



# Trestle Board



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#### FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

We are coming into October – I cannot believe how fast this year is going by. October is going to be a very busy but fun month.

First and foremost – our 2nd Annual Turkey Shoot is scheduled for October 14th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm We are looking forward to seeing all Brothers out there for a fun and exciting day again this year. This event is open to everyone, so invite your wives, friends, and neighbors to



come out and enjoy the day. There will be food and prizes for an exciting and entertaining experience.

Our Entered Apprentices Brother Martinez and Brother Knight are due to be examined on their Catechism this month so we will soon be scheduling their Fellow Craft Degree. Brother Schairer our newest Entered Apprentice is also making progress with his Catechism and he is working very hard toward his examination.

There are many more announcements to come in the future – so stayed tuned to see all the new things happening in and with our Lodge. Our Family Night gatherings are growing and everyone is encouraged to join us at 6:30 pm for Supper before our Stated Meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month. We have plans for a short program in the Lodge Room for everyone prior to the meeting. Come join us and bring a friend.

The Coffee Club is still meeting every Tuesday morning at 8:00 am. We would like to invite all that can attend to join us there. Remember our stated communication meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Fraternally, Charles P. Chancey, Jr. Worshipful Master

# Family Night Supper - Sept 21, 2023







Mark your calendar! On November 4, 2023, we will be hosting a Veterans meal and event in the Lodge Room at Olin S Wright Lodge No. 79. We are asking for any of our Masons or Eastern Stars that are Veterans or have military family members to send a photograph to be included in the slide show presentation.

PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

#### FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

Hoping all brothers are in good health and doing well. I would to thank all the Brothers who attended the Stated Communications in the month of September. It was good to see everyone in attendance and all the visitors we had. I hope to see more of our brothers in future meetings. We had a wonderful family night meal this month and there were some new faces in the crowd. Our Family Nights are growing in the number attending so come and join in the fellowship. The food is always great and we enjoy our time together. Among those present were two new potential candidates who are interested in joining our great fraternity.



The Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser on September 16th to help Sister Aimee was a huge success. There were several generous donations and the dinner sold completely out. Many thanks goes to all those who worked very hard to make this event a success. Also thanks to all those who supported this worthy cause.

The Turkey Shoot Planning Committee will meet at Turkey Creek Lodge on October 4th at 6:30 pm. This is the last planning meeting before the event. We will be setting up for this fundraiser on October 13th and if you are able to help we would appreciate your assistance. We also need plenty of help on October 14th, the day of the event. We already have several community and business sponsorships for the event and if you know anyone who would be interested on supporting us we have the forms for sponsorships/donations and the approved flyer to hand out. Sister Aimee has tickets for the meal available if you would like to purchase give her a call (813)763-5168.

Family Night is at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday each month and our Officers meet at 6:00 pm every 4th Thursday.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed month ahead.

Fraternally, James C. Jones, Jr. Senior Warden



## FROM THE SOUTH

#### My Brothers,

We have reached the month of October and the year keeps winding down. There continues to be a lot of activity at the Lodge and we need your participation and support to make everything a success.

We are still developing our website and there are many interesting things to be found there. It was brought to my attention that when you do a search of Olin S. Wright Lodge you may encounter a website that is not the active site for the Lodge and contains incorrect and dated information. To be certain to visit the active site use the address <u>https://olinswright79.com</u> to access it. If you receive the Trestle Board by email you can just click on the active link above to access the site or copy and paste it



into your browser. We are working to eliminate this dated site but in the mean time don't neglect to access the current active one at the address above.

Things are moving forward as we investigate a parcel of property in Plant City East of The Hillsborough County Court House. This is being considered as a possible location for a new Lodge Building. There has been a little progress but it is still very early in the process. More information will be made available soon. Come to the Lodge and get involved, we need your support!

Fraternally, *R*.: *W*.: *Royce A. Yancey*, *PDDGM* Junior Warden

# PLEASE NOTE

It is requested that you supply the Lodge Secretary with your updated contact information including e-mail address and cell phone number.

# DON'T FORGET THE COFFEE CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:00 AM

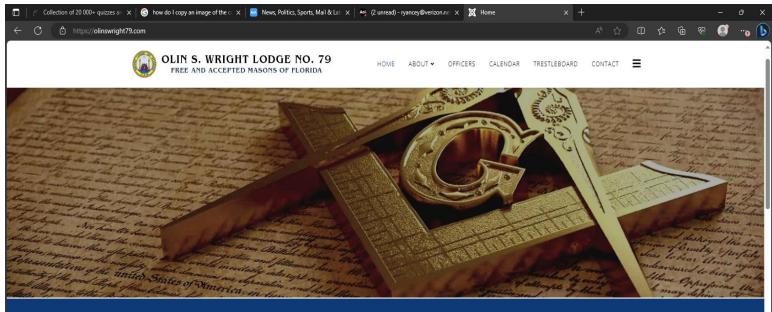
# OLIN S. WRIGHT LODGE No. 79, F&AM - BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

- 01 Robert Franklin Ray
- 04 Dale Thomas Thorpe
- 08 Delmar Jay Stratton
- 09 Jerry Willard Ellis, Sr.
- 10 Steven Bryce Doyen
- 10 Robert Warren Taylor, Sr.

- 11 Timothy Lee Surrency
- 12 Phillip Harold Martin
- 13 Michael Derrick Gillen
- 22 William Knox Pou, Jr.
- 24 Malcom Craig Godwin
- 27 John Ken Kimbel, III

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## The History of Olin S. Wright Lodge

EBENEZER LODGE NO. 79 whose charter was granted January 13, 1876, held their first meeting as a U.D. Lodge on October 30, A.D. 1875, A.L. 5875, at Shearhouse's Mill, Polk County, Florida, near the present Kathleen, Florida, with the following officers present, to-wit: E. E. Mizel, W. M.; W. M. Wilderk, S. W.; S. T. Hollingsworth, J. W.; J. W. Lanier, Treasurer.; J. J. Lewis, Secretary.; J. W. Bryant, S. D.; C. W. Deeson, J. D.; and A. J. Sauls, Tyler Pro Tem. Stated Communication was the Saturday before the first Sabbath in each month at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Bro. William Deeson thereafter petitioned for initiation and was the first man who was made a Master Mason in the Lodge, being raised April 1, 1876. On April 2, 1881, "after a free fraternal canvass of the good of the fraternity," the Lodge resolved to remove to Shiloh and on May 3, 1881, the Grand Master granted the dispensation to move to Shiloh. Meetings were held in the second floor of the Methodist Church in Shiloh, located just north of the present city limits of Plant City. With the construction of the J. T. & K. W. Railroad by Bro. Plant, Plant City came into being and September 6, 1884, the Lodge voted to move from Shiloh to Plant City and change its name to Plant City Lodge No. 79, dispensation for same being granted by the Grand Lodge January 21, 1885.



# OCTOBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	4 Turkey Shoot Planning Meeting Turkey Creek 248 6:30 pm	5 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION Supper 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7
8	9	10 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	11	12 Ritual/Degree Practice 6:00 pm As Necessary	13	14 2nd ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Cattleman's Pavilion 6404 S. Hwy 39 Plant City
15	16 Zendah Grotto Meeting 7:30 pm District School of Instruction 7:30 Brandon Lodge	17 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am	18	19 OSW STATED COMMUNICATION FAMILY NIGHT Supper 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21
22	23 Master Masons Association Egypt Shrine 6:30 pm Supper 7:30 pm Meeting	24 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am PLANT CITY CHAPTER No. 81 OES 7:30 pm	25	26 Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm	27	28
29	30	31 OSW Coffee Club 8:00am				



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#### **Our Past Masters**

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Alois W. Anders 1939
Harry L. Keller 1940
Thomas Houghton 1941
Thomas Houghton 1942
Fred D. Alley 1943
Frank S. Scheible 1944
Thomas D. Harvley 1945
Earle Cobb 1946
Harry Harrel 1947
Wilder Branford 1947
Benton L. McEwen 1950
Arthur A. Tickel 1951
Elmer N. Dickenson 1952
Willis K. Harrington 1953
Royce M. Wills 1954
Charles W. Lancaster 1955
Lee E. Russell 1956
Ira B. Russell 1957
Harley S. Miller 1958
Harley H. Rollyson 1959
William A. Twiss 1960
Thomas J. Powell 1961
Paul A. Bailey 1962
John E. Hancock 1963
A. C. Sutherland 1964
Cecil L. Shackelford 1965
Ctth L. Shuthellol u 1905

Paul S. Buchman ..... 1966 Nathan L. Watkins ...... 1967 Olin R. Yancey, Sr. ..... 1968 Manuel Buchman ...... 1969 Richard C. Holt, Sr. ..... 1970 Jerry L. Joyner ..... 1971 H. Chad Smith ..... 1972 George W. Joyner ..... 1973 Ray E Brobst ..... 1974 Raymond D. Mercer ...... 1975 Robert A. May ..... 1976 William E. Sams ..... 1977 Robert M. Venning ...... 1978 Lloyd W. Owens ..... 1979 Edward W. Simmons ..... 1980 Cecil C. Odom ..... 1981 James N. Reed, Sr. ..... 1982 Harry McElfresh ..... 1983 Tony Henry ..... 1984 John Ken Kimbel, III ..... 1985 Timothy Conway, III ..... 1986 Wayne B. Ward ..... 1987 R. W. Yancey ..... 1988 Michael E. Lytle ..... 1989 Frank A. Gaustella ...... 1990 E. Arthur Allen ..... 1991 Edward W. Simmons ..... 1992 James Cameron ..... 1993 Cecil C. Carr ..... 1994

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Buddy Odom	1996
Richard Woods	1997
H. T. Red Coleman	1998
Timothy Surrency	1999
Irvin E. Rupp	2000
James W. Ford	2001
Eddie D. Stephens, Sr	2002
Floyd K. Alderman	2003
R. Wesley Rounds	2004
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Philip P. Bethea	2006
Robert "Boog" Powell	2007
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Clarence Rudolph	2009
James Harden	2010
Harmon Van Horn	2011
Robert W. Taylor, Sr	2012
Jimmie S. Marko	2013
Roger Mays	2014
Todd Horne	2015
Robert W. Taylor, Sr	2016
Jimmie S. Marko	2017
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