

# The Trestle Board

Manatee Lodge #31



Chartered 1853

Manatee Lodge No. 31  
Issue No. 1 2016

402 15th Street East  
Bradenton, Florida 34208

January/ 2016



## MANATEE 31 2016 OFFICERS

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

Barry Hart installing Marshal, Mat Steiner Sr. Deacon  
George Vomvoris Chaplain, Kyle B Bachman Sr. Warden,  
**DOUG DOBBS WORSHIPFUL MASTER**  
Tom Carter Junior Warden, Ron Baber Tyler

Back row left to right

Ken Ammons Assistant Tyler, Lazaro Diaz Jr. Deacon,  
Nick Evans Sr. Steward, George Benjamin Secretary,  
Anthony DiMauro Jr. Steward, John Steiner Marshal  
Mike Olson Treasure

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**Be sure to check out our web site now on line.**  
<http://manateelodge31.org>

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**Applications for Manatee 31 2016 Scholarships  
are now available  
on our Website  
or you can ask the  
lodge Secretary  
for a copy**

Brothers,

It is my honor to have been elected as WM of our Lodge and to sit in the East.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my Installing Officer R.:W.: Ron Baber, all brethren that assisted with the work, all the brethren and visitors that shared the day with me, and W.: John Steiner for his help with all the preparation that day. That day is a fond memory of my Masonic journey.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers of Manatee Lodge. I look forward to a productive and inspiring Masonic year together.

My goal is to carry on the traditions of Manatee Lodge, maintaining our legacy of great degree work and inspiring fellowship. I encourage all of us to reach out to one brother at each meeting that we do not know, or do not know very well. Either a brother of Manatee lodge or a visitor, or both! I believe that this introduction will foster the fraternal bonds that masonry affords us.

I look forward to the ensuing Masonic year.

Brethren, “ **I greet you.. !**”

Fraternally,  
**W.: Doug Dobbs**

## 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	Doug Dobbs	941-545-1726
Senior Warden	Kyle B. Bachman	941-518-6081
Junior Warden	Tom Carter	941-993-7911
Treasurer*	W.: Mike Olson, PM	941-361-3084
Secretary*	R.:H.: George Benjamin, PM	941-713-7856
Chaplain	W.: George Vomvoris, PM	941-756-6298
Marshal	W.: John steiner, PM	941-232-4927
Senior Deacon	Matt Steiner	941-742-8784
Junior Deacon	Lazaro Diaz	1-732-318-0014
Senior Steward	Nick Evans	941-580-4075
Junior Steward	Anthony DiMauro	941-747-8865
Tyler*	R.: W.: Ron Baber, DDGM	941-748-7938
Assistant Tyler*	Ken Ammons	941-238-8828
Marshal	John Steiner	941-232-4927

(\* Officer Previously Installed)

### 2016 LODGE APPOINTMENTS

Lodge Instructor	R.:H.: Ron Baber, PM	941-748-7938
Funeral Committee	W.: George Vomvoris, PM	941-756-6298
Publicity Chairman	W.: George Vomvoris, PM	941-756-6298
Lodge Mentor	Tracy Junior Martin	
GL Masonic Education	R.:H.: James Fleming, PM	
Lodge Masonic Education	Mike McCullough	
GL Fundraiser	Ken Ammons	
Lodge Betterment	Bill Dickey	
Lodge Betterment	Zach Humphries	
Lodge Work & Instruction	J.J. Albritton	
Civic Improvement	Andy Richerson	
Lodge Property & Maintenance	Chad Terrell	



#### 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  
W.: George Vomvoris, PM  
Chaplain

## Masonic Birthdays

### JANUARY

Randal Earl shiver 01/14/1960  
Harry Leslie Pierce 01/18 1965  
Eli Edward Spector 01/01/1969  
Robert Scott Lucas 01/12/2009  
Frederick John Coffey 01/21/1984  
Michael Earl Madrak 01/21/1984  
Ronald Roger Levene 01/21/1995  
Stanley Richard Hascher 01/23/1995

### FEBRUARY

David Lee Rowe 02/18/1957  
Estell J Hannah 02/19/1958  
Ray Henry Ederington 02/24/1969  
Alfred Ray Reid 02/24/1969  
Richard J resendes 01/14/1975  
Glenn Woodrow Morgan Jr. 02/28/1977  
Harris Loyd Glasgow 02/23/1981  
Tommy Dee Lam 02/23/1981  
William Frederick Samuels 02/23/1981  
Paul Raymond Dumas 02/27/1984  
Joseph Paul Clark 02/23/1985  
Gregory Lee Stout 02/22/1986  
Robert Anthony Grim 02/04/1989  
Frederick Herbert Lowenhaupt 02/04/1989  
Jeffrey Steven Curry 02/28/1989  
Donald John Potocki 02/17/1998  
Robert Jay Springer 02/22/1999  
Brady William Chapman 02/26/2005  
Robert Bryant Coverdale 02/26/2005  
Ryan Patrick Johnson 02/26/2005  
Asdollah Livan 02/18/2006  
Roger Harold Neihart 02/18/2006  
Danny Joe Sniecinski 02/18/2006

## Perpetual Members

**Kenneth E. Ammons**  
**Wilbert L. Anders, Jr.**  
**Mark A. Atkinson**  
**Ronald E. Baber**  
**George V. Benjamin**  
**Brady W. Chapman**  
**John G. Collins**  
**Robert B. Coverdale**  
**Earl W. Dennis, Jr.**  
**Douglas W. Dobbs**  
**Michael R. Dobbs**  
**Joseph K. Fenton**  
**Earl M. Grimes**

**John E. Hokanson**  
**Edwin T. Holman**  
**Ryan P. Johnson**  
**Hutton G. Lewis**  
**Stanley Preston**  
**Kenneth Reese, Sr.**  
**Joseph S. Rowland**  
**Alessio Ruggiero**  
**Nicolas A. Ruggiero**  
**Thomas A. Simpkins**  
**Theodore R. Simpkins, II**  
**Robert J. Springer**  
**Billy Staffiles**

## Living Past Masters

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. Boeschen	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	2015 John Steiner
1989 Gary E. Carter	2005 Richard A. Cooper	

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# Our Masonic Family



**Manatee Chapter 14**  
**Order of the Eastern Star**  
 Stated meetings on the 1st & 3rd  
 Tuesday

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Sentinel	Gil Carlsen	941-371-7304
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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	roddbokat@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
	<a href="mailto:butcht31@peoplepc.com">butcht31@peoplepc.com</a>
Deputy Master	William A. Sorbie, PM
	<a href="mailto:dotbat@hotmail.com">dotbat@hotmail.com</a>
Principal Conductor	Richard Coles

## ANOUNCEMENTS

### EA's PREPARING FOR CATECHISM

Ihsan Daifallan  
 Allen Patrick Dohahue  
 Raymond scott Gingrich  
 Nicholas Christopher Pryor  
 Joseph Robert Shannon  
 James Waren Weber  
 Willian B Wiedeman

### MM's PREPARING FOR CATECHISM

William Allen Dickey  
 Zachary Joseph Humphries  
 Traxy Junior Martin  
 Andy J. Richardson  
 Donald Ray Simmonds

## 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
Tyler	Richard schmidt

Why three burning tapers about the Altar?  
 How will the Master's word be found?  
 Fill in the gaps left by the first three  
 Degrees.  
 Join Manatee York Rite and get the  
 answers to these questions and more.  
 For more information contact  
 Butch Thurman at

[butcht31@peoplepc.com.](mailto:butcht31@peoplepc.com)

### 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!**



### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee	Kyle B Bachman	941-518-6081
Vigilance Committee	Tom Carter	941-993-7911
Petitions Committee	Tom Carter	941-993-7911
Education Committee	R.: H.: Jim Fleming BR. Mike McCullough	414-350-6061
Board of Relief	WM Doug Dobbs	941-545-1726
Committee on Charity W.:	George Vomvoris, PM	941-756-6298
Committee on Lodge Property	Tom Carter	941-993-7911
Investigation Committee	Tom Carter Matt steiner	941-993-7911 941-742-8784
Funeral Committee	W.: George Vomvoris, PM	941-756-6298
Lodge Instruction	R.: W.: Ron Baber, DDGM	941-748-7938
Trestle Board	Bill Dunning	941-504-5195
Website Editor	Kyle B Bachman	941-518-6081



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Statutory Authority	320.08058
Date Enacted	October 1, 2013
Special Fee	\$25 annual fee, plus registration fees
Distribution of Special Fee	Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. <a href="http://www.masonichomeofflorida.org">www.masonichomeofflorida.org</a>



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#### Win An Annual Membership!

Raffle tickets are on sale at the Tyler's station at every Stated or Called meeting of Manatee Lodge. **50 tickets will be sold at \$2.00 each**, and then a drawing for that batch of 50 tickets will be the same evening if it is a Stated Communication, or if it is a Called Communication, the drawing will be held at the next Stated Meeting. Prize is a certificate redeemable for the following year's dues (\$80.00 value). For example, tickets currently being sold are for 2016 dues, and ongoing raffles for 2016 dues will continue until dues notices for 2016 are mailed out in October of 2015. After that date raffles will continue, but will be for certificates redeemable for 2017 dues. In addition, because of the low value of each ticket, records of individual sales will not be maintained as in the Perpetual Membership raffles. Therefore, the winning ticket holder must present his stub to win. If he cannot produce the ticket stub after the drawing or within 30 days of publication of the winning ticket number in the Trestle Board, the

#### Win A Perpetual Membership! Series 2!!

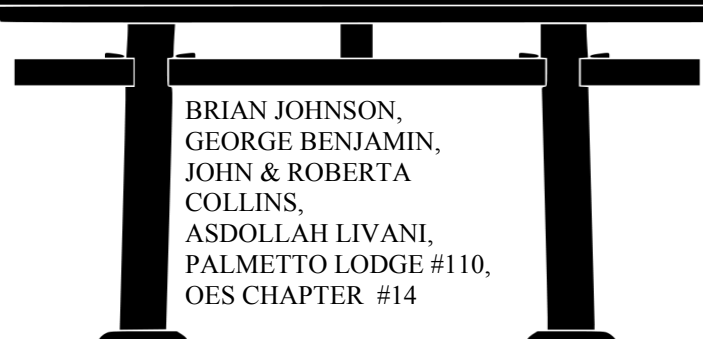


be sold! Tickets are \$25, and you can purchase more than 1 ticket (depending on availability). Members of other Lodge's can play, but a maximum value of \$1600.00 will be awarded for a Perpetual Membership in their particular Lodge.

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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PALMETTO LODGE #110,  
OES CHAPTER #14

# 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 Masonic funeral for BR Donald Steel 1-18-16 5:30 PM	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 Lodge practice	26 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	27	28 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING 6:45 pm DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION 7:30 pm AT SARASOTA 147	29	30
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# February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 MANATEE 31 STEAK DINNER 6:00 pm FOLLOWED BY STATED MEETING 7:30	2 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	3	4	5	6 LODGE WORK DAY ALL HELP WILL BE WELCOMED
7	8 OFFICERS MEETING 6:00 PM LODGE PRACTICE AFTER	9 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	10	11	12	13
14	15 MANATEE 31 JR WARDEN'S DINNER FOLLOW BY STATED MEETING 7:30 pm	16 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	17	18	19	20
21	22 	23 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	24	25 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING 6:45 pm DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION 7:30 pm AS ENGLEWOOD #360	26	27
28	29 LODGE PRACTICE					



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Free and Accepted Masons of Florida  
P.O. Box 9304  
Bradenton, Florida 34206

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

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You can also email the trestle editor at [vernell.electronics1@verizon.net](mailto:vernell.electronics1@verizon.net)  
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## Haven't Been To Lodge Lately?



**We miss you!  
Please join us for  
A meal and stated  
Meeting,**

**Enjoy some  
Fellowship with  
Your fraternity  
Brothers**



The Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, Grotto, and the Shrine Need You...  
Why not Join and Gain New Light.  
Contact the Lodge Secretary for Information



ASK ONE TO BE ONE