



## **Florida Keys Lodge 336, F. & A. M.**

Corner of Tavernier & Florida Streets (284 Tavernier St.)

P. O. Box 735

Tavernier, FL 33070

**Worshipful Master:** David Cupp Whitney

**April 2007**

### ***Greetings from the East Brothers:***

We lost a great brother last week with the death of **R.:W.:Harry M. Williams Jr.** in Key West – “Mr. Mason” to those of us who grew up in Masonry in his shadow. Our Lodge had an excellent turnout for his funeral. It was our privilege to be a part of his Masonic Service Friday at graveside in the Old Key West Cemetery. Florida Keys Lodge No. 336, F.&A.M., has made a memorial donation to the Florida Masonic Home in R.:W.:Harry Williams’ honor.

### ***Ritual Practices to Begin April 9:***

**W.:Harry Teaford**, in his capacity as our Program and Masonic Education Chair this year, has agreed to lead regular ritual practices on Monday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. at the Lodge. The first practice will be held Monday, April 9. Every officer, and anyone interested in learning more about Masonry and its rituals, should make every effort to attend. The first practice will concentrate on opening and closing a Lodge and give some of our Brothers who have come from other states where the ritual varies from that of The Grand Lodge of Florida an opportunity to learn the Florida ritual. After that we will be concentrating on the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees that we will be conducting in the near future.

### ***Candidate accepted:***

The Lodge has accepted **Robert Blount** of Key Largo to receive the three degrees of Masonry. We will be planning an Entered Apprentice Degree in the near future.

### ***Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup April 15:***

**W.:Tim Dressing** will direct the second clean up this year of U.S. 1 through Tavernier beginning at 7 a.m., Saturday, April 15. This is required to keep our Adopt-A-Highway program designation that entitles us to put up signs recognizing our Lodge for people to see entering and leaving Tavernier. Tim had a most disappointing turnout at the

last clean-up day. Only one other person, **W.:Mario Pires** showed up. We need to do better than that if we hope to keep our commitment to our community. Please make every effort to be on hand for the April 15<sup>th</sup> clean up.

***Widow's Dinner April 21:***

Our annual Masonic Widow's dinner will be held Saturday, April 21. We will gather beginning at 4 p.m. – early enough that no one should have to drive home after dark. The event will be directed by **W.:Tim Dressing**. If you would like to lend a helping hand in the kitchen, sitting up and/or cleaning up, or be a part of the program for our Widow's, let Tim know. This is an important annual event for our Lodge. It is the one opportunity we have to demonstrate to the Widow's of our departed Brothers that we continue to honor our obligation to care for the Widows and Orphans of Masons. The event is open free of charge to all Brothers, their wives and family members. It would be nice if we could give Tim a head count of those who are going to attend to help him in his dinner planning.

***Boy Scout assistance needed:***

**W.:Tim Dressing** and **W.:Mario Pires** have been the mainstays in opening and closing the Lodge on Thursday evenings for the Boy Scout Troop we sponsor. They could use some help to get some of their Thursdays off. If you can help contact either one of them they'll set you up with a key and the times. We have sponsored a very active and excellent Boy Scout troop. Let's continue to give them our support.

**- STATED COMMUNICATIONS FOR APRIL –  
*Tuesday, APRIL 10, 8 p.m. and Tuesday, APRIL 24, 8 p.m.***

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*Officers for 2007*

**Master Wor.:**David Cupp Whitney  
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