

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 begins 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

- JUNE 1: MASTERS AND WARDENS
- JUNE 3: STATED COMMUNICATION
- JUNE 5: OPEN BOOKS
- JUNE 17: STATED COMMUNICATION
- JUNE 22: SAINT JOHN'S DAY FESTIVE BOARD

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	1998 ROBERT L. DUFF
1967 DOUGLAS McLAIN	1999 DANIEL E. FITCH
1968 E.L. "LANK" GREEN (1)	2000 FRANKLIN L. GLENN
1969 HARRY A. HENDRY (1)	2001 BARRY R. SCHAFFER
1970 ALFRED N. KEE	2002 SABATO "SAM" DANIELE
1971 JESSIE L. ENGLISH	2003 RAYMOND C. ASHMAN
1972 CLINTON E. DUNN	2004 MICHAEL J. MCAFEE
1973 BERYL E. CLEMENTS	2005 PATRICK KELLY CORRIDAN
1974 J. LAMAR RICHARDSON	2006 JOHN F. MILLHOUSE
1975 ULMER CLELAND	2007 JAMES "JIM" STRICKLAND
1976 PERRY M. ROGERS	2008 EUGENE C. "GENE" CRAWFORD
1977 VERNON G. HITCHCOCK	2009 STEVEN B. WALDEN (1,3,4)
1978 JOHN C. ALEXANDER	2010 THOMAS R. KRUSE (1, 2)
1979 BORIS Y. SKORO	2011 JAMES E. "JIMMY" HAWKINS
1980 A. ARNOLD WAGNER	2012 MICHAEL L. ELLIOTT (1,2,4)
1981 WILSON R. TIMMONS	2013 JOHN MICHAEL BAUERNFEIND
1982 WILLIAM A. CLAUS	2014 ALVIN "CHIP" GIPSON
1983 CYRIL J. CHUPINA	2015 JOHN E. WINCHESTER, III
1984 JEFFREY F. WHITE (1)	2016 MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
1985 VIRGIL P. BROWN	2017 JAMES K. CHARLAND
1986 CARL GOFF (1)	2018 MICHAEL J. OVENS
1987 WILLIAM JOE QUERRY	2019 EIRIK HOLBERT
1988 LLOYD C. BLACKWOOD (1)	2020 DONALD B. VARGAS
1989 JAMES D. RATCLIFFE	2021 DUSTIN A. CELESTIN
1990 JOHN C. SMITH (1, 2)	2022 RICHARD J. CRAVENS
1991 WILLIAM G. ELLIS (1,2,3)	2023 MICHAEL B. KELLY
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	

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



JUNE 2024 EVENTS

JUNE 1: MASTERS AND WARDENS

HOSTED BY PALM BAY LODGE, NO. 397 (AT MELBOURNE LODGE NO. 143)
BREAKFAST STARTS AT 8:00A.M., MEETING STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

JUNE 3: STATED COMMUNICATION

MASONIC EDUCATION BY W.: P. KELLY CORRIDAN
SUPPER BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M., MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

JUNE 5: OPEN BOOKS

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

JUNE 17: STATED COMMUNICATION

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

JUNE 22: SAINT JOHN'S DAY FESTIVE BOARD

HOSTED AT WHISK & GRIND FROM 6:00-8:00PM

JULY 2024 EVENTS

JULY 1: *STATED COMMUNICATION IS CANCELLED*

JULY 3: OPEN BOOKS (TENTATIVELY**)**

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

JULY 4: MERRITT ISLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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

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

JULY 17: FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

HOSTED AT SONNY'S BBQ (MERRITT ISLAND)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST BRETHREN,

HAPPY SUMMER, BRETHREN! SOME LODGES GO DARK OR REALLY SLOW DOWN OVER THE SUMMER, BUT AT MERRITT ISLAND LODGE, WE LIKE TO KEEP ON WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ACTIVITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. WE WILL CELEBRATE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S FEAST DAY BY GETTING TOGETHER FOR DINNER ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, AT WHISK AND GRIND IN MERRITT ISLAND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET W:. JIM CRAVENS OR W:. MIKE KELLY KNOW. THE COST IS \$45 PER PERSON AND WE HAVE SEVERAL WAYS TO PAY. I AM TRULY LOOKING FORWARD TO A FUN NIGHT OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH YOU BROTHERS!

WHY DO WE, AS MASONS, CELEBRATE THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN? I FOUND THIS EXPLANATION ON THE FREEMASONS OF CALIFORNIA WEBSITE: "FROM THE MASONIC PERSPECTIVE, WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE BALANCED DUALISM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST ON ONE SIDE AND JOHN THE EVANGELIST ON THE OTHER. TOGETHER, THEY REPRESENT TWO SIDES OF A COIN: THE PASSIONATE ZEAL OF THE BAPTIST AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF FAITH OF THE APOSTLE. A MASONIC LODGE DEDICATED TO THE TWO PATRON SAINTS OF FREEMASONRY CAN BE SEEN AS A SPACE TO BOTH REFLECT ON AND CHANNEL OUR PASSION. TAKEN AS AN ABSTRACT COMPILATION OF SYMBOLS, THEY REPRESENT A WELL-BALANCED PATH TOWARD ENLIGHTENMENT. EVEN MORE, THEIR FEAST DAYS ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUMMER AND WINTER SOLSTICE-- UNDERSCORING THE SYMBOLIC DUALITY OF THE TWO FIGURES."

OUR LODGE WILL ALSO BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MERRITT ISLAND 4TH OF JULY PARADE. THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM ON THE FLOAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. THE PARADE TAKES PLACE IN THE MORNING, SO THERE IS TIME TO GET BACK TO YOUR OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS! PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF OR ONE OF THE OFFICERS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING-- WE WILL NEED HELP WITH FLOAT CREATION/PREPARATION, AND BROTHERS TO RIDE ON THE FLOAT.

I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING SUMMER. HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND THE LODGE!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
W:. M:. JASON ESTES
(321) 514-0911
JBESTES74@YAHOO.COM

MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST BRETHREN,

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM OUR GRAND COMMUNICATION IN ORLANDO. THANK YOU TO THE BROTHERS WHO CAME OUT FOR SUNDAY NIGHT'S DINNER-A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL! AS TO THE COMMUNICATION ITSELF, WHAT A TRULY AWE-INSPIRING EVENT?! WITH DIGNITARIES AND DELEGATIONS FROM NO LESS THAN TWENTY-TWO DIFFERENT STATES AND/OR COUNTRIES, THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF FELLOWSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE TO BE HAD. I EVEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH M:. W:. GLEN B. BISHOP ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND PRESENT HIM WITH ONE OF OUR NEW LODGE PINS (THAT W:. HAWKINS WORKED ON SO DILIGENTLY TO BRING TO LIFE). M:. W:. BISHOP WAS VERY GRATEFUL AND WE ENJOYED A BRIEF REFLECTION ON HIS VISIT LAST MONTH FOR THE CORNERSTONE LAYING.

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 A DATE TBD IN EARLY JULY. PRACTICES REMAIN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7PM UNTIL WE FINISH AND RETIRE FOR REFRESHMENT TOGETHER.

WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF GREAT EVENTS COMING UP THIS SUMMER:

- **JUNE 22** (FROM 6:00-8:00 P.M.): SAINT JOHN'S FESTIVE BOARD AT WHISK & GRIND IN MERRITT ISLAND.

THE EVENT IS FILLING UP, BUT THERE ARE STILL SEATS TO BE HAD! TICKETS ARE \$45 AND MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. DON'T GET CAUGHT WAITING- CONTACT W:. CRAVENS OR W:. KELLY TO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

- **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 WEEKS 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!!)

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND YOUR TEAMREACH APP FOR COMMUNICATION OF LODGE EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATIVE CONTENT.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
GEORGE C. GASPARD
SENIOR WARDEN

MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH BROTHERS,

THE HEAT HAS ARRIVED EARLIER THAN EVER IN OUR BEAUTIFUL HOME STATE AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO COOL OFF THAN SPENDING TIME AT OUR LODGE WITH BROTHERS?! WE CONTINUE TO GATHER, EVERY THURSDAY, FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TO PRACTICE FOR OUR UPCOMING FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE.

WHILE THE SUMMER TENDS TO BRING A LULL IN MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY, AND OTHER LODGES GO DARK, I AM ALWAYS THANKFUL TO SEE OUR LODGE REMAIN OPEN AND ACTIVE! IT IS ENLIGHTENING THAT SO MANY TRAVELING BROTHERS FIND OUR LODGE TO VISIT WHILE ON VACATION IN THE AREA.

WE HAVE TWO BIG EVENTS ON THE HORIZON AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THEM WITH YOU. FIRST, WE HAVE OUR ST. JOHN'S TABLE LODGE ON JUNE 22 AT THE WHISK AND GRIND. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BROTHERS TO COME TOGETHER FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL (THAT I AM NOT PREPARING) AND AMAZING FELLOWSHIP AS WE REFLECT ON THE RELEVANCE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST TO FREEMASONRY.

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.

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

I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND GRAND LODGE, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WERE WELL REPRESENTED AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORTS.

I ENJOY THE SUMMER TIME 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,
W.: GENE CRAWFORD,
R.: W.: RICHARD AND LADY LOIS WOLFE,
BRO. BEN MILES,
THE LYNCH FAMILY,
THE FAMILY OF BROTHER GREGORY STEPHENS, 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

WELCOME, BROTHER EARL MCMILLAN!

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIFTH
ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION
OF
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA



ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL
MAY 27, 28, and 29, 2024
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

*All flyers in this Program have been approved by
M.W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master*

2024



Merritt Island Lodge, No. 353

Join the Brothers of Merritt Island Lodge in celebrating a Festive Board in commemoration of Saint John the Baptist's Feast Day.

When: Saturday, June 22, 2024,
From 6:00-8:00 PM.

Where: Whisk & Grind
370 N. Courtenay Pkwy.
Merritt Island, Fl 32952

Tickets are available for \$45.00 per person and are REQUIRED for admission. Please contact W.: Mike Kelly or W.: Jim Cravens for tickets.

District 17 Hotdog & Hamburger Extravaganza

A toppings bar to impress!

ONLY
\$15 @ Door
or

Scan QR to pay



Harbor City Lodge No 318
1715 Avocado Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32935



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June
23

11 am
to
2 pm

PERPETUAL MEMBERS

PAUL AMOS	JACK JONES
KEITH AMSDEN	JOEL KICKBUSCH
RAYMOND ASHMAN	THOMAS KRUSE
JAMES BLACKWOOD	JULIAN LEWIS III
LLOYD BLACKWOOD	KEITH MCGREGOR
VIRGIL BROWN JR	BENJAMIN MILES
WALTER BRYAN II	JOHN MILLHOUSE
WILLIAM CLAUS	DANIEL NEAD
PHILIP COHEN	EDMUND PERESLUHA II
NICOLAS COLTON SR.	C VIDYA REDDY
RICHARD CRAVENS	ARVIN ROBERSON
EUGENE CRAWFORD	PERRY ROGERS
SABATO DANIELE	OLLIE ROSE
MICHAEL DAVIS	FRANK SENDER
MICHAEL ELLIOTT	RODNEY SMITH
RICHARD ELLIS	JOHN SMITH
WILLIAM ELLIS JR	CLAYTON SOREY
ROBERT EZROW	GREGORY STEPHENS
GLEN FANNIN	JAMES STRICKLAND JR
CLINTON FARLEY	JOHN SULLIVAN
DANIEL FITCH	MICHAEL SWEENEY
DENNIS FITCH	JOHN TOMME SR
GEORGE C. GASPARD	JAMES TRAMMELL
MICHAEL GIBSON	STEVE WALDEN
ROSS GOODFELLOW	BRIAN WELSH
JAMES WILLIAMS HAWKINS	JEFFREY WHITE
JAMES EDWARD HAWKINS	RALPH WILKIE
ERIK HOLBERT	RICHARD WOLFE
EDWARD HOPPER	JEFFREY WOLFE
JAMES HOUGH JR	JOHN ZHULKE
OLIVER IRLAM	

BIRTHDAYS

ROGER FOWLER
C VIDYA REDDY
FREDERICK SEAWELL
DONALD HOTCHKISS
JUNE FIELDS
CLAYTON CASTETTER

RICHARD ELLIS
DUANE WILSON
ROBERT COCKRILL, IV
GEORGE GASPARD
PERRY ROGERS

