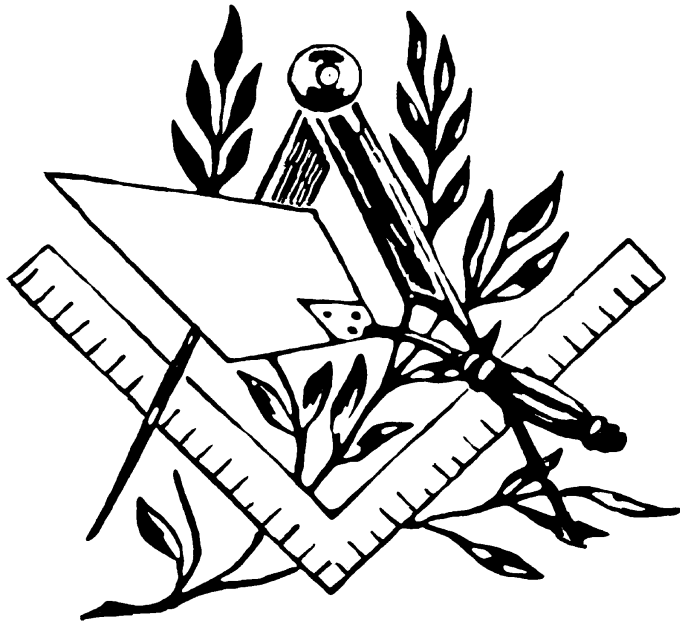


# NEWS and INFORMATION



## ABOUT FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 53 F. & A.M.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 1862

### Elected Officers for the Year 2021

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### LIVING PAST MASTERS

W.:	James B. Zinn	1981
W.:	William G. Jones	1983
R.: W.:	Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.	1987 - 1988
	D.:D.:G.:M.:	1989 - 1990
W.:	Oscar G. Chaires, Sr.	1991
W.:	Daniel L. Racz	1993 - 2002
R.: W.:	Jeffrey L. Miller	1994
	D.:D.:G.:M.:	1997 - 1998
W.:	Thomas B. Rutherford	1995
R.: W.:	Paul L. Nehring	1996
	D.:D.:G.:M.:	2003 - 2004
W.:	Tim Thomas	1999
W.:	Robert F. Farnell, Sr.	2004
W.:	Russ R. Sauvageau	2005
W.:	Don P. Grabbe	2006
W.:	Fred Burton	2007
W.:	William C. Wagner, Jr.	2009
W.:	Paul D. Lewis	2010
W.:	Terry R. Parker	2011
W.:	Daniel M. Kiel	2012
W.:	Lee R. Reeves	2013
	D.:I.:	2017 - 2018
W.:	Richard M. Schultheis	2014
W.:	Joseph P. Morgan	2015
W.:	Teddy E. Tucker	2017
W.:	George W. Holston, III	2018
W.:	James A. {Jake} Smith	2019
W.:	Russell M. Owens	2020
W.:	John A. Streb, Sr.	2021

Lodge Web Site:

[www.friendshipmasoniclodgeno53.com](http://www.friendshipmasoniclodgeno53.com)



## From the South:

Dear Brethren;

I bid you greetings from the South! I have made arrangements to hold our Christmas / Holiday Party at the Ocala Elks Club on N.E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021. Arriving at 5:00 for a Happy Hour and Dinner at 6:00 P.M.. Also we have arranged for our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party to be held at the same location on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in 2022. There will be more coming in future Trestleboards. Please come out and enjoy some good fellowship with your Brothers and Sisters.

Also, if you would like to be Kitchen Commander for an upcoming meal, by either cooking it or sponsoring one as some Brothers have done in the past, make your desires known and I will support you in that endeavor. Lastly, I want to make sure that those of you have pitched in and helped know how much the Stewards and I **appreciate you!**

Please give me a call so I can have enough supplies for the meals.

Sincerely and Fraternally;

*Phillip E. Labert*

W.: Phillip E. Labert, Junior Warden

## Secretary's Notes:

My Brethren, 2021 Dues are past due! They were due on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020. **It may however surprise you that if you are having problems paying your dues we do have several ways to help.** Contact one of the other Elected Officers or your Secretary to find out what can be done. That's part of what our Box of Fraternal Assistance is all about.

**If you are having problems let us help! Please! Call!**

Fraternally and sincerely;

*Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.*

R.:W.: Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr., Secretary

2020	Annual Dues:	\$125.00
Voluntary	Building Fund	\$10.00
Voluntary	LYPMGS	\$7.30
	Total Due	\$142.30

## HOSPITAL COMMITTEE:

Please let us know if any of our Brothers or Sisters that are sick or confined-at-home. May we suggest that if there is sickness or hospitalization in a member's family to **please call Bro. Miles Goodman at 352-804-9252** Chaplain, R.:W.: **Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr. at 352-209-1520** and W.: **Daniel L. Racz at 352-489-0357** of the "Hospital Visitation Committee" of your Lodge! We thank you for your help in these matters...

Yours in the Faith;

*Miles Goodman*

Bro. Miles Goodman, Chaplain,

*Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.*

R.:W.: Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.

*Daniel L. Racz*

W.: Daniel L. Racz

## Will You Stand Up?

Like many other American's, I spent part of July 4th attending a parade. It was a parade with marching bands, politicians, fire trucks, police cars, and lots of American flags.

An older gentleman was sitting in front of me and he was wearing a ball cap that identified him as a Veteran of the Korean War. He was by himself and when an American flag went by, he would rise out of his chair and salute the flag as it went by. It wasn't an easy task as he used a cane to assist himself getting up.

I went up to shake his hand and said a "thank you for your service". He was most appreciative of my acknowledgement. As I shook his hand, I couldn't help but noticing he was wearing a Masonic ring.

I asked about his ring and told him I was a Freemason. He said he was a member of a Lodge in another State and a member of the Scottish Rite. It was fun meeting and having that instant connection with a brother through the fraternity.

Seeing his dedication and devotion to the flag and the country for which it stands, made the parade all that more meaningful. It was a simple reminder of the great sacrifice that our men and women have made in 245 years in keeping the United States a free country. Happy Birthday America!



**TRESTLEBOARD BOOSTERS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

**From the Incoming Officers for 2021**

**W.: Fred & Grace Burton '21  
Bro. Robert B. Collins '21**

**Dr. / Bro. Robert E. & Joy M. Danneman '22**

**W.: Robert F. & Joan Farnell, Sr. '21**

**R.: W.: Donald W. & Peggy Frazer '22**

**M.: W.: Norman L. Getchell '21**

**Sister Claudia Givens, '21**

**In Memory of M.: W.: John R. Givens, '21**

**W.: Wesley E. Golon, Sr. '25**

**Bro. John M. Gysen '21**

**W.: Earl R. & Patricia "Pat" Hancock '21**

**W.: Charles R. & Joan Hazelwood, Jr. '20**

**Rev. / Bro. George W. Holston, Jr. '21**

**Father / W.: George W. Holston, III '21**

**Sister Peggy Jones '21**

**Bro. Britt & Pam Keel '21**

**W.: Lawrence G. & Barbara Kratz '21**

**Bro. George E. Largent '23**

**Bro. Brian & Michelle Magras '21**

**R.: W.: Tony & Donna Martin '21**

**Sister Arline MacKay '21**

**In Memory of W.: David M. MacKay '21**

**R.: W.: Edward J. Mayfield, Jr. '21**

**R.: W.: William A. McKay '21**

**R.: W.: Jeffrey L. & Susan Miller '21**

**Bro. Richard M. Molk '21**

**W.: Joseph P. & Aggie Morgan '21**

**Bro. Joe & Jeanette Morrison '21**

**R.: W.: Paul L. Nehring '21**

**Bro. Carman P. & Louise Perna '21**

**Bro. Harold Price '21**

**W.: Daniel L. & Diane L. Racz '21**

**W.: Robert F. & Pamela Ramieh '21**

**Bro. John S. Richards, Jr. '21**

**Bro. Kelly B. & JoAnn Roller '21**

**Bro. Avery G. Rutherford '21**

**R.: W.: Kenneth E. & Denise Shaw '21**

**Bro. Robert & Jacqueline Sheetz '22**

**R.: W.: Ralph & Terry Shollenberger, Sr. '21**

**Bro. Ralph R. Shollenberger, Jr. '21**

**R.: W.: George L. Sinclair '24**

**W.: James A. "Jake" Smith '21**

**Bro. John Stegall '21**

**W.: William C. & Connie Wagner '21**

**R.: W.: Gregory J. & Martha Wilson '21**

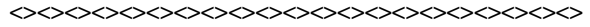
**Bro. Glen E. & Lisa Wyatt '21**

**One Line Booster's Are \$20.00 Per Year With The Year  
Ending In February And Beginning With The March  
Newsletter..**

**Therefore; On Behalf Of**

**W.: John A. Streb, Sr., and the Officers of  
Friendship Masonic Lodge.**

**"We Thank You For Your Support..."**



***District Deputy Grand Master 2020-2021***

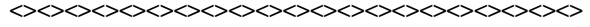
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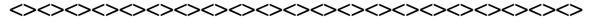
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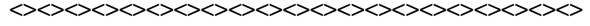
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**ASK 1**

**Tell Your Friends and Family**



"It's for when you die, Brother. They put it in or over your coffin, so make sure your family knows where it is." This is one of the biggest misconceptions affecting our blue lodge members nationwide. Every time I am attending a Master Mason Degree, (and occasionally an EA degree) when the candidate is given or presented his apron, he is told after the meeting that he should keep it safe and not wear it because it's for his death.

This just isn't true! In Illinois anyway, if the entire lecture is given when presented, we tell that candidate, that it is "... yours to wear throughout an honorable life." That means, you should wear it! I've mentioned this on more than one occasion and sometimes I get this retort, "But RJ, We're told to keep it unspotted from the world." Well, I'm sorry, that's not what that means. What that means, is to make sure to keep your life morally correct in the eyes of those who know you're a Freemason, less you tarnish the brand.

Bottom line Brothers, is that the apron you are given in lodge is definitely okay for you to wear, to any meeting you want, anytime. Of course if you consciously want to keep that apron saved, that's your decision, but let's start to correct this misconception now. Take pride and wear that awesome white leather apron at your next meeting.

I'm sure this may stir up some contention, but unlike the undying "Points In or Points Out", but unlike that debate, this one is not up for debate, it's right there in your Masonic Ritual. See you all in lodge, Brothers!





# Friendship Lodge No. 53 F. & A.M.

Chartered January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1862  
Fellowship, Florida

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June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TO: The Brethren and Friends of Friendship Lodge**

**RE: 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Knife and Coin Set**

Dear Brethren;

I bring you Fraternal Greetings on behalf of W.: John A. Streb, Sr., Worshipful Master and the Officers of Friendship Lodge No. 53 Free and Accepted Masons of Fellowship, Florida.

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Lodge voted to do a fund raiser to help offset a Lodge Celebration. R.: W.: Brother Paul Nehring was asked to have a Lodge Coin and Pocket Knife produced. They are in the office.

Therefore; I have been asked to notify the membership and those on our mailing list to that the Coins and Knives are on sale. The cost of these two items is \$20.00 for the Anniversary Gold Coin and \$10.00 for the Anniversary Knife or \$25.00 for both. That's a \$5.00 savings. All funds that come in over the cost is going toward lowering the cost for an Anniversary Dinner / Party to be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Ocala Elks Club. If you would like to order a Knife and Coin please fill out the lower portion of this letter and mail it in. Your Knife and Coin will be mailed back as soon as you request is received.

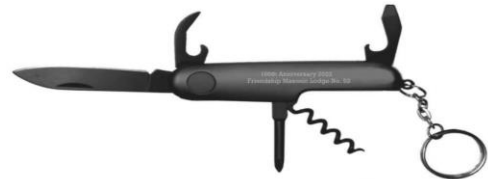
Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

I remain:

Cordially and Fraternally;

Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr.  
Secretary

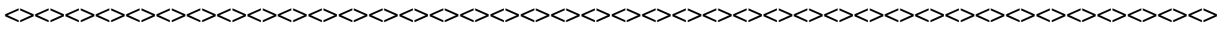
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### Knife and Coin Order Form

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Res. Phone No. [\_\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Phone No. [\_\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return To: Friendship Lodge No. 53 F. & A.M.  
Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr., Secretary  
10420 N.US HWY 27  
OCALA, FLORIDA 34482-1805

Knife: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Coin: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_