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Trestleboard dedicated to the memory of Hon. W.: Vernon F. Snellgrove

From the East

My Brothers,
 The year has come and almost gone so fast. There were so many goals and expectations for the year. We have been very busy and worked hard. We had **M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig** present **R.:W.: Ron Peebles** his Grand Lodge Representative to Argentina certificate. **M.:W.: Goehrig** was with us to receive donations for the Grand Masters Chairty (Johnny B. Byrd Alzheimer's Center & Research Institute) and the First Lady's Charity (closets for the Masonic Home). Several brothers also made a trip to our Masonic Home to make more presentations to the Grand Master and First Lady. **M.:W.: Goehrig** also present **R.:W.: Harold Johnson** with a Master Builder of the Craft plaque. Our Lodge presented **Will May** a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Alachua County Public Safety Director and Director of Emergency Services. We sponsored the Warden's Workshop to get future officers ready for their year in the East. Numerous brothers attended the Grand Communication in Orlando this year. **Brother George Reinhart** has learned the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Lec-

tures. **Brother Adam Golden** has learned to confer all three of the degrees. We have three moving through the degrees now and one who has already completed his travels and has received his wages as a good and faithful servant. Masonic Education was always presented during our meetings adding to the enjoyment of the brothers. We honored our Past Masters and Widows with good fellowship. **Vera Lynn** gave the Lodge a beautiful Masonic Plate, that is hanging in our dining room. **Christine Kirby** and **R.:W.: Harold Johnson** gave our Lodge many Grand Master coins for our display case. Several programs were presented at our family night meetings, including one by **R.:W.: Lyn Williams** on his trip to Israel. The history of our Lodge is being constantly updated. We had a wonderful time at a social dinner at Napolitano's and two smokers for the brothers enjoyment at R.T. Schafer. **R.:W.: Lyn** cooked some of the best steaks ever. Our socials ranked at the top of our activities together. The eaves and soffits were repainted, as well as the kitchen. Our roof had two leaks repaired. The Lodge musician, **W.: Dan Williams** filled the walls with added ambience for the meetings. **W.:**

Dennis Haskins has done a wonderful job with Child ID. There were 225 Children IDed at the



Art Festival in November. **W.: Dennis** has also done a great job of selling pocket calendars and R.T. Schafer shirts and other items the last two years. It is great to see brothers stepping up to take the lead responsibility to move forward and keeping our lodge one of the best. I am the first Past Master to recycle in our lodge and hopefully the last. It is with great humility and honor to serve our lodge. I look forward to **Bro. Adam Golden** and his officers continuing to move us upward. During this holiday season, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and enjoy your time with family and friends. I urge each brother to search their hearts to ask what being a Freemason means to them. The fraternity needs your presence and support.

Fraternally,
Wayne Thigpen
 Worshipful Master

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—JAN. 8, 2011 11:00AM

Worshipful Master—Elect



Being elected as Worshipful Master for the year 2011 is an honor I graciously accept. I understand that with this honor comes great responsibilities, as many of you can attest to. It should be the goal of every man to leave something in better condition than that in which he received it. Following a good year under **Worshipful Wayne Thigpen**, this offers no easy challenge, but is a task I mean to accomplish nonetheless. The Lodge is in need of renewal, both socially and structurally; Renewal of old friendships, to fill those empty seats with fellowship that once sat there. Renewal of the future of our Lodge in the way of new members, new Masons who are coached well and moved by the camaraderie we share, so that they might one day be writing this Trestleboard. Renewal of our Temple, where repairs must be made down the road to sustain our Lodge building. The first step to renewal will be an increase in Lodge activities and times to share fellowship, while also raising funds for the Lodge. Men-Only Smokers, weekend brunches, and general fundraisers will occur on a monthly basis, but R.T. Schafer needs your help. Only with your help, my Brothers, can we succeed in renewing R.T. Schafer for future generations.

Fraternally,
Adam Golden
 Worshipful Master-Elect

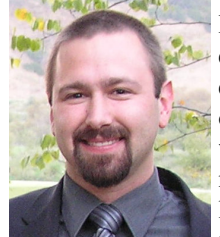
Senior Warden—Elect



Brethren, I pledge my support and service to our incoming **Worshipful Master Adam Golden**. I look forward with great enthusiasm to the coming year and keeping R.T. Schafer Lodge the PREMIER Lodge in the 14th Masonic District. With your help and attendance the lodge will maintain the high standards set this year by Past Master **Worshipful Wayne Thigpen**. R.T. Schafer Lodge has always led the way in ritual, degree work, charity and community service. We expect no less under our new Worshipful Master. Let us all pledge anew our loyalty and support for this great lodge during the year 2011. May God Bless you all during this Sacred Holiday Season. See you at our installation.

—**Mort Wolfson**, PDDGM & S.W. Elect

Junior Warden—Elect



I am looking forward to an exciting year. The incoming leadership team brings a great balance of experience and knowledge as well as energy and ideas. I have no doubt that we will continue the legacy of honoring and preserving the traditions of our great fraternity and commitment to superior work we have been entrusted with, while at the same time implementing new initiatives to reengage our brethren and revitalize our lodge and what it has to offer our members. As always, it is my pleasure to serve my brothers.

Fraternally,
John A. Bonacci III, Junior Warden—Elect

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

R.T. SCHAFER LODGE NO. 350

Join us for the 2011 Installation of Officers on
Saturday, January 8, 2011
11:00 AM

Lunch will be provided following the ceremony

The following Officers to be Installed:

Worshipful Master — Adam Golden

Senior Warden — **R.·W.·** Mort Wolfson

Junior Warden — John Bonacci

Treasurer — **R.·W.·** Ron Peebles

Secretary — **W.·** Bud Bridges

Chaplain — **R.·W.·** Lyn Williams

Marshal — **W.·** Wayne Thigpen

Senior Deacon — **W.·** Dennis Haskins

Junior Deacon — Larry Hartfield

Senior Steward — Ed Wedge

Junior Steward — Van Rhodes

Musician— **W.·** Dan Williams

Tyler — John Palmer



From the Secretary's Desk

YOU MUST HAVE PAID YOUR 2010 DUES BY DEC. 27, 2010 TO AVOID A N.P.D. (non-payment of dues) SUSPENSION. A FINAL NOTICE HAS BEEN MAILED.

— **W.·** Bud Bridges

DID YOU KNOW?

The largest Master's chair is in Ophir Lodge #33 Murphys, CA.

It is 15 feet long and can seat the Master, living Past Masters, and visiting dignitaries.

That is one long chair!





FROM GAINESVILLE CHAPTER NO. 2, COUNCIL NO. 27 & PILGRIM COMMANDERY NO. 7:

Greeting Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights, The year of 2010 is rapidly drawing to a close. Your York Rite Bodies in Gainesville have been quite active during the year. Excellent High Priest and Eminent Commander **Charles T. Jones** of High Springs Lodge No. 137 and Illustrious Master **David H. Elder** of Shamrock Lodge in Cross City have done admirably well in leading our Bodies during 2010.

They saw to it that two Festivals conferring the most ancient Degrees and Orders of the York Rite occurred here in Gainesville in the Winter and Summer. As a result Further Masonic Light was received by several Master Masons. They are now in possession of the Long Lost Masters Word as well as having many other ancient secrets and mysteries unveiled to them. In addition to the Festivals there were several programs presented at the meetings for the enlightenment and enjoyment of the Craft. Sir Knight **Lyn Williams** presented his photos from his trip to Israel. **Pastor Adam Zele** presented a program on his trip to Turkey. This year's Christmas Observance was one of the best ever with 33 people present and participating in the reason for the season.

Companion **Dennis Haskins** is the District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Eighth Capitular District. **Sir Knights Lyn Williams** and **Wayne Thigpen** received the **Meritorious Service Award of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida** from Right Eminent Grand Commander **Ideal Baldoni** in April. **Illustrious Companion Dell Sanders** received the **Ish Sodj** award from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.

Several Companions/Sir Knights traveled to Palatka to assist with their conferring the degrees on numerous new candidates. Teams from Tampa, Jacksonville and our own Gainesville members including Companions **Bill Jackson, Wayne Thigpen, Charles Jones, Bill Schreiber, Bill Ogle, George Reinhart and Harvey Ward** worked hard to assist the Palatka York Rite Bodies to confer the ancient Degrees and Orders in Palatka. It was quite a success.

Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 Knights Templar has elected its officers for 2011. They are: **Eminent Commander, David Elder; Generalissimo, Kurt Morauer; Captain General, Ben Ross, Treasurer, Bill Jackson, Recorder Harvey Ward.** Installation of Officers will be on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 2011 with a meal at 6:30PM. Elections for Gainesville Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons and Gainesville Council No. 27 Royal and Select Masters will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010. **The Installation of those officers will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Both Installations will be Open ceremonies. Non members are invited to attend.**

The Winter Festival of the Gainesville York Rite Bodies is planned for: **Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011** – Dinner - Short Commandery meeting and confer the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees of the Chapter. **Saturday Feb. 5, 2011** - 8:00AM- breakfast snacks – 8:30AM Chapter Degrees - Most Excellent Master & Holy Royal Arch Degrees. Finish around 1:00PM. including breaks & eats. **Tuesday, Feb. 15th** - regular meeting night. Start after short 6:30PM meal, short regular business in Chapter at 7:00PM – confer Royal Master and Select Master Degrees & finish by 9:30PM. **Friday, Feb. 25th** – 6:30PM light meal- 7:15PM Confer Illustrious Order of The Red Cross. Complete by 9:00 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2011** – 8:00AM Breakfast snacks – 8:30AM- Confer Commandery Orders of Malta & The Order of The Temple complete with eats & breaks around 1:30PM. Master Masons seeking additional knowledge and desiring to complete the Master Mason Degree are invited to request a petition from a York Rite Member.

Zealously, **Harvey L. Ward**

JOIN US ON THE 1st and 3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Wayne Thigpen, GM 1st Veil

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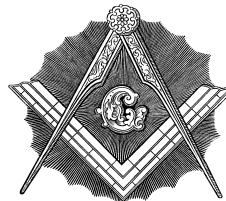
Pasted from this veil on Nov. 30, 2010. Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of FL. Served in the U.S. Marine Corp for 22 years. Member of Floral City Masonic Lodge & a KYGCH



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Calendar of Events

- Dec. 27 — 6:30PM St. John's Night
- Jan. 6, 2011 — Stew with Crew Meeting
- Jan 8, @ 11:00AM — INSTALLATION
- Jan. 20 — Family Night Meeting
- Feb. 3 — Stew with Crew Meeting
- Feb. 17 — Family Night Meeting
- Lodge Meeting Night**
- Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:30PM**

ROB MORRIS CHAPTER NO. 310—ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Rob Morris is continuing as a strong voice for the Eastern Star. **Sister Harriette Peebles** (pictured on left) (wife of **R.:W.: Ron Peebles**, our Treasurer) is the Grand Conductress for the Grand Chapter of Florida, O.E.S. Harriette's Sunflower Bunch have been very active in supporting the Grand Conductress through her travels. **Worthy Matron Wilhelmina Gocek** is working hard this year with her officers. The Star has supported R.T. Schafer by providing meals for a number of events, including our visit by **M.:W.: Dale Goehrig** and his wife **Rebba**. The Sisters also had a wonderful time while working so hard. The Sisters & Brothers look forward to even harder and closer work with the Brothers of R.T. Schafer.



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AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

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