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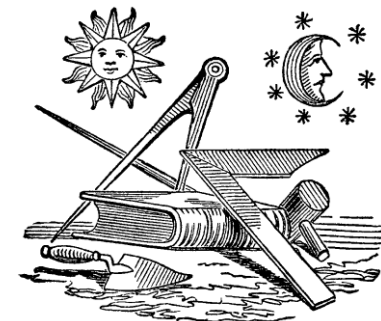
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 Harbor City Lodge No. 318, F. & A. M.**

- Check those letters in the Red Book
- Learn a Lecture
- Learn How to Open & Close Lodge
- Brush up on your Catechisms
- Qualify for Proficiency Cards

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**LODGE MEETINGS 17<sup>th</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT**

Melbourne No. 143	1st & 3rd Mondays
Merritt Island No. 353	1st & 3rd Mondays
Canaveral No. 339	2nd & 4th Mondays
Gateway No. 384	2nd & 4th Mondays
Beach No. 354	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Brevard No. 113	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Palm Bay No. 397	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Harbor City No. 318	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Indian River No. 90	2nd & 4th Thursdays



**LODGE CHARITY SCHEDULE**

November – St. Jude’s Research Hospital for Children

December – U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots



### From the East

*"Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors."*

Brothers All,

While, normally, I draw from Brother Washington's childhood writing assignment for inspiration, today it seemed all too perfect to use something that he actually said. The phrase above, though likely a bit dramatic to apply to my time in the East, is from Brother Washington's Farewell Address.

It seems only yesterday I was excitedly driving to sit in Lodge after a three-year absence. Having just moved back to the area, it was at the top of my list of to-dos. Then came the realization that I could potentially serve the Brethren from the East and, in a flash, it was Installation! I cannot believe that my time in this seat has already come to an end. While I began the year with the highest of hopes and the biggest of ideas, some outside events forced me to temper my aims. While I feel I could have done much more, I realize that the whirlwind that is being in the East often gets the best of men, then adding the outside political influence, sometimes we make changes based on what's best for the Lodge at large. I cannot help but feel I am not leaving the Lodge particularly in a better place, but I'm proud to have maintained it in the excellent shape in which I received it, save for an AC unit or two!

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### From the West

Brethren,

This month we will be installing next years Lodge officers, in an open installation ceremony, on December 28th. Please plan to attend.

This month I recognize another member of US Masonic history. General Douglas McArthur was made a Mason "at sight" by the Grand Master of the Philippines, an incredibly high honor reserved for exceptional cases. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 14th of 1936 and had received the 32nd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite by March 28th of that same year. Despite his numerous duties MacArthur managed to maintain an active Masonic career.

General McArthur was recalled to service in the Second World War and was tasked with retaking the Philippine Islands. He was ultimately successful and was an essential part of the Allied victory in the Pacific. MacArthur's memory has withstood the test of time as an enduring example of commitment to duty and service that continues to inspire Freemasons.

Fraternally,  
Wally Jones  
Senior Warden

### From the South

Greetings to all our Brothers, family, and friends.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed all the foods, visits, travels, and memories. Our weather is getting cooler by the week, so it means the Christmas season is upon us. We should be thinking of holiday meals, who is coming, a few gifts, and maybe a Christmas tree.

As we approach the New Year, let us plan for new travels, family visits, family vacations, maybe a new craft or hobby. Let us welcome the new year beginning with a new spirit and joy.

Dinner for Monday December 2nd will be sweet and savory chicken over rice, mixed vegetables, salad, and dump cake. Dinner for December 16th will be pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, and cupcakes.

We have a donated dishwasher, which should be installed soon, repaired one A.C. unit, and removed birds from one front column, and bees from another.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has given so much of their time and energy to helping me with all that had to be done this year, both inside and outside of the lodge building. Also, to our degree team and great instructors who work together to put on the degrees for our candidates. And to every officer, brother, and friend: THANK YOU! YOU ARE ALL DEAR TO MY HEART and Have a Blessed Holiday!

Your Brother Ernie Quick, Junior Warden

# December 2024

**Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.**

**Lodge Charity is Toys for Tots**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  <u>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	3	4  <u>Open Books Harbor City Lodge 6:00 to 9:00PM Installation Practice</u>	5	6	7  <u>Masters &amp; Wardens 8am – 10am Indian River 90</u>
8	9  <u>EA Degree Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	10	11  <u>Ritual Practice at Melbourne Lodge 6:30PM</u>	12	13	14  <u>Lodge Christmas Party 12:00PM-4:00PM Azan Shrine Center</u>
15	16  <u>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30PM Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	17	18  <u>Ritual Practice at Melbourne Lodge 6:30PM</u>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28  <u>Melbourne Lodge Installation Dinner 6:00 Installation 7:00 PM</u>
29	30	31				

### From the East (continued)

While the big goals may not have come to fruition, I am grateful for the time spent with you all in the spirit of Brotherly love and friendship. I have endeavored to conduct the business of the Lodge with integrity, fairness, and just a little bit of fun. I hope I've achieved those aims in your eyes.

Though last month I provided special thanks, I'd like to again reiterate my immense appreciation for W.: Ron, R.: H.: Craig, R.: W.: Roger, R.: W.: Chris and all of you, my Brothers. As I did at installation, I'd like to also add a note of thanks to W.: Mickey, to whom I owe this journey. I joined this Lodge because I wanted to be a Shriner, but one day Mickey showed up to my store with a turkey sandwich and my Masonic Journey changed significantly. I sit here now because of him, and I am ever grateful.

I trust that I am leaving the Lodge in good hands. Br.: Wally will certainly pick up the mantle of leadership with aplomb. I am eager to sit in Lodge along the sidelines (now in the coveted Southeast!) and continue to participate in this great Fraternity.

Thanks again for placing your trust in me. It's been an honor.

In harmony,  
W.: M.: Anthony

### Masonic Etiquette

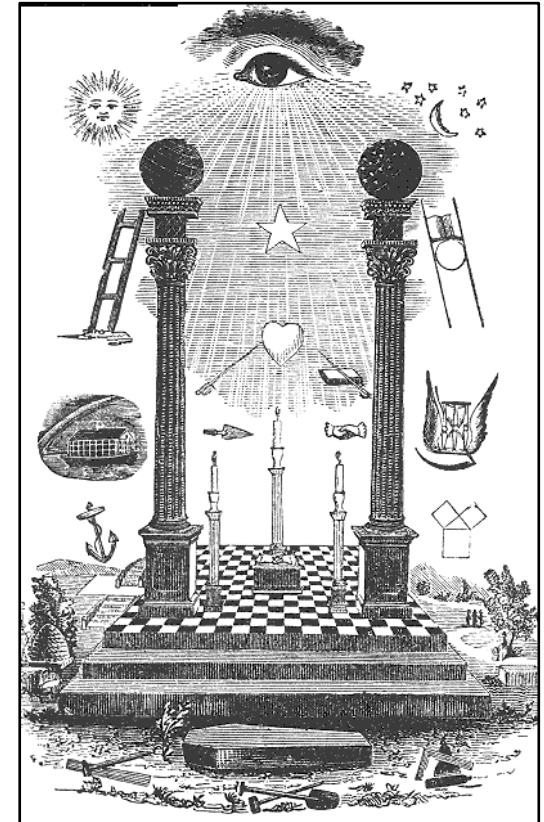
Persons of refinement seek to conduct themselves appropriately out of respect to others and respect for oneself. So, it is with Masons who seek constantly to build and refine ourselves to reflect the perfection of the Great Architect.

In such spirit I thought it appropriate to include the following from the foreword of *Masonic Etiquette the Lodge System of Masonic Education*.

Long ago Lodges of Freemasons discovered the grave necessity of decorum; among the Old Charges to which every Candidate was required to acknowledge obedience, they gave the most prominent place to the sections under the general head of "Behaviour." Among the oldest of our records, the "Regius MS., written in 1390 A.D., emphasizes the necessity for paying due respect to the Craft.

In the Constitution of 1723, published by our Grand Lodge in its Book of Constitutions, it is specified, "A Mason is obliged by his Tenure, to obey the moral law . . . A Mason is a peaceable subject to the Civil Powers . . . The Persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men . . . You are not to hold private Committees (in defiance of the Lodge), or separate conversation, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly nor interrupt the Masters or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master, nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the LODGE is engaged in what is serious or solemn; but to pay due respect to your Master, Wardens, Fellows and put them to worship" – that is, pay them the respect due them.

### Death Reported



### From the Editor

Dear Brethren,

Do you have some masonic history or studies related to the symbology of Masonry that you would like to share? If so please let me know and send me your ideas to [mailjbh@gmail.com](mailto:mailjbh@gmail.com)