

MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM **TRESTLEBOARD**



AUG. 2017



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

Visit from the Grand Master!

August has been a very busy month for Manatee Lodge No. 31, and the district. Highlighting this month was the Grand Masters official visit to our district. Our RW: Juan de la Rosa, welcomed the Grand Master with a fantastic dinner. Manatee was proud to present the Grand Master \$200 dollars to his charity, and another \$200 to the First Lady's Charity, both of which are projects to help improve the Masonic Home.

The Dinner was followed by the traditional Lodge meeting, this time held at the same location as the dinner itself, making for a quick and easy transition. The Grand Master spoke and answered many questions, the over all theme this year is a continuation of growing strong membership and continuing to educate our members to build strong leaders.

Finally the Senior Grand Warden, has been travelling the state having "Town Hall" meetings, providing ideas and going over topics of community out reach, membership building, and making our mark. He asked the question, "If your lodge closed today would the community notice?" Our district is scheduled to host this town hall meeting in November, so please consider coming out to learn how we can make a bigger impact.



AUG MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

JJ Albritton	Freddie Augustin
Robert Hammer	Arnold Stanaland
Steve Hopkins	Richard Cade
Nicholas Ierulli	Braxton Ezell
Anthony McNair	William Dickey III
Michael Rogers	Zachary Humphries
Chadwick Terrell	Tracy Martin
Kenneth Terryberry	Andy Richardson
Charles Brown Jr	Donald Simmons Jr
Shawn Long	
Joshua Baumgard	
Gire Hill	

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

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

Pulled Pork Challenge

Update...

This year the District came together with the pulled pork challenge, a contest of which lodge could cook the best pulled pork. This challenge was put together to try and help off set the costs to each lodge from the Grand Masters official visit. This challenge was a huge success, and helped bring in nearly two thousand dollars. Cutting the cost to our individual lodge to under two dollars a plate per member. No only was this fund raising effort a huge success for the district, it was an extra magnificent success for Manatee Lodge No. 31, as we were proud to upset the competition and bring home the trophy!!

Special Thanks to Brother Anthony DiMauro for taking the lead on this and making it a win for our lodge, and Thank you to Liberty Lodge for their assistance and to all the brothers who came out and voted for us!

South Eastern Guide Dog

Update...

Brother Tom Carter was pleased to report a great turn out to the South Eastern Guide Dog charity fund raiser. Lots of Brothers came to help and even with bad weather we were able to raise a good amount for one of our favourite charities!



Special Olympics Returns

Global Messengers come visit

Manatee Lodge No. 31, and the Special Olympics have built a close relationship over the last few years, and for our Oct 2nd meeting, we will be hosting the Special Olympics Global Messengers. They will be speaking before the meeting, giving us an update on their plans and goals and the things we can do to help support them. I ask all the Brothers come out, and give this hard working group your show of support. I would love to see a full sidelines to give them the audience they deserve!



Letter from the Master.

Worshipful Rants

My Brothers,

What a great month! I know the TB is leaving a bit late this month, but with so much going on I had to delay it just to get everything in it.

First off I want to thank all the brothers, who have made an effort to come out to both work day and the meetings, this months work day had the biggest turn out in a long time; and the amount of unfamiliar faces on the side lines this month was something special!

The Electrical work to the building has been completed, power was also ran out to the tool shed. The work came in under budget, so the little bit remaining we are putting towards fixing/updating the street sign.

The flat roof over the dinning hall was leaking after the series of storms. Brother Carter was able to reseal and coat the roof so far it looks to have solved the issue.

W;. Stiener was able to clear some time to brick up the broken side doors, with work expected to be completed before the end of the month.

With the new doors on, and the side doors bricked up its our hope and plan to pressure wash and paint the entire outside of the building. We are working on a plan and time frame but could use all the help we can. If you're interested in donating your time or resources to this project please contact me!

Yours Faithfully,

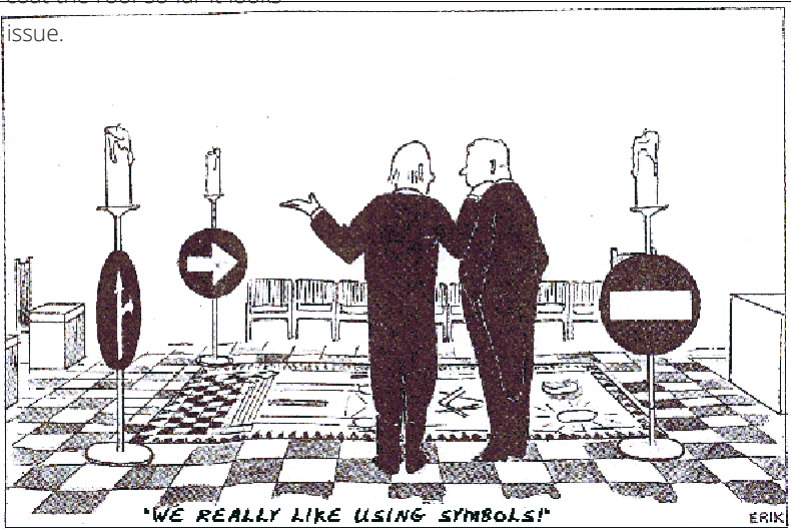
W.: Kyle B. Bachman



MASON OF THE MONTH

The Mason of the Month for the Month of August is Bro. Bill Dunning. Brother Dunning continues to assist with the Trestle Boards but most recently Bro. Dunning has helped install the new doors, and has started to put in the hardware for them.

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



IMPORTANT NOTICES

**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!
Pay online or Contact the Secretaries!**

Thank you to Liberty Lodge for holding a FC degree for our Brother Ryan Whidden!

Brother Nick Evans has been updating and adding some great stuff to the lodge shop. Check it out, now in the Dinning Hall !

SEPTEMBER

1	FRIDAY	16	SATURDAY
2	SATURDAY WORK DAY!	17	SUNDAY
3	SUNDAY	18	MONDAY - STATED / DINNER
4	MONDAY - DARK! DUE TO LABOR DAY Labor Day	19	TUESDAY
5	TUESDAY	20	WEDNESDAY
6	WEDNESDAY	21	THURSDAY
7	THURSDAY	22	FRIDAY
8	FRIDAY	23	SATURDAY
9	SATURDAY	24	SUNDAY
10	SUNDAY	25	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE
11	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE	26	TUESDAY
12	TUESDAY PLANNING MEETING	27	WEDNESDAY
13	WEDNESDAY	28	THURSDAY
14	THURSDAY	29	FRIDAY
15	FRIDAY	30	SATURDAY

OCTOBER

1	SUNDAY	17	TUESDAY
2	MONDAY - STATED / STEAK NIGHT Special Olympics Visit !	18	WEDNESDAY
3	TUESDAY	19	THURSDAY
4	WEDNESDAY	20	FRIDAY
5	THURSDAY	21	SATURDAY
6	FRIDAY	22	SUNDAY
7	SATURDAY - WORK DAY	23	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE Degree Practice / Clean up
8	SUNDAY	24	TUESDAY
9	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE Columbus Day	25	WEDNESDAY
10	TUESDAY PLANNING MEETING	26	THURSDAY
11	WEDNESDAY	27	FRIDAY
12	THURSDAY	28	SATURDAY
13	FRIDAY	29	SUNDAY
14	SATURDAY	30	MONDAY'S FOR MANATEE BINGO !!! HALLOWEEN EDITION ! BINGO !!
15	SUNDAY	31	TUESDAY Halloween
16	MONDAY - STATED / DINNER		

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,, James Hudson, Brad Ranney

F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem, Ryan Whidden

MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

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

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34206

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Master or Secretary

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BILL DALGARNO

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KEN & KAREN AMMONS

JULIAN M. HYATT

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.

Follow us on Facebook

Preparing for Next Year.

Worshipful in Waiting.

Brothers the rest of the year is moving very quickly, and Brother Carter is trying to prepare. If you are interested in joining a committee, being a mentor, lodge instructor, or possibly getting in line; Please get with him as soon as possible. Nominations for elected officers must be received by Nov!

DARK Sept 4th

Labour Day.

Monday September 4th is Labour Day, Due to the Holiday Manatee Lodge No. 31 will be Dark!!!

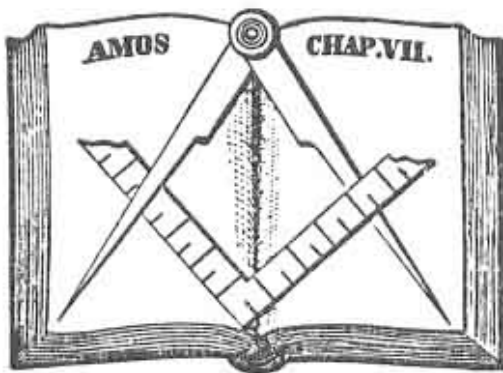
The Square and Compass

By Bro. Odillon B. Slane.

Both Points beneath the square,
Darkness, doubts, dungeons of despair,
Yet trusting in God who answers prayer,
Follow your guide - nor fear nor care,
Light will come with effulgent glare.

One point above the square,
As yet but partially there
Is Light; for more light prepare,
As you ascend the winding stair.

Both Points above the square--
Friendship and Morality share
With Brotherly Love, tenets taught where
Masons kneel, and vow, and swear.



Crossword Answers.

1. Warrant 2. Degree 3. Square 4. Worshipful 5. Hive 6. Meridian 7. Relief 8. Mosaic 9. Topper
10. Ape 11. Beans 12. Fellowship 13. Ashlar 14. Tyre Final Answer "What's missing from lodge?" I am.

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

PERPETUAL PAST PAST MASTERS?

Worshipful Dobbs has kicked off a campaign to start purchasing Memorial Perpetual Memberships for the Past Masters of Manatee 31. W.: Dobbs purchased the first Memorial Perpetual for W.: Franklin Branch our first Worshipful Master and Just Purchased another for Ezikal Glazer. If you are interested in donating for the next master, the cost is \$200, please contact W.: Dobbs for any questions or inquiries.

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Return Service Requested

**THE GREATEST LESSON IN LIFE IS TO KNOW THAT EVEN FOOLS ARE RIGHT SOME-
TIMES. ~ WINSTON CHURCHILL**

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