



# ***Masters and Wardens Association*** ***The Thundering 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District***



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**Meeting of:** April 6, 2018

**Location:** Melbourne Lodge No. 143

Our meeting was called to Order by our President at 9:00 a.m. with 41 Members and Visitors present.

Our President led the Brothers in paying tribute to the Flag of our Country. Prayer was offered up by our Chaplin.

## **Introductions:**

Grand Lodge Officers: 1

State Chairmen: 1

Zone 5 Committeemen: 4

17<sup>th</sup> District Committeemen: 5

Worshipful Masters 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 8

Senior Wardens 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 5

Junior Wardens 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 3

Past Grand Masters: 0

Past Presidents of M&W : 8

Past District Instructors: 3

Past District Deputies: 6

Past Masters: 20

Shrine Officers: 3

Past Potentates: 0

District Instructor: Present

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

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The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's report: we have had no activity.

Total of all funds: \$3077.63

## **Bills Presented:**

No bills presented before the Craft.

## **Motion to pay Bills:**

N/A

## **Correspondence:**

-Proposed Legislation for our 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication.



**Fliers Distributed:**

- District 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini-Golf Tournament Flier.
- Petitions Procedure from our D.D.G.M.
- Town Hall meeting and schedule for the Town Hall meeting with R.:W.: John Wassermann our S.G.W. hosted by Merritt Island Lodge No.353.
- Golf Tournament flier to benefit Shriners Hospital.
- Merritt Island Hooter's Car Wash Flier.
- Town Hall meeting schedule.

**Sickness and Distress:**

- Please see Lodge reports.

**Old Business:**

**FUND RAISERS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini Golf tournament August 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- Travel Voucher Fund raiser. W.: Wade Atchison made a motion seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia and approved by the Craft to raffle off a \$1000.00 travel voucher.
- Masonic License Plates report by R.:W.: Ben Schwartz. There has been no participation and we have no report.
- We are still urging Lodges to make contributions to Masters and Wardens. We would also accept personal donations to our Association.
- Virtual Golf Tournament. More details to follow at our May meeting.
- Secretaries to add additional donation to our M&W Association on the annual dues notices. Our Secretary to work with Lodge Secretaries to get this done.
- Raffle for a suite at our 190<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication. The Suite would be for 3 nights.

**New Business:**

- Our President allowed R.:W.: Jeff Foster a Candidate for the Office of Junior Grand Warden to address the Craft and field questions.
- W.: Wade Atchison addressed the issue of Masonic Funerals and the lack of support. It was recommended that we need a District Funeral Team. It was also suggested that each Worshipful Master to ask the Craft who would like to volunteer and we could possibly have a North team, South team and Central team.
- Our Treasurer apologized for his absence last month as he was at a "meeting" but cannot tell us!)



**Table of Installations- 2019**

<b><u>Lodge</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Indian River No. 90	Dec. 29, 2018	2:00 p.m.
Brevard Lodge No.113	Dec.27, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Melbourne Lodge No.143	Dec. 28, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Harbor City Lodge No.318	Jan. 11, 2019	6:30 p.m.
Canaveral Lodge No.339	Jan. 12, 2019	10:00 a.m.
Merritt Island Lodge No.353	Jan. 5, 2019	6:00 p.m.
Beach Lodge No. 354	Dec. 29, 2018	10:00 a.m.
Gateway Lodge No.384	Jan.12, 2019	2:00 p.m.
Palm Bay Lodge No.397	Jan. 5, 2019	2:00 p.m.

**District School of Instruction and Open Books:** First Wed. of the Month

**Location:** Harbor City Lodge No.318

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Good of the order:**

-R.:W.: Jeff foster and R.:W.: Tommy Turlington thanked our District for the hospitality and warm welcome.

-Gateway Lodge No. 384 donated \$100.00 to our Masters and Wardens Association

**Lodge Announcements:**

**Indian River No.90:**

7:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

-May 3, 2018 Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:00 p.m.

-May 12, 2018 Master Mason Degree conferred by Past Master’s at 7:00 p.m.

-May 20, 2018 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sunday to go Dinner.

-Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Board of Relief and Coffee.

-Last Wednesday of every month Spaghetti Dinner.

-Brother Mike Morris is recovering from knee surgery complications.

-Brother Don Conover is recovering from a fall and his wife is dealing with dementia.



### **Brevard Lodge No.113:**

7:30 PM – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
-NOT REPRESENTED TODAY.

### **Melbourne Lodge No.143:**

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays  
-April 16, 2018 Proficiency.  
-April 23, 2018 Entered Apprentice Degree 7:00 p.m.  
-April 20, 2018 Gun Raffle Drawing 7:00 p.m.  
-April 21, 2018 Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$10.00 per person.  
-Brother Richard Earls underwent knee replacement surgery.

### **Harbor City No.318:**

7:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
-April 11, 2018 Annual Grand Communication Proposed Legislation meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
-April 21, 2018 and May 19, 2018 M.L.T. Workshops 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
-October 9, 2018 Annual Table Lodge at 6:00 p.m. The Grand Line has been invited. Tickets are \$10.00 per person please see R.:W.: John Paniccia for tickets.  
-W.: Al Zabel's sister has been hospitalized with brain issues and disorientation.

### **Canaveral Lodge No.339:**

7:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
-April 17 Entered Apprentice Degree 6:00 p.m.  
-TBD Master Mason Proficiency.  
-Parking for Beach Access continues.

### **Merritt Island No.353:**

7:30 PM – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
-April 16, 2018 Entered Apprentice Degree 6:00 p.m.  
-April 30, 2018 Membership Development Town Hall meeting 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
-June 2, 2018 hosting District 17 Masters and Wardens Association meeting at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.  
-June 2, 2018 Hooters Car Wash 11:00 a.m. portion of the proceeds will go to Masonic Charities.

### **Beach Lodge No.354:**

7:30 PM – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
-April 24, 2018 Entered Apprentice Degree 7:00 p.m.  
-W.: Jackie C. Tufts passed away.

### **Gateway No.384:**

7:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Mondays  
-Gateway Lodge No. 384 donated \$100.00 to our Masters and Wardens Association.  
-6 Brothers Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on April 2, 2018.  
-April 9, 2018 Master Mason proficiency 7:30 p.m.  
-April 13, 2018 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
-April 21, 2018 Ladies Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



### **Palm Bay No.397:**

7:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

- T.B.D. Fellow Craft Degree.
- April 14, 2018 yard sale contact Bob Chadwick for information.
- Third Thursday Birthday and Anniversary dinner.
- Brother John Farmer is home resting and recovering.
- Brother Maynard Robinson has been hospitalized with stomach issues.

### **AZAN SHRINE CENTER:**

Stated Communication First Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

- April 22, 2018 North Brevard Shrine Club Medics Group Golf Tournament at Baytree.
- April 27 & 28, 2018 Spring Ceremonial.
- April 29, 2018 Annual Fish Fry Noon – 3:30 p.m.

### **President's Comments:**

- Our President thanked Melbourne Lodge No. 143 for hosting our Association meeting and for the terrific breakfast.
- Please continue to support our fundraisers!
- Our President thanked R.:W.: Tommy Turlington our J.G.W and R.:W.: Jeff Foster for visiting with us today.
- R.:W.: Ed Mayfield a Candidate for the office of Junior Grand Warden will visit with us at our May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Beach Lodge No. 354.

### **Vice Presidents Comments:**

- Our Vice President thanked Melbourne Lodge No. 143 for hosting our Association meeting and for a delicious breakfast.
- Our Vice President thanked R.:W.: Tommy Turlington and R.:W.: Jeff Foster for visiting with us today.

### **District Instructor comments:**

- R.H. Tom Kruse discussed the process of moving the Open Books. It was also noted that Harbor City Lodge No. 318 has NO INTEREST in removing the books for their Lodge.
- Reminder that Open Books are held the first Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Harbor City Lodge No. 318.
- April 30, 2018 Town Hall Membership meeting with R.:W.: John Westerman III at Merritt Island Lodge No. 353.

### **DDGM Comments:**

- Petitions and background check procedures were handed out.
- Per Diem vouchers are on line. \$40.00 per day to the highest ranking Officer.
- Proxy forms for our 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication will arrive via snail mail.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Harbor City Lodge No. 318 will host the Proposed Legislation for our 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication. M.:W.: Stanley Hudson will present the Legislation.
- Please keep your Committee Books from our Annual Grand Communications. There is plenty of information and contact numbers.
- William Theodore Woodward has been EXPELLED from our Fraternity.
- Please support our Azan Shrine as they have always strongly supported our District.



Next Meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by Beach Lodge No. 354 at 9:00 a.m. with Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

This meeting was Closed with Peace and Harmony prevailing at 10:37 a.m. with Benediction by our Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

*R.:W.: John Paniccia*

*R.:W.: James Demenkow*

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Secretary Master's & Warden's 2018**

**R.:W.: James Demenkow  
President Master's & Warden's 2018**