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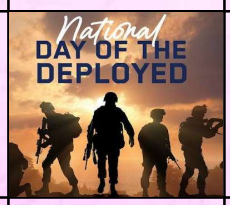
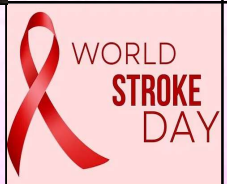
25		27 Officers Meeting 6pm	28		30	31 Dearborn Street Halloween

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Please send all Trestleboard inputs to Aaron McFarland for publication. Remember all Trestleboard input is due by the 20th of the preceding Month. Please send Birthdays or Anniversary's if you would like to recognized

My email is: aaronmac123@gmail.com

Chicken BBQ 1st and 3rd **SATURDAY**
Spaghetti Dinner 10/6/26
MMA- "The" Englewood #360 10/22/26
Masonic Clay Shoot Fundraiser 10/30/26
Dearborn Street Candy Handout 10/31/26

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

OCT 13- US NAVY

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Don't forget our LYPMG Jug on the Tyler's Desk. One hundred percent of the funds raised or collected for this program go to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund. They are not discretionary, and cannot be used for other Lodge expenditures.

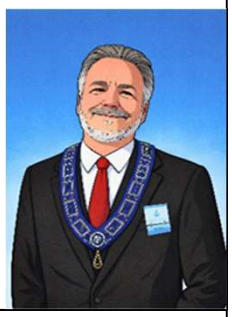
FROM THE EAST

My Brothers, This is the year of the Veteran. If you are a Veteran, we ask that you bring a photo of yourself to be hung on our Wall of Honor. We will be starting our chicken BBQ again; however, it will be held on the first Saturday of each month, and the spaghetti dinner is the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please come out to support our Lodge.

Pretty soon we will be welcoming our snowbird Brothers back to the Lodge and our seats will be one more filled. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

And now for a little Masonic wisdom: **"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest."**

God Bless and stay safe. May our snowbird Brothers return to us soon.



In your service
W.M:. Darrell LaCourse PM, Englewood Lodge 360

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Now that fall has arrived, things are starting to pick back up at the Lodge. To all our northern brothers making your way back down, we wish you safe travels and can't wait to have you back.

We're excited to announce that our BBQs are starting back up on Saturday, October 3rd — come out and bring your appetite. As always, we meet on the first and third Tuesdays, and we'd love to see a full house as the season picks up.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff McAlpine
Senior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we move into the month of October, I would like to share a few updates and reminders from the South. **Lodge Fellowship & Refreshments-** We will continue to gather for fellowship prior to our stated meeting/Communication the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30, meetings start a 7:30. I encourage everyone to come early, enjoy the meal, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. If you are able to assist with meal preparation, setup, or cleanup, your help is always appreciated. **Upcoming Events-** Chicken BBQ's – First and Third Saturday of every month. Next BBQ is 10/03/26 Grill prep starts around 6-7am. Cutting chicken at 8am. Serving 11:30am to 1:00pm. Spaghetti Dinner – Second Saturday of every month. Next Spaghetti Dinner 10/10/26. Serving 5:00pm to 7:00pm. **Wellness & Brotherhood-** If you know of any Brother who is ill, distressed, or in need of assistance, please notify the Worshipful Master or myself. Let us remain mindful of our obligation to care for one another and to extend relief where needed.

Reminders-Dues status and membership updates can be directed to the Secretary. Proper attire is requested for all stated communications.

Stay connected through District23fl.org/Englewood-lodge-no-360 or our new Web site https://theenglewoodlodge.com/index.html, you can also friend us on Facebook for updates.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Lodge and its work. I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Fraternally, Brother Destrey Robbins
Junior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Brethren,
As October arrives and we begin the final months of the year, we are reminded that time continues its steady march forward. The changing season gives us an opportunity to reflect—not simply on what we have accomplished, but on the kind of men we have been along the way. Freemasonry teaches us that our greatest work is the work we perform upon ourselves. Just as the rough ashlar requires patience and effort to become something better, so do we. None of us are perfect, but each day gives us another opportunity to strengthen our character, practice kindness, forgive more readily, and extend a helping hand to those around us.
This month, I encourage each of us to remember the importance of Brotherhood. A simple phone call, handshake, conversation, or offer of assistance may mean far more to a Brother than we realize. We should never become so busy with our own lives that we forget to look after one another.
Let us also be thankful for the blessings we sometimes take for granted—our families, our friendships, our health, our Lodge, and the opportunity to gather as Brothers.
May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to guide our steps, strengthen our Lodge, protect our families, comfort those facing hardship, and give each of us the wisdom and courage to live the principles of Masonry both inside and outside the Lodge.

Fraternally, W. Mickey Mullens, P.M.
Chaplain

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Sisters & Brothers of Englewood Chapter, We hope all of you enjoyed your Summer. It was a HOT one. It's been nice lately to have the windows open and let the breeze come in. Now that break is over and we return to Chapter, we have a list of things coming up and we need you there to support our Chapter. Don't forget our Star Attendance Contest Award Game. You still have 5 months to play and gather stars to WIN.
See you soon. In Star Love, Lucy Crist W.M. and Craig W.P.

Worthy Matron, Lucy Crist and Brother Craig Heyder

ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

Suncoast Court No.73 next meeting is
Thursdays, October 16, 2026
Luncheon at 12 noon $5.00. Meeting at 1 pm

Master Mason's are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Debra Maust, Royal Matron **Kenneth Traverson, Royal Patron**

Ellen Traverson, Secretary for information email; ETraverson@aol.com or call 727-512-7851

A Little Bit of Flag-Wavin'

By Stewart M. L. Pollard, PSGW,
Grand Lodge of Maine

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In the majority of "regular and well governed lodges" in the United States, we will find situated somewhere off to the right of the worshipful master in the East, an object which is not included in the ageless definitions of "supports, covering, furniture, ornaments, lights or jewels" of a lodge, but one which we all revere, respect and admire . . . the flag of the United States of America . . . the National Colors . . . Old Glory.

It is one of the primary *supports* of our way of life. It represents the rough ashlar of our republic, hewn and carved by so many of our Masonic forebears, those celebrated artisans who founded, fostered, and perpetuated the American dream. In order for our nation to reach the state of being a perfect ashlar, each of us, as Masons, must wield our working tools to "break off the pieces of rough stone, the better to fit them for the builder's use."

As a *covering* the flag serves us equally well. It is the emblem of our United States. It affords us the protective canopy of peaceable assembly together with the inherent rights and privileges of citizenship.

It doesn't take too much imagination to realize that anyone with a proficiency in words could conceivably weave a web of ritualistic rhetoric to categorize the flag as a *furniture*, *ornament*, *light*, or *jewel* in relationship to the lodge. That is not the purpose of this Short Talk. Rather, it is to *emphasize* the flag in the lodge room. The rituals of some jurisdictions call attention to the flag by having a salute or the pledge of allegiance during the opening ceremonies. In other jurisdictions, it is left to the discretion of the master; but in still others, there is no reference to the flag whatever. Too frequently the flag is treated as just another piece of furniture, ignored, to collect dust in the corner.

In these times of vociferous vocal dissent aimed at undermining our government, disrupting its normal processes, and playing upon the emotions of a befuddled public, there is a crying need for some good old fashioned "flag wavin'." There are those of us who take pride in our country, who cherish its ideals and who, as Masons, subscribe to that charge given to Entered Apprentices (in most jurisdictions) "not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live."

Masons, throughout the history of the United States, have been among the *leaders* in government, in the military establishment, and in those enterprises which foster patriotic ideals. It is time for Masons to again take their rightful place in patriotic leadership to counteract the cancer of unpatriotic dissent. Large injections of faith in the "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" are needed to arrest the cancerous growth of rebellion. "Heart transplants" are needed to put purposeful life into the heartless chanters of "Hell no, we won't go!" Miracle drugs of *pride* are needed to supplant the dope used by so many to divorce themselves from reality.

What better way to start with this patriotic crusade than in our lodge rooms? Let us emphasize the presence of Old Glory in the East! Let us have programs which call attention to the flag, and which will permit us to stand a little taller because we have shown our respect to it, while gathered around our sacred altar.

There are so many special occasions when we can call attention to the flag: Brother George Washington's Birthday; Law Week; Pearl Harbor Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day, and a host of others. It would take only a little added effort for a master (or his program committee) to come up with a short, simple, appropriate and impressive ceremony or program of this nature. Patriotic readings, skits, flag presentations by brethren of the Armed Forces, patriotic singing, etc., are just some of the many programs which could be arranged. (It might be just that added "something" that is needed to increase attendance.)

Ceremonies such as those suggested can become contagious! The participants – after getting over the initial self-consciousness – will swell their chests with the pride of accomplishment. The brethren on the sidelines will get a thrill of self-satisfaction in knowing that *this* is their flag which is being honored. And, believe it or not, it will make it easier for everyone present to say, "I am an American and proud of it!"

So much in Masonry is expressed in symbols that it is not surprising that someone came up with this bit of home-grown philosophy tying the symbolism of

the flag to our beloved Craft : The red of the flag reminds us of the little red schoolhouse – the fountain-head of knowledge; the white is symbolic of the white-painted church of the faith of our acceptance; while the blue is indicative of the Blue Lodge where we learn to put into practice the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man.

There have been several *Short Talk Bulletins* published over the years dealing with such themes as the flag, patriotism, and good citizenship. "A Mason's Flag" (July 1926) contains this phrase: "The unpatriotic Mason is an impossibility, as much so as *dry* water or *black* sunlight."

The *Short Talk Bulletin*, "Stars of Glory," was published only seven months after America's entry into World War II, urging Masons to rededicate themselves "to the principles of our common country."

Stressing the importance and necessity of genuine patriotism through the Masonic teaching of love for country, the January 1942 *Short Talk Bulletin* recommended the following: "If the lodge is so fortunate as to possess a brother with dramatic talent, such a one may learn and recite the "Toast to the Flag" as a finale to the ceremony:

Here's to the RED of it,
There's not a thread of it,
In all the Spread of it,
From foot to head.
But Masons bled for it.
Faced steel and lead for it.
Slept with the dead for it,
Bathing it red.

Here's to the WHITE of it,
Who knows the might of it,
Thrills to the sight of it,
Through day and night.
Womanhood's care for it,
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it,
Kept it so white.

Here's to the BLUE of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star Spangled view of it,
Constant and true.
Here's to the whole of it,
Stars, Stripes, and pole of it,
Here's to the soul of it,
Red, White and Blue!"

(Note: "The Toast to the Flag" was written by John Jay Daley, a newspaperman in New Britain, Conn., in 1917.)

While a simple announcement by the master,

"Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag," is appropriate, a little effort and a little imagination could include the Pledge in a simple, impressive ceremony. Here's one idea:

WM. Brother Marshal, you will present the flag of our country at the altar. (Marshal, accompanied by stewards and/or deacons with rods, march in single file to the NE corner. Marshal secures flag from stand. Deacons and/or stewards form an arch with their rods. Marshal goes through arch with the flag, halts. Rods are lowered to "carry" position; deacons/ stewards face West, flanking the marshal. They then march West, squaring corners, and approach the altar from the West, facing East. Marshal stands so that the flag is in the light shining on the altar. Martial music will add to the impressiveness.)

WM. Brethren, you will join me in reaffirming our allegiance to the flag of our country. (In unison) "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

(This could be followed by the singing of one verse of "America," or by a soloist singing "God Bless America," or a brother reciting "The Toast to the Flag.")

WM. Brother Marshal, you will post the colors. (Marshal and stewards/deacons return flag to its stand, reversing the procedure of securing.)

Variations of ceremonies respecting the flag are limited only by the limits of one's imagination. It would be fitting during such a ceremony to offer a prayer for our brethren in uniform, who are defending our flag, our country, and our freedoms in the four corners of the world. Ceremonies of this type are symbolic of a Mason's heritage. What more fitting place to conduct them than in the Symbolic lodge?

RW. Bro. Stewart M. L. Pollard (1922-2002), was a past master of Alt Heidelberg Lodge No. 821 of Heidelberg, Germany. US Army Sergeant Major Pollard served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of National Sojourners, 1973-1977. He is perhaps best known for his book "Tied to Masonic Apron Strings"

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ENGLEWOOD LODGE NO. 369

Englewood, Florida

Proposed Amendment To The By-Laws

Section 11.04 - Scholarship Fund

WHEREAS, Englewood Lodge No. 360 desires to provide meaningful support to students pursuing further education, and

WHEREAS, the Lodge seeks to insure the Scholarship Fund is administered in a clear, fair, and effective manner,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Laws are amended to add

Section 11.04 - Scholarship Fund

A. Establishment

There is hereby established a separate charitable fund known as the " Englewood Lodge No. 360 Scholarship Fund" ("The Fund") supported by two Brunswick Stew Fundraisers held in October/November and February/March and by voluntary donations from members, families, and the community.

B. Purpose

The Fund shall provide financial assistance to qualified students pursuing further education at vocational, trade, technical, and nursing schools and police and fire academies.

C. Final Administration

1. The Fund shall be maintained as a separate line item by the Treasurer.

2. The Treasurer shall provide an annual report to the Lodge detailing all receipts, balances, and disbursements.

D. Distribution of Funds

1. The Lodge may authorize the distribution of funds annually.

2. Distributions may include proceeds from Brunswick Stew Fundraisers, contributions, investment income, and principal as approved by the Lodge.

3. The Lodge shall consider sustainability and long-term growth of the Fund when determining distributions.

E. Scholarship Committee

1. The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Scholarship Committee of no fewer than three (3) members annually.

2. At least one member of the Committee should be a Lodge officer.

3. The Committee may include individual donors and/or representatives from community organizations that contribute to the Fund.

4. The Committee shall review applications and recommend recipients.

5. Final approval shall be by majority vote of the Lodge.

F. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must

   a. Be graduating from high school or recently graduated

   b. Intend to enroll in a recognized vocational, trade, technical, or nursing school or police or fire academy in Sarasota County or Charlotte County.

   c. Must reside in Sarasota County or Charlotte County and be graduating or has recently graduated from Lemon Bay High School, North Port High School, or Wellen Park High School.

G. Selection Criteria

Scholarships shall be awarded based on a balanced evaluation of:

1. Academic effort and performance,
2. Character and integrity,

3. Leadership and community involvement
4. Financial need
5. Annually, the Worshipful Maaster shall appoint the members of the "Scholarship Committee " as outlined above. Such members shall in confidence review any and all applications for scholarship assistance and shall upn submission and approval of the Worshipful Master make a binding determination regarding the approval and granting of assistance from the released Scholarship Fund proceeds.

H. Awards

The number and amount of scholarships shall be determined annually by April 1st by the lodge upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.

I. Disbursement

Funds shall only be distributed directly to the above named institutions upon proof of enrollment from the applicant, namely their student identification number at that institution.

J. Annual Intent

The Lodge shall make a good faith effort to award scholarships annually, provided qualified applicants are available.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this By-Law addition shall take effect upon approval in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of The Grand lodge of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Beauregard

Signature

James E. Beauregard

Printed Name

Secretary

Title/Office

Date 9/15/26