



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

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Worshipful Master Rocky Hubert

July 2006

Greetings Brothers:

From the East & West

Unfortunately our duly elected Master Wor.:Rocky Hubert has accepted employment in Key West, which has made it impossible for him to be present for some Lodge meetings and functions. As Senior Warden I have assumed his duties as required. This situation has apparently caused some concern among Brothers. I strongly urge each of you to attend the next Lodge meeting – **Tuesday, Aug. 8, 8 p.m.** There will be a discussion about the current condition of the Lodge. **– Senior Warden Dave Whitney**

From the South

Over the last couple of months Bro. Dave Whitney and I (he more than I) visited our late Bro. Michael Duffy several times while he was fighting his battle with cancer. It is not easy seeing anyone fight with affliction in that way, most especially a Brother Mason. However, I have to tell you, in spite of his physical appearance, he was always in the highest of spirits. In fact, our first visit with him in Miami was right before his first spinal surgery. He was suffering from paralysis and rather than sit around and feel sorry for himself, he was grading papers and watching a baseball game! Bro. Mike's love of life and ever-positive attitude made him a true inspiration to his friends, his students, his Brothers and his family. He will be dearly missed. Our prayers go out to his family in their time of sorrow. *(For those of you who receive this in time, a Memorial Service for Bro. Duffy will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 29, at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church followed by a wake at the American Legion from noon until 4 p.m.)*

On a different note, I would like to pound the pulpit once again on the importance of recruiting and retention of Brothers in the Lodge. We have a good membership base that could be even stronger. Someone told me once, "You can't ask a man to be a Mason, he must ask you." This is very true. This brings the question then, how do we "recruit?" The answer is not by actively knocking door-to-door and calling on men to submit petitions, but rather by being upstanding members of our community and by being proud and open about being Masons. When you set a good example of what being a Mason is about, the good Masonic candidates will approach YOU and ask "how does someone get in the Masons anyway?" They're out there my Brothers. Keep your eyes open for them!

Congratulations go out to R:W:. Chuck Ansell on his appointment to D:D:G:M:. for the 36th District. Let's not forget to show our support with high attendance to his visit and don't forget the Grand Master's visit is scheduled for Sept. 22 (coming sooner than you think!). R:W:. Ansell is negotiating good overnight rates in Key West for the event. Be sure to book early. You can e-mail me at guruspeaker@bellsouth.net for more information.

Kudos to our S:W:. and a committee of volunteers for a job well done getting this newsletter out and best wishes to our W: M: Rocky Hubert in his career endeavors in Key West. We understand your job comes first and continue to support you any way we can.
- Junior Warden Paul Christian

From the Secretary's Desk

It's been a long year so far. Much correspondence from Grand Lodge – a good Grand Lodge meeting – and a few Brothers who have not paid their dues. I look forward to an active 2006 Fall. Please send me any new addresses – including e-mail - or phone numbers.
- Secretary Wor: Bill Langstaff

From the Treasurer's Vault

On Sept. 14 – the Thursday after Labor Day – Boy Scout Troop 912 from Tavernier, sponsored by Florida Keys Lodge 336, F.&A.M. will hold a Court of Honor. All Scouts will receive Merit Badges and move up in rank. A dinner will be held at the Lodge followed by the awards.

Sickness & Health - Judy Naylor is home and recovering nicely. Bro. Albert "Jack" Griffin is in Plantation Key Convalescent Center recovering from hip replacement surgery. As soon as he is up and about the doctors say he can go home. All our best to Judy and Jack.
- Treasurer Wor: Tim Dressing

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