



# SPRIG OF ACACIA

## ACACIA LODGE NO 163 F.&A.M.



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### Special points of interest:

- Remember the Blood Bank Please Donate Account # is A61
- Grand lodge of Florida web site [www.gflmason.org](http://www.gflmason.org)

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Please send in 2021 Dues

### WORDS OF WISDOM

“ Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.”

Mark Twain

“ Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it ”

Charles Swindoll

Hello Brothers,

Wow, I can't believe another month has gone by already. I hope this SPRIG reaches each one of you in good health. As I write this, I think back to the last year and a half, and all of the changes, and obstacles we have had to overcome due to the pandemic. Acacia Lodge has made some great strides and continues to be a strong pillar in our community. We have adapted as a Lodge, and as a fraternity as a whole to these trying times. We certainly have overcome hurdles and much adversity. I hope to see everyone in Lodge this month. It is truly a blessing to be in a Lodge with so many new members. The efforts being made are truly inspiring and before too long we will have new Brothers to enjoy in fellowship. We continue to meet at our regular meeting times so please consider attending if you can. I hope each and every one of you continues to have a healthy year, and if any of you need anything and the Lodge can help, please ask. I look forward to seeing the Brothers I have enjoyed getting to know and the Brothers I have yet to meet.

On the 1st of July at our Stated Communication, we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on Brother Eric Capers. Congratulation Brother and well done to the Degree team under the direction of Brother Glenn Chadbourne in the East. The Degree team yet again reminded me of how fortunate we are to have dedicated Brothers who are always ready to perform the work within our Lodge and assist each other when needed. Thank you again to each and every one of you.

Thank you Brother SW Julio Sanchez for standing in at our second meeting as I was traveling out of the Country It is sincerely appreciated. I am also so grateful for all the calls, messages and Prayers during my absence to go take care of my Mother.

The Masters & Wardens (and ALL Master Mason Brothers) Association meets monthly at different Lodges throughout the District on the fourth Saturday of the month. The primary goals of the Masters and Wardens Association are to promote education, coordinate District Events and promote Brotherhood within our 22nd Masonic District. By bringing Brothers together, outside of the Lodge room, we enhance the true spirit of Masonry and Brotherly Love. The M&W Association organizes schools of instruction under direction of the District Instructor throughout the year. The sole focus of these events is you, my Brothers. The events organized by the M&W are to bring each of us other together to strengthen our Masonic bonds of friendship. The principal officers of each of our District's Lodges also utilize the M&W meetings to coordinate all the events within our District thereby attempting to avoid scheduling conflicts, and ensuring that we can provide optimal support for each other's District events. If you are interested in joining and assisting the M&W with our events, please feel free to send me an e-mail. Next meeting is on the 28th August at Moore Haven Lodge No. 61 F.&A.M. Meeting starting at 09:00 with breakfast at 08:00

One of our great tenants in Freemasonry is Brotherly Love. When I first became a Mason, I immediately realized that I was not only accepted by the Brothers of the Lodge, but moreover felt safe in the midst of these “strangers”. These “strangers” soon became a great deal more, even more than close friends. Over the years, the dynamics of a Lodge change, no matter what Lodge you are active (or inactive) in. The same is true of our Lodge, but no matter the change the basic tenants of Freemasonry will always prevail and we have remained strong. Today, our Lodge is prospering and is stronger for everything we have endured over the pandemic. I bring this up as we are experiencing a growth of new members and each of us needs to remember what Brotherly Love is and how it affects each of us. The Lodge is a place that is supposed to be free of turmoil and we are charged to promote Harmony. Each of us has a responsibility to promote that Harmony. That can only be accomplished by helping a Brother, being positive and taking an interest in your Lodge through support and your attendance. I have had the privilege and opportunity to meet a great deal of Brothers from throughout the world and the commonality is Brotherly Love. Feeling safe and comfortable in the midst of hundreds of Brothers is an amazing feeling and I am ever so grateful that I started my journey in Freemasonry at Acacia Lodge.

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# Lodge Officers

## Worshipful Master

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## Chaplain

Frank E. Kiefer, PDDGM

## Tyler

Michael Lynn

## Musician

Marty Reitz, PDDGM  
Walter Hanner

## Lodge Instructors

John D. Pickford, PDDGM

Paul W. Friend, PDDGM

## Lodge Historian

Our District usually makes our annual trip to the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg to host the residents a Cowboy BBQ luncheon. With the danger of the COVID-19 Virus, sadly we will not be holding our pilgrimage this year. We would still like to collect any donations you would like to make to Corky's Cupboard, which consists of hygiene items, stamps, gift cards etc. etc. This can either be dropped off at the Lodge where we will have a container for all these donations or please call me and I will arrange to collect it from you. You can also make a monetary donation, if you like, to help support our Masonic Home. Please contact RW Paul Friend if you would like to make a contribution and he will explain how this can be done

Finally Brothers I came across this poem by Charles L. Mead and wanted to share it. Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping past, That you helped a single Brother of the many that you passed. Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did and said? Does the man whose hopes where fading, Now with courage look ahead? Did you waste the day or lose it, was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say, You have earned one more tomorrow, by the work you did today. Looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally, Stephen

## Perpetual Membership

You are strongly encouraged to purchase a Perpetual Membership. This will not only eliminate your need to pay dues in the future but also help our lodge forever. The funds from your Perpetual Membership will continue to be received by the lodge long past the time when

you pass on to the Celestial Lodge above. Through these Perpetual Memberships, Acacia Lodge will continue to thrive in the future. A future guaranteed by your foresight and commitment to our lodge. This Perpetual Membership is not costly and there are many ways to pay for it. For further information please contact our Secretary. And thank you for your dedication.

## Acacia Lodge No. 163 Perpetual Members

PETER ALVAREZ	JEREMY W HORTON	MAHENDRA RAMGOPAL	JAMES W. GOODE	<b>HONORARY</b>
ANTHONY A ANDREOLI	JEFFREY HUNTER	RAJINDHAR RAMSINGH	JASON E. HELVESTON	GERALD D. BOYLES *
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MARTY BOATRIGHT *	GARY JONES	ANDREW J RIESS *	DONALD M. KNOTT	A. ARVIN FABER *
MATHEW BUTTERI JR*	ORION (OJ) JONES IV	MICHAEL ROMANOWICZ	JOHN F. BARCA	ANTHONY G. FABER *
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MARK CASSIDY JR	STEPHEN L KARR	JULIO SANCHEZ	GIANCARIO E. ODERDA	DAVE HELTINGS *
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THEODORE A CLARK *	FRANK E KIEFER	JOSEPH SCHULZ	ALBERT HABERSBERGER	MARTY REITZ, PDDGM
ROBERT COY *	G. KEIR LEBECK	DONALD A SCOTT	FRANK WILSON, III	
L EVANS CRARY JR PGM	KENNETH W. LEEDHAM	WESLEY SCOTT	STEPHEN P. SMITH	
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MATTHEW DAHLQUIST	JAMES G LIANOS	JAMES (BUD) SLAY *		STEVE ANDER*
IRVIN DEGGELLER *	RICHARD D LOEW	JAMES E SMITH *		LAWRENCE E CRARY SR*
STEPHEN DILLEMUTH	JONNY KEITH LONG	TERRY SMITH		HOWARD FREND *
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D TRENT GALLIMORE *	DONALD MURPHY	GREGORY THOMPSON		FRANCIS E PIERCE *
STEVEN GARRETT	THOMAS NEILD JR *	HAL TOBIAS		LLOYD W PROPER *
OTIS (BEN) GEIGER II	STEPHEN C NELSON	ANDERSON L. TRIGGS		THOMAS F TAYLOR *
STEVE GLUCKSMAN	MATTHEW OLIVO	JOHN WALLACE *		LLOYD R. GASKINS *
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MICHAEL HOFFA	ALLAN J PITCHFORD JR*	AUSTIN DRUKKER, JR		

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# Acacia Lodge No. 163 F.&A.M. Past Masters

1906 THOMAS HELLIER *	1939 RALPH B ULMER *	1970 DEAN GARY *	1998 ALBERT D GRYSER
1907-10 DOUGLAS E AUSTIN *	1940 A C COURSON *	1971 IRA W SWIGART *	1999 MATTHEW E HARRIS
1911,13 CHARLES T HELLIER *	1941 ARLIS STUART *	1972 RAY L BLACKWOOD JR*	2000 JOSEPH C CRANKSHAW
1912 H L PHILLIPS *	1942 H E REDDELEIN *	1973 JAMES E BROWN *	2001 PETER A ALVAREZ
1914 L L YELRINGHAM *	1943 R A TUNLEY *	1974 WILLIE W BARRIOS *	2004 MICHAEL J YUHAS*
1915 EDWARD LAKE *	1944 JOHN N MANN *	1975 VIRGIL S PERRY *	2005 OTIS (BEN) GEIGER II +
1916 ERICH SCHROEDER *	1945 J F WESTER *	1976 G WADE AYCOCK	2006 EARL S KRATZER*
1917 GUARD SCHROEDER *	1946,47 W D BLANTON *	1977 WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM *	2007 GEORGE H WINTERLING
1918 M R JOHNS SR *	1948 E E VAN SCOY *	1978 RALPH S WOOD + *	2008 KEVIN M GRIMES*
1919 GEORGE W PARKS SR *	1949,52 LEE HIGBEE *	1979 COY D ISAACS *	2009 RICHARD G BEECROFT JR
1920,21 S A MATHEWS *	1950 GEORGE W PARKS JR *	1980 WILLIAM MCELHELRY	2010 R. WAYNE RICHTER
1922 JOE A YOUNGBLOOD *	1951 J L COLEMAN *	1981 FRED L EMERY*	2011 JAY L. REX
1923 A M CHRISTIANSON *	1953 GEORGE W LAVENE + *	1982 WALTER S WINDECKER *	2012 G. KEIR LEBECK
1924 L B EURIT *	1954 GLENN F ULMER *	1983 CHARLES A KNOELLER *	2013 JOHN D. PICKFORD +
1925 E H ARBEAU *	1955 HENRY C BECKMAN JR*	1984 JACK E BRADY *	2014 FRANK E. KIEFER +
1926 TOLEY ENGERBRETSON *	1956 JACKSON M HARTMAN *	1985 ROBERT L CROWDER	2015 DYLAN PARRISH
1927 M G LITTMAN *	1957 ERNEST HIGBEE *	1986 HAROLD CATO *	2016 GEORGE M. STOKUS +
1928 J H WHITFIELD *	1958 STEPHEN HUDDLE *	1987 EDWARD S BOBECK *	2017 LAWRENCE G LUTRIN
1929 J E COLEY *	1959 ED SCHNURBUSCH *	1988 MARTIN E MALTBIÉ *	2018 JUSTIN M KUNST
1930 CHARLES H RUE *	1960 L EVANS CRARY JR + >	1989 DAVID J ROBERTSON*	2019 ORION F JONES, IV
1931 R CECIL JOHNS *	1962 JAMES FOSTER + *	1990,02,03 PAUL W FRIEND +	2020 JEREMY W. HORTON
1932 EDWARD MAPP *	1963 CARL F DYKES	1991 HARLEE J ENGEL	HONORARY
1933 M R CARTWRIGHT *	1964 CHRISTIAN B KALB + *	1992MARVIN W SAWYERS *	1998 THEODORE A CLARK*
1934 R J TAYLOR *	1965 JOHN C GRAY *	1993 RICHARD L SAWYERS	* DECEASED
1935 F A STAFFORD *	1966 JOSEPH S HENDERSON*	1994 DAVID J ROBERTSON*	+ PDDGM
1936 J R POMEROY *	1967 FRED J NIEBLING*	1995 JAMES E SMITH *	> PGM
1937 A O KANNER *	1968 LLOYD W PROPER*	1996 WILLIAM H MCMILLAN +	
1938 R C MINNEHAN *	1969 WILLIAM S ROBSON	1997 WILLIAM J GILBERT JR	

## AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1)	2)	3)	4) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice	5) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting	6)	7)
8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	13)	14)
15)	16)	17)	18) Officer's Meeting & Degree Practice 7PM	19) Stated Communication 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting	20)	21) 8:00-10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27)	28) Masters & Wardens 9:00 AM Moore Haven Lodge No. 61 All Brothers invited.
29)	30)	31)	1)	2) Please come out on Friday and Saturday and help us with the Pork Butts.	3) Pre work and Cooking for Pork Butts 12:00 PM	4) Pork Butts pickup 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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20 Osceola Street, Stuart Florida  
Meets first and third Thursdays at 7:30pm  
(Dinner at 6:30pm)



## Unity Chapter No. 37, Order of Eastern Star

Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30pm



## Treasure Coast No. 76 Order of the Amaranth

Meets second Monday at 7:30pm



## Ziba Grotto, of the Florida State Grotto Assoc.

Meets Quarterly, usually at 6pm the first Monday of the Quarter



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**Sickness and Distress** If you know of any Brother who is having Health problems, please let us know. Brother Joseph Crankshaw, PM passed away on July 5th please keep his family in your prayer. Also remember Brothers Gus Habersberger, Milton Wegler, Duane Gardner, Richard Diekmann, Kevin Beebe, James Gibbs, Robert Crowder PM, Jack Cole, Victor Kennedy, Ray Gosnell PM, and Charles Tucker, in your prayers.

Awaiting E.A.

Awaiting F.C.

Awaiting M.M.

Affiliations

BRIAN S. YOUNG

BRENDAN J KENNEDY

ERIC CAPERS

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