

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

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



June, 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

Boys and Girls Club of St. Johns County

W. George, Brother Terrell, and I are about to head to the 194th Annual Grand Communication in Orlando over Memorial Day weekend. We will let you know all about it when we return.

On June 15th, we will adopt a school and a few teachers. We hope you can join us as we recognize the hard work being done locally in our schools.

Ashlar continues traveling around the district. In May, we visited Melrose Lodge on May 9th. Brother Terrell and I invite any interested brothers to join us as we continue our journeys.

FROM THE EAST

The year is blazing by!

By the time you read this, we will have had our Family and Friends Night at the lodge on May 18th. This was an opportunity to mix and mingle with your families and the brothers of Ashlar Lodge while offering anyone interested in Freemasonry an opportunity to check out the lodge and the men that make it what it is. I hope you were able to attend and join the fun and fellowship.

Our EA, Brother Wayne has been passed to the Fellowcraft degree with others in Hastings Lodge on May 23rd and will be raised to the Master Mason degree as soon as he is ready. Thank you, Brothers of Hastings Lodge, for the work and W. George for the lecture.

If you are aware of any widows or older brothers in need of some assistance around the house, please let me know. I would love to get a group of brothers together to help one of our own.

We hope to see you in lodge or throughout the district soon.

Fraternally,

Brother Tom Torretta

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 WEST

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind very much appreciated the donation that Ashlar Lodge Number 98 made to their school, and have offered to the members of the lodge a tour of the campus and to see where and how the donations are used to help their students be better prepared for their future with vocational and technical training before graduating from FSDB, and also be better equipped to further their education. So, if any brother would like to join us for this visit, please let myself or Worshipful Master Tom know as it will be sometime in early June or July has graduation for both departments will be at the end of May.

Also, if anyone is interested in a Lodge shirt, please contact myself or Brother Chris Lucero. Shirt choices are polo shirts with or without a pocket—a Columbia fishing style shirt— or you may furnish your own shirt and they will embroider it.

The prices vary by the number that are ordered. If anyone has questions, please contact myself at 904-669-5249 or Brother Chris Lucero at 904-226-5007 and there is also a sign-up sheet at the Secretary's desk at the Lodge. Also, we can order name tags if anyone is interested in them also with a list at the Secretary's desk.

Respectfully yours
Terrell W Jones, S. W.

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 OES	4 Independence Day 2023	5 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	6 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	7	8
9	10	11 Shrine Club 7:00 pm	12 District Instruction Ashlar No. 98 6:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17 OES	18 York Rite Chapter/Council 6:30 pm	19 RAIN-BOW 7:00 PM	20 STAT-ED COMM 6:30 PM	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 Dist. Assn. Bunnell 200 6:30 pm	27 Lodge Instruction TBD	28 Fried Chicken, Shrine Club	29

From the South – George Maultsby J.W.

Our Ancient Friend and Brother the Great Pythagoras

“Born in 570 B.C, Pythagoras of Samos was an ancient Ionian Greek philosopher. Known as a famous mathematician and scientist, Pythagoras's religious and political teachings have also been said to influence the philosophies of famous Greek Philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle.

One of his most notable achievements was to create the 'Pythagorean brotherhood' which influenced the likes of Plato and Aristotle and contributed hugely to the development of mathematics. Pythagoras although attributed to the Pythagoras theorem (although contrary to common belief, he was probably not its inventor, his students or followers were). He also developed a theory about music using numbers, which shows just how profound and personal his use of numbers was. While today it's difficult to separate his achievements from those of his students, his legacy is undoubtable.

A lot is known by the average person about his mathematical works but his philosophical ideas are less well known, even though he had some influence on other Greek philosophers of great notoriety. For example, Pythagoras defined the doctrines of 'metempsychosis'. This talked about the idea and belief that the soul is immortal and that after death a soul is transferred to a new body.

Another notable contribution of Pythagoras' was mysticism. He believed that planetary bodies had a harmony of spheres and thus moved in accordance with mathematical equations. Such was the power of the idea that it was proven centuries later by Isaac Newton.

Pythagoras wasn't all about number crunching though, he also had an interest in the metaphysical too. He had plenty of ideas about the properties of numbers beyond their mathematical value. For example, he held the belief that odd numbers were masculine while even numbers were feminine.”

Famous quotes from Pythagoras

"Do not go to bed until you have gone over the day three times in your mind. What wrong did I do? What good did I accomplish? What did I forget to do?"

"Friends are as companions on a journey, who ought to aid each other to persevere in the road to a happier life."

"A fool is known by his speech; and a wise man by silence."

“Choose rather to be strong of soul than strong of body.”

“Educate the children and it won't be necessary to punish the men.”

“Above all things, respect yourself.”

"Concern should drive us into action and not into depression."

“The oldest, shortest words— 'yes' and 'no'— are those which require the most thought.”

“Choose always the way that seems the best, however rough it may be; custom will soon render it easy and agreeable.”

Elias Ashmole—May 23, 1617-May 18, 1692:

October 16, 1646: "I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Coll: Henry Mainwaring of Karincham in Cheshire."

Elias Ashmole was a politician, military officer and collector. He was a founding member of the Royal Society, and his collections and manuscripts created the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University. In 1638, while living in London, he qualified as a solicitor. He received a Doctorate in Medicine from Oxford in 1669 and lived at the University for a number of years.

He married Eleanor Mainwaring in 1638 but she died in 1641. At the outbreak of the English Civil War, he left London and lived with his father-in-law, Peter Mainwaring until 1644. Throughout the 1650s, Ashmole studied alchemy and in 1650 published *Fasciculus Chemicus* under a pseudonym. Around the same time, he met botanist John Tradescant the Younger and financed the publication of Tradescant's catalogue. In 1660 he was appointed to the College of Arms and focused his studies on the history of the Order of the Garter publishing *The Institution, Laws and Ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter* in 1672, a book he wrote while "living in the country" to escape the Great Plague of 1665.

Ashmole was recognized as a Freemason in his own time and seems to have joined for several reasons including fellowship, interest in antiquarianism, and his search for universal knowledge.

The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, which houses his collections and books, is considered to be the first truly public museum in Europe. Ashmole died on May 18, 1692, at his home. He is interred at St. Mary's Church, Lambert. He had no children. Prior to his death, he utilized home cures including hanging three spiders around his neck which "drove my Ague away."

On October 16, 1646, Ashmole wrote in his diary: "I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Coll. Henry Mainwaring of Karincham in Cheshire." He appears to have been relatively active and his diary entry of March 10, 1682, reads: "About 5 H: P.M. I received a Sumons [sic] to appear at a Lodge to be held the next day, at Masons Hall London. On March 11 he wrote: "Accordingly, I went . . . I was the Senior Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted) . . . We dined at the Halfe Moone Taverne in Cheapside, at a Noble Dinner prepared at the charge of the New-accepted Masons." Ashmole's diary entries are the earliest personal references to Freemasonry in England.

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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