

# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



APRIL 2018



Brother Gary E. Clark with his 50 years as a Mason Award. Brother Clark was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on 10/2/67, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on 1/22/68, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 4/13/68.

## From the Senior Deacon

Brothers,

Last month we completed an Entered Apprentice degree, bringing three new brothers into the Lodge, Thank you to all the Brothers who worked hard to make the degree a success. We are blessed to have so many talented and knowledgeable Brothers who are willing to spend their time together for the benefit of the Craft.

Sometimes the practices were challenging, and the commitment to spending a couple of hours per week was difficult at times, but i believe

that most of us had a sense of satisfaction, and actually some fun. Yes, it was fun. Sure we took it seriously, but that didn't mean that we couldn't enjoy each others company.

The camaraderie showed in the degree, and numerous compliments were made about how genuine the dialogue was between the participants. I never was one for Shakespeare in the park, or community theatre, but getting to know my brothers, while getting to know the work, was time well spent.

Every time i have this opportunity, i have to invite you to come and participate. Even if you aren't in the degree, stop by one Monday or Wednesday night for an hour and just watch. Spectators are welcome!

Fraturnaly,

**Anthony DiMauro**  
Senior Deacon



### Lodge, New and Improved!

The front of the building has been landscaped and painted! New Lights and Flag Pole! Thinks 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

## APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Riley Hardy	Alan Atkinson
Daniel Raisovich	John Rule
Joseph Fenton	Francis Shoemaker
Jaime Rivera	Anthony Vignocchi Jr
Gary Clark	John Martin
Michael Pursell	Maurice Healey
Grant Paolini	John Collins
Edward Vogler II	William Lee
John Koch	James MacDonald
Charles Crews	William Sands Jr
John McInnis	John Webster
Rory MacConnell	

## 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

### Junior Warden

Nick Evans - 941-580-4075

### Treasurer

W.: Mike Olson - 941-724-2495

### Secretary

Allan Donahue - 727-599-6895

### 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

### Senior Steward

Rick Groover -

### Junior Steward

Ryan Widden -

### Tyler

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

## From the East

### Message from W.: Tom Carter

Brethren,

The first thing I want to do is thank you all for your support and help during this first quarter. We have had a great start on the year. We have audited the receipts from last year and now have a budget in place that should end up balanced for the year. We are continuing with our Masonic Education Program conducting Masonic Education at every stated meeting. We are currently on our second coat of paint on the outside of the building and are hoping to have a beautifully crafted graphic on the west side in the next month. We have moved our investments to a new broker and have high hopes for a more profitable future.

We have had a very successful fund raiser for Southeast Guide Dogs and have built a nice relationship working for the Pirates organization at their games. I am blessed to have such a great bunch of officers and brothers who are always there when you need them.

We are planning a garage sale this summer and are asking for you to look around and bring in things you don't need so that we may raise money for the lodge. We currently are taking applications for student scholarships that will be awarded hopefully in June (See brother Olson). We will also be giving the money from our four quarterly non-masonic donations to one or two local area teachers to help with low income or special needs classes.

If anyone is interested in donating specifically for this endeavor please contact me.

W.: Tom Carter

## Hard Work Appreciated

### Thank you for all you do!

Senior Warden Mike McCullough presented Linda Louise Dale a Certificate of Appreciation for her love and support of Manatee No. 31 and the Craft. Linda is always there to support us and her smiling face makes our lodge a fun place to work and play. Congratulations Linda!



# Chili Cook Off

## Fund Raising Drive.

With the great cooking of Worshipful Charlie Keeler Manatee No. 31 for the **second year in a row** took first place in the district cookoff. This year the dish was chili and Charlie's Chili rocked..... This fundraiser is to offset costs from our Grandlodge District visit and bragging rights.



## MASON OF THE MONTH

RW. Ron Baber is Manatee No. 31 Mason of the Month for April. RW Baber has been a rock of support and knowledge in the lodge for many, many years. We would like to honor those contributions and more specifically his recent contribution of mentoring the Manatee No. 31 Degree Team at a recent outstanding Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulations RW Baber

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

BEFORE OUR MAY 7TH MEETING WE WILL HAVE JACOB HART INVESTMENTS SPEAKING ABOUT OUR NEW INVESTMENTS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE MASONIC EDUCATION PRESENTED BY SW MIKE MCCULLOUGH

BEFORE OUR MAY 21ST MEETING WE WILL BE PRESENTING A CHECK TO SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS FROM THE RECENT PUBLIX FUND RAISER.

# MAY

1	TUESDAY	17	THURSDAY
2	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE	18	FRIDAY
3	THURSDAY	19	SATURDAY
4	FRIDAY	20	SUNDAY
5	<b>SATURDAY LODGE CLEAN UP - 8AM</b>	21	<b>MONDAY - STATED MEETING SOUTH EASTERN GUIDE DOGS</b>
6	SUNDAY	22	TUESDAY
7	<b>MONDAY - STATED MEETING STEAK NIGHT / JACOB HART INVESTMENTS</b>	23	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
8	TUESDAY	24	<b>THURSDAY MASTER MASON ASSOC. 6:45PM</b>
9	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE	25	FRIDAY
10	THURSDAY	26	SATURDAY
11	FRIDAY	27	SUNDAY
12	SATURDAY	28	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
13	SUNDAY	29	TUESDAY
14	MONDAY DEGREE PRACTICE	30	WEDNESDAY DEGREE PRACTICE
15	TUESDAY		
16	WEDNESDAY		<b>GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION MAY 27th - 30th</b>

# Scholarships Applications!

## Manatee Lodge 31 F&AM 2018 Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Semester Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the Secretary; [secretary@manateelodge31.org](mailto:secretary@manateelodge31.org) or  
Committee Chairman W Mike Olsen by the start of June.

Eligibility: All Members of Manatee Lodge No. 31, their spouses, children and grandchildren (natural or adopted), and the children or grandchildren of any deceased Member who was in good standing at the time of his death, are eligible to apply a for scholarship grant if enroled in, or accepted by, an accredited institution of higher education or technical arts for the current or upcoming academic year.

## 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\*, Joseph Shannon, Nicholas Pryor,, James Hudson, Brad Ranney, Brian Miller, Vincent Simone, Michael Makai.

### F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem, Chuck Knapp

### 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

## SILVER CLUB

\$25 - \$49

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JOHN & ROBERTA COLLINS  
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KEN & KAREN AMMONS  
JULIAN M. HYATT  
ROBERT BORDNER

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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# Honoring our History

## A Visit to Our Founders.

Brother's from Manatee No.31 have been traveling to the various locations of some of our founding officers resting place's to offer up their respects. So far they have visited Bro. Josiah Gates our first Treasurer and Brother G.H. Wyatt our first Senior Deacon. The next planned visit will be to the sight of W.: Franklin Branch our first Worshipful Master who was laid to rest in Tampa.



## 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
- Jeff Curry

## 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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LFD  
General Manager



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at Mansion Memorial Park**

1400 36th Ave. E  
Ellenton, FL 34222  
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Return Service Requested

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**“DOES ANY ONE ACTUALLY READ THESE QUOTES ?”**  
**~ W.: KYLE B. BACHMAN**

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MAY 2018



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