

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: March 6, 2010

LOCATION: Melbourne Lodge No. 143

The meeting was called to order by the President W.: Steve Walden at 9:00am. With 34 members & 0 guests present, representing all 9 Lodges in the District. All Officers were present.

Special Guest: None.

A copy of the Attendance Sheet is attached to these minutes.

2 new life members joined today: Bro.'s Jason Velie & Ryan Kenneth of Melbourne 143.

The President led everyone in the pledge to our Flag and our Chaplain offered a prayer.

Presidents Remarks: Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Melbourne 143 for breakfast.

The Minutes from the last meeting dated; February 6, 2010, were read and approved as read.

Correspondence: Letter from Joe Morgan, Commissioner, Brevard Historical Commission; requesting each Lodge provide historical information to the commission.

Treasurer's Report was given, for the month ended 2/28/2010. General Fund balance of \$188.74 and Restricted Fund balance of \$2,900.17, and Open Books Fund of \$1163.00. Total checkbook balance \$4,251.91 a copy is attached with these minutes.

Lodge Reports were given and are attached from each Lodge.

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

Old Business:

A) 2010 Masters & Wardens Golf Tournament: Scheduled for 6/13 at Walkabout G.C. R.:W.: Trinkle ask each Lodge to provide workers the day of the tournament and door prizes. We have 2 Hole Sponsor's so far.

B) Outdoor Degree scheduled for 4/10 at 9am: Need a couple of Officers to fill chairs, need supplies to perform degree. Breakfast will be provided. Site is at 2002 Lake Dr., Cocoa, 32926, about ¼ mile from house up dirt road.

C) Purchase of safe to keep the open books from Grand Lodge: Each Lodge has donated to the Fund and Brevard Lodge is trying to get the contract completed with Grand Lodge. R.:W.: Aladro offered to pick up the safe on Tuesday if contract is complete.

D) Family Fun Day scheduled for 9/26 at Brevard Lodge 113: Collected \$200.00 from Beach Lodge 354 today from ticket sales. Merritt Island 353 report they have sold their 10 tickets and requested more.

New Business:

A.) Joe Morgan of Canaveral 339, Commissioner of the Brevard Historical Commission, located in Byrd Plaza Cocoa, would like the Lodges to appoint a member to be Historian and to provide the Commission with any Lodge artifacts like pictures or memorabilia.

W.: Bill West invited Bro. Morgan to Beach Lodge 354 on May 18th R.:W.: Ed Taylor is scheduled to give the history of Beach Lodge in an Open meeting.

Good of the Order:

W.: Dan Maltby recommended W.: Tim Griffin to perform the EA Lecture to the other Lodges. He recently performed this lecture at his Lodge and did an outstanding job. W.: Al Key commented that he was disappointed in the attendance at this years East-West Shrine Game in Orlando, he offered the idea of getting the local Shrine temples to sponsor High School Athletes to attend the game. York Rite 1-Day Class in Stuart at Box Ranch 3/12 & 13. Orlando Scottish Rite Spring Reunion scheduled for 4/17 & 18. The Road to Victory, Military Display Event scheduled for 3/27 & 28. Flag Day, Flag retirement Ceremony scheduled for 6/12 at Orlando Scottish Rite. Ill. Dale I. Goehrig is the new Deputy for the Orient of Florida for the Scottish Rite.

Junior Grand Warden Comments: Legislation will be presented at this Grand Lodge to allow someone other than the Zone Chairman for the Committee on Work to open the Safe to remove the Books for School of Instruction. If the Lodges support we should not have an issue in our District getting the safe open. I will be at the Grand Lodge Offices on Tuesday and will be glad to pick up the safe if it is ready.

Vice Presidents Comments: Support Youth Month in March, please attend a DeMolay or Rainbow Girl meeting.

DI Comments: Open Books at Winter Park 239 today is also Zone Competition, our District did not have a team this year. Harbor City had to back out due to the loss of a key Officer at the last minute. We hope to have the safe installed by 4/7 so we can have our first School of Instruction at Brevard Lodge 113, of course we still may have a problem even if we have the safe installed, our Zone Chairman might not be able to support. If he can't support we will request that the Grand Master name another person to open the safe. The outdoor degree is set and if it rains we will have a backup plan to go back to Merritt Island Lodge to confer the degree. Please support our Golf Tournament and the Family Fun Day we have scheduled this year. The proceeds go to offset our cost to hold the District meeting with the Grand Master. Cost are rising and we need to ensure we can meet our obligations.

DDGM Comments: We need to pass the legislation at Grand Lodge to allow someone other than the Zone Chairman to open the safe. At each Lodge I visit I get a name for the Point of Contact for our Golf Tournament I will forward those names to R.:W.: Trinkle.

Grand Lodge has sent a book describing the rules for a Lodge to hold Fund Raisers according to the Laws of Florida. At this time Masters & wardens cannot support the ball games in Veria. The Moose Lodge Dinner will be in April. We need to support W.: Al Key's idea for the Shrine to sponsor High School Students to the East-West Shrine Game and have a report on it at each meeting. Remember the York Rite 1-Day Class at Box Ranch.

The meeting was closed with prayer from our Chaplain at 1025 with peace and harmony prevailing.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by,

R.:W.: Fred C. Baker, PDDGM
Secretary

W.: Steven B. Walden, PM
President