share a deep bond. But our fraternity offers us something unique: brothers we choose to associate with, people we know we can count on and who can count on us. In some cases, we are fortunate to have multiple connections, such as veteran brothers who are also Masons.

When we take our obligation, we are binding ourselves to each other in much more than a casual friendship. In this, we are far more fortunate than most people, who go through life never knowing that kind of bond.

Just a quick update on my recovery: I've received some excellent advice from Brother Richenback on how to proceed, and it seems to be helping. It has felt like one step forward and two steps back, but now that I am on a better series of antibiotics, the bronchitis has nearly gone away. I am looking forward to being back with my brothers.

Fraternally, Bro. Kevin Gilbert, Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk

RW Mason W. Russell
Secretary

Greetings Brethren!

Many thanks again to those who have paid Lodge and per capita dues in a timely manner. As of today we still have several members who are delinquent in paying 2024 dues and Grand Lodge per capita. The required notices of delinquency will be mailed on or about June 30 to those who have not paid 2024 dues or have had their dues remitted. Please, please, please – attend to this obligation if you haven't done so already.

If you are unable to pay your dues, please contact me or the Worshipful Master in strict confidence. The lodge has a new phone number – 772-202-2513 – that sends a voicemail link to the lodge email address vb250masons@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
R.W. Mason W. Russell
Secretary





From the Quarry

Chad Buchanan
Senior Deacon 2024



Freemasonry, Legends and Symbols of Instruction

Freemasonry, revered for its enigmatic allure, has captivated scholars and enthusiasts alike with its distinctive approach to imparting wisdom and moral principles through legends and symbols.

These legends, devoid of documentary proof, are passed down through oral tradition within Freemasonry, valued not for their historical accuracy but for the profound moral and philosophical insights they convey. For instance, the legend of Hiram Abiff in the Master Mason degree symbolizes virtues such as fidelity and the immortality of the soul, transcending mere historical fact to embody core Masonic principles.

Similarly, Masonic symbols, ancient and laden with meaning, serve as visual metaphors to teach moral virtues like rectitude and equality. Each symbol, from the plumb, square, and compass to lesser-known marks, embodies deep philosophical concepts that encourage Masons to contemplate life's fundamental questions.

The integration of these symbols and legends forms the cornerstone of Masonic philosophy, promoting experiential learning and introspection over rote memorization. They offer Masons not only moral education but also a pathway to explore existential themes and engage in philosophical inquiry across cultural and temporal boundaries.

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In essence, Freemasonry's use of legends and symbols transcends superficial decoration or historical relics; they are dynamic, essential tools for conveying sacred philosophy and moral teachings. Their enduring relevance lies in their ability to provoke deeper understanding and reflection, encouraging Masons to apply these timeless principles in their personal lives and in their pursuit of a broader understanding of the world.

Understanding Masonic philosophy requires not just familiarity with its symbols and legends, but a profound grasp of their meanings and implications. It invites Masons into a lifelong journey of uncovering the profound truths encapsulated in these age-old teachings, enriching their spiritual and intellectual lives while upholding Freemasonry's enduring legacy of wisdom and enlightenment.



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 First Responders Dinner 6:00 - 8:00PM	3 Ritual Practice 6:30	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Ritual Practice 6:30	11	12	13
14	15 Officers Meeting 6:00	16 Stated Communication 6:30 Formal Attire	17 Ritual Practice 6:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Ritual Practice 6:30	25	26	27 Masters & Wardens 8am Fort Pierce Lodge
28	29	30	31			



A Word From The Wayfaring Man

When attaining the sublime degree of Master a Mason I didn't fully comprehend the significance of this life time milestone. It took me years of dedicated study to truly grasp the meaning behind these teachings and to embark on my personal journey of self-improvement.

Having been blessed with many opportunities to acquire deeper knowledge from diverse sources and having the honor of serving the craft in various roles. The experiences gained through these roles have been invaluable in my life & Masonic journey. These lessons have helped me find a light in a dark profane word.

Throughout my time as a Freemason, through extensive study, engaging conversations, and deep reflection, I have come to realize the profound impact this fraternity has had on my life. It has given me new friendships, a broader family, and a meaningful way to practice my spiritual beliefs by helping others.

Our brotherhood extends beyond mere companionship; it represents a network of individuals committed to mutual growth and benevolence. Serving the needs of others has become a central theme in my Masonic path, reinforcing my commitment to our shared values.

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Moreover, the lessons I've learned have continually pushed me toward self-improvement and greater understanding. Each step along the way has reinforced the importance of humility and service. The fraternity's teachings have guided me, shaping my actions and decisions in ways I couldn't have anticipated when I first joined.

When becoming a Master you must let the Fraternity, with its guiding principles, values, and teachings, help guide you. Embracing this mindset can sometimes be difficult, but its benefits are undeniable. You must trust in the wisdom and structure of the organization, allowing its timeless precepts to guide your actions and decisions.

This ensures that the Fraternity stays aligned with its foundational values and goals, promoting a sense of unity and common purpose among members. Allowing the Fraternity to guide us helps preserve the integrity and robustness of our brotherhood. While this can be demanding at times, this perspective promotes both individual development and collective harmony, consistently demonstrating its value.

Holding fast to our philosophy, we honor our traditions and support an environment where every member can thrive. It also encourages a deeper connection to our principles and strengthens our commitment to each other and our shared mission. This commitment to allowing the Fraternity to help us become future leaders.

When becoming a future leader, I charge all Master Masons old & new to hold our tenants to the highest value. Helping the world around us while changing it for the better. Freemasonry will continue to be a beacon of light in a dark world. The Light is brighter than one individual. But as a family or sacred band of Brothers will continue to live on forever and ever.

Always remember if a Brother loses their way in the darkness. You will always have well educated brothers to mentor you and assist you in your lifelong endeavors. You were charged to walk your path with humility, sincerity, understanding, strength, and wisdom. These things will define your path as a truly enlightened Brother.

Fraternally, The Wayfaring Man



Master Mason Golf Classic

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**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2ND - 2024
7AM CHECK-IN**

SANDRIDGE GOLF COURSE

5300 73rd St, Vero
Beach, FL 32967

AGENDA

7:00 - 7:59 AM Golf Registration & Lite Breakfast

8:00 - 11:30 AM Shotgun Start

12:00 - 3:30 PM Lunch - Raffle and Prizes

Entry Fee: Round of Golf, Lunch & Beverages

Individual: \$125 per player

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**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2ND - 2024
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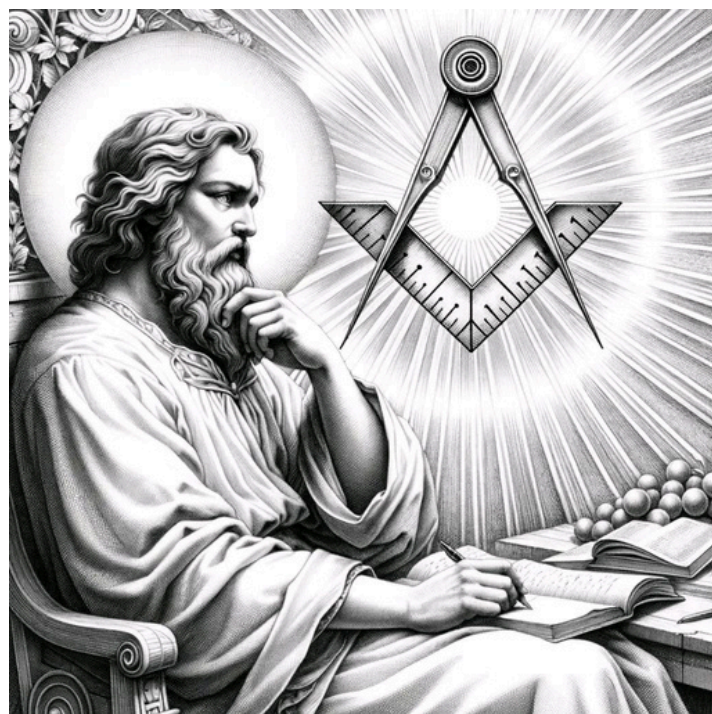


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Congratulations to Brothers Mike, Shannon, Sam, James, and Larry,
who just completed their Master Masons Catechism degree recital!
They did an amazing job and made us all proud. Special thanks to
Brother Michael Reichenbach for his hard work as the Degree
Instructor, preparing these Brothers for their big night.



**Remember brothers, Masonry
is about good men gathering
together for fellowship. Don't
forget to attend lodge. It's
takes all of us together to have
a successful Fraternity.**



'I think we skipped too many meetings.'



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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.

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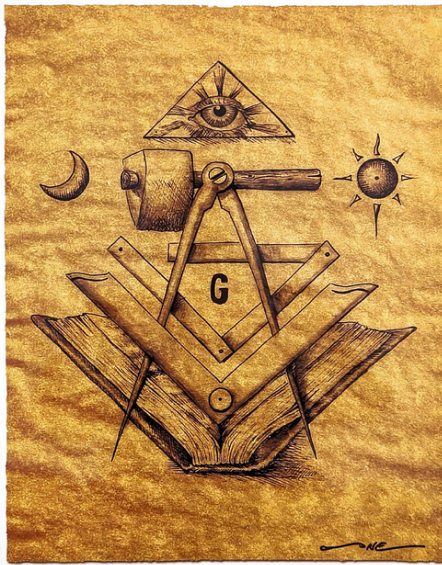
We have a beautiful Lodge thanks to the many hours of effort donated by many brotherly hands, but, like anything else, it costs, money. Won't you help?

ART RAFFLE!

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

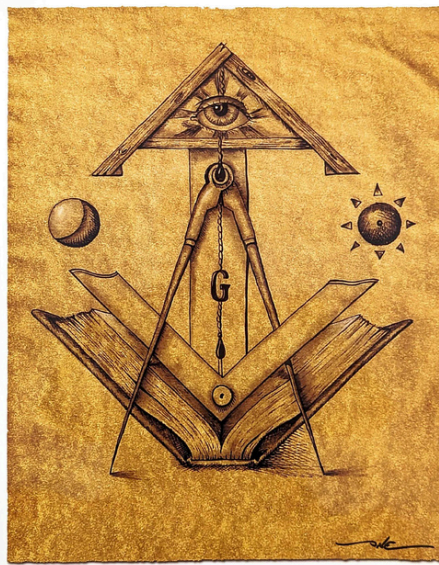
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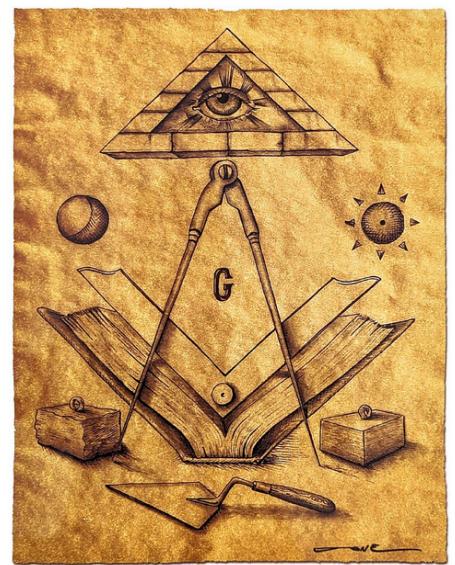
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Lodge Charity Activities

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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