

NEWS and INFORMATION



LIVING PAST MASTERS

W.:	James B. Zinn	1981
W.:	William G. Jones	1983
R.: W.:	Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.	1987 - 1988
	D.: D.: G.: M.:	1989 - 1990
W.:	Oscar G. Chaires, Sr.	1991
R.: W.:	Jeffrey L. Miller	1994
	D.: D.: G.: M.:	1997 - 1998
W.:	Thomas B. Rutherford	1995
R.: W.:	Paul L. Nehring	1996
	D.: D.: G.: M.:	2003 - 2004
W.:	Tim Thomas	1999
W.:	Daniel L. Racz	1993 - 2002
W.:	Robert F. Farnell, Sr.	2004
W.:	Russ R. Sauvageau	2005
W.:	Don P. Grabbe	2006
W.:	Fred Burton	2007
W.:	William C. Wagner, Jr.	2009
W.:	Paul D. Lewis	2010
W.:	Terry R. Parker	2011
W.:	Daniel M. Kiel	2012
W.:	Richard M. Schultheis	2014
W.:	Joseph P. Morgan	2015
W.:	George W. Holston, III	2018
W.:	James A. {Jake} Smith	2019
W.:	Russell M. Owens	2020
W.:	John A. Streb, Sr.	2021
W.:	Teddy E. Tucker	2017 - 2022

ABOUT FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 53 F. & A.M.

Lodge Web Site:
www.friendshinmasoniclodgeno53.com

CHARTERED: JANUARY 15th, 1862

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From the South:

Greetings from the South my Brethren!

I would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate with us at our two most recent events, the Christmas party, and the 160th anniversary of Friendship Lodge #53. Both events had a great turnout, excellent food, and a wonderful time had by all, filled with great fellowship.

Brothers, February 1, 2022, our first meeting dinner will be "Breakfast at Night". This will include all the breakfast favorites: eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuit's & gravy, and these are just to name a few.

I would like to personally invite all brothers and their ladies to come out to the Lodge on Saturday February 12, 2022, for our Annual Sweetheart Dinner. This dinner is our way of saying a big Thank you to our Ladies for all the support and hard work they give to the Lodge throughout the year. The meal for this evening will be a Surf & Turf dinner. Ralph will also be making his Famous New England Clam Chowder to start off the meal. Please RSVP by February 7 so I can have an accurate head count for the meal. Masons are \$\$\$ and as always Ladies and children are free.

Please give me a call so I can have enough supplies for the meals.

Sincerely and Fraternally;

Brian Magras

Bro. Brianmichael Magras, Junior Warden

Secretary's Notes:

My Brethren, 2022 Dues are past due! They were due on the 27th day of December 2021. **It may however surprise you that if you are having problems paying your dues we do have several ways to help.** Contact one of the other Elected Officers or your Secretary to find out what can be done. That's part of what our Box of Fraternal Assistance is all about.

If you are having problems let us help! Please! Call!

Fraternally and sincerely;

Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.

R.:W.: Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr., Secretary

2021	Annual Dues:	\$125.00
Voluntary	Building Fund	\$10.00
Voluntary	LYPMGS	\$7.30
Total Due		\$142.30

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE:

Please let us know if any of our Brothers or Sisters that are sick or confined-at-home. May we suggest that if there is sickness or hospitalization in a member's family to **please call R.:W.: Donald W. Frazer at 352-486-2439 Chaplain, R.:W.: Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr. at 352-209-1520 and Bro. John Gysen, 352-402-+0845** of the "Hospital Visitation Committee" of your Lodge! We thank you for your help in these matters...

Yours in the Faith;

Donald W. Frazer

R.:W.: Donald W. Frazer, Chaplain,

Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.

R.:W.: Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.

John Gysen

Bro. John Gysen

Freemasonry / Its hidden Meaning

Masonry has been **defined as a "system of morality**, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." The ritual nowhere adequately explains these symbols and allegories, and not only conceals the true explanations but also often actually misleads. To transform rough ashlar into perfect ashlar, reading, study and instruction are required. It should not be forgotten that only stones capable of being fashioned should be admitted to our Venerable Institution, and that the INTERNAL QUALIFICATIONS should be carefully scrutinized.

Masters of Lodges, officers and coaches are continually being asked questions by those of inquiring minds which they are all too often unable to answer. The necessary information can be obtained only from the continual and persistent study of the writings of those Masonic students who have placed their thoughts and researches upon the written page, thus conforming to the admonition to the "well informed brethren" to impart knowledge to the lesser informed.



TRESTLEBOARD BOOSTERS FOR THE YEAR 2022

From the Incoming Officers for 2022

W.: Fred & Grace Burton '21

W.: Oscar G. & Judy Chaires '22

Bro. Robert B. Collins '21

Dr. / Bro. Robert E. & Joy M. Danneman '22

W.: Robert F. & Joan Farnell, Sr. '21

R.: W.: Donald W. & Peggy Frazer '22

M.: W.: Norman L. Getchell '21

Sister Claudia Givens, '21

In Memory of M.: W.: John R. Givens, '22

W.: Wesley E. Golon, Sr. '25

W.: Don P. Grabbe '22

Bro. John M. Gysen '21

W.: Earl R. & Patricia "Pat" Hancock '22

W.: Charles R. & Joan Hazelwood, Jr. '20

Father / W.: George W. Holston, III '21

Sister Peggy Jones '21

Bro. Britt & Pam Keel '21

W.: Lawrence G. & Barbara Kratz '21

Bro. George E. Largent '23

Bro. Brian & Michelle Magras '22

R.: W.: Tony & Donna Martin '23

Sister Arline MacKay '21

In Memory of W.: David M. MacKay '22

R.: W.: Edward J. Mayfield, Jr. '21

R.: W.: William A. McKay '21

R.: W.: Jeffrey L. & Susan Miller '21

W.: Steve Mitchell '22

Bro. Richard M. Molk '21

W.: Joseph P. & Aggie Morgan '21

Bro. Joe & Jeanette Morrison '22

R.: W.: Paul L. Nehring '22

Bro. Carman P. & Louise Perna '22

Bro. Harold Price '21

W.: Daniel L. & Diane L. Racz '22

W.: Robert F. & Pamela Ramieh '21

Bro. John S. Richards, Jr. '22

W.: Dwight N. & Geneva Ridgeway '22

Bro. Kelly B. & JoAnn Roller '22

R.: W.: Kenneth E. & Denise Shaw '22

Bro. Robert & Jacqueline Sheetz '22

R.: W.: Ralph & Terry Shollenberger, Sr. '21

Bro. Ralph R. Shollenberger, Jr. '21

Bro. John C. Simkins '22

R.: W.: George L. Sinclair '24

W.: James A. "Jake" Smith '22

Bro. John Stegall '22

W.: William C. & Connie Wagner '22

R.: W.: Gregory J. & Martha Wilson '21

Bro. Glen E. & Lisa Wyatt '21

One Line Booster's Are \$20.00 Per Year With The Year Ending In February And Beginning With The March Newsletter..

Therefore; On Behalf Of

W.: John A. Streb, Sr., and the Officers of Friendship Masonic Lodge.

"We Thank You For Your Support..."

District Deputy Grand Master 2020-2021

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Tell Your Friends and Family





Friendship Lodge No. 53 F. & A.M.

Chartered January 15th, 1862



Fellowship, Florida

Bro. Briannichael Magras
Junior Warden



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January 20th, 2022

Annual Sweetheart Dinner

Dear Brethren and Ladies;

It's time to celebrate our Ladies. We will be holding the Annual Sweetheart Dinner at the Lodge in Fellowship, Florida. Our Junior Warden, Chef Phil has put together a great menu for the event. Due to the size of the dining room we will need reservations

The Annual Sweetheart Dinner will be held **Saturday, February 12th, 2022 Social Hour 5:30 P.M. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. until everybody has eaten and enjoyed the fellowship.** Please, make sure to return your reservation to **Friendship Lodge No. 53 F. & A.M. at 10420 N. US HIGHWAY 27, OCALA, FLORIDA 34482-1805.**

The menu this evening will be a Surf & Turf dinner. Ralph will also be making his Famous New England Clam Chowder and Dessert with Iced Tea & Coffee

The cost will be \$15.00 per-Member and your Lady is free. As always our widows and children are free. Please return your Reservation Form as soon as possible.

Please Respond by February 7th, 2022...

Fraternally and Cordially;

Brian Magras

Bro. Brian Magras
Junior Warden



===== Cut and Return in the Enclosed Envelope =====

Reservation Form for Annual Sweetheart Dinner

Brothers Name: _____ Ladies Name: _____ Surname: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone No.: _____ - _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____ - _____

Residential Phone No.: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Phone No.: _____ - _____ - _____

Business Phone No.: _____ - _____ - _____ Fax Phone No.: _____ - _____ - _____

Please: E-Mail Address: _____ @ _____

Number in Party: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Return To: Friendship Lodge No. 53 F. & A.M.
Hon. Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr., Secretary
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This Form is also used by our Secretary to help update his records and those of the Grand Lodge....



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Chartered January 15th, 1862

Fellowship, Florida



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Bro. James P. Nibe 704-906-4542

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R.: W.: Paul L. Nehring 352-207-6102
R.: W.: Gregory J. Wilson 352-427-2356
W.: John A. Streb 352-598-5470

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Co-Chairman 352-489-0956
R.: W.: William A. McKay, Co-Chairman
352-465-7575
W.: Robert F. Farnell, Sr. 352-854-6336
W.: Daniel L. Racz 352-489-0357

Board of Relief:

Worshipful Master & Wardens

Masonic Education:

Worshipful Master & Wardens

Masonic Leadership Training:

Worshipful Master & Wardens

Masonic Short Talks:

R.: W.: William A. McKay, Chairman
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R.: W.: Paul L. Nehring, Co-Chairman
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W.: Ted E. Tucker 352-553-9108

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and all the Members of the Lodge who wish to help.

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Low 12 Club

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