

TRESTLE BOARD



MERRITT ISLAND LODGE, No. 353

Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered April 28, 1966

STATED COMMUNICATION: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month
Supper starts at 6:30 P.M. and meeting beings at 7:30 P.M.

RITUAL PRACTICE: Every Thursday of the Month
Fellowship and Receipt of Petitions at 6:30 P.M. Practice begins at 7:00 P.M.



Upcoming Events

JULY 1: NO STATED COMMUNICATION

JULY 3: OPEN BOOKS

JULY 4: MERRITT ISLAND 4TH OF JULY PARADE

JULY 13: MASTERS AND WARDENS

JULY 15: STATED COMMUNICATION

JUNE 22: FAMILY DINNER NIGHT/FUND RAISER

2024 LODGE OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER	JASON B. ESTES	(321) 591-9943
SENIOR WARDEN	GEORGE GASPARD	(407) 615-0732
JUNIOR WARDEN	AUSTIN COWART	(321) 271-6219
TREASURER	ZACHARY WALTERS	(904) 891-6120
SECRETARY	W.: KELLY CORRIDAN	(321) 385-7679
CHAPLAIN	JAMES ZUHLKE	(321) 537-7210
SENIOR DEACON	EUGENE FILIPOWICZ	(321) 720-4258
JUNIOR DEACON	CHRIS LUSSIER	(727) 403-1337
SENIOR STEWARD	Kyle Gilliard	(321) 223-2934
JUNIOR STEWARD	TBD	
TYLER	R.:W.: THOMAS KRUSE	(321) 544-8440
MARSHALL	W.: JAMES HAWKINS	(732) 239-7271

2024 COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS: GEORGE GASPARD, AUSTIN COWART

BOARD OF RELIEF: W.: M.: JASON ESTES, JAMES ZUHLKE

CHARITY: W.: M.: JASON ESTES, JAMES ZUHLKE

COMMUNICATIONS: GEORGE GASPARD, JOHN CROSSER

FINANCE: GEORGE GASPARD, W.: JAMES CRAVENS

INVESTIGATION: W.: M.: JASON ESTES, AS NEEDED

LODGE PROPERTY: AUSTIN COWART, ALLEN COWART

MASONIC EDUCATION: W.: JAMES HAWKINS, EUGENE FILIPOWICZ

MEMBER WELL-BEING: JIM ZUHLKE, W.: JAMES HAWKINS

PETITIONS: AUSTIN COWART, R.: W.: TOM KRUSE

VIGILANCE: AUSTIN COWART, W.: JAMES HAWKINS

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: GEORGE GASPARD, AS NEEDED

PAST MASTERS

1966 LOUIS H. SCOTT
1967 DOUGLAS MCLAIN
1968 E.L. "LANK" GREEN (1)
1969 HARRY A. HENDRY (1)
1970 ALFRED N. KEE
1971 JESSIE L. ENGLISH
1972 CLINTON E. DUNN
1973 BERYL E. CLEMENTS
1974 J. LAMAR RICHARDSON
1975 ULMER CLELAND
1976 PERRY M. ROGERS
1977 VERNON G. HITCHCOCK
1978 JOHN C. ALEXANDER
1979 BORIS Y. SKORO
1980 A. ARNOLD WAGNER
1981 WILSON R. TIMMONS
1982 WILLIAM A. CLAUS
1983 CYRIL J. CHUPINA
1984 JEFFREY F. WHITE (1)
1985 VIRGIL P. BROWN
1986 CARL GOFF (1)
1987 WILLIAM JOE QUERRY
1988 LLOYD C. BLACKWOOD (1)
1989 JAMES D. RATCLIFFE
1990 JOHN C. SMITH (1, 2)
1991 WILLIAM G. ELLIS (1,2,3)
1992 WILLIAM L. SCHROEDER
1993 WILLIAM R. STOCKMAN
1994 MICHAEL D. HAWORTH
1995 RICHARD A. WOLFE (1,4)
1996 THOMAS W. STEWART
1997 PAUL D. AMOS

1998 ROBERT L. DUFF
1999 DANIEL E. FITCH
2000 FRANKLIN L. GLENN
2001 BARRY R. SCHAFFER
2002 SABATO "SAM" DANIELE
2003 RAYMOND C. ASHMAN
2004 MICHAEL J. MCAFEE
2005 PATRICK KELLY CORRIDAN
2006 JOHN F. MILLHOUSE
2007 JAMES "JIM" STRICKLAND
2008 EUGENE C. "GENE" CRAWFORD
2009 STEVEN B. WALDEN (1,3,4)
2010 THOMAS R. KRUSE (1, 2)
2011 JAMES E. "JIMMY" HAWKINS
2012 MICHAEL L. ELLIOTT (1,2,4)
2013 JOHN MICHAEL BAUERNFEIND
2014 ALVIN "CHIP" GIPSON
2015 JOHN E. WINCHESTER, III
2016 MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
2017 JAMES K. CHARLAND
2018 MICHAEL J. OVENS
2019 EIRIK HOLBERT
2020 DONALD B. VARGAS
2021 DUSTIN A. CELESTIN
2022 RICHARD J. CRAVENS
2023 MICHAEL B. KELLY



(1) PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER (2) PAST DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR
(3) PAST GRAND LODGE OFFICER (4) GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

JULY 2024 EVENTS

JULY 1: STATED COMMUNICATION ** CANCELED**

JULY 3: OPEN BOOKS

HOSTED BY HARBOR CITY LODGE, NO. 318 FROM 6:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

JULY 4: MERRITT ISLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

MEET AT LODGE AT 07:45 AND STAGE AT HIGH SCHOOL AT 08:30

JULY 13: MASTERS AND WARDENS

HOSTED BY MELBOURNE LODGE, NO. 143

BREAKFAST STARTS AT 8:00A.M., MEETING STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

JULY 15: STATED COMMUNICATION

MASONIC EDUCATION BY BRO. EUGENE FILIPOWICZ

SUPPER BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M., MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

JULY 17: FAMILY DINNER NIGHT/FUND RAISER

HOSTED AT SONNY'S BBQ (MERRITT ISLAND)

FROM 6:00P.M.– 8:00P.M. COME OUT TO SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!!

AUGUST 2024 EVENTS

AUGUST 3: MASTERS AND WARDENS

HOSTED BY BREVARD LODGE, NO. 113

BREAKFAST STARTS AT 8:00A.M., MEETING STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

AUGUST 5: STATED COMMUNICATION

ENTERED APPRENTICE CATECHISM PROFFICIENCY

SUPPER BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M., MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

AUGUST 7: OPEN BOOKS

HOSTED BY HARBOR CITY LODGE, NO. 318 FROM 6:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

AUGUST 8: FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

AUGUST 9: SOCIAL EVENT AT THE VILLAGE IDIOT PUB

AUGUST 19: STATED COMMUNICATION

MASONIC EDUCATION BY BRO. JOEL KICKBUSCH

SUPPER BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M., MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST BRETHREN,

I HOPE YOU ARE ALL HAVING A GREAT SUMMER AND ARE STAYING COOL AND DRY. JUST A REMINDER THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF JULY IS CANCELED.

WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL MERRITT ISLAND 4TH OF JULY PARADE. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AND SHOW PRIDE FOR OUR FRATERNITY AND LODGE?! DETAILS WILL FOLLOW ON TIME AND PLACE.

I AM ALSO REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE OUR FIRST LODGE FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR AT SONNY'S BBQ IN MERRITT ISLAND ON JULY 17TH STARTING AT 6PM AND ENDING AT 8PM. 10% OF YOUR TOTAL BILL WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR LODGE. PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US IN ENJOYING A GREAT MEAL!

PLEASE MARK AUGUST 9TH ON YOUR CALENDARS!! THE VILLAGE IDIOT PUB WILL BE HOSTING A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR LODGE. A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE NIGHT WILL BE DONATED TO THE LODGE. THE EVENT STARTS AT 7PM AND WILL FEATURE BROTHER GOODFELLOW'S BAND PLAYING GREAT MUSIC AND THERE WILL BE RAFFLES FOR BASKETS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES. IT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND BROTHERS!

I HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE 4TH OF JULY! HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND THE LODGE AND THESE FUN EVENTS!

MAY THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE BLESS YOU, OUR LODGE, AND OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

W.: M.: JASON ESTES

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MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST BRETHERN,

A HUGE THANK YOU TO W.: KELLY, W.: CRAVENS, AND W.: HAWKINS FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK ON PUTTING TOGETHER THE ST. JOHN'S DAY FESTIVE BOARD AND TABLE LODGE. IT WAS A WELL-ATTENDED AND ENJOYABLE EVENING FILLED WITH BROTHERHOOD, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND A RECITATION BY W.: CORRIDAN THAT WAS AS AWESOME, IF NOT BETTER THAN, YEARS PAST!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND MADE IT SUCH A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

WE ARE ACTIVELY PRACTICING OUR F.C. DEGREE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN ANTICIPATION OF CONFERRING THE F.C. DEGREE, ON BRO. LESTER, ON AUGUST 8, 2024. PRACTICES REMAIN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7PM UNTIL WE FINISH AND RETIRE FOR REFRESHMENT TOGETHER.

WHILE MANY LODGES GO "DARK" IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, WE HAVE SEVERAL OUTSTANDING EVENTS COMING UP!

- **JULY 4:** THE MERRITT ISLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE! HELP WILL BE NEEDED, AS ALWAYS, IN THE PREPARATION AND DECORATION OF OUR FLOAT IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE PARADE. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ALL OF YOUR SMILING FACES ON THE FLOAT ON THE DAY OF!
- **JULY 17** (FROM 6:00-8:00 P.M.): FAMILY DINNER NIGHT AT SONNY'S BBQ IN MERRITT ISLAND. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS! (AND A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR LODGE!!)
- **AUGUST 8** (STARTING AT 7:00PM) CONFERRAL OF THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE ON BRO. MICHAEL LESTER.
- **AUGUST 9** (STARTING AT 7:00PM): THE VILLAGE IDIOT PUB WILL BE HOSTING AN EVENT WITH LIVE MUSIC BY BRO. GOODFELLOW AND HIS BAND, RAFFLES, AND LOTS OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE EVENING WILL BE DONATED BY THE "IDIOT" TO OUR LODGE IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LODGE.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND YOUR TEAMREACH APP FOR COMMUNICATION OF LODGE EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATIVE CONTENT. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL OUT AT AS MANY EVENTS AS POSSIBLE!! WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF OUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
GEORGE C. GASPARD
SENIOR WARDEN

MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH BROTHERS,

THANK YOU TO THE TEAM WHO PUT TOGETHER THE ST. JOHNS DAY TABLE LODGE! IT WAS A GREAT TIME AND ALLOWED US TO COME TOGETHER FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE THE MERRITT ISLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMING UP... ON THE FOURTH OF JULY. THIS IS ALWAYS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER TO PUT FORTH A NICE FLOAT AND REPRESENT FREEMASONRY IN THE COMMUNITY. IF ONLY ONE YOUNG MAN SEES US AND IT SPARKS AN INTEREST IN OUR CRAFT: THE PARADE WILL HAVE BEEN WORTH IT. THE FLOAT WILL BE PREPARED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024 AT 6:30 PM AT OUR LODGE. THE MEETING TIME ON JULY 4TH WILL BE 07:45 AM AT THE LODGE. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO BEGIN STAGING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL BY APPROXIMATELY 8:15-8:30. PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT YOUR LODGE, AND YOUR CRAFT AS A WHOLE, AS WE SEEK TO HONOR OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND THE FREEDOMS THAT WE SHARE THANKS TO INSPIRED FREEMASONS WHO GUIDED THE FORMATION OF THIS LAND WE LOVE.

FURTHER, AS THE HEAT IS ONLY INCREASING, I WILL BE LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE DATE FOR A LODGE CLEAN-UP WHEN COOLER WEATHER APPROACHES.

WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL SUMMER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT MERRITT ISLAND #353 IS HERE AND LONGING FOR YOUR FELLOWSHIP!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

AUSTIN COWART
JUNIOR WARDEN

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

W.: M.: ESTES' BROTHER STEPHAN,
BRO. J.: D.: CHRIS LUSSIER,
BRO. J.: W.: COWART'S GRANDFATHER, AND
ALL THOSE THAT GO UNSPOKEN.

Brethren,

Remember that it is incumbent upon us to keep our sick or distressed brothers and sisters in our thoughts and prayers.

CHARITY

Brethren,

In contemplating that great moral charge of Charity, it is imperative that we remember that it is incumbent upon us to give as liberally as our brother's necessities require and our abilities permit.

PETITIONS & PROGRESS

NONE PENDING AT THIS TIME.



SONNY'S COMMUNITY PROCEEDS NIGHT

JULY 17TH AT SONNY'S BAR-B-Q MERRITT ISLAND 4-9PM



Brothers all, families and friends, too! All are invited and suggested to join in on a fun family night of great Bar-B-Q at Sonny's in Merritt Island, where 10% of the dinner proceeds will be donated by Sonny's to Merritt Island Lodge. Just enjoy your dinner and then bring your paid receipt to the lodge exit booth in the restaurant lobby to submit it. It's that simple. See ya all there!

310 N Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32953

PERPETUAL MEMBERS

PAUL AMOS
KEITH AMSDEN
RAYMOND ASHMAN
JAMES BLACKWOOD
LLOYD BLACKWOOD
VIRGIL BROWN JR
WALTER BRYAN II
WILLIAM CLAUS
PHILIP COHEN
NICOLAS COLTON SR.
RICHARD CRAVENS
EUGENE CRAWFORD
SABATO DANIELE
MICHAEL DAVIS
MICHAEL ELLIOTT
RICHARD ELLIS
WILLIAM ELLIS JR
ROBERT EZROW
GLEN FANNIN
CLINTON FARLEY
DANIEL FITCH
DENNIS FITCH
GEORGE C. GASPARD
MICHAEL GIBSON
ROSS GOODFELLOW
JAMES WILLIAMS HAWKINS
JAMES EDWARD HAWKINS
ERIK HOLBERT
EDWARD HOPPER
JAMES HOUGH JR
OLIVER IRLAM

JACK JONES
JOEL KICKBUSCH
THOMAS KRUSE
JULIAN LEWIS III
KEITH MCGREGOR
BENJAMIN MILES
JOHN MILLHOUSE
DANIEL NEAD
EDMUND PERESLUHA II
C VIDYA REDDY
ARVIN ROBERSON
PERRY ROGERS
OLLIE ROSE
FRANK SENDER
RODNEY SMITH
JOHN SMITH
CLAYTON SOREY
GREGORY STEPHENS
JAMES STRICKLAND JR
JOHN SULLIVAN
MICHAEL SWEENEY
JOHN TOMME SR
JAMES TRAMMELL
STEVE WALDEN
BRIAN WELSH
JEFFREY WHITE
RALPH WILKIE
RICHARD WOLFE
JEFFREY WOLFE
JOHN ZHULKE

BIRTHDAYS

JEFFREY ADAIR
KENNETH BALL
JOHN BOLDING
W.: JASON ESTES
DANIEL FITCH
THEODORE FREE
MICHAEL GIBSON
JOHN HEATHERLY
EDWARD HOPPER

JOHN KRUTZ
TIMOTHY LISTON
MICHAEL OVENS
PHILLIP PERRY
JACOB RICHARDSON, JR
OLLIE ROSE
DONALD VARGAS
JEFFREY WOLK

