



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

March 2007

Greetings from the East Brothers:

I had the privilege of attending and participating in an **Outdoor Degree** Feb. 17, at East Martello Towers in Key West. With the exception of a Masonic meeting conducted in the open on Indian Key many years ago, this was the first time in memory an outdoor degree was held in our Masonic District. Thanks go to R.:W.:District Deputy Chuck Ansell and Anchor Lodge Master W.: Gregg Eppy for being the driving forces behind this project. Our Lodge acquitted itself splendidly. W.:John Luppold sat in the East and delivered a beautiful Master's Degree. M.:W.:Bill McGraw put on a masterful Master's Lecture. Several members of our Lodge turned in stellar performances and for that I give them my personal, and on behalf of Florida Keys Masonic Lodge 336, thanks. It was one of the coldest nights on recent record in Key West and all performed well regardless.

On Feb. 10 three of us – W.:Tim Dressing, W.:Mario Pires and myself – made the **District 36 Valentine Day's Party at the Masonic Home** in St. Petersburg. While our Lodge's showing was minimal the District had a good turnout and the residents of the Masonic Home had a good time. Thanks to Tim and Mario for representing us and particularly to Tim for providing the musical entertainment for the residents.

We held our annual **Nautical Flea Market** Feb. 23-25. W.:Ray Laura turned in another outstanding performance. Proceeds from the sale, donated to the Lodge and other Masonic charities, totaled more than \$3,000. Thanks to all the Brothers who pitched in to make this event a big success.

- W.: Dave Whitney

New Brothers

Feb. 13 we initiated two new Brothers, Jonathan Jula and Jack Bridges. They are working on their proficiencies under the tutelage of Senior Warden Paul Christian. We have one more petition in the process of investigation and expect two more to be submitted at our next meeting.

If this works out it will mean we have five candidates for degrees in the process. It makes sense at that point to ask for permission to hold a One-Day Class and move the candidates along in that manner. We'll see how it works out.

Adopt-A-Highway to be held March 18 and April 15

W.: Tim Dressing, chairman of the Lodge's Adopt-A-Highway program, is asking for volunteers on March 18 and April 15 to pick up trash along U.S. 1 in Tavernier. The two sessions will begin at 7 a.m. and run through 10 a.m. In the past we have been a little shy of volunteer help on this project, so let's see if we can give Tim a better hand this time. We need the two cleanups to meet our requirements to the program.

Widow's Dinner

W.: Tim Dressing, also chair of our Widow's Dinner, has set April 21 as the date for that annual event. If you can give him a hand get in touch. More details will be published in our next Trestle Board.

Brick Order Going In

W.: Mario Pires, chair of our Brick fundraiser, is getting ready to submit the first order of bricks – they need not be memorial bricks – to the brick maker. If you want to get one in on this order contact Mario. There will be another order later and Mario will remain in sole charge of the project until it is completed.

Two More Brothers Depart

We have lost two more of our Brothers – Henry Albury and Harry Mahoney. Their deaths bring to three the number this year of Brothers who have traveled on to that House Not Made by Human Hands.

**- STATED COMMUNICATIONS FOR MARCH –
Tuesday, March 13, 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 27, 8 p.m.**

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