



Master's and Wardens Association **The Thundering 17th Masonic District**

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Meeting of: August 5, 2023

Location: Harbor City Lodge No. 318

Call to order by: Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 25 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: 0

Past Presidents of M&W :4

State Chairmen: 1

Past District Instructors: 0

Zone 5 Committeemen: 0

Past District Deputies: 4

17th District Committeemen: 4

Past Masters: 13

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 6

Shrine Officers: 3

Senior Wardens 17th Dist.: 2

Past Potentates: 1

Junior Wardens 17th Dist.: 5

District Instructor: Present

Past Grand Masters: 0

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented.
The Treasurer's report was presented and we have \$2061.04.

Bills Presented:

-No bills were presented.

Motion to pay Bills:

-N/A



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Correspondence:

-None.

Fliers Distributed:

-None.

Sickness and Distress:

-Please see Lodge Reports.

Old Business:

-W:.. Randy Klaus reported on the District mini-golf tournament and we took in \$909.00 and it cost us \$500.00 to hold the event. We had a lot of fun and Fellowship. We will probably move the tournament to the Fall of next year.

-Brother Angel Burgos reported on the District Gun Raffle:

Ticket sales are going well but we need to sell all the tickets.

The firearms are paid for, and we need the tickets or money turned in by August 19th.

New Business:

-Grand Masters Official Visit is set for September 2nd at the Noth Brevard Shrine Club. The gun Raffle drawing will be held that evening also.

-Fort Clinch Degree is October 21st.

-R:W:.. Dayle Schrock reminded everyone that the District Website is constantly updated and has all events, Lodge information etc. posted on it. If you do not have it contact R:W:.. Schrock and he can send you the link.

-R:W:.. Kevin Smithwick reminded everyone that the Masonic Home Board of Trustees meeting is the 3rd Saturday of the month. We have 1 resident W:.. Ted Woodbury in the Home and it would be nice to show up and visit him.

-W:.. Darrell Schmitt reminded everyone about the 2nd Annual Azan Shrine backward Barbeque Competition. Spots for competitors are still open and if you would like to attend and sample some great barbeque it is \$10.00 a person.

Table of Installations- 2023

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Indian River No. 90	Jan 6, 2024	2:00- p.m.
Brevard Lodge No.113	Dec. 27, 2023	7:30 p.m.
Melbourne Lodge No.143	Dec. 28,2023	6:00 p.m.
Harbor City Lodge No.318	??????	
Canaveral Lodge No.339	Jan. 6,2024	10:00 a.m.
Merritt Island Lodge No.353	Jan. 6, 2024	6:00 p.m.
Beach Lodge No. 354	??????	



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Gateway Lodge No.384	Jan. 13, 2024	1:00 p.m.
Palm Bay Lodge No.397	Jan. 13, 2024	1:00 p.m.
Azan Shrine Center	Jan. 4, 2024	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.: John Paniccia discussed a possible upcoming Water Buffalo Degree.

Lodge Announcements: 9 of 9 Lodges Represented Today. **(DO NOT NEED TO READ AS IS IT POSTED)**

Indian River No.90:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- August 24th Fellowcraft Degree.
- August 12th 8:00 a.m. Lodge cleanup.
- August 30th 5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner.
- 100 Mason Night at Peninsular Lodge No. 85 on August 31st.

Brevard Lodge No.113:

- 7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- Brother Billy Stuart is having knee surgery.
- The D.D.G.M. Official Visit was Tuesday and all went well.

Melbourne Lodge No.143:

- 7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays
- 4 Entered Apprentice Brothers are studying their Catechism.
- Fellowcraft Degree TBD.
- Master Mason Degree TBD.
- August 15th at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner at Brazilian Rodizo Steak House.
- W.: Ted Woodbury has moved into the Masonic Home of Florida.



Harbor City No.318:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- Fellowcraft Degree TBD.
- 2 Brothers studying their Master Mason Catechism.
- November 19th we will distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to Families in need in our Community. We are accepting dry goods donations and money.

Canaveral Lodge No.339:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Mondays

- August 12th 8:00 a.m. Lodge workday followed by pizza for lunch.
- August 24th 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice.
- August through October on going Lodge interviews for Lodge history. Contact W.: Todd Forschino if you are interested.
- Brother Mark Swanberg is having back and neck issues.
- Brother John Tweedy has been diagnosed with Parkinsons.
- Brother Edward Peresluah is in Sea Pines Rehab after a fall and multiple strokes.

Merritt Island No.353:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Mondays

- August 7th at 7:30 p.m. Masonic Education topic will be the 5 points of Fellowship. Dinner will be served prior.
- August 11th at 6:30 p.m. Steak Night.
- August 21st D.D.G.M. at 7:30 p.m.
- September 4th Memorial Day meeting cancelled.
- September 8th at 6:30 p.m. Steak Night.
- September 18th Presentation of on-going scams in Brevard County.

Beach Lodge No.354:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

- No report presented.
- DARK THRU SEPTEMBER..

Gateway No.384:

7:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Mondays

- Entered Apprentice Degree TBD.
- August 14th D.D.G.M. Official Visit.
- August 15th Spaghetti Dinner.
- Secretary Brother Jesus Rodriguez still dealing with his foot.
- Brother Peter Mazter is undergoing Chemotherapy.
- Planning on having a Yard Sale and a Taco Tuesday!

Palm Bay No.397:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- 1 Entered Apprentice Brother working on his Catechism and 1 Brother working on his Silver card.
- Birthday and Anniversary Dinner 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Brother Billy Wilson doing okay but still losing weight.



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- W: Ted Woodbury has moved into the Masonic Home.
- Brother George Stenzel not doing well still hasn't fully recovered from his accident and his wife Vanda has stage 4 breast cancer.
- We will be hosting the September 2nd Association meeting at Melbourne Lodge No. 143.

AZAN SHRINE CENTER:

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

- DARK July and August Stated Meetings.
- September 9th Fall Ceremonial 9:00 a.m.
- August 28th Divan Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- September 6th North Brevard Shrine Club 7:00 p.m.
- September 7th Azan Stated meeting 7:00 p.m.
- September 17th – 24th Potentates Cruise.
- September 24th Azan Annual Barbeque Noon- 3:30 p.m.

President's Comments:

- Thank you Harbor City Lodge No. 318 for hosting our Association meeting and serving a delicious breakfast.
- Thank you all for supporting our District mini-golf tournament. The kids had a great time. Let's get ideas on how to make this event grow.
- Please get those gun raffle tickets sold and we should think about smaller raffles also instead of just one big one.
- Our President discussed the idea of having a District cookout on the Beach.

Vice Presidents Comments:

- Thank you Harbor City Lodge No. 318 for hosting our Association meeting and serving a delicious breakfast.
- W: Paisley is planning the year for MLT workshops. There are 3 scheduled for September all hosted by Gateway Lodge No. 384. The Dates are the 9th, 16th and 23rd. It is open to all Master Masons so please come on out!

Treasurer's Comments:

- .Thank you for supporting the District mini-golf tournament.

Secretary's Comments:

- Thank you all for supporting our District Association as you all show you are leaders in District.
- Thank you Brother Angel Burgos for running the District Gun Raffle.

District Instructor comments:

- R.H. Matt Green reported on the Worshipful Master's Hat:
It is MANDATORY to wear one and R.H. Green gave instructions on wearing a hat.
- Open Books are on the 1st Wednesday of the month hosted by Harbor City Lodge No. 318 at 6:00 p.m.
- Please contact our District Instructor if you would like to form a District Degree Team.

DDGM Message:

- The Grand Master's ties are in and R:W: Fields also has vests, bowties, bobbleheads and Grand



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Master's pins.

No silver coins are left but he does have Bronze coins.

-North Brevard Shrine Club will be installing new flooring prior to hosting the District 17 Grand Master's Official Visit on September 2nd.

-For the GMOV PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible. There are only a few seats available as the max is 150.

-The food cost for the visit is \$4500.00 so PLEASE sell your gun raffle tickets.

-The gift to the Grand Master will be a platter with Bourbon glasses and shot glasses.

-We will accept Lodge donations to help offset the cost.

-We need 2 volunteers from each Lodge to assist and a total of 8 Ladies to work the Ladies table.

-Registration is 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. The bar will open AFTER presentations and PLEASE do not leave prior or during the presentations.

-Sherriff Wayne Ivey may be in attendance and we will have bagpipes!

-R.:W.: Fields would like to see our District form a Funeral Team.

Next Meeting will be held on September 2, 2023 will be held at Melbourne Lodge No. 143 hosted by Palm Bay Lodge No. 397 at 9 :00 a.m. with Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

This Association meeting was Closed with Peace and Harmony prevailing at 10:15 a.m. with Benediction by our Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

John Paniccia

Richard Earls

**R.:W.: John Paniccia
Secretary Master's & Warden's 2023**

**W.:Richard Earls
President Master's & Warden's 2023**