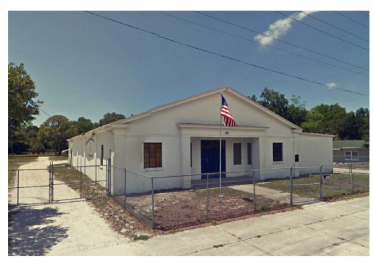


MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

TRESTLEBOARD



MARCH 2017



Mondays are for MANATEE!

Save your Mondays for Manatee 31! Mondays aren't just for meetings, if we set aside every Monday to gather at the lodge, fellowship and ritual improves.

Small projects could be taken care of to take the burden off work days, and attendance at dinners and meetings will improve. So Mark your Mondays!

Manatee Lodge No. 31

402 15th Street East
Bradenton, Florida 34206

Message From The South

My Brothers,

March 13, Manatee Lodge No. 31 had a fellowcraft degree. The lodge received Brother Joseph Fairbothom, who was passed to the degree of fellowcraft under the instruction of Brother Tracey Martin.

The degree went pretty well as expected if y'all know what I mean. This being my first time in the East I would like to first and foremost thank all the brothers who helped me prepare for this degree. RW: Ron Baber, W:

Kyle Bachman, and my Brother W: John Steiner; as well as Brothers Tracey Martin, Anthony DiMauro, Nick Evans, W: George Vomvoris, and Allen Donahue.

With out all these brother's help I could not of made the degree as successful as it was. I will continue to work my hardest for the lodge, and urge everyone to do the same.

Your Junior Warden,

Matt Steiner

P.S. A special thank you to RW: Barry Hart for your valuable contribution to this degree.



MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Rober Bordner	William Dunning
William Caraker	Everte Farnell Jr.
Elwood Williams	Christopher MacKenzie
David Henderson	Jonathon Mitchell
Michael Crews	Alan Hochroth
Douglas Dodson	Ronald Baber
William Walker Jr.	Robert Mills
Glenn Huston	John Preskenis
Jay Litschauer	Jesse Pease
Jesse Green III	Edward Wentzel
James Arthur Wittemore	Ivan Alderton
Charles Bigham	Ali Arin
Thomas Carter	Brian Johnsen

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Tour de Cure. Cycling for a cause.

Participating in the Tour de Cure is an experience you will never forget. Hundreds of Bicyclists all riding to help raise awareness and funds for Diabetes Research.

For the last three years Manatee 31 has provided many volunteers for this wonderful cause and we aim to do it bigger and better this year.

This year's tour will be held downtown lakewood ranch again, on April 9th.

Manatee will be providing the support trucks/drivers for downed riders, as well as running and manning a rest stop along the route. With enough support we are hoping to have enough people to also man a booth at the race start/finish as a way to show the community our involvement. If you are at all interested in helping please contact an officer.



The Guy Expo!

What a great event brothers, thank you to everyone that came and helped out with the booth. With an estimated attendance of over 6,000 people the event was a huge success. Our goal at the event was purely to be seen in the community and let the public know what we do and what we stand for. By the end we had handed out all our fliers, multiple petitions, and more pens then you could count.

Special Thank you to W.: Mark Baltimore, W.: Doug Dobbs, The Sahib Shrine, The Samoor Grotto, and The Brothers of Tyre for their help in making our booth the success it was!



Why Paper?

Stay informed, Stay up to date.

To continue to update everyone on this year's Trestle Board, with each month things are getting smoother and smoother. March being the first of the quarterly ones that will be mailed to the entire craft. I delayed it going out till after the Guy expo so I could include photos and what not from the event.

Part of the reason we decided to go with quarterly mailed ones is because both physical addresses and email addresses on record don't always match.

We urge the brothers to please make sure both are up to date with the secretary. Currently 10 e-mail addresses are being bounced back from the digital version, and about 8 of the "mail only" brothers are getting returned to us. Communicating with

the craft is difficult when the lines of communication have been cut. I am hoping after this first quarter mailing goes out we can reduce the amount of "disconnected" brothers.

And please if you aren't getting the digital version, please go to www.manateelodge31.org/signup/ to add yourself to the mailing list.

W:.KBB



"I was built by a Freemason!"



MASON OF THE MONTH

March's Mason of the Month goes to Brother Bill Dickey. Dedicated and hard working since joining the lodge, Brother Dickey has stepped up to be this years lodge mentor. Thank you Brother Dickey for your dedication !

Do you know a brother who is deserving of this title then please email your suggestions to Kyle@rev66.com.

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 perpetual membership before the increase goes into effect. Contact Brother Bachman at kbb34217@tampabay.rr.com or 941.518.6081

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 Committee and bring a little joy to a brother who needs it!

LIVING PAST MASTERS

1965 John G. Collins
1967 Wallace R. Davis
1968 Glen E. Boesch
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, Ryan Widden, James Hudson

F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem

MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

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KEN & KAREN AMMONS

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WHOLE FAMILY PARTICIPATES!**



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WHEN DO WE MEET?
Third Thursday of the Month @ 7pm
Sahib Shrine 3rd Floor
600 North Beneva Road
Sarasota, Florida 34232



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In Memory Of...

Robert (Bob) Rodd Sept 14, 1937 - March 13, 2017

A Master Mason for over 40 years, member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite. Bob was serving as State Chaplain and Vice President at the local level and was a past president of the FL High Twelve. He was also serving as the Donor Relations Chairman for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa through Sahib Shrine Center along with acting as their official photographer for all events. Bob will be greatly missed as an active member of Manatee Lodge No. 31.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

March Madness!

Degrees, Expos, Meetings, oh my!

March marks one of the busiest months at the lodge so far this year. Combined with Liberty Lodge UD, we held one of each degree this month as well as hosted the Zone Team's practices. The lodge also hosted three memorial services, this month. W.: Jim Flemming, gave us some great masonic education, along with the sad news of his and Donna's permanent return to Wisconsin. Brother Mike McCullough gave one of his spectacular slide show presentations, covering the Tyler's Sword and two famous Freemasons. We pilgrimaged to the Masonic Home, we mingled at The Guy Expo, and broke bread at some wonderful meals.

With so much going on it's easy to get lost in the shuffle, but with so much going on it also gives each and every member an opportunity to be involved in some form.

Of our current membership just under 10% is active and attending meetings semi-regularly, and only 3 - 5% are participating in something other than dinner or the occasional meeting.

I understand that the "real world" keeps us busy, and I also know that many of that 10% are busy or active in the appendant bodies. But the blue lodge needs you!

If you can't spare your Mondays then try and spare an hour or two on a Saturday for work day. I know we ask and beg all the time, I get tired saying it as much as you do hearing it, but just ask yourself this question; "What have I done for my Lodge Lately?"

You get out of Masonry what you put into it, and its time to make a deposit.

W.:KBB

PERPETUAL MEMBERS

Kenneth E. Ammons	Robert B. Coverdale	Edwin T. Holman	Nicolas A. Ruggiero
Wilbert L. Anders, Jr.	Earl W. Dennis, Jr.	Ryan P. Johnson	Thomas A. Simpkins
Mark A. Atkinson	Douglas W. Dobbs	Hutton G. Lewis	Theodore R.
Ronald E. Baber	Michael R. Dobbs	Stanley Preston	Simpkins, II
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Isn't it strange how princes and kings,
and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
and common people, like you and me,
are builders for eternity?

Each is given a list of rules;
a shapeless mass; a bag of tools.
And each must fashion, ere life is flown,
A stumbling block, or a Stepping-Stone."

— R. Lee Sharpe

MARCH

1	WEDNESDAY	17	FRIDAY
2	THURSDAY	18	SATURDAY EA Degree by Liberty Lodge UD
3	FRIDAY	19	SUNDAY
4	SATURDAY	20	MONDAY STATED Dinner - \$10
5	SUNDAY	21	TUESDAY
6	MONDAY STATED Steak Dinner - \$10	22	WEDNESDAY
7	TUESDAY	23	THURSDAY
8	WEDNESDAY	24	FRIDAY
9	THURSDAY	25	SATURDAY
10	FRIDAY	26	SUNDAY
11	SATURDAY The Guy Expo! Come See Our Booth	27	MONDAY Fellowship & Practice
12	SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time Starts	28	TUESDAY
13	MONDAY Fellowcraft Degree	29	WEDNESDAY
14	TUESDAY Planning Meeting	30	THURSDAY
15	WEDNESDAY	31	FRIDAY
16	THURSDAY		

APRIL

1	SATURDAY, WORK DAY 8AM! Also District Picnic at Twin Lakes Park SRQ 11am till 3pm	16	SUNDAY Easter Sunday
2	SUNDAY	17	MONDAY STATED Dinner - \$10
3	MONDAY STATED Steak Dinner - \$10	18	TUESDAY
4	TUESDAY	19	WEDNESDAY
5	WEDNESDAY	20	THURSDAY
6	THURSDAY	21	FRIDAY
7	FRIDAY	22	SATURDAY Brothers of Tyre Open House Event
8	SATURDAY	23	SUNDAY
9	SUNDAY! Tour de Cure !!!	24	MONDAY Fellowship & Practice
10	MONDAY Fellowship & Practice	25	TUESDAY
11	TUESDAY	26	WEDNESDAY
12	WEDNESDAY	27	THURSDAY Grotto Poker Tournament
13	THURSDAY	28	FRIDAY
14	FRIDAY	29	SATURDAY
15	SATURDAY	30	SUNDAY

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CHARACTER IS WHAT YOU ARE IN THE DARK. -DWIGHT L. MOODY

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