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On Tuesday, January 7th, Robert Wesley, public defender of the 9th Judicial Circuit was our guest. Robert was elected to office in November 2000. He spoke to us about some of the issues that he sees facing the criminal justice system. In his opinion, one of the biggest problems is using the criminal justice system to process mentally ill people.

The 33rd street jail is the 15th-17th largest jail in the country. On an average night, there are close to 4000 inmates, of which 700 or so are mentally ill or on prescription drugs for their mental illness.

His staff consists of 85 lawyers, who handle over 36,000 cases a year. His office spends an average of \$198 per case. 96% of the cases are pleaded, with only 4% going to trial.



Guest speaker Robert Wesley

## Tuesday, February 4th is the next luncheon.

We usually meet at Lee's Lakeside restaurant (downtown Orlando, off Central Ave. on Lake Eola) on the first Tuesday of each month at noon. **The cost for the lunch is \$12.** (\$5 for actives at UCF & Rollins.)



**CBS**

On Tuesday, **February 4th**, Alan Parcell, Director of News Operations at WKMG / TV 6 (CBS) will be our guest. Alan has been in the news business for over 35 years, including being the Senior Bureau Chief at CBS News in New York. Alan will tell us about local news stations, including specifics about our local channel 6.

## Chapter Grand



Brother Jack Nants (Florida '42), joined the Chapter Grand on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Jack, who was an Orlando attorney for more than 50 years, died of cancer at the age of 83.

Jack's son, Bruce, (also a member of our club) said, "He had an inborn sense of justice and integrity, and he used the law to promote that. He had a love for people, that is true. But he also had a love for the dynamics of the law."

At our luncheon on January 7<sup>th</sup>, several brothers remembered Jack by telling some of their favorite stories about him.

Brother Jimmie Ream also passed away on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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I am also sad to report that Lethia "Lee" Rose, 64, owner of Lee's Lakeside restaurant, died on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Lee passed away at her home after an extended illness. She would have been 65.  
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