

MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

TRESTLEBOARD



FEB 2018



Letter from the West

It is an honor to be elected and serve as the Senior Warden of our lodge. It was a decision I long considered before I accepted the nomination. The question I most asked myself was what I could bring to the lodge as its Senior Warden. All good leaders have a vision for now and for the future of their organization. It was in essence the question "what was my vision" for the coming year. I have always viewed the lodge as a special place, a place where men leave their outside passions at the door and truly be with their brothers. To quote an old TV series, a warm friendly place where everyone knows your name. It is my firm commitment that our lodge should be that place, free from the drama of everyday life and strife. In addition, the lodge should be a place of knowledge and light. I have

committed to providing formal Masonic education presentations at every stated meeting covering all aspects of the craft with a focus on the Florida Masonic Digest, Mentors Manual, and Masonic Etiquette. We will also bring other speakers in to talk on a wide range of other subjects relevant to the lodge. Our ceiling mounted projector will allow that experience to be shared by everyone in the room. In addition, the projector and dining area monitor will be used to share the experiences of the craft. From our upcoming events to the craft at work in the community, it will be a total view of what we are and what we do. Wages to those who work and dedicate their time and labor to the lodge will be rewarded by name at our stated meetings and in visual and printed materials from the lodge. Our building is a great

place, but it is a very old place. This year we will make every effort to improve and upgrade everything we can in a fiscally responsible manner. If you do not follow the lodge on Facebook, make an effort to do so. It will keep you up to date on our progress. I also share and fully support the Masters commitment to keeping our budget and finances in the black through fiscal responsibility, investments, and fund raising. Planning for the future is just as important as planning for the present. So again I thank you my brothers for this opportunity to serve this Lodge and the Craft.

Fraturnaly,

Mike McCullough
Senior Warden



Lodge, New and Improved!

The front of the building has been landscaped and painted! New Lights and Flag Pole! Think's are looking great, come see.

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

FEB MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert Grim	Tommy Lam
Frederick Lowenhaupt	William Samuels
Richard Resendes	Joseph Clark
James Fleming	Alfred Reid
Donald Potocki	Ihsan Daifallah
David Rowe	Allen Donahue
Asdollah Livani	Brady Chapman
Roger Neihart	Robert Coverdale
Estell Hannah	Ryan Johnson
Gregory Stout	Glenn Morgan Jr
Harris Glasgow	Jeffrey Curry

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

Tom Carter 941-993-7911

Senior Warden

Mike McCullough 941-812-5540

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W.: Mike Olson - 941-724-2495

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Chaplain

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

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Rick Groover -

Junior Steward

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Tyler

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AMAZON! Help the Lodge, just by shopping.

Brethren,

Our Lodge has now partnered with Amazon as an Amazon Affiliate. Please add the link below to your browser and then use it every time you go to Amazon to do your normal shopping. By using our link you will not be charged any additional costs for your purchases but the lodge will generate revenue based on the traffic we are sending through amazon.

<http://amzn.to/2E6ec42>

This is an effortless way to support the lodge by doing your normal online shopping. I hope you will join in helping us out as we look for ways to increase the income of the lodge to continue to do good works without continually passing cost increases on to our membership!

To make it even easier we've added a "Shop Now" button on the Manatee Lodge Facebook Page, that will direct you straight to Amazon using the Affiliate Link!



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 10:30

March 10th at 10:30

March 22nd at 5:00

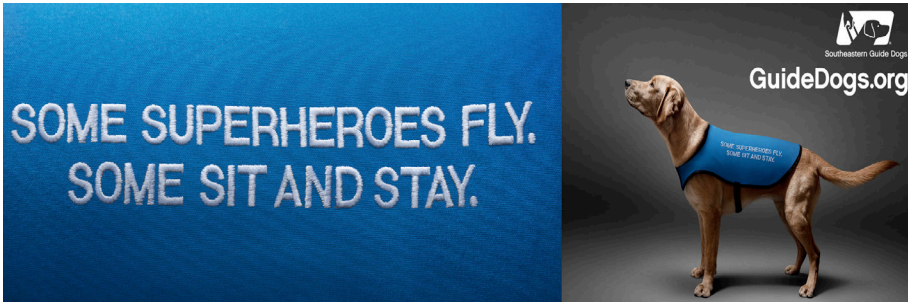
Masons, wives and friends are all encourage to help our lodge out with this event. If you are interested please send an email to Secretary@manateelodge31.org so we can get the list of people who are willing to help our and see if we have enough folks to take this on.

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 9 am till 4pm on March 17th. This charity has been a long standing partner with Manatee Lodge No. 31 and we are proud to continue this relationship.

It is a fun and easy event and we would love to see some unfamiliar faces helping out. We need man power to cover shifts of time, so If you have any time available please contact Worshipful Carter.



MASON OF THE MONTH

Brother (Major) Engelberto (Bert) Nioda Jr. a traveling brother whose home lodge is Mabini-Kalaw Lodge No. 195 in the Philippines. Bert visited our lodge two years ago and made a very favorable impression on the craft. Worshipful Doug Dobbs liked his Barong (Philippine dress shirt) so much that Bert offered to give it to him after lodge. Recently it was learned that he received the Order of Lapu Lapu for gallantry in combat while fighting terrorism in the southern Philippines. He has also been nominated for the Philippine Medal of Valor (Honor) for his heroic acts. Always a mason, Bert recently assisted a local brother during his travels to the Philippines in visiting a local Philippine lodge. This is how we recognize worthy brothers who have distinguished themselves in their service to man and masonry no matter where they reside in the world. Congratulations, Brother Bert!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

Planning Meeting is for everyone! Please attend March 26th at 6pm!

MARCH

1	THURSDAY	17	SATURDAY Southeast Guide Dogs - Publix State Rd 70 Lockwood Ridge
2	FRIDAY	18	SUNDAY
3	SATURDAY PIRATES BASEBALL VOLUNTEER - 10:30 Lodge Clean up 8am	19	MONDAY - STATED MEETING Corn Beef and Cabbage - 6pm Education -7:15
4	SUNDAY	20	TUESDAY
5	MONDAY - STATED MEETING Dinner 6 Education 7:15 Meeting 7:30	21	WEDNESDAY Degree Practice
6	TUESDAY	22	THURSDAY PIRATES BASEBALL VOLUNTEER - 5pm
7	WEDNESDAY Degree Practice	23	FRIDAY
8	THURSDAY	24	SATURDAY
9	FRIDAY	25	SUNDAY
10	SATURDAY PIRATES BASEBALL VOLUNTEER - 10:30am	26	MONDAY Lodge Planning Meeting 6pm
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		

DISTRICT 23 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION



1ST ANNUAL

CHILI COOK OFF CHALLENGE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH 2018

TIME: 12:00PM - 2:00PM



SAHIB SHRINE CENTER
600 NORTH BENEVA ROAD
SARASOTA FL 34232

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INCLUDES SAMPLING ALL OF
THE CHILI ENTRIES!

THE BAR WILL OPEN FOR
BEVERAGE PURCHASES



COME OUT AND SAMPLE SOME OF
THE BEST CHILI TO BE FOUND IN THE
SOUTHEAST AND VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVORITE TEAM!

DISTRICT 23 MASONIC LODGES WILL BE COMPETING
FOR THE TITLE OF "CHILI MASTERS"

A TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING TEAM

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
2017 Kyle B. Bachman

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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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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PLATINUM CLUB

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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.

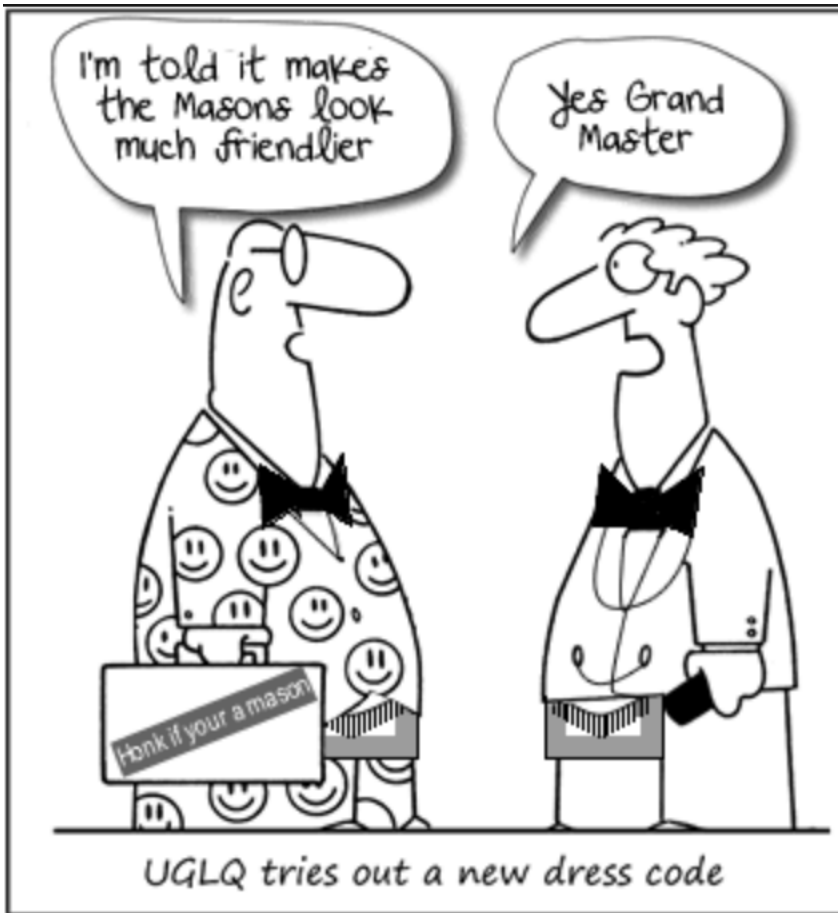


Pursue it thru our many units:
Clown, Motor Corp, Camping and Hospitality units.

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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
Butch Thurman



Rick Groover
LFD
General Manager



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Ellenton, FL 34222
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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

**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!!!!