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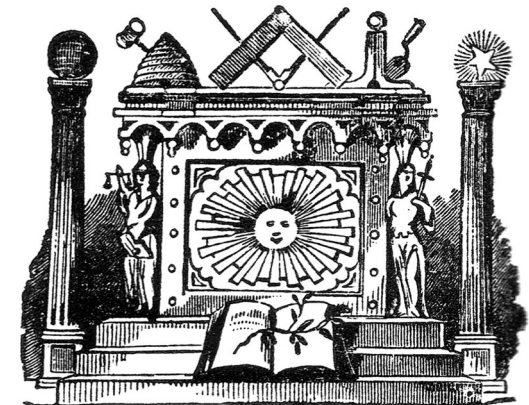
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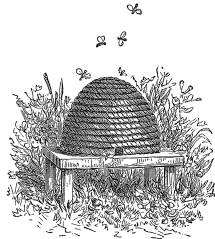


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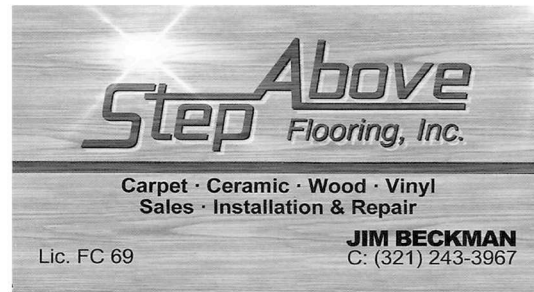
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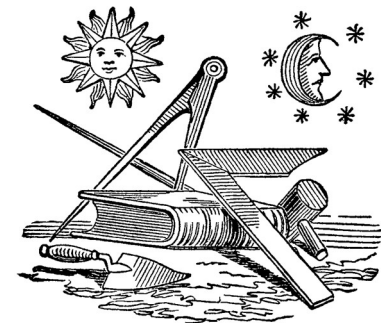
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Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
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Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
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Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



From the East

Brethren,

Monday, August 7, Stated Communication: **Melbourne Lodge #143 will be visited of the district 17 DDGM.**

The August 7, meeting is the only Called or Stated communication for the month of August 2023. The 2nd meeting in August is cancelled.

Wednesday August 30, 2023, a lodge officers meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the lodge. Everyone is invited.

Notice: there will be no stated communication on Monday, September 4, 2023.

Notice: Monday, September 18, 2023, stated communication – dinner 6:30pm; meeting 7:30pm.

NOTED DATE CHANGE FOR AUGUST FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Make your plans to attend the Fellowship Dinner at the Brazilian Rodizio, ESTAMPA GAUCHA in the Melbourne Square Mall on **AUGUST 15 AT 6:40PM.** The restaurant is offering us a special price of \$31.95 per person including non-alcoholic drinks.

For you brothers that have not attended lodge meetings, we miss you.

We are always looking for speakers. This not only makes our meetings interesting but gives us things to consider and enjoy. We would like to have a speaker for September, October, and November. Please contact me if you can help.

Fraternally,
Ron Lentz

From the West

Brethren,

Well, my Brothers, July is in the books and with people travelling, vacationing and visiting friends and family I don't have a ton to report on. As always, we meet every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of the Month) to practice and hone our ritual and you are all welcome to join us. Feel free to come on out, learn something new or brush up on something already known or just hang out!

Remember that we have a Fellowcraft Degree coming up so if you can, help us put on the Degree or even help us get ready for it.

With that, I will keep this short and sweet, I hope y'all are having a good summer and I look forward to getting back into the swing of things and catching up soon for the 2nd part of the year!

Fraternally,
Craig Boettcher SW

From the South

Brethren,

The month of August has witnessed several significant events pertaining to our fraternal organization:

The Grand Lodge of England was formed (August 24, 1717). This event marked the establishment of the first Grand Lodge in London and laid the groundwork for standardizing Masonic practices and rituals, leading to the spread of Freemasonry across the globe.

The initiation of George Washington on August 4, 1752, as a Freemason in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Freemasonry played a prominent role in the lives of many Founding Fathers, promoting ideals of liberty, equality, and brotherhood.

The Morgan Affair in August of 1826. In this contentious event, William Morgan, a former Mason, disappeared after vowing to publish an exposé on Masonic secrets. His disappearance sparked widespread anti-Masonic sentiments in the United States, leading to the formation of the Anti-Masonic Party.

The cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty was laid by Freemasons in a Masonic ceremony on Bedloe's Island in August of 1884. The statue has since become a symbol of freedom and friendship between nations.

These August events reflect the historical impact and significance of Freemasonry. As Freemasonry continues to evolve, its traditions and principles persist, shaping the lives of its members and leaving an enduring legacy in the pages of history.

Fraternally,
Dino De Rosa

August 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 PM</u>	3	4	5 <u>Master and Wardens</u> <u>Harbor City #318</u> <u>Breakfast 8:AM</u> <u>Meeting 8:30 AM</u>
6	7 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>DDGM Visit</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <u>Fellowship Dinner</u> <u>Estampa Gaucha</u> <u>Brazilian</u> <u>Steakhouse: Brevard</u> <u>Square Mall 6:40 PM</u>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <u>Lodge Officers</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	31		