

The Trestle Board

Manatee Lodge #31



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Manatee Lodge No. 31
Issue No. 4 2016

402 15th Street East
Bradenton, Florida 34208

April 2016

MARCH DATE TO REMEMBER

Rusty Mason night March 30, 6:30 at the Sahib Shrine on 600 north Beneva Road. You must have your 2016 dues card to join in the fun.

LOVE YOUR LADIES, LOVE YOUR LODGE

For a donation of \$200.00 you can have your wife, daughter or any other lady you would like to honor listed on the "Love your Ladies, Love your Lodge plaque" to be placed in the dinning area of the lodge.

The charity for the second quarter non-Masonic donation will go to Wildlife, Inc.

Education & wildlife Rehabilitation Non-Profit.

INVESTIGATORS NEEDED

We have several petitions in process along with several future brothers waiting for their E.A. initiation or brothers soon to be ready for their Fellow Craft degree initiation. the Junior Warden (Tom Carter) is in need of brothers to help for investigating possible new members, and in putting on the degrees, conductors especially, and we also need more brothers to help with catechism instruction.

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 SOUTH

First off the whole lodge should bow to Br Bachman for being the lodge chef this year. He did an amazing job last year and continues to overachieve this year. If the job came to me we would be having McNuggets a lot.

Workdays are going to be on the first Saturday of every month starting at 8am always ending before noon unless a special project is going on which you will hear of well prior to workday. I want to thank everyone for the participation in workday we usually have a good turnout and have some fun.

I also setup degree practices and work. We are lucky to have so many brothers that have the knowledge to be district instructors. Anyone can come to practices even if you are not in the degree. We can always use people as candidates or conductors, having people makes practices go better because it is more like the real thing when you have all positions covered. We are honored to have RW Ron Baber as our instructor, just one look from him and I know I messed something up but it is all done in good fellowship making brothers better. You will always learn something at our practices. We are always looking for new instructors, being an instructor is a great way of paying back for all the time someone spent with you making you a master mason. If you are interested please contact me, we can never have too many.

I had a hip replaced in December and want to thank everyone for their kind words and support. Most people have 2 or 3 people that would go out of their way to help them. Being a mason I probably have twenty to thirty people that would be happy to help. Brothers that is what makes Masonry great

Thanks

Junior Warden Tom Carter

P.S. Make sure you "like" the lodge on Facebook, and bookmark the website
www.manateelodge31.org

Florida Grand Lodge Officers
M.:W.: Steven P. Boring , Grand Master
R.:W.: 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	941-524-8333
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
Board of Relief	WM Doug Dobbs	941-545-1726
Committee on Charity	W.: George Vomvoris, PM	941-524-8333
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	941-524-8333
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

April

John Garvey Collins 04/27/59
Daniel S Raisovich 04/11/67
Gary Edgar Clark 04/13/68
Jaime Rivera 04/11/69
William Meredith Sands Jr. 04/30/73
John Gary Webster 04/30/73
Riley McFerrin hardy 04/02/77
Grant Philip Paolini 04/14/80
John William Martin 04/26/80
Edward Vogler II 04/14/80
Allan Christopher Atkinson 04/25/83
John Roger rule 04/25/83
Francis Eugene shoemaker 04/25/83
Anthony Joseph Vignocchi Jr. 04/25/83
Rory MacConnell 04/24/85
Leslie Allan Martin 04/13/88
William Huey Lee 04/29/89
Guy Glenn Phillips 04/29/89
Michael David Pursell 04/13/91
Maurice Irvin Healey 04/26/91
Charles Harrison Crews 04/22/95
John Wayne McInnis 04/22/95
John Gordon Koch 04/17/99
James Robert MacDonald 04/29/06
Joseph Kimbal Fenton 04/11/09

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 Staffiles
KYLE B Bachman

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:

John Webster Brown — Degrees,
Steve Lakner — degrees, Colin Elliott Snowball — degrees

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.
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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or bring them to the lodge and see the Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Trestle board Editor

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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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Treasurer	David Rowe	941-748-6025
Marshal	Courtney Murkerson	
Chaplain	Mike Olson	941-361-3084 floor8@aol.com
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MANATEE YORK RITE

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.

Palmetto Lodge #110

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

Worshipful Master	W 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



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.



TIME TO BREAK A LEG

Manatee lodge 31 will be hosting a play August
1st as a

FUN – FUND raiser. Volunteers are needed, if you have little
or no acting talent you will be perfect. Current officers are
disqualified from this production. This is for any person who
is not currently in an active position and wishes to take part in
a fun evening and lodge fellowship.

Any body interested please contact Mike Olson at
941-724-2495.

Masonic Millennia's

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 April 6th at Venice Lodge No. 301
starting at 6pm

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ALL MEMBERSHIP RAFFLES TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 2017 dues, and ongoing raffles for 2017 dues will continue until dues notices for 2017 are mailed out in October of 2016. After that date raffles will continue, but will be for certificates redeemable for 2018 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 drawn ticket will be considered void, and a new ticket will be drawn from that same batch.

Win A Perpetual Membership! Series 2!!



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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April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30 RUSTY MASON 6:30 PM SAHIB SHRINE YOU MUST HAVE CURRENT DUES CARD	31	1	2 WORK DAY SPRING CLEANUP OPEN BOOK 9AM—1PM SARAIOTA 147
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 LODGE PRACTICE Millennial meeting Venice Lodge 6PM	7	8	9 TOUR DE CURE DRIVERS NEEDED
10 TOUR DE CURE EVENT LAKE- WOODRANCH MAIN STREET	11 OFFICERS MEET- ING 6:00 PM LODGE PRACTICE AFTER	12 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	13 LODGE PRACTICE	14 PAST MASTERS BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM J.J. ALBRITTON ADVANCED CATE- CHISM CLASS 6:00 PM	15	16
17	18 MANATEE 31 JR WARDEN'S DINNER FOLLOW BY STATED MEETING 7:30 pm	19 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	20 LODGE PRACTICE LEGISLATION MEETING AT 147 7 PM	21	22	23
24 CHILD ID VAN WEZEL	25 LODGE PRACTICE	26 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	27 LODGE PRACTICE	28 MM MEETING 6:45 PHOENIX 346 FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	29	30

May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 MANATEE 31 STEAK DINNER 6:00 pm Widows Night FOLLOWED BY STATED MEETING	3 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	4 LODGE PRACTICE	5	6	7 WORK DAY District party at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota 10 AM to 2 PM Open to all Masons and families
8	9 LODGE PRACTICE	10 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	11 LODGE PRACTICE	12 J.J. ALBRITTON ADVANCED CATECHISM CLASS 6:00 PM	13	14
15	16 MANATEE 31 JR WARDEN'S DINNER FOLLOW BY STATED MEETING 7:30 pm	17 OES DINNER AT 6:00 OES STATED MEETING 7:30	18 LODGE PRACTICE	19	20	21
22	23 LODGE PRACTICE	24 Palmetto #110 Stated meeting 7:30	25 LODGE PRACTICE	26 MASTER MASONS SARASOTA 147 FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION 7:30	27	28
29	30 LODGE PRACTICE	31				

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Free and Accepted Masons of Florida
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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