THE TRAVELERS 390
TRESTLEBOARD

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Travelers Lodge No. 390 F.&A.M.
260 East Pomelo Street | Lake Alfred, Florida 33850

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PROMOTION & VISIBILITY

BROTHERHOOD • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

MEETING SCHEDULE

Travelers Lodge No. 390 meets on the
FIRST Saturday and **THIRD Monday** of each month.

First Saturday
Breakfast: 8:00 AM
Stated Communication: 9:00 AM

Third Monday
Evening Meal: 6:30 PM
Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

"Making Good Men Better Through
Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

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OCTOBER STATED COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST STATED COMMUNICATION

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Stated Communication: 9:00 AM

Breakfast Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage links and patties, biscuits and gravy. Coffee, milk, orange juice, apple juice, tea, water, and assorted soft drinks will be available.

SPECIAL GUESTS — JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Travelers Lodge will welcome representatives from Job's Daughters. They will share information about their organization and its work developing leadership, confidence, service, and character in young women. Travelers Lodge will also present Job's Daughters with our charitable contribution during their visit.

SECOND STATED COMMUNICATION

Monday, October 19, 2026

Evening Meal: 6:30 PM | Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

ITALIAN NIGHT

Lasagna, fresh salad, bread, and dessert.

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR & GUEST SPEAKER

Travelers Lodge will recognize our Fireman of the Year as we honor service to our community. We will also welcome Roger Smith as our guest speaker for the evening.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRAVELERS LODGE NO. 390 F.&A.M.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER
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Saturday, October 3 —
Travelers Lodge No. 390 Stated Communication

Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Stated Communication: 9:00 AM
Special Guests: Job's Daughters

Travelers Lodge will welcome representatives from Job's Daughters and present the organization with our charitable contribution.

MONDAY
OCTOBER
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Monday, October 19 —
Travelers Lodge No. 390 Stated Communication

Italian Night: 6:30 PM | Stated Communication: 7:30 PM
Fireman of the Year Recognition
Guest Speaker: Roger Smith
Dinner: Lasagna, fresh salad, bread, and dessert.

TUESDAY
OCTOBER
27

Tuesday, October 27 — Mason Night Out

NEW LOCATION: Winter Haven Texas Roadhouse
Join Travelers Lodge Brothers and families for an evening of food, family, and fellowship at our new Mason Night Out location.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Halloween community event planning
- Christmas Parade planning
- Continued Entered Apprentice Degree study and degree practice
- Continued charitable support for Masonic Lodges and Brethren in Venezuela

FROM THE EAST

October — Promotion & Visibility

Brothers,

October is about getting Travelers Lodge out into our community and strengthening the relationships that connect us to Lake Alfred and the surrounding area. From recognizing those who serve our community to supporting our Masonic family abroad, we have a busy and exciting month ahead.

October 3 — Welcoming Job's Daughters

We will begin the month by welcoming representatives from Job's Daughters to Travelers Lodge. They will share more about their organization and the work they are doing to develop leadership, confidence, service, and character in young women. Travelers Lodge will also proudly present Job's Daughters with our charitable contribution. Please come out and help us give them a warm welcome.

October 19 — Fireman of the Year & Guest Speaker

October 19 will be a special evening as Travelers Lodge recognizes our Fireman of the Year. This is an opportunity for us to honor someone who serves and protects our community and to show our appreciation for the men and women of the fire service. We will also welcome Roger Smith as our guest speaker for the evening.

October 27 — Mason Night Out Has a New Home!

Our Mason Night Out is moving to the new Winter Haven Texas Roadhouse! Join us on Tuesday, October 27, for an evening of food, family, and fellowship. Moving closer to home should make it easier for more Brothers and their families to participate, so let's come out and support our new partnership.

Supporting Our Brethren in Venezuela

We continue our Lodge's commitment to dedicate three months of charitable giving to supporting Masonic Lodges and Brethren in Venezuela. Brotherly Love and Relief extend far beyond our own community, and this is an opportunity to help our Masonic family when assistance is needed.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey Odenkirk

Jeffrey Odenkirk
Worshipful Master
Travelers Lodge No. 390 F.&A.M.



FROM THE WEST

Building Together • Preparing for the East

Brothers,

I would like to bring to your attention a project that I hope we can complete before the end of the year: remodeling our Lodge bathroom.

Member information omitted from this public edition.

As we move into the final months of the year, I am also beginning to prepare for the possibility of moving forward to the East. I welcome any pointers, advice, or assistance regarding what I should be working on and learning as I prepare for greater responsibility in our Lodge.

I especially invite our Past Masters to share their experience.

If any Past Master would like to sit down with me and W.M. Jeffery Odenkirk to offer guidance and help us continue building a better future for Travelers Lodge, please let us know.

There is a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience among the Brothers of this Lodge. By working together, learning from those who have gone before us, and being willing to roll up our sleeves when something needs to be done, we can continue moving Travelers Lodge forward.

Fraternally, Jeff “Mox” Green
Senior Warden
Travelers Lodge No. 390 F.&A.M.



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Important Updates for our Refreshments:

Member information omitted from this public edition.

Feel free to recommend your favorite entree or side.

First Saturday Breakfast: We have added a variety of your favorite hot sauces. Whole milk as well as half and half is available, in addition to the small non-refrigerated creamers. We also have a variety of sweeteners.

Scrambled eggs, sausage links and patties, biscuits and gravy. Coffee, milk, orange juice, apple juice, tea, water, and a variety of soft drinks are available.

Third Monday Evening Meal: This month, we will serve lasagna, fresh salad, bread, and a dessert.

NOTE: The Executive Chef reserves the right to modify the menu at her will and pleasure. 🙂

Fraternally,
W∴ Brother John Donovan
Junior Warden
Assistant to the Executive Chef

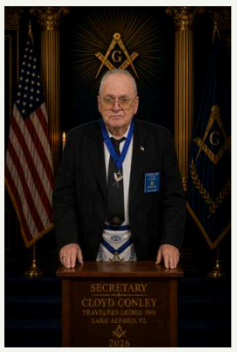


FROM THE SECRETARY

From the Secretary

Bro. Armando Torres (SD) and I had the privilege of attending a Secretaries Seminar at Eola Lodge in Orlando recently. We learned several important Lodge requirements. In addition, I have ordered 2027 dues notices and cards, which should be coming shortly. I will start sending out dues notices around October 1st. **PLEASE** note that the **OPTION** to support the Masonic Home has been increased from 2 cents per day to 5 cents per day ($18.25). Reminder, this is still an **OPTION** to support the Masonic Home. This is now referred to as Let Your Nickels Make Good Cents (LYNMGC), voted on and approved at the most recent Grand Communication in May 2026. This will take effect as part of 2027 dues. When you get your notice, **PLEASE** submit as soon as possible so the Lodge can continue to pay its bills.

Cloyd Conley
Secretary
Travlere's Lodge #390



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

RELIEF FOR OUR MASONIC BRETHREN IN VENEZUELA



The Grand Lodge of Florida, under M∴W∴ Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Grand Master, has called attention to the need for assistance for our Masonic Brethren in Venezuela.

In response, Travelers Lodge No. 390 voted and approved dedicating October, November, and December to this relief effort.

For these three months, our Lodge will work to build the largest contribution we can to assist Masonic Lodges and Brethren in Venezuela.

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THREE MONTHS OF RELIEF

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

Travelers Lodge is also planning fundraising opportunities during these months to help grow the contribution. Possible activities may include cigar fellowship events and other special fundraisers, with details to be announced as plans are finalized.

Brothers are encouraged to participate, support the upcoming fundraising efforts, and help us extend the hand of Masonic relief beyond our own community.

> *"Brotherly Love and Relief extend far beyond our own community."*

Brotherly Love • Relief • Truth

PETITIONS

No new petitions have been reported for this month.

Member information omitted from this public edition.

MASONIC RELIEF

If you know of a brother, widow, or family member experiencing illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or hardship, please notify the Worshipful Master or Secretary so that the Lodge may respond appropriately.

Please continue to remember these Brothers, Ladies, and their families in your prayers. May they find strength, comfort, healing, and encouragement through the Brotherly Love of our Masonic family.

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PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

A Lasting Legacy at Travelers Lodge No. 390

Perpetual Membership provides a lasting investment in the future of Travelers Lodge No. 390 and helps support the Lodge for generations to come.

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For more information about Perpetual Membership, please contact the Secretary.

BOOSTER CLUB & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Booster Club helps offset the costs of producing and distributing The Travelers 390 Trestleboard. Through the generosity of our members, we continue providing this important service.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

- Bronze Partner - Business Card Advertisement
- Silver Partner - Quarter-Page Advertisement
- Gold Partner - Half-Page Advertisement
- Platinum Partner - Full-Page Advertisement

If you would like to become a Booster Club member or Business & Community Partner, please contact the Secretary or any Lodge Officer.

"Together we preserve our history, strengthen our fellowship, and build a lasting legacy for future generations."

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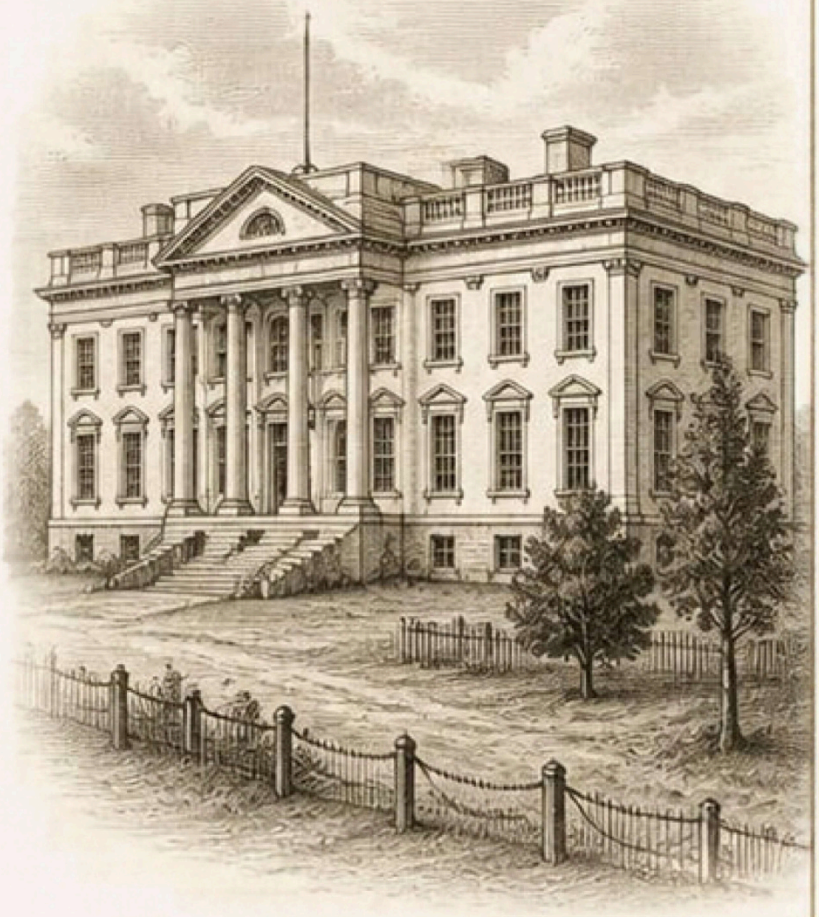
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THIS MONTH IN MASONIC HISTORY

The White House Cornerstone

October 13, 1792

- On October 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the President's House, now known as the White House, was laid in Washington, D.C.
- The ceremony had a strong Masonic connection. Members of Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown participated in the public cornerstone ceremony, and Peter Casanave, Master of the Lodge, and his assistants are believed to have presided over the Masonic ritual.
- Participants gathered at Suter's Tavern in Georgetown before proceeding to the building site. A brass plate bearing an inscription commemorating the laying of the cornerstone was placed beneath the stone.
- Interestingly, President George Washington did not attend this ceremony, although he had played a central role in planning the new federal city and overseeing development of the President's House.
- The White House cornerstone ceremony remains an important early example of Freemasonry's visible role in the civic life and development of the young United States.



A Masonic Connection to Our Nation's Capital

Cornerstone ceremonies became an important public expression of Masonic principles, reflecting themes of morality, order, service, and the symbolic importance of building upon a firm foundation.

"Building today upon a foundation worthy of those who follow."

LOOKING AHEAD

Community Events

Travelers Lodge is preparing for upcoming community participation, including the Halloween event at the park and the Christmas Parade. Brothers with ideas or who would like to help are encouraged to get involved early so preparations can be made well in advance.

Degree Practice

We will continue degree practice at the end of each month, with special emphasis on strengthening our knowledge of the Entered Apprentice Degree and preparing future officers and Brothers to confidently pass on the work.

Bathroom Project

Work continues on the bathroom project. Brother Mox Jeff Green has obtained a sander and plans to complete the remaining work soon. Brothers willing to lend a hand are encouraged to volunteer.

Mason Night Out

Our Mason Night Out has moved to the new Winter Haven Texas Roadhouse. We look forward to continuing this tradition of food, family, and fellowship at a location closer to home.

Venezuela Relief & Cigar Socials

Our Venezuela Masonic Relief effort continues through November and December. Every Monday Lodge meeting during October, November, and December will include a Cigar Social beginning at 6:00 PM, with cigars available for sale and members of the community invited to join us for fellowship. Proceeds will support our relief effort for our Masonic Brethren in Venezuela.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Brothers,

October reminds us that Freemasonry is not something we practice only inside the Lodge room. It is seen in the way we serve our community, care for our Brothers and their families, support those in need, and prepare the next generation of Masons to carry the work forward.

Travelers Lodge continues to move in the right direction because Brothers are willing to show up, work, learn, and help one another. Whether it is attending degree practice, helping with a Lodge project, participating in a community event, supporting our charitable efforts, or simply checking on a Brother who is not feeling well, every act matters.

As we move toward the final months of the year, let us continue building momentum. The future of Travelers Lodge will not be shaped by one Brother alone, but by all of us working together with purpose.

The younger Brothers bring energy and new ideas. Our experienced Brothers bring wisdom, history, and guidance. We need both. When those strengths come together, we become the Lodge we know Travelers can be.

Let us finish 2026 strong and continue making Travelers Lodge No. 390 a beacon of Freemasonry in Polk County and throughout Florida.

Fraternally,
Bro. Armando Torres
Senior Deacon
Editor, Travelers Trestleboard