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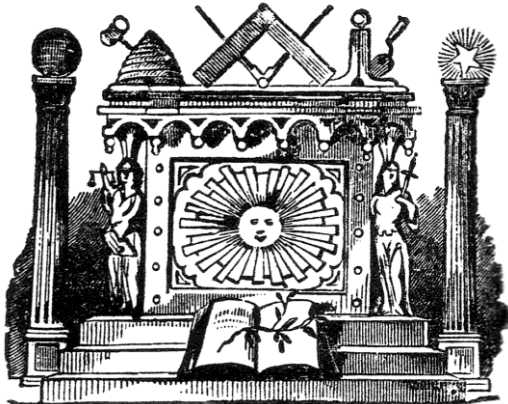
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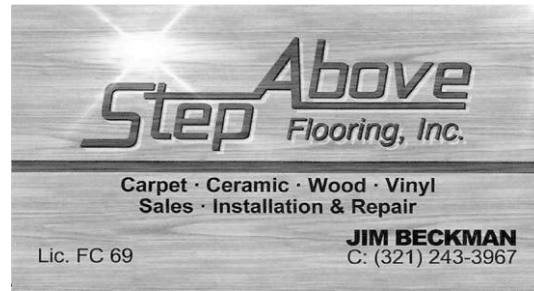
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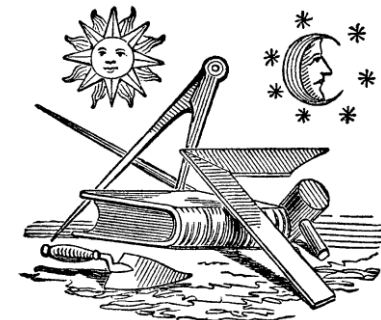
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Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
Beach No. 354	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE

The Lodge charity for October is Daily Bread.

Daily Bread began their mission in 1988. This charity provides between 200 – 250 hungry and/or homeless neighbors a warm nutritious meal each day. They also offer a variety of services including healthcare, case management, employment, transitional, and social support services.

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. We are always glad to see R.: W.: Matt Green and enjoyed his official visit at our September 2nd Stated Communication, which was both informative and productive..

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,

It is good to emerge from our Summer darkness to our normal Lodge routine. Congratulations to newly initiated Brothers Nicholas A. Hetu and Kyle C. Lindbloom, who were initiated Entered Apprentices at our Called Communication of September 30th.

Our allusion to the rough and finished stone as a description of the transition from initiate to Master Mason, I am reminded of the many ancient buildings I have visited in my travels. I have found even the most ancient structures most often have a strong infrastructure of rough sturdy materials, that is finished in a fine veneer of visually striking appearance. This seems to be an equally valid allusion to a fine finish based on the strong core values we espouse.

I recommend that our brothers encourage our new candidates to learn more about each step along their path, by attending Lodges that they are qualified to attend at each level (i.e., raising of new initiates).

As always, I encourage our brothers, especially our newly raised brother Master Masons, to participate in the Lodge practices for degree ceremonies. These meet, at 6:00PM each Wednesday, with the first Wednesday each month at Harbor City Lodge Open Books. This is a good opportunity to learn more about Masonry in general and answer any questions that members new and experienced may have. Hoping to see all of you at the first October Stated Communication, on the 7th.

Fraternally,
Wally Jones, Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings to all Brothers and families.

Time just flies by. October seems to have come very quickly.

The Grandmaster's Official Visit to our District is Saturday, October 5th at Azan Shrine Center. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a tyled meeting at Harbor City Lodge No. 318. Suggested attire is business dress. Spouses and friends are welcome to stay at Azan for a special program. Please support this annual event.

Our dinner for October 7th will be chili dogs with toppings, potato salad, baked beans, tea, coffee, and peach dump cake with ice cream. The dinner for October 14th will be Parmesan chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, and lemon cupcakes. Join us and enjoy Chris, and his support team for a great meal and meeting, family and guests are always welcomed for dinner.

Please remember we will have our lodge degree studies and practices at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, except the first Wednesday, which is open books at Harbor City Lodge 6:00-9:00p.m.

I wish everyone a great month. Please try and stop by our great Lodge and visit with your Brothers. We all look forward to seeing you. Enjoy each day, have fun, and be safe.

Ernie Quick Junior Warden

October 2024

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

Lodge Charity is Daily Bread

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00PM</u>	3	4	5 <u>Masters & Wardens</u> <u>8am – 10am</u> <u>Beach Lodge 354</u>
6	7 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	8	9 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	10	11	12 <u>Lodge Breakfast</u> <u>8:00 AM – 10:00AM</u>
13	14 <u>Fellowship Dinner</u> <u>Grills 6:30 PM</u>	15	16 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	17	18	19
20	21 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	22	23 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	24 <u>Brevard County</u> <u>Scottish Rite Club</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>Dinner 6:30 PM</u> <u>Meeting 7:30 PM</u>	25	26
27	28	29	30 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	31		

From the East (continued)

With this, I sincerely hope to see many of you participating in our degree work. We have been blessed with a very active recruitment pipeline and will likely have many Candidates to move through the degrees in the coming months. This brings me to another request. We need catechism instructors. Our Candidates and new Brethren cannot proceed through the degrees without the help of dedicated instructors. So, if you're up for the challenge to help shepherd our newest Members through this important work, please let W.: Ron know and he will work with you to help you get started as an instructor. Remember, one of the most important things we do for our fraternity is make new Masons. I look forward to working with you all to do just that.

In Harmony,
W.: M.: Anthony

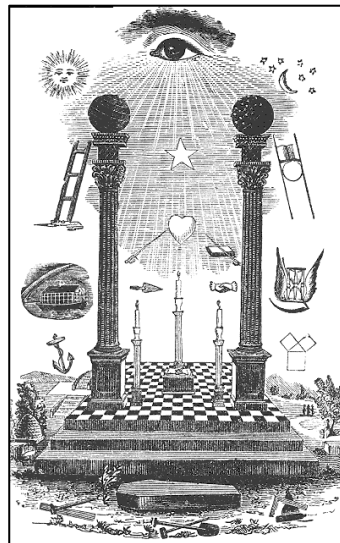


Masonic History and Esoterica

In the symbolic language of Masonry, a Mason always travels from west to east in search of light – he travels from the lofty tower of Babel, where language was confounded and Masonry lost, to the threshing floor or Ornan the Jebusite, where language was restored and Masonry found. The Master Mason also travels into foreign countries in search of wages. All this is pure symbolism.

In Europe during the tenth century, "Traveling Masons" roamed from country to country erecting religious edifices. These fraternities of artists and artificers formed themselves into exclusive corporations and included all necessary crafts from skilled laborers to architects.

"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)



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Some things may not be written; not so much that it is forbidden, as that they are not to be expressed in words.



Kneeling before the altar of the Great Architect of the Universe to offer petition for himself, alone with the Maker of the Universe, the Freemason is himself a symbol of that strange relationship which all feel and none may speak.

From *Introduction to Freemasonry* Carl H. Claudy © 1931

From the Secretary

The Secretary reports that twelve 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.

