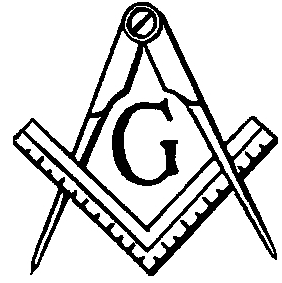


**Gainesville Masonic Lodge #41
Tresleboard
January-March 2009**



From the East:

These are exciting times at Gainesville #41. Ten brothers were raised at Schafer on Feb. 14; two were our own. We initiated four EAs on Feb. 25 at our lodge. Three brothers received their MM cards and pins at our last communication, and we have several petitions pending. What's most impressive is that the newly raised, the EAs, and the petitioners are younger men who immediately volunteered their talents and know-how in the effort to meet our goals. We have two future Trestle Board editors, one volunteer to straighten out the library, another to help with fund raising and a third with experience in ground maintenance. These brothers are motivated, energetic and need the leadership that only our lodge officers and committee chairmen can provide. Delighted to welcome these eager beavers into our lodger, we urge them to pursue the work for which they have volunteered while working on the catechism in the various degrees.

We invite them to move to the forefront as we plan fund raisers, social activities, family nights and charitable events. We are resolved to change our by-laws to permit us to devote one stated communication per month to business, the other to instruction, programs, degrees, specific interests and projects. Committees are in place to tackle a myriad of tasks, ranging from membership drives to finance to entertainment. Committee chairmen are taking the pulse of the membership to find out which goals are achievable and which commitments brothers are willing to make. Masonic education, investigations and our Board of Relief are areas of major concern that need the input of all our members before we can set specific priorities. We shall continue to support our child ID program, which is so very beneficial to children and to the police who may one day have to search for them.

I would like to see us reach out to the community by offering our lodge to High Schools that seek a gathering place for min-reunions, to non-profits which have difficulty finding a place to meet and to student musicians who have no place to practice. I see no reason we cannot rent out our lodge to community-based groups and associations for their activities. I encourage the membership to participate in a charity ball we're planning to be hosted in conjunction with the "Swing and Sway" club presided over by Past Master Chester Bullard.. Most of all, I'd like us to establish a "telephone tree" to contact members we seldom see and invite them to our communications. I envision six brothers who would each take a page from our membership list and call those registered one by one to find out why they've been missing our communications. Since I'd rather not ask anyone to take on that arduous task, I'll wait for volunteers who are serious about furthering the interests of our lodge.

You can't be a part-time Mason. If you're in for a penny, you're in for a pound. Never do things by halves.

Worshipful Master

Otto W. Johnston

From The West:

My Brothers it is my pleasure to serve you as your Senior Warden this year. Our future as a Lodge is looking pretty bright thanks to the help of all our Brothers in #41. Our membership has grown exponentially starting at the end of last year and carrying on into the beginning of this year. I encourage all the older Brothers to mentor these new Masons. They are our future and if taught right they can pass our traditions down to the next generation of Masons.

I would also like to say that our lodge is in the black financially. Due to membership increase, dues increase and a lot of cuts we are on the right track. Keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing you at Lodge.

On The Level:

Michael Bickelhaupt

From The South:

First things first i want to congratulate all the new officers for being elected and appointed. I'm glad to be serving as the Junior Warden of this lodge. Everyone is doing a great job so far we have the opening and closing almost down pat already. They have also done great jobs already in putting on degrees. The year is going well so far undr the direction of W:. Otto. He is doing a great job getting all the commitees going in the right direction and laying out the plan for his year. Remember to keep all of our sick and/or distressed brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

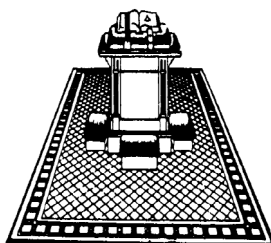
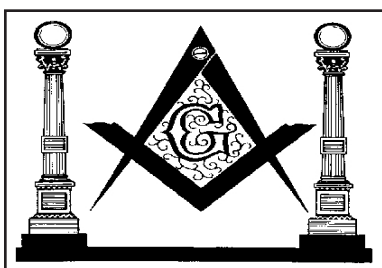
Junior Warden

W:. Dustin Cowsert

**Lodge
Officers
2009**



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SW Michael Bickelhaupt
WM Otto Johnston
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