

The Florida Knight

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Fraternal Greetings Sir Knights!

Yet another month has gone by and I hope that this message finds you and your families well. In this time of further hardships, please be mindful of local and state ordinances, Health and safety directives, and do everything you can to ensure the safety of the Fraternity whenever you meet or fellowship. It is our responsibility to look after one another, help, aid and assist whenever and wherever we can.

As I sit here writing, I am also reflecting. I have made it a personal ritual of mine to take a few moments everyday (some days are harder than others), to reflect on the day. I think about accomplishments or future needs at work, home, Lodge, etc. It is a time to decompress from the day, get my thoughts together for the rest of the week, and generally think about things that, during the busier parts of the day, I don't get much time to think about.

One of the things that I try to think about is Charity. I talk about Charity not in the sense of donations, or the several Charitable organizations we support, but the root and basic sense of the meaning. One of the definitions of Charity from Oxford Languages is: kindness and tolerance in judging others; there is also the archaic definition of love of humankind, typically in a Christian context. There are many other forms and explanations of Charity we have all heard or seen within the Fraternity.

In taking my brief moments of reflection, on the topic of Charity, I try at least once a week, sometimes more often, to reach out to Brothers and Sir Knights that I haven't had an opportunity to speak to in quite some time. We all lose contact with Brothers over time regardless of how hard we try not to. Some we see on a regular basis. Others are fairly active in our Lodges or Bodies, we see and speak with them every week or every couple of weeks. Some are a little less active due to work or other personal circumstances that we see even less than that. Then there are those that may have not been to a meeting or function for quite a long time, that we have completely lost contact with.

Reach out. Call them. Invite them to an upcoming function. Even better still, just check in with them. Sometimes the best contact we can have with a Brother is just one that is a call of concern

and well being. A voice from a Brother calling just to say hi and to see how they are doing. Your call may be the only one they've had in quite a while. Let them know that they are not forgotten and that we are here for them. Ask them if there is anything they may need. If they are in need, assist if possible or find someone who may be able. If no help is needed, that's okay. Maybe you fulfilled their need just by calling and speaking with them and letting them know that you care for their well being and that they are your Brothers through thick and thin.

Another thing I like to do while on these small reflection journeys, is education. You can never have too much education. There is always something to learn. Speaking from a purely Masonic sense, there are countless books, essays, papers, and articles out there to gain knowledge and understanding. I try to get as much time as I can to continue that education. The range of topics can move from a purely historical outlook like the founding of Masonry in general or Florida Masonry for a more localized history, or even our own Lodge or York Rite Bodies. Maybe we are more interested in Ritual and learning a new part for a Degree or Order. Philosophy more your taste? Multiple volumes have been written for further light. There are many paths to be taken through our journey in Masonry. Sometimes the best knowledge or understanding of learned knowledge comes from those that have come before. Our own membership can be a vast resource. Whatever yours may be, try to find a moment to advance your knowledge and reflect on what you learn. Set your own pace and get as much as you can from the resources you have. Never stop learning and growing.

Our journey through life is hardly ever a straight line, and almost never an easy one. Education, communication, and inward reflection are all great tools in making it more enjoyable. I hope, in reading this, that I have been able to possibly give someone some thoughts to ponder.

Stay safe my Fratres, grow the Fraternity, always look after one another, look to God for understanding and love, and ENJOY your journey. I look forward to seeing and speaking with you all soon. My best regards to you and your families.

Courteously yours,

Adam M. Bryan
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October 2021

Current Events in Florida

**The West Central Districts
of the York Rite in Florida**
invite you to attend
**A Festival for the Degrees & Orders
of the York Rite of Freemasonry**



October 2nd & 9th, 2021


Tampa York Rite Masonic Center
4210 W Oklahoma Avenue
Tampa, FL 33616

Saturday, October 2nd
Coffee & Donuts and Registration 7:30 am
Capitular & Cryptic Degrees begin 8:00 am

Saturday, October 9th
Coffee & Donuts and Registration 7:30 am
Templar Orders begin 8:00 am

*Need a petition?
Ask your Recorder or visit
<https://flgyr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/GYR-GenericPetition-Fillable.pdf>*

Tyler Council No. 4
invite you to attend
**The Degree of
Super Excellent Master**



Saturday, October 16th, 2021


Tuscan Lodge No. 6 F. & A.M.
320 South Florida Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830

Event Timeline

Candidate Registration 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner served at 5:30 pm and is \$15
Register with the link below

Degree begins promptly at 6:30 pm

Bring a donation of \$10
for your Degree Yamaka 

*Click here to register for dinner or email:
carlgilmore65@gmail.com*