



**August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
Master's & Warden's Association  
of the "Grand" 15th Masonic District of Florida  
Hosted By – Umatilla Lodge No. 65**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Master's and Wardens Association of the 15<sup>th</sup> Masonic District of Florida was opened at 7:00 PM at Umatilla Lodge No. 65 by President R:W: Gary Gamache with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Prayer given by W: Ralph Valido.

R:W: Gary Gamache spoke in tribute to R:W: Alan Heist and his passing to the Celestial Lodge above.

**Present were:**

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| Grand Master – 0;              | District Deputy GM – 1.       |
| Grand Lodge Officers – 2;      | Past Grand Masters - 0.       |
| District Instructor – 1;       | Grand Lodge Committeemen – 5. |
| Worshipful Masters – 5;        | Past District Dep. GM - 6.    |
| Past District Instructors - 3; | Past Masters – 16.            |
| Senior Wardens - 1;            | Junior Wardens – 0.           |
| Treasurer - 1;                 | Secretary – 6.                |
| Chaplain - 0;                  | Marshall – 3.                 |
| Senior Deacon - 2;             | Junior Deacon – 2.            |
| Senior Steward - 1;            | Junior Steward – 0.           |
| Tyler – 1;                     | First Time Visitors – 4.      |

**Minutes:** of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, were distributed by e-mail with original available for reading; Motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as distributed by e-mail, seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** is attached to the minutes for July 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning balance for July was \$4,263.60. Income was \$560.00, Expenses were \$1,500.00, balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup> was \$3,323.60. Collected on Raffles – Rifle \$1,565.00 and Gift Card \$550.00. Motions were made, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to review.

**Income Received during this meeting:**

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| \$150.00        | Wildwood Lodge No. 92 – GMOV Donation      |
| \$ 50.00        | W: Ronald Hicks – 100 Mason Night          |
| \$100.00        | Bro. Richard Powell – Donation             |
| \$145.00        | Umatilla Lodge No. 65 – Raffles            |
| \$100.00        | Peninsular Lodge No. 85 – Raffles          |
| <u>\$120.00</u> | <u>Groveland Lodge No. 190 - 0 Raffles</u> |
| \$665.00        | Total Funds Received to Treasurer          |

**Installation of Officers:** None.

- Guest Speakers:** R:W: John Dragneff, W: Grand Standard Bearer, who spoke on Lodge Officers.
- Hot Gavel:** Currently located at: Groveland Lodge No. 190.
- Traveling Gavel:** Currently located at: Peninsular Lodge No. 85.
- Correspondence:** Grand Masters Directive No. 5.
- Sickness & Distress:** Bro. Emmett Mills – Daughter with medical issues.  
W: Bill Schmidt – Ill.  
W: Charles Rowland – Daughter ill  
Bro. David McKnight (Wife) – Surgery.  
W: Ralph Valido - (Son) – Bad Infection.  
W: Elliot Freeman – Wife shoulder surgery  
W: Brian Zeppa – Ill.  
R:W: Edward Mayfield – Ill.

### **2 Minute Drill:**

**Leesburg No. 58 – 2 Officers; 1 Members:**

Degrees:5

2 EA's working on Catechisms, possible FC Degree in October.

2 Petitions for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry received.

Upcoming Events Dates:

- 28 August; Florida Lodge of Research, 12:00 pm.
- 30 September; 100 Mason Night, 5:00 pm.
- 04 September; Lodge Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 am - \$7.00.

**Umatilla No. 65 – 6 Officers; 6 Members:**

Degrees:

None Reported

Upcoming Events Dates:

- 31 August; Table Lodge, Lake County Shrine Club, 6:00 pm.
- 16 September – Teacher of The Year Presentation

**Peninsular No. 85 – 3 Officers; 2 Members:**

Degrees:

One petition for the three Degrees.

Upcoming Events Dates:

- 13 September, 6:00pm Hawaiian Night
- Fifth Monday Night – Lady's Night

**Wildwood No. 92 – 3 Officers; 1 Members**

Degrees:

None Reported

Upcoming Events Dates:

- 25 September - Wildwood Golf Scramble
- 28 August Saturday Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:30 am - \$7.00.

**Groveland No. 190 – 1 Officers; 3 Members:**

Degrees:

2 EA's Complete

1 EA in progress

Upcoming Events Dates:

None

**Clermont No. 226 – 0 Officers; 2 Members:**

Degrees:

23 August – EA Degree

Upcoming Events Dates:

- 21 August; Visitation to Umatilla Lodge.
- DeMolay Open House

**Mt Dora No. 238 – 0 Officers; 2 Members:**

Degrees:

None Noted

Upcoming Events Dates:

- 11 September – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Walk – 9:00a.m.
- 11 September – Celebration of Life for Bro. Bill Forbes at 1:00p.m. at United Methodist Church

**The Villages No. 394 – 3 Officers; 5 Members:**

Degrees:

MM Degree on September 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>

FC Catechism on September 13<sup>th</sup>

1 EA in progress

Upcoming Events Dates:

- Donated school supplies to Lady Lake Elementary and a \$300.00
- Presented 50-Year Award to Bro. Bennett
- 18<sup>th</sup> September – Rolling Acres Road Cleanup
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – Lodge Social at Mallory Hill CC – 5:00p.m.
- Kick Off of “Bikes For Books” program with two Elementary Schools, 2 Bikes and Helmets for K-5 in each School
- 30<sup>th</sup> October Halloween Dance Fundraiser – Tickets are \$15.00 each
- Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Program is a success

**Upcoming District Events:** 30 September 2021; 100 Mason Night, Hosted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Masonic District at Leesburg Lodge No. 58 – Doors open at 5:30 pm / Dinner served at 6:00 pm / Meeting at 7:30 pm. Ladies Program in dining room.

**Old Business:**

- Ad Hoc Committee (R:W: Gary Gamache, W: Mike Freach, W: Brian J. Zeppa, R:W: Ed Mayfield, R:W: Larry Kent, R:W: Larry Duff, and R:W: John Haas) on By-Laws to meet prior to open books.
- Fundraising discussion for the Grand Masters official visitation was discussed. Two fundraising opportunities are being conducted which are two raffle opportunities. 1. Raffle for Henry Masonic Rifle and 2. Raffle

for a \$500.00 shopping spree with Lake County Arms. During the discussion ideas for fundraising came up:

- A deep-sea fishing trip (Rod Russell - \$1k deposit / 50 people).
- BBQ fundraiser (Cooked by Bro. Charles Rowland, Bro. Calvin Whitehead, R:W: Larry Duff, W: Brian J. Zeppa, and W: Mike Freach).
- 100 Mason Night (Leesburg Lodge) was brought up and discussed. Lodge need to contact their members and get a count of members attending or have them make reservations. R:W: Gary Gamache previously assigned an Ad Hoc Committee for the event formation. Members assigned were R:W: Larry Duff, W: Brian J. Zeppa, W: Mike Freach, W: Mike Kruger, Bro. Dave Freeberg, Bro. Charles Rowland, Bro. Calvin Whitehead, and Bro. Chris Townsend.

**New Business:** Motion made, second and passed to allocate \$150.00 for the purchase of flowers for the funeral service of R:W: Alan Heist.

Motion made, second and passed to reimburse R:W: Eric Klienbach \$157.47 for Table Decorations, \$270.44 for Hotel Expenses, related to the GMOV. An additional \$150.00 for Raffle ticket printing.

Motion made, second and passed to donate \$100.00 to our DeMolay Chapter.

Expenditures Approved \$827.41

**Announcements:** GMOV Raffle tickets have been given to the Lodges for purchase if you would like to purchase, please see your Worshipful Master.

**Presentations:** W: Kurt Mugler of Groveland Lodge No. 190 presented the Association with a portable sound system.

**School of Instruction:** September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Peninsular Lodge No. 85 Open Books at 6:00 pm. And School of Instruction at 7:30 pm.

**Traveling Cup:** Awarded to the Umatilla Lodge No. 65.

**Next Meeting:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 pm, Peninsular Lodge No. 85. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm.

District 15 Memorial Lodge Meeting to follow.

**Closing Prayer:** W: Ralph Valido

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm by R:W: Gary Gamache, PM with peace and harmony prevailing.

**Attendance: 30**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

R::W:: Larry D. Duff  
**Secretary – Pro Tem**  
Master's and Warden's Association  
District 15

**Attested By:**

R::W:: Gary Gamache, PM  
**President**  
Master's and Warden's Association  
District 15