

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

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



May, 2023



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 MONTH

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

FROM THE EAST

Hello My Brothers,

We are having a Family and Friends evening on May 18th (the third Thursday of May). Please bring your family and/or friends for a night of socializing and fun. We will be hosting with a barbeque. RW Oscar Patterson has agreed to do his lecture on Civil War Surgery. It is fascinating and perhaps a bit gruesome! This is a great chance for family and friends to see the lodge and the men who meet within its walls.

Brother Ed Dunn was presented his 50 year certificate in April. Congratulations Brother Ed!

In addition, three of our newest Master Masons have returned their proficiencies and were presented their aprons. Congratulations Brothers Bobby Butterfield, Chris Lucero and Mike Sommers on earning your aprons. Well done, Brothers!

Ashlar continues traveling around the district. In April, we visited Pineland Lodge on April 20th. Brother Terrell and I will be visiting Melrose Lodge on Tuesday May 9th with any interested brothers. Feel free to contact one of us for details. We can carpool or meet you there. We will arrive before 6:30pm. We also visited/will traveling to Middleburg on Wednesday, April 26th and Cabul Lodge on Wednesday, May 24th for the District Association meetings. We hope to see you in lodge or throughout the district soon.

Brother Tom Torretta

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OES	2	3 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	4 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	5	6
7	8	9 Shrine Club 7:00 pm	10 District Instruction Pineland No. 86 6:30 pm	11 Lodge Instruction MM Degree 6 pm	12	13
14	15 OES	16	17 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	18 FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT 6:30pm	19	20 Open Books Pineland 86 9AM -NOON
21	22	23 York Rite Chapter/Council 6:30 pm	24 Dist. Assn. Cabul No.116 6:30 pm	25 LODGE INSTRUCTION MM DEGREE 6	26 Fried Chicken, Shrine Club	27
28	29 GRAND LODGE ORLANDO	30 GRAND LODGE ORLANDO	31 GRAND LODGE ORLANDO			

FROM THE WEST

It is hard to believe that we are four months into 2023 already, the Finance and Charity Committee's have met and gone over our monthly charities. They will stay the same as last year. The Finance Committee reports we are in good shape.

We are still visiting with the other Lodges in our district and I invite you or anyone who would like to go join us. Please let me know has some have been carpooling to these meetings, it is a great way to meet our brothers of their of their respective lodges and enjoy the fellowship.

Also, there is a family and friends night planned at Ashlar Lodge on May 18. This would be a good time to meet our brothers families and or bring a friend who might have interest in our great fraternity. Please let us know if you are interested or are planning to attend so we can get a headcount.

Respectfully yours
Terrell W Jones, Senior. S.W.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 STATED COMM 6:30 PM	2	3
4	5 OES	6	7 RAIN- BOW 7 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13 SHRINE CLUB 7:00 pm	14 District Instruction Melrose No. 89 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	15 STAT- ED COMM 6:30 PM	16	17
18	19 OES	20 YORK RITE CHAP- TER/ COUNCIL 6:30 PM	21 RAIN- BOW 7 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 YORK RITE COM- MANDERY 6:30 PM	28 Dist. Assn. Hastings No. 183 6:30 pm	27 Lodge Instruction TBD	28 Fried Chicken Shrine Club	

FROM THE SOUTH —George Maultsby, J.W.

Blue Forget-Me-Not: A piece of wonderful German Masonic History by Francis Stokkel

There have been many discussions and theories about the existence of the blue Forget-Me-Not from experts all around the World but fact is that the Forget-Me-Not is a symbol that found its way in the freemasonry in Germany and did its part by spreading it out all over the World.

The Forget-Me-Not exist in many different languages like in Chinese Wuwangw but its history is also found back in the time of King Henry the 4th anno 1398. Or even further back in the Greek mythology under the name Myosotidis arvensis, and is any of about one of 50-odd species which meaning is nothing else but “Mouse ears”, and belongs to the botanic plants of the family Boraginaceous carrying clusters of blue flowers and is native to temperatures of Europe, Asia and North America. It is a strong flower that doesn’t need to much care and is able to spawn in shortest time. It is well known as a saga, in the German medieval time, as the little blue flower asked to God not to forget him. Another German legend tells us of a knight, who was walking along the riverbank with his true love but as the Knight bent over the bank to pick her some posies, the weight of his armor caused him to fall into the river. As he was drowning in his heavy armor, he threw the posies to his love on the shore, and shouted “Forget-me-not!” And there the flowers grew.

In modern Freemasonry, it is now commonly worn to remember those that have died as a symbol that while they may be gone, they are not forgotten. Worldwide, tens of thousands of brethren display it with meaningful pride. The Forget-Me-Not was – and still is - a symbol that masonry, like the flower itself, was not dead, but had merely gone dormant. It was – and still is - a symbol to its members not to forget each other, or their masonic vows, until light had come again and the blue of masonry could flourish once more.

The history of the Forget-Me-Not is loaded with legends and symbolism. And quibbling over historic accuracy merely clouds the true intent of the story. Legends like these are not told to teach us historical facts; they are meant to teach us enduring truth, or even truths,

And the truths of the Forget-Me-Not are that; • we must never forget our duty to the poor and distressed. • We must never forget to per-severe through troubled times, as light and life will always spring anew. • We must never forget those who have come before us; the sacrifices they made, and the love that they shared with us. • We must also never forget our duty to honor their memory, and continue their legacy of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Therefore; *Amor fraternus, levatio, veritas*.

A few closing words...written by a Freemason Inverted Red Triangle Worn By Imprisoned FreemasonsAnd when the journey of this life is ended, may light from immortal home illuminate the dark valley and voices the love ones, gone before, welcome us to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.....

The Chaplain's Guide to Freemasonry. Now go back to the world, my brothers, look inside yourself - look around you - look beyond yourself and prove yourself as a Mason. Resist injustice wherever it appears, never turn away from distress and misery, but be ever watchful and vigilant.

[The full article by Brother Stokkel is well written and very informative, and is available via email. Contact the J.W. at gtmaultsby@gmail.com.]

**William Schaw, Master of Works to King James VI of Scotland
And
The Schaw Statues**

William Schaw was born about 1550 in Broich, Scotland. On 21 December 1583, James VI of Scotland (later James I of England) appointed Schaw principal Master of Works to the Crown of Scotland for life. His work included the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Falkland Palace, and Stirling Castle. On 28 December 1598, Schaw, as Master of Works issued his Statues. The preamble notes that the statues were issued with the consent of the craft. They were rooted in the Old Charges and were signed by all master masons present. A second set were issued in 1599. The original statues are below in modern English.

Edinburgh, the 28th day of December AD 1598.

The Statutes and Ordinances to be observed by all the Master Masons within this realm. Set down by William Schaw, Master of Work to His Majesty and Warden General of the said Craft, with consent of the Masters specified hereafter.

- (1) First, they shall observe and keep all the good ordinances established before, concerning the privileges of their craft, by their predecessors of good memory; and especially. They shall be true to one another and live charitably together as becometh sworn brethren and companions of the Craft.
- (2) They shall be obedient to their wardens, deacons, and masters in all things concerning their craft.
- (3) They shall be honest, faithful, and diligent in their calling, and deal uprightly with their masters, or the employers, on the work which they shall take in hand, whether it be piece-work with meals and pay, or for wages by the week.
- (4) None shall undertake any work great or small, which he is not capable to perform adequately, under penalty of forty pounds lawful money or else the fourth part of the worth and value of the work, besides making satisfactory amends to the employers, according as the Warden General may direct or, in the absence of the latter, as may be ordered by the wardens, deacons, and masters of the sheriffdom in which the work is undertaken and carried on.
- (5) No master shall take away another master's work after the latter has entered into an agreement with the employer by contract or otherwise, under penalty of forty pounds.
- (6) No master shall take over any work at which other masters have been engaged previously, until the latter shall have been paid in full for the work they did, under penalty of forty pounds.
- (7) A warden shall be elected annually to have charge of every lodge in the district for which he is chosen by the votes of the masters of the lodges of such district and the consent of the Warden General if he happens to be present; otherwise the Warden General shall be notified of the election that he may send to the warden-elect necessary directions.
- (8) No master shall take more than three 'prentices in his lifetime, without the special consent of all the wardens, deacons, and masters of the sheriffdom in which the to-be-received 'prentice resides.

(9) No master shall take on any 'prentice except by binding him to serve him as such for at least seven years, and it shall not be lawful to make such 'prentice a brother or fellow of the craft until he shall have served other seven years after the completion of his 'prenticeship, without a special license granted by the wardens, deacons, and masters, assembled for that purpose, after sufficient trial shall have been made by them of the worthiness, qualifications and skill of the person desiring to be made a fellowcraft. A fine of forty pounds shall be collected as a pecuniary penalty from the person who is made a fellow of the craft in violation of this order, besides the penalties to be levied against his person by order of the lodge of the place where he resides.

(10) It shall not be lawful for any master to sell his 'prentice to another master, nor to curtail the years of his 'prenticeship by selling these off to the 'prentice himself, under the penalty of forty pounds.

(11) No master shall take on a 'Prentice without notice to the warden of the lodge where he resides, so that the 'Prentice and the day of his reception may be duly booked.

(12) No 'Prentice shall be entered except according to the aforesaid regulations in order that the day of entry may be duly booked.

(13) No master or fellow of craft shall be received or admitted without there being present six masters and two entered 'prentices, the warden of the lodge being one of the six, when the day of receiving the new fellow of craft or master shall be duly booked and his mark inserted in the same book, with the names of the six admitters and entered 'prentices, as also the names of the intenders which shall be chosen for every person so entered in the book of the lodge. Providing always that no man be admitted without an essay and sufficient trial of his skill and worthiness in his vocation and craft.

(14) No master shall engage in any mason work under the charge or command of any other craftsman who has undertaken the doing of any mason work.

(15) No master or fellow of craft shall accept any cowan to work in his society or company, nor send any of his servants to work with cowans, under the penalty of twenty pounds as often as any person offends in this matter.

(16) It shall not be lawful for any entered 'Prentice to undertake any greater task or work for an employer, which amounts to as much as ten pounds, under the penalty just mentioned, to wit twenty pounds, and that task being done he shall not undertake any other work without license of the masters or warden where he dwells.

(17) If any question, strife, or variance shall arise among any of the masters, servants, or entered 'prentices, the parties involved in such questions or debate shall make known the causes of their quarrel to the particular warden and deacon of their lodge, within the space of twenty-four hours, under penalty of ten pounds, to the end that they may be reconciled and agreed and their variances removed by their said warden, deacon, and masters; and if any of the said parties shall remain wilful or obstinate, they shall be deprived of the privilege of their lodge and not permitted to work thereat unto the time that they shall submit themselves to reason according to the view of the said wardens, deacons, and masters.

(18) All masters, undertakers of works, shall be very careful to see that the scaffolds and gangways are set and placed securely in order that by reason of their negligence and sloth no injury or damage may come to any persons employed in the said work, under penalty of their being excluded thereafter from working as masters having charge of any work, and shall ever be subject all the rest of their days to work under or with an other principal master in charge of the work.

(19) No master shall receive or house a 'Prentice or servant of any other master, who shall have run away from his master's service, nor entertain him in his company after he has received knowledge thereof, under penalty of forty pounds.

(20) All persons of the mason craft shall convene at the time and place lawfully made known to them, under penalty of ten pounds.

(21) All the masters who shall happen to be sent to any assembly or meeting, shall be sworn by their great oath that they will neither hide nor conceal any faults or wrongs done to the employers on the work they have in hand, so far as they know, and that under penalty of ten pounds to be collected from the concealers of the said faults.

(22) It is ordained that all the aforesaid penalties shall be lifted and taken up from the offenders and breakers of their ordinances by the wardens, deacons, and masters of the lodges where the offenders dwell, the moneys to be expended [for](#) charitable purposes according to good conscience and by the advice of such wardens, deacons, and masters.

For the fulfilling and observing of these ordinances, as set down above, the master convened on the aforesaid day bind and obligate themselves faithfully. Therefore they have requested their said Warden General to sign these ordinances by his own hand in order that an authentic copy hereof may be sent to every particular lodge within this realm.

(Signed) WILLIAM SCHAW,
Master of the Work

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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

FRATERNAL NOTICES AND DATES

O.E.S. Chapter #12.....1st & 3rd
Mondays

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

York Rite Bodies.....3rd & 4th
Tuesdays