

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

Chartered January 18, A.D. 1888, A.L. 5888

904-826-4086



March, 2020



STATED COMMUNICATIONS

Masonic Temple

4 Martin Luther King Blvd.

St. Augustine, FL

1ST & 3RD Thursdays

Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Stated Communication — 7:30 p.m.

DEGREE WORK AND PRACTICE

2ND & 4TH Thursdays

CHARITY OF THE QUARTER

St. Augustine Youth Services

The Farmers Almanac for 1823 published at Andover, Mass., the following was printed under the heading, "Character of a Freemason."

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world.

A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal.

March 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 OES	3	4 RAIN-BOW	5 STATED COMM. 6:30 PM FINANCE REPORT	6	7
8	9	10 SHRINE CLUB 7 PM	11 DIST INSTRUCT. PALATKA 34 6:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16 OES	17 York Rite Chapter/ Council 6:30 pm	18 RAIN-BOW Open Books Pineland 6-9	19 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	20	21 Pilgrimage Day Masonic Home
22	23	24 York Rite Commandery 6:30 pm	25 District Assn. Ashlar No. 98 6:30 pm	26 EACH ONE –MEET ONE CABUL NO. 116 6:30 PM	27 Fried Chicken Shrine Club 5-7 pm	28
29	30	31				

From The West

February was a busy month in the West. **The Finance Committee met early in the month and a full report to the Craft will be presented at the Stated Communication on March 5, 2020.**

The 44th annual Sweethearts Luncheon was held at The Gypsy Cab Company on February 15th. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all. Of the thirty two in attendance We hosted ten Masonic Widows. All line officers were present with the exception of our Secretary David Pierucci and R.W. Dwight Wilkes who were ill on that day. Our Prayers for their speedy recovery.

R.W. Oscar Patterson provided an informative talk on The History Of Free Masonry In Florida. Brother Tom Toretta, Who is now The Director of The Council On Aging, provided information packets and spoke of the services provided by COA. Many thanks from The West to all who contributed in making this time honored event a success.

Looking Forward : At this time the Property Committee awaits a presentation from David Carson, VP Flagler College to be given on February 20th. We have full confidence that after this, We will have a better idea of their plans and a time line for remodeling of the building. The Committee aims to provide our own plans for submission to The Craft by the end of the quarter.

Take Care my Brothers, Bro. Jim Carrick

April 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 RAIN-BOW 7 PM	2 STATED COMM. 6:30 PM	3	4
5	6 OES	7	8 DIST. INST. LAKE NO. 72 6:30 PM	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14 SHRINE CLUB 7 PM	15 RAIN- BOW 7 PM	16 STAT- ED COMM. 6:30 PM	17	18 Open Books Pine- land 9-noon
19	20 OES	21 York Rite Chapter/ Council 6:30 pm	22 District Association Middleburg 107 6:30 pm	23 Lodge Instruc- tion 6:00 pm	24 Shrine Club Chick- en Night	25
26	27	28	29	30		29

26 US CODE SECTION 501 section 10—Fraternal Societies

§ 501. Exemption from [federal] tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.

(a) Exemption from taxation: An organization described in subsection (c) or (d) or section 401 (a) shall be exempt from taxation under this subtitle unless such exemption is denied under section 502 or 503.

Section C(10) Domestic **fraternal societies**, orders, or associations, operating under the **lodge system**—

(A) the net earnings of which are devoted exclusively to religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and fraternal purposes, and

(B) which do not provide for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits.

These organizations are therefore tax-exempt, although unlike Section 501(c)(3) organizations, they are not qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions. Members of the societies are bound by common unifying objectives beyond purely social dimensions and tend to engage in ritual. .

LODGE OFFICERS 2020

Worshipful Master

Kenneth Schaffner 386-864-9162

Senior Warden

James Carrick 904-501-4348

Junior Warden

Dwight Wilkes 904-501-5528

Secretary

David Pierucci 904-460-9477

Treasurer

Oscar Patterson III 904-955-9175

Chaplain

William Roberts 904-825-1594

Tyler

Ron DeRoco 904-599-1584

FRATERNAL NOTICES AND DATES

O.E.S. Chapter #12.....1st & 3rd Mon-
days

Rainbow Assembly #42.....1st & 3rd
Wednesdays

York Rite Bodies.....3rd & 4th Tues-
days

**OTHER 11th MASONIC
DISTRICT LODGES**

Palatka No. 34

Palatka—2nd & 4th Mondays

Lake No. 72

Crescent City—1st & 3rd Mondays

Pineland No. 86

Peniel—1st & 3rd Thursdays

Melrose No 89

Keystone Heights—2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Middleburg No. 107

Middleburg—1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Cabul No. 116

Green Cove Springs—2nd & 4th Thursdays

Hastings No. 183

Hastings—2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Bunnell No. 200

Bunnell—1st and 3rd Tuesdays

LODGE COMMITTEES 2020 (Revised)
ASHLAR LODGE NO. 98 F. & A.M.
KENNETH SCHAFFNER, WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Worshipful Master may attend and direct deliberation of all Lodge Committees.

Finance

James Carrick, Chair
Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM
Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM
Troy Usina, PDDGM
Bo. Bozard, PM
David Pierucci
Barry Fox

Masonic Education

Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM, Chair
David Pierucci
Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM
George Maultsby, PM
Tom Torretta

Charity

Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM, Chair
Matt Sweeney, PM
David Pierucci
Tom Torretta
Patrick McGee
Kenneth Champagne

Scholarship

James Carrick, Chair
Matt Sweeney, PM
David Pierucci
Sam Turner
Tom Torretta

Vigilance

Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM, Chair
Christopher Cannan, DDGM
Troy Usina, PDDGM

Petitions

James Carrick, Chair
Bo Bozard, PM
Charlie Metcalf, PM
Tom Torretta
David Pierucci
John Dugish
William Roberts

Lodge Property

James Carrick, Chair
Christopher Cannan, DDGM
Oscar Patterson, PDDGM
Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM
Charlie Metcalf, PM

Board of Relief

Kenneth Schaffner, Chairman
Dwight Wilkes, PDDGM
James Carrick

Rainbow Board

Robert Gagnon, PM, Chair
Matthew Sweeney, PM
Garret Wolfe, PM
Freddy Touzette

Council of Past Masters

Robert Harry, PGM., Chair
Troy Usina, PDDGM
Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM
Bo Bozard, PM
Charlie Metcalf, PM

Visitation

William Roberts, Chair
Matt Sweeney, PM
Dominick Perez, P.M.
Thomas Torretta
Terrell Jones

Membership Development

David Pierucci, Chair
Trevor Jones
James Carrick

Public Education/Community Service

James Carrick, Chair
Brian Iannucci
Sam Turner
Josh Underwood
Barry Fox

Lodge Instructor

Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM.

Lodge Mentors

George Maultsby, PM
Oscar Patterson III, PDDGM

Contact Numbers

Secretary	David Pierucci	904-460-9477
Chaplain	William Roberts	904-825-1598
Instructor	Oscar Patterson, PDDGM	904-955-9175
Mentor	George Maultsby, PM	709-956-0228
Tyler	Ron DeRoco	904-599-1584



MLK Avenue

King St.

NORTH PARKING LOT
Flagler College 24/7

SOUTH PARKING LOT
Ashlar Members
6:00 pm - 5:00 am
Monday-Saturday
All day Sunday

Ashlar Lodge No. 98

West of Dumpster 24/7 members only

COQUNIA LOT
Ashlar Members 24/7
non-reserved spaces

PARKING AT ASHLAR LODGE NO. 98 F. & A.M. EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2019

RITUAL

(From Mentor's Manual, Grand Lodge of Florida)

Mirth has no place whatever in the exemplification of any one of the Three Degrees of Masonry, more particularly in the Third. The Letter "G" in the East, the Altar, the Holy Bible—where such as these play so prominent a part, surely there is no place for laughter! Nor for applause! To break into applause because a Ritualist has performed some part well destroys the illusion and reduces the Ritual to the level of a play; nor should applause be given when a Candidate has been Raised. A Brother does not take a part in his own name or perform it in his own proper person; his individuality should be sunk out of sight, both to himself and to his Lodge, lest he intrude himself between the Candidate and the Ritual. The Brother Raised has done nothing to merit applause. Offering himself as a Candidate to Masonry is done of his own free will and accord. Why applaud? If we wish to express our pleasure at seeing him one of us, congratulate him quietly by a hand-clasp when the Lodge is called to refreshment.

The Ritual is designed to be effective in the inner life of the Candidate, a genuine moral and spiritual experience by which he enters a new kind of life wherein he will stand obligated to perform duties and make self sacrifices; the obligations he will take will be morally and Masonically binding on him and his vows must be genuine or he will be led into harmful hypocrisy. On any other interpretation of it, the Ritual degenerates into play, into an empty ceremony, self-falsified and without meaning, and the whole structure of Freemasonry is shattered. A Lodge that holds fast to this truth will no more permit levity to ruin the effect of its work than it would permit its Treasurer to falsify a check.

The Third Degree, especially, is of the highest possible seriousness, not a drama, not a play, but a genuine spiritual experience. It is for this reason that Grand Lodge forbids any substitution of its parts by a costumed play. Theatricality strikes a false note. And if Degree Teams insist on wearing costumes they should be in good taste, correct and accurately historical and not obviously for stage effect.

It is improper to discuss the Ritual in public, or to advertise it, or to publish pictures of it, in any way by which the secrets of Masonry may be unlawfully revealed to the profane world, a principle expressed in the Book of Constitutions. Only the written FORMS and CEREMONIES authorized by Article XV of the Constitution may be referred to, used or taught by the Committee on Work, District Instructors, or Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.