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September has proven to be a most extraordinary month. Full of joy and full of sadness. As you all are aware, we lost our Companion Bob Cooper. He was my mentor and my promoter ever since I Joined the York Rite. He got me into everything; mainly to pass off being the Secretary. But I didn't mind it. He was very helpful and guided me along the way. We spent many hours talking about the Navy; I think he was a 10-star Admiral, and I was an E-1/2. Or it seemed that way. He worked with me on the various rituals and procedures to make my Masonic life more rewarding. We traveled together to many activities, and I always spent Labor Day with his family at Camp Blanding. He, they, made my family feel like a part of their family. What a fantastic gentleman. I will forever miss him. I regret that I was unable to attend his funeral for I was out of the Country. Another tragedy for our Masonic family here in North East Florida was the passing of one of my best friend's wife. Chris Lanham lost his wife and our beloved sister.

My first activity for September was an Official Visit to St. Petersburg. It was great to see all the Companions and their Masonic work was excellent. It is also nice to see a well-established Council for most of their members were long standing members and knew their work.

The next day, on the 2nd of September, I was at a Table Council for Lauderdale Council No. 24. It was held at the Eureka-North Shore Lodge in Dania Beach. What a pretty area and what a beautiful Lodge. Here we discussed making a Council of Research. I look forward to seeing this come to fruition. What an addition that would make to the York Rite of Florida.

On the 4th, I made my Official Visit to Tampa Council No. 8. They too are a well-established Council with many experienced members. At this meeting they voted on petitions on 6 candidates. If I could only witness this at every Council meeting, look where our membership would be.

I don't know how I had the 5th off, but I did.

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Northeast Chapter of the Nationals Sojourners.

On the 6th, I was asked to make an Official Visit to the Northeast Chapter of the Nationals Sojourners. Here I spoke about what was going on locally in the York Rite, the Triennial, and of course, C.M.M.R. F. They were very pleased to hear what this charity has done and what they are doing. They donated \$100 to the cause, and we are very grateful for their help. I think we may have picked up a potential new member for the York Rite. They asked if they could have a table set up at the Area meeting in Palatka to promote the Sojourners and I agreed.

On the 8th, I attended a Table Council for Lawtey Council No. 39 and Gainesville Council No. 27. What an experience this was. I wish every Table Council could be as much fun. The evening started with a pledge of allegiance to the flag lead by Mike Leebove's granddaughter. She stole the show, how could anyone follow that.

At the conclusion of the terrific meal, we had a 50/50 drawing and I asked if she would draw the winning ticket. Well, she did. She called the number, but no one spoke up. She looked down and saw that her ticket was the winning ticket. She whispered to her mother, "I have the winning ticket" and her mother whispered back that she should donate back her winnings, which she promptly responded "No." On the way to their car, I asked if she was going to buy her dad dinner, which she again quickly responded "No" but would buy him an ice cream cone on the way home. How adorable is that. What a night.



Pledge of Allegiance - Lawtey and Gainesville Table Council

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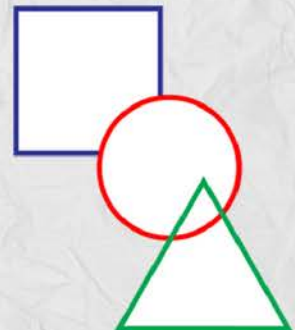
On the 9th we held our District 7 & 8 Area meeting. Again, the food was out of this world. So far since becoming the Grand Master and travelling to so many fine Councils, Table Councils, and District meetings, I have managed to gain 15 pounds. At this meeting, I had the honor to install Brian Poole as the Grand Sentinel and the Rev. Harold Ritchie and the Grand Chaplain. Ben Geiger, the Grand Deputy Master was the Installing Marshal and Jonas Seda was the Installing Chaplain. The presentations by the two district deputies were outstanding and everyone enjoyed their perspective. We also had very meaningful words from Chuck Harper the Grand Scribe. All in all, it was a very successful event.



Brian Poole being installed as the Grand Sentinel.



Rev Harold Ritchie being installed as the Grand Chaplain.



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On the 11th, I traveled to the Lawtey Council for my Official Visit. During this visit the District Deputy and the District Instructor presented them with their “E” to be hung on their Charter. The sitting Deputy Master has said that he will get his proficiency card by January 7th, so he won't have to remove the “E” from the charter. The strangest thing occurred during our meeting. A loud crash was heard, and everyone thought it was just another thunderclap. But it wasn't. Are you all familiar with the giant oak trees here in Northern Florida and Southern Georgia covered with Spanish moss? Well, a very large branch broke away from the tree and fell on a Companions truck. We had to call the fire department to come and have them cut up the branch and get it off his truck. They sure are pretty to look at but a pain to remove. Many thanks to their prompt response. What an opportunity to give out some First Responders Medals.

Now my vacation!!! Being a Florida resident, I know to often people don't follow hurricanes to much except for hurricane parties. Well, we left a perfectly safe State and traveled to St. John, Canada. The hurricane came to shore about 50 miles east of St. John and hit Halifax. Most of the locals blamed us for bringing the storm to them.



The Masonic Temple - built in 1894 at St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.



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Lodge Room - The Masonic Temple at St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

While in St. John, I had the opportunity to visit the Grand Lodge of St. John. My pictures can't do the place justice. I received a tour that took my breath away. Ray Maber was our tour guide, and he was a perfect Brother. I was invited to attend a meeting that night but had to decline. I hope to travel back there soon to go to a meeting. We saw all the sites in St. John and St. Andrew; then travelled to Maine during the Hurricane in the rain bands. It was a very wet and windy trip.

On September 22, 2023 I traveled to Tavares, Florida to attend a Table Council. You wonder why I would go to Tavares- - well you can't keep a strong Council down. Their Lodge was burned to the ground several months ago and this is where they had to meet. I am so proud of their fortitude. The food was the best ever and yes, I ate it all. I am still working on my Halloween costume you know. We stayed long into the night and the "Toasts" were many and heart felt. All in all, I would say the night was perfect.



Chapter Room - The Masonic Temple at St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

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On the 27th, I visited the local Provost Guard meeting of Morocco Shrine. It was good to see all the Shriners and talk about membership.

On the 30th, I had two places to be but could only attend one. The Tampa Festival was held at the Tampa York Rite Temple, and they are expecting a large turnout. I attended the Door-to-Virtue KYCH meeting because we had 5 candidates to initiate.

Next month appears to be just as active. I have 12 to 15 places that I am planning on attending. No rest for the wicked, I guess.

I would like everyone to wish Max Bornstein a safe trip. Max is traveling to England next month to participate in the 150-year Anniversary of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales. He has received all the documents required from our Grand Recorder to make this visit. Max will be representing Florida and the Most Illustrious Grand Master. I am very proud and honored to have him carry our banner across the sea. I hope he has a great trip and returns safely to us.

Thomas Olsen

M.I. Grand Master, R&SM Florida



Next Year's Convention

It's not too early to start planning on attending our convention this May.

My goal is to have every Dais office there (Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, and Recorder). It is critical they be in attendance. This was part of the vow they took on the altar when being sworn into their office. They have almost eight months to make arrangements. I would hope the Past Illustrious Masters, Past District Deputies, and newly raised Companions be there too.

Meriwether Lewis And William Clark

By M. J. Glenn E. Chandler, Sr. KYGC# Grand Historian

The Scribe of the Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Albemarle County, Virginia, recorded on December 31, 1796, that Lieutenant Meriwether Lewis, on furlough from his Western Pennsylvania post in the U.S. Infantry, “was recommended as a proper person to become a member”. Less than one month later, on January 28, 1797, he was elected to membership, initiated as an Entered Apprentice, and given his apron. On the following evening he was admitted to the second, or Fellowcraft Degree, and without further examination, promoted “at sight”- that is, by unanimous ballot-as a Master Mason. Such meteoric progress through the first three degree of Masonry signified confidence on the part of the most prominent men of Albemarle that the 23-year-old Lewis was similarly destined for moral, civic, and political leadership.



Lieutenant Meriwether Lewis

A little more than two months later, on the second or third of April, members of the Door to Virtue Lodge conferred upon Lewis the degree of Past Master Mason. At the same meeting two other leading Virginians were elevated to the same status. They were Peter and Samuel Carr, nephews of Thomas Jefferson, whose son-in-law, Governor Randolph, was also in attendance. On October 31, 1799, Lewis was “Exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch, Superexcellent Mason” at Widow’s Son Lodge in Milton, Virginia, a few miles southeast of Charlottesville. On that occasion he was given a Royal Arch Apron, which is now at the Missouri Historical Society.

In 1801 Lewis, who had been promoted to the rank of Captain in late 1799, became the private secretary to President Jefferson, and in June of 1803 received his official orders as commander of the expedition to explore the Northwest. Lewis no doubt carried his apron during his preparatory travels, as any wayfaring Mason would have. There is reason to believe, for instance, that he attended a Lodge in Pittsburg while awaiting the completion of the barge from July 15 until August 31, 1803. If he carried a Masonic apron on his expedition to the Pacific, which might have been expected of a Mason of his rank undertaking such a hazardous mission, he did so in total secrecy.

Meriwether Lewis And William Clark



William Clark

Two years after the Corps of Discovery's return, Lewis, then the Governor of Louisiana Territory, was instrumental in establishing the first Lodge in St. Louis, and on September 16, 1808, by authority of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, he was installed as Master of St. Louis Lodge No. 111. In September of the following year he left the city on what was to be the final journey of his life, first relinquishing his Master's chair to Frederick Bates, the Secretary of the Territory and acting governor during Lewis's absences. Historians presently cannot agree whether his death on October 11, 1809 was a suicide or murder. He was only thirty-five years old.

It was at Lewis's inspiration, no doubt, that William Clark joined the new Lodge in St. Louis. In fact, Lewis may have begun encouraging his co-captain during the early months of the expedition. Late in January, 1804, Clark copied into his journal a definition of the five senses, from Owen's Dictionary, which was in the company's small reference library. The subject was entirely out of context with the expedition's business at that moment, but the paragraph reads like a summary of a catechism for an Entered Apprentice. Clark's certificate confirming that status, dated September 18, 1809, is at the Missouri Historical Society; his apron is at the Lodge in St. Charles, Missouri. His funeral service, on September 1, 1838, opened with the full Masonic burial rites. William Clark's first son was named, Meriwether Lewis Clark, in honor of his beloved friend and Brother.

Tid-bit of the Month

The Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH) Priory No. 87 serving the northeast corridor of Florida was given the name of "Door-to-Virtue" in honor of Lewis & Clark and the Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44. This was no accident. The Charter members of Priory No. 87 put much thought into this name.



A Templar Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer: An Examination of Debtors vs Trespassers

By R. J. Garry M. Paxinos

The Lord's Prayer, also referred to as The Our Father, is a fundamental tenet of the Christian faith, and is recited by an estimated 2.4 billion believers globally. It is a prayer that Jesus Christ taught to his disciples as an example of how to pray, and is documented in the New Testament books of Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke (11:2-4). Throughout the years, this prayer has been interpreted and reinterpreted through various perspectives, each providing distinct understanding into its profound spiritual and moral teachings.

One such lens is that of Freemasonry, a fraternal organization rich in symbolism and allegorical teachings. Freemasons view the Lord's Prayer as a guide to moral and ethical conduct, aligning with their core principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

While referencing the original Greek, a focus of this paper is on the English translation of "debtors" versus "trespassers", a point of divergence that has sparked theological debates. This differentiation, in translation, not only reflects linguistic variations but also underscores differing theological emphases within Christianity. By examining these differences, this paper aims to shed light on the historical and theological nuances of the Lord's Prayer's interpretation.

Matthew vs Luke

The Lord's Prayer, as recorded in the New Testament, appears in two distinct versions: one in the Gospel of Matthew (6:9-13) and the other in the Gospel of Luke (11:2-4). The Orthodox Christian tradition, grounded in the original Greek text of the New Testament, offers a unique perspective on these two versions and their key differences.

Context: In Matthew, the Lord's Prayer is part of the Sermon on the Mount, a comprehensive teaching that covers various aspects of faith and conduct. In Luke, the prayer is given in response to a disciple's request, "Lord, teach us to pray," and it appears in the context of Jesus' ongoing ministry. This difference in context reflects the distinct narrative and theological emphases of the two Gospels.

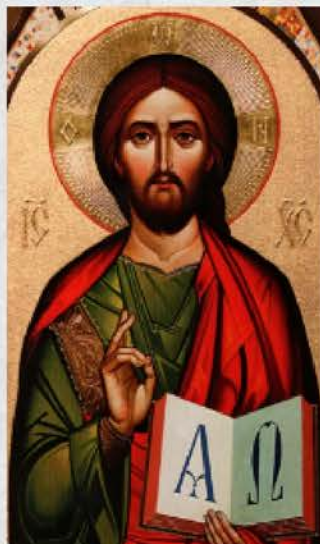
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Wording and Length: The version in Matthew is longer and more detailed than the one in Luke. For instance, Matthew includes "ἐπιούσιον", traditionally translated as "daily," in the request for bread. This Greek word is unique to the Lord's Prayer and its exact meaning is debated among scholars. Some suggest it means "necessary for existence," emphasizing our dependence on God for sustenance. This phrase is absent in Luke's version.

Forgiveness: In Matthew, the prayer asks God to "ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν", traditionally translated as "forgive us our debts." In the original Greek, "opheilēmata" can mean literal financial debts, but in this context, it is understood metaphorically to refer to sins. In Luke, the wording is "ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν", or "forgive us our sins." This difference in wording reflects the broader semantic range of the Greek language and the varying metaphors used to understand sin.

Temptation: Both versions ask God not to lead the believer into temptation but deliver them from evil (or the evil one). However, the phrasing and emphasis are slightly different in each account. In Matthew, the prayer asks to "ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ", or "but deliver us from the evil one." In Luke, the prayer simply asks "καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν", or "and do not bring us into temptation."

Despite these differences, both versions of the Lord's Prayer emphasize the believer's dependence on God for physical sustenance, forgiveness, and spiritual protection, central themes in Orthodox Christian theology.



Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9-13

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The Debate Between "Evil" and "The Evil One"

The debate over the translation of the phrase "ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ" in the Lord's Prayer stems from the ambiguity of the Greek word ("πονηροῦ") and the role of the definite article "τοῦ").

In Greek, "πονηροῦ" is a form of the adjective "πονηρός", which can mean "evil," "bad," "wicked," "malicious," or "guilty." When used substantively, as it is in the Lord's Prayer, it can mean "the evil one" or "the wicked one," often understood as a reference to the devil or Satan. However, it can also be translated more generally as "evil" or "wickedness."

The definite article "τοῦ" in "τοῦ πονηροῦ" is the genitive singular form of "ὁ" , equivalent to "the" in English. In the genitive case, it can denote possession or association, similar to the English "of" or "from". In this context, "τοῦ" marks "πονηροῦ" as the source from which we are asking to be delivered.

Therefore, the phrase "ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ" can be translated as "from the evil one," which personalizes the source of evil as the devil or Satan, or "from evil," which depersonalizes it, referring to evil or wickedness in a more general sense.

The Orthodox Church traditionally translates the phrase as "but deliver us from the evil one," reflecting the Church's understanding of evil as not only a general condition or force but also a personal reality in the form of the devil or Satan. This translation aligns with the broader Orthodox theology of spiritual warfare, which emphasizes the believer's struggle against the powers of evil, including the devil and his demons.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever
Amen

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However, some English translations of the Bible, such as the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) and the New International Version (NIV), translate the phrase as "but deliver us from evil." These translations reflect a more general understanding of evil, encompassing not only personal forces of evil like the devil and his demons but also the broader conditions and structures of sin and injustice in the world.

The Knights Templar, with their unique position at the intersection of faith and chivalry, offer a blend of these interpretations. They view sin as a debt to God, aligning with the more spiritual Orthodox interpretation, but also emphasize the moral and ethical responsibilities of the knight, aligning with the Masonic interpretation and the moralizing approach of the Western Churches.

The Lord's Prayer, as a central tenet of Christian faith, offers profound spiritual and moral teachings that resonate with diverse interpretations. Whether viewed through the lens of Christianity, Freemasonry, or the Knights Templar, the prayer's plea for forgiveness - of "debts" or "trespasses" - underscores the universal Christian teaching of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Most of all, the Lord's Prayer [also] serves as a model for prayer, teaching us how to approach God with humility, reverence, and trust. It reminds us that prayer is not just about asking for things, but also about seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness. It encourages us to forgive others, to seek forgiveness for ourselves, and to trust in God's provision and guidance. In a world that is often marked by conflict, injustice, and uncertainty, the Lord's Prayer offers a message of hope and redemption. It reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles.

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C.M.M.R.F. Standings

I have not been updated on the month-end figures for our Charity. We are about \$35,000. We surpassed last year's amount but still have \$17,000 to go. Let's keep up the fantastic work. We are very close on finishing the Gun Raffle which should generate another \$5,000. The Grand Master's challenge to the DD's, DI's, CMMRF reps, and Grand Line should generate another \$3,000. The Coins should generate \$1,000 and I hope to receive another \$5,000 from Council and personal contributions. This will put us about \$5,000 short. We do have time to make this up with a year end push. I can't thank the CMMRF reps and your personal commitment to this worthy cause. I am sending Dayle Schrock a check for \$2,500. October starts the final quarter for this year's contributions. Everyone must push hard for the next 90 days.



Table Councils

Well, I have got to say it- "I hope the rest of the Table Councils are at least half as impressive" as the one's I have already been to.

1. OCTOBER 11th - Tallahassee Table Council
2. OCTOBER 13th - Ormand Beach Halifax Council No. 1: This will be a Halloween Theme. Should be a "Blast". Come and wear a costume. A prize to the winner. I am going as an old fat man; my costume is almost done. Just working on the old part. We are also planning on having the Ghost Busters arrive for even more fun.
3. NOVEMBER 6th - Clearwater Table Council
4. YOUR COUNCIL HERE!!!

I can't believe the response we are having with our Table Councils. We are slatted to have 12 to 15 this year. As opposed to 2 or 3 Table Councils in the past. Everyone is stepping up and their efforts are showing. My only word of advise is to be careful on the meals. Don't go overboard. This cost is subtracted from the proceeds of the dinner.

If you are not listed above, I don't know about your festival or if there is an error, I need to know.



Festivals

1. Tallahassee had their festival on the 14th and 15th of July.
2. The West Central Districts will be holding their festival on September 30th and October 14th at the Tampa York Rite Masonic Center.
3. District 7 & 8 Joint Festival in Palatka Oct 21st & Jacksonville Oct 28th.
4. Ft. Pierce Festival had to be cancelled because we couldn't get enough Companions and Sir Knights to fill all of the ritual parts. It was heart wrenching for them to have to do this. Hopefully some of the other members can step up and learn some parts.

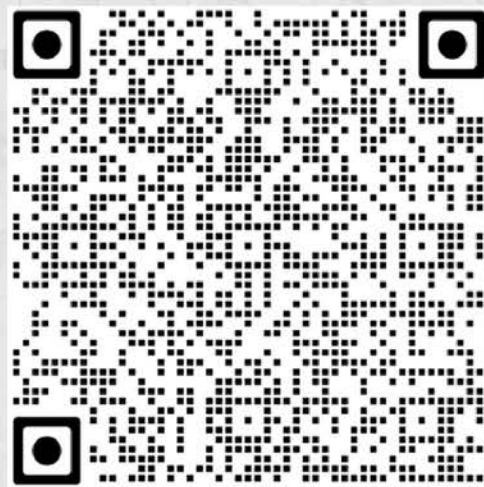
If you are not listed above, I need you to let me know so I can try to make it there. We need to have at least two more Festivals before the end of December if we hope to make our membership goal of 205.

This is a record made to be broken and our PMEGHP Richard Wolfe has developed a tool to assist you in gaining new prospects for membership. This tool is a QR Code that delivers you to the film explaining York Rite Masonry. His plan is to follow through the Blue Lodge Trestle board; (1). the Masons receiving their Master Mason proficiency. (2). Give them your business card with the QR Code on it and tell them to take it home and review with their family. (3). Follow up with the prospect and give them a petition. If you have any questions about this process, please call Richard Wolfe of me. We are currently at 90 new members.

Membership Development

Please scan this QR code with your phone. It will take you to a Google website that contains a York Rite video. Immediately after a newly raised Brother gives his Master Mason proficiency, he is wondering what is next. This video answers that question very professionally.

Go to your local Lodge and use your cell phone as a tool to advance your local York Rite Bodies membership. Show the video, let anyone copy it and take it home to show it to their family. We all need the support of our family's and so do our York Rite Bodies.





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Proficiency Cards

A SPECIAL PLAQUE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL WITH THE MOST COUNCIL CARDS AND A SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THE COMPANIONS WITH PROFICIENCY CARDS.

Chris Tilman received his Blue Card at the Area meeting in Tampa and has indicated that he plans on testing several others in his District for their Blue Card. The momentum is starting to build. I had the pleasure of presenting a “Blue Card “ to Joshua Schutts. He completed the

| PROFICIENCY CARDS | | | | |
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| NAME | COUNCIL | DISTRICT | INSPECTOR | CARD RECEIVED |
| Tom Olsen | Hallmark No. 3 | 7 | Steve Meserve | Blue Card |
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| Mark Balester | Hallmark No. 3 | 7 | Steve Meserve | Blue Card |
| Tom Metcalfe | Gainesville No. 27 | 8 | Tom Olsen | Silver Card |
| Joshua Shutts | Union No. 7 | 10 | John Gray | Blue Card |
| Chris Tilman | Ft. Myers No. 25 | 2 | Jeffery Lawrence | Blue Card |
| Charles Jordan | Clearwater No. 34 | 3 | Tom Olsen | Blue Card |
| Charles Jordan | Clearwater No. 34 | 3 | Tom Olsen | Red Card |
| Charles Jordan | Clearwater No. 34 | 3 | Tom Olsen | Silver Card |
| Randy Brocius | Palatka No. 18 | 7 | Tom Olsen | Red Card |
| Rusty Ludlam | Lake City No 35 | 8 | Tom Olsen | Blue Card |
| Rusty Ludlam | Lake City No 35 | 8 | Tom Olsen | Red Card |
| Rusty Ludlam | Lake City No 35 | 8 | Tom Olsen | Silver Card |
| Butch Thurman | Bradentown No 9 | 2 | Tom Olsen | Red Card |

requirements and received his proficiency lapel pin. He was excited to receive it and felt the pin made the effort worthwhile. Joshua is the Illustrious Master of Union Council No. 7 and as the Illustrious Master with a Blue Card, his Council qualifies to have the “E” draped over their Charter. If the Deputy Grand Master is elected to be the Illustrious Master next year and he fails to earn a “Blue Card”, he will have to remove the “E” from the Charter. However, the Deputy Master is Haskell Vest, the Grand Junior Warden and he has assured me that he will not be removing the “E”. The only other Council qualified to carry the “E” is Lawtey Council No. 39. I hope we can get two or three more qualified by the end of October. You District Instructors, you have your marching orders.



Mark Balester receiving his proficiency pin.

The origin of the “E” came from my time in the Navy. The “E” was for ships that won a battle effectiveness competition and are authorized to paint a white “E” on their bridge wings or stacks to display evidence of the honor. It shows the overall readiness of the crew to execute its combat mission. Our mission is to improve proficiency within the Council and to attract new members.



DD, DI, & GM awarding the “E” to Middleburg Lodge.

Grand Council Awards



CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

A nomination form should be completed and sent to the Grand Master by January 15th. The Grand Master will then select one of the nominations and forward it to the General Grand Council. This is awarded to one outstanding Cryptic Mason of the Year.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD

There is no form for this award. Nominations should be written to the Grand Master by January 15th. The Grand Master will select one and forward his selection to the General Grand Council. This award is intended for a member who has devoted time and energy in helping Masonic Youth Groups.

BROKEN TRIANGLE PLAQUE

This award is decided by the Grand Recorder. The Council with the largest percentage of net gain in the past calendar year will win. There may be more than one winner if there is a tie.

GIBLIMITE PLAQUE:

The District Deputy Grand Masters have a form for grading the Councils as to their proficiency and other factors in qualifying for this award. They will inspect the Councils and send their reports to the Grand Master for selection according to the points and recommendations. The first year of winning a plaques is given; then a plate for the plaque.

TEN PERCENT CERTIFICATES

This award is decided by the General Grand Council to the Council or Councils with a ten percent or more net membership gain in the past calendar year. The Grand Recorder will provide this information to the General Grand Council.

ISH-SODI AWARD

The Grand Master may present up to six awards per year. The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Principal Conductor of Work, and/or Constituent Council Illustrious Masters may submit recommendations; but the Grand Master will make the selections. This award is for Companions who have exhibited a continuing willingness to devote their time and ability for the good of Cryptic Masonry. A draft recommendation form is provided.

WALTER I STEVENSON GRAND MASTER'S MEDAL

This will be presented annually to the Companion selected by the Grand Master who has best demonstrated dedication to Cryptic Masonry.



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Living Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters



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| 1992 | ROBERT E. BURLESON |
| 1996 | PAUL W. FRIEND |
| 2000 | RICHARD S. AGSTER |
| 2001 | CHARLES L. HOLLINGER |
| 2003 | STEPHEN H. CLARK |
| 2005 | DONALD T. HARRIOTT |
| 2006 | LOUIS A. KING |
| 2009 | CARL E. GILMORE |
| 2011 | M. DANNY FULLWOOD |
| 2012 | LARRY R. GILLESPIE |
| 2013 | DAYLE L. SCHROCK |
| 2016 | BENJAMIN J. HOLLAND |
| 2017 | ROBERT C. ST. JOHN, JR. |
| 2018 | GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR. |
| 2019 | JOHN PICKFORD |
| 2020 | THOMAS J. RAWSTHORNE |
| 2021 | WILLIAM ALLEN SORBIE |
| 2022 | GENE A. LANCE |

M.I. Grand Master Official Visits

| Official Visit | District One | Council Name |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug 21st, 2023 | Palm Beach | Zabud Council No. 17 |
| July 17th, 2023 | Ft. Lauderdale | Lauderdale Council No. 24 |
| Oct 16th, 2023 | Miami | Adoniram Council No.10 |
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| | District Two | |
| Aug 8th, 2023 | Fort Myers | Ft. Myers Council No. 25 |
| Sept 13th, 2023 | Manasota | Bradentown Council No. 9 |
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| | District Three | |
| Sept 4th, 2023 | Tampa | Tampa Council No. 8 |
| Sept 1st, 2023 | St Petersburg | St Ptersburg Council No. 14 |
| Oct 4th, 2023 | Clearwater | Clearwater Council no 34 |
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| | District Four | |
| July 5th, 2023 | Lakeland | Polk Council No.11 |
| July 3rd, 2023 | Plant city | Tyler Council No. 4 |
| Sept 1st, 2023 | Highlands | Heartland Council No. 43 |
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| | District Five | |
| June 8th, 2023 | Daytona Beach | Halifax Council No.1 |
| Aug 2nd, 2023 | Lake/Sumter | Golden triangle Council No. 28 |
| June 13th, 2023 | Sanford | Sanford Council No. 30 |
| Sept 14th, 2023 | Orlando | Orlando Council No. 5 |
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| | District Six | |
| July 12th, 2023 | Cocoa | Hiram Council No.13 |
| July 13th, 2023 | Melbourne | Melbourne Council No. 38 |
| Oct 10th, 2023 | Ft Pierce | Tyrian Council No.36 |
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| | District Seven | |
| June 12th, 2023 | Jacksonville | Hallmark Council No. 3 |
| To be determ | Fernandina | Athelstan Council No. 46 |
| June 6th, 2023 | St Augustine | St Augustine Council No. 15 |
| June 6th, 2023 | Palatka | Palatka Council No. 18 |
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| | District Eight | |
| July 11th, 2023 | Lake City | Lake City Council No 35 |
| To be determ | Middleburg | Laetey Council No. 39 |
| July 18th, 2023 | Gainesville | Gainesville Council No. 27 |
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| | District Nine | |
| Sept 21st, 2023 | Tallahassee | Seminole Council No.30 |
| July 6th, 2023 | Marianna | Union Council No.31 |
| Aug 28th, 2023 | Panama City | Panama City Council No. 26 |
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| | District Ten | |
| Dec 6th, 2023 | Fort Walton | Gulf Council No. 29 |
| Sept 19th, 2023 | Crestview | Crestview Council No. 33 |
| Sept 11th, 2023 | Pensacola | Inion Council No. 7 |



AREA MEETINGS

Districts 4 & 5

October 14, 2023, at Eola Lodge No. 207; Orlando, Florida

((Highlands, Plant City, Lakeland, Daytona Beach, Sanford, Lake/Sumter, and Orlando York Rite Bodies))

Crossword Puzzle

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

Across

1. What book of the bible is the Royal Arch opened on
2. Who is our current Supreme Sovereign of Masons
3. What was the name of the River where Jesus was baptized
4. What are the letters that makes up the acronym on the Keystone
5. What is the meeting room called
6. Who is the presiding officer in a Royal Arch Meeting
7. What degree is considered a virtual degree
8. Royal Arch Masonry is the first part of the _____ System
9. What is the fourth degree called
10. What is the color of the veil for the Grand Master of the third veil

Down