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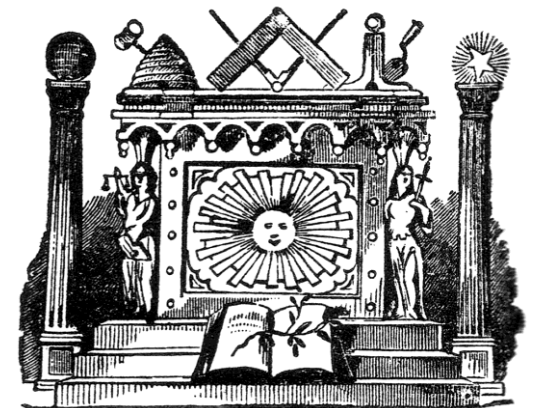
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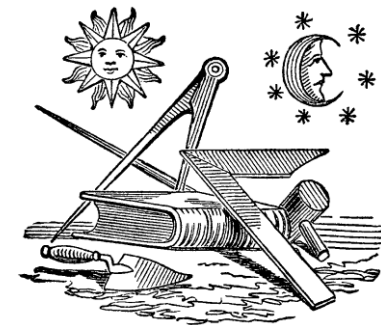
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From the East

Our January 16th meeting was a Pizza Round Table to get feedback from the craft for activities for 2023. The summary of the results are as follows:

Meetings: The lodge will not be going dark this year.

- The first Monday of the Month will be our business meeting as usual.
- The second meeting will be used as an enrichment meeting.

Pre-Lodge Meals: The price of Pre-Lodge Meals will be increasing to between \$10,00 to \$15.00 per person.

Charities: The concept is to make 4 charitable contributions per year at larger amounts and participation activities. such as serving at Daily Bread and others to get Melbourne Lodge in the public to perform public service.

Masonic recruitment and mason return to the lodge: The officers will address this and come up with a plan for the craft to approve and assist.

Fellowship Dinners & Covered Dish Socials:

- Fellowship dinners will be held every other month starting February 2023 at a local restaurant.
- Covered Dish Social will be held every other month starting March 2023.

RSVP me at rlentz291@gmail.com if you wish to attend the Feb. 13th fellowship dinner.

Ron Lentz
Worshipful Master
Melbourne Lodge No. 143 F&AM

From the West

I would like to thank all that came out to our informal 2nd meeting in our dining hall and weighed in on some of W.: M.: Ron's ideas for the year. Your input and suggestions are critical to making this year the best that it can be.

Every Wednesday at 6pm (with the exception of the 1st Wednesday of each month) we get together to work on our ceremonies. If you have a specific thing you would like to work on, please feel free to join us. Currently we are working on the Master Mason lecture.

Want to be Jubela in our next Master Mason degree or Senior Deacon in our Fellowcraft Degree? We can help with that.

The first Wednesday of every month from 6pm-9pm we are at Harbor City Lodge No. 318 located at: 1715 Avocado Ave, Melbourne, FL 32935 for open books. This is where we can look at any of the above topics, written out in plain English to confirm or correct any questions we may have.

Lastly, in our informal meeting, we talked about travelling the district and visiting other Lodges for Degrees and encouraging them to visit ours. The best way to learn of Degrees and special events, is by attending Masters and Wardens. Masters and Wardens is hosted by a different Lodge in the district on the 1st Saturday of each Month. Breakfast is at 8am and the meeting is at 9am and usually lasts about one hour. The first Masters and Wardens, February 4th, and will be hosted by our Lodge as our very own W.: Richard Earls PM is the President of the 2023 Masters and Wardens. Let's all get together to show our support!

Fraternally,
Craig Boettcher

From the South

I hope everyone is settling into the new year comfortably. February is a short but important month in the history of Freemasonry. For example, on February 19, 1811, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was formed in Washington D. C. Some of the other notable events that took place in February are:

- Feb. 7, 1981 – The Grand Lodge of Alaska was organized.
- Feb. 8, 1909 – Harry S. Truman received his first degree in Belton Lodge #140, Missouri.
- Feb. 11, 1988 – The Grand Master of DC presented President Ronald Reagan with a certificate of honorary membership into the Scottish Rite and Shrine.
- Feb. 18, 1909, President Taft received his 1st degree in Kilwinning Lodge #356, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Feb. 23, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 2nd Degree.

As I settle into the position of Junior Warden of the South, I look forward to making some of our own history right here in Melbourne Lodge #143. I also look forward to hearing some feedback from the brethren and other lodge officers regarding ways to improve the lodge and/or our activities. Thank you all for your faith and trust, I look forward to seeing you at lodge.

Fraternally,
Dino De Rosa, Junior Warden

February 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>Masters' and</u> <u>Wardens"</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>143 Breakfast</u> <u>8:00AM</u> <u>Meeting 8:30AM</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 Dinner at</u> <u>6:30PM at Beef O</u> <u>Brady's - 3030 Lake</u> <u>Washington Road,</u> <u>Melbourne, FL</u>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM;</u> <u>Meeting 7:30PM</u>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				