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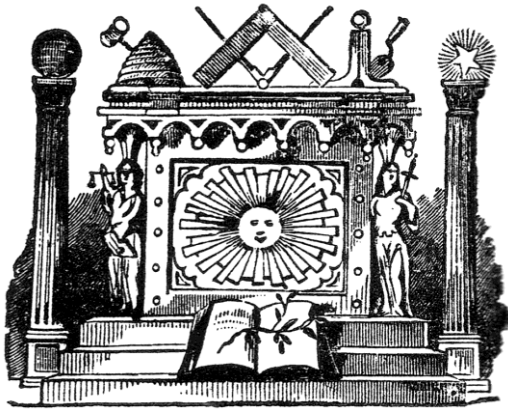
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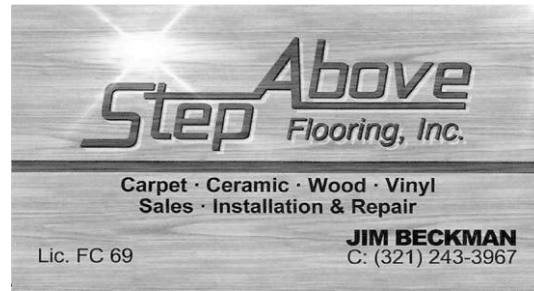
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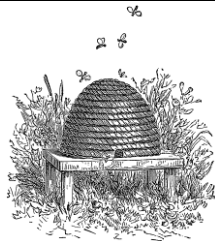
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**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

**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**



**OPEN BOOKS**

June 7th: 6:00PM – 9:00 PM

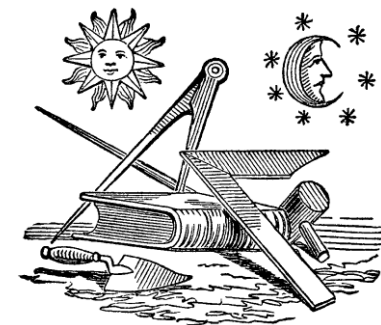
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**LODGE MEETINGS 17<sup>th</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT**

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



### From the East

#### Fund Raising & Charities:

Reminder, The Handgun Raffle winners will be selected at the Stated Communication of July 3, 2023.

The Challenge Coins will be available for purchase at the Stated Communication of July 3, 2023. Each Challenge Coin is \$20.00 with 100% of the funds going to our Quarterly Charity.

July 3, 2023, Stated Communication: A presentation will be made by Br Harry Levy on the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

On June 19, at the Called Communication 4 Brothers were initiated. It was a great degree and an excellent lecture by Br. Botella. Br. Ernie, Br. Botella and I will be sharing catechism duties.

#### Fellowship Dinners & Covered Dish Socials:

**Fellowship Breakfast.** On Saturday, July 15 we will hold a Breakfast at the lodge. Breakfast will start at 8:00AM. We look forward to seeing all of you.

**Make your plans to attend the Fellowship Dinner at the Brazilian Rodizio, ESTAMPA GAUCHA in the Melbourne Square Mall on AUGUST 14 AT 6:40PM. The restaurant is offering us a special price of \$31.95 per person including non-alcoholic drinks.**

There is only one meeting in July, however, we will have a practice session for the DDGM Visit on August 7. The Practice session will be Thursday, July 27 at 6:30PM at the lodge.

There will be no officers Meeting in July.  
Fraternally,  
Ron Lentz

### From the West

Brethren,

The year is halfway over. It seems like time has flown by!

I would like to congratulate our newly initiated Brothers and look forward to assisting in a long and luminous journey. I unfortunately was unable to be present at this Degree, but I heard great things and would like to thank all the Brothers for their hard work. We had Brothers step up and take on new roles and I would like to make a special note that this was Brother Stephen Butalla's first time delivering (of hopefully many) Lectures. and from the whisperings in the hall, it was simply amazing.

With many Brothers currently studying the Entered Apprentice Catechism, I would also like to thank the instructors for all their hard work, this takes a considerable amount of time and effort and is greatly appreciated! This also leads to the fact that we will have a Fellow Craft Degree in the near future. As I may have said a time or two before, PLEASE become involved, we need people to step up and take a role so that we can put on the best Degree possible. With this many Brothers to pass we will need quite a few conductors on top of the usual positions. If you would like to be part of the degree and/or learning any part please see me, we would love to have Brothers take on a new role!

As always, we meet every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of the Month), 6:30 PM at the Lodge for any additional practice wanted, feel free to join us.

Fraternally,  
Craig Boettcher SW

### From the South

Brethren,

This month, I want to bring your attention to a single significant event in Masonic history. But first, I want to extend my gratitude to all my brothers who have graciously assisted me in events over the last few months. I'm blessed to receive your support and I appreciate learning from the experience of others.

In July 1932, the George Washington Masonic Memorial was unveiled in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. This towering monument stands as a tribute to George Washington, the first President of the United States, and a prominent Freemason. Inspired by the ancient Pharos Lighthouse of Alexandria, Egypt, the memorial reaches a height of 333 feet, overlooking the Potomac River.

The unveiling ceremony drew Freemasons and distinguished guests from across the nation. The event, steeped in Masonic ritual and symbolism, emphasized the principles of brotherhood, wisdom, and charity.

Beyond its architectural magnificence, the memorial serves as a beacon, illuminating the enduring values of Freemasonry and their influence on George Washington's life. It stands as a reminder of integrity, equality, and the pursuit of knowledge. It fosters a sense of community and serves as a gathering place for commemorating historical events and engaging in philanthropic activities. By preserving George Washington's Masonic journey, it acts as a living testament to the ideals Freemasons strive to embody.

Fraternally,  
Dino De Rosa

# July 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <u>Master and Wardens</u> <u>Brevard Lodge 113</u> <u>Breakfast 8:AM</u> <u>Meeting 8:30 AM</u>
5	<b>3</b> <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b> <u>Fellowship Breakfast</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>8:00 AM</u>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	<b>27</b> <u>Practice for DDGM</u> <u>Visit</u> <u>6:00 PM</u>	28	29



Stated Communication June 5<sup>th</sup> with Brother Loren S. Debolt receiving a 40-year award and Brother Richard A. Hammond receiving a 50-year award.