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February 2024

J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge #331 Free & Accepted Masons

February 8, 2024 – Stated Meeting

Dinner and Fellowship – 6:30 PM

Meeting Promptly at – 7:30

**We will announce and discuss the resolution to merge J.
Dewey Hawkins Lodge and North Star Lodge**

Voting will take place at the March 14, 2024 Stated Meeting

Elected Officers

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February Calendar

- 2/1/2024 Officers Meeting
- 2/7/2024 Open Books
- 2/8/2024 Stated Meeting
- 2/19/2024 Open Books
- 2/19/2024 Presidents Day
- 2/22/2024 Family Dinner -
Anthony's Clam House & Grill
- 2/23/2024 Cigar Night - Cigar Republic



From the East...



Greetings Brethren,

At our February 8th, 2024 Stated Meeting we will be announcing and discussing our lodge's intention to move forward with the resolution to merge J. Dewey Lodge #331 and North Star Lodge #405. We will follow up with a vote on this merger in our March 14th, 2024 Meeting. Were this vote to pass at both lodges in March, and pending the approval of Grand Lodge, this resolution would ratify sometime in early Spring.

Let it be known that this was not a decision taken lightly by myself and our 2024 officers. Only after much discussion and prayer was it decided that this would be the best and most positive course of action for all concerned. J. Dewey Hawkins will retain our lodge name and number, our line of officers will remain intact, and we will absorb (merge) the members and assets of North Star.

It is my wish as Master that the North Star members be welcomed with open arms as our own, that we all work together for the greater good of the craft, and that brotherly love and harmony shall prevail.

Fraternally yours,

Randy Lay, Worshipful Master

"To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." - **George Washington** (*Letter to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, January 1793*)



February & March Birthdays

Walter Mason
Frederick Weeks Jr
W.: Michael Binder
W.: James Freeborn
W.: Solomon Goldenberg
Anthony Gualtieri
Vasken (Kenny) Lakhoyan
Douglas Liantonio
W.: Carlton McLean
Steven Ross
William Wolf

District 26 Masters & Wardens

2024 Meetings & Locations

January 31	Doric
February 28	West Broward
March 27	Eureka North Shore
April 24	Roe Fulkerson
May 22	J. Dewey Hawkins
June 26	North Star
July 31	Doric
August 28	Cornerstone
September 25	West Broward
October 30	Eureka North Shore
November 20	Roe Fulkerson
December 27	J. Dewey Hawkins

Grand Master

Most Worshipful Glen Bishop

District Deputy Grand Master

Right Worshipful Juan Roque

District Instructor

Right Honorable Matt Goldstein

President -

Masters & Wardens Association

Worshipful Cesar M. Temes

From the South...


To my Brothers,

Participation is the key! We all benefit from contact with the men whom we share this fraternity with. The meals prior to our meeting are fun, rewarding, and an excellent way to get to know our fellow brothers better. These pre-meeting meals support themselves and the more brothers we have coming to the meals, the more fellowship we share! I thank all my brothers that came and helped to clean our lodge on Saturday. It's been a lot of fun and I greatly appreciate the devotion from my Stewards and EA brothers that help. I hope to see you all for our next meeting and meal!

Thank you,

Vasken "Kenny" Lakoyan,

Junior Warden



Family & Friends Night

Thursday, February 22, 6:30 PM

Anthony's Clam House & Grill

2861 E Commercial Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308



BROTHER'S CIGAR NIGHT

CIGAR REPUBLIC

FEBRUARY 23RD | 7:00PM

3337 E OAKLAND PARK BLVD. FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308



TRI-GATE #276 SOUP SAMPLER

FEBRUARY 17TH
11:00 – 1:00

Doric Lodge
401 SE 15th St.
Ft. Lauderdale

Includes salad, fresh bread,
crackers, drink and dessert

\$10.00 (9.39 + .61 Tax)

RSVP: Sandy Clemons
954-801-5839

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Saturday April 6, 2024

Cocktail Hour: 6:00 pm/ Dinner: 7:00 pm

Tropical Acres Restaurant: 2500 Griffin Rd, Fort Lauderdale

Cost: \$65/person or \$650/Table

Florida registration number CH72811 For additional registration information, please contact J Dewey Hawkins Lodge No. 331 F. & A.M., Address: 555 NE 42nd Ct Oakland Park, FL 33334 Phone: (305) 218-6672.

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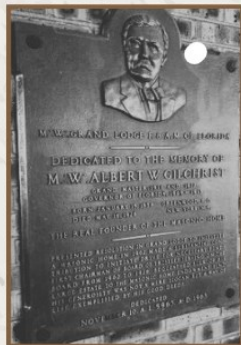
SAT

MARCH 16
2024

10 AM

Come join the Grand Master, First Lady, the Residents and all your Masonic friends and family in celebrating the 2024 Annual Pilgrimage Day! There will be tours of the beautiful Masonic Home, a Bar-B-Que Lunch on the Lawn, vendor tables at the Bazaar on the Bayou, a Car Show and Chili Cook-Off, the presentation of the First Lady's Tree of Life Program, and FUN FUN FUN for the whole family.

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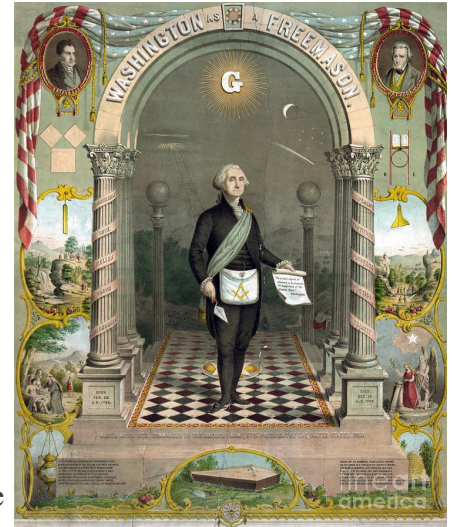
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President George Washington – (**February 22**, 1732 – December 14, 1799) Brother George Washington was raised a Master Mason at a young age on August 4, 1753, at Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia (now known as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4). While he was not active in his lodge—in fact, it is believed he did not attend any meetings between 1755 and 1777—he did comment favorably about the fraternity on numerous occasions, and he performed several Masonic functions. In 1791, Brother Washington described Masonry as being “founded in justice and benevolence.” He believed “the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.”

On April 30, 1789, Washington was inaugurated the first President of the United States in New York. When the ceremony commenced, it was discovered that no Holy Bible had been provided to swear in the new President. Jacob Morton, who had been the marshal of the parade and was also the Master of the St. John’s Lodge, remarked that he could get the altar Bible used at the St. John’s Lodge nearby. He was encouraged to do so, and the Bible was retrieved. Washington was sworn in on that Bible by the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State of New York and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Once Washington had finished his oath, he leaned over and kissed the Bible.



The Washington Bible has been used to inaugurate four additional Presidents: Harding in 1921, Eisenhower in 1953, Carter in 1977, and George H.W. Bush in 1989. It was intended to be used to inaugurate George W. Bush in 2001, but damp weather prevented its use. The Washington Bible has also been used in numerous public occasions including Washington’s funeral procession in New York, the dedication of the Washington monument in 1885, and the rededication of the monument in 1998. The Bible is still in active use by the St. John’s Lodge. When not in use or on tour, it is on display at Federal Hall in New York, the very place where George Washington swore his allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and became the “Father of His Country.”

In 1793, President Washington, wearing Masonic regalia, led a large procession of Brother Freemasons, military units, government officials, citizens, and stonemasons to the top of Capitol Hill, where he performed the Masonic ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the United States Capitol Building. The symbolic ceremony involved trying the cornerstone by the plumb, the level, and the square, and then blessing it with the corn of plenty, the wine of happiness, and the oil of joy. Using a symbolic trowel, he spread the symbolic cement which was meant to unite the individual stones of the building into one solid mass and to bring all Americans together as one people. The public cornerstone ritual is still practiced by Freemasons today.

At the age of 62, George Washington, wearing Masonic regalia and the Past Master’s Jewel, sat for a portrait painted by artist William Joseph Williams. It is one of several portraits of George Washington as a Freemason.

As revered as Washington is by his country, he is revered to this day even more by his Masonic brethren. One uniquely American Masonic tradition is attributed to George Washington. Legend has it that George Washington first presented an America flag to a Masonic Lodge during the Revolutionary War. The American flag has been displayed in American lodges ever since, and every Masonic meeting in the United States is opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Worshipful Master — W□ Randall (Randy) K. Lay

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Junior Warden -- Bro: Vasken “Kenny” Lakhoyan

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Senior Steward — Bro: Douglas Livermore

Junior Steward — Bro: Humberto “Berto” Fernandez

Tyler----- W□ Robert Wisehart

2024 Lodge Committees

Finance	Vigilance	Petitions and Investigations	Board of Relief
Arnold Bein (Chair)	Kenny Lakhoyan (Chair)	Randy Lay (Chair)	Randy Lay (Chair)
Mike Binder	Mike Binder	Phil Buie	Mike Binder
James Freeborn	Robert Wisehart	Luis Garcia	James Freeborn
	Marques Gibson	Marques Gibson	Arnold Bein
		Berto Hernandez	
		Doug Livermore	
Charity	Building	Masonic Education	Communications (Web)
Randy Lay (Chair)	Mike Binder (Chair)	Robert Wisehart (Chair)	James Freeborn (Chair)
Phil Buie	Kenny Lakhoyan	Ramone Ramirez	Phil Buie
Ramone Ramirez	Phil Buie	James Freeborn	Jason Williams
Luis Garcia	Luis Garcia	Mike Binder	
		Randy Lay	
Catechism	Degrees	Fundraising	Community Service
Robert Wisehart (Chair)	Robert Wisehart (Chair)	Mike Binder (Chair)	Randy Lay (Chair)
Mike Binder	Mike Binder	Rodney Jobman	Rodney Jobman
James Freeborn	Rodney Jobman	Phil Buie	Luis Garcia
			Marques Gibson