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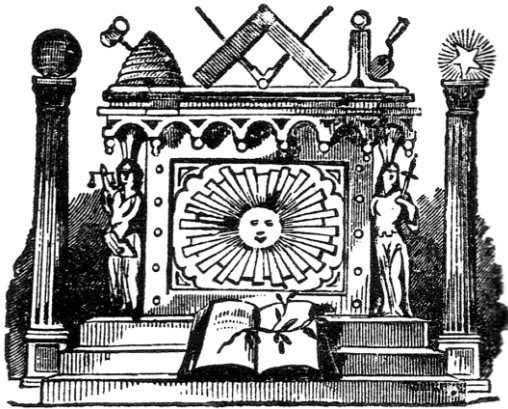
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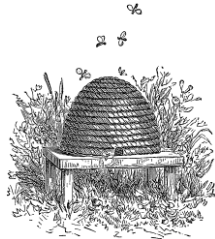
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**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Brevard Association of the  
 Blind**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Daily Bread**

**Gun Raffle Fund Raiser April to June  
 Challenge Coin Launch June 19, 2023**



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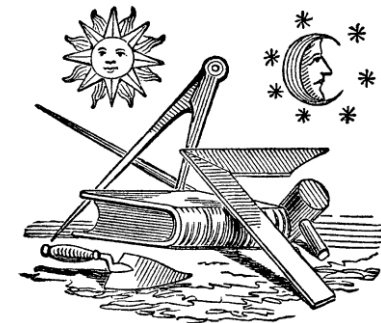
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**LODGE MEETINGS 17<sup>th</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT**

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



### From the East

From the East: activities review:

Monday, August 7, 2023, Stated Communication: Melbourne Lodge #143 visit by the District Deputy Grand Master. Many ideas were presented to increase our membership and the Grand Master's Dinner was addressed which will be held at the North Shrine on September 2, 2023. The event is sold out.

There will only be 1 Stated Communication in September to be held **MONDAY September 18, 2023**. The Stated Communication is cancelled on September 4, 2023, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Wednesday, **September 27, 2023**, A LODGE OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM AT THE LODGE. Everyone is invited. As we will be discussing the Officer line, anyone wanting to be an officer of the lodge should plan to attend.

**There will be no Fellowship Dinner in September.**

For you brothers that have not attended lodge meetings, we miss you. We are trying to make our meeting interesting while keeping the structure of lodge meetings. Please help us.

We are always looking for speakers. This not only makes our meetings interesting but gives us things to consider and enjoy. We would like to have a speaker for September, October, and November. Please contact me if you can help.

Fraternally,  
Ron Lentz WM

### From the West

Welcome to September!

We had an interesting August with our Brazilian Steak house family dinner... I for one am not one that can resist piles of different meat all cooked to perfection!

Also, the Cave Degree in TN came and went with FL performing the Degree at Union Lodge the Friday night prior. While I did not attend this year, I heard it was as spectacular as usual. Next year the Master Mason Degree in the Cave will be performed by FL and I encourage you if you have the time and ability this is an experience you absolutely should take advantage of!

Our first Official D.: D.:G.:M.: Visit went very well, and you all represented our Lodge very well! R.: H.: District Instructor Matt Greene is exploring putting together a district degree team. This year the degree they are judging is the first half of the Entered Apprentice Degree. If you are interested in being part of this or would just like to be at the practices, please let our DI know.

As always, we meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm except the first Wednesday of the Month. We are currently working on the Fellowcraft Degree as we will be having one in the near future. Please feel free to join us!

Fraternally,  
Craig Boettcher SW

### From the South

Brethren,

I have recently experienced something of such great impact that it has made me question my own motivations and rationalizations. It was one of those experiences wrought from bad decisions and hopeful thinking that I had to ask the question "who am I?". I believe that understanding oneself is an essential journey that holds particular significance for those in the Masonic tradition. The process of self-awareness and introspection holds the potential to transform a mason's personal growth, character, and contribution to society. By delving into the depths of one's own nature, a mason gains the tools to better understand and interact with the world around them.

Firstly, self-knowledge allows a mason to align actions with core values and principles. By recognizing their strengths, weaknesses, and motivations, they can make more informed decisions that reflect their true essence. This authenticity fosters integrity and sincerity, key virtues in Masonry, and empowers them to be a beacon of ethical behavior for others.

Secondly, self-awareness enhances interpersonal relationships. Understanding one's emotions and triggers enables a mason to communicate effectively, empathize genuinely, and resolve conflicts more gracefully, promoting harmonious interactions within the lodge and beyond, and fostering a sense of unity and fraternity. Recognizing limitations prompts masons to seek continuous self-improvement, driving them towards excellence in their craft and character. Such growth contributes to the overall vitality of the Masonic community and the betterment of society. (continued on page 5)

# September 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Master and Wardens</u> <u>Melbourne 143</u> <u>Breakfast 8:AM</u> <u>Meeting 8:30 AM</u>
3	4 <u>No meeting!</u> <u>Labor Day</u>	5	6 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 PM</u>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <u>Lodge Officers</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	28	29	30

### From the South (continued from page 3)

Lastly, self-awareness bolsters a mason's role in the broader world. Armed with a deep understanding of their own values and purpose, they can contribute more meaningfully to their communities. Whether through philanthropy, mentorship, or leadership, a mason who knows themselves can serve as a positive influence, inspiring others to embark on their own paths of self-discovery.

However, the path to self-discovery also necessitates discernment in selecting those whom a Mason chooses to assist. The values and intentions of individuals may not always align with the Masonic principles of virtue, brotherhood, and mutual support. Being indiscriminate in offering help can lead to exploitation or misdirection of goodwill. Hence, a Mason should exercise caution in determining whom to aid, ensuring that their assistance is directed towards individuals who are genuinely striving for self-improvement and ethical growth and not seeking to exploit you for personal gain.

I have learned that the pursuit of self-knowledge is not a selfish endeavor; it is a cornerstone of Masonic philosophy. A mason who knows themselves is equipped to lead a life of integrity, empathy, growth, and service. By embarking on this inward journey, they enrich their own lives and the lives of those they touch, leaving an indelible mark on the tapestry of Masonry and society at large.

Fraternally,  
Dino DeRosa JW

### Editor's Note

Brethren,

My wife Shannon and I greatly enjoyed the fellowship dinner last month. It is a pleasure to be part of an organization that is so sociable. On more than one occasion Shannon has commented to me about how cordial our Lodge is. I regret to say that this has not been the case with all Lodges I have been associated with.

It all comes down to one thing, good people. Proper decorum and practiced manners cannot hide a person's true nature indefinitely. A happy caring person will bring more light in this world.

Let's continue to attract good people and help them in their endeavors to become better men. I am humbled and grateful to be part of such a great organization.

Fraternally,  
Jamie Hamilton

### From You?

What do you think?

There has been some discussion about expanding the scope of this publication. Is there something of interest that you would care to share? Write it up and see it printed here?

Possible topics include:

- Masonic history
- Masonic philosophy
- Appendant Body activities
- ...?