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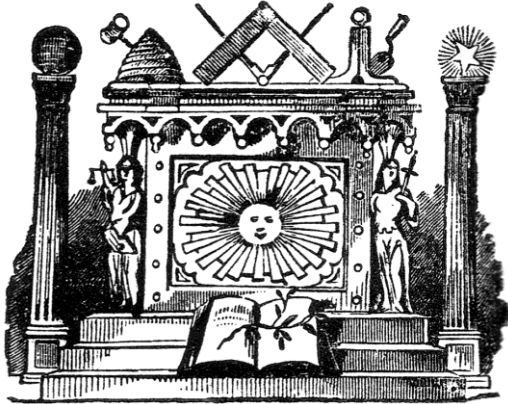
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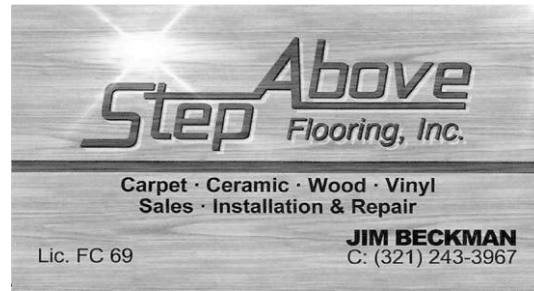
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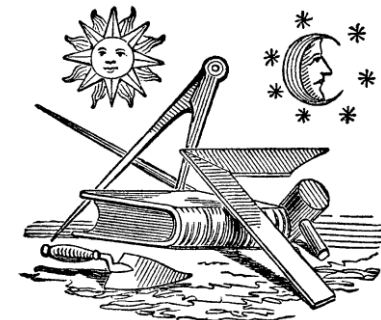
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LODGE MEETINGS 17th MASONIC DISTRICT

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	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 June is Sea Scouts. For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

From the East

Eat not in the Streets, nor in the House, out of Season.

Could Brother Washington be speaking of barbeques? Did our first President enjoy a good cookout? Maybe? Probably not, but I'm going to run with it.

As we enter the first month of our "going gray" I wanted to take a moment to send out some gratitude for your families. They are the ones that endure our absences as we head off to communications, other lodges, breakfasts, meetings, ceremonies, and the like. They didn't sign up for this, but they support our choice and love us for it. Doing the work of Masonry isn't always easy, but it does always pay off. *Making Good Men Better*, as we always say, is an end that certainly justifies the means.

So, what does this have to do with barbeques? Well, this is the perfect time to have some summer fun with those you love and who love you. Family, friends, pets, and anyone who is in your orbit deserves a show of gratitude for supporting you in your varied endeavors, whatever they be -- particularly in supporting your Masonic journey. So, spend this fun summertime with them. Eat outside the house (it's in season) and show them that you appreciate their sacrifices for you.

On another, somewhat related note, I just wanted to add my gratitude for you. While at this time of year the sidelines thin a bit, I'm always happy to see your smiling faces in the Lodge Room. I hope to see you during the summer, but if it is not to be then I say, "Happy summer! See you in the fall!"

In harmony, W.: M.: Anthony

From the West

Brethren,
This year's Grand Communication was attended by our Worshipful Master, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Secretary, Past Master Craig Boettcher and PDDGM Roger McKay and me. Worshipful Craig Boettcher was appointed our new District Instructor and Senior Deacon Steve Butalla was presented his Gold Card and 2nd Place in the lecture competition.

Worshipful Craig Boettcher, PM has been leading our Wednesday ritual study/practice group. R.: H.: Charles Hughes, PDI has been assisting as well. This has resulted in a fun learning time and a team of our Brothers that can well confer the three degrees. Brothers are welcome to attend these Wednesday evening sessions and learn more about conferring the degrees and associated floorwork.

I encourage our brothers, especially our newly raised brothers, to participate in these practices and degree ceremonies, while the events are still fresh in their minds. Our intention is to continue the Wednesday night sessions, when the Lodge is grey, in June and July and Dark in August.

Fraternally,
Wally Jones, Senior Warden

From the South

Hello to all our brothers, family, and friends.

We are quickly approaching the halfway point of 2024. Most of the schools will be closed by the time you read this. And suddenly: here is vacation time. YEA!

Our lodge will only have a meeting on the first Monday of June and July and none in August. The dinner for our June meeting will be Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, and peach cobbler.

Please Join us on June 3rd for dinner and afterwards the Master Mason Proficiency of Brothers Andrew Bambrick, Michael Marks, Jonathan Pitt, and Frank Radford..

District 17 had a great attendance for 195th Grand Lodge Communication. It was informative and there was lots of fellowship, and delicious food.

I am so thankful to be able to have helped W.: Ron Barker, W.: Richard Earls, and Vinny Spatoro with the pressure washing and trimming of the trees. Thank you to our Brothers for a fantastic job.

I hope everyone has a great summer vacation. Be safe, enjoy, and relax.

Fraternally,
Ernie Quick, JW

June 2024

Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.
The Lodge's charity for June is Sea Scouts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> 8am – 10am <u>Melbourne Lodge</u>
2	3 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	4	5 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	6	7	8 <u>Lodge Breakfast</u> <u>8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u>
9	10	11	12 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	20	21	22
23/30	24 <u>St. Johns' Day</u> <u>Fellowship Dinner</u> <u>Carrabba's</u> 1575 Palm Bay Road 6:30 PM	25	26 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	27	28	29

Masonic History and Esoterica

Light is an important word in the Masonic system. It conveys a far more recondite meaning than it is believed to possess by the generality of readers. It is in fact the first of all symbols presented to the neophyte of all the symbols presented to him in various modifications throughout all his future progress in his Masonic career. It does not simply mean, as might be supposed, truth or wisdom, but contains within itself a far more abstruse allusion to the very essence of Speculative Masonry and embraces within its capacious signification all the other symbols of the Order. Freemasons are emphatically called the "sons of light" because they are, or are at least entitled to be, in possession of the true meaning of the symbol; while the profane or uninitiated who have not received this knowledge are, by a parity of expression are said to be in darkness.

The connection of material light with this emblematic and mental illumination, was prominently exhibited in all the ancient systems of religion and esoteric mysteries.

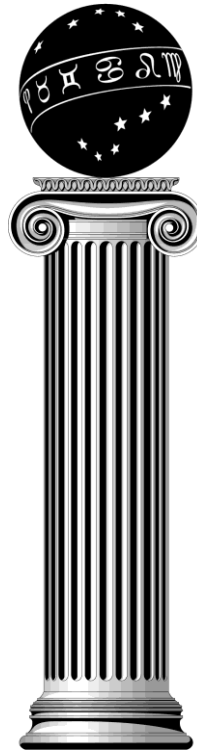
In fact, in all the ancient systems, this reverence for light, as an emblematic representation of the Eternal Principle of Good, is predominant. In the mysteries, the candidate passed, during the initiation, through scenes of utter darkness, and at length terminated his trials by an admission to the splendidly illuminated sacellum, where he was said to have attained pure and perfect light, and where he received the necessary instructions which were to invest with that knowledge of the Divine truth which had been the object of all his labors.

Masonic History and Esoterica (continued)

The preceding is an excerpt from *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences - 1921 edition*.

The remaining text goes to great detail of the concept of light as embraced by various ancient religious and philosophic traditions.

"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 Editor

The Lodge library has been recently overhauled and is available for all Master Masons to study at their pleasure.

Numerous duplicate copies of Masonic texts were given away and moldering and decrepit copies of Florida's Grand Lodge Digest were disposed of.

Organization of extant literature has begun. At present books are categorized into those books with general application to Masonry and to those with specific interest to the Scottish Rite.

The study of Masonic symbolism, allegory, and history has always been highly encouraged as a source of development in the Craft. Know that this library is a source for your studies.

