

# Cornerstone Lodge No. 416 F. & A.M.

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## Trestleboard

January 2022



### From the East

Brethren,



Only four months ago, through time, patience, and perseverance, the collective idea of uniting North Broward and Coral Springs Lodges under one roof finally came to pass with the consecration of Cornerstone Lodge No. 416. The energy in our Lodge is palpable and the bond we have as Brothers continues to grow stronger as we all have firmly clasped the trowel to spread the cement of Brotherly Love.

Although the work has just begun, Cornerstone Lodge has already become the strong pillar in the northeast corner of Broward County that we all envisioned. In November, we banded together to feed the hungry on Thanksgiving by donating and delivering turkeys to needy families across Broward County and in December were able to put smiles on the faces of children on Christmas day by delivering toys we collected during two separate and very successful toy drives.

There is a certain energy and magnetism that embodies Cornerstone Lodge that's hard to describe in words. From inception, we have seen record attendance at our meetings from both Lodge members and many other Brothers from other Lodges throughout the District. We have also seen great interest in plural membership and from men in the community seeking to embark on their Masonic journey at Cornerstone. We have already initiated two Entered Apprentices who are well on their way to become Fellow Crafts and expect to have another larger class of EA's starting very soon.

Education is paramount at Cornerstone Lodge. There is power in education and our time at meetings is valuable. Our minds have been shaped by wisdom of two prolific Masonic thinkers like Brother John Nagy and W.: Daniel Molina. We have also had the benefit of enlightening in-house lectures from R.: W.: Michael Tishman and our Senior Warden Elect, Brother Mark Hudiburg.

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Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

### All mail to:

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### All email to:

sec@cornerstonelodge416.org

### Stated Communications:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
at  
J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge  
555 N.E. 42nd Court  
Oakland Park, FL 33334  
  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Meeting

### District 26 Monthly Events

#### Open Books & School of Instruction

1st Wed. & 3rd Mon.  
Doric Lodge No. 140  
401 S.E. 15th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

5 p.m. -> 8 p.m.

#### Master & Wardens

Last Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Meeting  
Locations vary—check  
calendar

## From the East (cont.)

Although we have accomplished a lot since the birth of our Lodge only four short months ago, our work and journey has just begun. As my time in the East draws to a close, I can assure the Craft that I am supremely confident that the talents and strengths of our incoming Worshipful Master, along with all Elected and Appointed officers for 2022, supported by the Craft, will remain that steady hand on the tiller continuing to maintain our course heading East.

Fraternally,

W.: Cristian D. Valois  
Worshipful Master

## From the West

Fraternal Greetings,



First, I have to thank the brothers for electing me to the East, I'm truly grateful and humbled. It's been an amazing journey and I look forward to a wonderful 2022.

I would like to wish all the brethren a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to all the officers this year, outgoing and incoming, You have all put lots of efforts into the lodge even after facing health, emotional and physical challenges, but you continued to make an impact for our lodge and that's true Masonry at its core.

I would like to encourage all of my brothers to come out to our lodge meeting and to participate. I love seeing the new faces and I admit I miss a lot of the old ones too.

Our installation will be on Jan 22nd 2022 at 3pm at J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge, with dinner to follow.

We were taught that as we travel in this journey we encountered hardship but we must continue and pursue the light and allow it to guide us, remembering that the lodge is not a building, or a number, a lodge is the brothers coming together, using our tools to construct a better tomorrow.

Fraternally,

Lenny Judice  
Senior Warden & Worshipful Master - Elect

## From the South

Brethren,



Happy New Year to our brothers and their families!!!

As we embark on the New Year, let us remember what a wonderful year 2021 has been for our new lodge and the friendships we have forged!!! With that said I'd personally like thank our Worshipful Master Cristian for his leadership and look forward to the year ahead for Worshipful-Elect Lenny.

I would continue to remind all Masons in good standing to invite a man who you believe to be of good moral character, to dinner one Tuesday evening at our Lodge.

That's all we have in the South,

And may Brotherly Love Prevail!!

Sincerely,

Mark Hudiburg,  
Junior Warden & Senior Warden - Elect

\*\* Don't forget brethren we are continuing to meet at J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge in Oakland park until the renovations are done on our building in Deerfield Beach.

## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,



Happy New Year to you and your family. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and a great time ringing in the new year!

I want to thank all of you for once again having the faith and confidence in me to re-elect me to serve as the Secretary of this Lodge. Congratulations to the Worshipful Master-Elect, the Senior & Junior Warden-Elect, the Treasurer, who was also re-elected, and all those who will serve as Appointed Officers. I'm sure we will have a great year.

You all should have received your dues notices for 2022 by now. I have received a number of Brothers dues payments already. My thanks to those Brothers for being so prompt. I will be sending out your dues cards shortly.

I have received some emails and notes from Brothers who seem to be shocked about the dues increase. What that tells me Brothers is that some either didn't fully read the information that was sent along with the cover letter from the Worshipful Master to all the Brothers, which alerted everyone of the proposed new by-laws and changes in the dues, as well as when the Lodge would be voting to approve those changes or they just didn't understand the importance of them.

Now let me clarify this. For those of you on the email list, an email was sent which contained the Worshipful Masters cover letter which spoke to the by-laws and changes and along with it, a copy of the proposed new by-laws. It was sent via the Mail Chimp program which allows for large group mailings without sending them in bulk, which is what tends to trigger the blocking that security programs do to protect against harmful email. This program also allows the sender to track that email and see when it is received and opened for each email address.

For those not on the email list, the Worshipful Masters cover letter and a summary sheet showing only the sections of the proposed by-laws that we are allowed to make changes to, and the changes being made, was sent by U.S. Mail.

The Worshipful Master's cover letter contained a message that said what to do should any Brother find that the new dues structure would create a financial difficulty for them. So, in an effort to make sure everyone has seen it, I have included that portion of the letter in this article:

With regard to Section 4.01, Dues, I want to assure you that, should any Brother find that the new dues structure starting in 2022 will cause them financial difficulty, he may apply to the Board of Relief to maintain the dues rate listed for 2021.

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## From the Secretary's Desk (cont)

The Board of Relief has the authority to assist any Brother and thereby has the authority to make that decision to lock your dues at that rate. Under no circumstances do we wish to have any Brother suffer a hardship.

Brothers, the Board of Relief consists of the Worshipful Master and the Wardens. If you send a letter or email with regard to this, I send it directly to them. The matter is confidential and is kept that way. I am the only other person who knows about it and is informed of their decision so that I may maintain the records appropriately and notify you of their decision.

Now let me speak to the dues increase. When our Past Grand Master, John Korroum, first proposed a \$1 per day (or \$365 a year) dues rate, a lot of people balked. He did a lot of research and found if Lodges and Freemasonry are to survive, they must come into the present. Stop and think about this for a minute, Brothers.

There are a lot of things your dues cover and I'm sure there are many things no one thinks about. Maintaining the building, utilities, and the required insurances we must carry (which have tripled in cost), are just a few things. Dues notices, dues cards, internet services are a few more. Then there's our charitable assistance and programs we contribute to. And let's not forget about the things like Grand Lodge per capita, which still has 2 more years of increasing until it hits \$45 per member. There's a list that goes on and on. It's not just meetings and meals. The Lodge cannot do all of this on 1990's dues in 2022 and you can't keep nickel and diming the members to try to do it. Everything has gone up. A real number that would do this had to be established and that is what happened. The Craft decided to (as some have said it) 'rip the band aid off and fix the issue'.

I want to cover something again I spoke to last month. The Secretary maintains the roll of members, which includes members addresses, based on the information provided. If you change apartments, or if you move from one city to another, or you transfer with your job, it is up to you to pass that information on to the Lodge.

I want to remind you that there is a new e-mail to contact the Lodge. That e-mail is [sec@cornerstonelodge416.org](mailto:sec@cornerstonelodge416.org). Also, please remember, if you wish to contact me directly, please make your phone call after 4:30 P.M. on weekdays. I spend most of my time working in the surgery area, sometimes in active OR's, and it can be disruptive having a phone ringing.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless all of you and your families and may He protect all of the men and women of our Armed Forces who make what we do possible.

Fraternally,

R.: W.: Richard L. Morris, P.D.D.G.M.  
Secretary

## Elected & Appointed Officers for 2022

Worshipful Master-Elect	W.M. Lenny Judice	(786) 406-9076
Senior Warden-Elect	Br. Mark Hudiburg	(305) 409-8032
Junior Warden-Elect	Br. Ryan Tyler	(954) 709-6505
Treasurer	R.W. Michael Tishman, PDDGM	(954) 415-1080
Secretary	R.W. Richard Morris, PDDGM	(754) 224-1942
Chaplain	W. Gino Elia, PM	(954) 999-2333
Marshal	W. Cristian D. Valois	(954) 684-3299
Senior Deacon	Br. Haris Tanveer	(561) 666-0396
Junior Deacon	Br. Harley Bofshever	(954) 612-0128
Senior Steward	Br. Justin Bofshever	(954) 732-3356
Junior Steward	Br. Eric Shlossberg	(954) 732-3356
Tyler	W. Dale Dietzman, PM	(954) 856-3223

## Lodge Committees (chairpersons named first)

Finance: Mark Hudiburg, Michael Tishman, Ryan Lombardi, Eran Erez

Vigilance: Ryan Tyler, Bill Gordon

Petitions/Investigations: Ryan Lombardi, Ryan Tyler, Bill Gordon, Howard Shtulman,

Masonic Education: Ryan Tyler

Board of Relief: Lenny Judice, Mark Hudiburg, Ryan Tyler

Charity: Lenny Judice, Michael Tishman, John Kennedy

Lodge Property: Ryan Lombardi, Michael Tishman

Lodge Instructors: Ryan Lombardi, Michael Tishman, Harley Bofshever

Events: Eran Erez, Eric Schlossberg, Michael Tishman, Lenny Judice

Technology: Michael Tishman, Jeff Hartnett, Akili Neibu, Justin Bofshever, Robert Bofshever

Senior Member/Sickness & Distress: John Bonner, Howard Shtulman, Tommy Thompson, Robert Bofshever

### Pending Petitions/Investigations:

None.

## January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <a href="#">YR Commandery</a>	4	5 <a href="#">Open Books</a> <a href="#">EA Catechism</a>	6	7	8
9	10	11 <a href="#">Stated Comm.</a>	12 <a href="#">EA Catechism</a>	13 <a href="#">Mahi Shriners</a>	14	15
16	17 <a href="#">Open Books</a> <a href="#">YR Chapter/ Council</a>	18	19 <a href="#">SR Miami</a> <a href="#">EA Catechism</a>	20	21	22 <a href="#">Lodge Officer Installation Ceremony</a>
23	24	25 <a href="#">Stated Comm.</a>	26 <a href="#">SR Lake Worth Masters and Wardens</a> <a href="#">EA Catechism</a>	27	28 <a href="#">Feramo Grotto</a>	29
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