

The Masonic Home Of Florida

New Horizons

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MARCH SPECIAL DAYS...

Plan To Join Us!

- 1 IMPOSITION OF ASHES
MAR. BIRTHDAY PARTY, CAKE, & ICE CREAM
- 2 SUNSET SERENADERS MUSICAL GROUP
- 6 FIVE LETTER WORDS GAME
- 8 PASTOR JOHN GATHERING
- 9 NEW MOVIE: KEEPING UP WITH THE JONSES
- 10 GO BY YOUR MIDDLE NAME DAY
- 12 MASONIC BAND CONCERT
- 13 MEXICAN TRAIN WITH JOAN
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S MENU, MUSIC & BIG BINGO!
- 18 PILGRIMAGE DAY, CAR SHOW, PICNIC, &
DEDICATION OF 1ST LADIES PROJECT, RC2!
- 20 GIANT CROSSWORDS
- 21 WAL-MART TRIP
- 23 WATERFALLS VIDEO / SHUT THE BOX GAME
- 24 "MY FRIEND, WERNHER VON BRAUN"
LUNCH TRIP TO CARRABBAS
- 28 NEW SINGER, GEORGE SPIRO
- 30 MANCALA - NEW GAME
- 31 "WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?" WITH LISA



Be Careful What You Say

In speaking of a person's faults, Pray don't forget your own;

Remember, those with homes of glass,

Should seldom throw a stone;

If we have nothing else to do, But talk of those who sin,
'Tis better we commence at hoe, And from *that* point begin.

We have no right to judge a man, Until he's fairly tried;

Should we not like his company, We know the world is wide;

Some may have faults—and who have not—

The old as well as young;

Perhaps we may, for aught we know, Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan, And find it works full well;

I try my own defects to cure, Before of others tell;

And though I sometimes hope to be

No worse than some I know, My own shortcomings bid me:

Let the faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence To slander friend or foe,

Think of the harm one word may do To those who little know;

Remember, curses, sometimes like Our chickens, "roost at home;"

Don't speak of others' faults until We have none of our own.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Lisa Tsotsos - Administrator

Carol Taylor - Interim Director of Nursing

Marge Colravy - Food Services Director

Diana Butler - Social Services Director

Sheryl McKesson - Activities Director

Tanya Miller - Director of Housekeeping

Mary Inglima - Director of Human Resources

Bob Robertson - Facilities Director

Wanda Odom - Admissions Director

Dr. David Hobbs - Medical Director



Happy Birthday! March Residents

- 3/1 Jack Dowdy
 3/10 John Phillips
 3/18 June Tooma
 3/19 Jim Hughey
 3/24 Chuck Taylor



Employee March Birthdays!

- 3/1 Rick Ramsey - Facilities
 3/6 Barbara McCabe - Nursing
 3/8 Y Le Pham - Housekeeping
 3/10 Sherran Burnett - Nursing
 3/13 Sheryl McKesson - Activities
 3/27 Regina Shelby - Nursing



ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

IRISH MENU:

- March 17th
 Curry Chicken
 With Rice Soup
 Tossed Salad
 Spinach Salad
 Corned Beef &
 Cabbage
 Fried Fish
 Boiled Potatoes
 Roasted Sweet Potatoes
 Carrots
 Broccoli
 Assorted Breads
 Boston Cream Pie
 Green Beer

Staff Anniversaries

- 3/1 Marge Colravay - Dietary - 22 Years
 3/3 Tami Vashon - Nursing - 27 Years
 3/4 Dahlia Mitchell - Dietary - 21 Years
 3/11 Wanda Odom - Admin. - 4 Years
 3/20 Hazel McCrimon-Woodard -
 Nursing - 11 Years
 3/22 Lauren Clark - Housekeeping - 12 Years
 3/24 Phil Ray - Nursing - 3 Years
 3/26 Toshiko Ferguson - Hskpg. - 9 Years
 3/28 Ifeanyi Eziyi - Dietary - 1 Year
 (Note: Dates are from the last time hired, so some staff
 left from The Masonic Home and then came back, so
 their actual total years here, are not listed above.)

RESIDENT COUNCIL



The next meeting for Residential Center will be Thursday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel; and the next Meeting for the Nursing Center will be Monday, March 27th at 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel. Residents are encouraged to attend these very informative meetings!

Bumper Stickers

"I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me."

"Enjoy Life—It has an expiration date."

"We're all mature...until someone pulls out the bubble wrap." Submitted by Bob Elston



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

To the following couple:
 Bob & Mary Ellen Elston
 3/22/86 - 31 Years!

SOCIAL EVENTS

RED CROSS MONTH
 NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH
 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
 NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
 NATIONAL OPTIMISM MONTH



COLOR: White

BIRTHSTONE: Aquamarine / Bloodstone

FLOWER: Jonquil / Daffodil

- 3/1 Christian: Ash Wednesday
 World Compliment Day / Share A Smile Day
- 3/1-7 Peace Corps Week Founded by JFK, 1961
- 3/2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday (1904—1991)
- 3/3 Florida Became 27th State, 1845
 Postage Stamps Adopted, 1847
 130th Annual World Day Of Prayer
- 3/4 March "Forth" - Do Something Day!
- 3/4-19 45th Running of Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race
- 3/6 First Oreo Sold, 1912
- 3/6-22 4th Annual World Baseball Classic
- 3/7 Monopoly's Birthday - 1933
- 3/8 International Women's Day
- 3/9 First Ford Mustang, 1964
 Barbie Doll Debuted, 1959
- 3/10 Harriet Tubman Day
 Middle Name Pride Day
- 3/12 Full Moon - "Seed" or "Sap" Moon
 Jewish: Purim
 Check Your Batteries Day
 Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward
- 3/14 Baseball Cap Day - Invented, 1860
- 3/15 Beware The Ides of March
- 3/16 NCAA Div. 1 Men's Basketball Tourney Begins
- 3/17 Happy Saint Patrick's Day!
 National Green Beer Day
- 3/19 Nevada Legalized Gambling, 1931
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
 World Storytelling Day
 International World Day
- 3/20-4/16 National Cherry Blossom Festival, D.C.
- 3/21 Fragrance Day - Stop & Smell The Roses!
- 3/22 International Goof-Off Day
- 3/23 Dixie Cups Invented, 1912
- 3/24 National Red Nose Day
- 3/25 Nat'l Medal Of Honor Day Presentations
- 3/27 NCAA Div. 1 Women's Basketball Begins
- 3/30 Doctor's Day - Thank Yours!
 Eiffel Tower Completed, 1889
- 3/31 Johann Sebastian Back Born, 1685

Welcome New Residents!

1/8/17 DAVID KEDDY, West

Pensacola Lodge No. 296, was living with his daughter in Mississippi before moving into the MH. He was born on December 9th in Nova Scotia, Canada. David practiced medicine there for 17 years before moving to the United States in 1979. He became a United States Citizen on February 25, 1985. He had four children with his first wife, Nancy. A son and daughter plus twin girls and he also has seven grandchildren. After his second divorce he started a small family practice in Alabama. He became an Emergency room Doctor from 1989 until he retired on August 10, 2010. David became a Mason in 1992. He was very active in the Shrine and Blue Lodge but never held any positions because of his work and hours in the Emergency Room was so demanding. His Military Service was very short; he was a Canadian Army Officer going for a degree in medicine. David used to sing in the choir and also played the bagpipes. He has always enjoyed wood carving and is looking forward to starting up that hobby again. He also used to paint with oil colors. David has already jumped in doing many of the activities here and only after a few days here he has already expressed how happy he is in his new home! Welcome, David to Room #341N!



1/19/17 TOM & LYNDA RATNER, Hibiscus

Lodge No. 275, moved here from Shelbyville, Tennessee. Tom was born in Washington, DC. And Linda was born in Manhattan, New York. They have known each other for 54 years and were married on April 4, 2010. Tom had three children with his first wife and Linda had two children with her first husband. Together they have a combined share of four grandchildren, one great grandchild with another one the way! Tom worked as a Specialist in fugitive Extradition for the Department of Justice for over 17 years. He fought in Vietnam, spent eight years in the Military, in all the branches except the Marines. He has his pilot license and has earned 14,000 hours flying. Tom is a current Shrine Member, Life member of Blue Lodge, District Grand Officer, Past Master and Provincial Grand Standard Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and many other positions. Linda worked as an Executive Assistance to the Vice President of Marketing for a Drug & Alcohol Treatment Center for nine years. During that time she was chosen to address a group of patients at the Center on what the possibilities of their future could hold for them and empowering them to be the best they can and overcome their obstacles of addiction. (It was a proud moment for Linda and a very high honor for her to be chosen.) Linda later went on to become and an Executive Asst. to the V.P. of Bulk Trucking for a Salt Company for five years. Linda said she was even able to go into a Salt Mine and expressed how much of an amazing experience that was. She likes knitting and reading.

Welcome Jim & Lynda to Rooms 304/306S!

Irish Wisdom

- ◆ A drink precedes a story.
- ◆ Distant hills look green.
- ◆ A friend's eye is a good mirror.
- ◆ Both your friend and your enemy think you will never die.
- ◆ A hen is heavy when carried far.
- ◆ Every patient is a doctor after his cure.
- ◆ A hound's food is in its legs.
- ◆ Every terrier is bold in the doorway of its own house.
- ◆ A little kinship is better than a lot of charity.
- ◆ A scholar's ink lasts longer than a martyr's blood.
- ◆ Everyone is wise till he speaks.
- ◆ A lock is better than suspicion.
- ◆ He who comes with a story to you brings two away from you.
- ◆ A penny gets another penny.
- ◆ It is a long road that has no turning.
- ◆ It's the deaf people that create the lies.
- ◆ A silent mouth is melodious.
- ◆ A light heart lives long.
- ◆ Need teaches a plan.
- ◆ Where the tongue slips, it speaks the truth.
- ◆ A trout in the pot is better than a salmon in the sea.
- ◆ The old pipe gives the sweetest smoke.
- ◆ An empty sack does not stand.
- ◆ The tiredness leaves but the profit remains.
- ◆ Walk straight, my son -- as the old crab said to the young crab.
- ◆ It is often that a person's mouth broke his nose.
- ◆ What fills the eye fills the heart.
- ◆ You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind
- ◆ The work praises the man.
- ◆ You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father was.

In Loving Memory Of...

2/1/17 JOHN L. PHILKILL
Mercer Lodge No. 50 (NJ)



Resident of the Month!

March Resident of the Month
is LENA JOHNS!

She came to The Masonic Home
October 6, 2015, and is
Sponsored by Fort Pierce Lodge
No. 87. She resides in Room
#140A, and her birthday is
August 23rd! Lena was born in
Henderson, Kentucky and was
raised on a farm with her two



sisters and brothers. Lena is the oldest and they continue to keep in touch. She graduated from High School and Business College, working as a Book Keeper and was known among her co-workers to be the fastest Typist, typing 120 words a minute. Lena married Estel Eastwood who worked as a Pipe Fitter and was member of the Workers Union. He traveled (work related) often to Florida. They had 4 daughters and 1 son; Shirley and Jerry live in Florida, Patricia in South Carolina and Vivian in Tennessee. They all visit their mother often. After 24 years of marriage, Estel passed away and Lena moved her family to Florida, residing at Homestead and the Ft. Pierce area. Lena married Jimmy Johns, who owned and operated a Gas Station and Mechanic Shop. Lena did the Bookkeeping and was also a housewife who always had supper ready about the time Jimmy came home, up to her 80's. Lena was an OES Member of Ruth Chapter No. 7, serving as Grand Matron, all Star points, and was also very active with Rainbow Girls. Sadly after 30 years of marriage, Jimmy was killed during an Armed Robbery at the Gas Station. Lena, together with her daughter, Patricia, owned and worked their "Country Junction" Craft Store. She scheduled classes on Ceramics, Dolls, Painting, and Crafts. Lena's hobbies included sewing, crocheting, oil and watercolor painting, ceramics, music, cooking, gardening, and raising roses and orchids. She and Jimmy traveled to visit family and watch Nascar Car Races. Their favorite driver was Bill Elliot. Lena was the pillar of her family. She kept herself busy enjoying her children, 14 grandchildren and her siblings. Lena always has a sweet smile for everyone, loves all Musical Shows (Rick Elkins from Musical Ministry is her favorite entertainer), enjoys Balloon Volleyball, Ice Cream Socials, going outdoors with groups listening to music, and socializes with staff. She loves all the compliments on her daily outfits, and never says no to a warm hug. Her room is beautifully decorated with Family Pictures, her oil paintings, and furniture from home, making her room reminiscent of her Craft Store!

Congratulations Lena! We are proud to have you as our Resident of the month and may your Spring be filled with lots of sunshine.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, FIRST LADY, JOY HUDSON,
& All Involved In Refurbishing the 2nd Floor
Lobby & Wellness Center (First Ladies Project)!