

The Trestle Board

Manatee Lodge #31



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OUR NEWEST ENTERED APPRENTICE

Allen Patrick Donahue, Raymond Scott Gingrich, James Warren Weber,
William B Wiedeman, Shawn Marshall Cunningham and Ihsan Daifallah
AND DEGREE TEEM

J.J. Albritton, Nick Evans, Lazaro Diaz, Kyle B Bachman, (Matt Steiner not in photo)
William Dickey III, Zachary Humphries, and Bill Dunning

A NOTE FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER ELECT

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 IS WORK DAY

We need to clean up the lodge for the installation of Palmetto
installation on January 2nd. At 10:00 AM

And our installation on

January 9th at 9:AM

**REMEMBER MANATEE 31 WILL BE DARK
MONDAY JANUARY 4TH**

TURN TO PAGE 7 FOR PHOTO FROM OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brothers,

As the year comes to an end, I would just like all of you to know what an honor it's been to serve in the line and sit as Worshipful Master for this year. It goes without saying; Manatee Lodge is in my opinion, one of the best lodges in the state. We've got a tremendous amount of brother's in this lodge that work extremely hard to keep our lodge going. I sat in the East with only a title, but it was the officer's that I worked with that get all the credit. Brother's, you're not going to have to worry about Manatee Lodge for many years to come because we have so many brothers that are in line and many more waiting whose only concern for us is to make our lodge stronger than it already is. I can't thank the officer's enough for making this a pleasurable year for me and for all the work that they've done.

I would also like to thank Mike McCullah and W. Jim Fleming for the presentations they did this year which were very informative for me and the brother's. Brother's, next year W. Dobbs is going to need help with whatever endeavors he might take on. Please step up and try to give him a hand when you can. The more help he can get, the stronger our lodge will be. To all the brothers of Manatee Lodge, thanks again for being there with your support and advise to get me through the year.

Fraternally yours,
John Steiner
W.M.

Florida Grand Lodge Officers
M.:W.: Steven P. Boring , Grand Master
R.:H.: Ron Baber, DDGM
R .:W.: Barry D Hart District Instructor

Manatee Lodge No. 31
2015 Officers

Worshipful Master	John Steiner	941-232-4927
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FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S CHAIR

Brothers, If you have the time please sign up for the visitation committee. For all the brothers who are ill, there is nothing better than seeing a familiar face of another brother to help the sick brother get well.

I want to thank all the brothers who have supported me this year as chaplain. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve the lodge in any way that I can and I find great pleasure in being the chaplain. I KNEW THAT I HAD A BIG PAIR OF SHOES TO FILL WHEN I accepted this job and I only hope that someone is looking down at me and smiling. I really miss Stanley, He was such a part of this lodge and I only hope that I am worthy to fill his shoes.

Brothers, when you are at lodge next, please look at the wonderful job Laz did by putting Stanley's cane in a beautiful display case. It keeps Stanley's memory alive and that is the way it should be.

In closing, Thank you all for all the help you have given me this year. If you have any news of sickness or distress please keep me informed Thank you all for keeping Manatee Lodge #31 the best lodge in the state of Florida.

Fraternally Yours
 George Vomvoris,pm
 Chaplain

Masonic Birthdays

DECEMBER

Walter Howard Vogler 12-28-50 John Lee Palmer 12-09-68
 Terry Lee Bowen 12-20-79 Julian Mack Hvatt 12-20-79
 Gary Winston Prince 12-21-82 Roderick Stephen Berger 12-14-85
 Robert Neal Hughes 12-14-85 Theodore Roosevelt Simpkins II 12-29-86k
 Luis A Salazar 12-01-87 Jack Thomas Simpkins 12-21-91
 John George Thiel 12-21-91 Harry Charles Van Why Jr. 12-21-91
 Earl Thomas Hasenflu 12/04/93 William Ronald Booker 12-13-97
 John David Callahan 12-12-09 Joseph Robert Casteel 12-12-09
 Douglas Wayne Dobbs 12-12-09J Jeffery Richard Gross 12-12-09-09
 David Michael Hall 12-12-09 Robert James Hunt 12-12-09
 Ryan Eric King 12-12-09 Roger Allen Riggle 12-12-09
 Charles Warren Sanders jr. 12-12-09 John Andrew Stiner 12-12-09
 Alexander Franklin Wemvss 12-12-09 Robert Lee Hudson Jr. 12-10-11
 George Robert Lichner 12-10-11 Steven Ernest Persigner 12-10-11
 Neil Kenneth Sutton 12-10-11

Perpetual Members

Kenneth E. Ammons	John E. Hokanson
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George V. Benjamin	Stanley Preston
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Robert B. Coverdale	Alessio Ruggiero
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Michael R. Dobbs	Theodore R. Simpkins, II
Joseph K. Fenton	Robert J. Springer
Earl M. Grimes	Billy Staffiles

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1960	Milton M. Stewart	1990	George J. Vomvoris	2006	John E. Hokanson
1965	John G. Collins	1993	Byron P. Barton	2007	Charles A. Keeler
1967	Wallace R. Davis	1994	Marc B. Gilner	2008	Robert Coverdale
1968	Glen E. Boeschon	1996	Ronald E. Baber	2009	Albert Thurman
1973	James P. Sellers	1998	Earl T. Hasenflu	2010	Brian Johnsen
1976	George V. Benjamin	2000	Charles M. Reibold	2011	Earl Dennis
1978	John G. Breese	2001	Elwood H. Williams	2012	Mike Grimes
1983	Riley M. Hardy	2002	Joseph S. Rowland	2013	Les Ruggiero
1984	Dozier K. Walker	2003	Theodore R. Simpkins	2014	Joe Fenton
1987	Thomas A. Simpkins	2004	Wilbert L. Anders		
1989	Gary E. Carter	2005	Richard A. Cooper		

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Our Masonic Family



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Daughters of the Nile
 NYLA Temple #152 holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month

Queen	Kathy Rodd	roddbobot@aol.com
Princess Recorder	Donna Kay Duffy	cdd84@aol.com



York Rite Council
 Bradentown Council #9
 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 pm

Illustrious Master	Albert (Butch) Thurman, PM
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	dotbat@hotmail.com
Principal Conductor	Richard Coles

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 4 2016 MANATEE 31 DARK

INSTALLATIONS

MANATEE 31 JANUARY 9 2016 9 AM
PALMETTO 110 JANUARY 2 10:00 AM
PHOENIX 146 JANUARY 5 2016 5:30 PM
SARASOTA 147 JANUARY 8 2016 7 PM
VENICE 301 JANUARY 2 2016 5:30 PM

Palmetto Lodge #110

Holds its regular meeting on the 2nd AND 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Worshipful Master	Richard Coles
Sr. Warden	W Todd Meschell
Jr. Warden	W Gene Lance
Treasurer	W James Fleming
Secretary	W Barry Swann
Chaplain	W Robert Davis
Marshall	W Ed Cramer
Senior Deacon	Mark Mason
Junior Deacon	Jason Murphy
Senior Steward	TBA
Junior Steward	TBA



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Special Fee	\$25 annual fee, plus registration fees
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Steak Night 1st Monday at 6:00 pm

\$10 Rib eye Steak Dinner

Typically includes: mushrooms & onions,
 mashed potatoes
 w/gravy, vegetable, tossed salad, & dessert.

Coffee & Tea



Jr. Warden's Choice Dinner

3rd Monday at 6:00 pm

**\$10 The Lodge now provides
 the entire meal!**

2015 Lodge Committees

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sr. Warden: Doug Dobbs doug.dobbs61@yahoo.com

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

Jr. Warden: Kyle B. Bachman

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Jr. Warden: Kyle B. Bachman

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Worshipful Master: W.: John Steiner
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Membership! Series 2!!**



be sold! Tickets are \$25, and you can purchase more than 1 ticket (depending on availability). Members of other Lodge's can play, but a maximum value of \$1600.00 will be awarded for a Perpetual Membership in their particular Lodge. These tickets are selling fast, and the odds are great! We will hold the drawing when all 80 tickets have sold. Tickets can be purchased at any Manatee Lodge meeting, or by mailing a check to Manatee Lodge No. 31, F&AM to P.O. Box 9304, Bradenton, FL 34206. Your ticket will be issued as soon as your check is received, and sent to you by return mail.



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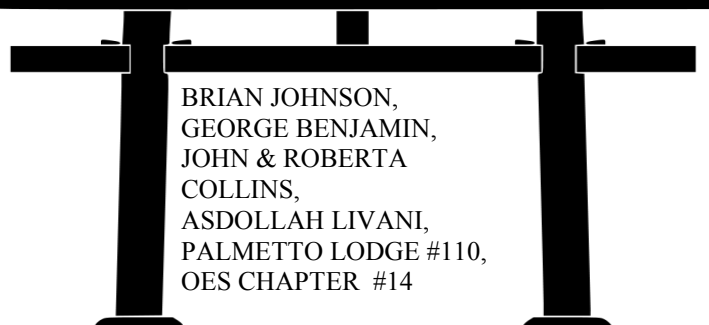
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January 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			DEC 30 LODGE CLEAN UP DAY		1 	2 PALMETTO #110 INSTALLATION 10:00 AM
3	4 MANATEE 31 DARK	5 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	6	7	8	9 MANATEE 31 INSTALLION 9:AM
10	11	12 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	13	14	15	16
17	18 MANATEE 31 6:00 PM JR WARDEN'S DINNER STATED MEETING	19 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	27	28	29	30
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MANATEE 31 CHRISTMAS PARTY



PHOTOS BY BOB RODD

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Remember in your prayers the men and women in uniform, who are serving our country.

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Please join us for
A meal and stated
Meeting,**

**Enjoy some
Fellowship with
Your fraternity
Brothers**



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Why not Join and Gain New Light.
Contact the Lodge Secretary for Information



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