

The Trestle Board

Manatee Lodge #31



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Manatee Lodge No. 31
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402 15th Street East
Bradenton, Florida 34208

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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

W. : George Vomvoris, PM

Steak Night 1st Monday at 6:00 pm

\$10 Rib eye Steak Dinner

Typically includes: mushrooms & onions,

Jr. Warden's Choice Dinner

3rd Monday at 6:00 pm

\$10 The Lodge now provides



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

As always I must give my thanks to each one of you for the constant support, positive feedback, and help I receive.

My journey through the chairs has felt lightning fast. Every chair comes with a new set of worries and challenges but the support I get from you removes all anxiety. Sometimes it takes the faith of others for you to see the confidence within.

Helping brothers find their own confidence within, is a reason I am excited about the programs we have in place this year. The mentors program and well prepared instructors insures strong new Masons keeping Manatee 31 a healthy lodge. If you've ever had the desire or interest to instruct, let us know and we will make sure you succeed in that roll.

Another program I'm proud to see started is the Mason of the Month. There are many brothers we tend to take for granted or just aren't given as much credit as they are due. Its just one more way we can say thank you. Brother Padelford, our first Mason of the Month, has been tending to the Lodge's lawn for years. Brother Padelford we are grateful for it !!

The last thing I'd like to touch on the is the fact I am seeing a few of ladies at the meals. Brothers, please feel free to bring your family! The meetings may be for the men but the meals are to break bread as a Masonic Family and that includes family!

Fraternally,
Kyle B. Bachman
Senior Warden

P.S. Make sure you "like" the lodge on Facebook, and bookmark the website

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

(* Officer Previously Installed)

2016 LODGE APPOINTMENTS

Lodge Instructor	R.: W.: Ron Baber, PM	941-748-7938
Funeral Committee	W.: George Vomvoris, PM	941-756-6298
Publicity Chairman	NICK EVANS	
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 Richardson	
Lodge Property & Maintenance	Chad Terrell	

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 Mike McCullough	414-350-6061
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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

Masonic Birthdays

March

- Robert W Bordner 3-1-1954
Edward William Wentzel 3-28-1960
Alan Hochroth 3-24-1964
Jay Stephen Litschauer 3-22-1982
Ivan Dale Alderton 3-31-1984
Ronald Edward Baber 3-26-1988
Robert Daniel Mills 3-26-1988
Michael Van Crews 3-17-1990
Douglas Wakefield Dodson 3-17-1990
William Henry Walker JR 3-17-1990
Jesse Leonard Pease 3-27-1993
William Aca Caraker 3-5-1994
Elwood Harold Williams 3-5-1994
John William Preskenis 3-26-1994
Jesse Level Green III 3-23-1996
David Scott Henderson 3-14-2000
Glenn Eugene Huston 3-17-2001
James Arthur Whittemore 3-23-2002
Ali Feridon Arin 3-31-2007
Brian Keith Johnsen 3-31-2007
Charles Robert Bigham 3-23-2013
Thomas Dean Carter 3-23-2013
William Ralph Dunning 3-23-2013
Everte Foster Farnell Jr 3-23-2013
Christopher Andrew Mackenzie 3-23-2013
Jonathon Richard Mitchell 3-23-2013

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 | 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 Staffles
KYLE B Bachman |
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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. Boesch | 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 | |

PETITIONS UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Mark L. Mason — Affiliation by PL, John Webster Brown — Degrees,
 Steve Lakner — degrees, Colin Elliott Snowball — degrees
 Shawn J. Long — Affiliation by transfer Certificate.

WAITING TO BE INITIATED:

Gordon Ellsworth Govalet — Degrees William Arthur Shuttleworth — Degrees

E.A's PREPARING FOR CATECHISM PROFICIENCIES:

Ihsan Daifallah, Allen Patrick Donahue, Raymond Scott Gingrich, Michael Shannon Glasgow, Curtis M Mahoney, Sr.
 Nicholas Christopher Pryor, Joseph Robert Shannon, James Warren Weber, William B Wiedeman

MM's PREPARING FOR CATECHISM PROFICIENCIES:

William Allen Dickey, Zachary Joseph Humphries, Tracy Junior Martin, Andy J. Richardson
 Donald Ray Simmons, Shawn J Long.

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Our Masonic Family



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

Worthy Matron	Glenda Dunning glendaray@verizon.net	941-504-5194
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Associate Patron	Bob Rodd roddbokat@aol.com	941-776-0937
Secretary	Bill Dunning bill@gatorstamping.com	941-504-5195
Treasurer	David Rowe	941-748-6025
Marshal	Courtney Murkerson	941-224-4033
Chaplain	Mike Olson floor8@aol.com	941-361-3084
Warder	Barbra Roberge	517-574-2063
Sentinel	Gil Carlsen chinookc@aol.com	941-371-7304

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This quarter's Non-Masonic charitable donation is planned to go to "Paws for Patriots", this donation will be combined with the basket raffle donations we can have a drawing at the next meetings.
 S.W.

Past Masters Board

The Manatee Lodge Past Masters Board is asking for all EA, FC and all new Master Masons along with all of the instructors to meet them at the Lodge March 17 at 6 PM for interdictions and to assist in the mentors program

Advanced Catechism Class

On the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM James Albritton will be holding catechism for catechism instructors and those who intend to be come instructors, however all are welcome.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

These applications are now available on the web site and from the Secretary. The enrollment period ends on March 15th. Other deadlines and details are on the Scholarship application..

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.

Obtaining and maintaining new membership is a constant goal of all lodges. Raising and keeping active young Masons insures the health and longevity of a lodge. Activity and involvement helps turn these masons into future leaders in the Masonic community. Our youth programs, such as DeMolay are excellent at creating "Home Grown" Masons. But where do the younger "walk in" Masons come from?
 What sparked their interest into our fraternity; and how do we keep this interest alive? With a recent surge of younger active Masons in our district, whom better to ask these questions to?

RW.: Ron Baber DDGM has put together a round table discussion for these "Masonic Millennia's". The goal of this forum is to come up with ways to make Masonry more inviting and engaging to Generations X through Z.

Freemasonry has a long history, and together we can insure that its future is well cemented. These youth are the building blocks of that future. So we invite all current "Masonic Millennia's" to join us March 2nd at Venice Lodge No. 301 starting at 6pm

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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

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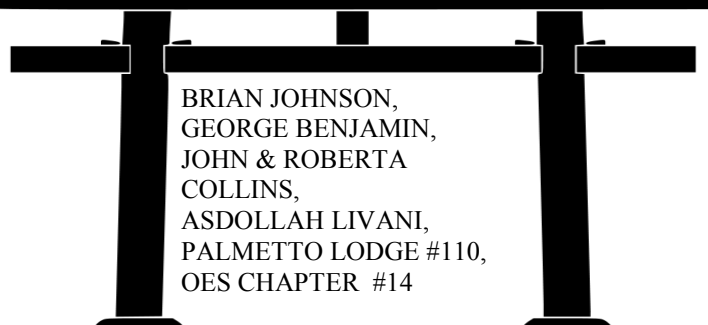
Only 80 tickets will be sold! Tickets are \$25, and you can purchase more than 1 ticket (depending on availability).

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&M 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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March 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<p>1</p> <p>OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30</p> <p>DDGM VISIT PHONIX 346</p>	<p>2</p> <p>MASONIC MILLENNIALS VENICE LODGE #301 6:00PM</p>	3	4	5
6	<p>7</p> <p>MANATEE 31 STEAK DINNER 6:00 pm FOLLOWED BY STATED MEETING 7:30</p> <p>DDGM VISIT MANATEE 31</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30</p> <p>DDGM VISIT SARASOTA 147</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>J.J. ALBRITTON ADVANCED CATECHISM CLASS 6:00 PM</p>	11	12
13	<p>14</p> <p>OFFICERS MEETING 6:00 PM</p> <p>LODGE PRACTICE AFTER</p>	<p>15</p> <p>OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30</p> <p>DDGM VISIT ENGLEWOOD 360</p>	16	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA PILGRIMAGE DAY CHILD ID AND GAMES CHILI COOK OFF</p>
20	<p>21</p> <p>MANATEE 31 JR WARDEN'S DINNER FOLLOW BY STATED MEETING 7:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>MM MEETING 6:45 SARASOTA 147 FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</p>	25	26
27	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>RUSTY MASON NIGHT AT SAHIB SHRINE</p>	31		

April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 MANATEE 31 STEAK DINNER 6:00 pm FOLLOWED BY STATED MEETING 7:30	5 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	27	28 MM MEETING 6:45 PHOENIX 346 FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	29	30

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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