



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



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Meeting of: May 5, 2018

Location: Beach Lodge No. 354

This meeting was Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by our President with 32 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: 0

State Chairmen: 1

Zone 5 Committeemen: 3

17th District Committeemen: 4

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 5

Senior Wardens 17th Dist.: 5

Junior Wardens 17th Dist.: 1

Past Grand Masters: 2

Past Presidents of M&W : 5

Past District Instructors: 4

Past District Deputies: 6

Past Masters: 18

Shrine Officers: 2

Past Potentates: 0

District Instructor: Present

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented before the Craft.

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

Total of all funds: \$3560.63

Bills Presented:

Bill presented for the G.M.O.V. Hotel reservations for the Grand Master and Grand Marshall in the amount of \$266.56.

Motion to pay Bills:

W.: Kirk Hall made a motion seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia and approved by the Craft to pay for the hotel rooms for our G.M. and Grand Marshall in the amount of \$266.56.



Correspondence:

-Grand Master's Official Visit on June 22, 2018 at the Azan Shrine Center.

Fliers Distributed:

-District 17 G.M.O.V. Flier.

-District 17 \$1000.00 vacation voucher fund raiser.

Sickness and Distress:

-Please see Lodge reports.

Old Business:

-Harbor City Lodge No. 318 contributed \$100.00 to the Masters and Wardens fund.

-Fundraisers:

+ \$1000.00 Cruise/Vacation Voucher fundraiser. Each Lodge received 20 tickets and a flier.

Each Board Officer received 10 tickets. The tickets are \$10.00 each. Please sell your tickets and remember to bring them to our Annual Grand Communication and push them there. The drawing will be on October 9, 2018 at Harbor City Lodge's Annual Table Lodge by our Grand Master.

+We will check with the Rosen Plaza at our Annual Grand Communication about the rates for a suite at next year's AGC to raffle off.

+We will receive more information concerning a Virtual Golf Tournament fundraiser at our June meeting.

+No new information concerning Masonic plates.

+Lodges have contributed \$450.00 to our Master's and Warden's Association fund.

-There was discussion about forming a Memorial Lodge and will be addressed again.

-June 22, 2018 is the Grand Master's Official Visit to our District. It will be held at the Azan Shrine Center. Registration is 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. This year it is a different format as there will be NO Tiled meeting. The District Junior Wardens and Senior Wardens are requested to handle the sign in tables. We STILL need a Caterer!

-June 23, 2018 will be St. Johns Day Celebration at Winter Park Lodge and that evening will be the G.M.O.V. to District 16.

New Business:

-Our President introduced R.:W.: Edward Mayfield a Candidate for the Office of Junior Grand Warden.

R.:W.: Mayfield addressed the Craft and was allowed the opportunity to open the floor for questions and comments.

-Our Annual Grand Communication is approaching quickly! Please make sure you are registered and have a current Dues card. Proxies need to be HAND CARRIED to our Annual Grand Communication.

-Monday night May 28th at our Annual Grand Communication we will have a dinner for our incoming D.D.G.M. The event will be held at Bahama Breeze.



Table of Installations- 2019

| <u>Lodge</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.: Edward Mayfield thanked our District for the Hospitality and Fellowship he received and for the questions and comments.

Lodge Announcements:

Indian River No.90:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- May 12 Past Master conferral of the Master Mason Degree.
- Every first Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Board of Relief.
- DeMolay 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Rainbow 2nd and 4th Sunday 5:00 p.m.
- May 17th Ritual Practice at 7:00 p.m.
- May 26th at 9:00 a.m. Lodge work day.



- May 30th 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner.
- May 20th Dinner to go 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- W.: Darryl Debates is having issues with cancer.
- Jerry and Sue Ann Reynolds are dealing with pneumonia.

Brevard Lodge No.113:

- 7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- May 15 at 7:30 p.m. Master Mason Degree.
- Made a \$400.00 donation to Cambridge Elementary School.
- W.: Richard Prickett's wife is fighting stage 4 ovarian cancer.

Melbourne Lodge No.143:

- 7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays
- 8 Brothers studying their Master Mason Catechism.
- 5 Entered Apprentice Brothers studying their Catechism.
- May 23 Fellow Craft Degree.

Harbor City No.318:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- May 19th MLT Workshop 9:00 a.m.
- May 23rd Stated Communication is cancelled.
- October 9th at 6:00 p.m. Annual Table Lodge Celebration.
- Our Worshipful Master's sister who was under the care of Hospice passed away this morning.

Canaveral Lodge No.339:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Mondays
- May 28th Stated Communication cancelled.

Merritt Island No.353:

- 7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Mondays
- June 14th Entered Apprentice Proficiency.
- June 18th Fellow Craft Degree.
- May 11th 6:30 p.m. Steak Night.

Beach Lodge No.354:

- 7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- David Spears Father passed away.

Gateway No.384:

- 7:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Mondays
- June 18th Entered Apprentice Degree.
- May 11th 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner.

Palm Bay No.397:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- Pending F.C. Degree.
- Upcoming garage sale.



- Working on Child I.D. Program.
- Adopt-a-Road.
- Brother John Farmer is recovering from a hard fall and is doing well.

AZAN SHRINE CENTER:

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

- May 5th Kentucky Derby Party at 5:00 p.m.
- May 8th 6:00 p.m. Toy Run Meeting at the C.B.S.C.
- Every Thursday 11:30 a.m. South Brevard Shrine Club.
- May 12 at 9:00 a.m. Fellsmere Parade.
- May 19th at 9:30 a.m. Flea market at the Azan Shrine Center.
- Every Friday at 6:00 p.m. T.G.I.F.Dinner.
- Don Freeser's Mother passed.

President's Comments:

- Our President thanked Beach Lodge No. 354 for hosting our Association meeting and for serving a terrific breakfast.
- Our President also reminded all sitting Master's to attend the Past Master's Degree at our Annual Grand Communication.
- We need assistance for the G.M.O.V. We need a kitchen crew, set-up crew; clean-up crew, etc. please contact our incoming D.D.G.M. to volunteer.

Vice Presidents Comments:

- Our Vice President thanked Beach lodge No. 354 for hosting our Association meeting and for serving a delicious breakfast.
- Please sell the Cruise/Vacation voucher raffle tickets! Our President also pointed out our Vice Presidents impressive size and that he is in charge of collecting the money!

- W.: Smithwick thanked R.:W.: Edward Mayfield for visiting with us today.
- W.: Smithwick thanked Harbor City Lodge No. 318 for sponsoring the District Vacation voucher raffle and W.: Douglas Setzer for assisting with the tickets.

Treasurer's Comments:

- Thanked the Lodges for their support of our Master's and Wardens Association.

Secretary's Comments:

- Thanked all the Brothers who assisted in scrambling to get a Funeral Team for a Sojourning Brother but at the last minute we were asked not to confer Last Masonic Rites. Our Secretary feels that we can have a Funeral Team or a Memorial Lodge. Our District really steps up!

District Instructor comments:

- R.H. Tom Kruse commented how great it was to work with the District as the Instructor for the last 2 years and if anyone need any help please do not hesitate to call.
- R.H. Kruse knows that W.: Christopher Durie will do a great job as our new District Instructor.
- We will have open books in June.

DDGM Message:

- Monday Night May 28th at our Annual Grand Communication will be the Past Master's Degree at 5:00p.m. Fee for the Degree is \$10.00.



- Tuesday May 29th will be a meet and greet for all Senior Wardens and Junior Wardens with our incoming Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden.
- Masonic Education reports were due on May 1st. Please make sure all reports are in!
- If your Lodge elects to go dark during the summer please notify the Grand Secretary's Office.
- Circumscribe will be sending out dues cards without photos to Lodge Secretaries with a goal prior to our Annual Grand Communication.
- Reminder if you order from Amazon please uses Amazon Smile and tags your Charity as the Masonic Home of Florida.
- Our D.D.G.M. would like us to increase our Membership. We are roughly at 1650 as a District and we need to increase that number.
- We have 6 non-Masons in the Masonic Home on a pay as you go basis.
- The Masonic Home is currently a 3 Star facility but is working diligently to raise that back to a 5 star rating.
- It has been an Honor and a pleasure serving as the D.D.G.M. of the Thundering 17th Masonic District and urged the Craft to show the same support for our incoming D.D.G.M. W.: Kirk Hall.

Next Meeting will be held on June 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

This Association meeting was Closed with peace and harmony prevailing at 10:20 a.m. with Benediction by our Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

John Paniccia

James Demenkow

**R:.W:. John Paniccia
Secretary Master's & Warden's 2018**

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