

# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



MARCH 2018



## Letter from the South

When a man submits a petition to our lodge he is not only requesting membership to Freemasonry, but he is also entrusting that we will make proper and swift inquiry into his character. He is requesting our welcoming and friendship within our brotherhood.

As part of the investigating committee this is a responsibility that I take great pride and care in. The applicant does not understand our internal process of member selection and it is our duty to explain it to them so they have a clear understanding of what to expect.

Upon their approval we must continue to further guide them along their Masonic journey. Through their degrees and with their instructors. They are a Brother among us at this point and should be treated as such. Our goal is to

ensure that every brother, not just the Master Masons, succeeds in this journey.

When you see a new Mason, or a prospective member in the building, go up to him. Welcome him. Sit with him at dinner. You will find that one of the greatest stories a man can tell is one about why he wants to or wanted to join Freemasonry.

We must all take a part to make them feel welcome. Their ability to attend regularly should be encouraged. The more time they spend talking with is, helping in the kitchen and on works days, the more likely they are to feel at home and welcomed into the order.

Should you see an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft in need of attention with his studies, I challenge you to take him under your wing. Educate him. Point

him in the direction he needs to succeed and walk the path with him. Not only will you be teaching him, but you will be learning as well. Teaching a student is a learning experience for both of you.

Education, encouragement, involvement, and friendship I believe are the keys to making an applicant into a great Freemason.

Fraturnaly,

**Nick Evans**  
Junior 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

## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert Bordner	Everte Farnell Jr
Elwood Williams	Christopher MacKenzie
David Henderson	Jonathon Mitchell
Douglas Dodson	Alan Hochroth
William Walker Jr	Ronald Baber
Glenn Huston	Robert Mills
Jay Litschauer	Jesse Pease
Jesse Green III	Edward Wentzel
James Whittemore	Ivan Alderton
Charles Bigham	Ali Arin
Thomas Carter	Brian Johnsen
William Dunning	

## OFFICERS

Florida Grand Lodge Officers

M.:W.: Richard G Hoover, Grand Master

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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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Nick Evans - 941-580-4075

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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

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Ryan Widden -

### Tyler

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

## New Entered Apprentices

### Welcome to the Craft!

Monday, March 26th Degree Master Nick Evans led the Manatee Lodge No. 31 Degree Team in an Entered Apprentice Degree for three new candidates. Initiated into the Craft (From L-R) were Brian Miller, Vincent Simone, and Michael Makai. Congratulations Brothers... Worshipful Master Tom Carter and the Officers and Brethren of Manatee Lodge No. 31 welcome you to the Craft. We applaud you on taking this first step on a journey that millions of masons have taken before you. We would also like to say a special thanks to Junior Warden Nick Evans for his hard work as Degree Master and Brother David Finkelstein for his excellent lecture.



## Hard Work Appreciated

### Thank you for all you do!

Congratulations to Angelina Evans on receiving a certificate of appreciation for her continuing work and support of Manatee No. 31 at our last stated meeting, Thank you Angelina, the Worshipful Master and Brethren thank you for all you do for us.





# Southeastern Guide Dogs

## Fund Raising Drive.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support this charity drive! Getting out into the community being visible all while helping one of our favorite charities, makes this a huge success! Check out these great photos from the day.



## MASON OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Brother Charles "Chuck" Knapp for being selected as Manatee 31's "Mason of the Month" for March. Entered Apprentice Chuck Knapp has distinguished himself to the craft in the short time he has been a mason. From working in the kitchen to training the lodge to earn lodge money at the Pirate's Games, He has shown his dedication to the craft. Congratulations again and we look forward to you being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft at the end of the month.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Please Keep Brother Gary Cox & His family in your thoughts and prayers. Brother Cox has been hospitalized for a very rare illness, and has been fighting to recover. For more information on Brother Cox's condition please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/gary-cox-guillainbarre-recovery>**

# APRIL

1	SUNDAY - HAPPY EASTER	17	TUESDAY
2	MONDAY - STATED MEETING STEAK NIGHT 6PM EDUCATION - 7:15	18	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
3	TUESDAY	19	THURSDAY
4	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE	20	FRIDAY
5	THURSDAY - STATED MEETING Dinner 6 Education 7:15 Meeting 7:30	21	SATURDAY
6	FRIDAY	22	SUNDAY
7	SATURDAY LODGE CLEAN UP 8AM	23	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
8	SUNDAY	24	TUESDAY
9	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE	25	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
10	TUESDAY	26	THURSDAY
11	WEDNESDAY	27	FRIDAY
12	THURSDAY	28	SATURDAY
13	FRIDAY	29	SUNDAY
14	SATURDAY	30	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
15	SUNDAY		
16	MONDAY STATED CHEF'S CHOICE 6PM - MEETING 7:30		



# 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  
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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, Brian Miller, Vincent Simone, Michael Makai.

### F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem

### MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

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

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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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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:  
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Help the Lodge, just by shopping.

Brethren,

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<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!

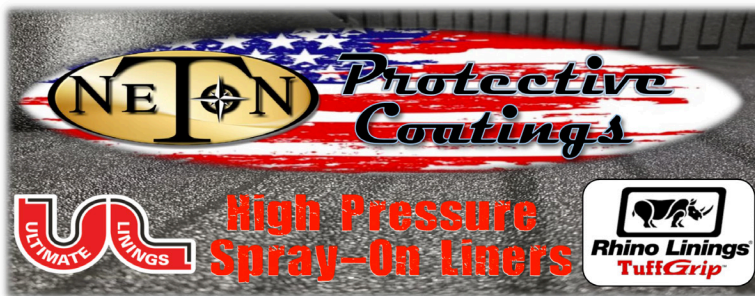
To make it even easier we've added a "Shop Now" button on the Manatee Lodge Facebook Page, that will direct you straight to Amazon using the Affiliate Link!

## 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

## 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.



**941-739-9969**



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Bradenton FL 34203**



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**“WHAT DO WE LIVE FOR, IF IT IS NOT TO MAKE LIFE LESS DIFFICULT FOR EACH OTHER?”  
~GEORGE ELIOT**

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MARCH 2018



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