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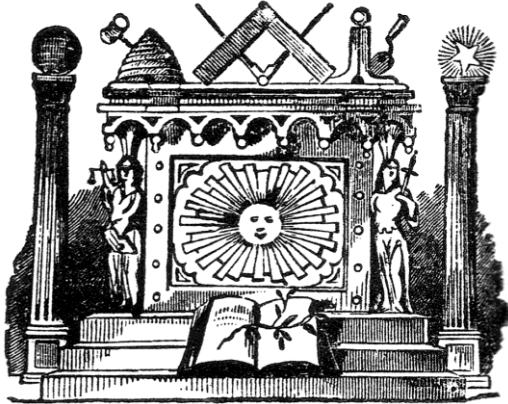
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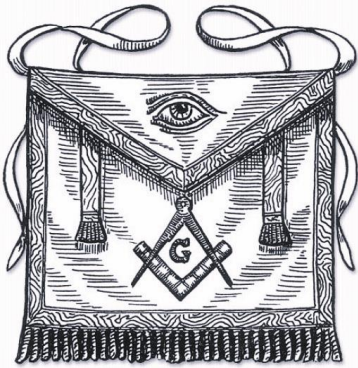
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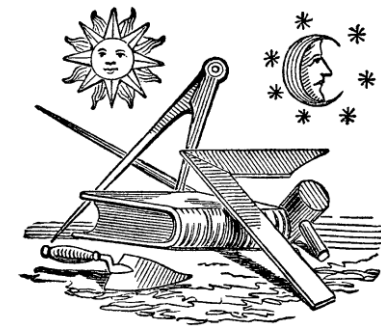
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Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
Beach No. 354	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



From the East

Let your Discourse with Men of Business be Short and Comprehensive.

Brothers All,

Brother Washington again brings us sound advice. What an incredible meeting we had in January to open the year. It truly felt good to sit with you in Lodge and speak of the year ahead. If you were unable to make it, know you were missed, and we look forward to your joining us again soon.

I will endeavor to ensure our meetings are productive, comprehensive and, dare I say, a bit fun. As we spoke about at our last meeting, as Masons we must support those who need our assistance. Therefore, I'd very much like your suggestions for worthy charities which have meaning to you personally to benefit from our generosity this year.

Also, it will be a priority this year to care for the Craft. The Officers and I will be looking at ways to improve the Lodge and the meeting experience. Through food, fellowship, and even physical improvements to the building we hope to rekindle everyone's excitement for those first and third Mondays.

Finally, I'd like you all to know that I am open to your suggestions. While I cannot promise we will be able to use every idea, I'd like to hear them. The Lodge is not the purview of just one Man, but of us all. I am eager to work with you and for you this year.

In Harmony,
W.: M.: Anthony

From the West

Brethren,

Our year is starting off well, with a pleasing attendance at the first stated communication of 2024. It was great to see members that have been absent for a while and especially those returning from "injured reserve."

Our Wednesday evening Masonic Training meetings are now preparing a Master Mason degree team, for the upcoming raising of our four recent Fellowcrafts to the sublime degree of Master Mason. There are positions not yet filled, specifically the Stewards, multiple conductors, and others. Many of these positions require few spoken lines, but some floorwork; I encourage you to attend and consider contributing to this Lodge activity. Please contact W.: Craig, Brother Ernie, or myself to discuss.

Sadly, Melbourne Lodge has performed multiple Masonic Funeral ceremonies since the end of December. I encourage your attendance at these ceremonies, as they are a fitting last rite for our brothers who are now Celestial Lodge members.

As practicing Freemasons, we should be aware of the strengths of the fraternity, and observant of those traits in our acquaintances. I encourage you to approach those who you think would be good candidates and invite them to our lodge for a familiarization. New candidates are the future of our fraternity.

Fraternally
Wally Jones, Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings to all my brothers, family, and friends,

We had a great first meeting and a wonderful dinner. A special Thank You to our Brother Eddie Smeen for sponsoring, preparing, and serving his magnificent home special meal and fantastic cake. A Thank You also to Jodie, Nancy, Vinny, Andy, and everyone that helped make this an incredibly special night.

Here are a couple of projects to start the new year. Brother Steven Buttalla has offered to lead a project to refurbish the bare rock planters in front of the lodge. We will then plant xeriscape.

Also, in working plans is to pressure wash the exterior walls.

We would be pleased to have as many brothers and non-brothers as possible to come out to assist. If you would like to join us to be a part of making our lodge look better and enjoy a day of friendship and a snack, please come. The day will be announced when we can predict favorable weather.

If you have any projects or other suggestions to improve our lodge, please email me at erniequick@ymail.com. If there is anything else I can help you with, please call 321-243-6479. I hope everyone will have a pleasant and Happy Valentines Day

Fraternally,
Ernie G. Quick, Junior Warden

February 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>Gateway 384</u> <u>Breakfast 8:00 AM</u> <u>Begins 9:00 AM</u>
4	5 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	6	7 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	29		

Charity

The Worshipful Master has requested that we all give consideration to charities the Lodge would care to support this year. Please share your ideas with your Brothers so that we can come up with some plans.

Remember that actions are often more beneficial than monetary contributions, so don't overlook an activity that we might be able to put some effort into.

At the previous meeting, the WM suggested that he would like to move towards a monthly schedule, so there will be ample opportunities for your ideas.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

The Editor



Masonic History and Esoterica

From *Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry* by Albert Pike's *Esoterica*:

Is the Cable-Tow a Symbol?

Cable-tow is a word not met with in the English language outside of Masonry. It is not treated or spoken as a symbol in Masonry; and the use to which in case of need it was, as I was told, intended to be put, divests it even of a semblance of a symbol.

In Hebrew, Khabel meant "a rope, cord, cable attached to an anchor; In Proverbs 23:34 and tu or to as a suffix meant "his."

In Ezekeil 18:12-16 and 23:15 and in Job 22:6 the same word, Khabel meant "binding", or "to bind as with a pledge."

And in Ezekiel 18:7, is the word Khabel tu, meaning his "pledge."

The length of one's Cable-tow "means therefore the scope and intent and spirit of one's pledge."

NOTE

With regards to the validity of the above information I would note that symbology and allegory are subjects open to individual interpretations. As Pike himself stated:

"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 our Secretary

The most urgent issue we have as Masons generally and Melbourne Lodge members particularly is one word. MEMBERSHIP. Last year we didn't not raise any Master Masons. We did have 10 Deaths and 9 Suspensions for NPD. To be a successful and viable it is important for us to raise 10 Master Masons each year. Membership is below 200 members and declining each year.

With that said, while we need members, it is important to bring quality men into our great Fraternity.

