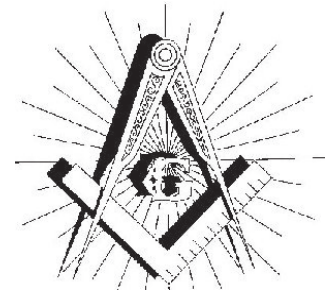


Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41
Trestleboard
July - August 2006



Building Repair

My Brothers,

Our historic building at Gainesville 41 is indeed impressive, however it is starting to show its age.

While we as Masons have done many different projects in the community and our building has been used for many admirable things, we have been rather deficient in our stewardship of this historical structure. It has lasted over 100 years and it is starting to indeed show its age, and our lack of proper upkeep and maintenance.

As you have noticed we had some roof repairs conducted on our building, but this was a rather temporary fix, and plans for a more permanent and lasting correction needs to be addressed.

We have been informed by the roofer that our current underlayment to our roof is the original and is beyond repair and needs to be replaced at the earliest possible time frame. Only our roofing tiles keep water out of our lodge room, and they too will not last forever.

While we had money budgeted for our roof repair, the actual expense of the repair was exceeded by about \$4500.

As your master, I DO NOT wish to implement an assessment to recover that excess, rather I have suggested the establishment of a building fund, separate from all other accounts, to be used to upkeep and repair our building. I am asking the members for a voluntary contribution of \$20 to help defray and recover the overrun incurred for this repair.

I would hope that this fund would continue for future years in order to generate additional revenue needed for a more lasting and permanent repair, so future

generations of Masons can continue to use this historic building.

At our last Stated Communication, the craft passed a motion that establishes such a fund, with all monies received to be used exclusively for upkeep and repair of our building.

I wish to assure the craft, as your Master that I have made a concerted effort to see that we have not expended any fund frivolously, and all programs that have been held this year and charities have been underwritten by your Master.

I have emphasized the need for austerity budgets to other lodge officers for the coming years if we are to maintain our building, and keep this structure.

I thank the craft for their understanding in this matter.

W.: Henry A. Bariteau III
Worshipful Master

From Our District Deputy Grand Master

The District Deputy Grand Master Ed Jones, wishes to extend his thanks to the brethren of Gainesville Lodge No. 41 for the use of the building and the man-hours volunteered to make the District Meeting such as success.

Our lodge room was filled to excess with the visiting dignitaries, and many favorable comments have been received regarding the hospitality and warmth extended to our visiting brethren.

D.D.G.M. Jones also wishes to extend his personal thanks to the members of the 14th District who made this meeting such as success.

Items of Interest

The Gainesville Area recently held a Demoley Conclave and is to receive its charter. This will once again establish a local Demoley chapter and establish a youth program in our area.

Brother Craine has the appropriate forms and information for Senior advisors to the program and is actively seeking assistance.

The Gainesville Demoley Chapter will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at Gainesville No. 41.

Interested members are asked to contact Bro. Jimmy Craine for additional details.

Gainesville Lodge No. 41 will be having a Called Communication on 26 August for the purpose of having a Master Mason Degree. The degree will be starting at

11:00 and we should be finished by about 3 P.M. R.:W.: Latsko is seeking assistance from members who wish to assist in this degree.

The Master has decided to call this communication, as holding degrees on Stated Communications has been rather long, and has required some business items to be tabled in the interest of time constraints. It is hoped that this called communication will alleviate those time problems, facilitate our business meeting.

Gainesville Lodge No. 41 will be voting on Honorary Membership for R.:W.: Thomas Howard, chairman for the Committee on Work. R.:W.: Howard has assisted with codifying the floorwork of our rituals as well as creating written standards for this work.

W.: Bariteau wishes to remind the members that the Vetspace donation box is currently in the dining room and we will be accepting donations for the next 3 months.

Donated items include: Canned Food, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Utensils/appliances, Rice/Pasta, Tampons/Sanitary Napkins, Bedding/towels, Coffee/Tea, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Alarm Clocks, Peanut Butter, Toilet paper/Kleenex, Radios/Televisions, Creamer & Sugar, Laundry Powder/Razors, Furniture/Beds, Tables/Lamps/Etc., Milk/Juice, Cleaning Supplies.

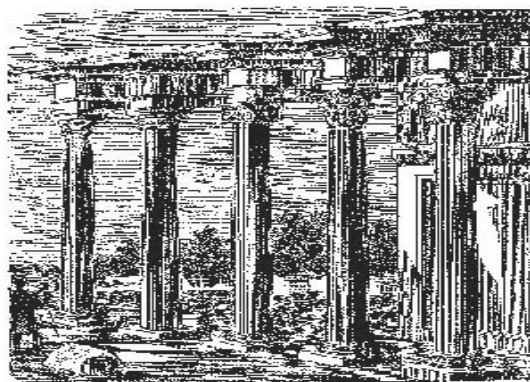
Sickness and Distress

W.: Robert Van Winkle is undergoing treatment for cancerous lesion.

R.: W.: Latsko is also feeling better but is still having back/spine problem.

Please keep our sick brothers and their families in our prayers.

W.: Hugh Smith has lost his wife Betty after a long illness.



Fellow craft Degree

At a called Communication of Gainesville Lodge No. 41 on August 2nd, 5 brothers were passed to the degree of fellow craft.

One Day Scottish Rite Class



The Ocala Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite will be having a ONE DAY class for all candidates interested in pursuing the 4th thru the 32nd degrees.

Any interested brothers should contact any Scottish Rite Mason for a petition.

From our Secretary

Wow! Over half the year is gone. We have been very busy at the Lodge. We recently Raised two good men to the Sublime Degree and just Passed five more good men to the Degree of Fellow Craft. We have several Masons looking to affiliate with the Lodge. The Worshipful Master has been doing a great job with guest speaker and trying to keep the meeting as short as possible. Our Junior Warden is just great and if you haven't had one of his fantastic meals you are really missing out! Our Senior Deacon is a college professor and has been giving some of the best Masonic Education segments. Come to the Lodge and see how much fun Masonry can be!

I am the Zone 4 Chairman, Committee on Work and hold an Open Book Instruction every third Saturday at Marion-Dunn Lodge in Ocala from 9 am to 1 pm. Come and check out the Ritual.

We have some very special events coming up: Master Mason Degree, Awards Night, Widows Night, Past Masters' Night, and Sts. John's Night. Our Grand Line is great and consists of: Grand Master, M.:W.: Bob Trump; Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Bob Harry, Senior Grand Warden R.:W.: Joe Fleites; Junior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Dale Goehrig; Grand Treasurer, M.:W.: Elmer Coffman; and Grand Secretary, M.:W.: Roy Sheppard. They are good and dedicated men who are doing their best to revive the Fraternity.

Come back and see how much of an effect you can have. Remember you get out of Masonry what you put into it.

R.:W.: Fred Latsko, Lodge Secretary

Lodge Officers and Contact Numbers

Worshipful Master	Henry Bariteau III	335-0587
Sr. Warden	Kurt Morauer	332-0011
Jr. Warden	Chris Druion	846-1370
Treasurer	Bill Grene	377-0599
Secretary	Fred Latsko	375-3733
Chaplain	Ray Davis	332-7784
Marshall	Kevin Hanson	371-2142
Sr. Deacon	Otto Johnston	373-1931
Jr. Deacon	Jesse Bishop	380-0613
Sr. Stewart	John Wells	377-0178
Jr. Stewart	Matt Rascovich	256-4700
Tyler	Jason Heeter	224-8390
Musician	Holland Vaughn	338-9320

From the Master



Dear Brothers,

What a year this has been. A part of me is glad it's half over, but another part of me looks forward to the labor of the 2nd half.

I have endeavored to get interesting speaks to our lodge to speak on a number of various issues. We were fortunate enough to have Bob Murphy to speak to us of the fine Vetspace program (which incidentally kicked off that donation program), and last month we had Sheila McGrady come talk to us about Publicity and Public Relations, something that the lodge can greatly benefit from.

We now also have completed the necessary repairs to our building's roof, which should preserve our structure a bit longer.

Your lodge is also now in possession of an AED, which hopefully will never be used, but if needed could possibly save a life.

We also have a number of new fine brothers, and I look forward to their participation in our various lodge functions, and growth within the fraternity.

R.W. Latsko reminded me of a truism, which stands even more so today,,,"you only get out of it, what .you put into it"

Calander of upcoming events

August 23rd - Stated Communication 8 P.M.
August 24th - Masters and Warden Assoc at R.T. Schafer Lodge, Memorial Lodge at 6:00
August 26th - Called Communication 11:00 AM
Sept 2nd - 14th District Assoc Picnic at Poe Springs
4 Sept - Ocala Scottish Rite, Ocala
13 Sept - Stated Communication 8 P.M.
27 Sept - Stated Communication 8 P.M.
28 Sept - Masters and Wardens At Archer Lodge

