



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

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Meeting of: October 7, 2023

Location: Beach Lodge No. 354

Call to order by: Our President at 9:00 a.m. with 20 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: 1

Past Presidents of M&W :1

State Chairmen: 0

Past District Instructors: 1

Zone 5 Committeemen: 1

Past District Deputies: 1

17th District Committeemen: 4

Past Masters: 11

Worshipful Masters 17th Dist.: 4

Shrine Officers: 1

Senior Wardens 17th Dist.: 6

Past Potentates:12

Junior Wardens 17th Dist.:0

District Instructor: Present.

Past Grand Masters: 1

District Deputy Grand Master: Present

The Craft elected to accept the minutes as corrected.

Bills Presented:

-None

Correspondence:

-None.



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Fliers Distributed:

-Azan Shrine Backyard BBQ November 11th -11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sickness and Distress:

-Please see Lodge reports.

Old Business:

-W: Wayne Paisley reported that we still have Gun Raffle tickets outstanding. We need the tickets, or the ticket stubs and money turned in ASAP. We must have 100% accountability.

-W: Ray Lynch questioned the Installation date of Palm Bay Lodge No. 397. How was the date set? There was no answer.

New Business:

-Our Association President W: Richard Earls reminded everyone that nomination for 2024 Officers and Board members need to be turned in prior to the drop of the gavel at our November meeting.

-W: Todd Forschino announced cornerstone laying at Viera High School on April 12, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. Our Grand Master will be there for the Ceremony. There will also be a Cornerstone Ceremony in early August 2024.

-For the Cornerstones we need to raise \$1100.00 for engraving and installation. \$100.00 from each Lodge was requested for the project.

-President W: Richard Earls would like a status at our November meeting on fund raising for this project.

-W: Ray Lynch pledged \$150.00 from Palm Bay Lodge No. 397 and \$100.00 from the Azan Shrine Legion of Honor.

Brother Cliff Schmitt pledged \$100.00 for the project.



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	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	??????	
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.

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:

- W:. Darrell Schmitt announced the Azan Shrine 2nd Annual Backyard Barbeque on November 11th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will be raffling off a Green Egg, T.V. and liquor baskets.
- W:. Ray Lynch announced a Craft Show at the Azan Shrine Center hosted by the Daughters of the Nile and it will have a Christmas theme.
- W:. Todd Forschino announced an Azan Shrine Jeep Club ride on October 28th at 9:00 a.m. It will start at Azan and go to the Sebastian jungle trail. The trail is an 8-mile ride.



(DO NOT HAVE TO READ ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THEY ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE)

Lodge Announcements: **9 of 9 Lodges Represented Today.**

Indian River No.90:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- October 7th Noon- 4:00 p.m. Brewfest Sandpoint park.
- October 26th Awards Night at 7:00 p.m.
- North Brevard Shrine Club Haunted Hayride October 13 &14, 20&21, 27&28.
- Master Mason November 18th 8:00 a.m.

Brevard Lodge No.113:

- 7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- Entered Apprentice Degree TBD
- Declaration of Independence Dinner. Date ?
- W.: Billy Stuart no knee surgery in November.
- W.: Barry Shaffer 1 inch bladder stones.

Melbourne Lodge No.143:

- 7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Mondays
- Fellow Craft Degree TBD in November.
- October 9th Fellowship dinner at Skewers Grill.
- W.: Ted Woodbury doing well at the Masonic Home of Florida.

Harbor City No.318:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- Fellow Craft Degree tentatively scheduled for October 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Canaveral Lodge No.339:

- 7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Mondays
- October 13th at 3:30 p.m. charity check presentation to the Principal of Cape View Elementary School.
- Widows Lunch October 21, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- October 23rd Stated Communication special education on the Five points of Fellowship.
- Brother Mike Swanberg suffering from back pain.
- Brother John Tweedy diagnosed with Parkinsons.
- November 13th we will be hosting 34 guests from Paris The Star-Spangled Banner Lodge No. 900 which is a recognized Lodge. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and Stated Communication at 7:30 p.m.

Merritt Island No.353:

- 7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Mondays
- Entered Apprentice Degree TBD in November.
- October 13th at 6:30 p.m. steak night.
- October 16th Family get together at Route 7 Adrenaline Entertainment Center.
- November 11th sponsoring D.A.S.H. in Life 5K.



Beach Lodge No.354:

7:30 PM – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

- Have an Entered Apprentice and Master Mason in the works.
- Worshipful Master Douglas Setzer is having health issues.
- Received 2 Petitions for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry.
- Planning a Christmas Party.

Gateway No.384:

7:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Mondays

- Entered Apprentice Degree for 5 Candidates scheduled for October 10, 2023.
- Trunk or Treat October 28th 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Palm Bay No.397:

7:30 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

- Entered Apprentice working on his Proficiency.
- Two Petitions for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry have been received and are waiting for Investigation.
- November 14th Master Mason Exam 1,2&3.
- November 19th Birthday and Anniversary Dinner at Red Ginger.
- Brother Billy Wilson is in Life Care.
- Entered Apprentice Brother Paul Novello has had multiple surgeries.

AZAN SHRINE CENTER:

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

- DARK July and August Stated Meetings.
- North Brevard Shrine Club Haunted Hayride October 13&14, 20&21, 27&28.
- October 20 & 21 Azan Shrine Potentates Ball at the Crowne Plaza in Indialantic.
- November 3rd Blind Veterans Luncheon.
- November 11th 2nd Annual Backyard Barbeque 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- November 18th Brunch 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

President's Comments:

- Thank you Beach Lodge No. 354 for hosting our Association meeting.
- Next meeting will be November 4th hosted by Merritt Island Lodge No. 353.

Vice Presidents Comments:

- No closing comments.

Treasurer's Comments:

- No closing comments.

Secretary's Comments:

- No closing comments,



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District Instructor comments:

- Our District Instructor covered the proper way for balloting. The monitor covers the proper way so please refer to that if you have any questions or contact R.H. Matt Green.
- Open books are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. hosted by Harbor city Lodge No. 318. There will also be District Degree practice at 7:00 p.m.

DDGM Message:

- Our District Deputy Grand Master commented that all the Official visits to the District Lodges went well.
- R.:W.: Lou Fields commented that we need to finalize all Installation Dates for 2024 Lodge Officers. We still have 2 Lodges with no date set.
- Next round of D.D.G.M. Official visits will start in January 2024 and end in March.

Next Meeting will be held on November 4th hosted by Merritt Island Lodge No. 353 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,

Ron Barker

W.: Ron Barker
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**