

# 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,

April showers have come and passed. I am super excited with the events we have planned in our lodge for the month of May. First we have our Fellowcraft degree on May 24th, 2021. Our Brother Senior Warden has once again taken on the task of leading the conferral of this degree. If you are interested in participating and helping out with the degree, don't hesitate to contact Manny Lozada for more details.

Our second event is our Annual Golf Tournament, and it will be held on Saturday May 29th, 2021 at The Royal St. Cloud Links. Last year, as the pandemic was taking the country by storm we could not hold our annual tournament. This year W.: Wendell Tomimbang, myself, and Manny Lozada have been working tirelessly to make this event happen. Don't forget to sign up as we are way over half way of sign ups. Don't miss out on great fellowship, fun, and prizes.

To close out my message, I will like to say how proud and honored I am of being part of this great fraternity. I can proudly say that even after such a trying year we've had, we were able to award two scholarships to two young and talented ladies. Ms. Evan Bass and Ms. Kaitlyn Haslam were the proud recipients of the Virginia and John Muir Memorial Masonic Scholarship. Our youth is the future of our country, and by our constantly making an impact in our community we will show the world how we can make a difference. I would like to thank R.:W.: Bob Cunningham, W.: Raymond Sanchez, and the scholarship committee for making this happen. Thank you once again and I look forward seeing you guys on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, as well as our other events.

Fraternally,  
**Marlon L. Gonzalez**  
Worshipful Master



## Masonic Education Corner

It is said by some, with a nearer approach to interpretation, that the point within the circle represents God in the centre of the Universe. It is a common Egyptian sign for the Sun and Osiris, and is still used as the astronomical sign of the great luminary. In the Kabalah the point is YO\_D, the Creative Energy of God, irradiating with light the circular space which God, the universal Light, left vacant, wherein to create the worlds, by withdrawing His substance of Light back on all sides from one point.

Our Brethren add that, "this circle is embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, and upon the top rest the Holy Scriptures" (an open book). "In going round this circle," they say, "we necessarily touch upon these two lines as well as upon the Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within their precepts, it is impossible that he should materially err."

Pike, Albert. *Morals And Dogma* (Illustrated) (p. 38). Global Grey. Kindle Edition.

## Charity this Month

Central Avenue Elementary`

## From the West

My Brothers,

First and foremost, a warm welcome and congratulations to Brother Robert Raffa on his raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the end of last month. It was a true honor to be there sharing that moment with you. Winter Garden Lodge did a magnificent job raising five new Master Masons that night.

This month we are packed with activities, Masonic and otherwise. In our first meeting, we will have great Masonic Education discussions.

This time, it is our turn to learn a little about some of our Appendant and Affiliated Bodies. Our lodge's Junior Steward, Bro. Jeff Sizemore will be talking about what is the York Rite. R.W. Johnny Brock will enlighten us with a talk about the Scottish Rite. We will also have a visit from Ormazd Grotto to introduce us to this great philanthropic and fun organization. You don't want to miss these great presentations!

On Monday, May 24th, we will Pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft six Brothers. Our Fraternity and our lodge in particular are experiencing a huge revival in terms of good men wanting to join and become new Brothers. Practice for the degrees are on May 5th, 10th, and 12th. Please come out, attend and participate in the Degree. This is what our lodge is charged to do. Support our new Brothers.

Finally, my Brethren, I know it was already mentioned by our Worshipful Master, but I cannot stress the importance of participating at our upcoming golf tournament. Let's have a fun day whether it is by playing or by volunteering. We always have a great time at these kinds of events. Please talk with our Secretary and let him know how you can participate.

Fraternally,  
**Bro. Manny Lozada**  
Senior Warden





## May Birthdays

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Flint Key  
Angel Melendez  
Jose Moreno  
Gregory Waldron Jur.  
Christopher Davis  
Vladimir Gatti  
Daniel Pierce  
Edgardo Arceo

Happy Birthday Brothers!

## From the South

Greetings brothers!

Without engaging in a loquacious colloquy, I want to discuss servant leadership. Servant leadership is a leadership style where you put the needs of your team first. The term servant leadership was coined by Robert Greenleaf in the 1970s and has been since implemented in various successful organizations. According to Greenleaf (as cited by the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, 2021) servant leadership can be identified through organizational results. He is quoted to say



***“The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people’s highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is: Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived?”***

I am not the first person to consider servant leadership within a masonic context. Perform a quick duck-duck-go search and you will be linked to many authors who have considered the relevance of servant leadership in masonry. When we are asked what we do in masonry, many of us respond that we ***“make good men better.”*** I believe this to be a true statement. I challenge you to become better servant leaders. When I think of servant leaders, I think of:

- R.:W.:** **Johnny Brock**, for he has always gone out of his way to assist distressed brothers.
- Bro. Pat Fisher** who speaks with integrity and leads through his service to the lodge.
- Bro. Rafael Surrillo** who spends countless hours helping brothers with their catechisms.
- W.:** **Jim Davis** who is always available for confidential wise council and is quick to shine the light of recognition on others.
- W.:** **Billy Horne** who even though he lives great distance from the lodge, he has proved that he is always a phone call away and every year finds ways to serve the families of the lodge (e.g. Christmas Party).

The Brother I often think of is **Bro. Curtis Hinkle** who never sought the attention of a chair, but only sought to help his brothers improve their homes, drive them to medical appointments and volunteered whenever he was able. Even when Bro. Curtis was a limited ability, he maximized his capabilities and was always willing to help. Bro. Curtis (a skilled carpenter), while unable to physically do the labor himself, would come to your home and instruct you how to perform various carpentry tasks. You do not need a title to be a leader and Bro. Curtis was a servant leader.

The specific examples from our lodge could go on, but I started this article indicating that it would not be a loquacious colloquy and so I leave you with these questions: are your brothers better fathers, husbands, leaders, citizens, employees, employers, etc. because you, an integral, part of our lodge, is there? How do you make good men better?

Fraternally,  
**Bro. Sam Ashley**  
Junior Warden



Bro. Edwin Toro visiting Bro. Curtis Hinkle in West Virginia, December 2017.  
Bro. Curtis passed to the celestial lodge above a few short months later.

## Petitions | Mentor's Report

### Initiated

Jose L. Albastide - March 30

### Entered Apprentices

Memorizing Catechisms:  
Carlos Prieto

Catechisms Returned:

Odormiro Ferreira  
Erick Hamdan  
Luis Humberto  
Humberto Santiago  
Stanley P. Davis

### Fellow Crafts

### Master Masons

Raised on March 22:  
Andy Fernandez  
Alex Andrew DeBorja  
Isaiah Ishmael Schwartz

Raised on April 27:  
Rob Raffa

**Mentors Committee Chairman**  
Rafael Surillo

## Contact Us

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## Follow Us



## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

It's that time of the year when we hold the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida. This year, it will be held at the Rosen Plaza on May 31-June 2, 2021. Some may think of it as just another event that comes and passes without really understanding that this is intended to help shape the future of our Fraternity through the years to come. It is at this event that we elect our new Grand Master, or a formality of it per se. More importantly, it is on this event that representatives of Lodges get to vote on the proposed legislations that will change some of the ways we conduct our business in the Fraternity.

Before the Convention, Lodges review the proposed legislations and members get to voice out their opinions and have consensus on how the representatives vote. Do not miss out on this one as there are many very important legislations on the table.

Your Secretary is always at your disposal for any assistance with your membership.

Fraternally,  
**Wendell Tomimbang, PM**  
Secretary



## Recent Spotlights



And thank you to our scholarship committee!

## Recent Spotlights



*From left to right: Brothers Alex Deborja, Isaiah Schwartz, Andy Fernandez.  
Brothers Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 22nd of March 2021*



*From left to right: Brothers Manny Lozada, Rob Raffa, Rafeal Surillo, Isaiah Schwartz  
Our Brother Rob Raffa gets Raised shortly after the "brothers of his class!"  
27th of April 2021*

*"Your honor and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the respectable character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust."*



# May

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday                                | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|--------|
|   |   |   | 10:30AM: Hiram's Daylight Lodge No. 407 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM - St. Cloud Lodge No. 221 - Stated Communication |        | 8:00AM: Masters & Wardens Meeting       |        |
|   |   |   | 1   | 2      | 1                                       | 2      |
| 7:30PM: Orange Blossom No. 80 - Stated Communication  | 7:30PM: Eola No. 207 Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: Orange No. 36 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: South Seminole No. 364 - Stated Communication  | 7:30PM: Pine Castle No. 368 - Stated Communication  | 7:30PM: Winter Garden No. 165 - Stated Communication  |        |   |        |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7      | 8                                       | 9      |
| 7:30PM: Mokanna No. 329 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: Oviedo Lodge No. 243 - Stated Communication   | 7:30PM: Orlando No. 69 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: Winter Park No. 239 - Stated Communication   |   | 10:30AM: Hiram's Daylight No. 407 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM - St. Cloud No. 221 - Stated Communication             |        |   |        |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14     | 15                                      | 16     |
| EA Degree @ Mokanna329 @ 6:00PM<br><br>7:30PM: Orange Blossom No. 80 - Stated Communication   | 7:30PM: Eola No. 207 Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: South Seminole No. 364 - Stated Communication  | MM Degree @ South Seminole 364 @ 6:00PM<br><br>7:30PM: Pine Castle No. 368 - Stated Communication | 7:30PM: Winter Garden No. 165 - Stated Communication  |        | MM Degree @ South Seminole 364 @ 9:00AM |        |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21     | 22                                      | 23     |
| FC Degree @ Orange Blossom 80 @ 7:00PM<br><br>7:30PM: Mokanna No. 329 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: Oviedo No. 243 - Stated Communication | 7:30PM: Orange No. 36 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: Orlando No. 69 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM: Winter Park No. 239 - Stated Communication |   | 10:30AM: Hiram's Daylight No. 407 - Stated Communication<br><br>7:30PM - St. Cloud No. 221 - Stated Communication             |        |   |        |
| 24/31   | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28     | 29                                      | 30     |



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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](mailto:info@obl80.org) if you are interested in this exciting opportunity.

Officer's Line 2021

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**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

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**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  |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b><u>Bro. Manny Lozada</u></b>   | <b><u>Bro. Sam Ashley</u></b>   | <b><u>R.:W.: Bob Cunningham</u></b>                            | <b><u>Bro. Pat Fisher</u></b>   |
| Bro. Ivan Becerra<br>R.: W.: Bob Cunningham<br>W.: Wendell Tomimbang        | W.: M.: Marlon Gonzalez<br>W.: Jason Cintron<br>Bro. Manny Lozada         | Bro. Rafael Surillo<br>W.: Raymond Sanchez<br>Bro. Sam Ashley  | Bro. Benny Iannuzelli<br>W.: Raymond Sanchez<br>Bro. Peter Josefek<br>Bro. Angel Melendez |
| SOCIAL EVENTS   | MENTORING   | PETITIONS  | BOARD OF RELIEF   |
| <b><u>Bro. Sam Ashley</u></b>   | <b><u>Bro. Rafael Surillo</u></b>   | <b><u>Bro. Rafel Surillo</u></b>                               | <b><u>W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez</u></b>  |
| W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez<br>Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez<br>W.: Raymond Sanchez | Bro. Ivan Becerra<br>Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez<br>W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez | W.: Jim Fisher<br>W.: Jim Davis<br>Bro. Manny Lozada           | Bro. Manny Lozada<br>Bro. Sam Ashley  |
| FUNDRAISING   | TECHNOLOGY  | COMMUNICATIONS   | MASONIC EDUCATION   |
| <b><u>W.: Raymond Sanchez</u></b>   | <b><u>Bro. Manny Lozada</u></b>   | <b><u>Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez</u></b>                       | <b><u>Bro. Manny Lozada</u></b>   |
| R.: W.: Johnny Brock<br>R.: W.: Bob Cunningham<br>W.: Wendell Tomimbang     | Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez<br>W.: Raymond Sanchez                         | Bro. Manny Lozada<br>W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez<br>Bro. Sam Ashley | W.:M.: Marlon Gonzalez<br>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 Vazquez            |
| 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               |