

ORANGE BLOSSOM LODGE NO. 80



Stated Communications

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We meet every First and Third Monday of the month. Dinner starts at 6:30pm and is open to family and anyone that is interested in learning about Freemasonry.

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Welcome to the month of March. The KVLS Fair is behind us, and our check was delivered to us on our first stated meeting of the month. I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you that came out to the fair and supported us during that week. Our very own W.: Jim Fisher will assist in putting together the KVLS Volunteer's Luncheon once again this year on March 13th 2021 @12p. Do not be shy, and come out to eat and celebrate our accomplishment this year.



The month of March is a light one, with the exception of our Master Mason degree scheduled for March 22nd, 2021. Please come out and support the raising of four (4) of our very own brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. If you would like a part in the degree, do not hesitate to contact our brother Senior Warden and inform him that you will like a part in the degree. This month I do not have too much to say, but one thing I really want to say and emphasize is how grateful I am of each and every one of you guys. Your unconditional support to our lodge and I speaks volumes when it comes to the successes we achieve each year. As we close the first quarter of the year, I would like to say THANK YOU for such an awesome experience being your Worshipful Master, and I look forward to our second quarter.

Fraternally,
Marlon L. Gonzalez
Worshipful Master

Charity this Month

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Central Avenue Elementary`

From the West

My Brothers,

Thanks to every volunteer that worked at the Fair. I'm very happy that despite a global pandemic, we were able to safely perform our duties. As an engineer, I'm already working on process improvements for next year. Stay tuned!

This month we will Raise four of our new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our Blue Lodge's main function is to teach us the lessons we need to improve ourselves, and secondly, to make new Masons.

Let's give these Brothers the best experience possible! The Master Mason Degree will be on March 22, 2021 at 7 PM. Please have dinner prior to arriving. Dress code is formal -- suit and tie.

Our Masonic Education program will be at full swing beginning in April! Let's have those topics researched and ready for a quick 5 to 10 minute presentation. I can't wait for what you all have to share. Please see below if you need a refresher on the topics that we listed.

1. Topics for our Masonic Education discussions:
2. History of Freemasonry (Robert Raffa)
3. History of Orange Blossom Lodge No 80 (W. Jim Fisher)
4. What is the York Rite? (Bro. Jeff Sizemore)
5. What is the Scottish Rite? (R.W. Johnny Brock)
6. What have I learned from Masonry (Bro. Pat Fisher)
7. Talk about Integrity (Bro. Iván Becerra)
8. Talk about Masonic Fellowship (Bro. Rafael Surillo)
9. Talk about our Masonic charities (W. Jim Davis)
10. Describe and explain the working tools of the Entered Apprentice Degree (Bro. Joe Pérez)
11. Describe and explain the working tools of the Fellowcraft Degree (W. Bro. Jason Walters)
12. Describe and explain the working tools of the Master Mason Degree (W. Tom Clark)
13. Talk about the Regius Manuscript (W. Bro. Marlon González)
14. What is Esoteric Masonry? (Bro. Khristopher Rodríguez)
15. Talk about the importance of a meaningful lodge experience (Bro. Tommy Brock)
16. Gives us a class on musical appreciation and the application of music in the lodge ceremonies. (Bro. Manny Lozada)

Fraternally,

Bro. Manny Lozada
Senior Warden





March Birthdays

Dion Smith
 Fredrick Casler
 Roberto Goicochea
 Brian Johns
 Carl Adams
 Michael Hemphill
 Bob Shonyo
 Partick Fisher
 Joseph Prestigiacomo
 Rondou Artis
 Samuel Ashley III

Happy Birthday Brothers!

From the South

Greetings Brothers!

First, I want to thank the brethren and families that worked the fair, helped in the kitchen, or supported our lodge in another way this past month. We've clearly been productive since our last TrestleBoard. I've challenged our brothers to think of new ways we can support our community. Some ideas we are kicking around include:

- Kayak Cleanup day - Brothers clean up trash along the banks of Shingle Creek while we kayak.
- Island Cleanup - clean up and review the property where we hold the island degree.
- Roadside cleanup - adopt a road
- Collecting goods for women's shelter
- Educational outreach
- Better support Masonic youth.
- Etc.

I'm working on a form so that I can summarize our lodge's interest in various ways to serve. Once it is complete, a link will be sent out. Please consider taking the time to complete the form so that your voice can be heard in our efforts moving forward. I'm also interested in improving our dinner experience, so I've included some questions that pertain to allergies and music preferences also.

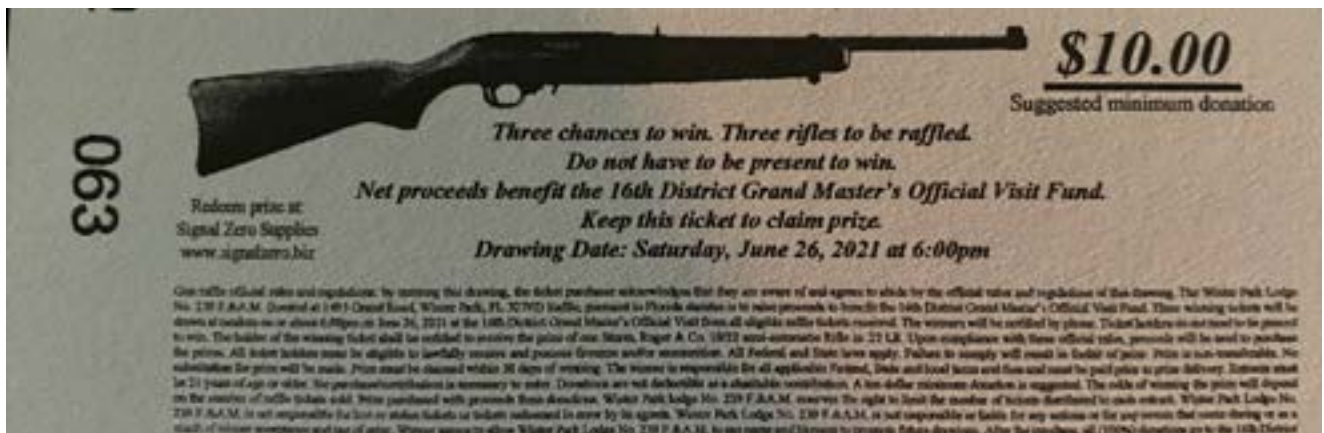
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My email address is SamAshley@pathfindersedu.com

Fraternally,
Bro. Sam Ashley
 Junior Warden



Raffle!

Contact our Junior Warden if you'd like yo get your hands on some raffle tickets for a Sturm, Ruger & Co 10/22 semi automatic rifle. \$10 per ticket. Snapshot of the raffle ticket below.



Petitions | Mentor's Report

Coming soon

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

By this date, all members who have paid their dues for 2021 should have received their membership cards. If for any reason anyone has paid by mail or through the Circumscribe portal and have not received their dues cards, please contact the Secretary at your earliest convenience.

Reminder for all Perpetual Members, while you are all exempt from paying your annual dues, your notices include \$7.30 for LYPMGC and \$10.00 for Building fund. While the LYPMGC contribution of \$7.30/member is voluntary, your Lodge in turn pays this amount at the end of the year to the Grand Lodge. LYPMGC contributions go the Masonic Home which is so important for all of us looking far ahead. The \$10.00 Building Fund portion helps defray costs of maintenance and/or repairs for your Lodge. It is imperative that these voluntary contributions are very important for our Lodge that we encourage all members to support, regular or perpetual alike.

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is scheduled on May 31-June 1, 2021 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, FL. Those interested to attend, let me know so you could be pre-registered

Fraternally,
Wendell Tomimbang, PM
Secretary



Contact Us

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Spotlight

Our **Brother Robert Raffa**, a Fellow Craft and soon to be Raised Master Mason, shares some thoughts on his Masonic journey:

Hello Brothers,

My name is Robert Raffa and I am currently a Fellow Craft of our lodge. Becoming a Mason is something that I've wanted to do for a very long time. I have three very good friends in my home town that are Master Masons. It was by virtue of the friendship that I shared with them, as well as their character and demeanor, that I was led to seek membership in the Fraternity. It's one of the best decisions I've made in my life. I've already benefited from the EA and FC degrees. I find myself to be more patient, composed, and I carry myself much more uprightly since being conferred with and returning proficiency of each degree.

When I first petitioned, the process had to be put on hold as I had not yet resided in Florida for a full year. This did not discourage me because this was now a life-long endeavor. I volunteered at multiple lodge events as I waited and this gave me the opportunity to get to know some of the brothers of our lodge. Just like the three New York Masons I had known my new brothers have shown me true fellowship and brotherly love and they lead by example.

A Surprise on Proficiency Night

On the night that Brother Isaiah and I returned our EA proficiency together there were some truly distinguished Brothers from the Grand Lodge present, including the Grand Master himself. I can say that while this was a surprise it was not a source of intimidation. The encouragement shown to us all Brothers present gave us the strength, courage, and mental fortitude to succeed. We did very well and very happy to have represented our lodge well. It has become like a second home to us (the group of us Initiated and Passed together), and I think that our lodge is in good hands with our officer's line this year and many years to come.

Thank you Brother Raffa for with sharing some of journey with us and letting us to get to know you just a little better.



March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:30PM: Orange Blossom No. 80 - Stated Communication 1	7:30PM: South Seminole No. 364 - Stated Communication 7:30PM: Eola No. 207 Stated Communication 2	7:30PM: Pine Castle No. 368 - Stated Communication 3	7:30PM: Winter Garden No. 165 - Stated Communication 4	 5	8:00AM: Masters & Wardens Meeting 6	 7
7:30PM: Mokanna No. 329 - Stated Communication 7:30PM: Oviedo Lodge No. 243 - Stated Communication 8	6:00PM: MM Degree @ Eola No. 207 6:30PM: EA Degree @ South Seminole No. 364 + 3 events (bottom page) 9	 10	10:30AM: Hiram's Daylight Lodge No. 407 - Stated Communication 7:00PM: FC Degree @ Winter Park No. 239 7:30PM - St. Cloud Lodge No. 221 - Stated Communication 11	 12	 13	 14
7:30PM: Orange Blossom No. 80 - Stated Communication + EA Catechisms 15	7:30PM: South Seminole No. 364 - Stated Communication 7:30PM: Eola No. 207 Stated Communication 16	 17	7:30PM: Winter Garden No. 165 - Stated Communication 18	 19	 20	 21
7:00PM: MM Degree @ OBL80 7:30PM: Mokanna No. 329 - Stated Communication 7:30PM: Oviedo No. 243 - Stated Communication 22	7:30PM: Orlando No. 69 - Stated Communication 7:30PM: Winter Park No. 239 - Stated Communication 7:30PM: Orange No. 36 - Stated Communication 23	6:30PM: District School of Instruction 24	10:30AM: Hiram's Daylight No. 407 - Stated Communication 7:30PM - St. Cloud No. 221 - Stated Communication 25	 26	8:00AM: Open Books 27	 28

Tues 9th @ 7:30PM - Stated Comms. at Orlando 69, Winter Park 239, and Orange 36.

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Sponsor us! Place an ad for your business or organization in this monthly Trestleboard and you too can help support our lodge's Masonic activities. Your sponsorship of our lodge will come with:

- Distribution to about 2,000 Central Florida Masons and their families.
- Online presence with the distribution of this Trestleboard and our lodge [website obl80.org](http://obl80.org).
- One-time advertising cost of \$100/slot for a year.
- Promotion of your business at Lodge activities and events.

Please coordinate with Secretary or email to info@obl80.org if you are interested in this exciting opportunity.

Officer's Line 2021

Treasurer

Ivan Becerra

Senior Deacon

Rafael Surillo

Musician

David Colvin

Historian

W.: Jim Fisher

Marshall

R.: W.: Bob Cunningham

Worshipful Master

Marlon Gonzalez

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Senior Warden

Manny Lozada

Secretary

W.: Wendell Tomimbang

407-744-5004

Chaplain

W.: Jim Davis

Senior Steward

Joe Perez

Junior Warden

Sam Ashley

Junior Steward

Jeff Seizmore

Junior Deacon

Kristopher Rodriguez

Tyler

Benny launazelli

Committees for Masonic Year 2021

FINANCE	VIGILANCE	CHARITY & SCHOLARSHIP	BUILDING
<u>Bro. Manny Lozada</u>	<u>Bro. Sam Ashley</u>	<u>R.:W.: Bob Cunningham</u>	<u>Bro. Pat Fisher</u>
Bro. Ivan Becerra R.:W.: Bob Cunningham W.: Wendell Tomimbang	W.: M.: Marlon Gonzalez W.: Jason Cintron Bro. Manny Lozada	Bro. Rafael Surillo W.: Raymond Sanchez Bro. Sam Ashley	Bro. Benny Iannuzelli W.: Raymond Sanchez Bro. Peter Joe W.: Jason Cintron
SOCIAL EVENTS	MENTORING	PETITIONS	BOARD OF RELIEF
<u>Bro. Sam Ashley</u>	<u>Bro. Rafael Surillo</u>	<u>Bro. Rafel Surillo</u>	<u>W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez</u>
W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez W.: Raymond Sanchez	Bro. Ivan Becerra Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez	W.: Jim Fisher W.: Jim Davis Bro. Manny Lozada	Bro. Manny Lozada Bro. Sam Ashley
FUNDRAISING	TECHNOLOGY	COMMUNICATIONS	MASONIC EDUCATION
<u>W.: Raymond Sanchez</u>	<u>Bro. Manny Lozada</u>	<u>Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez</u>	<u>Bro. Manny Lozada</u>
R.: W.: Johnny Brock R.: W.: Bob Cunningham W.: Wendell Tomimbang	Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez W.: Raymond Sanchez	Bro. Manny Lozada W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez Bro. Sam Ashley	W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez W.: Wendell Tomimbang

If you're a member of this lodge and would like to help with — or have suggestions that you'd like to make to — any of the committees above, please reach out and make it known!

Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 Past Masters

1885	Joseph L. Nicholson	1919	Thomas J. Woodall	1953	Aldus M. Cody	1987	Dale D. Lewis
1886	Joseph L. Nicholson	1920	J. Earle Lupfer	1954	Addison L. Bodiford	1988	B. Craig Lynch
1887	John W. Harwell	1921	Howard M. Katz	1955	James A. Cambell	1989	Henry Bundy
1888	John M. Bryan	1922	William J. Steed	1956	James A. Cambell	1990	David MacNab
1889	John W. Harwell	1923	Samuel L. Lupfer, Jr.	1957	Michael J. Stanko	1991	Elwood J. Davis
1890	John W. Harwell	1924	John L. Overstreet	1958	Lewis S. Hirtzel	1992	Paul L. Forbes
1891	Charles E. Franklin	1925	George T. Sigler	1959	Kenneth C. Smith	1993	Richard T. Fyfe
1892	John M. Lee	1926	John N. Bryan	1960	Charles P. Dixon	1994	Mark Lamb
1893	John W. Harwell	1927	George T. Sigler	1961	Thomas E. Lee	1995	James W. Fisher
1894	John M. Bryan	1928	Robert E. Griffin	1962	R. Coy Conrand	1996	George E. Metcalfe
1895	John M. Lee	1929	Elmer J. Fehr	1963	Stanley W. Anthony	1997	George T. Sullivan
1896	S.R. Bassett	1930	F. Byron Ames	1964	Ralph T. Miller	1998	Tony Stipich
1897	John M. Bryan	1931	Lawerence W. Rogers	1965	J.C. Clemons	1999	Vince Barnes
1898	Charles E. Franklin	1932	William E. Hansell	1966	Fred E. Ward	2000	James W. Davis
1899	Charles E. Franklin	1933	J. Frank Robinson	1967	Henry Szankiewicz	2001	John T. Roberson III
1900	J.V. Curry	1934	B.L. Johnson	1968	John L. Summers	2002	Richard A. Overbee, Jr.
1901	John M. Lee	1935	Floyd M. Urick	1969	Harry J. Artemus	2003	Robert Cunningham
1902	F.G. Railey	1936	Charles N. Phillips	1970	Victor G. Wendt	2004	Walter J. "Mack" McDowell
1903	F.G. Railey	1937	Arthur F. Crosby	1971	Jeffords D. Miller	2005	Johnny Brock
1904	Moses Katz	1938	K. Norman White	1972	Carl E. Teel	2006	William L. "Bill" Horne
1905	Moses Katz	1939	K. Norman White	1973	George M. Young	2007	Richard A. Overbee, Jr.
1906	Henry N. Bratton	1940	Ira H. Wetherbee	1974	Truman Fugate	2008	Brian M. Shaw
1907	James M. Willson, Jr.	1941	Murray W. Overstreet	1975	Eugene W. Nalley	2009	James W. Davis
1908	Roma Thomas	1942	Edward C. Grissom	1976	Frank Cochrane III	2010	Mitch Lokken
1909	James W. Prentis	1943	Lindsey M. Stevens	1977	James R. Stephen	2011	Rob Gunecko
1910	John M. Hansell	1944	George W. McGowan	1978	Thomas F. Clark	2012	Kevin Gowen
1911	Samuel L. Lupfer	1945	Edward C. Jones	1979	James S. Perritt	2013	John LaRocka
1912	Charles W. Damn	1946	C.E. Roberts	1980	Mack McClain	2014	Gregory Waldron
1913	Roma Thomas	1947	Carl W. Ridel	1981	William J. Fisher	2015	Eric Roman
1914	W. Woodfin Carson	1948	Harry K. Jowers	1981	Melvin H. Wills, Jr.	2016	Richard Gonzalez
1915	Nathan C. Ryan	1949	Horace B. Allen	1983	Mark K. Rogers	2017	Jose L. Cintron (Jason)
1916	W. Woodfin Carson	1950	Lloyd Rolls	1984	David W. Paulk	2018	Robert Vasquez
1917	F. Conrad Bryan	1951	Russel S. Thacker	1985	Carl E. Teel	2019	Raymond Sanchez
1918	William B. Crawford	1952	Stanley T. Hodala	1986	J.P. Hughes	2020	Chris Davis