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Regular Communications 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 PM - Dinner at 6:30

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Events at Tropical Lodge

February Events

Feb 2 6:30 Stated Meeting Feb 26 6:30 Past Master Roast
 Feb 13 4 - 7:00pm York Rite Spaghetti Dinner Feb 27 7:30 am Grand Lodge Education
 Feb 16 6:30 Stated Meeting

March Events

Mar 2 6:30 Stated Meeting Mar 16 6:30 Stated Meeting Mar 20 5:00 am Master Mason Degree

Check our Website Frequently - www.tropical56.com
An accurate, up-to-date calendar is maintained for all area Masonic Events
Special Announcements are published as necessary

Stated Meetings

1st Tuesday of each month - 3rd Tuesday of each month
 Officers Meet at 6:00PM the 1st Stated Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 26th 6:00Past Master Roast (Reservations Only)

FEBRUARY 2010						
SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 OES	2 6:30 Tropical Stated Meeting	3 6:30 Grotto	4	5 6:00 York Rite Practice Meeting	6 12pm ACON
7	8 AASR Exec Com	9 York Rite Chapter Council	10	11	12	13 York Rite Eye Foundation Spaghetti Dinner
14	15 OES	16 6:30 Tropical Stated Meeting	17 Consistory	18	19	20
21	22	23 York Rite Commandery	24	25	26 6:00 Past Master Roast Reservations Only	27 7:30 am Grand Lodge Education <u>2pm Knight Masons</u>
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We have a new year and a new line - some old faces and some new ones. It gave our new Worshipful Master great pleasure to now be able to open and close in Due Form.

There is a lot going on and we are off to a fast start. **The PAST MASTER'S ROAST has been moved to February 26** at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. We will need reservations—a must in order to assure everyone is served. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00PM (cash bar style - we'll have drink tickets available to purchase) and dinner will be served between 6:30 and 7:00PM. We will have an interesting evening. Since Randy was acting Master, he gets to be the target, along with anyone else who happens to be in the room. As usual, the dinner is on the Lodge for all Masons and their ladies. Dress code will be coat and tie—ladies always seem to know what to wear.

We have also **postponed the Open House** tentatively scheduled for January. We will be scheduling that later in the year. There is still some discussion of doing a child ID day and we'll keep you posted.

The year is shaping up to be a busy one throughout. It looks like Degree work at least each month at the Second Stated Meeting. Check the website and read your Trestleboard for details as we know them. By the way, the Tropical Lodge website is being overhauled and updated. Look for a change-over any day now. We expect to be using the same calendar program, but we will be adding several new features as we go.

The First Stated Meeting in February will be an informal "Cuba Team Reunion" and we hope to have everyone there. The Grand Master plans to be in attendance as a member

of Tropical Lodge, which he is, rather than make an official visit. As you know, he was a very important part of the Cuba trip and we will revisit some of the stories. We are planning to present some slides of each of the members of the party—some very special slides you are not likely to see anywhere else. And we will give each member of the team a brief moment to try to explain them. It ought to be great fun.

We are planning other activities related to our Cuba visit. We hope to have a party soon for all the relatives and friends of the Masons we met in Cuba at Soles de Marti Lodge. That Lodge is now a part of us and we are a part of it. We will be doing presentations around the area to other Lodges and Masonic Bodies upon request, and we'll very likely feature some of the 1500 slides at the open house when it is scheduled. And, we are in the process of assembling a display of some of the gifts and items and commemorative material we returned home with. Keep an eye out for that as well.

All of the Bodies that use our Lodge are heading into fund raising events—dinners, programs—you name it. Just ask, if it is happening, we'll find you tickets.

Masters and Wardens Training for all Master Masons will be held at Tropical Lodge on February 27th beginning at 7:30AM. This is a major learning opportunity and all Masons are welcome to attend. There will be a number of Grand Officers present. We look for members of all Lodges in Districts 28 and 29 to be there.

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Jim & Ruth Goodyear, Sam Bissell, Randy Spradling, Pat & Jerry Smart,
 Peggy & Ron Frieden, Dick Nelson, Kurt Wagner, Bill White, Franceil and Earl Williams,
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Past Masters

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Chandler, A.L. (2)	1970	Sandahl, W.A.	1989	Record, J.L. (2)	2000
Jones, A.R. (2)	1971	Irvin, R.D. (2)	1990	Summerall S.N.	2002
Hart, W.E.	1972	Mc Conley, W.A.	1991	Bodenhamer, T.H. (2)	2003
Hamby, J.A.	1974	Fore, G.A. (1,2)	1992	Shields, R.G.	2004
Frieden, R.G. (3)	1975 & 1976	Goodman, M.T.	1993	Ott, J.J. (3)	2005
Roan, A. N.	1981	Johns, E.D.	1994	Lott, E. W.	2006
Williams, E.P.	1983	Lewis, J.D. (2,3)	1995	Parsons, Bryant G.	2007
Swaringen, F.D.	1984	Williford, C.A.	1996	Thrasher, Barry P	2009
Matz, M.W.	1985	Gordon, T.P.	1997		
Hardin, H.C.	1986	Andrews, A.H.	1998		

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