

# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



JUNE 2017



## Scholarships Awarded!

Brothers,

For those of you who missed the May 15th meal and meeting, Manatee 31 played host to a group of the Scholarship recipients and their families. This year we received seven eligible applications, and with donations applied to the roll over from the scholarship endowment fund we were able to award all seven applicants with \$500 dollars each. While we presented a large check to the recipients who attended the meeting, the actual funds have been sent out to the recipients' schools.

Education is so very important to the future of this country and this lodge. Each and every one of you who donates that little bit extra with the dues has helped make this program be a continuing success. I thank every one of you!

I'm so proud that so many of you believe in the importance of the Scholarship program, and I hope to see it continue to grow.

We've already heard of success stories from past recipients, a handful of which graduated last year. Each of these successes truly strengthens our Masonic Family. So brothers this year when you are paying your dues, when you see the check box for the scholarship fund, keep these stories in mind.

Together we can keep building a better tomorrow, using the bricks of knowledge together with the cement of brotherly love and affection.

Yours Fraternally,

**W.: Kyle B. Bachman**



### Lodge, New and Improved!

Look at that picture above, its an old picture. The front of the building has been landscaped beautifully by Bro. Tom Carter, come check it out!

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

# JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

- John Horne Jr
- Michael Winterbottom
- James Butler III
- Robert Ransford
- Marc Gilner
- Donald Clements
- Robert Bengtsson
- Paul Cronen
- Joseph Cuervo Jr
- Edgar Jones
- Robert Rodd
- Andrew Gluchov
- Martin Jordan
- Paul Sharff Jr
- John Breese
- Michael McCullough
- Horton Rogers
- William Evanko
- Alfred Corning Jr
- James Miles

## OFFICERS

- Florida Grand Lodge Officers  
 M.:W.: Richard G Hoover, Grand Master  
 R.:W.: Juan De La Rosa, DDGM  
 R.:W.: J.J. Albritton, District Instructor

### Worshipful Master

Kyle B. Bachman 941-518-6081

### Senior Warden

Tom Carter 941-993-7911

### Junior Warden

Matt Steiner 941-742-8784

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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

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Nick Evans - 941-580-4075

### Junior Deacon

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Tracey Martin - 941-561-4845

### Junior Steward

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### Tyler

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# Liberty Lodge No. 412

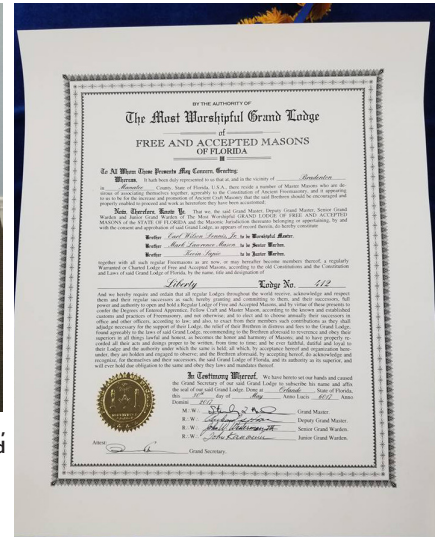
## Our Brothers are Official!

Brother's it is with great pleasure to announce that Liberty Lodge No. 412 has been consecrated by the Grand Master of Florida, and their charter will be proudly hanging in the lodge room. This new lodge was created by brothers about the district, many hailing from Manatee 31, who saw the need for a daylight lodge for those that have difficulty driving or making it to weeknight meetings. The Brothers of Liberty have been working very hard, and their hard work has paid off. Its been fantastic watching them work and grow and I am glad 31 was able to provide them with a place to do that. We look forward to continuing the relationship being built between our two lodges!

Having the Grand Master visit our building was an honour, and I must thank each and every brother who put in the extra effort to prepare it for his arrival. Everyone that came to the work days, as well as all of Liberty Lodge! But in particular I must call out three specific brothers for going above and beyond. Brother Padelford, who not only mowed and tended to the yard, but cleared a record amount of trash bags of debris and plant matter on his own; Brother Mccullough, who steam cleaned the carpets removing buckets and buckets of black sludge from them; and most deserving Brother Carter, who hates credit but has put in an incredible amount of work getting this place nice, including landscaping the front with beautiful new plants, mulch, and sprinkler system.



Left: The W.'s Les Ruggiero, Kyle B. Bachman, and Scott Steelman, pose with the Grand Master's Bobble head while filling in as Grand Lodge Officers.



Right: Liberty Lodge's Charter Empowering them to work.

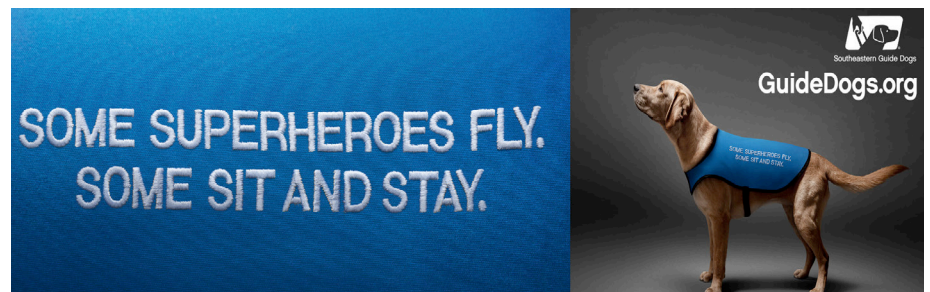
# Southeastern Guide Dogs

## Fund Raising Drive.

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 drive.

It is a fun and easy event and I would love to see some unfamiliar faces helping out.

We need man power to cover shifts of time, so if you have time available please contact Brother Carter.



# From The Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I would like to thank you for the faith that you have placed in me to help execute the Secretary's office as W. Dobbs assistant. It is humbling and exciting to be in a lodge surrounded by so many good brothers with hearts truly in Masonry.

As I have settled in under the guidance of W. Dobbs I have come to realize this position is something more akin to herding cats through a tuna factory than anything I could have conceived before sitting here, and like herding cats it is possible but only with great patience and foresight.

That being said most of you should have heard about Circumscribe by now. If you have not it is important that you go online and setup your account. W. Dobbs has gone through and updated everyone's information but it is important that you verify your contact information as this is how the Grand Lodge and our Lodge will be contacting you.

With Circumscribe becoming more of a staple in the lodges function many things are now being automated. One of those is the payment of Dues. When you log into Circumscribe you will find a section for payments on the left as pictured below.

This is where your dues will be posted for the coming year. Everything regarding your payment will be processed from this page.

While we are on the subject of dues, if you have not paid your 2017 dues I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that this is your last chance to get square before a Non-payment of Dues notice is issued on June 27th. As I discussed above you can go in and pay them in Circumscribe or you can see me. I am at the lodge nearly every Monday and Wednesday. It is my sincere hope that the final non-payment of dues list will not have any brothers on it this year.

Lastly I have had a few brothers reaching out already regarding missing documents and for information requests. Please let me know if you are in need of these materials and I will do my best to track them down or have it re-issued.

If you have any trouble logging into Circumscribe or have any questions about your dues please email or call and I will get you squared away.

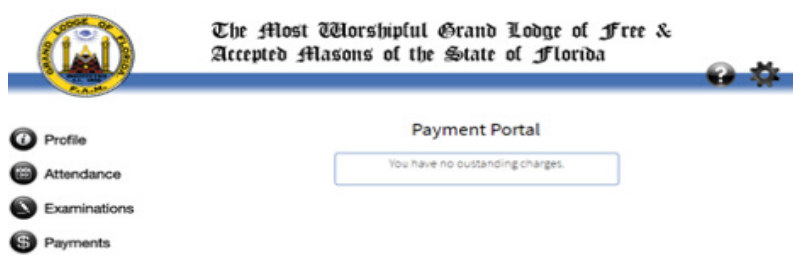
Fraternally,  
Allen Donahue



## MASON OF THE MONTH

The Mason of the Month for the Month of June is Brother Mike Rogers (pictured right). Brother Rogers has been a dedicated instructor and a hard working brother. Always willing to help even with a work schedule! Brother Rogers is the definition of reliable.

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

**Doors! Doors!!** As you know the side doors in the dining hall are being bricked up. But now we have news on the front and back doors, which have needed replacement for years now. Recently Brothers have come forward to donate brand new commercial doors for the front and back, shortly after that the push bar hardware required was donated by another brother. I believe these parties wanted to remain anonymous, so all I can say is **THANK YOU!**

**Mondays are for Manatee! Pizza and Bingo Monday June 26th @ 6pm**  
**Prizes, Food, Fellowship! This is a free event brothers, donations only.**

**Dues notice's are going out! Please try and pay them as soon as possible. With the new system in place we are no longer able to "float" any one. NPD is automatic now, so please pay early!**

# 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		

# AUGUST

# 2017

1	TUESDAY	17	THURSDAY
2	WEDNESDAY	18	FRIDAY
3	THURSDAY	19	SATURDAY
4	FRIDAY	20	SUNDAY
5	SATURDAY - WORK DAY We need help Brothers please attend!!! 8am - 11pm	21	MONDAY STATED/ DINNER
6	SUNDAY	22	TUESDAY
7	MONDAY - STATED / STEAK NIGHT	23	WEDNESDAY
8	TUESDAY	24	THURSDAY
9	WEDNESDAY	25	FRIDAY
10	THURSDAY	26	SATURDAY
11	FRIDAY	27	SUNDAY
12	SATURDAY	28	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE
13	SUNDAY	29	TUESDAY
14	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE Come hang out, help out, see what's happening.	30	WEDNESDAY
15	TUESDAY	31	THURSDAY
16	WEDNESDAY		

## 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:

Andrew Brady, Colin Snowball, 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:

Zachary Joseph Humphries, Andy J. Richardson  
Donald Ray Simmons, Shawn J Long.

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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

Make your Donation today to help the Trestle Board.

## PLATINUM CLUB

\$75 +

KEN & KAREN AMMONS

INTERESTED IN FUN AND FROLIC IN A FAMILY SETTING?

**JOIN SAMOOR GROTTO WHERE THE  
WHOLE FAMILY PARTICIPATES!**



Founded - 1890

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



HELP US PUT SPECIAL SMILES ON  
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Pursue it thru our many units:  
Clown, Motor Corp, Camping and Hospitality units.

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# Masonic Apron?

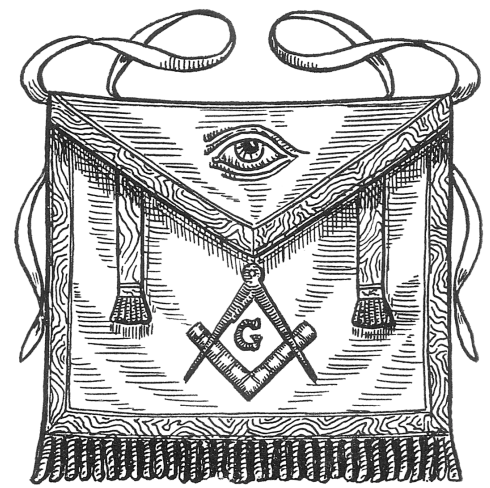
**It's your Badge, you decide.**

There is an article going around that has caused quite a bit of question about the Masonic Apron that is presented to you after your MM giveback. The question the article arises is "Can I wear it, or is it for my masonic funeral?", and the simple answer is yes to both. As stated as it is handed to you, it is yours! While many brothers keep it rolled up and stored in a safe place for the day they pass, that is in no way the rule. There is nothing wrong with keeping it safe and spotless, I do know of one brother who has it beautifully framed next to his membership certificate. But there is nothing wrong with wearing it either.

If you open the blue monitor and read the apron presentation, it clearly states "yours to wear throughout an honourable life". So neither is wrong brothers, if you would like to wear your white apron to lodge that is your right and I welcome it.

It is my personal belief that It is also meant to act as a reminder and an argument, and what good is a reminder stored away in a closet?

W::KBB



The Apron Strings  
by Ben Steen

THE THIRD DEGREE IN MASONRY,  
BINDS TOGETHER EVERYTHING,  
WE HAVE THE PERFECT EMBLEM,  
WHEN THEY TIED THE APRON STRINGS.

IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BADGE OF HONOR,  
WITH A STRONG SENSE OF PRIDE;  
YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD,  
WHEN THE APRON STRINGS WERE TIED.

WE ARE TAUGHT MASONIC VALUES,  
AND SELDOM DONE IN HASTE,  
THERE'S A FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT,  
WITH THE APRON ABOUT OUR WAIST.

BEFORE THE LODGE IS TILED,  
OR THE TRIANGLE IS ALL LIT,  
YOU WILL SEE ALL YOUR BROTHERS,  
MAKING SURE THEIR APRONS FIT.

EVEN OUTSIDE THE LODGE,  
YOUR APRON BECOMES A RING,  
AND ALL YOUR FRATERNAL BROTHER.  
CAN SEE YOUR APRON STRINGS,

WHEN I DON MY JEWELLED FEZ,  
IT'S AN EMBLEM OF ESTEEM,  
IT REPRESENTS MY LEATHER APRON,  
AND THE TASSEL MY APRON STRINGS.

I MAY GARNER MANY RICHES,  
AND OWN THE FINEST THINGS,  
BUT I'LL NEVER BE MORE AFFLUENT,  
THAN WHEN I TIED THE APRON STRINGS.

## FREEMASON

Facebook.com/FraternalTies



What my friends think I do



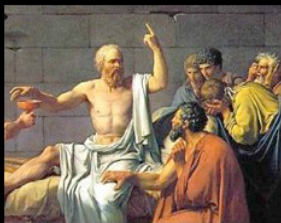
What my mom thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What conspiracy nuts think I do



What I think I do



What I really do

## PERPETUAL MEMBERS

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 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.         |                    |

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**Return Service Requested**

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**TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.  
~BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

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TRESTLE BOARD

JUNE 2017



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