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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers
our Brothers in sickness and distress,
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- W.: Stuart Mapes, P.M. is under hospice care for brain cancer
- W.: Joe Leitz is home under care for Parkinson's disease
- R.:W.: Roger McKay has continuing health concerns
- W.: Harry Levey is being treated for nerve pain
- Dolores Levey, spouse of W.: Harry Levey has improved.
- Dan Wilder is having heart surgery.



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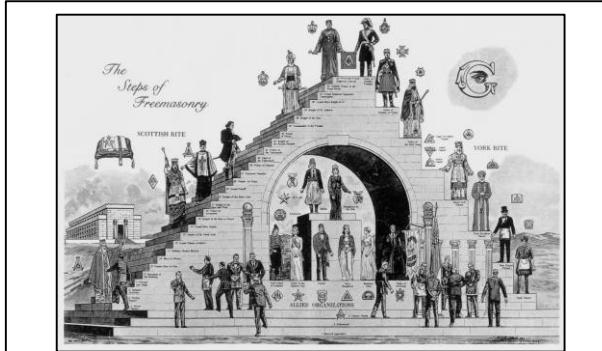
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LODGE MEETINGS 17th MASONIC DISTRICT

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



From the East
<p><i>"The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection."</i> -William Howard Taft</p>
<p>Brethren,</p>
<p>The opening quote comes from a long time Freemason and 27th President of the United States from 1909 to 1913. It highlights an important, in my opinion, aspect of being a Freemason. I consistently find that my Masonic Brothers are positively self-motivated and enthusiastic about most Lodge activities. Our members make our Lodges. It is truly heartening to be member of this group.</p>
<p>We were fortunate to host the Grand Master's Official Visit, as home lodge for our District DDGM. The Grandmaster's Official Visit went very well.</p>
<p>We currently have plans to join Palm Bay Lodge No. 397 for a Trunk or Treat Event on October 30th, in the Melbourne Lodge No. 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.</p>
<p>The November Family Night will be held at Skewer's Mediterranean Grille, 144 5th Avenue, Indialantic, November 10th at 6:30 PM.</p>
<p>Our November charity is Shriner's Children's Hospital Charities.</p>
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From the West
<p>Good morning to all Brothers, families, and friends.</p>
<p>November is a very special important month in masonry. At the first Stated Communication in November, all nominations for elected officers must be submitted to the Lodge Secretary before the gavel drops.</p>
<p>Also, the election of the Officers of the Lodge shall take place at the first Stated Communication in December of each year. Come out and support all the Brothers who will guide and strengthen our Lodge. Please get to know in person, and text, email, or regular mail, any ideas that you may think would help in any way.</p>
<p>November 27th is Thanksgiving. As always, let us prepare to spend time with family and friends as we can. Maybe reach out to a few relatives we have not been in touch with for a while to see if they might like to join your family for dinner and if you can also send out a few greeting cards.</p>
<p>Other Events:</p>
<p>On November 7th there will be a blind veterans lunch at AZAN Shriners Center located at 1591 Eau Gallie Boulevard, Melbourne at 1130 a.m. Come out and support our brave veterans</p>
<p>November 11th our Most Worshipful Grand Master Taleb Tali Atala will be attending Harbor City Lodge No. 318 for their Table Lodge located at 1715 Avocado Ave, Melbourne. Please RSVP to Brother John Allen at ijdog78@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Ernie Quick Senior Warden</p>

From the South
<p>Brothers,</p>
<p>It's incredible to see that we have already arrived to the month of November—it has been a pleasure serving you as Junior Warden and I'm looking forward to the few months we have left before beginning the next Masonic year! As always, we're serving up great food this month, including an elevated comfort food night and a Thanksgiving feast on the first and third Mondays, respectively. Please see the full menus below:</p>
<p>Monday, November 3rd: Stated Communication</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gourmet Grilled Cheese: A four cheese blend of gruyere, cheddar, provolone, and Parmigiano Reggiano. • Roasted tomato bisque: Homemade from scratch with fresh, vine-ripened tomatoes and assorted vegetables. • Rosemary Truffle Fries: Crispy French fries with rosemary, truffle oil, and a truffle aioli on the side.
<p>Monday, November 17th: Thanksgiving Feast and Stated Communication</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roasted turkey: Dry-brined bird roasted to perfection. • Mashed potatoes and gravy: Miranda's famous mashed potatoes with homemade gravy. • Grandma Butalla's famous stuffing: Homemade from the recipe she perfected. • Green bean casserole: A staple of the Thanksgiving dinner table (also homemade). • Cranberry sauce: The American classic served the best way (from the can!). • Pumpkin pie: An all-American classic.
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November 2025

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>Indian River</u> <u>Lodge No. 90</u> <u>8:00 AM Breakfast</u> <u>9:00 AM Meeting</u>
2	3 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	4	5 <u>Open Books Harbor</u> <u>City Lodge 6:00 to</u> <u>9:00PM</u>	6	7	8
9	10 <u>Family Night</u> <u>Skewer's</u> <u>Mediterranean</u> <u>Grille, 144 5th</u> <u>Avenue, Indialantic</u>	11	12 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	13	14	15
16	17 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	18	19 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	27	28	29

From the East (continued)

We will run a charity raffle for the holidays. The prizes will be two \$250 gift cards to Total Wine in Viera. Ticket donation will be \$10.00 each.

We continue to hold our Wednesday degree practices. We are preparing for 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

Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving!



From the South

On the horizon for our lodge grounds committee is our final workday of the year. I would like to thank all who have participated in the past workdays, and I encourage all of my brothers to come out to assist with the next one. We will decide a date at the next grounds committee meeting, which I list below:

- **Grounds committee meeting: November 13, 2025, at 6:30pm**

If you have any additional improvements or ideas for beautifying our lodge, please join us on November 13th!

Fraternally,

J.W.: Stephen D. Butalla



Appendant Bodies

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 meeting or contact him at 205.447.3996.



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