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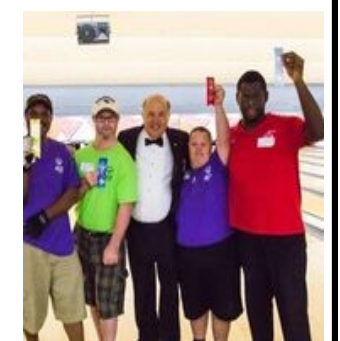
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OCTOBER 2015

Homecoming Event For Most Illustrious Companion John L Horne Jr.

Come out and support our friend Most Illustrious Companion, John L Horne Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Florida at his homecoming following the York Right District 2 Meeting on November 14, 2015. The homecoming dinner will take place at the Scottish Rite building, 240 South Tuttle Ave, Sarasota, Florida. The attire is country/cowboy, if so desired and will begin at 4pm with music and fellowship. Dinner will follow at 5pm consisting of either BBQ beef brisket or chicken with mac and cheese, baked beans, desert, and beverage. After dinner, the music will continue with an available dance floor for your pleasure. The evening will be periodically interrupted with door prize drawings. Please R.S.V.P to reserve an evening of fun.

To confirm your reservation call Butch Thurman at 941-792-2725 or Email butcht31@peoplepc.com. Please stipulate the number in your party and the meal for each, chicken or beef. The money will be collected that evening or send a check made out to A.W. Thurman, 7904 25 Ave W, Bradenton, FL34209. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.



PHOTOS FROM THE SPECIAL OLIMPICS
BOWLING TOURNAMENT HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 26 AT AMF BRADENTON LANES

Florida Grand Lodge Officers
M.:W.: Steven P. Boring , Grand Master
R.:H.: Ron Baber, DDGM
R.:W.: Barry D Hart District Instructor

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Masonic Birthdays

Donald F Hibbert Jr. 10/22/58
Wallace Richard Davis 10/15/62
Mark Edwin Bennett 10/17/66
Willard Otto Brazgalla 10/17/66
Joe Sewell Rowland 10/03/67
Dale Hadden Higinbotham 10/30/67
Ruben Medina 10/11/75
David Arthur Bell 10/13/75
Clayton Edward Sutton 10/18/80
David Milton Kuehl 10/24/83
George James Vamvoris 10/24/83
Charles William Czumak 10/14/85
Sammy Dean Simpkins 10/24/87
Peter Francis Carroll III 10/22/88
James Peter Sutherland 10/22/90
Donald Eugene Barr 10/08/94
Kevin Lee Pulford 10/08/94
J. Steven Rowland 10/08/94
Ronald Carleton Morse 10/26/96
Kenneth Reuben Reese Sr. 10/31/98
Scott E Durocher 10/25/10
Nicolas Alessio Ruggiero 10/25/10
Paul Scott Webb 10/25/10
John Anthony Tomasso 10/15/11
Carle E. Walp 10/15/11
Patrick Lynn Wenzel 10/15/11



Perpetual Members

Kenneth E. Ammons
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Earl M. Grimes

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Edwin T. Holman
Ryan P. Johnson
Hutton G. Lewis
Stanley Preston
Kenneth Reese, Sr.
Joseph S. Rowland
Alessio Ruggiero
Nicolas A. Ruggiero
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Theodore R. Simpkins, II
Robert J. Springer
Billy Staffiles

We have lost contact with the following Brothers over the last 2 years or so. As a courtesy while we try to locate them to determine their intentions, they have been placed on the Emeritus List by the Craft. However, this is only a temporary situation and will not continue if we cannot locate these missing Brothers their last known locations are listed below. If you have information that would help in locating these Brothers, Please contact the Secretary immediately. By phone at 941-713-7856 or by e-mail at ergeenja@tampabay.rr.com.

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Chaplain's



Corner

Should anyone hear of a Brother or family member in sickness or distress, please don't hesitate to contact our Chaplain or any other Lodge Officer.

Want to serve on a committee?

The Chaplain is looking for some Brothers who can serve on a visitation committee. Sometimes a visit to a shut-in or sick Brother is better than medicine!

Chaplain if you can spare a little time to help out a sheet for your contact information is on the Tyler's desk..

Living Past Masters

1960	Milton M. Stewart	1990	George J. Vomvoris	2006	John E. Hokanson
1965	John G. Collins	1993	Byron P. Barton	2007	Charles A. Keeler
1967	Wallace R. Davis	1994	Marc B. Gilner	2008	Robert Coverdale
1968	Glen E. Boeschon	1996	Ronald E. Baber	2009	Albert Thurman
1973	James P. Sellers	1998	Earl T. Hasenflu	2010	Brian Johnsen
1976	George V. Benjamin	2000	Charles M. Reibold	2011	Earl Dennis
1978	John G. Breese	2001	Elwood H. Williams	2012	Mike Grimes
1983	Riley M. Hardy	2002	Joseph S. Rowland	2013	Les Ruggiero
1984	Dozier K. Walker	2003	Theodore R. Simpkins	2014	Joe Fenton
1987	Thomas A. Simpkins	2004	Wilbert L. Anders		
1989	Gary E. Carter	2005	Richard A. Cooper		

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Palmetto Lodge #110
 Holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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Jr. Warden	W Gene Lance
Treasurer	W James Fleming
Secretary	W Barry Swann
Chaplain	W Robert Davis
Marshall	W Ed Cramer
Senior Deacon	Mark Mason
Junior Deacon	Jason Murphy
Senior Steward	TBA

WANT IS A COWAN?

In the medieval quarries and among the building sites, our operative brethren regulated their trade, not only excluding those who could not prove their rightful association, but by keeping the very methods of the Craft shrouded in mystery. The art of cutting stone, the use and construction of the proper tools, and the formulae intrinsic to the building trade were all jealously guarded professional secrets in a world before copyright, trademark or intellectual property. Often heard, but seldom seen these days, the Cowan was alive and well in the days of operative Masons, and he was someone to be watchful for.

It is generally thought that the word is a Scottish term; it means a “dry-dyker,” or “one who builds without mortar,” or one who works as a mason “but who has not been regularly bred.” 1

According to historian David Stevenson, cowans were “semi-skilled men who were qualified to undertake some work involving the use of stone,” but were not masons, and operative masons of the day viewed cowans with a great deal of hostility.2

This hostility was so prevalent that early Masonic regulations, including the Schwa Statutes and the second edition of Anderson’s Constitutions, prohibited masons from working with cowans, “nor shall they be employed by cowans without an urgent necessity,” and even in that case masons were prohibited from teaching cowans and of the builder’s arts. 3

In 1705, the Lodge at Kilwinning, Scotland debated whether or not its members might employ cowans if no masons were available – they agreed to do so if no mason could be found within a fifteen mile radius, and in so doing this the lodge defined a cowan as a man “without the word.” Thus to some extent what made a man a cowan was not lack of skill but lack of initiation into the esoteric lore of the Mason Word. 4

COWANS OF TODAY

Viewed in the twenty-first century, we might compare the cowans of olden times to the software pirates and brand-thieves of today. A cowan could observe the great Cathedrals, and given enough time, could perceive some elements of their design and construction. This is what caused their complete exclusion from the Craft, so that, despite some acquisition of skill, they lacked the required secrets of the trade, and most particularly the esoteric knowledge of the lodge, thereby preventing their employment at the job site.

Today, we might wonder why the hostility against cowans has remained—after all, there are very few operative masons in the fraternity nowadays.

As with most of the operative symbols and values, some Masonic commentators believe that the cowan of olden times has been replaced by a more relevant version.

[WHAT makes the Cowans of today? It is their lack of faith and spiritual values. It has been said that just as the Cowan of long ago could never build a cathedral because he built without mortar, the man of today cannot build the spiritual temple of his life if he does not have faith and spiritual values, and therefore should not be admitted to Freemasonry. 5

Other Masonic writers consider cowans to be clandestine Masons, or imposters who attempt to pass themselves off as members of the fraternity – usually to gain Masonic charity.

This fixation with cowans is fundamental to the modern Masonic experience. Without the real, or existential, threat of the cowan, the Tyler would be unemployed and the very nature of the fraternity’s secrets would be altered fundamentally. Cowans form the counterpoint to modern Masons and by their exclusion the fraternity helps define itself

Steak Night 1st Monday at 6:00 pm

\$10 Rib eye Steak Dinner

Typically includes: mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, vegetable, tossed salad, & dessert. Coffee & Tea



Jr. Warden’s Choice Dinner

3rd Monday at 6:00 pm

\$10 The Lodge now provides the entire meal!

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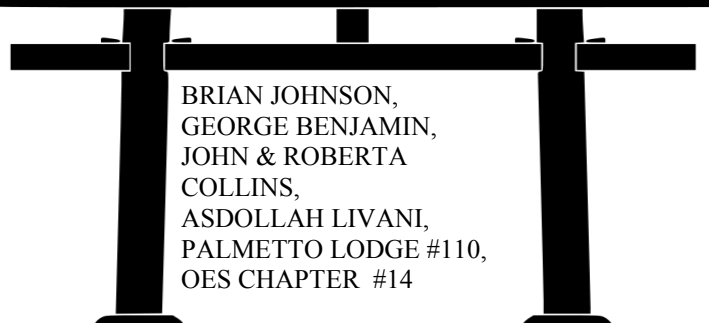
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October 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 WORK DAY ALL ARE WELCOME THE LODGE NEEDS OUR ATTENTION
4	5 MANATEE 31 6:00 PM STEAK DINNER STATED MEETING 7:30	6 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Daughters of the Nile lunch 11:30 stated meeting 12:30 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	14	15	16	17
18	19 MANATEE 31 6:00 PM JD'S DINNER STATED MEETING 7:30	20 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	21	22 MASTER MASON MEETING AT BRADENTOWN 99	23	24
25	26	27 PALMETTO #110 STATED MEETING 7:30	28	29	30	31

November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 DAYLIGHT SAV- ING TIME ENDS	2 MANATEE 31 6:00 PM STEAK DINNER STATED MEETING 7:30	3 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	4	5	6	7 ZONE 1 WORKSHOP 9-12 SARASOTA 147
8	9	10 Daughters of the Nile lunch 11:30 <u>stated meeting 12:30</u> Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	11	12	13	14 JOHN HORN JR. HOME COMING 5 PM SCOTTISH RITE BUILDING 240 SOUTH TUTTLE SARASOTA
15	16 MANATEE 31 6:00 PM JR DEACON'S DINNER STATED MEETING 7:30	17 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	18	19	20	21 GRAND MASTER'S VISIT 5 PM BRADENTON RENNAIASANCE STATED MEETING 7:30 MANATEE 31
22	23	24 PALMETTO #110 STATED MEETING 7:30	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29	30					

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Please join us for
A meal and stated
Meeting,**

**Enjoy some
Fellowship with
Your fraternity
Brothers**



The Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, Grotto, and the Shrine Need You...
Why not Join and Gain New Light.
Contact the Lodge Secretary for Information



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