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FROM THE EAST

Good day Brothers

As we get closer to Grand Lodge, we have the very busy month of May. We have also had a very eventful year so far. We have initiated 6 new EA's proved proficient 1 EA and are about to prove proficient 2 FC's. We will be holding a Fellowcraft degree on May 4th. We had to cancel our stated April meeting last minute due to heavy flooding in front of the lodge. This drove us to have our 2nd stated communication instead of a Family night. I have truly been humbled in this position and continue to learn as I go and want to thank all the brothers that have helped along the way. I am excited as to the unity of the district with the success of the District Picnic and celebration of Eureka's 75th year. I look forward to our lodge participating in other district events upcoming. I look forward to hosting Masters and Wardens at J Dewey as this will be the last Masters and Wardens for RW Steve Rushefsky. Anyone going to Grand Lodge that has not notified our secretary please do so ASAP so you will be registered. Also, if you plan to attend Paul Maturse needs to know if you want to have access to the hospitality suite. The cost is \$30 for the Mason and \$35 for a couple.

Fraternally

RJ Jobman

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

This month I would like to share some thoughts on attendance at meetings for the conferral of degrees. These meetings go beyond the importance of our regular stated communications, as they either welcome new man into our Craft as Entered Apprentices or celebrate their ascending to higher degrees. We as brothers should make every effort to be present, as it is truly an uplifting experience for a candidate or graduating brother to see a room full of brothers on either side of the Altar upon being brought to light. A degree with bare bones attendance of only the officers and hardly any "sideliners" may dampen the enthusiasm of the degree candidate and possibly cause them to re-evaluate whether they made the right decision in joining J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge and Masonry as a whole. We want to ensure that the initiates and those moving up in degrees see this as an uplifting experience and stimulate excitement, and seeing a lodge room full of brothers upon being brought to light goes beyond what a candidate or brother of a lesser degree has read or been taught during catechism, as this sight conveys subliminal messages of support and belonging.

**** So Mote It Be****

W: Arnold Bein

Senior Warden,

J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge No.331

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren,

April was a wild month beginning with our very successful Diamonds and Gold Ladies night! The crazy began with the lodge going dark for our first stated meeting following the great flood on the 12th and continued when our EA Degree the following week had to be postponed due to a scheduling conflict. Thankfully most of us made it through the month unscathed and we persevered, as good masons do, with a decent showing for our makeup meeting on the 27th. It was an especially good showing of guests, EA's, and Fellowcrafts on such short notice and an outstanding solo proficiency from Jason Williams, our most recent EA to stand proficient. Congratulations Jason!

Just before the closing of said makeup meeting Worshipful Ramon Ramirez shared a few words of wisdom about changes that come about as a man becomes a Mason and grows and learns in the craft and I wanted to, briefly, expound on that here. We have often heard guests and petitioners say they want to "learn to be a better man" and although I became a mason mostly to honor the men of my family that came before me, there has been unexpected yet notable change in my life. It was gradual and took a while to notice but my confidence as a leader in both my career and as a family man has undoubtedly grown. My fear of public speaking has all but vanished, and my focus has shifted from "what can I get out of this life" to what can I do to contribute to the lives of those around me. I have become profoundly more aware of my actions, how they affect others, and how I can best serve my community and God.

The bottom line is, yes, the growth I have experienced in my masonic journey absolutely supports what Ramon shared. In short, being a Mason has indeed made me a better man, and I am proud to be part of this ancient fraternity. Persevere my brothers, put in the work, and you will absolutely reap the rewards of your labor!

Fraternally,

Randy Lay, Junior Warden

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."– Pele

MAY

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 NORTHSTAR DANIEL MOLENA GUEST SPEAKER 6:30PM	3 OPEN BOOKS/SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION CATECHISM PRACTICE	4 FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE 6PM	5	6 SHRINE CLUB DERBY DAY-TBA
7	8	9	10 CATECHISM PRACTICE OFFICERS MEETING	11 6:30PM J. DEWEY HAWKINS STATED COMMUNICATIO N	12	13 ROE FULKERSON ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC CORNERSTONE FISHING-TBA
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15 OPEN BOOKS/SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION CATECHISM PRACTICE	16	17 CATECHISM PRACTICE	18 WEST BROWARD MASTER MASON DEGREE	19	20
21	22 OPEN BOOKS/SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	23	24 MASTERS & WARDENS CATECHISM PRACTICE	25 DARK	26	27
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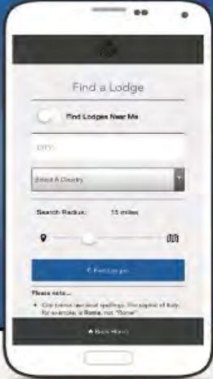
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