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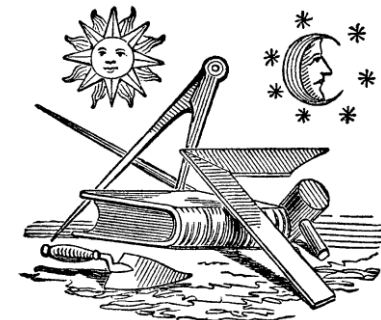
**First Wednesdays 6:00 to 9:00 PM  
 Harbor City Lodge No. 318, F. & A. M.**

- Check those letters in the Red Book
- Learn a Lecture
- Learn How to Open & Close Lodge
- Brush up on your Catechisms
- Qualify for Proficiency Cards

**ALL MASTER MASONS ARE INVITED**

**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



**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

November – St. Jude’s Research Hospital for Children

December – U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots



### From the East

*Speak not of doleful things in a time of mirth or at the table.*

Brothers All,

Bro.: Washington reminds us through his childhood writing exercise that we ought to join in the 'mirth' of an event. Indeed, I urge you to do the same this Thanksgiving. As we gather with our families to celebrate all that we are thankful for, take a moment and remember all this great Fraternity has offered you. On that day, I'm sure we'll all have something different in our hearts about the joys of Freemasonry, but something, nonetheless. I've said it often in these pages, that we all come to Masonry for different reasons, and we all take something different away, but the one thing we all have in common is that we are better for having been made a Mason.

This Thanksgiving I'll have some extra places in my heart for this past year. It's trials and tribulations have been a constant reminder of what I love about this Fraternity and why I'm glad to have found it. But more specifically I'll be thinking of W.: Ron who keeps this Lodge running like a top, W.: Chris and our other dedicated kitchen Team who cook fantastic meals, Our Past Masters (who know who they are) who have provided immeasurable support and wisdom to this Worshipful Master, Br.: Ernie who acts as our ambassador extraordinaire and ensures those in sickness and distress feel connection to the Craft, my Officers who have been ever dedicated to their duty, Br.: Jamie for working tirelessly to chase us down to write letters for the Trestleboard, and certainly not the least, YOU.

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### From the West

Brethren,

This month we are looking toward a significant period for our Lodge, with upcoming elections. There will also be appointive positions to fill, and I encourage any of our Lodge members interested in filling the appointive positions to make their desire known.

This month I recognize lesser known member of US Masonic history. Buffalo Bill Cody was born in LeClaire, Iowa, on February 26, 1846, but his family moved to Leavenworth, Kansas when he was still young. By age fourteen he already had a job as a rider for the Pony Express and joined the 9th Kansas Cavalry by the time he turned seventeen.

Three years later he married Louisa Frederici in St. Louis, but by then he was working as a scout providing buffalo meat for soldiers and railroad workers. That meant he was constantly on the move, but she had a lot of patience and managed to make the marriage work.

#### **Buffalo Bill in Masonry and on Stage**

At age 24 Buffalo Bill, as he was now known, became a Master Mason at Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in Nebraska. Buffalo Bill founded his Wild West Show in 1883 and became a household name. While enjoying this life, he went on in Masonry to work his way through Royal Arch and the other York Rite degrees, culminating in his being dubbed a Knight Templar. He followed that by joining the Shriners, then rising through the 32 degrees of Scottish Rite. Clearly he reveled in being a Mason in every way he could.

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### From the South

Greetings to our Brothers, family, and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone is enjoying our weather.

Remember that Daylight saving time ends Sunday November 3rd at 2:00 a.m. You should set your clocks to 1:00 a.m.

Open books is on the first Wednesday of each month at Harbor City Lodge from 6 to 9pm, all Master Masons are welcome. We have practice, study and answer or get answers to masonic questions.

The remaining Wednesdays of the month, we have practices and study at our Lodge. Come out and join us at either or all these events as we would enjoy having you. My Brothers, reach out to me with any suggestions on how we could make your lodge visits more enjoyable.

Dinner for November 4th will be Ham, rice, mixed vegetables, biscuits, and chocolate cake. On November 18th, our dinner will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls and dump cake.

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Your Brother,  
Ernie Quick Junior Warden

# November 2024

**Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.**  
 Lodge Charity is St. Jude's Research Hospital

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  <u>Masters &amp; Wardens</u> 8am – 10am <u>Indian River 90</u>
3	4  <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> DDGM Visit <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	5	6  <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u>	7	8	9  <u>Lodge Breakfast</u> <u>8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u>
10	11  <u>Fellowship Dinner</u> <u>Fiesta Azteca</u> <u>850 N. Wickham Rd.</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	12	13  <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	14	15	16
17	18  <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	19	20  <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	28	29	30



### From the East (continued)

As we all know, we meet on the level, and each participates within their ability and that special blend is what makes this organization work. Thank you all for your continued dedication to our Craft and thank you all for making this a truly memorable year of my life. I guess I'm starting to prepare for the 'big goodbye' next month, but I want to ensure you know how thankful I am for all of you.

There's an old saying that goes, "Gratitude turns what we have into enough." But if you don't mind, I'll likely still have a piece of pie on Turkey Day.

In Harmony,  
W.: M.: Anthony

### Esoterica

Freemasonry is "veiled and illustrated by symbols" because these are the surest ways by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and the mind that the initiate must take in Freemasonry but also with the heart.

Mind speaks to mind with spoken or written words. Heart speaks to heart with words which cannot be written or spoken. Those words are symbols; words which mean little to the indifferent, much to the understanding.

From *Introduction to Freemasonry*  
Carl H. Claudy © 1931, 1959

### From the West (continued)

#### Buffalo Bill's Masonic Funeral

After a long and active life, Buffalo Bill passed away on the 10th of January 1917. The Masonic funeral service that was held for him on Lookout Mountain in Colorado drew 15,000 people. That is believed to be the largest such service ever to be held in America.

Our Masonic and Degree practices, on each Wednesday at 6:00 PM, are open to Brother Masons wishing to learn or practice Masonic ritual work.

Fraternally,  
Wally Jones  
Senior Warden



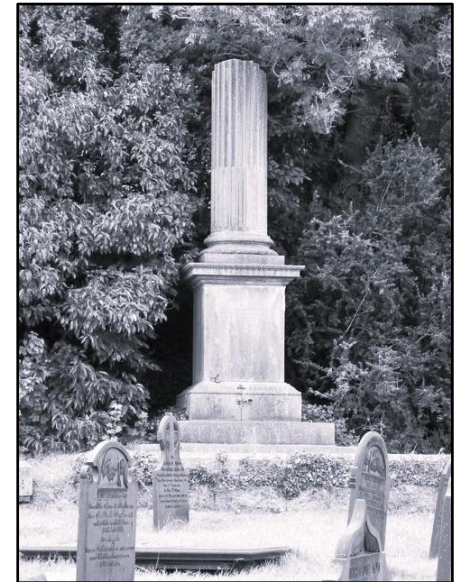
### Death Reported

Justin Lee Jett  
Entered Apprentice Melbourne Lodge  
1977 – 2024

Brother Jett died in a motorcycle accident on Saturday, October 19, 2024, just before midnight, in Melbourne, Florida.

Brother Jett has three surviving children ages 10, 13, and 23. His family has requested to use the Lodge for a memorial service and reception at a future date yet to be determined.

Memorial Service for Justin on Saturday, November 9th 10:00 a.m. at Melbourne Lodge.



### From the Treasurer

Melbourne Lodge 2024 MH-100 Challenge  
Treasurer, R.:W.: Kirk Hall has initiated the  
MH-100 Challenge / Masonic Home