



## Events at Tropical Lodge

### June Events

June 7 Stated Meeting    June 11 ROAD TRIP    June 21 Stated Meeting FC Degree  
JUNE 25 DOWNTOWN CHARITY BLOCK PARTY 4:00—10:30

### July Events

July 5 Stated Meeting    July 21 Stated Meeting FC Degree EA Degree

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**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**

**June 5—Friday 3:30PM until ? Cookout at the new Masonic Center (tentative)**  
**June 11 ROAD TRIP (Pending travel arrangements)**  
**June 25 Downtown Charity Block Party**

June 2011						
Check the Website for a full calendar < <a href="http://www.tropical56.com">www.tropical56.com</a> >						
SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Grotto Stated Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 OES Stated Meeting	7 6:30 Tropical Stated Meeting	8	9 Moore Haven	10	11 Widow Sons
12	13 AASR Exec Com	14 YR Council Meeting 6:00PM	15 AASR Consistory 6:45-9pm @ Tropical	16	17	19
19	20 OES	21 Tropical Stated Meeting 6:30-9pm	22	23 Moore Haven DARK	24	25 Downtown Charity Block Party
26	27	28 YR Commandery 7-9pm @ Tropical	29	30		



### From the East

Brethren: Tropical Lodge continues to attract a new generation of young Masons and we are delighted to welcome our new Brothers into the greatest fraternity known to man. A recent petitioner told me personally he was motivated to join by the historic reputation of Freemasons of

"looking after each other". What more succinct phrase could describe one Brother's affection for, and commitment to, his fellow Masons? When a heretofore little known, rural Lodge in Georgia requests Tropical to demonstrate the Second Section of the Master Mason degree, we respond with alacrity. When the Moore Haven Lodge asks for help to fill chairs to avert a shutdown, Tropical members respond by taking dual memberships and attending their Lodge meetings. When LaBelle Lodge needs experienced ritualist to perform the Master Mason degree 2nd Section, Tropical responds and fills all their vacancies. When a well-known Brother and active member of several Appendant bodies (but not a member of Tropical) takes ill and needs care, Tropical's Brothers join the line of those attending to the ailing Mason's needs. Many of Tropical's members are also Shiners and regular drivers of the Shrine vans carrying children to the hospital in Tampa - accounting for hundreds of man-hours each year in service to those less fortunate.

My Brothers, this is what Freemasonry is really all about - and Tropical Lodge can be proud of living up to its "obligations". Spread the Word!!! It's the easiest and cheapest form of recruitment.

Dick Nelson, WM

### Report to the Brethren on Road Trip progress

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This evening, 28 April, I attended the regular, stated communication of Ringgold Lodge # 90 in their Hall on Jackson Rd. in Spalding County GA. The evening started with a dinner of Kentucky Burgoo, Cornbread and Peach Cobbler which I supplied as a favor to the Jr. Warden., and part of the discussion of the relative virtues of Burgoo as opposed to Brunswick Stew. Only made about 30 quarts and it was almost all gone.

Dinner conversation centered around the tornado damage in the county after last night's storms. There was no damage to the lodge and, to our knowledge, no brother either injured or suffering severe damage. Others in the county were not so lucky.

Their DDGM attended the meeting and will be attending the June 11 demo. He is publicizing the demo throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> district and Ringgold is expecting a full house. A discussion of how to fit extra chairs in the lodge room followed

The decision was made to start the 1<sup>st</sup> section at 1700 on the 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a dinner of home made Bar-B-Q, Brunswick stew, smoked ham and cole slaw. We will be on after dinner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> section and the lecture. Ladies will be invited to the dinner but, of course, not to the degree work. If any ladies from Tropical make the trip, plans will be made to welcome them.

Once we establish what the brethren want to do on Fri & Sat, Barbara and I are planning to host a GA breakfast either Fri or Sat am. We are leaning to have it as more of a "Brunch" at noon or so on Sat, leaving room for a practice and maybe a chance to rest and get cleaned up before the degree.

Ringgold #90 will be practicing every week between now and the Tropical visit; they want their GA degree work to be perfect.

A motion was made and passed to complete the stump removal and landscaping on the W side of the lodge before the Tropical visit. They may even have a work day and paint the building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Flynn, PM

*Editor's note: As this is written, travel arrangements are still pending.*

**Progress on the New Masonic Center** It's just about time to come see for yourself. The building remains under heavy construction. However, beginning next month we will be doing some "Friday Cookouts" from 3:30 until done. Friends and family are welcome as long as the food lasts.

**DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY FOR CHILDRENS CHARITIES** will be held on June 25 at 4:00 to 10:30PM at Dean Street. We will be there with the Antique Car Show with live entertainment and auction items. We all know the charities this event benefits. Families, guest, and kids are more than welcome.