



**Gainesville Masonic Lodge #41
Tresleboard
September-November 2008**



From the East:

Brethren and friends,

As the year is coming to an end I would like to say again how honored and proud that Gainesville #41 choose me as the Worshipful Master for 2008.

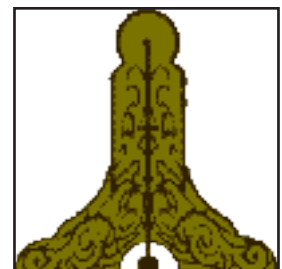
Your lodge was served diligently by your officers and with the advice and guidance from few of the Past Masters of Gainesville #41, we as younger masons have a better understanding of how a lodge functions, and what each elected officer and appointed positions is suppose to do.

The 100th year anniversary of the building of Gainesville #41 was a success. We had about 100 visitors between our brethren and friends and I think we should do an open house every year to show the community that we are not a secret society. Here at Gainesville #41 our members manage to stay healthy, our Most Worshipful past grand-master George Hayes turns 80 years young and comes to the lodge like clock work , but the 14th and 15th Masonic districts were hit quite hard with sickness and distress. For those who are in R-H. Sandy Huff's email list, they were kept in the loop and I am grateful for that and appreciated greatly his dedication to the craft. October 22nd will be past masters night. November 12th will be widow's night. November 26th the lodge will be dark. Under R-W Milledge Murphy as chairman of the competition committee the team has a few good practices to get ready for next years district and regional competition. R-W Fred Lastko, PDI and present Sandy Huff are never far away to help with ritual and floor work. It is with mixed emotions that I will pass the gavel to the new Worshipful Master of Gainesville #41, when times come, one year is a long time but not enough to accomplish the many goals set in the start of my term, this is the reason why a good line of elected and appointed officers is so critical. I can assure you that Gainesville #41 F. &A.M will be in good hands with the brethren coming through the chairs. I hope to see more of you at meeting nights. Remember, the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Good food at 7:00 pm and meeting at 8:00 pm .

Fraternally and sincerely,

Christian B. Drouin

Worshipful Master 2008



Important Notice

My brothers to change our yearly dues and our three degree fees we need to change our By-Laws. A vote was taken on August 13th and was passed by the brethren to make these changes. Now to accept these By-Law changes another notice is being given to the brethren. There will be a vote October 22nd to approve these changes which will be illustrated below. If these changes are accepted by the Craft they will be sent to Grand lodge for their approval and then be amended.

By-law Changes of Gainesville Lodge No. 41, F. & A.M.

Proposed and first reading approved on October 8, 2008

8. Other Provisions. —Life Membership After 35 Years – Any member who has been a member of, and paid the annual dues to this Lodge for a period of thirty-five (35) years before December 27, 1997, shall be elected to Life Membership under the provisions of paragraph 3.03(a)(3). The dues for members receiving Life Memberships under this section shall be at the rate of one-half of the annual dues per annum; provided that the annual dues for such memberships may be adjusted during the term of the membership by amendment adopted in regular form and approved by proper authority. (Optional) (Proposed to delete from current By-laws)

1. Fee for Affiliation.—The fee for affiliation with this Lodge shall be \$10.00 (Proposed to increase from current \$7.50)

The above changes to the By-laws of Gainesville Lodge No. 41 will be balloted upon at the Stated Communication of October 22, 2008.

The below listed changes were approved by sufficient majority at the Stated Communication of August 13, 2008.

3.03 Life.—

(a) Life memberships shall be of three classes:

(1) Life membership conferred by the Lodge upon payment of a fixed fee therefor which life membership shall exempt the recipient from payment of Grand Lodge Annual Revenue.

(2) Life membership conferred by the Lodge without payment of fee therefor which exempts recipient thereof from payment of Grand Lodge Annual Revenue, and

(3) Life membership conferred by the Lodge which does not exempt the recipient thereof from payment of Grand Lodge Annual Revenue, and

2. No life membership conferred for payment of fixed fee therefor and which shall exempt the recipient thereof from payment of Grand Lodge Annual Revenue may be conferred for a fee of less than \$2,000.00 dollars, which fee, in whatever amount fixed, shall be deposited or invested as hereinafter set forth. (Amended August 13, 2008)

DUES AND SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT

THEREOF AND REINSTATEMENT

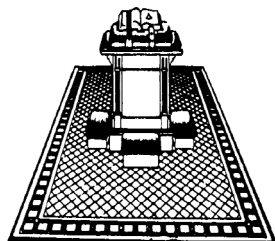
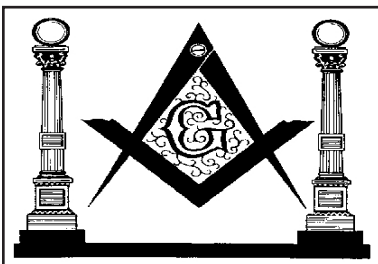
4.01 Dues.— Every member of this Lodge shall pay to the Secretary, for the use of the Lodge, the sum of \$100.00 annum, which shall include the Grand Lodge Per-Capita Assessment, which sum shall be due and payable in advance on or before the first day of each Masonic Year, which Masonic Year shall begin on the 28th day of December of each year and end on the 27th day of December of the following year, except life members, honorary members and those members whose dues are remitted in accordance with Masonic Law. (Amended August 13, 2008)

FEES FOR THE DEGREES AND AFFILIATION

9.01 Fees for the Degrees.— The fee for Initiation shall be \$50.00, for Passing \$50.00, and for Raising \$50.00. In every case the fee shall be paid to the Secretary in advance, without which no petition or application shall be read or announced, and in every case of rejection the fee shall be promptly returned from the treasury, upon the Master's order. (Amended August 13, 2008)

Things coming up!

- 1.) Past Master's night on October 22
- 2.) Called communication for EA Degree on October 29th
- 3.) Widow's night November 12th
- 4.) Masters' & Wardens' November 13th at #41
- 5.) Lodge will be dark November 26th



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