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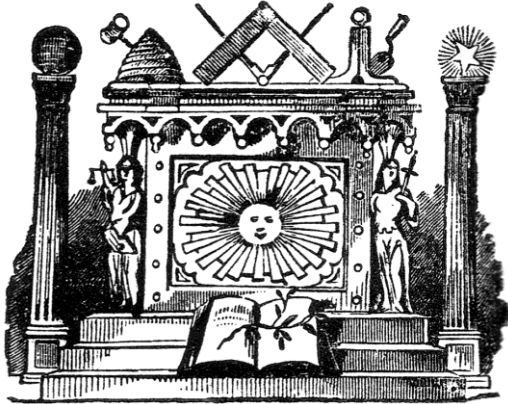
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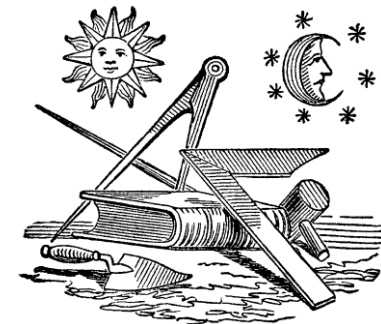
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Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
Beach No. 354	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

**The Lodge's charity for May is St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital**



### From the East

*Let your recreations be manful not sinful.*

Brothers All,

As I searched Brother Washington's *Rules of Civility* for something relating to leisure I couldn't find much. However, I think not only does that tell us much about him, so does the one I actually found. Brother Washington admonishes us to undertake 'manful' recreations, and, frankly, I'm not sure what those are! But I think this is an important lesson that we should *circumscribe our actions* while away from the Lodge. As we head into summer, it's important to recognize that we've been at labor for almost half the year already. Sounds like it's time to take a break. Along those lines, we'll be going 'gray' this year. We'll be keeping the first meetings of both June and July and then cancelling both in August. We wanted to be able to give you all an opportunity to keep one foot in the Lodge while still enjoying your Summer.

While we've been figuratively at labor for almost six months, many among us have been literally at labor. I'd like to take a moment to thank all the Brothers who make the Lodge run. Whether it's cooking for our hungry brethren, installing new AC units, doing odd service projects around the building or keeping the administrative tasks on point (looking at you, W: Barker!) the Lodge could not run without their dedication. I hope that, in the coming months, you'll have time to rest and recreate with your loved ones. Maybe don't worry so much if the recreations are *manful*, whatever that means!

In Harmony,  
W: M: Anthony

### From the West

Brethren,

I very much enjoy reading stories about the interaction of members of our fraternity, regardless of their individual stations in life. One of my recent finds is set in the early days of the American Civil War, and originated with the Zerubbabel Lodge #15, in Savannah. There was no mention whether Lodge #15 was the Lodge in the story. I have paraphrased the story for brevity.

Not long after Fort Sumter, Northern troops were dispatched to the Savannah area and established themselves on the North side of the mouth of the Savannah River. A short time after the North encampment was established a messenger with a white flag approached the Confederate area South of the river mouth. It seems that the Union troops had among them a young man who had been raised to the Fellow Craft degree, before their unit departed for the Southern deployment. The Northern messenger asked if there was a Lodge that would be willing to test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

There was such a Lodge, and they were preparing for a Master Mason degree event. A few days later a detachment of Southern cavalry crossed the river and made their way to the Northern encampment, near Hilton Head. They escorted one Northern Fellow Craft and some number of Northern Master Masons back through 35 miles of Northern and Southern defenses and to the Lodge. Records note that the Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree, and he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. That night another detail of Southern cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, escorted their Northern Brothers safely back to Hilton Head.  
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### From the South

Greetings to all our Brothers, Family, and Friends! Welcome to May. It is a wonderful time of the year, and as I just wrote this, I googled May Day Pole as it brought back memories of the mid 1950's where in Elementary school we had Maypole celebrations. This consisted of a small party and the Maypole dance. It is a great memory from seventy years ago. You may wish to google for more information. It might be a terrific way to have a family picnic. The first known use was in 1529.

Two new air conditioners were installed a couple of weeks ago. YEA! Thank you, W: Chris Gibbs, W: Ron Barker, and W: Mike Hampton, a job well done and much appreciated. It is a fantastic way to start our Summer off with new A/C.

The new district appointments have just been announced for 2024-2025, here are a couple. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master will be W: Craig Boettcher, several committeemen will also return to serve. Congratulations to all.

Our dinners for May will again be prepared by W: Chris Gibbs, who is doing an outstanding duty. Thank you so very much, Brother Chris.

Our dinner for May 6 will be chop steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, roasted carrots, rolls and poke cake. Dinner for May 20 will be Parmesan chicken, potatoes, peas, rolls and vanilla cake. We hope to see you at both meetings.

Fraternally,  
Ernie Quick, JW

# May 2024

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

The Lodge's charity for May is St. Jude's Children's Research 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 &amp; Wardens</u> <u>8am – 10am</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u>
5	6 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	7	8 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	9	10	11 <u>Lodge Breakfast</u> <u>8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u>
12	13 <u>Fellowship Dinner</u> <u>Theresa Caffish</u> <u>Place 2324 13th ST</u> <u>St. Cloud, FL 34769</u> <u>7:00PM</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 Opens 7:30PM</u>	21	22 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	30	31	

### Congratulations

Congratulations to raising stars in our Lodge!

❖ **Craig Boettcher**

For his appointment as next year's Right Honorable District Instructor.

❖ **Stephen Butalla**

For attaining his gold card in one year.

It is indeed an inspiration to witness the great efforts these brothers have contributed. We welcome all brothers to reach towards their goals and hone their talents in the Craft.

Good Work!

The Editor

### From the Secretary

If you plan on attending the Fellowship Dinner on May 13<sup>th</sup> please arrive there by 7:00 PM as the restaurant stops taking orders at 8:00 PM.

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### Masonic History and Esoterica

Circumambulation:

The name given by sacred archeologists to that religious rite in the ancient initiations which consisted in a formal procession around the altar or other holy and consecrated object.

A hymn of Callimachus has been preserved which is said to have been chanted by the priests of Apollo at Delos, while performing this ceremony of circumambulation, the substance of which is "we imitate the example of the sun, and follow its benevolent course,"

Circumambulation can be found in numerous rituals of cultures around the world including Ancient Greek, Hindu, and Druids.

*An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences - 1921 edition*

*"Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound." - Albert Pike, Preface to Morals and Dogma (Original Edition)*



### From the West (continued)

I am always proud to read such stories, where the brotherhood of our fraternity remains solid no matter the political and social challenges of their times.

As always, be proud to be a Mason; wear your ring, a pin and maybe a shirt, when out and about. Be always prepared to answer general questions, and invite interested parties to view our Lodge web page or visit the Lodge on the first or third Monday.

Fraternally,  
Wally Jones, Senior Warden

