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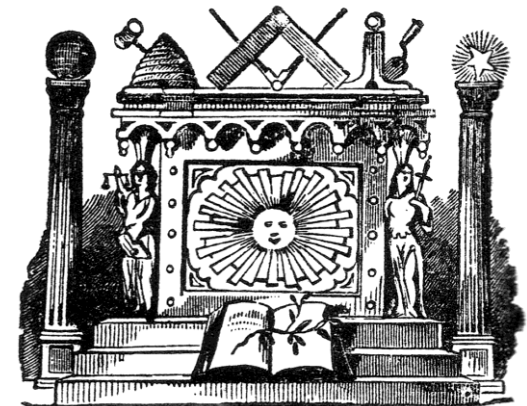
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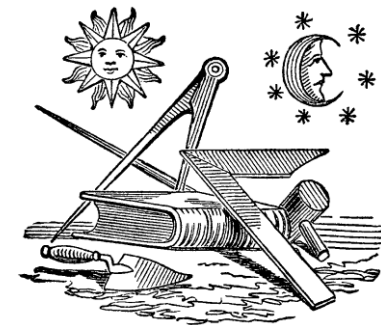
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### From the East

**Pre-Lodge Meals:** The price of Pre-Lodge Meals will be increasing to \$10,00 at the first Monthly Meeting. This will be a full dinner as usual. The Pre-Lodge Meal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly meeting will be \$7.00 per person. This will be a light meal like Pizza, Cold Cut Sandwiches, etc. Starting March 2023, the Junior Warden will be announcing the Menus for these meals.

**Charities:** The officers have given support to providing 4 charitable contributions per year at larger amounts and participating at activities such as serving at Daily Bread and others to get Melbourne Lodge in the public. Our charity this quarter will be Brevard Association for the Blind.

**Masonic recruitment and mason return to the lodge:** Officers are addressing this, but we will need your assistance. Please attend the Officers meeting on March 8 at 6:30PM.

#### **Fellowship Dinners & Covered Dish Socials:**

Fellowship dinners - The first fellow ship dinner was held Beef O Brady's on February 13, 2023. It was a light attendance, but the food was good, and we had good conversations.

Fellowship Covered Dish Social will be held on March 13 at 6:30PM at the Lodge. The lodge will supply the main course (Spiral Ham), rolls and drinks. Please contact the J.W. with your covered dish you will be bringing. We currently have 1 covered dish. We need more.

We are always looking for speakers. This makes our meetings interesting.

Fraternally,  
Ron Lentz, Worshipful Master

### From the West

I anticipate that this year many of my articles will relate to the same topic as it is one of my passions.

If you couldn't tell my passion, is our rituals. The floorwork, the exact wording, helping Brothers who wish to become more proficient in any area of our ceremonies they choose and at the same time working on my own proficiencies.

I bring this up *again* because we have an Entered Apprentice degree coming up on March 20<sup>th</sup> and I would like to involve all that would like to take part in the degree. We have plenty of time to brush up on any part you are interested in if you wish and if you're interested in a completely different part, we can probably get you ready for that in time too.

All are welcome at practice and extras are strongly encouraged to attend. It makes a huge difference if our Senior Deacon and conductors actually have a candidate to conduct.

Although we strive towards perfection, I have never met a Brother who achieved it and probably never will. If we can learn a single new word, or remember a trickier movement then that session was a success.

Recently many of us had a debate on a single word of the Master Mason Degree and we had to wait for open books to settle the debate. I was incorrect by the way even though I was so certain I had learned it correctly, but I can tell you this... By focusing on this particular word... I doubt I will ever forget it now!

Fraternally,  
Craig Boettcher, Senior Warden

### From the South

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that traces its roots back to the late 16th century and has been involved in a number of historic events. Here are a few significant Freemason events that took place in March:

1. The formation of the first Grand Lodge of Freemasonry: On March 25th, 1717, four London lodges came together to form the first Grand Lodge of Freemasonry. This marked a significant turning point in the organization's history, as it brought about greater standardization and organization within the fraternity.
2. The death of George Washington: George Washington, one of the most famous Freemasons in history, passed away on December 14th, 1799. However, it wasn't until March 14th, 1800, that his funeral was held at Mount Vernon.
3. : On March 6th, 1761, the first Masonic temple in America was consecrated in Boston, Massachusetts. The building, which was known as the Green Dragon Tavern, served as a meeting place for many of the founding fathers of the United States, including Paul Revere, who was also a prominent Freemason.
4. The establishment of the Scottish Rite: On March 11th, 1801, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was established in Charleston, South Carolina.

These are just a few examples of the significant events in Freemasonry that have taken place in the month of March. The organization continues to thrive and evolve and I'm proud to be a part of this tradition.

Fraternally,  
Dino De Rosa, Junior Warden

# March 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00PM</u>	2	3	4 <u>Master and Wardens</u> <u>Merritt Island Lodge</u> <u>Breakfast 8:AM</u> <u>Meeting 8:30 AM</u>
5	6 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Catered Dinner</u> <u>6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	7	8 <u>Lodge Officers</u> <u>Meeting at 6:30PM at</u> <u>the Lodge. All</u> <u>masons are welcome</u>	9	10	11
12	13 <u>Fellowship Covered</u> <u>Dish Dinner</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <u>Called</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>EA Degree</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM;</u> <u>Meeting 7:30PM</u>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	