

MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

TRESTLEBOARD



JAN 2018



Letter from Worshipful Master

Brothers, thanks for the great turnout for our installation, we had a tremendous amount of Past Masters from Manatee. And thanks for making me your Worshipful Master. We have a good year planned with a lot of masonic light and some fun charity events. We have planned Masonic education at all meetings this year. Officers will also be dressed in White tuxedo for all stated and called communications. We have planned two Publix days with the proceeds going to Southeast Guide dogs. I am working with our secretary and treasurer to get our Agriculture permit so we can keep some proceeds from charity drives, yard sales, bake sales and raffles. We need this income to balance out budget. Any other charity or events you know of that we can help with

please let any officer know.

Another thing we are going to focus closely is our candidates. We have a new Mentor RW Ron Baber who will help keep track of candidates and instructors and verify the quality of instruction that is given. We are going to try to use specific instructors for each degree. Candidates are important for keeping Manatee viable and getting fresh ideas and new masters to put in our line.

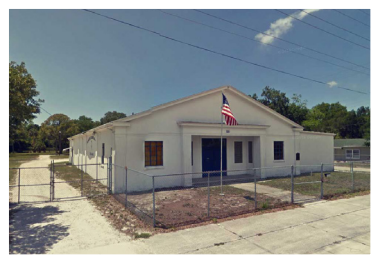
I am proud of some of the advancements we have been able to accomplish. Bringing our electrical up to modern times and code, the start of the painting of the building, the new air conditioning system and the plant beds in the front of the lodge. We will always remember Stanley, and we used the money he gave to the lodge

wisely and stretched it as far as we could. Our new projector in the lodge, the television in the dining area, facebook and our website keeps everyone updated on what we are doing and what we have done.

We have a great line of officers and with their help we will continue to have a great lodge. I appreciate all you do and will work hard for you this year.

Thanks Again,

W. Tom Carter
Worshipful Master



Lodge, New and Improved!

Look at that picture above, its an old picture. The front of the building has been landscaped and painted! Come see for yourself.

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

JAN MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Harry Pierce
Michael Madrak
Robert Phillips
Ronald Levene
Stanley Hascher
Suhil Isaac
David Huston Sr

OFFICERS

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

Worshipful Master

Tom Carter 941-993-7911

Senior Warden

Mike McCullough 941-812-5540

Junior Warden

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W.: Mike Olson - 941-724-2495

Secretary

Allan Donahue - 727-599-6895

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W.: George Vomvoris - 941-524-8333

Marshal

W.: Doug Dobbs - 941-545-1726

Senior Deacon

Anthony DiMauro - 941-747-8865

Junior Deacon

Tracey Martin - 941-561-4845

Senior Steward

Rick Groover -

Junior Steward

Ryan Widden -

Tyler

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

Baseball! Volunteers Needed

Our Lodge has been asked if we would like to work as volunteers at 3 upcoming Pirates Baseball games. This is a great opportunity for us to generate some revenue for the lodge but we will need to have 15 people committed to be at each game.

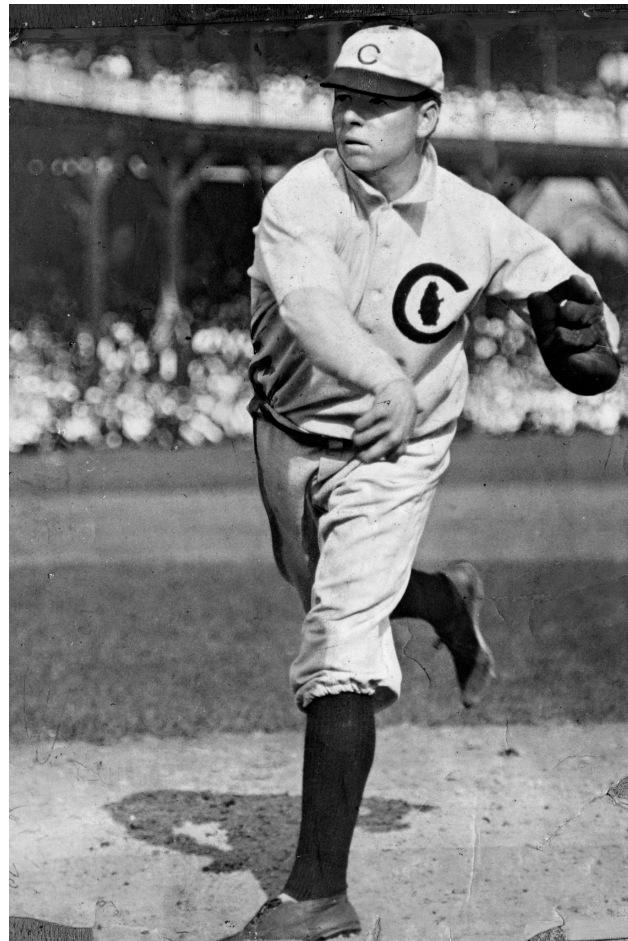
The date and time of the games are:

March 3rd at 1:05

March 10th at 1:05

March 22nd at 6:05

Masons, wives and friends are all encourage to help our lodge out with this event. If you are interested please send an email to Secretary@manateelodge31.org so we can get the list of people who are willing to help our and see if we have enough folks to take this on.



Masons and Baseball

Famous Masons.

Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown, a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. Was a part of two World Series Championships, including the 1908 Championship which would not be repeated by the Cubs until 2016. Brown also won 20 or more games in a row at least 6 times.

His nick name "Three fingers" came from when Brown was young working on the family farm. He slipped into a chopper and lost his index finger in the accident and his middle finger ended up permanently deformed.

Due to this injury when Brown petitioned Edward Dobbins Lodge No. 164 in Lawrenceville, Illinois. his petition was referred to the DDGM for confirmation that it would not disqualify him for membership.

Brown left for the Lodge above on February 14th, 1948 from complications associated with diabetes

Notably he and another baseball playing Freemason (Honus Wagner) were mentioned in an episode of the Simpsons.

In Memoriam

William (Bill) B. Padelford Esq

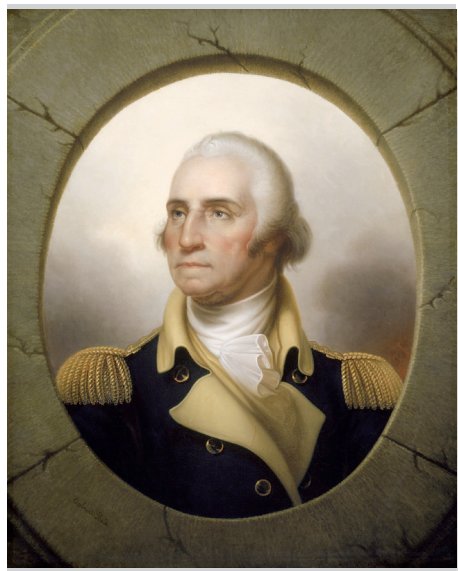
My Brothers,

It is with the heaviest of hearts I must report the passing of Brother Bill Padelford. Brother Padelford was raised at Manatee Lodge No. 31 Nov. 18 2000, and was a hard working active member.

Past Mason of the Month, Brother, Friend, and the most honest, trustworthy lawyer any of us knew. Always with a warm smile, whether at a meeting or while taking the time to mow the lawn, Brother Padelford was a roll model among Masons. He brought a friendly joy to our Lodge that will be truly missed!

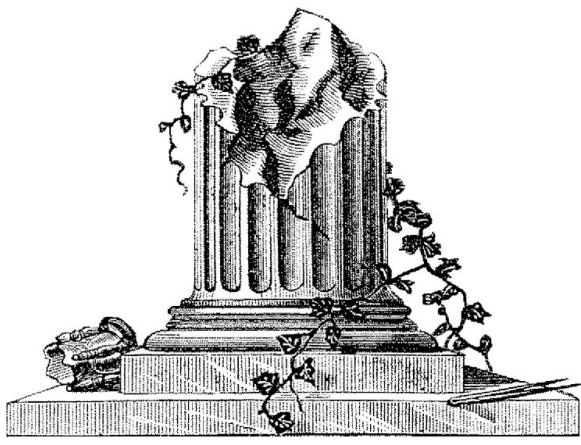
The Charter will be draped for the Month of February in his memory. Please extend your thoughts and prayers to his Family.

His memorial will be Sunday, February 11th at Bradenton's Palma Sola Presbyterian Church at 1pm. If able please attend.



MASON OF THE MONTH

Is there is a brother who you think works hard and really expresses what it means to be a Freemason? A brother that lives his obligation and set an example? Suggest who you think should be Mason of the Month by emailing your suggestions to **Secretary@manateelodge31.org**



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Practice for an EA degree has started on off Mondays and Wednesdays. Please come help out!

Thank you for everyone who brought back their "Sad Snowman", they were silly but went a long way to helping our "Let your pennies, make good cents".

FEBRUARY

1	THURSDAY	15	THURSDAY
2	FRIDAY	16	FRIDAY
3	SATURDAY	17	SATURDAY
4	SUNDAY	18	SUNDAY
5	MONDAY - STATED MEETING	19	MONDAY - STATED MEETING Presidents' Day
6	TUESDAY	20	TUESDAY
7	WEDNESDAY EA DEGREE PRACTICE	21	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
8	THURSDAY	22	THURSDAY MASTER MASON ASSOC.
9	FRIDAY	23	FRIDAY
10	SATURDAY	24	SATURDAY
11	SUNDAY	25	SUNDAY
12	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE	26	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
13	TUESDAY	27	TUESDAY
14	WEDNESDAY Valentine's Day	28	WEDNESDAY

MARCH

1	THURSDAY	17	SATURDAY
2	FRIDAY	18	SUNDAY
3	SATURDAY PIRATES BASEBALL VOLUNTEER - 1pm	19	MONDAY - STATED MEETING
4	SUNDAY	20	TUESDAY
5	MONDAY - STATED MEETING	21	WEDNESDAY Degree Practice
6	TUESDAY	22	THURSDAY PIRATES BASEBALL VOLUNTEER - 6pm
7	WEDNESDAY Degree Practice	23	FRIDAY
8	THURSDAY	24	SATURDAY
9	FRIDAY	25	SUNDAY
10	SATURDAY PIRATES BASEBALL VOLUNTEER - 1pm	26	MONDAY Degree Practice
11	SUNDAY	27	TUESDAY
12	MONDAY Degree Practice	28	WEDNESDAY Degree Practice
13	TUESDAY	29	THURSDAY
14	WEDNESDAY Degree Practice	30	FRIDAY
15	THURSDAY	31	SATURDAY
16	FRIDAY		

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, Chuck Knapp

F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem

MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

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

2017 BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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INFORMATION TO:

Manatee Lodge #31, P.O. Box 9304, Bradenton, FL
34206

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

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RORY MACCONNELL

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KEN & KAREN AMMONS

INTERESTED IN FUN AND FROLIC IN A FAMILY SETTING?

JOIN SAMOOR GROTTO WHERE THE 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

HELP US PUT SPECIAL SMILES ON
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

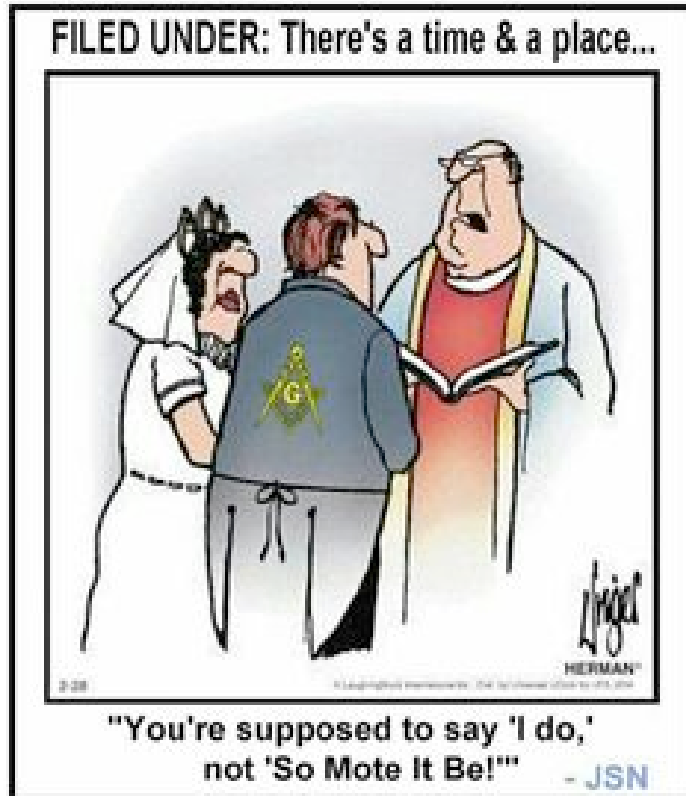


Pursue it thru our many units:
Clown, Motor Corp, Camping and Hospitality units.

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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



Rick Groover
LFD
General Manager



Groover Funeral Home at Mansion Memorial Park

1400 36th Ave. E
Ellenton, FL 34222
941-722-6602
Fax 941-723-2266
Rickey.Groover@DignityMemorial.com

PERPETUAL PASSED 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. 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

TO EDUCATE A MAN IN MIND AND NOT IN MORALS IS TO EDUCATE A MENACE TO SOCIETY. ~ THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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