



Masters and Wardens Association ***The Thundering 17th Masonic District***

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Meeting of: April 6, 2024

Location: Merritt Island Lodge No. 353

Call to order by: Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 23 members 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

Past Presidents of M&W :2

State Chairmen: 1

Past District Instructors: 0

Zone 5 Committeemen: 0

Past District Deputies: 3

17th District Committeemen: 3

Past Masters: 12

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 6

Shrine Officers: 1

Senior Wardens 17th Dist.: 4

Past Potentates: 1

Junior Wardens 17th Dist.: 2

District Instructor: Present

Past Grand Masters: 1

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented.

Bills Presented:

-None

Motion to pay Bills:

-N/A



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Correspondence:

- Pre-Registration form for our Annual Grand Communication.
- Banquet order forms.
- Sunday schedule at our AGC.

Fliers Distributed:

- Azan Fish Fry.
- Azan Barbeque Competition.
- District 17 Chili Cook Off.
- District 17 Hot Deg and Hamburger Extravaganza.

Sickness and Distress:

(INCLUDED IN LODGE REPORTS)

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- No old business.

Table of Installations- 2024

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Indian River No. 90	Jan.4,2025	2:00 p.m.
Brevard Lodge No.113		
Melbourne Lodge No.143		
Harbor City Lodge No.318		
Canaveral Lodge No.339	Jan. 4, 2025	10:00 a.m.
Merritt Island Lodge No.353	Jan. 4, 2025	6:00 p.m.
Beach Lodge No. 354		
Gateway Lodge No.384		
Palm Bay Lodge No.397		
Azan Shrine Center	Jan. 2, 2025	7:00 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.: Kevin Smithwick spoke about the Hamburger and Hot Dog Extravaganza which will have the biggest toppings bar in the state! The cost is \$15.00 and the money stays in house for our District for the GMOV and possibly a Junior Grand Warden Homecoming.

-R:.W.: Smithwick then introduced R:.W.: Ben Schwartz a Candidate for the Office of Junior Grand Warden to the Craft.

-R:.W.: Schwartz addressed the Craft and fielded questions from the Brothers.

-R:.W.: Smithwick also reminded the Craft that Azan Shrine is having a fundraiser. 5lb. bags of Vidalia Onions for \$8.00 cash or \$9.00 online. They are only available thru presales.

-W:. Ben Schwartz discussed the Azan Shrine Barbeque Competition. Gus the Camel will be there and there is also a challenge out to all Shrines and Lodges to bring their best Barbeque.

-M:.W.: Michael Setzer thanked Palm Bay Lodge No. 397 and Harbor City Lodge No. 318 for all their help in the last year. With their assistance Beach Lodge No. 354 is on the right track.

Lodge Announcements:

8 of 9 Lodges Represented Today.

Indian River No.90:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Thursdays

-April 11th G.M. Official Visit.

-April 25th Open in E.A. Degree teaching event.

-April 27th Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

-May 4th District 17 Master's and Warden's Association meeting 9:00 a.m.

-Please keep W:. Matt Hankes wife in your prayers.

Brevard Lodge No.113:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

-April 18th Entered Apprentice Degree for 3 Candidates.

-May TBD Entered Apprentice Degree.

-June 29th 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Barbeque Fundraiser

Melbourne Lodge No.143:

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays

-Every Wednesday Degree Team practice.

-Brother Bob Larsons wife had hip replacement surgery.

-W:. Ted Woodbury is unhappy with the dining changes at the Masonic Home of Florida.



Harbor City No.318:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- One Petition for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and One Petition for Reinstatement.
- One Entered Apprentice Brother working on his Catechism.
- Degree practice every Wednesday.
- Today Cotton School Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
- April 27th Chili Cook Off for District 17 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Canaveral Lodge No.339:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Mondays

- April 24th Entered Apprentice Degree.
- April 9th, 18th and 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Entered Apprentice Degree Practice.
- April 12th Cornerstone laying at Viera Elementary.
- April 21st at Azan Shrine Center 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fish Fry with W.: Todd Forschino in charge! \$15.00 per person and \$50.00 for 4 people. Open to the public. Come on out for a great time!
- W.: Danny Cook is still recovering and needs our prayers.
- W.: Danny Monk has Covid and is recovering.

Merritt Island No.353:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Mondays

- TBD in June Fellow Craft Degree.
- Brother Bob Cockrill had triple bypass surgery.
- W.: Raymond Jake Ashman passed.
- Brother Don Nead passed away services this evening.

Beach Lodge No.354:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

- Entered Apprentice Degree TBD.
- W.: Jimmy Bradock has stage 3 lung cancer.
- W.: Douglas Setzer has very painful lumps and suffered a stroke..

Gateway No.384:

7:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Mondays

- April 20th Master Mason Degree.
- July 8th Master Mason Degree.
- April 10th and 17th Master Mason Degree Practice.
- April 13th 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Breakfast.
- April 15th Funeral Clayton Till.
- W.: Kiefer, Mrs. Summer, Brother Metzger and Brother Lenaro all diagnosed with Cancer.

Palm Bay No.397:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- Not represented today.



AZAN SHRINE CENTER:

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

-DARK July and August Stated Meetings.

-Vidalia Onion fund raiser. \$ 8.00 in person and \$9.00 online. Pre orders only.

-April 21st Azan Annual Fish Fry 12:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. \$15.00 per person and \$50.00 for a party of four.

-May 1st North Brevard Shrine Club meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-May 2nd Azan Stated meeting. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Stated Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-May 11th Moonshine tasting \$45.00 per person.

President's Comments:

-Thank you Merritt Island Lodge for hosting our Association meeting and serving a delicious breakfast.

-Thanked R.:W.: Ben Schwartz Candidate for the Office of Junior Grand Warden for addressing the Craft.

Thanked R.:W.: Kevin Smithwick for heading up the District 17 fundraiser the Hamburger and Hot Dog Extravaganza.

Vice Presidents Comments:

-Reminded everyone about the District 17 Chili Cook Off on April 27th at Harbor City Lodge No. 318.

All proceeds will go to the Masters and warden's fund. The event is open to the public.

Treasurer's Comments:

-.Not present today.

Secretary's Comments:

-Thanked everyone for attending today and your continued support of our District. You are the leaders of our District and it shows.

District Instructor comments:

-R.H. Matt Green has attended all the D.D.G.M. Official visits and has observed the Opening and Closing of each Lodge and the work in our District is good.

-R.H. Green held Instruction on Opening and Closing the Bible and saluting in Lodge.

-There is 1 more open books on the 1st Wednesday in May (May 1st) at 6:00 p.m.

-R.H. Green announced our District Instructor for 2024 and the honor goes to Worshipful Craig Boettcher. W.: Boettcher addressed the Craft and looks forward to a great year!

DDGM Message:

-R.:W.: Louis K. Fields reminded the Craft of the Cornerstone laying and Viera Elementary School on April 12th at 12:15 p.m. Please arrive early (11:30 a.m.) Dress is dark suit and Grand Master's tie and if you do not have a GM tie please wear a conservative tie nothing loud.

-R.:W.: Fields also talked about the Team reach all for our District Funeral support team.

-There is a Funeral Sunday for Brother and Noble Billy Wilson at Azan Shrine at 2:00 p.m.

-April 15th there is a Funeral at Canaveral National Cemetery and we do need assistance.

-R.:W.: Fields announced that R.H. Matt Green will have the Honor of being our 2024 District Deputy Grand Master!

-R,H, Green addressed the Craft and announced that the Grand Master's Official Visit to our District is



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October 5th at the Azan Shrine. Details to follow. There will be a Tiled meeting following the dinner. R.H. Green urged the Lodges that are not using Amity to please download it and use it. W.: Todd Forschino can assist you as Canaveral Lodge uses Amity. R.H. Green also announced his 2024 District Committeemen and a copy will be posted on the district website once R.H. Green is Installed as D.D.G.M.

Next Meeting will be held on May 4, 2024 hosted by Indian River Lodge No. 90 at 9 :00 a.m. with Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

This Association meeting was Closed with Peace and Harmony prevailing at 10:03 a.m. with Benediction by our Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

John Paniccia

Wayne Paisley

**R.:W.: John Paniccia
Secretary Master's & Warden's 2024**

**W.:Wayne Paisley
President Master's & Warden's 2024**