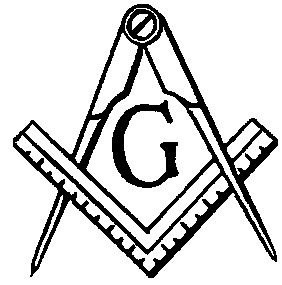


**Gainesville Masonic Lodge #41  
Tresleboard  
January-June 2008**



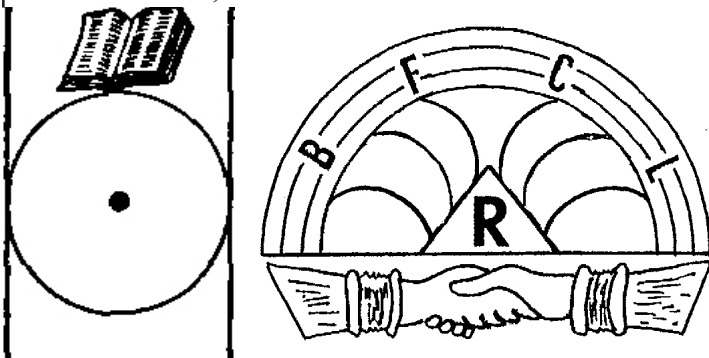
**From the East:**

**Dear Brothers,**

First I would like to thank all my brothers for voting me your worshipful master for this year. It will be my honor and pleasure to serve you. I would like to thank all who attended the last meeting and practice. It was a great turnout. I again would like to thank Linda & Pat for the wonderful food. I understand that kudos go out to Otto & Mort for their entertainment. Do I see a Quartet coming? Who else can sing the oldies? I would like to send out an invitation to all current and past members of Gainesville #41 to attend a fellowship nite on one of our meeting nites. Also I would like to remind everyone to bring their ladies or your best friend (LOL) to the meetings. As the worshipful master for 2008, we have to remember that I am still a young mason. Feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions and thoughts. This will only make our great lodge even greater. Hopefully we will reach our goal for more light in masonry.

**Sincerely and Fraternally,  
From the East,**

**Christian B. Drouin  
Worshipful Master  
Gainesville #41, F.& A.M**



**From the South:**

**Dear Brothers,**

I am proud to be your Junior Warden this year. So proud in fact that I am on many committees, doing the Tresleboard, trying to get a grant for repairs on the lodge and most especially cooking for all my brothers and guest during our stated communications. I have made many good friends through Masonry. I look forward to many years of this fellowship that this great fraternity has provided me and will continue to serve the Craft throughout the rest of my life.

Brothers, I encourage you all to come to dinner and visit and share your knowledge. Our Craft depends on it's older members as much, if not more, as it's younger members for it's survival. You and your families are all welcome to join us for dinner. Dinner is held from 7pm-8pm 2nd and 4th Wenesday of every month. We would like to have you even if it is just for dinner.

**Sincerely and Fraternally,**

**Michael Bickelhaupt  
Junior Warden  
Gainesville #41, F.&A.M.**



## **View From the West**

**Ask a brother what Masonry is all about and he'll likely answer, "Free Masonry makes good men better." Ask him how Masonry accomplishes that task, he might say, through "honesty," "compassion," and "trustworthiness." But aren't those characteristics a candidate has before he ever enters the Lodge? If the investigating committee does its job, no one gets in without those traits. The real question is how Free Masonry amplifies those virtues.**

**To answer that question we need only to remember what the Senior Deacon told us in the antechamber before we ever set foot in the Lodge. The first definition every candidate hears is that Free Masonry is a system of "moral instruction, anciently taught by...." Moral instruction? When did we last discuss "right and wrong" during a communication? There are reasons to hesitate: our post industrial society is grounded in sharing or withholding information, rendering or denying a service, whererby socail interaction becomes far more intimate and complex than at any other time in our history. The norms of yesterday may not be applicable today, when new situations with unforeseen moral predicaments present themselves at each twist and turn in our lives.**

**Free Masonry can provide a guide nonetheless. The twenty-nine additional degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry are in fact twenty-nine moral dilemmas which demand a response. The orders of York Rite deal with such abstractions as "truth," "loyalty," justice," "piety," "reverence," and - my favorite - the "supremacy of woman." The more we face established ethical problems the better prepared we are to deal with the new and unexpected. Each of us has a powerful voice within us, prompting us to do good and shun evil. With a little more coaxing from our brothers in the Lodge, we might just be able to hear that voice a little more clearly, and listen to it a little more intently. Moral instruction - that's our goal, that's how we "make good men better."**

**Otto W. Johnston  
Senior Deacon**

**From the Secretary:**

**The Secretary holds one of the most important jobs in the lodge. Not only is he responsible to take accurate minutes of the meeting, but he is also responsible for the administrative side of the business of the lodge. this includes correspondence, posting and reading directives from the Grand Lodge, dues cards and receiving of funds, and a slew of other tasks. However as important as the Secretary's job is he can not do it without the cooperation of its members. Thus it is the members responsibility to notify the Secretary of their address changes or any changes in their status. The Secretary can not be held responsible for a member who is suspended or dropped for n.p.d., simply because they have moved or changed an address and not notified the Secretary of their address change. Similarly it is important that the members also let their spouses know that in the event of their death, the lodge needs to be contacted so the appropriate forms and courtesies be extended to their families.**

**Sincerely and Fraternally,**

**W.: Henry Bariteau III**

# Important Notice

My brothers for the last four years your lodge has been running in the red. In essence we have been spending more than we have been taking in. A Budget Committee was formed and recommendations were giving. First, Was to raise our yearly dues to 100 dollars instead of 60 dollars. Second, was to raise our three degree fees to 50 dollars each. Third, was to ask for “crisis donations” from membership by putting a donation box in a visible location during our lodge functions. Fourth, was to increase the number of fund raisers per year and arrange to sell food and drinks at major downtown events and elsewhere as often as possible after applying for necessary permits and licenses if they are required.

My brothers to change our yearly dues and our three degree fees we need to change our By-Laws. That requires a notice to the brethren and a vote. We will be discussing these recommendations over the next month. The vote will take place August 13th.

### DDGM official visits:

**R. T. Schafer No. 350**

Thu Jul 3rd @ 7:30 PM

Gainesville No. 41

Wed. Jul 9th @8:00 PM

Ira Carter No. 150

Mon Jul 28th @ 7:30 PM

Waldo No. 10

Tues Aug 5th @ 7:30 PM

Brown No. 51

Mon. Aug 18th @ 8:00 PM

Archer No. 197

Mon Sep 8th @ 7:30 PM

W. T. Carlton No. 46

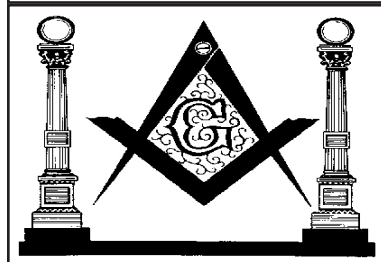
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Thu Oct 2nd @8:00 PM

I. N. McNatt No. 103

Tue Oct 21st @8:00 PM



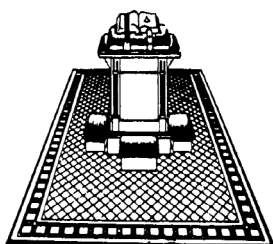
### New Legislation:

**Passed at Grande Lodge this year 2008:**

- 1. Mandatory Background Investigation of new members and applications for affiliation.**
- 2. Placement of duplicate copies of Forms and Ceremonies in each district.**
- 3. Resolution to allow 18 year olds to become Master Masons.**
- 4. Resolution to change Ample Form Closing for Grande Master and Past Grand Masters.**
- 5. Resolution for Independent Living at Masonic Home.**
- 6. Resolution for expulsion from Fraternity any member who is “convicted,” or who enters a plea of anything other than “not guilty” when charged with murder, attempted murder, sexual battery, child molestation, terrorism or the use of a firearm during a commision of a felony.**
- 7. Resolution to amend rules and regulations for Life Care Plan and Private Pay Plan.**
- 8. Resolution to relocate pensacola Ritual Books.**

### Thing to remember:

**Always be charitable**  
**Be morally upright with Mankind**  
**Hold the door for a lady**  
**Live in the present**  
**Say “I Love You” often and mean it**  
**Worship God often**  
**Pray for the less fortunate**





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