



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

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Meeting of: May 6, 2023

Location: Indian River Lodge No. 90

Call to order by: Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 24 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 :2

State Chairmen: 1

Past District Instructors: 1

Zone 5 Committeemen: 0

Past District Deputies: 4

17th District Committeemen: 4

Past Masters: 11

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 6

Shrine Officers: 3

Senior Wardens 17th Dist.: 1

Past Potentates: 1

Junior Wardens 17th Dist.: 3

District Instructor: Present

Past Grand Masters: 0

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented.
The Treasurer presented his report. We need money.

Bills Presented:

-No bills presented.

Motion to pay Bills:

N/A



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Correspondence:

-None were distributed but Ruling and Decision 2 & 3 were sent to all Lodges and will be covered later in the meeting.

Fliers Distributed:

- District 17 Master's and Warden's Mini Golf Tournament.
- Movable Jewels Presentation.
- Azan Shrine Annual Barbeque flier.
- Azan Backyard BBQ Competition flier.

Sickness and Distress:

-Please see Lodge reports.

Old Business:

-Brother Angel Burgos reported on the District Gun Raffle. He has picked two guns a VR80 Shotgun and a Ruger 380. Tickets will be \$20.00 for one of the weapons. The drawing will be held on September 2, 2023 at the GMOV in our District. Each Lodge will receive 30 tickets.

-W.: Randy Klaus reported on the District Mini Golf Tournament. Fliers were distributed and W.: Klaus went over the details. Start time is 10:00 a.m. We need a Lodge to volunteer to buy and cook the food which will be hot dogs and hamburgers. W.: Darrell Schmitt asked a question concerning the food and WOW he happened to volunteer to head this up. There was no pressure from the Craft! LOL.

New Business:

-Today R.:W.: Joseph M. Fleites a Candidate for the Office of Junior Grand Warden at the 194th Annual Grand Communication was visiting with us today. Our President afforded R.:W.: Fleites the opportunity to address the Craft.

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		
Gateway Lodge No.384		
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:

- Kentucky Derby Party this evening at the Azan Shrine Center.
- Azan First Responders dinner June 17th at the North Brevard Club and Azan Shrine Center from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. First responders and their Families are no charge.
- Annual Azan Barbeque September 24th 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$15.00 per person.
- North Brevard Shrine Club Ladies of the Nobles Steak Dinner May 13th \$20.00 per person.
- Azan Shrine \$1000.00 Travel voucher raffle tickets available from R.: W.: John Paniccia and any Azan Divan Member or the Azan Shrine Office.

Lodge Announcements:

8 of 9 Lodges Represented Today.

Indian River No.90:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Thursdays

- Entered Apprentice Degree for June. Date TBD.
- May 25th at 6:00 p.m. Open meeting Les the Pilot.
- W.: Darrell McCall is having back issues and has an upcoming surgery.

Brevard Lodge No.113:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

- Not represented today.

Melbourne Lodge No.143:

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays

- 1 Entered Apprentice studying his Proficiency.
- Entered Apprentice Degree for 4 Candidates scheduled for June 19, 2023.
- May 8th at 6:30 p.m. Memorial Dinner covered dish.
- April 17th Gun Raffle.
- Q-1 Brevard Association for the Blind.
- Q-2 Daily Bread.
- W.: Ted Woodbury is doing better and attended Lodge on May 1st.
- W.: Bob Larsen continues to experience blood pressure issues.
- Brother Warren Pine is home and convalescing heart and skin cancer.
- Ora Don Jones convalescing from broken arm.



Harbor City No.318:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- Brother Pierre Chouinard passed away at the age of 93.
- May 23rd we will have a combined meeting with Prince Hall Lodge .It is approved by both Grand Lodges and will be a HISTORICAL EVENT!

Canaveral Lodge No.339:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Mondays

- Guest Lecturer Monday May 22nd 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting. Removable Jewels.
- O.E.S. Chapter No. 297 May 14th Mother's Day Celebration . \$15.00 for dinner.
- June 26th dinner 6:30 p.m. dinner 7:30 p.m. Brother Steve Agid presenting the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- W.: Robert Wicker is still recovering but getting around.
- Brother Billy Stuart knee issues.
- Brother Richard Shulze hip.
- Brother John Tweedy mobility.
- Continued prayers for W.: Danny Cook.

Merritt Island No.353:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Mondays

- May 12th Steak night.
- May 15th Brother Rick Ellis guest speaker.

Beach Lodge No.354:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

- Entered Apprentice Degree TBD..

Gateway No.384:

7:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Mondays

- May 20th Master Mason Degree.
- May 13th Mother's Day dinner 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$10.00.
- May 22nd 7:30 p.m. Bible and Apron presentation.
- Secretary Brother Jesus Rodriguez foot surgery.
- W.: Don Keifer is fighting cancer.

Palm Bay No.397:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- Master Mason Degree May 20th.
- Entered Apprentice Degree TBD.
- May 9th 4:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Texas Roadhouse Palm Bay.
- May 18th Birthday and Anniversary dinner 5:30 p.m.
- Brother Billy Wilson is in memory care and is doing ok.
- Still working on getting W.: Ted Woodbury into the Masonic Home.
- Keep Brother Paya, R:W.: Johnson in your prayers.

AZAN SHRINE CENTER:

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



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- DARK July and August Stated Meetings.
- Tonight, Kentucky Derby Party 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. meat provided just bring a side dish or dessert. NO CHARGE!
- May 13th North Brevard Shrine Club LON Steak Dinner \$20.00.
- June 17th First Responders dinner from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. First responders and their Families eat free. We will deliver to the Responders.

President's Comments:

- Thank you Canaveral Lodge No. 339 for hosting our Association meeting and serving a delicious breakfast.

Vice Presidents Comments:

- No closing comments.

Treasurer's Comments:

- .No closing comments.

Secretary's Comments:

- No closing comments.

District Instructor comments:

- R.H. Ron Dubovecky explained Ruling and Decision No. 2- The combined Ritual Floor book are not allowed to be open during Stated and Called Lodge Communications.
- R.H. Dubovecky commented that it was an honor and a privilege to serve as District Instructor and hopes that he was able to help the District Lodges.
- R.H. Dubovecky was thanked with a round of applause for his hard work and dedication and then R.H. Dubovecky introduced W:. Matt Green who will be our District Instruct for the 2023-2024 Masonic Year.
- W:. Matt Green thanked the Craft and announced that Open Books will start back up in July.

DDGM Message:

- R:.W:. Jay Rodgers greeted the Craft and apologized for missing meetings this year with work conflicts with his new job.
- R:.W:. Rodgers explained Ruling and Decision No. 3 – Proper Dress attire for Stated and Called Communications.
- R:.W:. Rodgers thanked the Brothers and all the District Lodges for their support and hard work.
- R:.W:. Rodgers was thanked with a round of applause and R:.W:. Rodgers introduced W:. Lou Fields who will be our District Deputy Grand Master for the 2023-2024 Masonic year.
- W:. Fields addressed the Craft and announced that there will 4 Official D.D.G.M. Visits to the Lodges. 2 in 2023 and 2 in 2024.
- The Grand Master's Official visit is scheduled for September 2nd and will be held at the North Brevard Shrine Club.
- W:. Fields also asked that we support the District fundraisers as he plans on being very extravagant and the Grand Masters Official Visit.

Next Meeting will be held on June 3, 2023 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 10:22 A.M. with Benediction by our Chaplain.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

John Paniccia

Robert Gabriel

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

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