



North Florida Tres Dias

March 2012

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Upcoming Weekends

Men's #46
April 12 - 15, 2012
Buz Stephens • Rector

Women's #46
April 26 - 29, 2012
Beverly Solomon • Rector

Men's #47
October 11 - 14, 2012
Duane Thurmond • Rector

Women's #47
October 25 - 28, 2012
Becky Goff • Rector

Inquiring Minds Want to Know...Where exactly do the Rector's come from?

As a secretariat, we are often asked by those within the community exactly how the Rector for each weekend is chosen.

Contrary to popular belief...one does not have to be on the Secretariat in order to serve as a Rector neither does one have to go to a specific church.

The initial procedure for Rector selection begins about a year in advance, when the Men's and Women's leaders present the Secretariat with a list of names and qualifications of all those who meet the requirements to be chosen for Rector. The process of Rector selection takes place within phases and is covered with a lot of prayer from the Secretariat.

The Rector needs to have served within the community at least ten weekends including as Head or Assistant Head Cha, in 2 different Head positions, as Professor giving two rollos, Chapel Cha, Kitchen Cha and three additional Cha Cha positions such as music, table, supply, rollo room, dorm, palanca, rover, gopher, nightwatch, etc...

In addition to meeting the "Service" requirements, the Secretariat looks at a list of other questions in order to narrow their decision even further. Is the candidate for Rector active in his or her church? Do they support their church? Is the candidate for Rector currently involved in Tres Dias activities? Does the candidate for Rector support Tres Dias in their 4th Day - ie: Sequelas, serving on weekends, send-off, send-off communion, closings, sponsoring? Is the candidate for Rector currently living a Christian life that exemplifies Christ in his or her 4th Day? Has the candidate for Rector shown willingness to submit

to authority on the weekends when serving or during attendance of sponsored activities? Has the candidate for Rector shown a willingness to submit to the authority of the Secretariat? Does the candidate for Rector understand Tres Dias goals and purposes? Does the candidate for Rector set an example of proper conduct - ie: attend pre-weekend activities including Pescadores Orientation, pre-weekend meetings, and stay through completion of team and weekend activities? Does the candidate for Rector have a servant's heart? Does the candidate for Rector demonstrate good leadership skills? Has the candidate for Rector served within the past 6 weekends?

The qualifications of each candidate for Rector is discussed in great length at the Secretariat meeting prior to any voting. Time is spent in prayer, and voting is done by secret ballot. The votes are collected and counted by the Chair and Spiritual Director.

The Chair contacts the potential rectors and once a Rector has accepted the position, the Chair will notify the Secretariat, and subsequently the Rector will be announced to the community.

If you would like more information on Rector selection, please download a copy of North Florida Tres Dias Policies and Procedures from the web site and read Sections 2.1-2.3. If you still have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Secretariat members and they will do their best to answer your questions, or direct you to someone else who can.

All of this information is available at www.nftd.org.

**Don't Forget
to Pray!**
Upcoming Weekends
Rectors & Team
Candidates
Secretariat



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Return Service Requested



Sequela

March 10 • 6:00pm

Piedmont Park

Alliance Church

Tallahassee, FL

Please bring a covered dish.

A Word of Thanks...



How awesome it is to see the body of Christ working to bring solace to a loved one's family. The words "thank you" do not begin to describe how blessed our family feels for the love and support that the Tres Dias community has shown us. Not just in the days after Billy's home going, but also in the days prior.

Maybe you called to offer words of peace, said a prayer, brought dinner, sat in the waiting room and kept us company, shared a memory that made us laugh, sent a card or just had a passing thought of us – all of these things mean so much to me and our family.

To those who spoke as we celebrated Billy's life, thank you. Your stories and memories of Billy helped our family to see the love Billy had for life and the people in his life - those who knew him best.

Because Jesus loves us I know that one day we will be face-to-face with Billy again. But, in the mean time, I know that our family can count on this community to continue to lift us in prayer of comfort and peace.

DeColores...Susan Meredith

An Irish Blessing...

It is said that Saint Patrick, used the three-leafed shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity. He explained in his sermons that the clover represented how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were all separate parts of a single entity. It is amazing how the symbol of such a simple illustration has become a symbol that is recognized around the world. Although many do not know the origins from where that symbolism was birthed...it is still a highly recognized symbol. This prayer comes from an ancient Celtic collection of hymns and prayers, *Carmina Gadelica*.

God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking, God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping, God in my waking, God in my watching, God in my hoping.

God in my life, God in my lips, God in my soul, God in my heart.

God in my sufficing, God in my slumber, God in mine ever-living soul, God in mine eternity.

You are the peace of all things calm, You are the place to hide from harm.

You are the light that shines in dark, You are the heart's eternal spark.

You are the door that's open wide, You are the guest who waits inside.

You are the stranger at the door, You are the calling of the poor.

You are my Lord and with me still, You are my love, keep me from ill.

You are the light, the truth, the way, You are my Saviour this very day.

It is humbling to see how our prayers today, aren't really and different than those of 19th Century Christians. Fortunately for us, our God is the same....yesterday...today...and forever...Amen.

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