



# Manatee No. 31 F&A.M. July August 2019 Trestle Board

## The Heat

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The heat of summer is upon us and it is making it harder to get things done outside, and around the lodge. Even though at times the heat was unbearable, a small crew of dedicated landscapers were able to put in irrigation, plant trees and lay mulch around the outside of the lodge. It looks great! Thank you to all who gave their time and sweat, because the outcome was beautiful. The game room also came out great, with its new Air Hockey table, TV, and dart board. Now we can bring the kids to dinner, and they can enjoy their time at the lodge. Also I greatly appreciate all of the effort that goes into taking care of our lodge. I'd also like to say "Thank You" to all who have come out for dinner on Monday nights. The team that prepares the food works very hard to put together a delicious meal, so hopefully you can come out and enjoy it. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have put their money, time, and effort, into making our lodge a better place.

Anthony DiMauro  
Junior Warden





## **Steak Night Upgrade**

Brothers, our upgraded steak night continues to be great success with a wonderful turn out. A special thanks to JW Anthony DiMauro Jr, SS Chuck Knapp, and JS Brad Ranney for changing our meals into a great dining experience. The reports from the craft state that the preparation of the steaks and meal was exceptional. Watch for future meals and specials at our stated meetings in the very near future. A special thanks to the DeMolay and OES Chapter No. 87 for their continued support.

## **Project Update**

The conversion to a game room is 90% and the air hockey table is installed. The men's bathroom sink replacement is underway. Continued thanks to all the brothers that work and make these projects possible.

## **Master Mason Association**

The Master Mason Association will meet at 6:45 PM on August 28th at Manatee Lodge No. 31. Come on out and support the organization that supports us. Any brother who would like to hitch a ride, please contact Worshipful Tom Carter or Worshipful Mike McCullough and we will get you a ride.

## **Teacher of the Year Nominations**

Brothers, our Teachers of the Year have been selected and will be announced when the paperwork is returned from the Grand Lodge. We have selected four teachers for this honor. The presentation will be made at a future stated meeting when everything is returned from Grand Lodge. Stay tuned.....



## **Amazon Shopping to Support Your Lodge**

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Brethren,

Our lodge has been partnered with Amazon for some time now. By shopping on their site via the link below, you generate income to the lodge at no additional cost to you. If you plan on doing your shopping online this year please try and use the link below to help support your lodge!

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## **Schedule for Marauders Games**

Brothers the Marauders schedule is on the next page and there are two games left. If you are trained and wish to work a game to make money for the lodge please let JW Anthony DiMauro Jr know the date so he can inform the Marauders. This is a fun way to make money for our lodge and allow us to do more for you.





## Marauders Game Dates

**Saturday April 6 – 4:30pm check in**

Wednesday April 10 – 9:30am check in

Saturday April 13 – 4:30pm check in

Saturday April 20 – 4:30pm check in

Saturday May 8 – 4:30pm check in

Saturday May 11 – 4:30pm check in

Saturday May 25 – 4:30pm check in

Friday June 7 – 5:00pm check in

Saturday June 8 – 4:30pm check in

Wednesday June 12 – 9:30am check in

**Wednesday July 3 – 4:30pm check in**

Friday July 12 – 5:00pm check in

Saturday July 13 – 4:30pm check in

Wednesday July 17 – 9:30am check in

Saturday July 27 – 4:30pm check in

Friday August 9 – 5:00pm check in

Saturday August 10 – 4:30pm check in (CNX Rain)

Friday August 23— 4:45 pm check in

**Saturday August 24 – 4:30pm check in**

The dates in bold are the dates we will need the most help.

## RW DDGM Daniel W. Van Alstine's Official Visit



July 1st was our District Deputy Grand Master's official visit at Manatee Masonic Lodge No. 31 F&AM. Much thanks to all the brothers who came out and supported the lodge and welcomed our new DDGM RW Daniel W. Van Alstine and his Committee Men to the lodge. Additional thanks to JW Anthony Dimauro Jr, Brother Chuck Knapp, and Brother Brad Ranney for the wonderful steak dinner that they provided.



Nancy Van Alstine, wife of RW Daniel W. Van Alstine DDGM, and our Lady of Manatee Lodge Linda Dale.





## **Nine New Masons Initiated at Manatee No 31**

On June 15th at Manatee Masonic Lodge No. 31 we initiated nine new masons. Eight of these new masons were from Liberty Masonic Lodge No. 412 and one was from Manatee Masonic Lodge No. 31. The Worshipful Master of Liberty No. 412 and SS of Liberty No. 412 were members of the degree team. The Degree Master was JW Anthony DiMauro, the lecture was given by RW Barry Hart District Instructor, and the Charge was delivered by Worshipful George Vomvoris PM. Bringing so many new masons to light was both a challenge and a treat. Many thanks to the Manatee No, 31 Degree Team for an outstanding job and to all the Past Masters and brothers who came out to support us. Congratulations to all the new brothers but especially to our new brother Mathew Richter. To all of you... "Welcome to the Fraternity".

## Manatee No. 31 and OES 87 Summer Social



June 29th was a great night for the first Manatee No. 31 and OES 87 Summer Social. This was a free event as no donations were accepted. There were over 40 brothers, sisters, friends, kids and guests in attendance - thanks for supporting Manatee No 31 and OES 87. It was great to see all the Past Masters and meet new friends. A special thanks to Vicky "Bear" McCullough for cooking and serving and for just being a great "Bear". Also, thanks to Joel Furman for the great photos.



## Soloman and Hiram



Most everyone who comes to our lodge has seen the photograph of Solomon the golden retriever, but less people know of his and another dog's story. In 2012 Manatee Lodge named our first dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs, his name was Hiram. Hiram became a Guide Dog and worked as such until he was retired. Fitting that a dog named Hiram provided light to someone who was in darkness. In 2013 Manatee Lodge named their second dog, his name was Soloman. Soloman became a breeder and remained so until he was also retired. From him came many other dogs to provide help to many others. Much thanks to SEGDKaren Conkel for researching the history of these wonderful animals for us.

## July Mason of the Month



At our 2<sup>nd</sup> stated meeting in July Brother George Lukas PP of OES Chapter 87 was awarded Mason of the Month for July. Brother Lukas was selected for this honor due to his awesome work with the lodge beautification project. His work with this project was above and beyond the call. Congratulations and Thanks Brother Lukas.



## Appreciation Award Presented Brother Hill



On July 1st at our first stated meeting visiting Brother Jacques A. Hill was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent June 17th presentation on Freemasonry in France and Brazil.

Congratulations Brother Hill. Safe travels my brother...see you in the fall.

## August Mason of the Month

Brother Chuck Knapp receives the Mason of the Month Award for August. Congratulations and a "Big Thank You" Brother Knapp for all you do for our lodge.



## Brother Brian Wingate Passed to the Degree of FC



On July 30<sup>th</sup> at Phoenix Lodge No. 346, Brother Brian Wingate and three Phoenix No. 346 brothers were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Much thanks to Worshipful Tom Davie, Degree Master (SW) Roland Yates, and all the brothers of Phoenix Lodge No. 346 for a fine degree and for their courtesy work. Congratulations to all the new Fellowcrafts, especially to our Brother Wingate who has worked so hard to obtain this degree.



# **Manatee Masonic Lodge No. 31 August September Agenda**

**Aug 3rd**

**Lodge Clean Up**

**Aug 5th**

**Steak Night 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Aug 7th**

**SE Guide Dogs Partner Presentation @ SE Guide Dogs 10 AM**

**Aug 17th**

**Fellowcraft Degree hosted by Liberty Lodge #412 8 AM**

**Aug 19th**

**Chef's Choice 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Aug 22nd**

**MMA @ Manatee Lodge No.31 With District School of Instruction**

**Aug 26th**

**Officer's Meeting 6 PM**

**Aug 28th**

**Masonic Leadership Training 6PM—9:30 PM**

**Sept 2nd**

**Steak Night 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Sept 3rd**

**Table Lodge Hillsborough No. 25**

**Sept 7th**

**Lodge Clean Up 9 AM —Noon**

**Sept 16th**

**Steak Night 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Sept 21st**

**District 23 town Hall Meeting 11AM—1:00 PM**

**Sept 23rd**

**Officer's Meeting 6 PM**

**Sept 25th**

**Masonic Leadership Training Venice Lodge 6:00 PM—9:30 PM**

## July Masonic Birthdays

Mark Atkinson

Michael Bates

Andrew Brady

Leroy Burns

Fredrick Edwards

Earl Grimes

William Hawthorne Jr.

Steven Hodgkinson

Mathew Kernan

Phillip Mandzik

Brian Miller

John Neri

Ray Oxendine

Dorwin Pulford

Charles Staigerwald

Michael Terrell

John Williams

Tommy Workman

## Perpetual Members

Kenneth E. Ammons

Mark A. Atkinson

Ronald E. Baber

Kyle B. Bachman

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

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

Andrew Gluchov

Butch Thurman

Jeff Curry



## August Masonic Birthdays

Lawrence Adams

James Albritton

Joshua Baumgard

Charles Brown

Richard Cade

Ernest Calande

William Dickey

Braxton Ezell

Robert Hammer

Gire Hill

Steve Hopkins

Zachary Humphries

Nicholas Lerulli

Tracy Martin

Andy Richardson

Michael Rodgers

Donald Simmons

Arnold Stanaland

Chadwick Terrell

Kenneth TerryBerry



## **LIVING PAST MASTERS**

- 1965 John G. Collins**
- 1967 Wallace R. Davis**
- 1968 Glen E. Boeschen**
- 1973 James P. Sellers**
- 1976 George V. Benjamin**
- 1978 John G. Breese**
- 1983 Riley M. Hardy**
- 1984 Dozer K. Walker**
- 1989 Gary E. Carter**
- 1990 George J. Vomvoris**
- 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**
- 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 Bachman**
- 2018 Tom Carter**

## **OFFICERS**

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### Florida Grand Lodge Officers

M:.W:. John W.. Westerman, Grand Master

R:.W:. Dan Van Alstine, DDGM

R:.W:. Barry Hart, District Instructor

### Manatee Lodge No.31 Officers

Worshipful Master - Michael McCullough 941-812-5540

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Secretary - Andrew Brady - 941-928-3010

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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 - 815-693-8364

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

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

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

### Optional Committees

Fund Raising: Tracey Martin - 941-561-4845

By Laws: W :. Mike McCullough - 941-812-5540

Technology: Allen Donahue- 727-599-6895

## **CURRENT PETITIONS/STUDENT STATUS**

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### **PETITIONS**

Affiliation: Brother Mike Harrill, Westcoast Lodge No. 409

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Membership: Mr. John David Jones

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E.A.'s :

Craig Richter

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F.C.'s:

Benjamin Sleight, Brian Wingate

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MM's PREPARING PROFICIENCY:

None

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**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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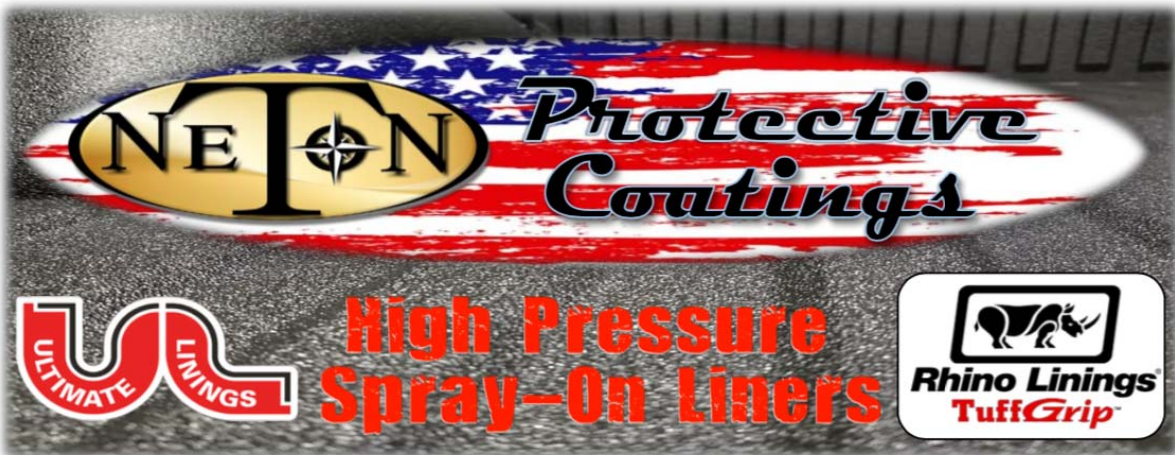
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