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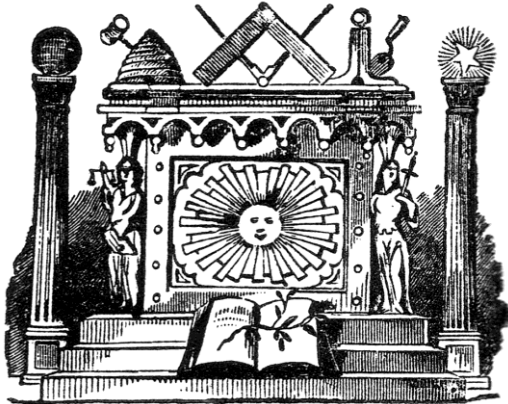
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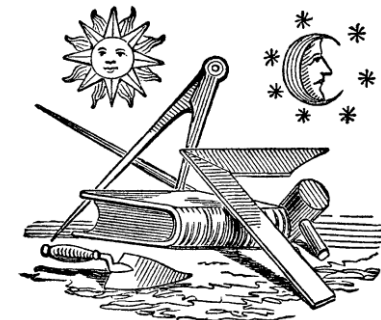
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|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Melbourne No. 143      | 1st & 3rd Mondays   |
| Merritt Island No. 353 | 1st & 3rd Mondays   |
| Canaveral No. 339      | 2nd & 4th Mondays   |
| Gateway No. 384        | 2nd & 4th Mondays   |
| Beach No. 354          | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  |
| Brevard No. 113        | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  |
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| Harbor City No. 318    | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays  |
| Indian River No. 90    | 2nd & 4th Thursdays |



**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

The Lodge's charity for July 2024 is South Brevard Pilot Club. The Pilot Club of South Brevard was chartered July 17, 1961, as a local organization under the umbrella of Pilot International, a classified civic and service organization with headquarters in Macon, Georgia.

It is a service organization of executive, business and professional leaders working together to improve the quality of life in our communities.

### From the East

*Sleep not when others speak, sit not when others stand, speak not when you should hold your peace, walk not on when others stop.*

Brothers All,

I cannot believe that the summer has already come to an end! Where did the time go? I hope that you enjoyed time with your loved ones and made the most of it. This month's Rule of Civility from Br.: Washington hits close to home... hopefully we don't have anyone sleeping in our meetings! I trust that I can keep it lively enough to hold your attention for the duration. But the remainder of the rule reminds me of this month's District Deputy Grand Master Visit. We are always glad to see R.: W.: Matt Green at 143, but this time he joins us in an official capacity. Please be sure to welcome him and his party with the regular hospitality for which we are known.

On another note, more than half the year is gone. We've accomplished some important things this year, but none more important than raising new Masons. As we head towards the end of 2024, we are likely to have much degree work on the agenda and so I charge you to dust off those red books and brush up! We need you to assist us in bringing these new Brothers into our great Fraternity and live up to the standard of esoteric work that we have worked hard to set through the years. We are fortunate to have R.: H.: Craig Boettcher amongst the brethren as well as a number of other well-qualified Brothers who ensure we perform our ceremonial duties well. All this being said, I urge you not to be intimidated by the work!

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### From the West

Brethren,

Brethren,

Though our Lodge was dark for the month of August, many of our brothers were very active. Our degree team brothers were active, practicing for upcoming Lodge #143-degree activities and supporting brethren from other lodges in their preparation for their degree activities. Additionally, we participated in multiple Masonic funeral activities. I encourage all our brothers to consider participating in this activity as a final farewell to our departed brothers and a courtesy to their families.

The highlight of our August activities was the laying of a Masonic cornerstone at the Viera Middle School. This included a full slate of Grand Lodge of Florida officers and was well attended by a number of District 17 brothers. Again, I encourage our brothers participation in this most publicly visible of our Masonic celebrations.

As always, I encourage our brothers, especially our newly raised brothers, to participate in the Lodge practices for degree ceremonies, at 6:00PM each Wednesday. Our intention is to continue the Wednesday night sessions, when the Lodge is grey and dark, in June, July and August.

Hoping to see all of you at the first September Stated Communication, September 2nd.

Fraternally,

Wally Jones  
Senior Warden

### From the South

Welcome back my brothers, family, and friends. I hope everyone has had a great vacation. As we start back to our regular scheduled meetings on the first and third Mondays, it would be a wonderful time to come and say hello to everyone.

Monday September 2nd, we will have our official D.D.G.M. visit. Please come out and join us in welcoming him and his entourage. He will be delivering the most worshipful Grand Masters message. Yes, it will be on Labor Day so why not join our meeting and have a labor free dinner. We will be enjoying chopped steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, oven roasted honey balsamic carrots topped with goat cheese, rolls, salad, and for dessert, blueberry cake. Our second meal will be: Parmesan chicken, macaroni and cheese, green peas, tossed salad, rolls and apple cobbler.

Brothers, please come and join us every first Wednesday at Harbor City Lodge for open books. This gives our district an evening to gather for studying all parts of our degrees, discuss questions, and have fellowship with our brothers.

Every Wednesday after that we have Ritual practice at our lodge starting at 6:30 p.m. We will have the necessary books on hand for your use. This is where all our degree ceremonies begin. All master masons are welcome to watch, read, study, or participate. We enjoy ourselves while learning. Come out and see for yourself.

In closing, let all of us prepare for any future storms coming our way.  
Brother Ernie Quick, Junior Warden

# September 2024

**Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.**  
**Lodge Charity is South Brevard Pilot Club**

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday   |
|--------|--|---------|---|----------|--------|--|
| 1      | 2<br><br><u>Stated<br/>Communication</u><br><u>DDGM Visit</u><br><u>Dinner 6:30PM</u><br><u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u> | 3       | 4<br><br><u>Open Books</u><br><u>Harbor City Lodge</u><br><u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u> | 5        | 6      | 7<br><br><u>Masters &amp; Wardens</u><br><u>8am – 10am</u><br><u>Canaveral Lodge 339</u> |
| 8      | 9  | 10      | 11<br><br><u>Ritual Practice at</u><br><u>Melbourne Lodge</u><br><u>6:30PM</u>  | 12       | 13     | 14<br><br><u>Lodge Breakfast</u><br><u>8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u>                             |
| 15     | 16<br><br><u>Stated<br/>Communication</u><br><u>Dinner 6:30PM</u><br><u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>                     | 17      | 18<br><br><u>Ritual Practice at</u><br><u>Melbourne Lodge</u><br><u>6:30PM</u>  | 19       | 20     | 21   |
| 22     | 23   | 24      | 25<br><br><u>Ritual Practice at</u><br><u>Melbourne Lodge</u><br><u>6:30PM</u>  | 26       | 27     | 28   |
| 29     | 30<br><br><u>Entered Apprentice</u><br><u>Degree</u><br><u>7:00AM</u>  |         |   |          |        |  |

### From the East (continued)

Our ceremonies are, in many ways, some of the most fun and rewarding things we do in the Lodge, and I wouldn't want you to miss out for fear of the 'stage.' If you are interested in being a part of our upcoming degree work, please see Br.: Butalla who will be organizing our next few.

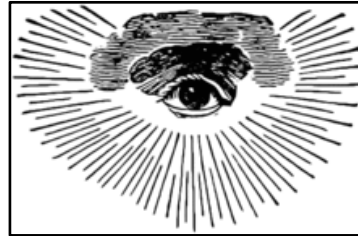
Welcome back to Lodge, my Brothers. I will work hard to ensure that the second half of the year is one to remember! As always, your suggestions matter. After all, it's OUR Lodge, so we all have a say.

In Harmony,  
W.: M.: Anthony



### Masonic History and Esoterica

The All-Seeing Eye is an important symbol of the Supreme Being borrowed by the Freemasons from antiquity. It was used by both the Ancient Egyptians and Hebrews.



The open eye is a symbol of Divine watchfulness and care of the universe and of the Grand Architect's manifested in His omnipresence. As Solomon relates in Proverbs 15, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch upon the evil and he good".

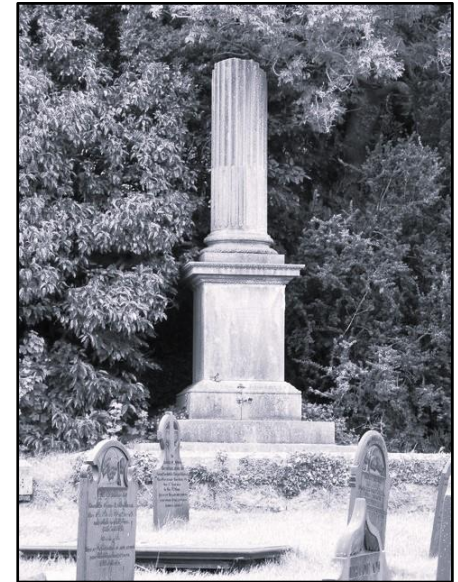
The symbol first appeared as a Masonic icon in 1797 in the publication of the Freemason's Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry by Thomas Smith Webb.

*"Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound."* - Albert Pike, Preface to *Morals and Dogma* (Original Edition)



### Deaths Reported

Brother Curtis Dean Humphrey (April 1, 2024), James Cameron McDonald (4/21/2024), and Brother Dock Nixon Williams (July 13, 2024) were called to the Celestial Lodge. Please remember them and their families.



### From the Secretary

The Secretary reports that fifteen Brothers have not paid their 2024 dues. If you are in arrear for this year's dues, please contact Secretary Ron Barker 321.403.5651.

