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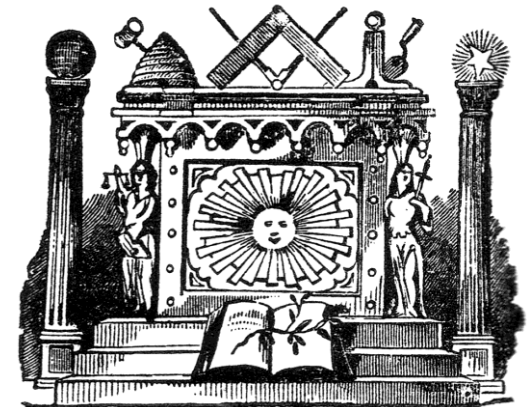
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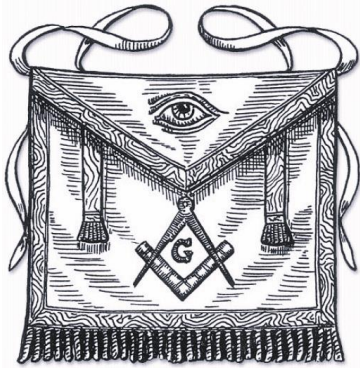
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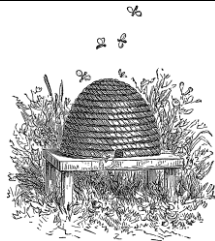
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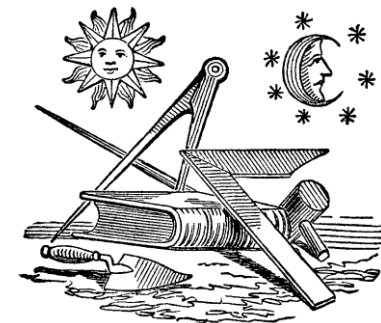
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Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
Beach No. 354	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



From the East

Brethren,

As my time in the East comes to a close, I want to thank the lodge for the honor of serving. I also want to thank this year's officers for their assistance and other Brothers that stepped up to help the Lodge. The things we accomplished could not have occurred without their work and support.

The only comment I can make about this year is too few of our Brothers engage with the lodge. This is not any person or small group of persons' Lodge. This is all of our Lodge. I have heard some complaints and issues expressed. By engaging, you can make a difference. Please, in the next year and future, engage, make your ideas and presence known. Please give strong support to this new group of officers to be installed on December 28, 2023.

Ron Lentz

From the West

Brethren,

What a year it has been! I want to thank all of you for your confidence and the Honor of allowing me to serve you as your Senior Warden!

I would like to congratulate our New Fellowcrafts and welcome you to the next stage of your journey. (I was a bit premature last Trestleboard due to schedules but a 2nd Congrats is never too terrible). I also want to congratulate our Newest Member about to be initiated in a few days!

A special thank you goes out to all that came to practices and Degrees and worked to learn a new role or perfect a past performance, it is critical that we keep striving to put our best forward for all aspects of our ceremonies.

I would like to thank our Worshipful Master, elected and appointed officers and all the Brothers and visitors of Melbourne Lodge No. 143. It takes all of us to be successful and I appreciate all the time and effort you put forth to make it so!

Lastly, I want to wish our Worshipful Master Elect and his incoming officers the best of luck for the upcoming year. I know it will be a great one!

Fraternally,
Craig Boettcher SW

From the South

Brethren,

This December is an important month for Melbourne Lodge, as members make decisions on their leadership for the new year. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to all of those who have helped me over the course of the year, I will always be thankful and will do my best to give back to the craft to the best of my ability over the coming years.

Christmas, a festive season universally celebrated, holds a special place in the hearts of Freemasons. Rooted in principles of brotherhood and benevolence, Freemasonry aligns with the spirit of Christmas, emphasizing charity, goodwill, and unity. Just as the three wise men brought gifts to the newborn Jesus, Freemasons engage in acts of charity, extending a helping hand to those in need. The symbolic teachings of Freemasonry, encapsulated in the festive ambiance of Christmas, underscore the importance of compassion and service to humanity. The Lodge, akin to a festive gathering, mirrors the warmth and camaraderie associated with Christmas, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose. Thus, Christmas becomes a poignant reminder for Freemasons to reflect on their principles, fortifying their commitment to virtue and fraternity during this joyous season. I look forward to continuing participation as a member at large and to keep learning more about what it means to be a Mason.

Fraternally,

Dino De Rosa
Junior Warden of the South

December 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Master and Wardens Melbourne No. 143 Breakfast 8:AM Meeting 8:30 AM</u>
3	4 <u>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	5	6 <u>Open Books Harbor City Lodge 6:00 PM</u>	7	8	9 <u>Melbourne Lodge 143 Christmas Party: At Azan Shrine Center, Oasis Lounge – 6:00PM to 9:00PM</u>
10	11	12 <u>Last Fellowship Dinner: At Skewers Mediterranean Grill – 144 5th Avenue, Start 6:30PM.</u>	13	14	15	16
17	18 <u>Cancelled: Stated Communication</u>	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 <u>Installation of 2024 Officers: Dinner – 6:30PM; Installation – 7:30PM.</u>	29	30

From the Editor

Greetings Brethren,

It has ben a pleasure serving as editor for the Trestleboard this year.

I hope all in our Lodge enjoy a peaceful holiday season.

For next year, I wish to encourage any that might wish to contribute to this publication to submit articles to me.

Happy Holidays,

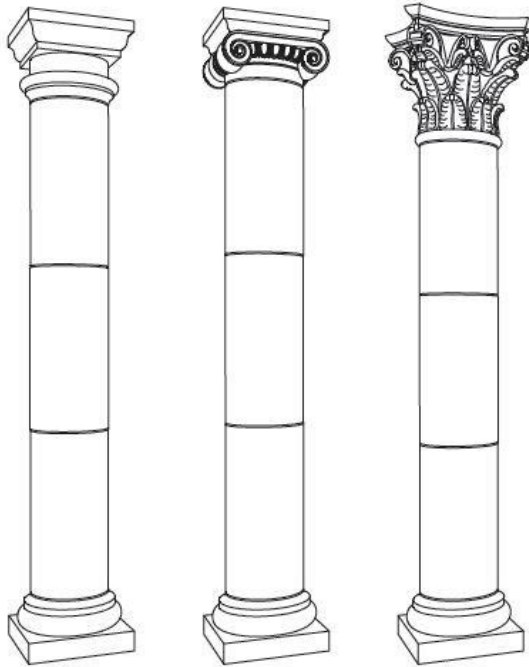
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