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W.: Ted Woodbury, Past Master of Melbourne
Lodge 1995 and Palm Bay Lodge 2003,
passed away peacefully on June 30, 2025,

There will be a Memorial Service at Azan
Shrine Center on Saturday October 11th at
1:00 PM.



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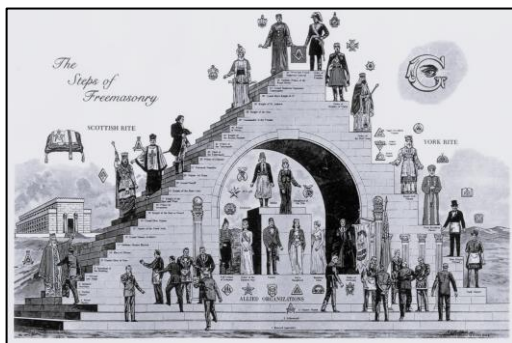
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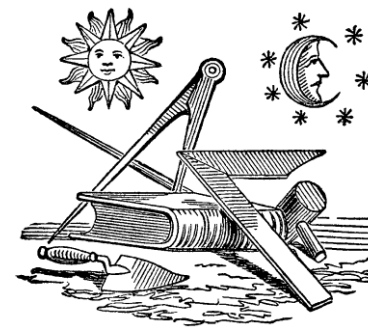
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- Brush up on your Catechisms
- Qualify for Proficiency Cards

ALL MASTER MASONS ARE INVITED

LODGE MEETINGS 17th MASONIC DISTRICT

Melbourne No. 143	1st & 3rd Mondays
Merritt Island No. 353	1st & 3rd Mondays
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	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children, commonly known as Shriners Children's, is a network of non-profit children's hospitals and other pediatric medical facilities across North America. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay..

From the East

"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal." -Brother Albert Pike

Brethren,

The opening quote comes from our well published Masonic Brother Albert Pike and highlights the importance of the many opportunities we enjoy improving the lot of others. Our fraternity is a gateway to so many other charitable appendant bodies and I encourage you to consider participation in charitable groups beyond, but appendant to, your Lodge.

Our Lodge reopened after the Summer break, with our DDGM Official Visit, September 15th. The Melbourne Lodge #143 DDGM Official Visit was well attended and went well. It was a homecoming for our Lodge Brother and Past Master, R:W: Craig Boettcher. Additionally, a group of our Brothers attended and participated in the DDGM Official Visit to Beach Lodge #354. We currently have plans to join with Beach Lodge #354 and Palm Bay Lodge #397 for a Trunk or Treat Event on October 30th, in the Melbourne Lodge #143 parking lot. These events involve Halloween style dress and distributing candy to children in the parking lot, a somewhat safer alternative to roaming dark streets. Please participate.

The October Family Night will be held at Crystal's Asian Buffet, 3160 W. New Haven, Melbourne, October 13th at 6:30 PM.

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From the West

Greetings and cheers my Brothers, families, and friends.

September was a very good month. We had four Grand Masters Official visits, one of which was our very own. There was a large turn out with Brothers from most of our Lodges in our district, and around twelve from our Grand Lodge. The dinner was fantastic. The Tyled meetings was very informative, and the Grand Master enjoys closing the Lodge in his own special ample form.

There is going to be a 100 Masons Kilt night on the ninth of October at Landmark Lodge No. 383. Located at 720 N. Apache Circle in Deltona. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to wear their kilts; however, the event is to try to have 100 Masons. I plan on going so if anyone would like to ride along, please let me know at 321-243-6479.

On Saturday October 18 there is the Fort Clinch degree. The Confederate forces seized the fort in early 1861 and Master Masons from both sides met and held meetings inside the fort. The Degree team confers the Master Mason Degree in Civil War attire and please feel free to wear yours. Dinner is from 3-5p.m., at Amelia Lodge No.47 located at 1101 S. 14th Street Fernandina Beach Fl. and after dinner all Brothers meet at the Fort Clinch located a few miles away at 2601 Atlantic Ave, Fernandina Beach Fl. Inform the guard at the gate that you are there for the Masonic Degree and you will not be charged for entrance. I also plan to attend this event, and I have room for 2 passengers, please let me know if you would like to attend.

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From the South

Brothers,

I'd first like to congratulate R:W: Boettcher for hosting an incredible GMOV at the end of September. It was a truly beautiful evening filled with great fellowship. As we head into the month of October and with cooler weather on the horizon, we will be bringing classic comfort food, soup, and more to your plate. You won't want to miss any of these dinners and Stated Communications! Below are the menus for the month of October:

Monday, October 6th: Korean Dinner and Stated Communication

- Bibimbap: Traditional Korean Rice Bowl with stir fried savory bulgogi beef, kimchi, assorted pickled vegetables, stir fried vegetables, and a marinated soft-boiled egg.
- Soybean sprout soup: A light and refreshing soup with a savory broth, soybeans, and tofu.

Monday, October 20th: Melbourne Fried Chicken Dinner and Stated Communication

- MFC bowl: Just like KFC, but better; mashed potatoes topped with sauteed corn, pickle-brined fried chicken, and gravy.
- Southern style collard greens
- Buttermilk biscuits

The commitment to beautifying our lodge continues; we only have a few more projects that need to be completed, and we will tackle these improvements at the next lodge workday. Below are important dates some important dates that I would like to highlight:

October 2025

Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.
Lodge Charity is Shriner's Children's Hospital

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u>	2	3	4 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>9am – 10am</u> <u>Beach Lodge No. 354</u>
5	6 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	7	8 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	9	10	11
12	13 <u>Family Night</u> <u>Crystal's Asian</u> <u>Buffet, 3160 W. New</u> <u>Haven, Melbourne</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	14	15 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	16	17	18
19	20 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	21	22 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	23 <u>South Brevard</u> <u>Scottish Rite Club</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	24	25
26	27	28	29 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	30 <u>Trunk or Treat</u>	31	

From the East (continued)

Our Lodge returned to our regular schedule at our September 15th Sated Communication with a DDGM Official Visit.

Our October Charity is Shriner's Children's Hospitals.

We continue to hold our Wednesday degree practices. We are preparing for a Master Mason Degree (date TBD) and an Entered Apprentice Degree, October 27th. All brothers are welcome, whether they intend to participate in the degrees or not. There is a wealth of Masonic knowledge at all our Wednesday practices.

As always one of our core duties is to encourage the growth of the craft through recruitment of good men, who will benefit and grow from association with our fraternity. When out and about wear some Masonic emblem and always take time to answer any questions from potential brothers.

Fraternally,
W.: M.: Wally Jones

From the West (continued)

I hope everyone has a chance to visit us at our Lodge on one of the fun degrees. Have a safe month.

Ernie Quick
S.W.



Masonic Philosophy

Brethren, a video "Why is the Number 3 so Terrifying?" examines the profound meaning of the number three as a universal and sometimes ominous force. Across all cultures and ages, it appears as a code representing totality, balance (mind, body, spirit), and the structure of time (past, present, and future).

This number is not merely a symbol; it is suggested to be a fundamental law that dictates existence. We see this in science (thesis, antithesis, synthesis) and in the foundational power of creation, which always requires three points for completion.

In mythology, the triad is the pillar of destiny. The Greek Fates and Norse Norns are examples of three powerful beings who control the very thread of life. In the dark corners of belief, three acts as a trigger. This is why the hour of 3:00 a.m. is feared as the "Witching Hour," when the veil is thinnest. Furthermore, to invoke a power, it must be done thrice, as with old curses or calling Bloody Mary, signifying the door has been unlocked.

Whether in ancient belief or modern folklore (e.g., where deaths arrive in threes or the third wish is the decisive trap) the pattern holds. The number three is the ultimate point of structure, serving as: "one to begin, one to build, and one to break".



From the South (continued)

- Grounds Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 9 at 6pm
- Lodge Work Day: Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10am–1pm

If you have any additional improvements or ideas for beautifying our lodge, please join us on October 9th!

Fraternally,

J.:W.: Stephen D. Butalla

Scottish Rite Ambassador

Jamie Hamilton has been appointed as the Scottish Rite Ambassador for Melbourne Lodge No. 143. If any brother has questions about Scottish Rite please speak with Jamie at a Lodge meetings or contact him at 205.447.3996.



District 17 News

**17th Masonic District
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