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OPEN BOOKS

First Wednesdays 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Harbor City Lodge No. 318, F. & A. M.

- Check letters in the Red Book
- Learn a Lecture
- Learn How to Open & Close Lodge
- Brush up on your Catechisms
- Qualify for Proficiency Cards

ALL MASTER MASONS ARE INVITED

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please honor and remember Brother Rich McIntosh. Rich was a Thirteen-Year member of Melbourne Lodge. He served in the U.S. Army for four years and was a Forty-Year Trucker. Bro. Rich is survived by his spouse Debra.



STUDYING FOR DEGREES

Please support our Enter Apprentices:

- Timothy Joseph Clifford
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17th DISTRICT LODGE MEETINGS

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 Thursdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The Brethren are respectfully requested to keep the following in their prayers and in the exercise of Brotherly love:

Mrs. Cindy Gholston, wife of W.: Kevin Gholston, PM, continues her recovery.

Brother Dave Search, who is facing continuing health concerns.

Mrs. Dolores Levey, wife of W.: Harry Levey, PM, as she continues to contend with serious health challenges.

Megan McCabe, wife of Brother Robert McCabe, as she recovers from recent medical complications.

Brother Tom Hamilton and family, in sympathy following the unexpected passing of his significant other.

May the Great Architect of the Universe extend His comfort, strength, and healing mercies to each of these individuals and their families.

DISTRICT 17 COMMITTEEMEN

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From the East

Welcome Home to all my Brothers, family and friends,

The children are back in school, Labor Day has passed, and it is about time to return to our Lodge.

First, let's review some of the things we have started or completed while our Lodge was dark:

1. We have painted our dining room a nice colonial color.
2. We have removed the recognition plaques and most posters from the Tyler's room.
3. We are planning to re-do the floor in the Tyler's room.
4. We have replaced the sign-in table and have added a few decorative items.
5. The sign-in table that was in the foyer has been moved to the dining room alcove area and is now being used for coffee service and storage.
6. We have added a stand-up drawer storage system in our preparation room.

We had four Brothers stand their proficiency for the E.A. Degree. They all passed with a unanimous "YES"!

On the 29th we had our Official Grand Master's visit. The first part of the day was a casual open forum meeting followed by a formal dinner at 6 PM at Azan Shriners. It was a fantastic day.

Now for September, September 5th, Masters and Wardens Association meeting will be held at Brevard Lodge No. 113.

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From the West

My Brothers,

I hope you all had a great summer break. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next Stated Communications on Monday, September 21, 2026!

We are conducting a brief, completely anonymous member survey to better understand the experiences, priorities, and perspectives of our Brothers. I strongly encourage every Brother to take a few minutes to participate and make his voice heard. As a thank-you, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a **\$50 Amazon gift card**. Your feedback will help guide future decisions and strengthen Melbourne Lodge No. 143. Please use the following link to participate: <https://forms.gle/booEkRegJqyBnn9C7>.

As a reminder, we have the Grand Master's Official Visit (GMOV) on Saturday, August 29, 2026. We will meet for the morning session at Indian River Lodge No. 90 (19 N Washington Ave, Titusville, FL 32796) from 8:00–10:30 a.m., and again for the evening session at Azan Shrine (1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935) from 5:00–7:30 p.m. If you've never attended a GMOV, I encourage you to join us for a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and brotherly love!

Important Dates — September 2026

Degree Practice

- Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026: OPEN BOOKS at Harbor City Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, September 9th, 2026: FC + DDGM Visit practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, September 16th, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm

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From the South

Brethren,

Welcome back from summer break! I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to get back into the swing of things with the Lodge. We have had great workdays thus far and a few more for the year.

Our team has been working with some of the brethren to get some of the Lodge areas painted; we are considering painting on the 12th of September or the 19th. We can set up a workday for October as well on one of the Saturdays TBD, and this will help us accomplish a few more items.

We will have some interesting and simple Masonic education questions that may be tricky; the first 2 correct answers will be given a dinner ticket for the next meeting.

September 21, 2026, Dinner

- Smoked Brisket
- Corn casserole
- Green beans
- Dessert to be determined, something tasty
- Tea and coffee for beverages

Your Brother,
J.:W.: Jason Rich

September 2026

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lodge dark until Sep. 21 st .		1	2	3	4	5 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>Brevard No. 113</u> <u>8:00 AM Breakfast</u> <u>9:00 AM Meeting</u>
		6	7	8	9 <u>Ritual Practice and DDGM</u> <u>Visit at Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	10
		11	12	13	14	15
		16	17 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	18	19	20
		21 <u>Stated Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	22	23 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

From the East (continued)

Breakfast at 8AM, meeting at 9AM. Come and see what all District 17 Lodges are planning for September.

September 7th, Lodge Officers meeting, 6:30PM at our dining room. This is where we meet and discuss our plans for the month, which saves a lot of time at our regular Lodge meeting.

September 21st will be our first Stated Meeting since being dark.

The first item at this meeting will be Worshipful Bob Larsen's 65-year presentation award for his long and faithful service. We will also receive several petitions, and discuss our building insurance.

If you have any questions, concerns, or special needs, please feel free to call or text me (321 243-6479).

Your Brother,
W::M:: Ernie Quick



From the West (continued)

- Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, September 30th, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm

Cigar Night

- Saturday, September 26th at Executive Cigar Lounge at 4pm

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Stated Communications!

Fraternally,
S::W:: Stephen D. Butalla



Care to Contribute?

Do you have something to share with the Brethren? The Trestleboard awaits your contributions. Please send an email to the editor at mailjbh@gmail.com

