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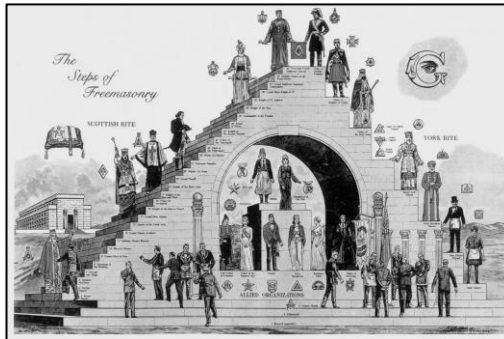
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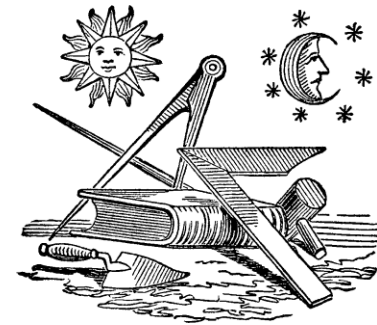
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- Check those letters in the Red Book
- Learn a Lecture
- Learn How to Open & Close Lodge
- Brush up on your Catechisms
- Qualify for Proficiency Cards

ALL MASTER MASONS ARE INVITED

LODGE MEETINGS 17th MASONIC DISTRICT

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
Palm Bay No. 397	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



From the East

Greetings to All Brothers family, and friends.

We had great events in March, our family breakfast, Masters and Wardens meeting, The D.D.G.M.s official was a great success with a fantastic meal and a beautiful cake, there were around 50 Brothers from several districts. A wonderful evening of Brotherly love and fun combined with Masonic education, it was a huge success, and everyone had a great time. It was nice to see so many Brothers travel from so far to show their respect to our own D.D.G.M. thank you all.

On our workday we took the Putt-Putt hole apart to reuse the wood for other projects, cleaned and rearranged both the library and prep room. This was a four hour plus task with the help of brothers Stephen, Joshua, Nathan, Skip, Kyle, and me. Thank you, this was a large project for one day, afterwards we had our monthly get together Cigar night in Old Downtown Melbourne. A great day for all.

Our work days and Officers meetings are important, they are the work force behind the lodge, we plan and do the work at these meetings, a single no vote changed our plans for one item for our missing masonic brothers table...we could went with a majority vote, but we chose to continue with our discussions and we came up with an answer that satisfied everyone. We care and want what is best for as many of our lodge members as possible, not just the majority of our craft. It may not always be 100% but we will try our best.

Your Brother,
W::M:: Ernie Quick

From the West

My Brothers,

I wanted to thank all of those who came out to Executive Cigar Lounge on Saturday, April 25, 2026, for our third cigar night event! Due to the continued success of this event, we will be hosting our cigar night on the last Saturday of every month starting in May. We look forward to seeing you all there!

As mentioned at the last Stated in April, we will be distributing the flowers and cards for the widows' program around the middle of May. Any brothers who would like to be involved please let me know! We will need help assembling the bouquets and distributing the flowers.

Important Dates — May 2026

Degree Practice

- Wednesday, May 6th, 2026: Open Books at Harbor City Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, May 13th, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm
- Wednesday, May 20th, 2026: FC practice at Melbourne Lodge at 6pm

Cigar Night

Saturday, May 30th at Executive Cigar Lounge at 4pm

There will be no practice on Wednesday, May 27th due to the Grand Communications (May 25th through May 27th). I'm looking forward to seeing all of my brothers in Lodge at our first Stated!

Fraternally,
S::W:: Stephen D. Butalla

From the South

Brethren,

Be grateful for what was, what is, and what will be. Let us use this month to strengthen the fraternal bonds that hold our lodge together.

Thank you all for your help on this last lodge workday. We are slowly refreshing and beautifying the lodge. We want to add to the great work the brethren have completed before us. We do not want any brothers to feel like we are changing what they have been stewards of in years past. We only seek to update and attract new members by tidying up and refreshing a few areas with the most impact.

For this month's menu, we have:

May 4th

- Hard/Soft shell Beef tacos
- Taco bar with salsa, guacamole, cotija cheese, shredded cheese, red shredded cabbage, pickled red onions, chopped onion, and more.
- Dessert will be freshly baked peach cobbler with a scoop of vanilla ice cream

May 25th

- Fall off the bone baby back ribs with barbecue sauce.
- Shell macaroni summer salad (peas, carrot shreds, chopped celery, egg, mayo, light mustard, and tuna).
- Also Steamed Vegetables
- Dessert will be something tasty, but TBD

Your Brother,
J::W:: Jason Rich

May 2026

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Masters and Wardens</u> <u>Indian River No. 90</u> <u>Breakfast 8:00 AM</u> <u>Meeting 9:00 AM</u>
3	4 <u>Stated Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30 PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	5	6 <u>Open Books</u> <u>Harbor City Lodge</u> <u>6:00 to 9:00 PM</u>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	14	15	16
17	18 <u>Stated Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge 7:30 PM</u>	19	20 <u>Ritual Practice at</u> <u>Melbourne Lodge</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	21	22	23
24/31	25 <u>197th Grand</u> <u>Communication</u>	26 <u>197th Grand</u> <u>Communication</u>	27 <u>197th Grand</u> <u>Communication</u>	28	29	30 <u>Executive</u> <u>Cigar Social 4:00</u>

Worshipful at Executive Social



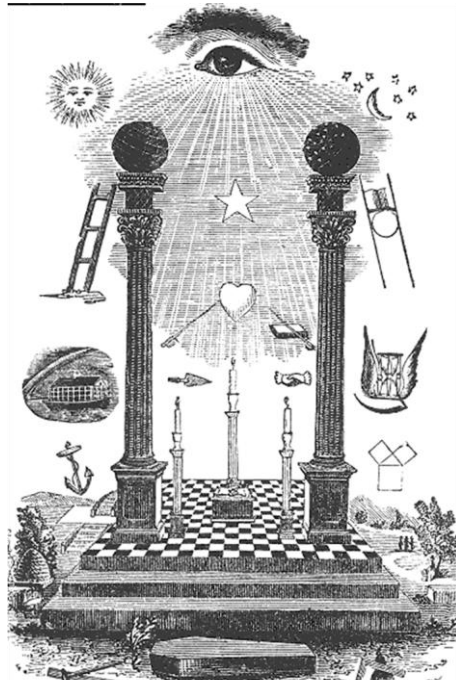
DDGM Visit



Cake for District Deputy Grand Master Craig Boettcher's visit to his home Lodge in April.

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Our esteemed Junior Warden enjoying our social at Executive Cigar.

