



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

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**Meeting of:** December 3, 2022

**Location:** Gateway Lodge No. 384

**Call to order by:** Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 11 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 :1

State Chairmen: 1

Past District Instructors: 0

Zone 5 Chairmen: 0

Past District Deputies: 2

17<sup>th</sup> District Committeemen: 3

Past Masters: 5

Worshipful Masters 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 2

Shrine Divan Officers: 1

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

Past Potentates: 1

Junior Wardens 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.:0

District Instructor: Present

Past Grand Masters: 0

District Deputy Grand Master: Excused

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The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented.

The Treasurer presented his report for September, October, and November. We have a balance of \$2652.04

### **Bills Presented:**

-No Bills presented today.

### **Motion to pay Bills:**

-N/A



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**Correspondence:**

-No correspondence today.

**Fliers Distributed:**

-No fliers distributed today.

**Sickness and Distress:**

-Please see Lodge reports.

**Old Business:**

-No old business presented today.

**New Business:**

-Today we held elections for our Association Elected Officers and Board Members.

-We have two Board Members who will continue for one year. We also have one nomination for the following Offices President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 Board Members. We had 2 Nominations for Vice President R:W: William P. Macken and W: Wayne Paisley.

Our Secretary made a motion seconded by our District Instructor and approved by the Craft that we vote by acclamation for the Offices with only 1 nomination.

A ballot was held for the Office of Vice President which W: Wayne Paisley won.

Your 2023 Masters and Wardens Officers and Board Members are as follows:

President- W: Richard Earls

Vice President -W: Wayne Paisley

Treasurer- W: Randy Klaus

Secretary- R:W: John Paniccia

2-Year Board Member- R:W: Ben Schwartz

2-Year Board Member- W: Wade Atchison

1-Year Board Member – W: Darrell Schmitt

1-Year Board Member- Bro. Ferdinand J. "Dino" DeRossa

**Table of Installations- 2022**

<b><u>Lodge</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Indian River No. 90	Jan. 7, 2023	2:00 p.m.
Brevard Lodge No.113	Dec.27, 2022	7:30 p.m.
Melbourne Lodge No.143	Dec.28, 2022	7:00 p.m.
Harbor City Lodge No.318	Jan. 7, 2023	10:00 a.m.
Canaveral Lodge No.339	Jan. 7, 2023	10:00 a.m.
Merritt Island Lodge No.353	Jan. 7, 2023	6:00 p.m.



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Beach Lodge No. 354	Jan.14, 2023	10:00 a.m.
Gateway Lodge No.384	Jan. 14, 2023	1:00 p.m.
Palm Bay Lodge No.397	Dec.28, 2022	(Joint Installation w/ Melbourne No. 143)
Azan Shrine Center	Jan. 6, 2023	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:**

-None today.

**Lodge Announcements:**

**6 of 9 Lodges Represented Today.**

**Indian River No.90:**

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

-Meeting Thursday and dark 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**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

-December 10<sup>th</sup> Master Mason Degree.

-December 28<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. Installation of 2023 Officers. Joint Installation with Palm Bay Lodge No. 397.

-W.: Ted Woodbury has an infection and has been hospitalized.

**Harbor City No.318:**

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

-December 13<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication Election of 2023 Officers.

-Haven for Children Christmas party.

-1 Petition to be received.

**Canaveral Lodge No.339:**

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

-1 Entered Apprentice and 1 Fellow Craft working on their Proficiency.

-December 15<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. Installation practice.



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- January 7, 2023 10 a.m. Installation of 2023 Officers.
- W.: Robert Wicker is still in physical therapy and is looking for a P.T. Home to stay at in Melbourne.

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

7:30 PM – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays

- MM Degree for Chris Hill (December 10 at 4pm (outdoor degree) at 2002 Lake Drive in Cocoa.
- November 21 - we had 17 brothers travel to Melbourne Lodge No 143 and successfully reclaimed our Traveling Gavel.
- Held Holiday Dinner December 2.
- Lodge Float in Merritt Island Holiday Parade December 3.
- Hosting Installation Practice at Merritt Island Lodge with RH Dubovecky Thursday December 15 at 6:30pm
- No stated meeting Monday January 2.
- Installation Saturday January 7 at 6pm.

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

7:30 PM – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

- Not represented today.

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

7:30 PM - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

- January 28, 2023 Master Mason Degree.
- February 20. 2023 Fellow Craft Degree.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner.
- January 14, 2023 1 p.m. Installation of 2023 Lodge Officers.

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

7:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> Azan Christmas Party. Social 5 pm Dinner 6 p.m. ( turkey, Filet mignon carving station) per person. RSVP REQUIRED!
- January 5, 2023 Stated meeting and election of 2023 Divan.
- January 6, 2023 Open Installation of Officers, Clubs and Units. Social at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and Open Installation at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Thank you Gateway Lodge No. 389 for hosting our Association meeting and serving a delicious breakfast!
- Thank you to the District for a fun and easy year.
- Our President gives his best to our new President W.: Richard Earls. W.: Gabriel is sure you will have a great year and enjoy yourself!



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**Vice Presidents Comments:**

-Excused today.

**Treasurer's Comments:**

-Thank you for a great year! Remember we need fundraisers next year!

**Secretary's Comments:**

-Thank you for your support of our Association and our District.

-Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**District Instructor comments:**

-R.H. Ron Dubovecky announced that he will have Installation practice at open books on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Harbor City Lodge No. 318 and on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Merritt Island Lodge No. 353.

-R.H. Dubovecky reminded all Sitting Master's to close Lodge of Sorrow/ Funeral Lodge prior to Installation of 2023 Lodge Officers.

**DDGM Message:**

-Was not present with us today with work obligations but sent a message:

My Brothers,

I apologize for my recent absence from the district meetings. For those that don't know I sold my business and took a position with Brevard County. Unfortunately, this new position requires me to work several Saturdays a month and the rotation does not free me up for a district meeting until May. I look forward to attending that meeting with my Brothers.

With the year coming to a close there's only one task to be completed. The ME-1A form is due to the district committeeman for Masonic Education, W:. Douglas Setzer, by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have already submitted this form and I thank you, for those Lodges who haven't yet please do so as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to close by thanking all of the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of each Lodge for an outstanding year, and I look forward to another great year with the incoming master's and their teams in 2023. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

R\ W\ Jay P. Rodgers  
District Deputy Grand Master  
17th Masonic District



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District**



Next Meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> , 2023 hosted by Melbourne Lodge No. 143 at 9 :00 a.m.  
with Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

This Association meeting was Closed with Peace and Harmony prevailing at 9:36 a.m. with  
Benediction by our Chaplain.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Attest:**

*John Paniccia*

*Robert Gabriel*

**R.:W.: John Paniccia  
Secretary Master's & Warden's 2022**

**W.:Robert Gabriel  
President Master's & Warden's 2022**