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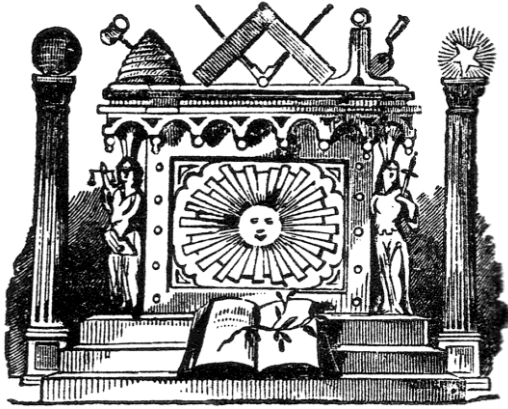
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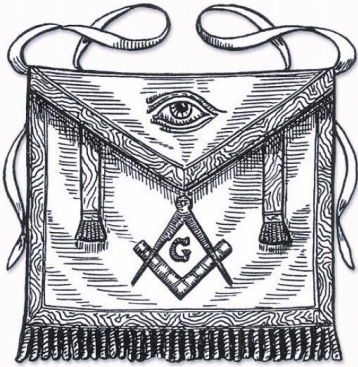
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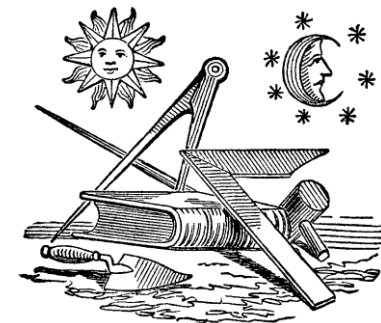
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| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Melbourne No. 143 | 1st & 3rd Mondays |
| Merritt Island No. 353 | 1st & 3rd Mondays |
| Canaveral No. 339 | 2nd & 4th Mondays |
| Gateway No. 384 | 2nd & 4th Mondays |
| Beach No. 354 | 1st & 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

From the East: activities review:

Monday, October 2, 2023, Stated
Communication: Melbourne Lodge #143.
Dinner 6:30PM; Meeting 7:30PM

Monday, October 9, FELLOWSHIP DINNER at
SKEWERS MEDITERRANEAN GRILLE, Located at
144 5th Ave. Indialantic, Florida. 6:30PM.
Brother Eddie always presents an excellent
meal.

Monday, October 16, 2023, Stated
Communication: Melbourne Lodge #143 Dinner
6:30PM; Meeting 7:30PM

Thursday, **October 26, 2023**, OUR FINAL LODGE
OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM
AT THE LODGE. Everyone is invited. As we will
be discussing the Officer line, anyone wanting
to be an officer of the lodge should plan to
attend.

For you brothers that have not attended lodge
meetings, we miss you. We are trying to make
our meeting interesting while keeping the
structure of lodge meetings. Please help us.

Fraternally,
Ron Lentz WM

From the West

Greeting Brethren,

Well, here we are in October, and we have a few
happenings to talk about.!

First is a reminder that all nomination forms for an
elected officer in the Lodge must be turned in and
signed BEFORE the gavel drops to open the first
meeting in November, so if you are interested in
running for office, please make sure you meet this
deadline as there are no exceptions for this rule.

Also, before you turn in this nomination form you
must have completed Master Mason I, II, and III as
well as all the modules of Masonic Leadership
Training (MLT) so make sure that you are up to
date on these courses! There are a few
opportunities to take them via a zoom meeting so
reach out if you still need this.

Secondly, we have a Fellowcraft Degree, and I
need Brothers to step up and take a role. Please
come see me if you are interested in assisting, I
have several roles still open and people being
candidates in practice is hugely appreciated by the
Brothers that have to interact with them during
the degree. I will have a practice schedule
established by the time this article comes out so
please help out if you are available!!!

Fraternally,
Craig Boettcher SW

From the South

Greetings, Brethren!

Continuing the tradition of significant events in
Masonic history, I would like to highlight one
significant event in Masonic history that
occurred in the month of October.

The event to which I refer is the founding of the
Grand Lodge of England on October 24, 1717.
This historic event marked the formal
establishment of the first Grand Lodge in
London, which would become the cornerstone
for modern Freemasonry. The formation of this
Grand Lodge brought together various lodges
and Masonic groups, providing them with a
centralized authority and a standardized set of
regulations.

This development laid the foundation for the
spread of Freemasonry across the world,
contributing to its enduring legacy as a fraternal
and philosophical organization that emphasizes
moral and ethical values, personal
development, and brotherhood among its
members. The Grand Lodge of England's
founding in October 1717 remains a pivotal
moment in Masonic history, shaping the course
of Freemasonry for centuries to come.

Another significant event that I would like to
highlight is the scheduled Melbourne Lodge
grounds clean-up, which I have planned for the
second Saturday in November, which falls on
the eleventh, Veterans Day. As always, we
would like to have as many volunteers as
possible and your assistance is greatly
appreciated. We will inform the brethren of any
changes as they arise. God bless you all!

Fraternally,
Dino De Rosa JW

October 2023

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|---------|--|---|--------|---|
| 1 | 2 <u>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u> | 3 | 4 <u>Open Books Harbor City Lodge 6:00 PM</u> | 5 | 6 | 7 <u>Master and Wardens Beach Lodge No. 354 Breakfast 8:AM Meeting 8:30 AM</u> |
| 8 | 9 <u>Fellowship Covered Skewers Mediterranean Restaurant 6:30PM</u> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 <u>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 <u>Lodge Officers Meeting 6:30 PM</u> | 26 <u>Brevard County Scottish Rite Club Dinner 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM</u> | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

From the Secretary

Greetings Brethren,

As I write this it is September 27th and 18 of our Lodge Brothers have not paid their Dues. Lodge Bylaws and Grand Lodge Regulations require that dues be paid on or before December 28th, the first day of the Masonic Year. Fortunately, most of our members pay their dues on time.

Final Notices and Summons were mailed this afternoon. Six-month delinquent notices were mailed in July. During the September 18th Stated Communication, the Lodge set the deadline for payment as November 6th.

If you do not have a 2023 Dues Card, please call me immediately. If there is an error or financial difficulty, please call me immediately. My goal is not to suspend anyone for NPD.

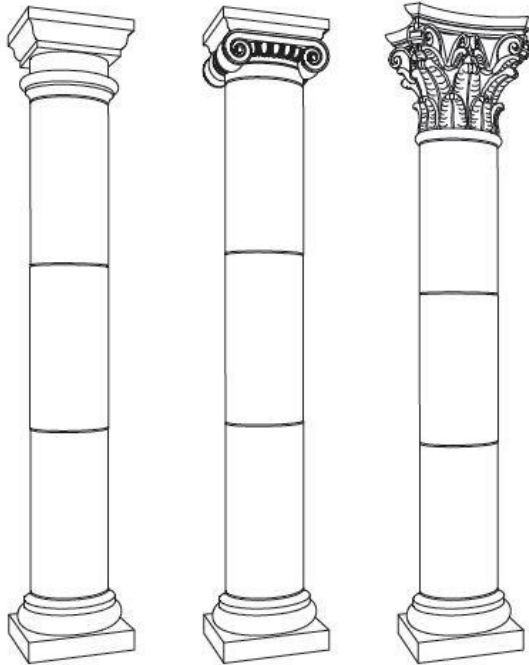
Sincerely and fraternally,
Secretary Ron Barker, P.M.

Do You Remember?

Masonic Quiz:

What are the names of the three styles of columns shown below?

What office within the Lodge does each represent?



From the Editor

Greetings, Brethren!

While we are limited in the number of pages we can include in the mailed version of this publication, there is an opportunity to expand this electronic version.

Do you have something you would like to share concerning Masonic history, symbology, or philosophy? If so, please submit it to me for consideration.

Fraternally,
Jamie Hamilton