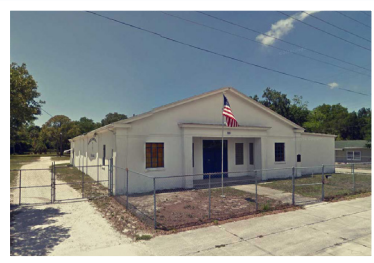


# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



APRIL 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

## From the office of the Sr. Deacon

Greetings to all,

The position I hold in the lodge is one that I looked forward to for many years, the Senior Deacon. To me, it is a great honour to be the bearer of our Country's flag, as well as my other responsibilities behind closed doors. I am thankful every single day and meeting to hold this position.

As some of you know, I had a recent medical scare that made me make some changes in my life. My entire focus is on the improvement of my health. The encouragement and support I received from many of you has been heartwarming and inspirational. I would love nothing more than to help other brothers reach their health goals as I travel on my own journey. A support group, walking, cycling, or fitness group among brothers would be nothing less than spectacular.

I would love to start this project for the brothers of Manatee 31, as well as the other lodges in the district, families included. Freemasonry is more than meetings and dinners. We are a brotherhood of like-minded individuals, united with a common core value, and an established

personal morals. We are a family both inside and outside the lodge. Our wives, girlfriends, and children are a part of this family. I would love nothing more than to come together outside the walls of the lodge for family time.

Lastly, this past weekend I participated in the Tour de Cure event in Lakewood Ranch, a diabetes research fund raising event. This has sparked another light in me, to be a rider in next year's event and represent Manatee 31, and Freemasons around the world. I would like to encourage other Brothers to take part in this event with me! Better our life, health, represent Freemasonry, and most importantly -- to help fight diabetes. A man can do great things, a Mason can do incredible things, but Brothers united can do anything!

Your Senior Deacon,

**Nick Evans**



## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Riley Hardy	John Rule
Daniel Raisovich	Francis
Joseph Fenton	Shoemaker
Jaime Rivera	Anthony
Gary Clark	Vignocchi Jr.
Leslie Martin	John Martin
Michael Pursell	Maurice Healey
Grant Paolini	John Collins
Edward Vogler II	William Lee
John Koch	Guy Phillis
Charles Crews	James MacDonald
John McInnis	William Sands Jr.
Rory MacConnell	John Webster
Alan Atkinson	

## 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 - 941-724-2495

### 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

## Tour de Cure. What a ride!!

The event was a HUGE success, with close to 400 riders competing, 60 riding with diabetes. The Event raised nearly \$300,000 for the American Diabetes Association.

Manatee 31, provided 20 volunteers, divided among the support vehicles, rest stop, and booth/command center down town. Each and everyone of these volunteers will tell you that this event is a blast to help out at. We hope to continue our relationship with the tour de cure, but can only do so with the help of the brothers.

Brother's DiMauro and Carter have worked hard to create this partnership over the last couple years, and the lodge thanks them for all their hard work!

 American Diabetes Association.  
**Tour de Cure**



## 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

Earl M. Grimes

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

Andrew Gluchov

# Note from the East.

## Monthly Update from W. Bachman

March and April have been busy busy busy! The Lodge has accomplished so much and I am very proud of all the hard work the officers and brothers have put in. The Tour de cure was huge for 31, with our name on the shirts, banners, and being announced over the loud speaker all day, we were out in the public eye doing good for the community. Our next big opportunity is coming up at the Southeastern Guide Dog drive, Tom needs volunteers to help that day so please sign up!

I love my brothers, working next to each and every one of you turns "work" into joy. 31 is such a special place and it is each and every one of you that make it that way. As some of you know next year I'll be moving out of state, which makes every mile stone so bitter sweet. We are 1/3 of the way through my year in the east, and it is flying by. I still have so much I would like to accomplish. We've got a good start and momentum behind us, but Ill be calling on each and every one of you to help me make 2017 a benchmark year.



## MASON OF THE MONTH

April's Mason of the Month goes to Brother Paul Cronen. Brother Cronen has always gone above and beyond in helping the lodge. Most recently Brother Cronen has worked hard preparing some wonderful meals for the lodge, as well as assisting with getting the Secretary and Tyler online.

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

For a while now we've commented that the lodge doors were in need of replacement. As of now the fire escape doors in the dining hall are broken and aren't shutting properly. The front doors have massive gaps in them, and all doors show sign of dry rot. Worshipful Dobbs & Brother Carter have been working hard to research solutions for this issue. So far though it doesn't look good as the cost estimates so far are extremely high.

**Just before the second meeting in May we will be presenting the scholarships to the recipients. Lets try and make a big showing for these kids!**

# MAY

1	MONDAY - STATED / STEAK NIGHT Bro. Mike's Presentation on the Temple Builders	17	WEDNESDAY
2	TUESDAY	18	THURSDAY
3	WEDNESDAY	19	FRIDAY
4	THURSDAY	20	SATURDAY
5	FRIDAY	21	SUNDAY
6	SATURDAY - WORK DAY Please come help us clean up the lodge Starts 8am	22	MONDAY Fellowship & Practice
7	SUNDAY	23	TUESDAY
8	MONDAY Fellowship & Practice	24	WEDNESDAY
9	TUESDAY PLANNING MEETING! All Welcome to attend.	25	THURSDAY
10	WEDNESDAY	26	FRIDAY
11	THURSDAY	27	SATURDAY
12	FRIDAY	28	SUNDAY
13	SATURDAY	29	MONDAY Memorial Day - GRAND LODGE
14	SUNDAY Mother's Day	30	TUESDAY GRAND LODGE
15	MONDAY - STATED / DINNER Scholarship presentations! Please attend.	31	WEDNESDAY GRAND LODGE
16	TUESDAY		

# JUNE

1	THURSDAY	16	FRIDAY
2	FRIDAY	17	SATURDAY
3	SATURDAY - WORK DAY Please come help!!! Starting at 8am	18	SUNDAY Father's Day
4	SUNDAY	19	MONDAY - STATED / DINNER
5	MONDAY - STATED / STEAK NIGHT	20	TUESDAY
6	TUESDAY	21	WEDNESDAY
7	WEDNESDAY	22	THURSDAY
8	THURSDAY	23	FRIDAY
9	FRIDAY	24	SATURDAY
10	SATURDAY	25	SUNDAY
11	SUNDAY	26	MONDAY z & practice
12	MONDAY Fellowship & Practice	27	TUESDAY
13	TUESDAY- Planning meeting!	28	WEDNESDAY
14	WEDNESDAY	29	THURSDAY
15	THURSDAY	30	FRIDAY

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

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, Ryan Widden, James Hudson

### F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem

### MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

William Allen Dickey, Zachary Joseph Humphries, Andy J. Richardson Donald Ray Simmons, Shawn J Long. Allen Donahue, Ishan Daifallah

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

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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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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

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# DISTRICT 27 PICNIC!

Fellowship and Fun at Twin Lakes Parl.



**Food, Games, and Music a great day had by all.**

Ramon Hernandez-Ron of Sarasota 147, dishing out the beans at this years District 27 Picnic. This was the second year for the district wide picnic and it proved to be another great success. This event brings the families and brothers of the district closer together.

## Thank You Master Mason Association!

This event was put together and planned via the Master Mason Association, in conjunction with all the lodges of the district. Each lodge pitched in a financial donation, as well as time and effort to make this a success. With a pot luck style buffet, live music, and games it really was a great day for everyone who attended.

Technically speaking this was the LAST

District 27 picnic, as after this years Grand Lodge Communication, we will be becoming District 23. It is hoped that we can continue this great tradition and make it even greater by getting the two new lodges in the district involved in the event.

The Master Mason Association meets once a month to help coordinate the district, and acts as place for the lodges to

unite and work together. A Mason can do a little, a Lodge can do a lot, but a group of Lodges working together that is a powerful idea!

All Master Masons in good standing can join. Meeting times and locations can be found <http://www.trowel.com/flamason/dist27mwa.htm>



1. W.: Dobbs plays goalie in game of soccer vs. the districts best.
2. Bro. James Duffy shares a delicious piece of cake.
3. The stumble creek band, jammed through out the picnic, dancing did ensue

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Return Service Requested

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**THE LAST PART OF SUCCESS, IS TO PASS YOUR WORK ON TO THOSE WHOM WILL DO BETTER THAN YOU. -WRF**

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