

# MANATEE LODGE NO. 31 F&AM

# TRESTLEBOARD



JUNE 2018



Congratulations R.W. Doug Dobbs! Thank you for your continued hard work for both Manatee 31 and our district!!

## Manatee Lodge No. 31

402 15th Street East  
Bradenton, Florida 34206

Brethren,

We are half way through the year. That means it is time a couple of important updates.

First for those who plan on attending the Grand Masters Official Visit and Dinner for the 23rd district it is important you go and RSVP to attend online as that is the only way to register for the event this year. You can register up until June 30th at which time registration will be closed.

Grand Masters Official Visit RSVP Link. <http://manateelodge31.org/gmov/>

Second our amazon affiliate is slowly working for us. We will receive a check from Amazon every time we have earned \$100 in associated purchases. To date we have made \$75.64. While that may not seem like much it is money you have contributed to your lodge by buying

items you were going to purchase anyways. Through using the lodges link you have donated funds to our fraternity at 0 added cost to yourself.

We have seen a decrease in usage of the Amazon affiliate code so I wanted to remind everyone please use the following link to create a bookmark for Amazon and use that bookmark every time you shop to make sure the lodge gets credit for your purchases

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Third it is that time of year to send out the second notice for dues. Please make sure your dues are square. If you know of a brother who has a health issue or may not be getting their mail due to a move please let us know so we can make sure no brother gets placed in a Non-Payment of Dues status unnecessarily. Any help in this arena is greatly appreciated.

Lastly if you haven't been to lodge in awhile you may not know that the lodge has been transitioning into Quickbooks for financial record keeping. The system is fully up to date and the Treasurer WD Olsen and I are about ready to present to the craft the finalized system of record we will be using moving forward. While record keeping isn't something most people get terribly excited about it is something that will provide the lodge with a lot more capabilities in budgeting and tracking where the money is coming from and going to.

Well the secretaries desk is now clear brethren. I hope to see you at lodge.

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**Bro. Allen Donahue**  
Secretary

# Grand Lodge

## 2018 Grand Lodge Communication

It is not every year that Manatee No. 31 F&AM is so well represented at Grand Lodge. The 189th Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was attended by R.:W.: Ron Baber, Worshipful Master Tom Carter, Past Master Doug Dobbs, and Junior Warden Nick Evans. The highlight of the event for us was the installation of Past Master Doug Dobbs as District Deputy Grand Master for District 23. RW Dobbs was Master of Manatee No. 31 in 2016, President of the Master Mason Association in 2016, Perpetual Membership Committee Man in 2017, and a major participant in all aspects of his home lodge. In addition dual member Joel Furman received his brown card and dual member J.J. Albritton received his state champion award for the Fellow Craft lecture in the State Ritual Competition. Congratulations to all..... The fellowship of the membership of the 23 Masonic District was further demonstrated by the great turn out at the district dinner that was held on Thursday night. A great time was had by all.

### JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

John Horne Jr	Andrew Gluchov
Michael Winterbottom	Martin Jordan
James Butler III	Paul Sharff Jr
Robert Ransford	John Breese
Marc Gilner	Michael McCullough
Donald Clements	Horton Rogers
Robert Bengtsson	William Evanko
Paul Cronen	Alfred Corning Jr
Joseph Cuervo Jr	James Miles
Edgar Jones	

### 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



## Our Fellowcrafts!

### Thank you Venice 301!

A Fellow Craft Degree conducted by Venice Lodge No. 301, Brothers Cavin Cadena (301), Carl Gill (301), Brian Miller (31), Bradley Ranney (31), and Gordon Govalet (31) were Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Congratulations to all who have taken the next step in our ancient craft. The excellent degree work was conducted by Degree Master Darren Bracken. It should be noted that this was his first time in the East...Great Job. The superb lecture was by Brother David Finkelstein. Much thanks to Venice Lodge No. 301 for conducting courtesy work in support of Manatee Lodge No. 31 and thanks to all the Manatee No. 31 brothers who came out to support our own worthy brothers.



From Left to Right: Degree Master Darren Bracken (Venice No. 301), Brothers Gordon Govalet, Bradley Ranney, Brian Miller (Manatee No. 31), and Worshipful Master Tom Carter (Manatee No. 31).



# From the East

W.: Tom Carter

Brethren,

It has been a good year with all the help I am receiving. We received a thank you card from Southeastern Guide Dogs and will continue to have a strong bond with them.

Last Saturday was the one year anniversary of Liberty Lodge No.412 receiving their charter. I attended along with the Past Masters Unit of Sahib Shrine. We support our brothers and wish them an even better year next year. They continue to help us on our cleanup days and are there whenever we ask for help.

We received confirmation that our investment funds have been changed over to Hart & Hart Financial. Jakob Hart will be at our July 2nd meeting to answer any questions on our investments and strategy, and will visit yearly to make sure that the new officers have all the information they need. We look forward to a great future with them.

We changed our insurance last year to the Fraternal Mutual Disaster Relief Association(FMDRA) and saved the lodge over \$3000 per year. I talked to Bob Morrow the president at Grand Lodge and he let me know that they changed their underwriter and our premiums went down over \$500 this year. They are a non-profit company and I sent a project to them last week that we do not have the funding for, I asked for \$1000 and they called me yesterday and are cutting a check for \$500 for the project. I was thoroughly amazed.

We also have setup a board in the Dining Room with all our candidates, Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons waiting for proficiency. It has all the dates they went through degrees, a picture, instructor, and contact information so everyone can see where the brothers are to make sure all are being raised in a proper time frame.

We are having a District picnic this Saturday (June 16th) from 10-2 at Rottenbach park at 8650 Bee Ridge Rd in Sarasota. Meats and drinks are furnished by the Master mason Association just bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome Masons, friends, and neighbors. It has been a great function in the past and everyone has enjoyed the brotherhood. Hope to see you there.

The District 23 Grand Masters visit will be July 20th hosted by Manatee Lodge and RW Doug Dobbs. It will start at 5:30 at the Sahib Shrine please RSVP online by June 30th. If you have a problem with reservations please call me at 941-993-7911 and I will register for you or call any other officer. We are the host lodge so we need to show up and support RW Dobbs, we have already paid for the dinner so come and enjoy.

Thanks again for your support.

Worshipful Tom Carter



## MASON OF THE MONTH

Worshipful Robert "Bob" Coverdale PM was awarded Manatee No. 31 F&AM's Mason of the Month Award for June. Worshipful Coverdale has supported the craft in every aspect this year. From our Planning Meetings to Degree Work he is always there to help and assist Worshipful Carter and the Craft. Congratulations Worshipful Coverdale.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO LODGE IN AWHILE TRY TO MAKE IT TO THE NEXT MEETING. WE HAVE FINALLY RECEIVED OUR HARD DUES CARDS FROM CIRCUMSCRIBE AND I WILL BE DISTRIBUTING THEM STARTING AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR OWN R.:W.: DOUG DOBBS AND RSVP TO THE GRANDMASTER'S VISIT. LETS FILL THE ROOM WITH 31'S MEMBERS!!!**

# UPCOMING DATES

June 2nd - Lodge cleanup 8am

June 4th - Steak Night 6pm / Stated Meeting 7:30 /  
Masonic Education by Bro. Mike McCullough

June 11th - Fellowcraft Degree 3 students Venice  
Lodge

June 16th - District Picnic Benderson park 10-2

June 18th - Jr Wardens choice 6pm / Stated Meeting  
7:30 Masonic Education by Bro. Mike McCullough

June 28th - Master Mason Assoc. @ Manatee Lodge  
6:45pm Everyone Welcome!

**Friday July 20th Grand Masters Visit. All MM's  
welcome - Please RSVP!!**

Master Mason Degree practice off Mondays and  
every Wednesday



# Protective Coatings



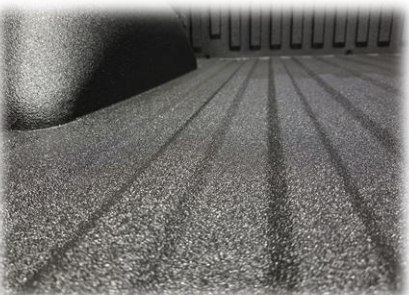
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1978 John G. Breese  
1983 Riley M. Hardy  
1984 Dozier K. Walker  
1987 Thomas A. Simpkins  
1989 Gary E. Carter  
1990 George J. Vomvoris  
1993 Byron P. Barton  
1994 Marc B. Gilner  
1996 Ronald E. Baber  
1998 Earl T. Hasenflu  
2000 Charles M. 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, Vincent Simone, Michael Makai.

### F.C.'s:

Joseph Fairbothem, Chuck Knapp, Gordon Govalet, Brain Miller, Brad Ranney

### MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

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

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# New Sign!

## Thank you Brothers!

After Several coats of paint, countless hours, and a lot of hard work from a lot of great brothers, the building was glowing, and now thanks to Gator Stamping. The old dated sign that was painted over has been replaced with a fantastic beautiful new sign! Thank you to Gator Stamping and All the brothers involved in both the sign and the painting of the building! All this hard work is really making Old No. 31 shine!



## 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  
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 John E. Hokanson  
 Earl M. Grimes  
 Edwin T. Holman  
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 Stanley Preston  
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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

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**“NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED.”**  
~ AESOP

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