

# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



MAY 2017



## COME TO LODGE, WE MISS YOU!

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

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### Manatee Lodge No. 31

402 15th Street East  
Bradenton, Florida 34206

## Letter From The Junior Deacon

Brother,

Why did you become a Mason? I became a Mason partly because I had friends who were Masons, but mainly because my Grandfather and my Uncle were Masons.

Did you become a Mason because there was a loved family member who was a Mason? Was it a desire to be around "like-minded" individuals? Perhaps you heard that their were secret rituals, and the prospect of having that knowledge intrigued you, and you searched out a Lodge. Maybe a respected friend was one, and you finally asked. Take a moment to think back to that decision, and try and recall what or who made you want to join.

Now, think of yourself as that Mason to someone else. What I mean is, aren't you that loved family member? Or perhaps the respected friend. Or, at least a person with arcane knowledge that someone else desires

to know?

Brother, you are a beacon of moral light in a world of darkness. A lighthouse in a stormy port. Don't let your humility get in the way of recognizing that there are those around you that look up to you, and see you for the good man you are. Take inventory of the non-masons you influence, or whose lives you have been a part of. Maybe a Nephew, a cousin, a friend, or a brother in law. Do not wait, Invite that person to dinner at the lodge, or some other function where they can meet our Fraternity and learn more about what being a Mason is all about. You are that man that people look up to, help someone else to be as well!

Faternally,

**Anthony DiMauro**  
Junior Deacon

## MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Keslar	Michael Orsini
Michael Starcher	Andrew Pursell
Stephen Smith	John Hokanson
Patrick Coyne	Charles Keeler III
Robert Millard	Wayne Marx
Dozier Walker	Gary Carter
David Yurek	Ronald Grubbs
Roy Winterbottom	George Benjamin
Earl Dennis Jr.	Herbert Hayers Jr
Roy Whittaker	Everett Bradford Jr
Richard Martinez	Timothy Clifford
Lazaro Diaz	Anthony DiMauro Jr
James King	Richard Wells
Leyman Bott	Kevin McLeod
Adam Haun	Richard Rietz
Edwin Holman	Dennis Roberts
Daryl Leeworthy	

## OFFICERS

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

### Worshipful Master

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### 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

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W.: George Vomvoris - 941-524-8333

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

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### Junior Steward

TBA

### Tyler

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

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## Clearing up the Confusion.

Brothers,  
 W.: Dobbs and I have been bombarded with questions regarding the e-mails some of you may have been getting from Circumscribe. GrandLodge is working hard to get this system up and running 100%, for it to work efficiently the information in Circumscribe needs to be as accurate as possible. To help ensure everything is up to date, W.: Dobbs has been manually entering and updating information from our records into circumscribe. When ever he adds an email address, replacing the place holder, circumscribe automatically sends an email to that address. Please do not panic, it is nothing nefarious.

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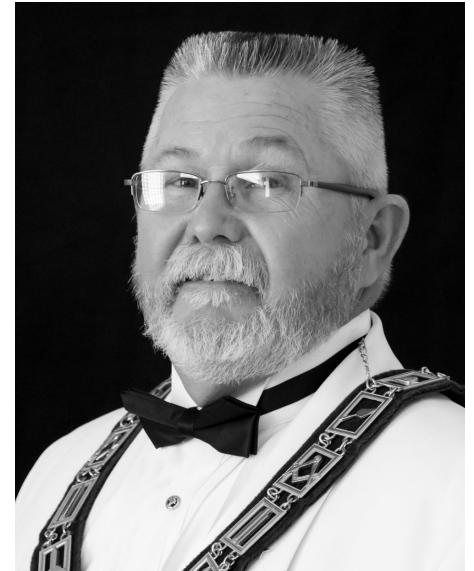
# Message from the Master

## May's Message from the East

The Grand Lodge Communication is right around the corner, and while many of you avoid attending the meetings around this time due to having to go over the legislation I promise we will do it quick and painlessly. I've taken pride in the fact that so far this year while each meeting has been jam packed with education, information, and other important stuff we have not gone past 9pm once so far. I am a firm believer in masonry being about the fellowship and education and less about being a boring tedious task. Prior to our next meeting we are planning on handing out the awarded scholarships, so brothers it is very important that we have a good showing for these young boys and girls.

Education is an important topic, and so far this year we have had some fantastic Masonic Education provided by W.: Flemming, Bro. McCullough, and the York Rite Body. If any brother would be interested in doing some sort of Education don't be shy, really anything is game! I would love to spice up the meetings with something different from time to time, or if a brother would like to include a short paragraph or poem in the trestle board I would not be against that either. Share your knowledge brothers, and let's have some fun!

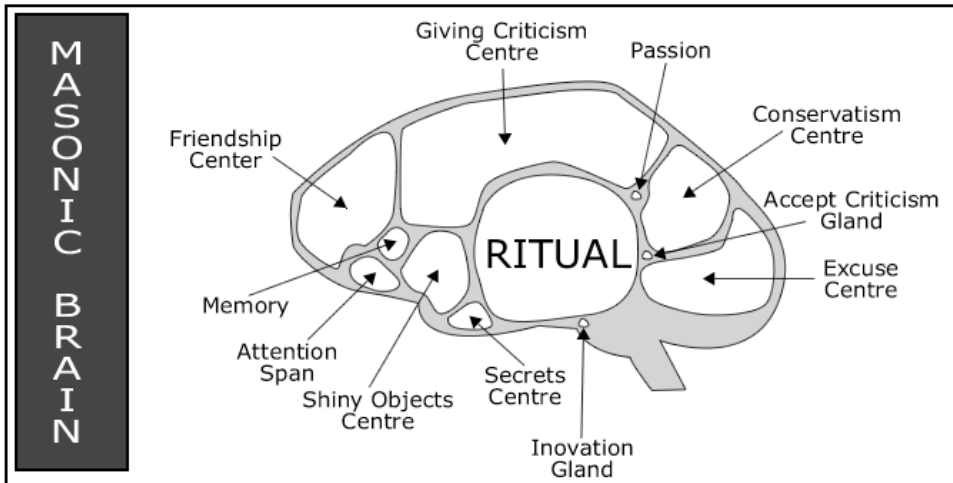
*Kyle D. Buchanan*



## MASON OF THE MONTH

The Mason of the Month for the Month of May is Worshipful Doug Dobbs. Brother Dobbs is by far one of the most dedicated Freemasons I've ever met. Hard working and selfless, he is most deserving of this honor!

If there is a brother who you think should be Mason of the Month then please email your suggestions to [Kyle@rev66.com](mailto:Kyle@rev66.com).



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

We are working with W.: John Steiner, and pulling the required permits to block up the broken door in the dining room. After much research we have established blocking it off would be the cheapest and safest method of dealing with the broken and unsafe doors. Construction will get underway as soon as the permit clears.

**Once in a life time event! June 6th starting at 5pm Liberty Lodge will be officially dedicated and chartered by the Grand Master! Don't Miss this!**

We are in **great need** of Instructors! Teaching the incoming members is a great task, and helps create a strong lodge. Please consider helping out and passing on the knowlage.

**Mondays are for Manatee!** We already dedicate our 1st and 3rd Mondays to the Lodge. But lets start giving our 2nd and 4ths as well. If we get groups to meet regardless of the Monday's we can start accomplishing tasks that get missed on work day, or have ritual lessons, degrees, fellowship and fun. Mark your Mondays, and lets do more than just the minutes and business!!!

# 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 - LIBERTY LODGE DEDICATION 5pm @ Manatee 31 - Don't Miss this!	21	WEDNESDAY
7	WEDNESDAY	22	THURSDAY
8	THURSDAY	23	FRIDAY
9	FRIDAY	24	SATURDAY
10	SATURDAY	25	SUNDAY
11	SUNDAY	26	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE GAME NITE! LODGE BINGO & PIZZA!
12	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE EA DEGREE! Lets show the new Brother our Support!	27	TUESDAY
13	TUESDAY- Planning meeting! All officers asked to attend but open to EVERYONE!	28	WEDNESDAY
14	WEDNESDAY	29	THURSDAY
15	THURSDAY	30	FRIDAY

# JULY

1	SATURDAY	17	MONDAY - STATED / DINNER
2	SUNDAY	18	TUESDAY
3	MONDAY - STATED / STEAK NIGHT	19	WEDNESDAY
4	TUESDAY Independence Day	20	THURSDAY
5	WEDNESDAY	21	FRIDAY
6	THURSDAY	22	SATURDAY - SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOG Charity Drive at Publix Lockwood Commons
7	FRIDAY	23	SUNDAY
8	SATURDAY - WORK DAY	24	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE A Monday at Lodge is a Monday well spent!
9	SUNDAY	25	TUESDAY
10	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE	26	WEDNESDAY
11	TUESDAY	27	THURSDAY
12	WEDNESDAY	28	FRIDAY
13	THURSDAY	29	SATURDAY
14	FRIDAY	30	SUNDAY
15	SATURDAY	31	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE Bonus Monday! How Lucky.
16	SUNDAY		

## 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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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.

Pursue it thru our many units:  
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## In Memory Of...

2017 has so far been a year of loss, its heart breaking every month getting a call or email to report another brother passing. The Charter has remained drapped, since January, and is a reminder that we are all mortal and we must cherish the life we have and the people around us. Our most recent losses are Bro. Alan Hochroth who passed 5/2/17, Bro. Wayne N. Marx who passed 3/26/17, and Bro. Anton Sardo who passed 4/22/17. Please brothers lets keep their family in our prayers!

## Southeastern Guide Dogs

### Fund Raising Drive.

Southeastern Guide Dogs, and Paws for Patriots has been a favorite charity for Manatee 31 for years, and to continue that relationship we will be having a Charity Drive much like the ones we did during W. Mike Grimes' year. This time around we will be raising money in front of the Publix in the Lockwood Commons, located at SR-70 and Lockwood Ridge Rd. from 8am till 4pm on Saturday July 22nd. Brother Tom Carter has been working closely with Southeastern who has assured us they will have either dogs or puppies there for the length of the drive.

Having the Dog's there makes this an extremely easy event to raise money for this wonderful charity. We need man power to cover shifts of time, so If you have and time available this day please contact Brother Carter. We will be taking lots of pictures, and will have our new fliers available for those interested in what we do as Freemasons. This my brothers is a great oppurtunity to help at no cost to us but a little of our time. Its an easy fun event and I would love to see some unfamiliar faces helping out. So if you feel like its been a while since you've been to lodge, or If you feel like you'd like to get back into it and help out , this is the event for you!



### PERPETUAL MEMBERS

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

The Hour Glass

By Rob Morris

Life's sands are dropping, dropping,  
Each grain a moment dies  
No stay has time, nor stopping —  
Behold how swift he flies!

He bears away our rarest —  
They smile and disappear  
The cold grave wraps our fairest —  
Each falling grain's a tear.

Life's sands are softly falling,  
Death's foot is light as snow  
'Tis fearful, 'tis appalling,  
To see how swift they flow

To read the fatal warning  
The sands so plainly tell  
To feel there's no returning  
Through death's dark, shadowy dale.

Life's sands give admonition  
To use the moments well  
Each grain bears holy mission,  
And this the tale they tell:

Let zeal than time run faster,  
Each grain some good afford,  
Then at the last The Master  
Shall double our reward!

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**Return Service Requested**

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**WE MUST LET GO OF THE LIFE WE HAVE PLANNED, SO AS TO ACCEPT THE ONE THAT IS WAITING FOR US. ~ JOSEPH CAMPBELL**

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TRESTLE BOARD

MAY 2017



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