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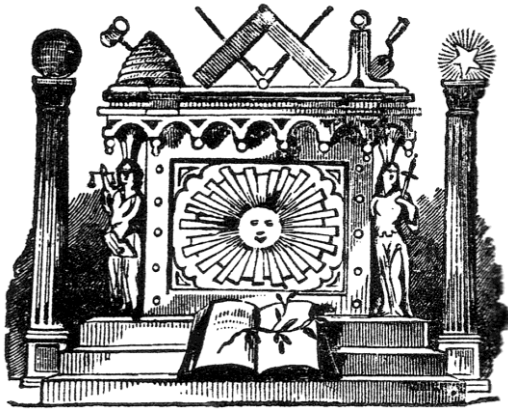
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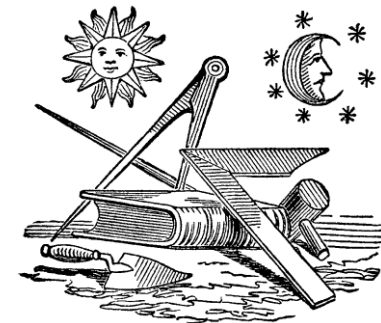
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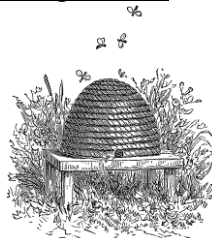
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LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE

**1st Quarter: Brevard Association of the
 Blind**

2nd Quarter: Daily Bread



From the East

Fund Raising & Charities: The Winter/Spring Fund Raising will be a Handgun Raffle. The funds for this raffle will be for the Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind and The Daily Bread Charities. This Fund raiser will run from April to June 2023.

Two new Entered Apprentice begin Catechism – 2 new brothers received the Entered Apprentice Degree and are now in Catechism. Four additional applicants are in process. Another Entered Apprentice Degree will be held in June 2023 with a possible Fellowship Degree in July 2023.

Fellowship Dinners & Covered Dish Socials:
Skewers Fellowship dinners – There was a good turnout, and all seemed to have a good time. As expected, the food was Excellent.

The Next Fellowship Dinner will be on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30PM. This is a PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL DAY COVERED DISH COOKOUT at Melbourne Lodge. The lodge will supply the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Buns, and Beverages. Please join us and contact the Junior Warden with the Covered Dish you will be bringing.

We need speakers for June and July 2023. Please contact me to discuss your talk.

The officers' meetings are resulting in interesting activities. Please plan to attend and making your voice heard.

Fraternally,

Ron Lentz
Worshipful Master
Melbourne Lodge No. 143 F&AM

From the West

May is here Brothers and there are buzzing around the Lodge so this article will be more about what is coming up and reminders of things that I am involved in personally and offer a resource to be involved in if you are interested.

First is that the Annual Grand Communication is coming up Monday, May 29th thru Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Historically the first day is for opening Ceremonies. The second is for legislation and the final is for installation of the new Grand Line and state appointed officers. Outside the grand ballroom is lined with vendors, informational booths, and appendant body/affiliated clubs so there is a ton of things to do as well as hang out with Mason's from all over the State and further.

We have a study group that meets every Wednesday of the Month (Except the first Wednesday of each Month) 6pm at the Lodge and everyone is welcome. You can join us for whatever we are currently working on, or we can assist you with most topics you would like.

Lastly, I am starting to travel to other Lodges inside and outside of our District. Due to my hectic schedule this is almost always last minute. If you would like me to send you a text when we are travelling so you can accompany us if you wish, let me know I will add you to our list. When we decide to travel, I will send out a text to all those on the list so you can decide if you want to join us, and we will arrange carpooling.

Fraternally,
Craig Boettcher, SW

From the South

Before I begin the usual list of relevant Masonic history for this month, I want to first give my thanks and appreciation to George and Nancy Swanson for going out of their way and helping me on many occasions in the kitchen. Second, I want to thank Chris Gibbs for graciously offering his time and expertise in helping me manage the kitchen. I owe many people in Melbourne Lodge my gratitude for helping me learn and apply their experiences to my journey in Freemasonry, and I gratefully appreciate everyone's assistance, I'm sure you know who you are! And with that...

May has been a significant month in Masonic history, with several noteworthy events taking place. One such event is the founding of the Grand Lodge of England on May 24, 1717. This marked the beginning of modern Freemasonry, as the Grand Lodge provided a governing body for lodges to follow. Another notable event is the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, a French Freemason who played a crucial role in the American Revolution. Lafayette was born on May 6, 1757, and went on to become a major general in the Continental Army. Finally, May 1 is celebrated by Masons as May Day, a day of renewal and rebirth. The holiday has pagan roots but has been adopted by many Masonic lodges as a time to reflect on the principles of brotherhood, charity, and truth.

I hope that we can all reflect on the significance of these events and reaffirm our commitment to our personal development in this journey we are making together in Freemasonry.

Fraternally,
Dino De Rosa, JW

May 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p><u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Catered Dinner</u> <u>6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u></p>	2	<p>3</p> <p><u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00PM</u></p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p><u>Master and Wardens</u> <u>Canaveral Lodge</u> <u>#339</u> <u>Breakfast 8:AM</u> <u>Meeting 8:30 AM</u></p>
7	<p>8</p> <p><u>Fellowship</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>Memorial Day Theme</u> <u>Cookout</u> <u>6:30PM</u></p>	9	10	11	12	13
14	<p>15</p> <p><u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Catered Dinner</u> <u>6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u></p>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	<p>24</p> <p><u>Lodge Officers</u> <u>Meeting at 6:30PM at</u> <u>the Lodge. All</u> <u>masons are welcome</u></p>	25	<p>26</p> <p><u>Annual Grand</u> <u>Communications,</u> <u>Rosen Plaza,</u> <u>Orlando</u></p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>Annual Grand</u> <u>Communications,</u> <u>Rosen Plaza,</u> <u>Orlando</u></p>
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