

# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



JANUARY 2017



## COME TO LODGE, WE MISS YOU!

Come for the meals, the meeting, or just for fellowship. What ever your reason come stop by!

If you have trouble making it to Lodge or need a ride please reach out to an Officer and we will try our best to get you here.

### Manatee Lodge No. 31

402 15th Street East  
Bradenton, Florida 34206

## Message From The East

My Brothers,

Thank you for your continued confidence in me, together I hope to make 2017 a very special year for Manatee 31. This lodge is a living history and we need to make sure our legacy is able to continue for years to come.

I have a rough draft of what I would like to accomplish for the lodge this year. While our budget is tight and being charitable may be tougher, I am not complaining. On the contrary, I find it wonderful to face difficult problems.

For a difficult problem creates a multitude of amazing solutions. I believe a well-organized group can conquer anything, even if we are a small group, we are a force. So together lets continue working hard to make Manatee 31 a strong lodge and a beacon to the community.

Sincerely,

**W.: Kyle B. Bachman**

Kyle@rev66.com  
941.5186081



## JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

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

## PERPETUAL MEMBERS

Kenneth E. Ammons	Edwin T. Holman
Wilbert L. Anders, Jr.	Ryan P. Johnson
Mark A. Atkinson	Hutton G. Lewis
Ronald E. Baber	Stanley Preston
George V. Benjamin	Kenneth Reese, Sr.
Brady W. Chapman	Joseph S. Rowland
John G. Collins	Alessio Ruggiero
Robert B. Coverdale	Nicolas A. Ruggiero
Earl W. Dennis, Jr.	Thomas A. Simpkins
Douglas W. Dobbs	Theodore R.
Michael R. Dobbs	Simpkins, II
Joseph K. Fenton	Robert J. Springer
John E. Hokanson	Billy Staffiles
Earl M. Grimes	Kyle B. Bachman

## OFFICERS

Florida Grand Lodge Officers  
M.:W.: Stanley Hudson, Grand Master  
R.:W.: Al Dahlberg, DDGM  
R.:W.: Ron Baber, District Instructor

### Worshipful Master

Kyle B. Bachman 941-518-6081

### Senior Warden

Tom Carter 941-993-7911

### Junior Warden

Matt Steiner 941-742-8784

### Treasurer

W.: Mike Olson - 941-361-3084

### Secretary

W.: Doug Dobbs - 941-545-1726

### Chaplain

W.: George Vomvoris - 941-524-8333

### Marshal

R.:H.: George Benjamin - 941-713-7856

### Senior Deacon

Nick Evans - 941-580-4075

### Junior Deacon

Anthony DiMauro - 941-747-8865

### Senior Steward

Tracey Martin - 941-561-4845

### Junior Steward

TBA

### Tyler

R.:W.: Ron Baber - 941-748-7938

## Win A Perpetual Membership! Series 2.

**Only a handful of perpetual membership raffle tickets left! GET YOURS NOW!**

Tickets are only \$25, and you can purchase more than one 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 are 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.

If \$25 is too rich for your blood, try one of our \$2.00 raffles, during our meetings. These \$2 raffles give you a chance to win one of the \$25 raffle tickets.

## Special Guests at the Shrine

Our Brothers were out in force to support our friends from the Special Olympics. Who were at the shrine dinner to present a plaque of appreciation. As always it was a great time seeing our friends for the Special Olympics!



## Community Christmas

The Do Rae Christmas party was a huge success. With corporate donations added to the lodge donation there were presents and food for the entire community. Thank you W.: Johnsen and all the brothers involved.



# Have you gone Digital?

## Make sure your e-mail is up to date!

Over the past two years we have been trying to perfect E-mailing the Trestle Board. With E-mail comes challenges and many issues. Many addresses were being bounced back, attachments being removed by anti-virus or ending up in spam etc. The list of emails alone caused lots of issues being tracked by two people who's lists didn't always match.

Brother Dunning has done a lot of hard work over the last year and used his personal e-mail address to do so.

Moving forward, we will be using a new system designed for e-mail news letters, with a subscription system that anyone can opt in or out of. This allows members to verify they have signed up for the Trestle Board with out having to bother the Secretary.

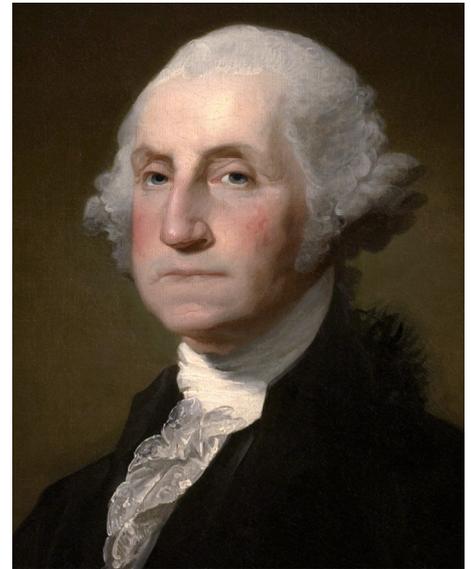
Along with the new e-mail version, this

revamped paper/digital version will be available as well. The trestle board is our way of reaching out to our membership to keep them informed and hopefully keep them active. I hope these new versions will be engaging and allow you all to feel connected to the Lodge.

Please bare with me as we work out the kinks in both versions, I will do my best to try to stay ahead of the curve and bring you the information you need quickly.

Aside from the e-mail newsletter and this Trestle Board, another great way to keep up with what is going on at the lodge is to "Like" the facebook page.

W.: KBB



## MASON OF THE MONTH

While there is no Mason of the Month for January, the Mason of the month for February will be announced at the 2nd Stated Meeting.

If there is a brother who you think is deserving of this title then please email your suggestions to [Kyle@rev66.com](mailto:Kyle@rev66.com).

With so much hard work to do, no brother should miss out on the credit he is due.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**The \$30 dues increase, and the increase to the three degree fees has passed by unanimous vote with the By-laws changes going to the Grand Lodge for Approval. If you would like to avoid this increase NOW would be the time to get your perpetial membership before the increase goes into effect. contact Brother Bachman at [kbb34217@tampabay.com](mailto:kbb34217@tampabay.com).**

**We are always in need of instructors and Mentors.**

**Please if you have an interest contact Matt. Don't be afraid we can help you to help others!**

**Also did you know that anyone can participate in the Degree's? Come try being apart of the ritual work, enjoy the fellowship and learn all the tricks of the trade!**

**When you are sick or lonely wouldn't it be great to have a friend and brother stop in and see you?**

**Join the Visitation Commitee and bring a little joy to a brother who needs it!**

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

1960 Milton M. Stewart  
1965 John G. Collins  
1967 Wallace R. Davis  
1968 Glen E. Boeschen  
1973 James P. Sellers  
1976 George V. Benjamin  
1978 John G. Breese  
1983 Riley M. Hardy  
1984 Dozier K. Walker  
1987 Thomas A. Simpkins  
1989 Gary E. Carter  
1990 George J. Vomvoris  
1993 Byron P. Barton  
1994 Marc B. Gilner  
1996 Ronald E. Baber  
1998 Earl T. Hasenflu  
2000 Charles M. Reibold  
2001 Elwood H. Williams  
2002 Joseph S. Rowland  
2003 Theodore R. Simpkins  
2004 Wilbert L. Anders  
2005 Richard A. Cooper  
2006 John E. Hokanson  
2007 Charles A. Keeler  
2008 Robert Coverdale  
2009 Albert Thurman  
2010 Brian Johnsen  
2011 Earl Dennis  
2012 Mike Grimes  
2013 Les Ruggiero  
2014 Joe Fenton  
2015 John Steiner  
2016 Douglas Dobbs

## DEGREE STATUS

### E.A.'s :

Colin Snowbal, Gordan Govalet, Bill Shuttleworth, Michael Glasgow, Curtis Mahoney, Joseph Shannon, Nicholas Pryor

### F.C.'s:

Ihsan Daifallah, Allen Donahue

### MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

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

# 2017 BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Manatee Lodge #31, P.O. Box 9304, Bradenton, FL  
34206

or bring them to the lodge and see the Worshipful  
Master or Secretary

## SILVER CLUB

\$25 - \$49

Make your Donation today to help the Trestle Board.

## GOLD CLUB

\$50 - \$74

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## PLATINUM CLUB

\$75 +

KEN & KAREN AMMONS



# JANUARY

1 SUNDAY  
New Year's Day

2 MONDAY STATED  
New Year's Day Observed

3 TUESDAY

4 WEDNESDAY

5 THURSDAY 

6 FRIDAY

7 SATURDAY  
WORK DAY

8 SUNDAY

9 MONDAY

10 TUESDAY  
PLANNING MEETING 6pm

11 WEDNESDAY

12 THURSDAY 

13 FRIDAY

14 SATURDAY

15 SUNDAY

16 MONDAY STATED  
Martin Luther King Day

17 TUESDAY

18 WEDNESDAY  
RUSTY MASON 6:30 @ Shrine

19 THURSDAY 

20 FRIDAY

21 SATURDAY

22 SUNDAY

23 MONDAY

24 TUESDAY

25 WEDNESDAY

26 THURSDAY  
MMA @ Venice 6:45

27 FRIDAY

28 SATURDAY 

29 SUNDAY

30 MONDAY

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Return Service Requested

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**REAL JOY COMES NOT FROM EASE OR RICHES OR FROM THE PRAISE OF MEN,  
BUT FROM DOING SOMETHING WORTH WILE.  
-WILFRED T. GRENFELL**

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MEETING THE 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS  
DINNER AT 6PM, MEETING AT 7:30PM  
SEE YOU THERE!!!!