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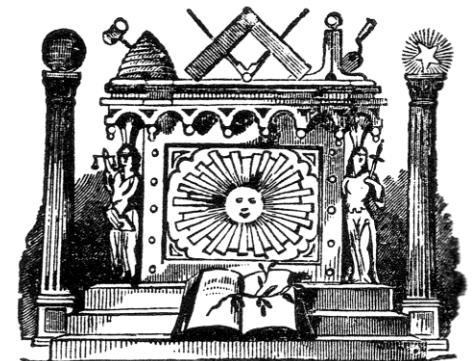
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May 4th: 6:00PM – 9:00 PM

Harbor City Lodge No. 318, F. & A. M.

- Check those letters in the Red Book
- Learn a Lecture
- Learn How to Open & Close Lodge
- Brush up on your Catechisms
- Qualify for Proficiency Cards

ALL MASTER MASONS ARE INVITED

Degree Masters 2022

This year we will be trying to get back to our old traditions. One was that the degree master for each degree throughout the year is one particular officer. For this year, they are as follows.

Entered Apprentice: Dino DeRosa

Fellow Craft: Robert Sigman, PM

Master Mason: Ronald Lentz

If you are interested in participating in any of the degrees, please let these brothers know.

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From the East

Hello Brethren,

In May we will have a Fellowcraft degree. Check the Lodge calendar for dates. The future of Masonry relies on new members, and of course your involvement. Attending degrees shows the new candidates that we care by extending our welcoming hand resulting in building Masonic relations.

Yes, your participation is key to the future of your Lodge. What can you do?

*Attend lodge, not just meetings but also other times of fellowship.

*Bring a friend who is a potential candidate. Initiate a conversation with the question, "have you ever considered becoming a Mason?".

*Offer to join the team of Catechism instructors. With several per degree no single Brother is committed every week.

*Make suggestions on what activities you would like to see implemented.

As is being experienced by all non-profit organizations, membership is declining. We have all experienced cost increases in our lives. Your Lodge is no different. While our purpose is to bring more men into Masonry, we cannot do this without the beautiful facility provided by those who came before us. It is incumbent on us to maintain and improve this facility as needed. Much thought and discussion has been given by your Officers about rising costs. Our membership has decreased while expenses have increased. We are now facing the challenge of our dues NOT covering the cost of maintaining your Lodge. Our Treasurer is preparing a fact sheet to be presented at the June 6th meeting to better understand the financial status of the Lodge. Come out to a Communication in May to offer your suggestions on how to raise needed funds. Only a small percentage of our members contribute extra time, talents, and money towards fundraisings. This has kept us in the black until the last several years. You are welcome to call the Worshipful Master or any officer with your comments.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Roger McKay, Worshipful Master
Text 321-591-7132

From the West

My Brothers,

I will address an area of craft participation, which I really enjoy. During my time "in the line" I have had the pleasure of listening to some very good ideas for charity fund raising, events, presentations, etc. The purpose of all of these great ideas is to improve the masonic experience of Melbourne Lodge 143. This month, I would like to address presentations by brothers to the craft.

A presentation to the lodge by a brother, enriches each of us. Our craft is blessed with brothers having diverse and interesting experiences and knowledge. Many of us have applicable life experiences, knowledge and interests for over 50 years. There is a lot to share. For me, this year, the short presentations have been interesting and improved our meeting experience. The thought crosses my mind, wondering what I will learn at the next communication in anticipation of the next presentation.

Being rather direct, I would like to see more brothers take the time to create simple presentations to present to the craft. It does not have to be a masterpiece or the Gettysburg Address. As Masonry is about everyday life, the topics that can be shared with the craft are extremely diverse. Share experiences, interests or knowledge we each have gained throughout our lives. Don't be nervous, you are talking to brothers, similar to the conversations I listen to during lodge dinners.

As example, talking about a religious or cultural tradition, AS INFORMATION ONLY, could enrich each of our lives and understanding due to this additional knowledge. Or maybe, if you visit a Masonic Lodge in another city, state, country, the experience could be shared with our brothers in our lodge.

I look forward to listening and learning from my brothers in the future. Please feel free to talk to a Lodge Officer, to arrange a time to speak to the craft. Think about it!

Fraternally,
Ronald Lentz, Senior Warden

From the South

Hello brothers,

It is amazing how fast this year is going. This month we are planning on having a Fellow Craft degree and I will be serving as Degree Master. Therefore, I will be reaching out for help and support. Please assist me in helping our EA brothers take their next step in Masonry.

I would like to thank our great kitchen staff. They have done an outstanding job with home cooked meals and desserts, to the overall cleanliness of the kitchen.

Our staff works really hard to keep the lodge clean and beautiful, so if we make a mess, we can help clean the mess. It's not just one brother's job to clean the lodge but all of ours only because this is OUR lodge.

At the end of this month will be the 193rd Annual Grand Communication in Orlando. I will be in attendance representing the lodge and I hope to see you some of you there.

Fraternally,
Robert Sigman, Junior Warden

APRIL 2022

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MAY 2022 Charity for May: The Daily Bread

JUNE 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM- 7:00PM Meeting 7:30PM	3	4 Harbor City Lodge Open Books 6:00PM	5	6	7 Masters & Wardens Harbor City No. 318 8:00AM
8	9 Fellowship Dinner 6:30PM Red Ginger North Side of Melbourne Mall 321-951-8818	10	11	12 Officers' Meeting 6:30PM	13	14
15	16 Meeting CANCELLED NO DINNER	17	18	19	20	21 Family Breakfast 8:00AM-10:00AM at Lodge MLT Training 9:00AM Melbourne Lodge
22	23 Fellow Craft Degree 7:00PM NO DINNER	24	25 Degree Instruction 6:30PM	26	27	28
29	30 Grand Lodge Annual Communication	31 Grand Lodge Annual Communication	1 Grand Lodge Annual Communication	2 Entered Apprentice Degree 7:00PM NO DINNER	3	4 Masters & Wardens Indian River No. 90 8:00AM