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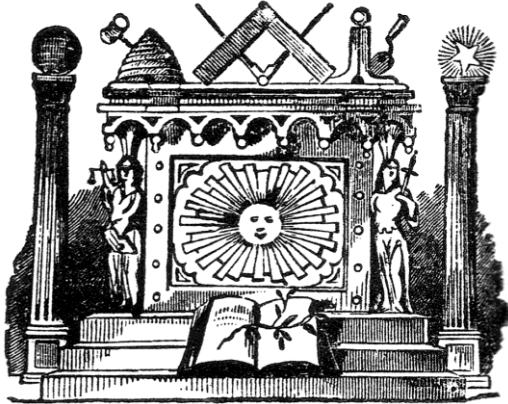
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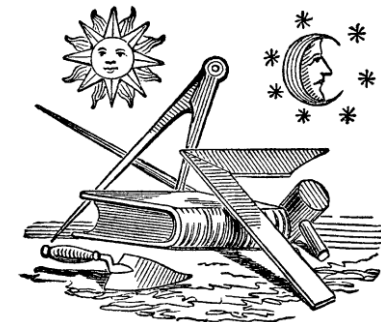
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LODGE MEETINGS 17th MASONIC DISTRICT

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 April is Brveard
 Association for the Advancement of the
 Blind.**



From the East

Superfluous Complements and all Affectation of Ceremonie are to be avoided, yet where due they are not to be Neglected.

Brothers All,

Can you believe it is April already? Brother Washington admonishes us again with a word of caution, but, as a Mason, we know he too loved a good ceremony and knew when they were due. Famously not a fan of being famous, I have little doubt that his floorwork was exemplary! This makes me mindful of our recent Master Mason degree. How good it was to sit in the Lodgeroom and see new Masons being made. We welcome our new Brothers and encourage them to join us regularly in the Lodge as they now are at that 'sublime' level to which we all aspire. Further, allow me to add one final, 'Thank you!' to all who participated and, of course, those who worked hard to put it together.

As we head towards the Summer, the Officers and I will be contemplating a schedule for going dark. I'm thinking we'll likely go more with a shade of gray, but more information will be forthcoming. Together with several other Brothers, I am working on a very special project for our final meeting in May. While I cannot tell you any more about it, I urge you to keep the date free as we are planning some exciting things and we think you'll want to be there as we may be making Masonic History. Well at least Melbourne No. 143 history!

Lastly, don't forget that our first meeting in April will be a visit from our DDGM.

*In Harmony,
W.: M.: Anthony*

From the West

Brethren,

This month was busy for me, with a long-awaited vacation, bracketed by preparation for a Master Mason Degree event. The Degree event raised five brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason and was led by B.: Ernie Quick, in the East.

On my long-awaited vacation, I was fortunate to visit both Australia and New Zealand. In both I found people who recognized my Masonic ring and had relatives or acquaintances who were Masons. These individuals varied from residents of the visited countries to immigrants from other South Pacific locales (i.e., French Polynesia). In all cases the Masonic reputation was good. Unfortunately, I did not have an opportunity to visit a lodge in either country.

We continue to conduct degree practice and general Masonic education sessions each Wednesday, at Lodge #143, and welcome any Brothers who wish to attend. The first Wednesday of each month the session is held at Harbor City Lodge, concurrent with the Monthly Open Books activity.

As always, be proud to be a Mason; wear your ring and maybe a shirt, when out and about. Be always prepared to answer general questions and invite interested parties to view our Lodge web page or visit the Lodge on the first or third Monday.

Fraternally,
Wally Jones, Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings to all brothers, friends, and family.

Happy April!

Spring has sprung, and it is time to plant your favorite vegetables and flowers. March was a great month. We had our first Master Decree of 2024. Brothers Andrew Bambrick, Frank Ranford, Jonathan Pitt, and Michael Marks were raised on March 23rd. It was a pleasure to see our brothers in our lodge. There were also members from several local lodges and as far away as Jacksonville. Thank you to everyone who helped in the ceremony.

Our D.D.G.M.'s visit is at 7:00p.m. on April 1st, please come and join us to make his visit a great evening. Our Masters and Wardens meeting will be April 6th at Merritt Island Lodge no.353. Breakfast will be at 8:00a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:00a.m. Open to all Master Masons, please make every effort to attend.

Our flagpole rope is being replaced and should be finished soon, with the addition of a Masonic flag donated by Brother Andy Kittren.

Our dinner for April 1st will be Parmesan crusted tilapia, tater tots, coleslaw, and homemade cake. For April 18 it will be Ham, rice and broccoli casserole, salad, and Cherry Poke Cake. Please come out and enjoy dinner prepared by Worshipful Chris Gibbs, who always serves a great dinner, followed by our meeting.

Fraternally,
Ernie Quick, JW

April 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	2	3 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u>	4	5	6 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>Harbor City 318</u> <u>Breakfast 8:00 AM</u> <u>Begins 9:00 AM</u>
7	8 <u>Fellowship Dinner at</u> <u>Carrabba's Italian</u> <u>Grill</u> <u>1575 Palm Bay RD</u> <u>NE, Palm Bay, FL</u> <u>6:30</u>	9	10 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	11	12	13 <u>Lodge Breakfast</u> <u>8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u>
14	15 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	16	17 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	25 <u>Brevard County</u> <u>Scottish Rite Club</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Meeting 7:30PM</u>	26	27
28	29	30				

Congratulations

Congratulations to our newly raised brothers!

- ❖ Andrew Charles Bambrick
- ❖ Michael Anthony Marks
- ❖ Jonathan Scott Pitt
- ❖ Frank Leslie Radford

We appreciate your commitment to attaining this achievement and look forward to your attendance in meetings!

Good Work!

The Editor



Masonic History and Esoterica

Cowan: A masonic term meaning intruder.

1. A term of contempt; applied to one who does the work of a Mason but has not been regularly bred.
2. Also used to denote one who builds dry walls, otherwise denominated a dry-diker.
3. One unacquainted with the secrets of Freemasonry.
4. A boat-carpenter, joiner,

An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences - 1921 edition

The term derives from Scottish operative Masonry in the early sixteenth century. Looking for terms in Scots English brings us to the following associated terms.

cowe [kɹu]

n. A crop, a haircut. A trouncing, a humiliating defeat. A twig or tufted stem of a shrub or bush such as heather, broom or gorse.

v. To poll or crop the hair. To cut, to cut short. To overtop, surpass, outdo.

pt. pp. cowed adj. Closely cut, having short, thin hair. Polled, hornless. Frightened, coerced.

"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

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Charity of the Month

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Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship Dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill
1575 Palm Bay RD NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905.

April 8 @ 6:30p.m. on 04/08/2024

Please RSVP to Secretary Barker (321-403-5651) to give Tely's a headcount.

Fraternally,
Secretary Ron Barker, P.M.