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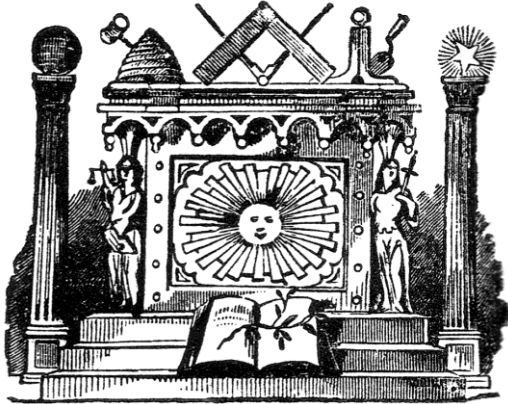
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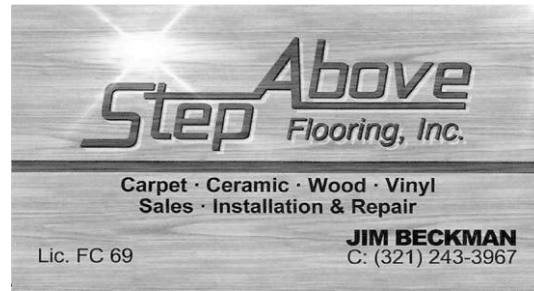
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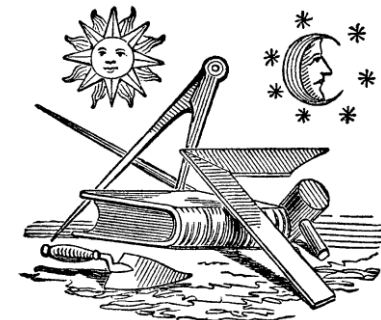
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| Palm Bay No. 397 | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays |
| Harbor City No. 318 | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays |
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LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE

The Lodge's charity for July 2024 is Melbourne Community Orchestra. MCO is a community orchestra whose goal is to bring joy to the community through music. Each performance is a tribute to this pursuit. The MCO is dedicated to supporting the arts and culture here in Melbourne both with free concerts and music education. MCO has served the City of Melbourne for over 30 years.

From the East

Be not immodest in urging your Friends to Discover a Secret.

Brothers All,

Brother Washington copied the words above long before coming to know the wonderful secrets belonging to the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and yet how apt that he did. As you all well know our Charter really only empowers us to do one thing-- make more Masons. Without growth in our ranks, we will grow stagnant. Adding new perspectives, ideas and philosophies to the Brethren will only serve to make us stronger together. So, while the advice above warns not to encourage others to figure out secrets I will challenge you all to do the opposite.

Do not be modest in urging your friends to discover the Secrets of Freemasonry. I will, of course, add the caveat that this should only be done by joining us and partaking in the Three Degrees appropriately and officially! We all have our reasons for being Masons and we have all come to take from this experience those things that mean the most to us and have done the most good in our lives. Why then should we not share this with those who are closest to us? I am sure that we all know someone who would make a great Mason. Then we should be open with them and, with due modesty, invite them to join us. Tell them what being a Mason means to you and what being a Mason can mean for them and for the Fraternity. It is only by sharing this Journey with others that they may come to know what it truly means to be a Mason. It is only by asking that they may be made a Mason. It is only we who can ensure the future of our great Fraternity.

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From the West

Brethren,

In my continuing search for stories of Masonic Brotherhood in stressful times. There is much written about such famous Masons as George Washington, Paul Revere, John Paul Jones, and the Marquis de Lafayette. There are other less celebrated names that were significant contributors to our Revolutionary War. I relate stories of two of these Masonic heroes here.

Bro. Samuel Nicholas, born in Philadelphia in 1744, was a successful businessman. On November 10, 1775, Congress commissioned him to organize and train five companies of marine forces, skilled in the use of small and large firearms, to protect America's ships at sea. They soon ably demonstrated these capabilities and were successful in forays in the Bahamas where they captured a large quantity of military supplies. During the winter of 1776-77, they provided reinforcements for Washington's small army, helped with the boats for crossing the Delaware River at Trenton, and fought in the Battle of Princeton. Though he never carried the title while he lived, Nicholas is considered the first Commandant of the Marine Corps. His achievements certainly exemplify the Marine motto *Semper Fidelis*.

Bro. Mordecai Gist, born in Maryland in 1742, grew up in Baltimore and ran a successful shipping business. In 1775, he took part in organizing the Baltimore Independent Company of Militia which, in 1776, was part of the contingent sent to help Washington in New York.

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From the South

Greetings to all my Brothers, family, and friends,

Happy Summer to all. It's time to have extra fun, travel and enjoy our families. Please be safe, stay hydrated and bring back tales of immense joy and happiness.

There is one Stated Communication this month on July 1st. Our dinner will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, BBQ beans, and watermelon. There are no Stated Communications in August, and the Lodge resumes the normal schedule in September of 1st and 3rd Monday Stated Communications.

There will be Open Books at Harbor City Lodge on Wednesday, July 3rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Melbourne Lodge is well represented at this monthly event. All Master Masons are welcome to review the work, ritual and work toward proficiency cards.

Melbourne Lodge continues to have Ritual Practice every Wednesday, except the 1st Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Practices are lead by R.:H Craig Boettcher, DI and R.:H.: Charles Hughes, PDI. Please attend these valuable learning events and enjoy these fun fellowship opportunities.

Until our next meeting, be safe,

Ernie Quick, Junior Warden

July 2024

Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.
Lodge Charity is Melbourne Community Orchestra

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---------|---|---|--------|---|
| | 1 <u>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u> | 2 | 3 <u>Open Books Harbor City Lodge 6:00 to 9:00PM</u> | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <u>Ritual Practice at Melbourne Lodge 6:30PM</u> | 11 | 12 | 13 <u>Lodge Breakfast 8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u> <u>Masters & Wardens 8am – 10am Melbourne Lodge</u> |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <u>Ritual Practice at Melbourne Lodge 6:30PM</u> | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 <u>Ritual Practice at Melbourne Lodge 6:30PM</u> | 25 <u>Brevard County Scottish Rite Club Dinner 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM</u> | 26 | 27 <u>Blood Drive All Day Melbourne Lodge</u> |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <u>Ritual Practice at Melbourne Lodge 6:30PM</u> | | | |

From the East (continued)

So, I challenge you, dear brothers, to consider who among your friends, family or coworkers might well add to the unique community that is ours. How might they contribute and how might we benefit them as we have benefited you. When you have done so, do not be modest in suggesting they think about becoming a Mason. As the saying goes, "Masonry makes good men better." However, it is also true that, "Good men make Masonry better."

In Harmony,
W.: M.: Anthony

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From the South (continued)

Instrumental in delaying the British at the Battle of Brooklyn Heights, he attended the Convention of Military Lodges at Morristown, New Jersey, and was elected its President on January 9, 1780.

Though unsuccessful, one of this convention's resolutions was to recommend an American Grand Lodge with George Washington as Supreme Grand Master. Gist became Worshipful Master of the Maryland Military Lodge whose records were captured by the British at the Battle of Camden, South Carolina, August 16, 1780. These records were later returned to General Gist by Lord Cornwallis, the British General who surrendered at Yorktown, himself a Mason.

As always, I encourage our brothers, especially our newly raised brothers, to participate in the Lodge practices for degree ceremonies, at 6:00PM each Wednesday. Our intention is to continue the Wednesday night sessions, when the Lodge is grey and dark, in June, July and August.

Fraternally,
Wally Jones
Senior Warden

From the Secretary

Palm Bay Lodge's Blood Mobile Day will be Saturday, July 27, 2024. Palm Bay Lodge will make use of our parking lot and Lodge building. This use has been approved by our Worshipful Master.

I believe we should support this event as W.: Ted Woodbury P.M., a Past Master and Member of both Lodges, was the Blood Drive Chairman of Melbourne Lodge for many years. I'm good to give a pint and I will bring three dozen donuts.

