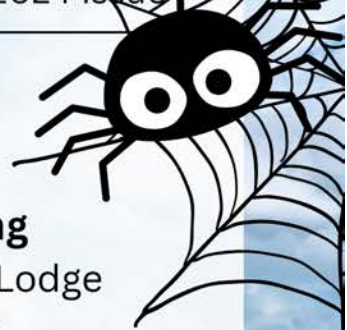


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IMPORTANT DATES



Stated Communication

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Tuesday, October 1st, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Officers Meeting

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

Open Meeting

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Tuesday, October 15th, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Masters & Wardens

Masters & Wardens
Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge
October 26th, 2024
8:00 a.m Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Start

Quote of the Month:

**IT'S NICE TO BE
IMPORTANT
BUT IT'S **MORE**
IMPORTANT
TO BE NICE**

Ritual Practice

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

MLT III - Lodge Officer Training

Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge No. 87
Saturday, October 5th, 2024
10:00 a.m. - W. Jim Greene





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Lodge Instructor - Michael Reichenbach



From the East

Jeff Kagan

Worshipful Master 2024



Another busy month ahead Brothers.

It's amazing that we are starting the last quarter of the year. Before we know it, it will be Thanksgiving, Christmas and on to the New Year. I guess it's true, "time fly's when you're having fun".

October is Breast Cancer awareness month. We are planning an open meeting for the second meeting on October 15 with guest speakers to talk about this important disease that effects quite a few women & men. I confirmed a physician who has a family history of Breast Cancer. Because of this family history, he has a great perspective on the disease. He has many male family members who have been afflicted by breast cancer, an interesting perspective for sure. We are also working on a speaker from Scully Welsh Cancer Center with a more traditional perspective on breast cancer. An engaging discussion is expected to follow. Bring guests, men and women.

GMOV official visit is October 25 in Okeechobee. This is a dinner event limited to a specific number of people. It's open to MM's and their wives or girlfriends. There will be a women's program and a tiled meeting after dinner. Dinner is free but limited to those who RSVP to our DDGM Matt Buxton. Email him at: matthewpaulbuxton@gmail.com

Nominations are due in the Secretary's hand prior to the gavel coming down to start of the first meeting in November. If you're interested in serving in any of the elected positions, make sure your nomination is turned in on time.

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Elections will take place the first meeting in December.

After elections, the new WM will appoint the remaining officers. If you're interested in serving the craft, let the current Wardens know you're interested in serving in 2025. As with the elected positions, they come with responsibility. If your cabletow will allow you the time, we would love your involvement. We all have conflicts that can pop up from time to time. That's expected and acceptable. If you know you will miss significant meetings due to family, job or scheduled health procedures, perhaps it's best you wait until you can give the time needed.





From the West

Larry Johnson Senior Warden 2024



Wow! This year is more than halfway through already.

We have accomplished so much in such a short time, however we still have other projects to complete in the next few months.

One of the larger projects is the Annual Golf Tournament that is coming up in November. This is a great fundraiser for the Lodge and it is also a great time for fellowship with brothers, family and friends. (It is open to the public).

Even if you don't play Golf, you can still participate and have loads of fun. Besides its for a great cause. We have a great team working on this, but certainly could use more hands involved. We need Golfers, Hole Sponsors, Gifts to raffle off, supplies for 'Goody Bags', etc.

Please contact me, or any one on the team, for further information on how you may assist with this great opportunity.

ON THE LEVEL

I recently listened to a podcast and one of the subjects was "Meeting on the Level" and what that meant. It was a awesome conversation ad certainly hit home with me. I certainly don't have the space to cover everything discussed but a few things did stand out to me. How do we really treat each other? What way do we make all men feel welcome when they visit the Lodge, perhaps for the first time? Maybe these are men off the street just looking into the possibility of joining our great fraternity.

May I suggest we all make it intentional to speak with everyone who enters our doors, especially a man that has never been here. Find out from other brothers something about them. If retired, what line of work. How long they have been in masonry, where are they from from, etc.

Don't be intimidated of their position or how long they have been a Mason. Make it a point to talk to someone of a different age. You may learn something.

In the Lodge, we are truly on the Level, no matter your age, position in life, your longevity in Masonry, religious background, political stance, race or nationality. SOOO...Lets all meet on the Level.



From the South

Kevin Gilbert
Junior Warden 2024



Brotherly Love in Freemasonry

"Brotherly Love" is more than just a phrase for Masons; it's a principle that defines our bond. This was never more evident to me than after my recent experience needing a triple bypass surgery. The support I received from my Brothers at Vero Beach Lodge made me realize how unique our fellowship truly is. We may try to explain it to those outside the fraternity, but only a Master Mason can truly understand its significance. Throughout life, many people might be called "brother," but I use the capital "B" for only three groups.

First, my Brothers in arms—those I served with in the military. There is a profound connection shared by those who are willing to defend each other, even at the risk of their own lives. This shared bond of service and sacrifice forms a Brotherhood that is built on loyalty and trust. Shakespeare's words in Henry V capture this perfectly:

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother."

Second, my familial Brothers. I have two older siblings, Hickory and Roy, who have been mentors and guides in my life. Hickory, a Vietnam veteran, showed me the power of perseverance through his own health challenges and career success. Roy, on the other hand, chose a quieter path, excelling in electronics and woodworking. His steady strength and dedication to family have always been a source of inspiration.

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Lastly, there are my Masonic Brothers. We come from diverse backgrounds but are united by shared principles. Like familial Brothers, we don't choose each other, yet we are bound by a commitment to support and uplift one another. Our fellowship-based love isn't just about getting along—it's about honoring our obligations, even when it's difficult.

As a wise Brother once said, "You don't always have to like your Brother, but you do have to love him." This is what sets us apart. Even when disagreements arise, we must remember our higher purpose: to act for the good of the Order and to embody the values that define us as Masons. Brotherly Love is more than a sentiment—it's a guiding principle that strengthens our fraternal bond and helps us build a better world.



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Freemasonry is where you can spend time with good men who will encourage and applaud your efforts to become a better man.

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From the Quarry

Chad Buchanan
Senior Deacon 2024



The Importance of Leadership Training in Freemasonry

Leadership training is essential in Freemasonry as it ensures that members are well-equipped to guide their lodges with wisdom, efficiency, and a deep understanding of Masonic principles. In any fraternity, especially one with such rich traditions, effective leadership strengthens the bond between members and preserves the integrity of the organization.

In Florida, Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) plays a crucial role in developing leaders within the craft. This program educates members on key administrative and leadership skills, ensuring that they understand the responsibilities and protocols that come with guiding a lodge. MLT fosters the growth of effective leaders who can carry out the duties of Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and other officer roles with confidence and competence.

Additionally, the Master Mason 1, 2, and 3 exams offer important opportunities for Masons to deepen their knowledge.

These exams, which cover essential aspects of Florida Masonic history, ritual, and governance, also teach members how to effectively utilize resources like the Florida Masonic Digest. The Digest is an invaluable tool for accessing regulations, rules, procedures, and other leadership resources that ensure members are well-informed and capable in their roles.

By participating in leadership training and exams, Masons prepare themselves not only to lead but also to uphold the core values and traditions of Freemasonry, ensuring its continued success for generations to come.

7 Signs You Work for a Great Leader

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7. Makes tough decisions with compassion

They think about how their choices affect you and your team. They explain their decisions and help you navigate through changes.

1. Always gives you credit

Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. They recognize your achievements and make sure everyone knows the role you played in the team's success.

6. Leads by example

They walk the walk. They inspire you to uphold high standards, without resorting to micromanagement.

2. Welcomes your ideas

They make it safe for you to voice your thought and suggestions.

5. Values your personal time

They respect your boundaries. They encourage you to take time off and disconnect from work.

4. Cares about your well-being, not just your work

They check in on you regularly. They take the time to ensure you're doing well and offer support when you're facing challenges.

3. Encourages your growth (and supports it)

They're behind you all the way. They offer opportunities and push you to be your best.



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Lodge Officers Meeting Monday September 30th 6:30 PM	1 Stated Communication Formal Attire 6:30 PM	2 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	3	4	5 MLT iii - Lodge Officer Training Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge No. 87, 10:00 AM
6	7	8	9 Ritual Practice 6:30	10	11	12
13	14	15 Open Meeting Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation 6:30 PM	16 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	24	25 Grand Masters official visit Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, #237 6:30 PM	26 Masters & Wardens Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge 8:00 a.m Breakfast 9:00 AM - Start
27	28	29	30 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	31		



A Word From The Wayfaring Man

The Importance of Selfless Decision-Making in a Masonic Career

In Freemasonry, every decision made by a brother impacts not only their own journey but the lodge and the fraternity as a whole. It is essential for Masons, especially those in leadership positions, to prioritize the good of the order over personal ambitions or the advancement of their own office.

Freemasonry is founded on the principles of brotherhood, charity, and integrity. As a result, decisions rooted in self-interest can undermine the harmony and unity that Freemasonry seeks to foster. Leaders must ensure that their choices are guided by the best interests of the lodge and its members, focusing on strengthening the fraternity and ensuring its long-term success. By making decisions with the greater good in mind, Masons help maintain the core values of the craft—equality, charity, and moral excellence. Selfless decision-making also cultivates respect and trust among members, ensuring that the fraternity remains a place where each brother can flourish collectively, rather than in isolation.

Ultimately, Freemasonry's longevity and impact depend on leaders who are committed to its greater mission and who work for the benefit of all, rather than their own position.

Fraternally, The Wayfaring Man



Congratulations to our new brother, Michael Pappas, for successfully completing his Entered Apprentice Degree in Freemasonry at Vero Beach Masonic Lodge No. 250 F. & AM on September 17, 2024!

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8:00 - 11:30 AM Shotgun Start

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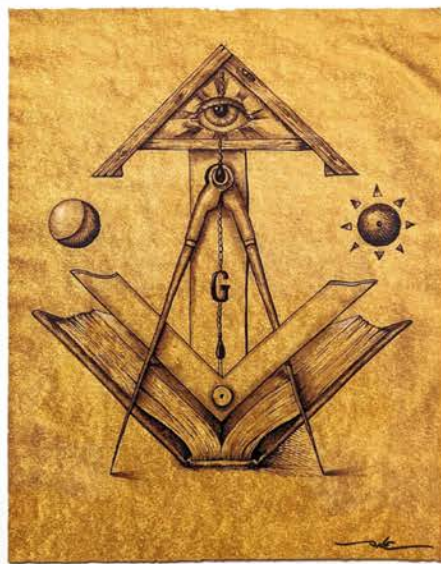
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Tickets are available for \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and can be purchased from any Lodge officer. All proceeds will go towards supporting our scholarship fund and addressing various building maintenance needs.

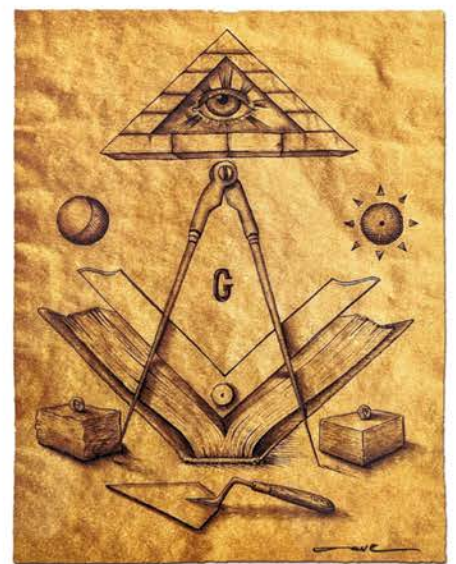
This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Lodge and take home a beautiful piece of art!



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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.

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