



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



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**Meeting of:** March 2, 2019

**Location:** Merritt Island No. 353

**Call to order by:** Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 28 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 :5

State Chairmen: 0

Past District Instructors: 1

Zone 5 Committeemen: 2

Past District Deputies: 4

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

Past Masters: 17

Worshipful Masters 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 5

Shrine Officers: 2

Senior Wardens 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 4

Past Potentates: 0

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

District Instructor: Present

Past Grand Masters: 0

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

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The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented. The Craft also elected to accept the minutes of our December Master's and Warden's Association Meeting.

Motion made and passed to accept Treasurers report subject to audit.

Total of all funds: \$3959.00

## **Bills Presented:**

No bills presented today.

## **Motion to pay Bills:**

N/A

## **Correspondence:**

-No correspondence today.



### **Fliers Distributed:**

- Azan Fish Fry April 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Party with the Potentate (Potentates Ball) March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> marching in parade in downtown Melbourne.
- District 17 Master's and Warden's Association quarterly dinner flier for Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 10:30 p.m.
- Rainbow Assembly No. 99 letter stating they are \$1500.00 short of funds needed to attend Grand Assembly. If any Lodges or Brothers would like to contribute, please contact R.:W.: Dick Wolfe and please remember the deadline for the Assembly registration is the end of THIS Month!

### **Sickness and Distress:**

- Please see Lodge reports.

### **Old Business:**

- Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home of Florida March 16, 2019.
- Our Annual Grand Communication will be held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando May 27-29, 2019.
- Grand Master's Official Visit dinner will be held at the Azan Shrine Center and the Tiled meeting will be announced in the future.
- Our President has sent out e-mails to the District Master's and Secretary's requesting a list of Brothers who can deliver Degree Lectures and Brothers who can assist with Masonic Funerals.
- FUND RAISERS:
  - Mini Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
  - Lodge Contributions, Personal contributions by adding it as a Voluntary contribution on your annual dues notice.
  - Cruise Raffle drawing will be held at Harbor City Lodge No. 318 Annual Table Lodge on October 8, 2019. Raffle tickets will be distributed at our April 6, 2019 Association meeting.
  - Quarterly Dinners and the first one is scheduled for March 30, 2019 at Valentino's from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. bring the flier and 10% will be donated to our Association meeting.
  - Our President stated that if the fund raisers go well and we are successful he would like the District to host a get together for the Brothers of the District with their Family and Friends some time in December.

### **New Business:**

- Brother Darrell Stewart announced that the Azan Shrine Center will host a Kentucky Derby Party on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Lodges are encouraged to enter a "horse" in the race! Decorate your stick horse any way you want. Prizes will be awarded. A \$10.00 entrance fee for the "HORSES". Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and race starts at 5:00 p.m.
- Masonic Education District Chairman W.: Matt Green reminded the Craft that the Masonic Education Reports are due by May 1, 2019. There are fillable forms on the Grand Lodge web-site. There will also be a Masonic Education workshop on April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Canaveral Lodge No. 339.
- R.:W.: Dick Wolfe announced that the Rainbow Assembly No. 99 has been raising funds to attend Grand Assembly but they are \$1500.00 short. If any Lodges or Brothers would like to donate it needs to be done prior to the end of the month. Contact R.:W.: Wolfe for more information or to turn in funds.



-R.:W.: Mike Elliott spoke on the Masonic Home and reminded everyone that the 100-year Anniversary will be held on Pilgrimage Day on March 16, 2019.

-Our District Instructor urged everyone to attend the District Legislation meetings to hear what the Proposed Legislation being presented and recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**Table of Installations- 2020**

<b><u>Lodge</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Indian River No. 90	1/4/2020	2:00 p.m.
Brevard Lodge No.113	12/27/2019	7:00 p.m.
Melbourne Lodge No.143	12/28/2019	6:00 p.m.
Harbor City Lodge No.318	1/11/2020	2:00 p.m.
Canaveral Lodge No.339	1/11/2020	10:00 a.m.
Merritt Island Lodge No.353	1/4/2020	6:00 p.m.
Beach Lodge No. 354	12/28/2019	10:00 a.m.
Gateway Lodge No.384	1/18/2020	10:00 a.m.
Palm Bay Lodge No.397		
Azan Shrine Center	1/3/2020	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:**

No good of the Order today.



## **Lodge Announcements:**

### **Indian River No.90:**

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

- Tomorrow is the North Brevard Shrine Club's Seafood festival 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Master Mason Degree.
- 1 E.A. Brother working on his Proficiency, 2 Master Mason Brothers working on their Proficiency and 4 Petitions for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry to be presented at our next Stated Communication.
- March 10 8:00 a.m. to noon Breakfast.
- March 27, 2019 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Every Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Board of Relief.
- W.: Daryl DeBates is recovering at home.
- Brother Larry Conrad has been diagnosed with skin cancer and is undergoing radiation treatment.

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

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

- March 19<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Degree with 4 Candidates.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Star Installation 6:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> visiting Melbourne Lodge No. 143 for their Stated Communication at 7:30 p.m.
- R.:W.: George Malone is in the Hospital with pain and numbness in his right side.

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

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays

- 2 Entered Apprentice Brothers preparing for their Proficiency, 5 Fellow Craft Brothers preparing for their Proficiency, 2 Master Mason Brothers preparing for their Proficiency.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> 100 Year Anniversary Celebration.
- Master Mason Degree in April date to be determined.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Venison Meatloaf dinner.
- Brother John Counts Passed to the Celestial Lodge.

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

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

- March 20<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Degree for 2 Candidates at 7:30 p.m.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Master Mason Degree for 1 Fellow Craft Brother at 9:00 a.m.
- One Entered Apprentice Brother working on his Proficiency.
- Reminder Open Books is this Wednesday hosted by Harbor City Lodge No. 318 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

- March 5<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Proficiency for 3 E.A. Brothers.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> Fellow Craft Degree for 3 E.A. Brothers.
- Chaplain Mike Swanburg is suffering from back pain.



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

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

-Fellow Craft Degree TBD

-Master Mason Degree TBD

-March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> All Day Cocoa Village Art Festival Outreach.

-March 30<sup>th</sup> Narod Centennial in Prague.

-March 8<sup>th</sup> Steak Night 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

-March 9<sup>th</sup> All Day Beef O' Brady's Fundraiser mention Merritt island No.353.

-April 27<sup>th</sup> Hooters Car Wash Fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

-June 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Johns Celebration.

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

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

- No Degree work scheduled.

-W.: Doughlas Setzer suffered a minor stroke and is out of the Hospital.

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

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

-Masonic Leadership Workshop TBD.

-March 8<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

-W.: Robert Lawhead's stints in his legs have failed.

### **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.

-Reminder Stated Meetings are the First Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. with Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Ladies are welcome and will have activities in the Oasis Lounge while we hold our Stated meeting.

-March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our Potentates ball AKA Party with the Potentate. On Saturday we will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Melbourne.

-April 28<sup>th</sup> we will host our Annual Fish Fry from 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available at the door or the Shrine Office. Come out and support this annual fund raiser. We will also have various raffles.

-May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Ceremonial please get your petitions in!

-May 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby Party doors open at 4:00 p.m. and race starts at 5:00 p.m. Entry fees for horses are \$10.00 and there will be prizes! Lodges are encouraged to get their "Horse" decorated and enter them into the Derby!

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

-Our President thanked Merritt Island Lodge No. 353 for hosting our Association meeting and for serving a delicious breakfast.



-Our President will not be at pilgrimage day his wife is forcing him to go on a cruise.

**Vice Presidents Comments:**

- Our Vice President thanked Merritt Island Lodge No. 353 for Hosting our Association and for a wonderful breakfast.
- Please support our March 30<sup>th</sup> Fund Raiser at Valentino's.

**Treasurer's Comments:**

-No closing comments today.

**Secretary's Comments:**

-No closing comments today.

**District Instructor comments:**

- R.H. Christopher Durie delivered School of Instruction/Masonic Education and the topic was the Order of the Star and the Order of the Garter.
- Reminder that Open Books will be held this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Harbor City Lodge No. 318.

**DDGM Message:**

- Please support this years Pilgrimage Day as they are celebrating the 100-year Anniversary of OUR Masonic Home.
- Our D.D.G.M. informed the Craft that as of this time he cannot report on who his successor will be.

Next Meeting will be held on April 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. 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 10:14 a.m. with Benediction by our Chaplain.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Attest:**

*John Paniccia*

*Kevin D. Smithwick*

**R.:W.: John Paniccia  
Secretary Master's & Warden's 2019**

**W.: Kevin D. Smithwick  
President Master's & Warden's 2019**