



Trestleboard

April 2024

J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge #331 F&AM

March 28, 2024 – Stated Meeting

Dinner and Fellowship – 6:30 PM

Meeting Promptly at – 7:30 PM

Attire: Business Attire

Elected Officers

Worshipful Master
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March / April Calendar

- 3/28 Stated Meeting - HandsOn Broward Visit
- 3/30 Cigar Night - Cigar Republic
- 3/31 Easter Sunday
- 4/3 Open Books / School of Instruction
- 4/6 Diamonds and Gold
- 4/11 Stated Meeting - Rainbow Girls Visit
- 4/13 Farm Share - Food Packing & Delivery Day
- 4/15 Open Books / School of Instruction
- 4/25 Family Night - The Field Irish Pub & Eatery
- 4/26 Cigar Night - Cigar Republic

From the East...

Greetings Brethren,

Our March 14th Stated Meeting was a great night of fellowship featuring a fun St. Patrick's Day themed dinner! We were honored to have an official visit from Juan Roque, our Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master along with Committeemen Right Honorable District Instructor Matthue Goldstein, Worshipful Brian Chartrand, PM, and our own Worshipful Bob Wisehart, PM. DDGM Juan delivered an uplifting correspondence from Most Worshipful Glen Bishop and I am happy to report that DI Matt gave us high marks on our ritual work and especially on our attendance at Open Books / School of Instruction. It is always pleasure to welcome these great men into our lodge!

Speaking of attendance, I was very excited to see such a great turnout for our participation in the City of Oakland Park Youth Day Parade. Special thanks go out to our neighbors from American Legion Post #222 for loaning us their float and their Public Relations Officer Derek Brown who rode with us in the parade! If you missed it, all is not lost as we are already in talks with them about a joint Independence Day parade (and perhaps a BBQ?). Stay tuned for more info on that!

We are on a roll this year with some great upcoming events and meetings with special guests from HandsOn Broward on March 28 and Rainbow Girls on April 11. Be sure not to miss our Annual Diamonds and Gold Ladies Night at Tropical Acres on April 6th! This formal affair is a wonderful tribute to our ladies, benefits the Masonic Home of Florida, our First Lady's chosen charity, and is the #1 Masonic fundraising event in the state of Florida each year. Look for more details on page 4 below!

Also in April we will continue to gather your food drive donations for the Oakland Park Elementary School Food Pantry for needy families. We'll be planning a project at the school and chipping in to pack and deliver for Farm Share on the 13th. Our activities with Farm Share and our adopted Oakland Park Elementary School will be ongoing throughout this year.

If you've been missing meetings, events, and charity projects now is the time to get involved, check out our calendar on page 1 of this newsletter and the District 26 calendar at 26thdistrict.org or talk to me personally about what's happening. **Participation is key to your growth as a man and as a Mason...I hope to see you soon!**

Fraternally,

Randy Lay, Worshipful Master

"If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time."— Zig Ziglar

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

Website: 26thdistrict.org



From the West...

Brethren,

This month I write about the concept of participation. Our lodge is not a building- that's just the structure which we meet in. The lodge is its members and they will comprise the lodge no matter where meetings are held. It is for this reason that brothers need to be actively involved, as without healthy involvement the lodge hall is merely a hollow shell. As Brother Phil Buie showed in a picture post on the Whatsup feed, it is us brethren who are the life pulse of the lodge.

The District Deputy held his official visit to J. Dewey Hawkins on March 14. Aside from the officers only a handful of brothers attended. The meeting was publicized in the trestleboard and whatsapp feed. The turnout was embarrassing for our lodge, as brothers should make every effort to attend major meetings like this and show support to the lodge, health and business permitting. We did have an appreciable turnout for the Oakland Park Youth Day parade and a good time was had by all, with some comedy involving a deflating tire on the trailer float.

There will be other events coming up which the Worshipful Master will enlighten us about, which all of us should make every effort to participate. However, it's not always up to the lodge's leadership to plan events and activities. Come forward with any ideas you may have for topics at a meeting or for an outside event. At the same time let the Worshipful Master know if you have any interest in being part of a committee so as to get involved in the workings of the lodge. It is things like this that fill a lodge meeting hall with substance, and the responsibility rests with all members of the lodge.

Fraternally,

W.: Arnold Bein, Senior Warden, J. Dewey Hawkins
Lodge # 331

From our Senior Deacon...

My Brothers,

I am honored that our Worshipful Master asked me to write something for this month's trestle board. This year has been exciting with many things happening, from a variety of practices, open books, DDGM visits, parades, charities, family nights, and traveling around the district. If you haven't been to any of these events, then all I can say is it's important to attend and be active or you'll be missing out on something great. It's also nice to see our EA's are moving along, keep up the great work! Just a reminder, we have a joint Fellow-craft degree with NorthStar Lodge coming up and I am looking forward to the lodge merger to follow in April or May. Diamonds and Gold is approaching fast as well as Grand Lodge and I am hoping to see a great turnout of brothers at both.

After Grand Lodge I plan to do a lot more traveling to visit other lodges. I invite all Master Masons to travel along, get out, meet more brothers, and grow the bonds throughout the district and beyond. Speaking of traveling, I am hopeful we'll be able to all come together to retrieve the traveling gavel in the very near future.

I've also been working on our Breast cancer charity shirts and should have that completed by July so please stay tuned. I am also working on my first Masonic education for the brothers and am excited to get it ready for you all. I know I've set a lot of goals for myself and have already accomplished a handful but have many others to get to! I am ready to help start painting the dining room area and bringing it back to life! Keep in mind your help is always needed and appreciated. Set yourself goals both big and small and meet those goals, remember we are brothers, and brothers help brothers, also keep in mind every last Friday night of each month is our brothers night out.

I am looking forward to the remainder of our year, all that's planned, and what's ahead in the years to come for J Dewey Hawkins, see you at Lodge!

Fraternally,

Your Senior Deacon, Philip Buie



Diamonds and Gold Ladies Night



"An Evening of Elegance"

- Live Music and Live Jewelry Auction



Benefiting the Masonic Home of Florida/1st Lady's Project



Sponsored by: Dist. 26 & J. Dewey Hawkins No. 331

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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Approved for Distribution by M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, on November 29, 2023



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Benefitting the Food Pantry at Oakland Park Elementary



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Beginning with our March meetings! Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items any time you visit the lodge. There will be a collection container just inside the door. All items will be delivered to the school's community pantry once a month where low-income families will have the opportunity to shop in a farmer's market-style atmosphere prioritizing choice, culturally appropriate food and decreasing food waste.

What food you CAN donate to your local food bank:

This part is pretty easy. Food banks accept dry and canned food donations. What does that mean? Basically, any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable – you can keep it in your pantry and it won't go bad. And remember, only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet. Specifically, food banks often need items like:

- Peanut butter
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta
- Rice
- Boxed Milk

For more info see: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-blog/what-donate-food-bank-and-what-avoid>



Family & Friends Dinner Night

April 25, 2024, 6:00 pm

The Field Irish Pub & Eatery

3281 Griffin Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

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STICKS & STONES CIGAR NIGHT CIGAR REPUBLIC

MARCH 29TH | 7:00PM

3337 E OAKLAND PARK BLVD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308

\$20 per gentleman which will include 2 cigars & 5 beers.
(CASH ONLY - MUST PURCHASE TICKET PRIOR TO EVENT)



\$10 per ticket for Silent Auction - details to follow.



195th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge

The Most Worshipful grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida will hold its 195th Annual Grand Communication on Monday, May 27, 2024 thru Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

It will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, located at 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819.

**MAIN HOTEL SOLD OUT...
OVERFLOW ROOMS AVAILABLE
CALL NUMBER BELOW FOR DETAILS.**

REGISTRATION:

Begins Sunday, May 26th, at 9:00 a.m., in the Ballroom Foyer of the Hotel.

RESERVATIONS:

Reservations must be made and guaranteed by credit card with the Rosen Plaza Hotel by 5:00 p.m., May 2, 2024, to guarantee convention room rates. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Delegates are urged to make their reservations as soon as possible in order to secure the desired accommodations.

CHECK IN TIME IS 3:00 p.m.

Single or Double - \$103.00 / Triple - \$103.00 / Quad - \$103.00

Parking Fees as being Waived for Attendees.

(Mention "Grand Lodge" or "Florida Masons" for room discount.)

Please call (407) 996-9700 to make reservations directly with the Rosen Plaza Hotel.

The schedule has not yet been released.

BE SURE TO CONTACT THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND/OR SECRETARY IF YOU ARE ATTENDING!

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2024 Elected Officers

Worshipful Master	Randall (Randy) K. Lay
Senior Warden	W.: Arnold Bein
Junior Warden	Vasken (Kenny) Lakhoyan
Treasurer	R.:W.: Michael (Mike)
Secretary	W.: James Freeborn

2024 Appointed Officers

Chaplain	W.: Carlton Mclean
Marshal	W.: (R.J.) Rodney Jobman
Senior Deacon	Philip Buie
Junior Deacon	Luis Garcia
Senior Steward	Douglas (Doug) Livermore
Junior Steward	Humberto Fernandez
Tyler	W.: Robert Wisehart
Musician	W.: Michael Waymire

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



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