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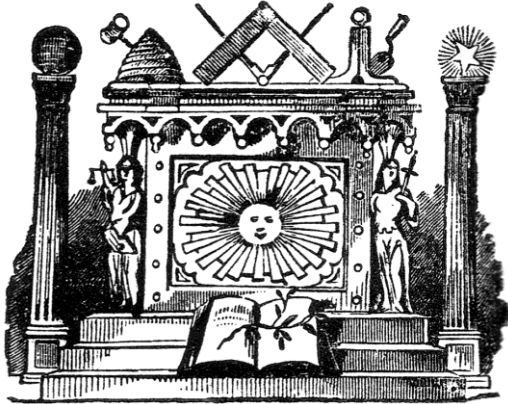
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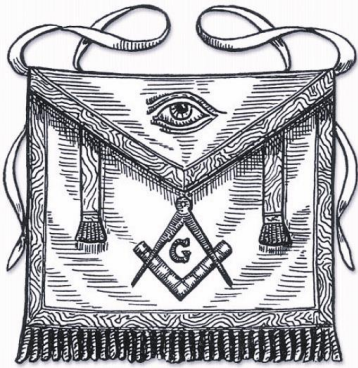
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**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

**Charities are to be determined for this year. Please consider what the Lodge might do in 2024.**



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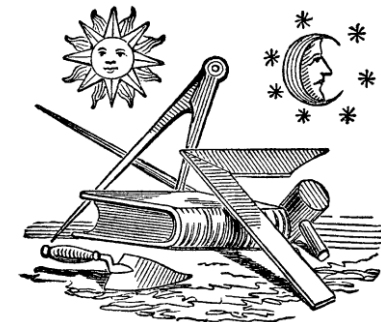
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Canaveral No. 339	2nd & 4th Mondays
Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
Beach No. 354	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



### From the East

*Reproach none for the Infirmities of Nature, nor Delight to Put them that have in mind thereof.*

Brothers All,  
Again, we hear advice from a long time ago through Brother Washington's childhood activity. This passage seemed all too appropriate as we have heard of late too much in the category of Sickness and Distress. I am happy to say; however, that news of those sorely missed Brothers is trending to the positive and we hope to see them on the sidelines again soon. Along these same lines, we are preparing to visit next month those of our Craft (and others) who reside at The Masonic Home. As you know, we are ardent supporters of this place, and it even houses one of our members, W.: Ted Woodbury. So please consider joining us on 16 March as we go and visit.

As we ponder the plight of aging, we realize that there is no time like the present and we should make the most of it. Along those lines, we are hoping to plan some opportunities for fellowship in the coming months. In addition to the traditional meals, we are thinking of adding some fun activities. Perhaps an afternoon of bowling (and beer?), or some time at the shooting range might make for some good bonding and perhaps some friendly competition. Should you have any input it is, as always, welcomed!

Brothers, I look forward to spending time with you in the coming months at these important events. The Craft can only grow if we stand together and support one another and this great Fraternity.

*In Harmony, W.: M.: Anthony*

### From the West

Brethren,

This month has seen some significant events. The Budget Committee conducted the annual review and found the lodge in a healthy financial state thanks to the competence and enthusiasm of our Secretary and Treasurer.

A few of our members attended Palm Bay Lodge's annual Trap Shoot and gun raffle. It was a great day of fellowship and fun and included a chili cook off and the raffle. It appeared to be a success for the Palm Bay Lodge and might be a charity event we should consider planning with advice and support from Palm Bay Lodge.

We continue to practice for the upcoming Master Mason Degree, but still need selected participants for both the first and second sections. Please consider visiting the Lodge, at 6:00 PM, on any Wednesday, except the first, to observe and consider supporting this important Lodge activity. At a recent lunch meeting, for a group of my friends, I met a visitor, who turned out to be a former member of Lodge #143. He frequently visits this area and will be attending our Lodge on future occasions. This meeting made me realize that many of us may have friends who are still Masons or who would like to return to the Masons. Don't pass up an opportunity to invite potential or returning members to join us.

Fraternally,  
Wally Jones, Senior Warden

### From the South

Hello to all our brothers, family, and friends.

**DEGREE! DEGREE! DEGREE!**

Saturday, March 23rd at 9am is our first degree of 2024 and will be our Master Mason Degree. The brothers to receive this privilege will be the Brothers Andrew Bambrick, Michael Marks, Jonathan Pitt, and Frank Radford.

We do expect a large attendance and would like to see our lodge well represented. Our degree team has been practicing extremely hard and will give all we can to make this a great degree.

Our dinner for March 4 will be chicken with sides. Dinner for March 18th will be meatloaf with chive mashed potatoes, green bean almondine, Waldorf salad, and dessert.

Lodge breakfast will be Saturday March 9th from 8am to 10am. Richard Earls PM will be serving his famous giant, wonderful breakfast. Please try to come and bring the whole family.

CLOCKS: Remember to set your clocks for daylight savings time beginning 2a.m. on March 10th Sunday night. Before going to bed be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead. If you do this at 9pm set the clock to 10pm.

I would like to give a large Thank you to Roger Sigman PM for the installation of a new fixture for the men's room. It was a long wait for it to be shipped, but now it is up and running.

Fraternally,  
Ernie Quick, JW

# March 2024

Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Masters &amp; Wardens</u> <u>Harbor City 318</u> <u>Breakfast 8:00 AM</u> <u>Begins 9:00 AM</u>
3	4 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	5	6 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u>	7	8	9
10	11	12 <u>Fellow Craft Dinner</u> <u>6:30 p.m. at Tely's</u> <u>Chinese Restaurant</u>	13 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	14	15	16
17	18 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	19	20 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	28	29	30

## Charity

The Worshipful Master has requested that we all consider charities the Lodge would care to support this year. Please share your ideas with your Brothers so that we can come up with some plans.

Remember that actions are often more beneficial than monetary contributions, so don't overlook an activity that we might be able to put some effort into.

At the opening meeting of the year, the WM suggested that he would like to move towards a monthly schedule, so there will be ample opportunities for your ideas.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

The Editor



## Masonic History and Esoterica

The word token is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *tacn*, which means a sign, presage, type, or representation, that which points out something; and this is traced to *toecan*, to teach, show, or instruct, because by a token we show or instruct others as to what we are.

In Masonry, the grip of recognition is called a token because it is an outward sign of the covenant of friendship and fellowship entered into between the members of the Fraternity, and is considered as a memorial of that covenant, which was made, when it was first received by candidate, between him and the Order into which he was initiated.

*An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences - 1921 edition*

*"Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound." - Albert Pike, Preface to Morals and Dogma (Original Edition)*



## From our Secretary

### Text Messaging Starting Soon

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Should the Secretary not have your cell phone number you can contact him to add yourself to the text distribution list.

### Little League Sponsorship

We voted at our February 19th Stated Communication to sponsor a Little League team with the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association. This sponsorship is by donations only and we have raised \$270 of our goal of \$400. Please contribute if you can by remembering March is Masonic Youth Month.

### Fellow Craft Dinner

March Fellow Craft Dinner will be on Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m. at Tely's Chinese Restaurant, 6450 North Wickham RD, #111, Melbourne, FL 32940.

Tely's has a Google Rating of 4.5 stars.

Please RSVP to Secretary Barker (321-403-5651) to give Tely's a headcount.

Fraternally,  
Secretary Ron Barker, P.M.