

ORANGE BLOSSOM LODGE NO. 80



January 2022 Trestleboard

To be distributed to members of Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 and officers of the 16th Masonic District.

From the East

Greetings my Brothers,

First and foremost, happy New Year! My best wish is that you and your family are in good health. As I write this, the Omicron surge is in its beginning stages here in the U.S. Please take care of yourselves.

This month I begin my journey in the East. Thank you all for your confidence in me and for the honor of leading our lodge. My hope is that everyone feels at home and that together we improve our lodge and ourselves by following the sacred tenets of our time-honored institution. Masonry can be many things. For some, its history and traditions captivate them and for others, the bonds of fellowship draw them together. One thing is certain: our institution derived its teachings from ancient mystery schools of initiatory nature. It has been passed down to us, almost intact, thanks to the ancient landmarks. These landmarks prohibit changes to the ritual, ensuring its transmission from mouth to ear, from generation to generation. Our value proposition is that we take good men and make them better. It is our obligation to do just that by means of education, but always remembering that history, tradition, fellowship and brotherhood are what makes us Freemasons. It is not all education, the same way it is not all social. Our calendar for the year will provide opportunities to work, learn and socialize. Let us make the most out of it by participating.



I want to remind everyone that the Kissimmee Valley LiveStock (KVLS) Fair is almost upon us. I know you have heard some of us talking about it and have seen it mentioned on TeamReach. In 2021, we raised nine (9) new Master Masons. We currently have many petitioners and E.A.s that are also hearing about it, but do not know what our involvement with the Fair is about. It is for this reason that we will have a presentation explaining everything about the KVLS Fair and why it is important for everyone to participate. Furthermore, we will unveil a plan to manage the schedules that we feel will improve the

overall experience of our lodge members in their contribution to this event. If you want to hear about it, don't miss our first meeting of the year on January 3rd.

Our secretary will be reaching out to our lodge widows with the intention of restarting the program to honor them. I'm thinking of a lunch gathering rather than dinner, in case some cannot drive at night. I feel this is a very important event that we should continue doing as it is part of our Obligation. Please let me know your feedback by going to our website (OBL80.org) and filling out the Member Feedback form.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Manny Lozada
Worshipful Master Elect

From the West

First, I would like to congratulate WME Manny Lozada on his election to the East. I would also like to thank the brethren for electing me to the Senior Warden position. I am looking forward to another year of service and working with and assisting Manny in the fulfillment of his goals for his year in the East.

Drive by any fitness gym during the first week of January and you will quickly see by the number of cars in the parking lot that new years' represent resolutions, re-invention, and renewal for many people. However, if you drive by the same gym in March, you will see only a fraction of the cars in the same parking lot. I asked a friend of mine who is a personal trainer about this observation. He explained that it often comes down to having a workout buddy that holds you accountable. Perhaps that is what many of us need this new year - workout buddies. As you set your personal goals for this year, consider thinking to yourself how you can help someone else achieve their goals. How can you help your brothers achieve their goals through encouragement, accountability, and sincerity? You could be the brother that helps another with a breakthrough that makes them a better father, son, husband, leader, servant, etc. We take good men and make them better - let us resolve to never forget that.

In brotherly love,

Sam Ashley
Senior Warden Elect



From the South

Greetings from the South.

First of all I am honored to have been elected Junior Warden for 2022. This is going to be a great year for our Lodge. This year I will continue to work with a mentoring program and instruction, as well as assist all my brothers as the chairman of the Vigilance Committee. You will fill your bellies with great Italian and Puerto Rican cuisine along with some Asian fusion and maybe some Mediterranean. One of my main plans this year is to have more outings with our brothers along with more Masonic Education. I am open to all and any ideas that are brethren may have.



Once again thank you for electing me as your junior warden and let's make 2022 one of the best years of our lodge.

Sincerely,

Rafael Surillo
Junior Warden Elect

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Officers for 2022 who will be installed on January 15, 2022. Every year poses new challenges to the Lodge leadership and even with the pandemic still looming, this will not be any different at all. The Lodge will be strong as it ever was and getting stronger as our membership continues to grow. While so many feared the pandemic will hurt organizations like us, on the contrary, membership has grown during this period. Fortunately? Not just so. I would say this Fraternity's resolve keeps us as strong and resilient as ever under any situation we are faced with.

We have raised several brothers in the last few months and more than ever, these Brothers need our guidance to enlighten them with their responsibilities as Master Masons and what are expected of them. This is perhaps the most important time in a Mason's journey as they need to be educated well and properly as they are the future who will in turn educate and guide newcomers to our Fraternity. It will be great to spend time and share with them our knowledge and experience.



It has been a good year for our Lodge, everything is in order with the Office Administration and Finance, and all our obligations are fully met and satisfied. At our DDGM visit a few months back, our Lodge fully complied and satisfied all Grand Lodge requirements, as we have done all through the years. May you and your families all have a Great New Year. Happy Holidays!

Fraternally,
Wendell Tomimbang, PM

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(On) SPECULATIVE THINKING

Our tradition teaches that we are engaged in Speculative Masonry rather than Operative Masonry. While we have ritual instructions on this distinction, it is also worthwhile to simply consider the meaning of “speculative.” To be speculative is to ask and try to answer questions such as these:

- What might a particular thing symbolize or mean other than what is superficially or literally apparent?
- If we consider something to have a particular meaning or explanation, how might that affect the possible meanings or explanations of other things?
- Where are the gaps in our explanations, knowledge, and understanding, and what possibilities might fill in the gaps?
- What other explanations are possible for the way things are?

Our tradition illustrates that for centuries, Speculative Masons have applied these kinds of questions to the tools, methods, and customs of stonemasonry. Our ritual clearly engages this process by regarding almost everything we experience or do in the lodge as emblematic, symbolic, or allegorical of something related to virtuous and moral living. Masonic esotericism does not assume that all the speculative thinking in Masonry has already been done for us by the early ritualists, or that our only duties are to learn and perpetuate what they found. In fact, the ritual and monitorial instructions of many jurisdictions encourage us to always seek more light. Masonic esotericism therefore takes the ritual’s explanations as a common foundation while also answering its call to attain new insight, understanding, and wisdom.

Dunning Jr., C. R.. Contemplative Masonry: Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft (Revised & Expanded Edition) (p. 74). Stone Guild Publishing. Kindle Edition.

January Birthdays

Christopher Horton
Raul Ramos
Landon Nickerson
Nelson Roman Jr.
Thomas Tavenner

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Petitions | Mentor's Report

Petitioners

Mr. Myfedgy Fanord
Mr. Jean Paul Destine
Mr. Dieurinel Francois
Mr. Curtis Smith
Mr. Reinaldo Rodriguez-Ghigliotti

New Member

Jesus Rodriguez

Entered Apprentices

Learning Catechism:
John Torres
Eric Almenas
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Committees for Masonic Year 2022

Board of Relief <i>Bro. Rafael Surillo</i>	Building and Property <i>Bro. Pat Fisher</i> <i>Bro. Benny Iannuzzelli</i>	Charity and Scholarship <i>R.: W.: Bob Cunningham</i>
Finance <i>Bro. Sam Ashley</i> <i>Bro. Rafael Surillo</i> <i>R.:W.: Bob Cunningham</i>	Fundraising <i>W.: Wendell Tomimbang</i>	Masonic Education <i>W.:M.: Manny Lozada</i> <i>Bro. Isaiah Schwartz</i> <i>Bro. Jeff Sizemore</i>
Petitions <i>Bro. Ivan Becerra</i> <i>Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez</i>	Technology <i>W.: M.: Manny Lozada</i>	Social Events <i>Bro. Sam Ashley</i>
Communications <i>Bro. Khristopher Rodriguez</i> <i>Bro. Isaiah Schwartz</i>	Mentoring (M.E. Subcommittee) <i>Bro. Ivan Becerra</i>	Vigilance <i>Bro. Rafael Surillo</i>

Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 Past Masters

1885	Joseph L. Nicholson	1920	J. Earle Lupfer	1955	James A. Cambell	1990	David MacNab
1886	Joseph L. Nicholson	1921	Howard M. Katz	1956	James A. Cambell	1991	Elwood J. Davis
1887	John W. Harwell	1922	William J. Steed	1957	Michael J. Stanko	1992	Paul L. Forbes
1888	John M. Bryan	1923	Samuel L. Lupfer, Jr.	1958	Lewis S. Hirtzel	1993	Richard T. Fyfe
1889	John W. Harwell	1924	John L. Overstreet	1959	Kenneth C. Smith	1994	Mark Lamb
1890	John W. Harwell	1925	George T. Sigler	1960	Charles P. Dixon	1995	James W. Fisher
1891	Charles E. Franklin	1926	John N. Bryan	1961	Thomas E. Lee	1996	George E. Metcalfe
1892	John M. Lee	1927	George T. Sigler	1962	R. Coy Conrand	1997	George T. Sullivan
1893	John W. Harwell	1928	Robert E. Griffin	1963	Stanley W. Anthony	1998	Tony Stipich
1894	John M. Bryan	1929	Elmer J. Fehr	1964	Ralph T. Miller	1999	Vince Barnes
1895	John M. Lee	1930	F. Byron Ames	1965	J.C. Clemons	2000	James W. Davis
1896	S.R. Bassett	1931	Lawerence W. Rogers	1966	Fred E. Ward	2001	John T. Roberson III
1897	John M. Bryan	1932	William E. Hansell	1967	Henry Szankiewicz	2002	Richard A. Overbee, Jr.
1898	Charles E. Franklin	1933	J. Frank Robinson	1968	John L. Summers	2003	Robert Cunningham
1899	Charles E. Franklin	1934	B.L. Johnson	1969	Harry J. Artemus	2004	Walter J. "Mack" McDowell
1900	J.V. Curry	1935	Floyd M. Urick	1970	Victor G. Wendt	2005	Johnny Brock
1901	John M. Lee	1936	Charles N. Phillips	1971	Jeffords D. Miller	2006	William L. "Bill" Horne
1902	F.G. Railey	1937	Arthur F. Crosby	1972	Carl E. Teel	2007	Richard A. Overbee, Jr.
1903	F.G. Railey	1938	K. Norman White	1973	George M. Young	2008	Brian M. Shaw
1904	Moses Katz	1939	K. Norman White	1974	Truman Fugate	2009	James W. Davis
1905	Moses Katz	1940	Ira H. Wetherbee	1975	Eugene W. Nalley	2010	Mitch Lokken
1906	Henry N. Bratton	1941	Murray W. Overstreet	1976	Frank Cochrane III	2011	Rob Gunecko
1907	James M. Willson, Jr.	1942	Edward C. Grissom	1977	James R. Stephen	2012	Kevin Gowen
1908	Roma Thomas	1943	Lindsey M. Stevens	1978	Thomas F. Clark	2013	John LaRocka
1909	James W. Prentis	1944	George W. McGowan	1979	James S. Perritt	2014	Gregory Waldron
1910	John M. Hansell	1945	Edward C. Jones	1980	Mack McClain	2015	Eric Román
1911	Samuel L. Lupfer	1946	C.E. Roberts	1981	William J. Fisher	2016	Richard González
1912	Charles W. Damn	1947	Carl W. Ridel	1981	Melvin H. Wills, Jr.	2017	José L. Cintron (Jason)
1913	Roma Thomas	1948	Harry K. Jowers	1983	Mark K. Rogers	2018	Robert Vásquez
1914	W. Woodfin Carson	1949	Horace B. Allen	1984	David W. Paulk	2019	Raymond Sanchez
1915	Nathan C. Ryan	1950	Lloyd Rolls	1985	Carl E. Teel	2020	Chris Davis
1916	W. Woodfin Carson	1951	Russel S. Thacker	1986	J.P. Hughes	2021	Marlon González
1917	F. Conrad Bryan	1952	Stanley T. Hodala	1987	Dale D. Lewis		
1918	William B. Crawford	1953	Aldus M. Cody	1988	B. Craig Lynch		
1919	Thomas J. Woodall	1954	Addison L. Bodiford	1989	Henry Bundy		



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