



**The Builders Lodge No. 376,
240 S. Tuttle Ave.,
Sarasota, FL. 34237**

The Builder's Lodge No. 376
c/o Derl B. Smith, Secretary
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Past Masters of The Builders Lodge No. 376

Sarasota, Florida



1977 - William Wolf
1978 - Paul Arcadi Jr.
1979 - Robert L Kennedy
1980 - Frank Zirpoli Jr.
1981 - Jeffrey Roberts
1982 - Frank Zirpoli Sr.*
1983 - Ronald K O'Donnell
1984 - William Bieber

1985 - Thomas Koszoru
1986 - John Clark*
1987 - Fred Soto Jr.
1988 - Donald Neville
1989 - Robert Preston
1990 - Richie Letuzow*
1990 - Dr. Theodore Simon
1991 - James Sender

1992 - Brian Baum
1993 - Harvey Lindhurst
1994 - Thomas Robarts
1995 - Aubrey Cross
1996 - Paul Wilke
1997 - John Williams
1998 - David Cladin*
1999 - Arthur Stone*

* denotes Past Masters not living

2000 - Derl Smith
2001 - Harrison Ragland
2002 - James Welch
2003 - Robert Lang
2004 - Jerry J Russell
2005 - Michael Jo Swatek
2006 - Charles J Annis*
2007 - Rolf Hohmann*
2008 - Allen Sorbie
2009 - Joseph Goggin
2010 - Nyle Davenport



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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I wish to thank the Officers and Brethren who have given me the opportunity to serve you as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Working together in peace and harmony, we will make great strides towards achieving our aims of enlightenment, fraternal affection, and charity.

During the December 20th and 21st Stated Communications members of Cary B. Fish Lodge No. 346 and The Builder's Lodge No. 376 voted and unanimously passed the Resolution to Consolidate our lodges. This is a big step my brothers, and nothing but good for our lodges and our fraternity can come of it. I realize that we have more than a handful of items that need to be attended to in anticipation of the Consolidation being approved by our Grand Lodge. Let it be known that we will be working diligently so we will be ready for the anticipated approval of our Grand Lodge. Brothers who are willing, please contact any officer of either lodge if you would like to take part in this endeavor.

Also, during the December 20th Stated Communication all of The Builder's Lodge Officers attended the meeting at Cary B. Fish to see the excellent give back of our lodge and Cary B. Fish Lodges, Entered Apprentices with W.: Goggin conducting. A big thumbs up for Brothers Daniel Goldberg, John Davis, Mark Tishman, Barry Baetzel and Omar Quinill.

The Installation of 2011 Officers will be January 4th, the Lodge will be Opened at 5 p.m. with an Open Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m.

Please keep Brothers George Moran, Charles Kistner and RW.: Doug Jordan in your thoughts and prayers as well as Barbara Brigner who is recovering at home following her surgery. Brother Rick Martin passed away on Dec. 4th after a long illness.

Fraternally,
Mike Davenport
Worshipful Master Elect



Where did Freemasonry come from

Part of the mystique of Freemasonry can be attributed to speculation about its roots. Over the years, researchers have never been able to conclusively determine exactly when, where, how, and why Freemasonry was born.

The order is thought to have arisen from the English and Scottish guilds of practicing stonemasons and cathedral builders in the Middle Ages, but certain Masonic documents actually trace the sciences of geometry and Masonry to the time of ancient Egypt, and some historians say that Masonry has its real roots in antiquity.

The formation of the first Grand Lodge in London in 1717 could mark the beginning of the Modern (or "Speculative") era of Freemasonry, when members were no longer limited to actual working stonemasons. These "Accepted" Masons eventually adopted more enlightened philosophies, and turned what was a tradesmen's organization into a fraternity for moral edification, intellectual recitation, benevolent service, and gentlemanly socialization

Why aren't there any famous women who are Masons?

Freemasonry is, by definition, a fraternity that aims to promote Brotherly Love and Friendship among its members. It is a worldwide organization that draws together men from every country, race, religion, ethnicity, opinion, and background, and helps cultivate and promote better relationships and bonds of friendships among them. Freemasonry doesn't focus on Friendship and Brotherly Love because it believes that only relations between men are important, or that relations between men and women are unimportant, but because hope for peace and harmony in the world is improved when men can put aside their differences and come together as friends. Masons also appreciate and value relations with women. We sponsor and participate in Masonic related organizations such as the Order of Eastern Star and the Order of Rainbow for Girls, whose members include women and girls respectively.

What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest Fraternity. It aims to promote Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love among its members; men from every country, religion, race, age, income, education, and opinion who are brought together as Brothers to develop and strengthen the bonds of friendship. There are more than 3 million members meeting in nearly every free country in the world. Freemasonry proposes to "make good men better" by teaching – with metaphors from geometry and architecture – about building values based on great universal truths. Finally, charity and community service is fundamental to Freemasonry and something we actively take part in.

How can I get more information about the Freemasons?

The best way to learn more is to talk to a Mason - either in person or electronically. The Find a Lodge feature has the name and contact information of a Brother for every lodge in the state. He will answer your questions and provide you with additional information; and, if you would like, find a convenient time to meet, introduce you to some other members, and tour their building. You may have some of the same questions as those below – so take a look at the FAQ's. You can "Ask a Freemason" by submitting your question by email. Finally, you can also Request Information online.

What are the time and/or financial commitments of being a Mason?

Becoming a Mason takes several months from the time you complete your petition until you have finished your degrees. Until you begin taking your degrees though, very little is asked of you. Once the degree work begins you will need to attend your lodge's monthly meeting. There is also one additional meeting per month called the "Lodge of Instruction," where you will receive further explanation about the degree you just experienced. There is also some side work that you will need to complete that amounts to a little bit of homework. Every member of the Fraternity has gone through this process and your lodge will assign a Brother to help you.

January Schedule

- Jan 4th - Installation of 2011 Officers, Lodge Opened at 5 p.m.
Open Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m.
- Jan 18th - Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Stated Communication 7:30 p.m.
Menu to be determined
- Jan 19th - Officers Meeting 7 p.m. at W.: Smith's home
- Jan 26th - Rusty Masons Meeting at Sahib Shrine,
Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
Program Tyled from 7 to 9 p.m.
Current 2011 Blue Lodge Dues Cards required.
Causal dress (Collared shirt and slacks. No shorts or aprons.)
- Jan 27th - 6:45 p.m. - MMA Meeting at Sarasota #147
7:30 p.m. - District School of Instruction

Chaplain's Corner

Should you become ill, or know of a brother who is ill, please call me at 921-2446 so that I may share it with the brothers at the next Lodge meeting.

Joseph Goggin PM
Chaplain



2010 Booster List

- RW.: Doug and Midge Jordan
- W.: Harvey J. Linthurst, jr.
- W.: Allen Sorbie
- W.: Derl Smith
- W.: Jerry Russell
- Br. Charles Kistner
- Br. Gary M Snyder
- Br. Dieter Krakow
- Br. Roger Neihart
- Br. Edward T. Brown
- Br. Arnold J. Allen

*Want to get on the Booster List?
Contact W.: Derl Smith at 365-1350*

LODGE OFFICERS for 2011

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

WM.: Mike Davenport
366-0888

SENIOR WARDEN
Br. Roger (Dutch) Neihart
630-6181

JUNIOR WARDEN
W.: Mike Swatek
730-0153

TREASURER
W.: Allen Sorbie
232-1494

SECRETARY
W.: Derl Smith
365-1350



January Birthdays

Edward P. Allen	01-06-1952
Richard A. Bores	01-02-1950
Edward G. Haug	01-21-1917
Dieter Krakow	01-08-1934
Samuel L Sorce	01-31-1931
Robert V. Toale	01-18-1952



January Masonic Birthdays

Mark C. Davis	01-11-1983
Edward E. Wolfe	01-05-1966



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