



# Manatee No. 31 F&AM January 2019 Trestle Board

**From W.: Mike McCullough**

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Brothers,

Tempus Fugit (time flies)..... Last year is gone and 2019 is upon us. As I sit in the east, I am humbled that the brothers in this lodge have chosen me to lead them. There is no leadership position in any other place that is quite like this one. It is amazing as I look back to see how much Worshipful Carter and all of us accomplished last year. That being said, 2019 is not a year to rest and look back on our laurels. Every leader and Worshipful Master should have a vision for what direction he wants to take his lodge. This is different than a project or to do list. A vision is more global, it's what drives the rest. My vision is a short list of only three topics. 1. Brotherly Love. The lodge continues and builds on a place of "Brotherly Love and Affection", the glue that holds us together. This lodge has always been a warm and friendly place and needs to be more so in the future. Brothers will come to honey, vinegar not so much. 2. Restoring our Lodge. Our building is 65 years old and needs a lot of TLC. Many improvements have been made but many more remain. It will take many masters after me to complete the task of moving an old building into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and its technology. 3. Building the Craft. This is more than just driving membership. Although driving membership is critical to our future survival, it cannot be the sole driving factor to our overall success. Our image in the community, having a clean and well maintained lodge, having a solid financial plan and budget, having activities that make a brother want come to lodge, building on the band of brothers concept in and out of lodge, enhancing our dining experience so that we can bring brothers and their families into our "Masonic Family" and above all, making it fun and a rewarding experience. I thank all the brothers for this opportunity to serve the craft. See you in lodge.

Mike McCullough  
Worshipful Master  
Manatee Lodge No.31 F&AM

## 2019 Installation of Officers.



On Jan 5th Manatee No. 31 held its 2019 Installation of Officers. I would like to thank everyone who attended and supported this event from the bottom of my heart. We estimated that there were around 110 brothers, family, and guests with us to celebrate our installation. A special thanks to RW DDGM Doug Dobbs (Installing Officer), RW Ron Baber (Installing Marshall) and Brother Joel Furman (Installing Chaplain/Photographer) for their awesome support. Also much thanks to all the other appendant bodies and other fraternal lodge's members who honored us with their attendance. Included in that group was Bradenton Chapter 87 of the Eastern Star who recently joined us at Manatee No. 31. Manatee No. 31 is very pleased to have you in our fraternal family. Special love and thanks to my wife Vicky (aka Bear) who worked tirelessly to provide a meal that was fit for the occasion. As we move into 2019 I am blessed with the incredible group of officers that our lodge has installed and look forward to a very bright year.

Mike McCullough  
Worshipful Master

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## Mason of the Month

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At our first stated meeting of 2019. Junior Steward Brad Ranney was awarded Mason of the Month for January. Brother Ranney was selected for this honor due to his tireless work in the lodge. Always there to help and assist, his dedication to the lodge is well known among his brothers. Congratulations Brother Ranney.

## The Installation Dinner

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For those that missed the installation dinner you missed a treat. The cuisine was Asian/Philippine complete with a Lechon (roasted baby pig). From the reviews we can only conclude that no one left hungry. The lodge would like to thank Vicky (Bear) McCullough and her assistants for an exceptional dining experience.

## January/February Agenda

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### Manatee 31 January/February Agenda

January 21

Meal/Junior Wardens Choice 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

January 23

FC Practice 6 PM

January 24

Master Mason Association 6:45 PM @ Manatee No. 31/Manatee No. 31 Host

OES 87 Meeting 7PM

January 28

Planning/Officer's Meeting 6 PM

February 4

Steak Night 6:00

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

February 6

FC Degree Practice 6:00 PM

February 9

Liberty No. 412 Stated Meeting 9 AM

February 11

FC Degree Practice 6:00 PM

February 12

Ballpark Training with Brother Chuck Knapp 6:00 PM

February 13

FC Degree Practice 6:00 PM

February 14

OES 87 Meeting 7PM

February 18

Meal/Junior Wardens Choice 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

February 20

FC Degree Practice 6:00 PM

February 23

Fellowcraft Degree 8 AM

February 25

Planning/Officer's Meeting 6 PM

February 28

Master Mason Association 6:45 PM @ Manatee No. 31/Liberty No. 412 Host

OES 87 Meeting 7PM

## Jan. Masonic Birthdays

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Luis Salazar  
Earl Hasenflu  
John Palmer  
Jerry Ireland  
George Lichner  
Steven Persinger  
Neil Sutton  
John Callahan  
Gary Cox  
Douglas Dobbs  
David Hall  
Robert Hunt  
Ryan King

Roger Riggle  
John Steiner  
Alexander Wemyss  
William Brooker  
Roderick Berger  
Robert Hughes  
Terry Bowen  
Julian Hyatt  
Gary Prince  
Jack Simpkins  
Harry Van Why Jr  
Walter Vogler  
Theodore Simpkins II

## Perpetual Members

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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  
Allen P. Donahue  
Joseph K. Fenton  
Earl M. Grimes  
John E. Hokanson  
Jeff Curry

Edwin T. Holman  
Ryan P. Johnson  
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Kenneth Reese, Sr.  
Joseph S. Rowland  
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Thomas A. Simpkins  
Theodore R. Simpkins, II  
Robert J. Springer  
Billy Staffiles  
Kyle B. Bachman  
Andrew Gluchov  
Butch Thurman  
Allen Donahue

## OFFICERS

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### Florida Grand Lodge Officers

M.:W.: John E. Karroum, Grand Master

R.:W.: Doug Dobbs, DDGM

R.:W.: J.J. Albritton, District Instructor

### Manatee Lodge No.31 Officers

Worshipful Master - Michael McCullough 941-812-5540

Senior Warden - Allen Donahue - 727-599-6895

Junior Warden - Anthony DiMauro - 941-448-6919

Treasurer - Bill Dunning- 941-504-5195

Secretary - Andrew Brady - 941-928-3010

Chaplain - W.: George Vomvoris - 941-524-8333

Marshal - W.: Tom Carter - 941-993-7911

Senior Deacon - Tracey Martin - 941-561-4845

Junior Deacon - Brian Miller - 941-304-7650

Senior Steward - Chuck Knapp - 915-693-8364

Junior Steward - Brad Ranney - 941-737-7851

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

### Manatee Lodge No.31 Committees

Finance - Allen Donahue - 727-599-6895

Vigilance - Anthony DiMauro - 941-448-6919

Masonic Education - W.: Michael McCullough 941-812-5540

Board of Relief - W.: Michael McCullough 941-812-5540

Committee on Charity - W.: Michael McCullough 941-812-5540

Committee on Lodge Property - Allen Donahue - 727-599-6895

## CURRENT PETITION / STUDENT STATUS

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### PETITIONS

Affiliation:

Jeffery Davis, Bethlehem Lodge 283

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E.A.'s :

Craig Bachler, Jefferson Bachler and Brian Wingate

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F.C.'s: None

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MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY: None

We are always in need of instructors and mentors, please if you have an interest contact W.: Mike McCullough. Don't be afraid we can help you to help others!

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