



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

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**Meeting of:** November 4, 2023

**Location:** Merritt Island Lodge No. 353

**Call to order by:** Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 27 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: 0

Past District Instructors: 1

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past District Deputies: 0

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

Past Masters: 11

Worshipful Masters 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 4

Shrine Officers: 0

Senior Wardens 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 5

Past Potentates: 0

Junior Wardens 17<sup>th</sup> Dist.: 2

District Instructor: Not Present

Past Grand Masters: 0

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

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The Craft elected to accept the minutes as presented.

### **Bills Presented:**

-None

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

-None



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**Correspondence:**

-None

**Fliers Distributed:**

-Azan annual Backyard Barbeque competition flier.

**Sickness and Distress:**

-See Lodge reports.

**Old Business:**

-Brother Angel Burgos reported on the District 17 Gun Raffle.

-\$4840.00 GROSS RECEIPTS

\$3417.00 NET GAIN

-Report on Grand Master's Official Visit to our District. The cost of the visit was \$5300.00 and our D.D.G.M. originally received \$2000.00. Leaving a balance of \$3300.00. There was a motion made seconded and approved to reimburse our D.D.G.M. \$3300.00.

**New Business:**

-W.: Todd Forschino gave an update on the cornerstone laying at Viera Elementary School. It will be the District 17 vs. Individual Lodges and Brothers. \$500.00 was collected.

**Table of Installations- 2023**

<b><u>Lodge</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
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	Jan. 13, 2024	10:00 a.m.
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	Jan. 2, 2024	7:30 p.m. (CLOSED)
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.

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**District School of Instruction and Open Books:** First Wed. of the Month

**Location:** Harbor City Lodge No.318

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

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**Good of the order:**

- Brother Angel Burgos announced that Gateway Lodge No. 384 is having a gun raffle and tickets are \$10.00 each.
- W.: Darrell Schmitt announced the Azan Annual Backyard BBQ on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There are 8 teams, many raffles and great Barbeque! Tickets are \$10.00 and we will also have an outside patio bar!
- There are plenty of Breakfast leftovers to take with you!
- Memorial Golf Tournament November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Lodge Announcements:**

**7 of 9 Lodges Represented Today.**

**Indian River No.90:**

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

- Master Mason Degree practice November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Master Mason Degree. 8:00 a.m. breakfast and 9:00 Degree.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Dark.

**Brevard Lodge No.113:**

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

- Fellow Craft Degree TBD
- W.: Billy Stuart having knee issues.
- W.: Barry Schaeffer kidney issues.

**Melbourne Lodge No.143:**

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays

- November 5<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice proficiency.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Fellow Craft Degree.
- One Candidate awaiting his Initiation.

**Harbor City No.318:**

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

- NOT REPRESENTED TODAY.



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

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

-Received one Petition.

-November 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. dinner Special International Visit by the Grand Lodge of Paris. There will be 27 visiting Brothers in attendance. The following day will attend the Grand Lodge Office for a guided tour.

-Brother John Tweedy has Parkinson's.

-Brother Billy Stuart surgery November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

-Brother Mike Swanberg back and neck issues.

-Please keep the Pereshula Family in your Prayers as Brother Ed passed on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-Darm November 27<sup>th</sup>

-December 13<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication presentation 25-year Masonic Service award to W.:Robert Wicker.

- December 24<sup>th</sup> parking cars for Surfing Santa's.

-December 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS! We will be DARK!

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

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

-Entered Apprentice Degree TBD December.

-November 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 -8:00 P.M. Steak Night!

-November 11<sup>TH</sup> St. Femas Dash In Life Brevard Veterans Memorial Center. 5K starts at 7:30 a.m. Special pinning Ceremony for all Veterans.

-December 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday Dinner.

-Brother Robert Cackill open heart surgery and triple bypass.

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

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

-NOT REPRESENTED TODAY.

-Installation January 2, 2024 and will be a Tiled meeting.

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

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

-November 11<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Degree.

-November 13<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Baskets

-December Christmas baskets.

-Worshipful Master Don K cancer.

-Brother Tiny foot.

-Brother Pete cancer.

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

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

-December 9<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Degree 9:00 a.m.

-January 2, 2024 Dispense with meeting.

-January 6, 2024 Installation held at Melbourne Lodge No. 143.



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



- February 17, 2024 Trap shoot, Raffle and Chili cook-off.
- R.:W.: Thomas Johnson operation on arm.
- Brother Ed Paya shoulder surgery.

### **AZAN SHRINE CENTER:**

- Stated Communication First Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.
- DARK July and August Stated Meetings.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Backyard Barbeque 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$10.00
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Brunch hosted by The first Lady and Illustrious Sir John Paniccia supporting the First Ladies project.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00 p.m.

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

- Thank you Merritt Island Lodge No. 353 for hosting our Association meeting and serving a delicious breakfast.
- Brother Joe Leitz the Oriental Guide for Azan Shrine is not doing well and will not seek election to High Priest and Prophet.
- W.: Richard Earls announced that he will run for the Office of High Priest and Prophet on December 7<sup>th</sup>. W.: Earls also announced that W.: Todd Forschino is a candidate for the Office of High Priest and Prophet.

### **Vice Presidents Comments:**

- Nominations for Lodges are needed.
- MLT and Master Mason Exam 1,2,&3 need to be reported complete prior to Lodges first Stated Communication in November.

### **Treasurer's Comments:**

- Thank you Brother Anjel Burgos for all your help this year and to all the Brothers for there help for our District.

### **Secretary's Comments:**

- Pro-Tem Secretary W.: Jimmy Hawkins thanked R.:W.: John Paniccia for allowing him to substitute for him today.

### **District Instructor comments:**

- Not present today.

### **DDGM Message:**

- R.:W.: Lou Fields gave a message from our District Instructor about Open Books on the First Wednesday of the Monday.
- Thank you for the reimbursement for the GMOV!
- Installations coming up and the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of D.D.G.M. visits.



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District**



Next Meeting will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9:48 a.m. with  
Benediction by our Chaplain.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
W.: James “ Jimmy’ Hawkins**

Acting secretary for

*John Paniccia*

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

**Attest:**

*Richard Earls*

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