

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

Stated Meeting

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

Officers Meeting

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Monday, August 5th, 2024
6:30 P.M.

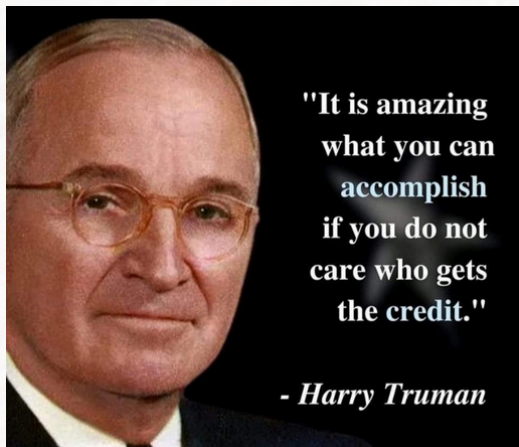
Stated Meeting

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Tuesday, August 20th, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Masters & Wardens

Acacia Lodge No 163 F&AM, Stuart
Saturday, August 24, 2024
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Start

Quote of the Month:



Ritual Practice

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

MLT- Lodge Officer Training

Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge No. 87
Saturday, August 10th, 2024
10:00 a.m.



2024 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master - Jeff Kagan

772-643-3360

Senior Warden - Larry Johnson

772-360-7898

Junior Warden - Kevin Gilbert

772-834-6469

Secretary - RW Mason W. Russell

617-372-4139

Treasurer - Cory J. Rudder PM

Senior Deacon - Chad Buchanan

Junior Deacon - James Wolfe

Senior Steward- Daniel Hawkins

Marshall - Jeremy Lynn

Chaplain - Matt Hamilton

Tyler - Shaun P. Day, Sr. PM

Lodge Instructor - Michael Reichenbach



From the East

Jeff Kagan

Worshipful Master 2024



Greetings Brothers,

I hope you're staying cool in the "dog days of summer". It sure has been a hot one so far. July was a great month for Vero Beach Masonic Lodge. We had a successful and well attended First Responders night at the lodge. It was great to interact with the men and women who help keep us safe. What a great group of men & women from the Sheriffs Department, Vero Beach Police Department and Indian River County Fire Department. I hope you all had a chance to talk to them. I know several officers had a chance to go up and see the Lodge room. I invited them to stop by on our future meeting nights and join us for dinner.

Stay tuned for future nights that we can recognize other groups that enhance our lives in the community. We are in the planning stages. The information will be posted in future issues of the Trestle Board as well as e-mail.

July 4 we assisted Sebastian Lodge in managing the parking lot at the Festival at Riverside Park in Sebastian. I understand it was very hot, but our Brothers stepped up and we worked in 3 shifts throughout the day. We were given a donation to the Lodge for our efforts. Thank you to all the Brothers and their family members that helped out that hot day. Special thanks goes to our SW Larry Johnson for taking the lead in my absence.

July 16th we hosted the DDGM, from our District (22), Matt Buxton from Okeechobee Lodge and his Committeemen. Great presentations and messages given by the Committeemen, the District Instructor and the District Deputy Grand Master.

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School will start in a few weeks in Indian River County. Please be generous and bring in school supplies for the less fortunate members of our community. This year we will be donating to the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. We are looking for school supplies, gift cards and checks (school clothes are needed as well) made out to Gifford Youth Achievement Center. They will surely go to those in need.

I want to take a moment to thank all the Brothers who continue to contribute (in your own way) to the success of our lodge. Some contribute in ways that are very obvious, others contribute in other ways that don't always get recognized. You are all greatly appreciated. It takes all of us to continue working together to operate our great Lodge. I hope we can keep it going another 100 years. Thank you to all. Our Lodge needs all the help we can get. I want to say that it is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Lastly, if any Brothers need any assistance from us, please reach out to me or one of the officers in the lodge. It's hurricanes Season. If you need help in prepping your house for an upcoming storm, please let us know ASAP. If you need help after the storm, please don't hesitate to ask for help as well. If you have a problem, we all have a problem. That goes for our widows as well.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

W. Jeff Kagan





Dear Friends and Community Members,

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge No. 250 F. & AM is hosting a school supply drive to support local students in need. We invite you to join us in making a difference by donating new school supplies. Your contributions will help ensure that every child has the tools they need for a successful school year.

Thank you for your support!



Vero Beach Masonic Lodge No. 250 F. & AM

1959 14th Ave, Vero Beach, FL, United States, Florida USA



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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 yb250masons@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
R.W. Mason W. Russell
Secretary





From the Quarry

Chad Buchanan
Senior Deacon 2024



What are the Junior Warden Duties and Responsibilities?

The Junior Warden is the 3rd in line within the Masonic lodge hierarchy and helps the lodge to run smoothly, both at labor and at refreshment.

ASSISTANT OFFICER: In Freemasonry, the Junior Warden is an elected officer in the Lodge. His position is similar to a Vice-President.

JEWEL: His Jewel of Office is the Plumb,... which is a stonemason's instrument used for ascertaining the alignment of a vertical surface. It symbolizes upright behavior among Masons.

REFRESHMENT: He sits in the South (symbolic of the position of the sun at midday) and is responsible for the Brethren while the Lodge is at ease or refreshment.

It is his to arrange all meals for the lodge, and, typically, the 2 Stewards act as his assistants in this responsibility. Symbolically, it is also his duty to make certain that the members do not convert their refreshment into intemperance or excess.

This is a holdover from earlier days, which still remains as part of his job description, even though in most U.S. jurisdictions, alcohol is barred from the lodge.

Which Officers Can Open the Lodge? The Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden or a Past Master may open the lodge if the ranking officer(s) is unable to attend the meeting.

JUNIOR WARDEN DUTIES

The term Warden is derived from the Middle English word "wardein" and from the Anglo-French word wardein, gardein, from warden to guard dated around the 13th century.

The word, Warden, has many different meanings in today's world. Its basic meaning is one having care or in charge of something with supervisory duties or with the enforcement of specified laws or regulations.

To assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties.

To discharge those duties which ancient usage has assigned to the station of the Junior Warden.

During the absence of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden, to succeed and be in charge with all the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master.

To prefer charges against a Mason guilty of un-Masonic conduct and present such charges to the Master of the Lodge.

To be responsible for all refreshments served at the Lodge.

To keep an attendance record for all Lodge functions whereby refreshments are served. (an ongoing count which is necessary to plan for future events in order to insure there is the correct amount of food and supplies ordered).

Entertainment Committee along with the Senior and Junior Stewards.

To serve either as a Committee Chairman or Member of any committee that the Worshipful Master may request his services.

To assist the Senior Warden with the execution of his duties as required.

To attend all Lodge functions (Stated or Called, Lodge social events and other Lodge Functions).

To attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Like all other officers of the Masonic lodge, the Junior Warden's understanding and performance of his duties creates harmony within the lodge and promotes the brotherhood of its members.

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ritual Practice 6:30	1	2	3
4	Officers Meeting 6:00	Stated Communication 6:30 Formal Attire	Ritual Practice 6:30	8	9	10 MLT - Lodge Officer Training Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge No. 87 Saturday, August 10th, 10:00 a.m.
11	12	13	Ritual Practice 6:30	15	16	17
18	19	20 Stated Communication 6:30	Ritual Practice 6:30	22	23	24 Masters & Wardens Acacia Lodge No 163 F&AM, Saturday, August 24, 2024 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - Start
25	26	27	Ritual Practice 6:30	29	30	31



A Word From The Wayfaring Man

The Importance of Practicing Masonic Ritual on a Regular Basis

In Freemasonry, rituals are at the heart of the craft, embodying the ancient traditions, values, and teachings that have been passed down through generations. Practicing Masonic ritual on a regular basis holds significant importance for both individual Masons and the Lodge as a whole.

Here are some key reasons why regular practice of Masonic rituals is essential:

1. Preservation of Tradition

Freemasonry is steeped in centuries-old traditions that are meticulously preserved through ritual practice. Weekly rehearsals ensure that these rituals are performed accurately and consistently, maintaining the integrity of the craft. This continuity helps Masons connect with their historical roots and appreciate the rich heritage of the fraternity.

2. Skill and Proficiency

Like any skill, proficiency in Masonic rituals requires regular practice. Weekly sessions allow members to refine their performances, ensuring that each aspect of the ritual is executed with precision and confidence. This not only enhances the quality of the rituals but also instills a sense of pride and accomplishment in the members.

3. Unity and Fellowship

Practicing rituals together fosters a sense of unity and fellowship among the members of the Lodge. These sessions provide an opportunity for Masons to collaborate, support each other, and strengthen their bonds. The shared experience of working towards a common goal reinforces the sense of brotherhood that is central to Freemasonry.

4. Learning and Understanding

Ritual practice is a form of active learning. Through repetition and participation, Masons gain a deeper understanding of the symbolic meanings and moral lessons embedded in the rituals. This ongoing learning process helps members internalize the principles of Freemasonry, guiding their actions both within and outside the Lodge.

5. Preparation for Ceremonies

Regular practice ensures that the Lodge is always prepared for important ceremonies, such as initiations, advancements, and installations. When members are well-rehearsed, these ceremonies can be conducted smoothly and with the dignity they deserve. This preparedness enhances the overall experience for candidates and reinforces the solemnity of the Masonic journey.

6. Personal Growth

Engaging in ritual practice offers opportunities for personal growth and self-improvement. Masons develop public speaking skills, learn to work as part of a team, and build confidence through their participation. These benefits extend beyond the Lodge, positively impacting various aspects of their personal and professional lives.

Conclusion

The weekly practice of Masonic rituals is vital for the preservation of tradition, the development of skill and proficiency, and the fostering of unity and fellowship. It enables members to deepen their understanding of the craft, prepare for important ceremonies, and achieve personal growth. By committing to regular ritual practice, Masons honor the legacy of Freemasonry and ensure its enduring relevance for future generations.





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

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Prizes and

RAFFLE

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

Register using this form by October 24, 2024

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☐ Auction Item Donation

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



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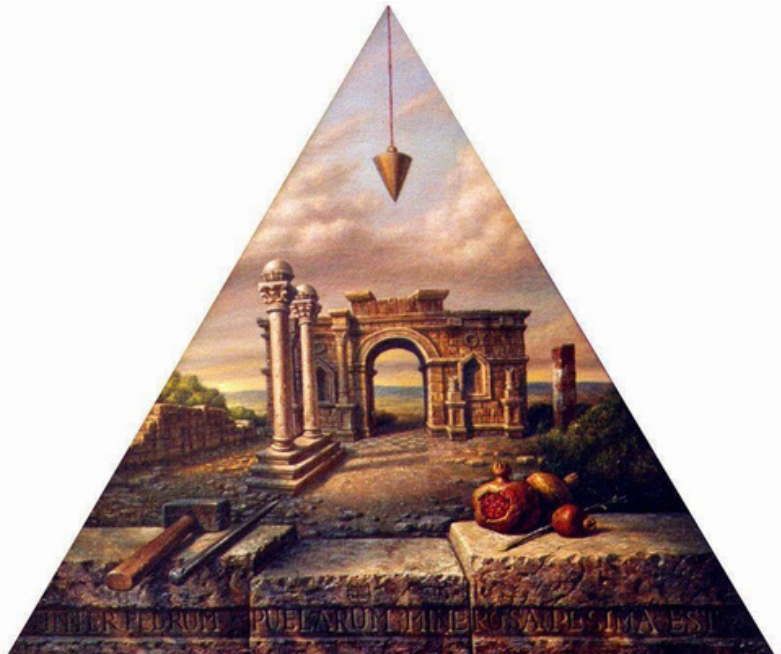


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47th Annual Tropical Night Luau

Benefitting Indian River County Children

MONDAY

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OCTOBER

You're Invited!

BEGINS

6:00 PM

UNTIL 10 PM

Quail Valley River Club
2345 Florida A1A, Vero Beach, Florida 32963





*"All my aprons are at the
cleaners."*



Originally appeared in *Tied to
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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!

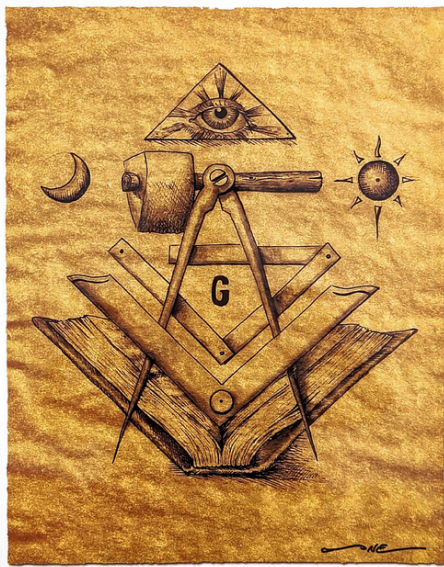
We have a beautiful Lodge thanks to the many hours of effort donated by many brotherly hands, but, like anything else, it costs, money. Won't you help?

ART RAFFLE!

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

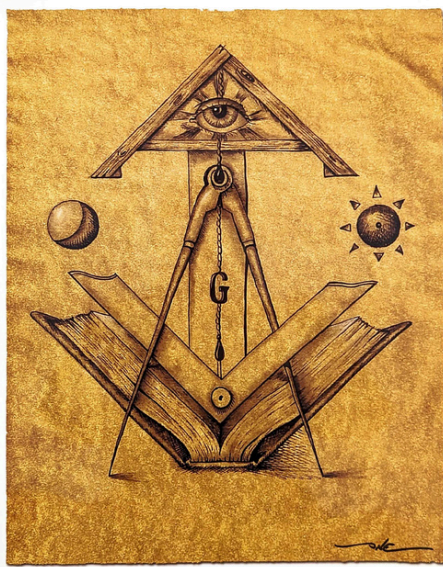
Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and are available from any officer. Proceed will be for scholarships and help in some of the many building need.

This is just another way in which you might support our Lodge!



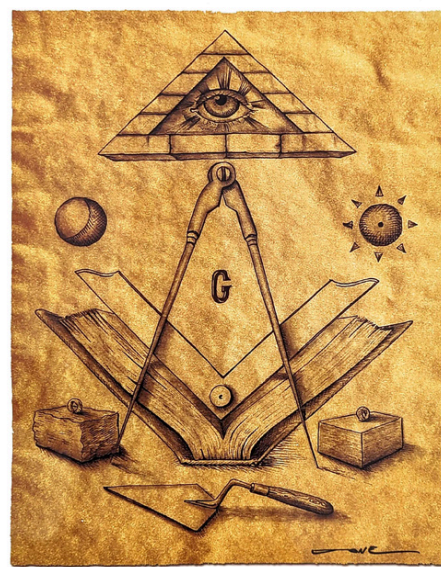
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"Passing Light"

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"Rising Light"

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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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