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Supreme Governor Visits!

By Jim Persing

The Nature Coast Council of Higher Degrees was honored to host the new Supreme Governor, James J. Gallagher, at their January meeting which was held in the Zephyrhills lodge, # 2276. This was the first time any Council had the privilege of hosting a Supreme Governor at one of their meetings. After dinner, the Ceremonies began by honoring those members who had passed on during the previous year. This was done by placing a rose on the Bible for each member as his or her name was called. Next came the recognition of those members who received a degree in 2008. This included both men and women. Brandon had three in attendance who received this honor. They are, for the Academy of Friendship, Claudia Fouts; for Star Recorder, Kay Persing; and for College of Regents, Lois Myers. Congratulations to all of them for jobs well done!

The new officers had the honor of being sworn in by the Supreme Governor which made the ceremonies even more special, as this was also a first. All this was followed by the Supreme Governor giving his thoughts on both the honors given and the need for our membership to get back to the ideals that had made us what we are. That was, and still is, the spirit of Fraternalism. He also said that after his visits throughout Florida, ending with this visit, he can see why Florida is number one in the fraternity.

Your LOOM Officers

Governor:
Jim Persing

Jr. Governor:
Bruce Devlin

Prelate:
Paul Gardner

Jr. Past Governor:
Mike Williams

Treasurer:
Phil Dunn

Administrator:
Chuck Myers

Trustees:
David Thrasher
Phil Cashatt
Alvin Cunningham

Sgt. At Arms:
Curt Davis

Inner Guard:
Lee Zegler

Outer Guard:
George Chavez

District Meeting at Brandon Lodge!

By Cheryl Gardner

The district meeting this month will be held in our own lodge. That means you can attend, without really having to go out of your way! District meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make new ones from around the district. Your attendance also helps to ensure that our lodge is well represented. Certainly, when it's in our house, we ought to have the most in attendance. In addition to the meeting, there will be pool and dart tournaments, karaoke, with Chuck Ross, and the blood mobile will be there. It will be a good time for all, so come out on February 8th to show your support, and bring the whole family. Even the kids count toward our total in attendance at the meeting!



Governor's Report by Jim Persing

Before we get too far away from New Years, I would like to thank Jeff Harter for making and installing the parking sign, and for weed whacking the back area so members can park. Also, Thank you to Steve and Sharon Wagner, and Robert Paton for helping set-up and decorate both the hall and the Social Quarters. Thanks to Angel, Mary and Phyllis for decorating the tables in the hall. Bruce, Dorean and Phyllis were a great help in getting the dinner out and as Bruce can verify, there were many dishes to wash.

As I reported in my last newsletter, we are starting a parking lot expansion fund to help defray the cost of removing the old Social Quarters, getting some sort of storage facility and of course expanding the parking. To that end we will be using the tip jars at the men's functions, doing fund raisers and of course accepting donations from those members who wish to donate.

February also brings the formation of the lodge's nominating committee for the purpose of identifying individuals who wish to become mem-

bers of the Board. Anyone who may be considering running, I suggest that you research the position and job responsibilities so that you will be able to fulfill the commitment you will be making. All positions require your time, not only for the meetings, but also for being involved in the lodge functions, various projects and your willingness to step up when needed so the lodge can continue to function successfully.

Also in February, Brandon will be hosting the District Meeting which will be on the 8th of the month. I would hope that our members will be there en mass to show support for our lodge, and yes, children are welcome. For those who wish to donate blood, the blood mobile will be there.

For those who didn't notice, on the wall by the service plaques just below the American Flag is a Marine sword which was donated to the lodge by Troy Huchinson and mounted by Bob Renner who also donated his time and materials. Thank you, Troy and Bob!

Will you be my Valentine?

Come join us for a Valentines Day Dinner dance on February 14th starting at 6:30pm. We will be serving Chicken Cordon Bleu ala Kay with scalloped potatoes and everyones favorite, string beans, followed at 8pm by a live band to dance the night away and all for only \$25.00 per couple.

Tickets are available from the Bar Stewards.



District Meeting

This month's district meeting is being held in our lodge on February 8th at 1:00. Please come out and support our lodge. Let's make sure that BRANDON MOOSE has the best showing!

Moving? Already moved?
Changed your phone number?
Please let us know!

LOOM Members call:
(813)689-6043

WOTM Members call:
(813)685-1918



Texas Hold-Em

Alvin Cunningham will sponsor a Texas Hold-Em tournament on February 25th to raise money for the Lodge 1880 Parking Lot Fund. Please come out and play for this worthy cause.



Administrator's Report

By Chuck Myers

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who has signed up a new member this year. Remember, signing up a new member can bring YOU big rewards, including cash and gifts. Keep up the good work! We are well on our way to our second quota. Good job!

Please take the time to thank our bar stewards who do such a good job of keeping us all happy. Of course, besides your kind words, they also appreciate a monetary tip, but a smile and a word of thanks from you means more to them than you will ever know. They work hard to please you – let them know you appreciate their good service.

February is the month we begin looking for new officers for our next fiscal year, which begins May 1st. If you have ever thought about becoming an officer, now is the time to find out what is involved. It may seem to you that it is an easy job, but, when done correctly, it means some hard work and time are involved. Every Monday in the month, with the exception of the fifth Monday, is a meeting where the Officers are involved. That should be your first consideration – can you be at the Lodge every Monday? Officers should also expect to give their time at least several additional evenings and/or days during the month. It could mean helping in the kitchen, or cleaning up outside, or assisting with some project, checking cards at the door, or any number of other necessary jobs. Becoming an Officer requires that you attend an Officers Training Session sometime in May,

where you will learn more about what the job entails. Officers are expected to attend every District meeting as well as the Annual Conference and the Convention. This ongoing training assures our Lodge of having qualified people in office, not just someone who has a specific agenda to pursue. Every office is open to all members with the exception of the Governor. That office must be filled by someone who has previously held an office.

As of February 1st, you will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Quarters where you may indicate your interest in running for an office. If you have access to a computer, go on the Moose International website, www.moosintl.org, where you will find more specifics under the General Governor's site. I would be happy to talk with any of you who may be interested. I have served on the Board every year since 1998 and if I don't know the answers to your questions, I can definitely get an answer for you from someone who does.

A strong, dedicated Board of Officers is the backbone of this, or any other Lodge. We need dedicated men who are willing to donate their time and effort to our continued success. Without that, we set ourselves up for failure. If you have even the least little bit of desire to run for office, I ask you to think long and hard about it; ask questions of those who have succeeded at the job, and give it serious consideration. In return for your time and effort as an officer, you will receive many rewards, not the least of which is the joy of knowing you have had a hand in making our Lodge one of the best in the nation.

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A SHOUT OUT TO THE W.O.T.M.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the WOTM on all of the great work they do for our lodge and the many charities they choose to support. The WOTM are always the first to step up and give support to activities and fund raisers, regardless of whether it is a LOOM or a WOTM sponsored event, and for that I say, "THANK YOU." The WOTM recently donated \$500.00 to the LOOM to purchase a Wii game for use in the children's play room and the Social Quarters, for that I say, "THANK YOU."

Because of the rules of the Moose, the fund raisers they hold are the only way they have to raise money to support their selected charitable causes in the name of **The Women of the Moose**. This effort in turn benefits the overall benevolent reputation of our fraternity.

The next time you see a flyer for a Thursday dinner, a casino night, a sock hop, or some other crazy activity sponsored by these great ladies,

please remember they are giving freely of their time, their efforts, and many times their own finances to help the causes and charities they support. It is always disappointing when they have a fundraiser in the hall and we have more people in the Social Quarters who are unwilling to spend a bit of time and money to support their hard work.

The Loom and the WOTM should strive to work in a synergistic fashion and to do everything possible to make all functions as successful as possible for the benefit of the lodge and our fraternity.

THANK YOU LADIES, FOR ALL YOU DO.

Phil Dunn





Senior Regent's Report

The District meeting will be held at Brandon on February 8th. Plan to attend and bring out the children. W.O.T.M. will be cooking and serving chili and rice.

Are your dues current? The election of 2009-2010 officers is coming up. Your dues must be current in order for you to be allowed to vote.

Thursday night dinners are still being held. I don't know what will be served as I have not been informed as of yet. The cost is still only \$4.00, and that is a bargain for any meal. The dinners this month will be served on February 5th and 19th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Orientation will be at 7:30 pm on the 19th. Our meetings are on February 4th and February 18th at 7:30 pm. Plan to join us for the meetings. You don't have to do anything but be there and be counted.

We will have two baskets for our Project this month. Fliers will be posted in the Social Quarters with all of the details. Sandy Cribbs put these baskets together. They are some of the nicest baskets that I have seen. Thank you, Sandy.

Welcome to our new Co-Workers, Mary Lowery and Beth Sistrunk. We're so glad to have you join us!

By Claudia Fouts

NOW THINK ABOUT THIS:

Doctors:

- (A) The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000.
- (B) Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year are 120,000.
- (C) Accidental deaths per physician is 0.171.

Guns:

- (A) The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000 (Yes, that's 80 million)
- (B) The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500.
- (C) The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is .000188.

So, statistically, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners. Remember, "Guns don't kill people, doctors do."

FACT: NOT EVERYONE HAS A GUN, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR. We must ban doctors before this gets completely out of hand!!!! Out of concern for the public at large, I withheld the statistics on lawyers for fear the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention.

The answer to last month's trivia question is: The front part of the shoe is called a vamp. This month's question is: How many dust mites can a gram of dust hold?

Your WOTM Officers

Senior Regent:
Claudia Fouts

Jr. Graduate Regent:
Catherine Persing

Junior Regent:
Sonja Ellsworth

Chaplain:
Lynda Dunn

Secretary/Treasurer
Phyllis Lucas

Recorder
Mary Anne Crosby

Guide:
Angel Way

Assistant Guide:
Marion Gardner

Sentinel:
Julie Sadler

Argus:
Sandra Lane



Another Winner!

Dave Reichard won the December Texas Hold 'Em tournament.

And the 2008 Texas Hold 'Em Champion is:

Dave "Better Late than Never" Reichard!"

Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations!



February Birthdays

Glenda Cockcroft	1	Geraldine Bradford	6	Karen O'Reilly	11	Edward Pellenz	21
Alfred Masi	1	Earl Roberts	6	Robert Ozdowski	11	Debbie Lowe	22
Rachel Bragg	2	Michael Scott	6	Edith Calvert	12	Barbara Meyer	22
Twila Rathbun	2	Helena Justice	7	Melody Hamby	12	Roberta Wendell	22
Betty Riezinger	2	Holly Fowler	8	Ronald Toland	12	Beverly Bolivar	23
Leason Pruner	2	Vincent Pellett	8	Lisa Wolf	13	Peggy Clifton	23
Larry Sandoval	2	Daniel Ziegler	8	James Baldwin	14	Olga Pipino	23
Eamonn Doyle	3	Catherine Lombardo	9	Brendan Douglas	16	Robert Marotte	23
David Duvall	3	Judith Musko	9	Ron Bowman	17	Arlene Lawrence	24
Gordon Kapron	3	Jeanne Nagle	9	David Kepler	18	Peter Baker	24
Chris Harlow	4	Carmen Strong	9	John O'Donnell	18	Cecil Blaksley	24
Cathy Mayer	4	Sherry Griffin	10	Frank Pupello	19	Chuck Ward	25
Don Sprague	4	Hulda Saunders	10	Sandra Cribbs	20	Craig Griffin	26
Beverly Clark	5	William Cavanaugh	10	Diane Bernico	21	John Sherman	26
Mary Mazzola	5	Carol Ellington	11	Judy Monk	21	Marie Downs	27
Marvin Foster	5	Betty Ferrell	11	Lois Myers	21	Margaret Runkel	27
Ray Myers	5	Kathleen Mugnai	11	Willis Harkness	21	Cheryl Turner	28

A Belated Happy Birthday to Jesse VanHoose! So sorry we missed you!

Famous February Birthdays

- 1—Lisa Marie Presley, Sherman Hemsley, Don Everly, and Clark Gable.
 2—Christie Brinkley, Farrah Fawcett, and Tommy Smothers.
 5—Roger Staubach, Henry “Hank” Aaron, and Adlai E. Stevenson, Jr.
 6—Natalie Cole, Tom Brokaw, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Ronald Reagan and Babe Ruth.
 9—Joe Pesci, Gypsy Rose Lee, Carmen Miranda, and William Henry Harrison.
 18—Matt Dillon, Vanna White, John Travolta, Cybill Shepherd, and Bill Cullen.
 20—Cindy Crawford, Charles Barkley, Sandy Duncan, and Gloria Vanderbilt.
 25—George Harrison, Sally Jessy Raphael, and Zeppo Marx.
 26—Johnny Cash, Tony Randall, Jackie Gleason and “Buffalo Bill” Cody.
 28—Bernadette Peters, Mario Andretti, Gavin MacLeod, and Zero Mostel.



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