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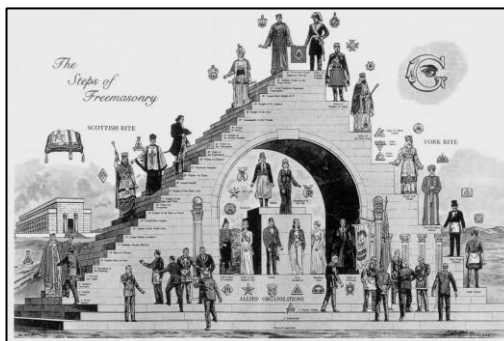
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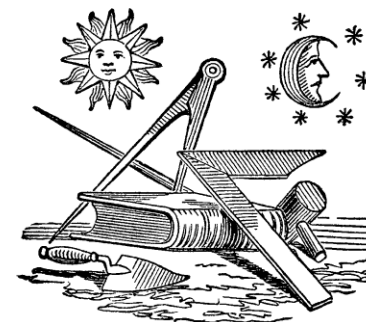
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LODGE MEETINGS 17th MASONIC DISTRICT

Melbourne No. 143	1st & 3rd Mondays
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Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



From the East

Greetings to all my Brothers, family, and friends,

June will be a very busy month. Our plans are to be dark for July, August, and the first week of September. This will allow for family vacations and traveling.

We will continue to have our Wednesday degree practices and will schedule for Degrees. There may be an E.A. proficiency at the June 15th Stated Communications, if they are prepared.

June 7 through June 16, I will be visiting Virginia to include Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Mt. Vernon, and Fredericksburg. Our Senior Warden will be in the East for our June 15th meeting.

Our family breakfast on the 6th will be postponed until next month, due to our cook being out of town.

Family dinner will be Monday June 8th, 6:30 PM at Crystal's Buffett 3160 West New Haven Ave., Melbourne. Phone 321 802-6888. Reservation name Melbourne Masonic Lodge No. 143. Prices adults \$19.95, senior \$18.95, children 6-9 \$14.55, children 3-5 \$10.55.

Our monthly tradition of meeting at the Executive Cigar Shop and Lounge will be on June 27th at 4PM. As always, 25% off purchase price of cigars with mention of Melbourne Masonic Lodge. 843 E. New Haven Ave, Old Downtown Melbourne 321 733-4554, free parking in the rear.

From the West

My Brothers,

I wanted to thank all of those who joined us at the Grand Communications! It is always an excellent time. From meeting brothers from across the Grand Jurisdiction to participating in the legislative process, the experience is not only deeply educational, but also a powerful demonstration of fellowship and brotherly love. I'd like to congratulate R:W: Craig Boettcher and R:W: Matt Green for their excellent year as DDGM and DI, respectively. It was a pleasure to serve our district as the Committeeman for L.Y.P.M.G.C.

Congratulations are also in order our next DDGM of District 17, R:W: Henry Engel, and our next DI, R:H: Matt Hanks. It is an honor to serve our district again as the Committeeman for L.Y.P.M.G.C./MH-100/Wills & Gifts. It is going to be a great upcoming Masonic year!

Important Dates — June 2026

Degree Practice

- Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026: **NO OPEN BOOKS**, FC + DDGM Visit practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, June 10th, 2026: FC + DDGM Visit practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, June 17th, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, June 24th, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm

Cigar Night

- Saturday, June 27th at Executive Cigar Lounge at 4pm

From the South

Brethren,

As summer approaches and we prepare to go dark for a few months of R&R, I would like to thank everyone for the freezer donations collected at our last stated meeting. These contributions will allow us to store premium items and prepare for future events.

Please mark your calendar for a lodge workday on Saturday, June 20th, starting at 10:00 AM. We will focus on basic housekeeping to ensure the lodge is in top shape before our break. If any brother can bring an upholstery spot cleaner to address a few small spills, it would be greatly appreciated. We also welcome any suggestions for cleanup or repairs; please add your ideas to the list in the Tyler's room. Thank you to our Senior Deacon Joshua Morris for creating it!

Thank you for your continued hard work. Our menu for June is as follows:

June 1, 2026

- Kielbasa and sauerkraut
- Pierogies with caramelized onions
- Buttered mixed vegetables
- Dessert (TBD)

June 15, 2026

- Pulled pork sandwiches
- Baked beans
- Tater tots
- Dessert (TBD)

Your Brother,

J:W: Jason Rich

June 2026

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Stated Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	2	3	4	5	6 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>Harbor City No. 318</u> <u>Breakfast 8:00 AM</u> <u>Meeting 9:00 AM</u>
7	8 <u>Family Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Crystal's Buffett</u> <u>3160 West New Haven</u> <u>Melbourne</u>	9	10 <u>Ritual Practice and</u> <u>DDGM Visit at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	11	12	13
14	15 <u>Stated Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	16	17 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	25	26	27 <u>Executive</u> <u>Cigar Social 4:00</u>
28	29	30	Dark until Sept 21 except for ritual practice and degree work.			

From the East (continued)

We loaned a used foosball table, and it is now located in the dining room for all to use, at no cost to the Lodge. This should be fun for all. If there is any problem, please let me know.⁴

Summer is here! Let's all prepare to relax, travel, and enjoy peaceful times with our families.

Your Brother,
W:M: Ernie Quick

From the West (continued)

I look forward to seeing all of my brothers in Lodge at our first Stated Communication of the new Masonic Year!

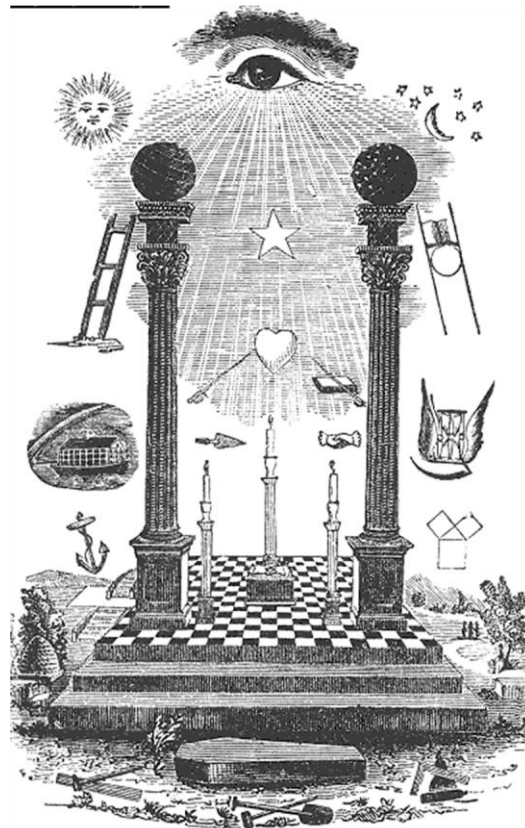
Fraternally,

S:W: Stephen D. Butalla



Masonic Articles

Do you have a contribution for this publication about Masonic history or philosophy? Please share your contributions by sending them to the editor.



Speculative Masonry

This section of the Trestleboard offers a unique opportunity to members of this Lodge to engage in and share their research. While this has been performed by this editor and a select few other members, silence remains the resounding reply for requests for content.

I would encourage all of you to engage in this endeavor, not only as a service to this publication, but in a larger sense as a service to yourself. When making inquiries into the symbology and allegory of the Craft each of us finds our own interpretations. This encourages growth and development of our character.

Devoid of this growth the fraternity can devolve into little more than a club with dull business meetings. By definition, symbology and allegory cannot have a single perspective or definition. How does the Craft speak to you?

