



Mandarin Masonic Lodge No. 343 F.&A.M.

March 2025

From the East...

Brethren,

As we welcome the month of March, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of our Masonic Youth. They are the future of our Fraternity, and it is our duty to support and encourage them in their journey. Whether it is through DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, or Rainbow for Girls, our involvement and mentorship help shape the next generation of leaders. I encourage all of you to participate in their King Solomon Chapter to be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 2PM at the Scottish Rite. Ask me for a Petition.

I also want to take a moment to reflect on the Entered Apprentice Degree that was conferred on February 27th. It was a truly special evening as we welcomed four new Brothers into our Fraternity, two from our Lodge. Their initiation marks the beginning of their Masonic journey, and it is our responsibility to support and educate them as they progress through the degrees. To our newly initiated Brethren, "welcome, and may your journey be one of growth, enlightenment, and Brotherhood.

Attendance and participation in Lodge activities are crucial to the strength of our Fraternity. Whether it's our regular Stated Communications, degree practices, Lodge cleanups, or special events, every effort you make to be present strengthens our Lodge and deepens our bonds as Brothers. Masonry is not a passive endeavor; it thrives when we engage and work together. Your presence matters, and your contributions help ensure that our Lodge continues to be a place of light and fellowship.

Let us continue to labor in unity, uphold our principles, and remain steadfast in our commitment to our Lodge, our youth, and each other.

Fraternally,

Omar Rivera

Worshipful Master



From the South...

Greetings Brothers,

This month flew by it seems. We had a great EA Degree, it's always good to see new Brothers coming into our great Fraternity. We can only give them our support and hope they flourish among us.

Thank you to all recently raised Masons that have been active in our lodge. Seeing you getting involved, helping with degrees and chairs is what drives our fraternity. Always remember, you are the life blood of our institution and what makes us great. Without you, we couldn't do the things we do. Thank you and I hope you never lose your passion.

With the last few EA Degrees, I believe we'll have more Masons with the last name Mason than any other lodge. We're up to three now. Maybe we should check into seeing if that's some kind record.

On our March meeting we'll be having chicken and steak fajitas for dinner. Dessert, not sure yet.

-----3TF-----

This months Third Thursday Fellowship will be at Lanop Mexican restaurant on SR-13. It's in the same parking lot as Vito's. Please let me know if you can make it.

Last 3TF was great. We had a good turn out of 11 people. It's always a fun time, so please join us if you're able to. Bring the wife or girlfriend, just preferably not at the same time...

Fraternally,

Daniel Breslin

Junior Warden

Calendar

*Subject to minor changes.

March 2025

5– Open Books– Orange Park Lodge
6– Stated Communication
18– OES Mandarin Installation 7:30PM
19- District SOI– Temple Lodge
20–3TF @ La Nopalera
22– DeMolay King Solomon Chapter @ Scottish Rite
26– NEFMA– AJR Lodge

April 2025

2- Open Books– Orange Park Lodge
3-DDGM Official Visit @ Mandarin
4 and 5– Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
16– District SOI– Hyde Park Lodge
17- 3TF (TBD)
23– NEFMA @ OP Lodge

2025 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master

Omar Rivera
(904) 864-9440

Senior Warden

Bob Davidson

Junior Warden

Daniel Breslin

Treasurer

Don Carter, PM

Secretary

Lou Govreau, PM

Marshall

Jan Lindahl, PM

Chaplain

Jack Krumbein

Senior Deacon

Carl Mankinen

Junior Deacon

Mitchel "Shane" Weaver

Senior Steward

Travis Reynolds

Junior Steward

Larry Mason

Tyler

Bobby Bethel

2025 COMMITTEES

Finance

Bob Davidson, SW
Larry Rogers, PM
Travis Reynolds, SS

Vigilance

Daniel Breslin, JW
Jack Krumbein, Chaplain
Travis Reynolds, SS

Petitions

Lou Govreau, PM, Sec
Shane Weaver, JD
Bobby Bethel, Tyler

Masonic Education

Todd Connor, PM
Lou Govreau, PM, Sec
Chairman- Ed Mann, PM

Board of Relief

Omar Rivera, WM
Bob Davidson, SW
Daniel Breslin, JW

Charity

Todd Connor, PM
Don Carter, PM, Treas
Larry Mason, JS

Lodge Property

Bob Davidson, SW
Daniel Breslin, JW
Carl M, SD

Community Relations

Jeff Starke, PM
John Young, PM
Larry Mason, JS

PAST MASTERS

1962 <i>C. P. Munger</i>	1983 <i>J. R. Knight Jr.</i>	2004 Charles Higgins
1963 <i>C. E. Futch</i>	1984 John Porter Hufman	2005 James C. Ruoff
1964 <i>W. H. Ange</i>	1985 Richard Gale Hornbrook	2006 David M. L. Randall
1965 <i>Walter Wilson Powell</i>	1986 <i>Richard Faye Mauro</i>	2007 William E. Avera III
1966 <i>M. D. Bish</i>	1987 Donald Wyman Carter	2008 George S. Blum
1967 <i>Billy Collier</i>	1988 <i>Joseph J. Frederickson</i>	2009 <i>Eddie E. Bides</i>
1968 <i>T. "Ira" Higginbotham</i>	1989 Christopher C. Ramsayer	2010 Nate Vargo
1969 <i>C. J. Bowden</i>	1990 Anthony "George" Colson	2011 Larry M. Rogers
1970 <i>R. L. Flynn</i>	1991 Henry B. Tucker	2012 Mike Minter
1971 C. R. Bell (PDDGM)	1992 <i>Elva Ray "Pete" Copeland</i>	2013 Larry M. Rogers
1972 John Ammond Peoples Jr.	1993 Walter Manfred Pace	2014 George Sarkees III
1973 <i>Earl Davis Waldrep Sr.</i>	1994 <i>Lenwood Earl Bucks</i>	2015 Angelo Echevarria
1974 <i>Donald E. Bush</i>	1995 <i>Gerald Dean Pugh</i>	2016 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
1975 <i>Earl Herndon (PDDGM)</i>	1996 Earnest Jackson Strange	2017 David J. Gilpin
1976 <i>M. C. Cassidy</i>	1997 Jimmy J. Pace	2018/2019 Todd Connor
1977 <i>Nicholas Manos</i>	1998 <i>Siegfried Rohrbacher</i>	2020 Lou Govreau
1978 <i>Cecil Lenard Platt</i>	1999 Randy Carter	2021 John Young
1979 <i>Cedric Frank Thompson</i>	2000 <i>Paul Johnston</i>	2022 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
1980 <i>G. Grayson</i>	2001 John Downes	2023 Edward Mann
1981 <i>T. Thompson</i>	2002 Charles Benham	2024 Jan Lindahl
1982 <i>Jerry Johnson</i>	2003 Larry M. Rogers	



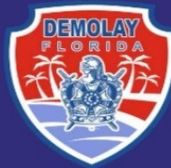
**"The youth of today
are the leaders of
tomorrow."**

- Nelson Mandela



**"We cannot always
build the future for
our youth, but we can
build our youth for the
future"**

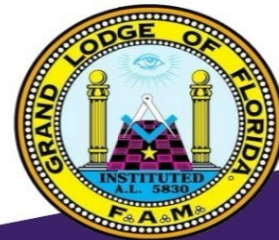
- Franklin D. Roosevelt



DeMolay International
First Coast Chapter
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King Solomon Chapter

**March 22, 2025
2 PM @ Jacksonville
Scottish Rite**



King Solomon Chapter is an Honorary DeMolay Chapter of Florida, originally approved in 2006 to enhance the great relationship between the DeMolays of Florida and the Masons within the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Florida.

Master Masons who join King Solomon Chapter receive a membership card and patent, and contribute to the success of several programs promoting DeMolay in Florida - including new member recruitment!

Inquire today at
jasonsinnott@comcast.net

Your \$100 membership fee is disbursed as follows:

- \$10 administrative processing fee to DeMolay International
- \$50 donation to a local DeMolay Chapter in Florida (your choice)
- \$20 to the State Master Councilor's personal charity
- \$20 to Florida DeMolay's Endowment Fund

**DeMolay's virtues:
Love of Parents, Reverence,
Courtesy, Comradeship,
Fidelity, Cleanness &
Patriotism**

**"Preserve the Masonic
fraternity for tomorrow by
investing in Masonic Youth
TODAY!"**

Newly Initiated Entered Apprentices...

Bro. Mike Mason
Bro. Jorge Butten

Petitions for Reinstatement...

Wor.: Charles "Chuck" Higgins

Awaiting MM Degree...

Bro. Eric Finkelstein

Sickness and Distress...

RW Hernan Arellano- Battling cancer

