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On Tuesday, January 4th, 24 brothers and their guests met at the Tap Room at Dubsread Golf Course. Our guest speaker was Bill Cowles, the Orange County Supervisor of Elections.

Bill has been an integral part of the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office since 1989, after serving thirteen years on the staff of the Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was elected as the Orange County Supervisor of Elections in 1996, and re-elected without opposition in 2000. In 2004 he received almost twice the number of votes as his opponent. Bill supervises the seventh largest county elections office in the State of Florida. In the past 50 years, there has only been 3 Supervisors of Elections for Orange County.

In 2001, the state of Florida

put up \$30 million to fix the problems of the 2000 elections. During the 2004 elections, there were no punch cards used in Florida. However, across the US, more voters voted on punch cards than on any other system. Florida now only uses optical (like in Orange County) or touch screens. Bill said Orange would be switching to touch screens someday.

Early voting was the story for Orange in 2004. For 15 days prior to the general elections, voters were allowed to vote at early polling places setup in libraries around the county. 79,000 voted early, and another 65,000 voted by absentee ballot.

Bill finished up his presentation with a round of question and answers and then he read to us some of the comment cards he received with compliments,

complaints, and suggestions.

At this meeting we also decided to raise our annual dues from \$30 to \$35. Founder's Day was briefly discussed with more information to come next month. There was also a moment of silence in remembrance of Brother Tom Laird, who passed away November 16th, 2004.



We now meet at the Tap Room at Dubsdread

Please remember, our meeting location has changed. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1st at the Tap Room in Dubsdread Country Club at 549 West Par Street near downtown Orlando.** (This is where we held our Founder’s Day Dinner this past March.) The cost for the luncheon will be \$15 (\$5 for actives at UCF & Rollins). The banquet room faces Par, so the closest parking is the lot that faces Par Street.

Upcoming Events

When	Where	What
Tuesday February 1 st at noon	The Tap Room at Historic Dubsdread Golf Course	 Timothy P. Ryan, Chief of the Orange County Corrections Department http://bestjail.com/
March ?	?	Founder’s Day Dinner
Tuesday April 5 th at noon	The Tap Room at Historic Dubsdread Golf Course	TBA
Tuesday May 3 rd at noon	The Tap Room at Historic Dubsdread Golf Course	TBA

Renewal Time

I received renewals from the following brothers since last month’s newsletter:

- Terry Acree (Florida 1955)
- Frederick Pfeiffer (North Carolina 1947)
- Joe Simonds (Miami FL, 1945)
- Harry Voorhis (Florida 1950)

If you haven’t sent in your renewal yet, please send it in today!

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