

# TRESTLE BOARD

Happy Halloween!



## 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

OCTOBER 2: OPEN BOOKS

OCTOBER 5: MASTERS AND WARDENS

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT

OCTOBER 7: STATED COMMUNICATION

OCTOBER 21: STATED COMMUNICATION

# 2024 LODGE OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER	JASON B. ESTES	(321) 514-0911
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
MUSICIAN	JIM HOUGH	(321) 750-3520

## 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. SCHAFER  
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

# OCTOBER 2024 EVENTS

## **OCTOBER 2: OPEN BOOKS**

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

## **OCTOBER 5: MASTERS AND WARDENS**

HOSTED BY BEACH LODGE, NO. 354

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

## **OCTOBER 5: GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT**

SUPPER AT AZAN SHRINE BEGINNING AT 5:00PM FOLLOWED BY TYLED MEETING AT HARBOR CITY LODGE, NO. 318.

## **OCTOBER 7: STATED COMMUNICATION**

MASONIC EDUCATION BY BRO. GEORGE GASPARD

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

## **OCTOBER 21: STATED COMMUNICATION**

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

# NOVEMBER 2024 EVENTS

## **NOVEMBER 2: MASTERS AND WARDENS**

HOSTED BY INDIAN RIVER LODGE, NO. 90

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

## **NOVEMBER 4: STATED COMMUNICATION**

MASONIC EDUCATION BY TBD

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

## **NOVEMBER 6: OPEN BOOKS**

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

## **NOVEMBER 18: STATED COMMUNICATION**

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

# ***MESSAGE FROM THE EAST***

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST BRETHREN,

FALL HAS FINALLY ARRIVED AND WITH IT, HOPEFULLY, SOME COOLER WEATHER! SEPTEMBER WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR OUR LODGE AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYONE THAT WORKED SO HARD OVER THE PAST MONTH. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR DEGREE TEAM ON CONFERRING A GREAT FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE! LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MASTER MASON DEGREE, HOPEFULLY, IN DECEMBER.

OCTOBER MAY NOT BE AS BUSY AS LAST MONTH, BUT WE ARE EXCITED TO GET BACK TO WORK. WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME OUR GRAND MASTER, M.: W.: DONALD COWART, TO OUR 17TH DISTRICT ON OCTOBER 5TH AT THE AZAN SHRINE. CHECK-IN STARTS AT 5:00PM WITH DINNER AT 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY A TYLED MEETING AT HARBOR CITY LODGE. ANY BROTHER INTERESTED IN GOING MUST RSVP TO R.:W.: GREEN OR ONE OF OUR OFFICERS. FLYERS ARE POSTED ON THE OFFICE DOOR.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE IMPORTANT PRACTICES OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS IN GETTING READY FOR THE M.M. DEGREE IN DECEMBER. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE THE NIGHT OF THE DEGREE. IT WILL BE A FANTASTIC NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATION.

THAT IS ALL FROM THE EAST, BROTHERS. AS USUAL, IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU MAY NEED, PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU. HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND THE LODGE!

FRATERNALLY,  
W.: M.: JASON ESTES



# MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST BRETHREN,

WHERE HAS SEPTEMBER GONE?! THE MONTH WAS A BUSY ONE FOR OUR LODGE, BUT ALSO SO VERY REWARDING. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY THANKS TO THE FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE TEAM FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IN PUTTING ON SUCH A MEMORABLE DEGREE FOR OUR BROTHER.

THAT BEING SAID, WE WILL NOW BEGIN PRACTICING FOR THE MASTER MASON DEGREE. PRACTICES REMAIN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7PM UNTIL WE FINISH AND RETIRE FOR REFRESHMENT TOGETHER. TO THAT END, I AM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR PARTS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE DEGREE. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC ROLE THAT YOU WISH TO FILL, PLEASE REACH OUT AND I WILL GLADLY WORK TO GET EVERYONE THE PARTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE. FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, THE DEGREE IS SCHEDULED FOR **DECEMBER 14, 2024**. TIME AND LOCATION ARE TBD.

WE ALSO HAVE THE HONOR OF RECEIVING M:. W:. DONALD COWART, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF FLORIDA, AND HIS PARTY, FOR HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE THUNDERING 17TH MASONIC DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 5TH. CHECK-IN STARTS AT 5:00PM WITH DINNER AT 6:00PM AT THE AZAN SHRINE CENTER IN MELBOURNE; FOLLOWED BY A TYLED MEETING AT HARBOR CITY LODGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER. PLEASE ATTEND IF POSSIBLE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR M:.W:. COWART AND YOUR DISTRICT.

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!!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,  
GEORGE C. GASPARD  
SENIOR WARDEN

# ***MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH***

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH BROTHERS,

WITH OUR FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE AND THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO OUR LODGE COMPLETE, I THINK IT IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT SEPTEMBER WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR MERRITT ISLAND LODGE! I ALSO WANTED TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE BROTHERS WHO HELPED CLEAN AND PREPARE THE LODGE FOR OUR VARIOUS EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER. I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, WHEN THINGS START TO SLOW AND SETTLE DOWN AGAIN, AND THE TEMPERATURE COOLS OFF SLIGHTLY, I WILL KEEP EVERYONE POSTED ON THE PLANNED LODGE CLEANUP DAY.

WE WILL ALSO NEED BROTHERS TO HELP MAKE THE UPCOMING MASTER MASON DEGREE A SUCCESS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO BROTHER S.:W.: TO VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEGREE TEAM. REMEMBER: IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A MASTER MASON!

UNTIL THEN, NOTHING FURTHER IN THE SOUTH.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

AUSTIN COWART  
JUNIOR WARDEN

# **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

BRO. S.:W.:’S MOTHER,  
W.: GENE CRAWFORD, 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.





# *James Arland Strickland, Jr.*

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**11/21/1950 – 08/27/2024**

**James Arland Strickland, Jr., 73 passed away**







**Invitation to the Grand Master's Official Visit to the**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ 17th \_\_\_\_\_ Masonic District (s)**



**M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master**

**Function Date:** Saturday, October 5, 2024 **RSVP By Date:** September 7, 2024

**Hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront **Phone No.** 321-783-9222

**Address:** 2080 N Atlantic Avenue; Cocoa Beach 32931 **Website** <https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/6w35d0>

**Group Name:** District 13 & 17 GMOV **Group Code:** 905

**Rate & Cut Off Date:** \$219 - September 6, 2024

**Registration Time:** 5:00 p.m. **Suggested Attire:** **Business Dress**

**Dinner Time:** 6:00 p.m. **Location:** Azan Shrine; 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd.; Melbourne 32935

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Location:** Harbor City Lodge No. 318; 1715 Avocado Avenue; Melbourne 32935

**Ladies Program Location:** Azan Shrine; 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd.; Melbourne 32935

**Host District Deputy Grand Master:**

**R.:W.:** Matt Green **District:** 17

**Phone No.** 321-610-8731 **Email:** d17ddgm2024@gmail.com

**Host District Deputy Grand Master:**

**R.:W.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Host District Instructor:**

**R.:H.:** Craig Boettcher **District:** 17

**Phone No.** 321-298-2203 **Email:** d17districtinstructor2024@gmail.com

**Host District Instructor:**

**R.:H.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**R.S.V.P. to:** Matt Green

d17ddgm2024@gmail.com

E-Mail Address

**Guest Information:**

**Please include the following information in your RSVP:**

- **Your Name and Title**
- **Lodge Name and Number**
- **Lady's Name (if attending)**
- **Total number attending**



# ***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 WILLIAM 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

ROLAND ROBIN  
EIRIK HOLBERT  
DAVID HENDRY  
BO DINKINS  
TIMOTHY GILLAM  
KELLY CORRIDAN  
THOMAS SAVAGE  
KYLE GILLIARD  
BOBBY GOFORTH

RAYMOND ASHMAN  
ALLEN COWART, SR  
BENJAMIN MILES  
JAMES BODDY  
ROGER HAMILTON  
JAMES HAWKINS  
ROLDANO RIVERA  
HENRY DAVIS  
DONALD PITTMAN

