

MASTERS & WARDENS ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT 26
GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA F & A M

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: January 21, 2012

LOCATION: Indian River #90

The meeting was called to order by our President W.: Ben Schwartz, at 9:00am with 35 members present, representing all eight Lodges in the District.

- All officers were present
- A copy of the Attendance Sheet is attached to these minutes.
- The President led everyone in the pledge to our Flag and the Chaplain offered a prayer.
- Two new life members join: Bro. John Dandeneau of Harbor City Lodge #318, Alvin "Chip" Gipson of Merritt Island #353

Presidents Remarks:

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Indian River Lodge for a great breakfast.

The Minutes from the meeting dated December 3, 2011 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

Fliers to be handed out to Lodges.

Treasurer's Report was given, for the month ended 12/31/2011 and a copy is attached with these minutes.

Lodge Reports were given and are attached from each Lodge in attendance.

Each Lodge announced Sickness & Distress, Degree work, and Special events scheduled for December.

Degree Work:

- A) IR 90
 - FC Degree TBD
- B) Melbourne 143
 - 1/28/12 EA Degree @ 9am
- C) Harbor City 318
 - 2/8/12 FC Degree @ 7pm
 - 3/14/12 EA Degree @ 7pm
- D) Canaveral 339
 - FC Degree TBD

- E) MI 353
 - 1/26/12 EA Degree @ 7pm
- F) Beach 354
 - None
- G) Gateway 384
 - None
- H) Palm Bay 397
 - None

Old Business:

- A) Donuts for Heart Challenge
 - Scheduled for 10/28/12
 - Verifying date with DGM
 - Lunch on 1/22/12 at Pumpnickles at 1pm
 - Net over \$2100 for the MMRL
- B) Golf Tournament
 - Scheduled for 5/6/12 at Walkabout
 - Cost \$50/golfer
 - Fliers handed out to each Lodge
 - Bro. Jason Viele will be chairing the tournament
 - A sterling silver trophy was donated and a motion was made and passed to have the trophy travel to the Lodge that brings in the most money for the golf tournament
- C) GM Homecoming
 - Scheduled for 10/6/12
 - Moose Lodge is reserved
 - Working on menu
 - Would like Rainbow Girls, Demolay, and Cub Scouts to help serve
 - Volunteer recruitment will begin shortly
- D) Iron Chef Chili Cookoff
 - Schedule for 3/24/12 at Harbor City Lodge from 5-7pm
 - \$25 per entry and \$8.50 per attendee
 - Fliers handed out to each Lodge
- E) Yard Sale Fundraiser
 - Fliers handed out to Lodges
 - Dropoff location is Harbor City Lodge
 - Scheduled for 2/4
 - All proceeds will donated to M & W
- F) Outdoor Degree
 - Scheduled for 5/5/12 at 11am
 - W.: Terry Hill volunteered to chair the degree

New Business:

- A) Election of Officers
 - President – W.: Kevin Gholsten
 - Vice President – W.: Terry Hill
 - Treasurer – W.: Marty Grossman

B) Appointed Officers

- Secretary – W.: Ben Schwartz
- Chaplain – W.: Mike Elliott

C) 2012 Meetings

- 2/11/12 – Palm Bay
- 3/3/12 – Merritt Island
- 4/14/12 – Melbourne
- 5/12/12 – Gateway
- 6/2/12 – Harbor City
- 7/7/12 – Beach
- 8/4/12 – Canaveral
- 9/8/12 – Indian River
- 10/6/12 – Merritt Island
- 11/3/12 – Palm Bay
- 12/1/12 – Harbor City
- 1/19/13 – Melbourne

Installations

- Indian River #90 – 1/5/13 @ 2pm
- Melbourne #143 – 12/27/13 @ 7pm
- Harbor City #318 – 1/12/13 @ 5pm
- Canaveral #339 – 1/19/13 @ 2pm
- Merritt Island #353 – 1/5/13 @ 5pm
- Beach #354 – TBD
- Gateway #384 – 1/12/13 @ 2pm
- Palm Bay #397 – TBD

President's Comments:

- Thanked everyone for a great year and Thank You certificates to those that helped.

Vice President's Comments:

- None

Good of the Order:

- GM Appointed R.:H.: Jim Demenkow as Zone 5 Chairman for the Committee on Work and W.: Wayne Ingram as the District Instructor for the 26th Masonic District
- Open books will be held on 2/1/12 at Harbor City Lodge. Harbor City will exemplify the FC Degree. Trying to schedule open books on Saturdays going forward
- Districts will have their own Degree Team competitions this year. District 26 competition is scheduled for 3/7/12 at Harbor City at Open books
- On 3/17/12 Cocoa Chapter #35 is having a corned beef dinner. Fliers given to all Lodges
- MLT will be held on 2/18/12 from 9am-1pm at Canaveral #339 and will have a new, interactive format. Fliers given to all Lodges

- Rainbow Girls chapter is growing fast. May need help from time to time from the Masonic Brothers
- Demolay Blankenship received the Distinguished Service Award, the only one in the state. Need donations to help send members to the State Leadership Conference. \$269 was collected and donated to Demolay
- ME1A forms are still needed to be turned into W.: Marty Grossman
- R.: W.: Fred Baker thanks everyone for the thoughts and visits during his recovery from the car accident

DI Comments:

- Availability may be limited due to medial reasons
- Zone and State Chairmen and DDGM will help support when needed

DDGM Comments:

- Thanked W.: Ben Schwartz for doing a great job
- Make sure all tax forms are turned in from each Lodge
- Officers lists need to be turned in by second week of February
- Congratulated new all Lodge Officers
- GM requests specific committees to be chaired in each Lodge
- Needs contact information from all the WMs of all Lodges
- The GM's daughter was diagnosed with cancer
- Informed the Brothers of the circumstances of Brevard #113 Charter arrest and answered questions
- A motion was made and passed to move the Ritual Books to Harbor City #318 where they are currently housed

The meeting was closed with prayer from our President at 10:40 with peace and harmony prevailing.

These Minutes were approved as read / as amended by the Craft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by,

W.: Shaun Arner, PM
Secretary

W.: Ben Schwartz, PM
President