



April Trestleboard

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Charity:

- Please bring food donations to support the NPHS food pantry at our Stated Meetings.
- Our Quarterly Charity is the North Port Food Bank

Illness & Distress

Brethren, please report any sickness or distress

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NORTH PORT LODGE No. 406 F.& A.M

NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

From the East

Greetings from the East;

Hope everyone is able to enjoy this Easter Holiday with family and friends. Grand Lodge Communication will be in May. Everyone that plans to attend please let our Secretary know.

We have a Fellowcraft Degree on the 22nd of April at 7:PM at Farley Funeral Home. Please plan to attend to show our support for the brothers receiving the degree. There is a Zone meeting on May 2nd at Punta Gorda Lodge at 9:AM. All officers should attend this meeting. The proposed legislation will be discussed at this meeting.

"We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community of men who are endeavoring to be better citizens [and] to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly."
- Harry S Truman

Punta Gorda Lodge is planning a Master Mason Degree. For those that would like to take a part in the Degree contact me.

See you all in lodge.

Fraternally,
Worshipful Master

Mike Tirpak

Lodge Calendar

April 2015

Tues	7th	7:00pm	Ritual Practice
Wed	8th	7:00pm	Stated Communication (Bring current dues card)
Tues	14th	7:00pm	Officer Meeting
Tues	21st	7:00pm	Ritual Practice
Wed	22nd	7:00pm	Stated Communication (Bring current dues card) *** Fellowcraft Degree ***
Thurs	24th	6:45pm 7:30pm	Master Mason Association Meeting @ Phoenix Lodge No. 346 Dist. 27 School of Instruction (Bring your Red and Blue Books)

All Stated Meetings: Farley Funeral Home: 5900 S. Biscayne Blvd. , North Port, Florida 34287

Get involved in your lodge!!!

There are several opportunities to assist with the activities of the lodge. We're looking for catechism instructors, degree team members, committeemen and general assistance. If you are interested, please contact your officers.

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From the West

My Brothers All,

The highlight of the month of March was our annual Spring Picnic on the 21st. A good time was had by all. A special thank-you is extended to all of our Ladies and Brothers who worked so hard to plan, cook and set-up.

We also had the unique opportunity to hold our March 25th SC at Englewood Lodge due to the fact that some "body" had to use our usual space at the Farley funeral home where we normally meet. May he or she rest in peace. You know what we always say; at North Port No. 406 F&AM we can raise 'em and plant 'em!

Speaking of bodies, Brother Lee continues to work with our EA's and we all are preparing for the Fellowcraft Degree on April 22nd at our Stated Communication at 7pm. I will preside in the East and Brother Bret Borgersen, our world travelling worker, will literally be travelling from the west to the east to be passed to this Degree. We'll be in the "big room" at Farley's so come on down and join us. There is room for all Master Masons and Fellowcrafts to attend. The Degree Team will rehearse on April the 7th, 14th and 21st (all Tuesdays) at 7pm at Bro. Sam's and on Wednesday, April 15th at Farley's at 7pm.

So, come to the Lodge in April. There are many good things going on, not the least of which is the aforementioned Fellowcraft Degree and the arrival of this year's proposed legislation for our Grand Communication in May. Also, Brother Lou Ortt is presenting Masonic education on the prayers in the Three Degrees and it is a great presentation. Thank you W.: Ortt.

An informed Mason is an involved Mason.

Fraternally,
On the Level,

Robert Moschini, SW

Masonic Inspiration

THE ACACIA

by William R. Fischer

The Acacia tree is found in the area known as Palestine during ancient times, today it is found all over Africa. Acacia looks like the mulberry tree, can grow to well over one hundred feet high and is a hard wood. The gum obtained from it is known as Arabic.

Acacia is a sacred Hebrew wood known in the scripture as "Shittah." The ark of the covenant was made from it.

Acacia is part of our initiation as Master Masons and represents the immortality of the soul, as the soul lives on after our bodies have been put to rest.

Acacia can be a bush, tree, or a grove of trees. If you cut it down it grows back, if you burn it, it grows back. If you try to dig it up and leave one root it will grow back. Acacia can live through floods, droughts, and bad soil conditions. There is little doubt to the reason Acacia is our symbol of immortality.

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From the South

Happy Easter to all my brethren and there family. Remember stated meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. There well be a officers meeting on the 14 this month. Looking forward too seeing everyone at the meetings.

Fraternally,
Michael Short, JW

We Meet on the Level

We meet on the level, my Brothers and me,
We encourage good men into our society.

If their actions be upright and always true,
If we see integrity in all that they do.

If they seek more light and value truth,
If their own insights desire proof.

we will offer them our right hand,
And welcome them from any land.

For we judge on character not creed,
Nor on religion or wealth, but deed.

We'll meet them on the level, my Brothers and me,
And accept them as a Mason, ancient and free.



Masonic Education

THE GRAND LODGE

Grand Lodge is the great source of power in the Craft. It has legislative, administrative, and executive jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the Fraternity. Our Masonic traditions are in its keeping. It is only right that our respect for its Officers be shown by adhering to certain rules of etiquette necessary to maintain that respect and this etiquette must be punctiliously observed. Grand Honors are symbols of that honor and respect.

Talking, promiscuous moving about the room, failure to address the Grand Master, or to use his proper title when speaking, are all violations of common courtesy and gentlemanly conduct. In an assemblage numbering hundreds, it is essential that these rules be strictly adhered to in order that business coming before Grand Lodge be dispatched with promptness and in a dignified manner. Not only are all these rules relating to decorum applicable to Grand Lodge, but they might well be taken seriously by our Lodges, in which decorum is sometimes conspicuous by its absence.

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Sickness and Distress

Brethren we have a number of those who could use your appeal to the Great Architect of the Universe. Brethren please keep all those who truly need your prayers, in your thoughts. May God bless and watch over us all until we meet again.

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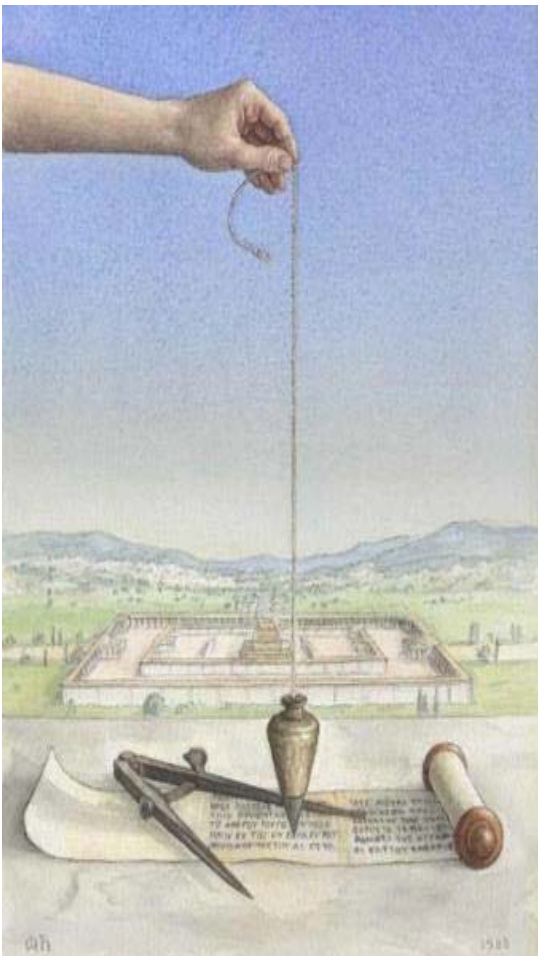
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Current Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Michael Tirpak
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Secretary	Samuel P Cohen
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Junior Deacon	Mark Yates
Senior Steward	Albert Sawdai
Marshall	R.:H.: Michael E Cullen
Chaplain	John Watson Jr
Assistant Chaplain	W.: Louis Ortt
Tyler	J.D. Copher



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Past Masters of North Port Lodge

James Godshall — 2012
Andrew P. Wormington — 2013
Michael Cullen — 2014

Perpetual Members

Brother Ayotte Arthur
Brother Samuel Cohen
Brother John Copher
W.: James Godshal
Brother Christopher Harrison
Brother Donald E Kissel
W.: Charles Levan P.D.D.G.M.
W.: Louis Ortt
W.: B. John Ross
W.: Les Ruggiero
Brother John Watson Jr.
Brother John Watson III
Brother Mark Yates

Masonic Birthdays

Samuel Upton 4/03/56
William Damato 4/04/92
Donald Vos P.P. 4/12/03

Masonic Quote

If you want to know where the future of Freemasonry
will grow and prosper it's simple

in the heart, in your heart, in my heart, and in the hearts
of those who follow us.

- Conrad Hahn

Standing Lodge Committees

Finance: Chair: Robert Moschini, Senior Warden
- and up to 6 members appointed by the Master

Vigilance: Chair: Mike Short, Junior Warden (941-812-9556)
- and 2 members appointed by the Worshipful Master

Petitions: Chair: W.:M.: Michael Tirpak (941-626-5963)
- and up to 7 members appointed by the Master

Masonic Education: Chair: Robert Moschini, Senior Warden

Board of Relief: Chair: W.:M.: Michael Tirpak (941-626-5963)
- Worshipful Master and Wardens

Charity: Chair: David Wheatcroft, Junior Deacon (941-423-2476)
- and 2 members appointed by the Worshipful Master

Lodge Property: Chair: Samuel P Cohen, Secretary (941-377-0273)
- and 3-5 members appointed by the Worshipful Master

Additional Lodge Committees

Lodge Instructor/Mentor: Chair: R.:W.:Rodger Lee Craig, PDDGM (941-356-2096)

Investigation: Chair: Mike Short, Junior Warden (941-812-9556)
Ad Hoc Committee formed when presented a task
- 3 members appointed by the Worshipful Master

Public Relations: Chair: W.: David Kissel P.M.

Masonic Funerals: Chair: W.: Louis Ortt (941-485-5313)

Fundraising: Chair: Mike Short, Junior Warden (941-812-9556)

Social Events: Chair: Mike Short, Junior Warden (941-812-9556)

Masonic Youth: Chair: W.: Drew Wormington P.M. (941-815-0951)

Catechism: Chair: Robert Moschini, Senior Warden

Scholarship & Awards: Vacant **Child ID:** Vacant
LYPMGS & MH-100: Vacant **Perpetual Membership:** Vacant
MMRL: Vacant

Please Turn Off Cell Phones in Lodge!!

Please respect our lodge and your brothers by
turning off your cell phone while in lodge.
There will be request for a donation of \$5 to
the charity box if your phone rings during
open lodge.



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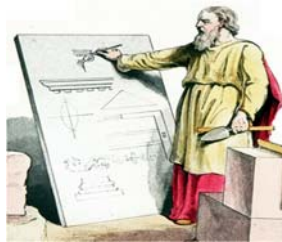
Plumb

Victor Kimantovich

Square

Alessio "Curly" Ruggiero, Victor Kimantovic,
Donald White & John Brophy

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Lodge invites you to
support our lodge
through sponsorship of
the North Port Lodge
Trestleboard.



The following
sponsorships are
available.

Plumb: \$5 to \$20

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Square : \$36 to \$50

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officer about becoming
a sponsor. If you'd like
to send a check, please
make a note of
Trestleboard Sponsor on
the check.

Available to our Brethren:

Fellowship Banners are Available

Contact our Secretary to order your
banner celebrating our new Lodge.

Cost \$10.00



Size 6" x 8"

Lodge Name Tags

Contact our Chaplin: Jack Watson 240-5737
to order your North Port Member name tag.

Cost \$8.00

Lodge Pins:

North Port Masonic Lodge Pin

Available during your visit to Lodge

Quantities are limited for this current order batch

Cost \$5.00



Degree Work / Petitions

Entered Apprentices

Bro. Michael C. Glotz

Bro. Patrick Korvach

Bro. Jose Hernandez

Bro. Angelo Watson

(awaiting Fellowcraft Degree)

Bro. Bret Borgersen

Fellowcraft

(awaiting catechism giveback)

Bro. Todd Boynton

(awaiting Master Mason Degree)

Bro. Viktor Klimantovic

Bro. Henley Lee Burton

Master Mason

(awaiting catechism giveback)

Bro. Mark Yates

Bro. Christopher McNeil

Preferred Dress Code for Lodge Meetings

Master Masons: Business Casual is preferred for Called
and Stated Meetings.

Lodge Officers: White shirt, bowtie, black Jacket and
black socks.

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North Port Lodge No. 406 Sponsored Masonic Youth Organizations

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said:



"The secret of sound education is to get each pupil to learn for himself, instead of instructing him by driving knowledge into him on a stereotyped system."

"Scouting is not an abstruse or difficult science: rather it is a jolly game if you take it in the right light. In the same time it is educative, and (like Mercy) it is apt to benefit him that giveth as well as him that receives."

Think of Baden-Powell's words and how they can apply to each of us.



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