

# TRESTLE BOARD

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AUGUST

## 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

- AUGUST 3: MASTERS AND WARDENS
- AUGUST 5: STATED COMMUNICATION
- AUGUST 7: OPEN BOOKS
- AUGUST 9: SOCIAL EVENT AT VILLAGE IDIOT PUB
- AUGUST 19: STATED COMMUNICATION



# 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
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	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



# 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**

MASONIC EDUCATION BY R.: W.: GREG DAVIS

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 9: SOCIAL EVENT AT THE VILLAGE IDIOT PUB**

JOIN THE VILLAGE IDIOT CREW FOR A GREAT EVENING OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND GREAT MUSIC PROVIDED BY BRO. GOODFELLOW AND HIS BAND.

## **AUGUST 19: STATED COMMUNICATION**

BRO. MICHAEL LESTER'S E.A. CATECHISM PROFICIENCY

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

# SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

## **SEPTEMBER 2: STATED COMMUNICATION**

MASONIC EDUCATION BY BRO. GEORGE GASPARD

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

## **SEPTEMBER 4: OPEN BOOKS**

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

## **SEPTEMBER 5: CALLED COMMUNICATION**

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

DEGREE BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 7:00PM

## **SEPTEMBER 7: MASTERS AND WARDENS**

HOSTED BY CANAVERAL LODGE, NO. 339

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

## **SEPTEMBER 16: 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,

THE SUMMER HAS FLOWN BY AND I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT FOURTH OF JULY!

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE BROTHERS FROM MELBOURNE LODGE, NO.: 143, AND HARBOR CITY LODGE, NO.: 318, COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR STATED MEETING THIS LAST MEETING. MELBOURNE LODGE HAD A GREAT SHOWING AND WAS ABLE TO CLAIM MERRITT ISLAND LODGE'S TRAVELING GAVEL BACK WITH THEM, JUST BEATING OUT HARBOR CITY. WHAT A GREAT NIGHT OF FELOWSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE! I REALLY LOVE THIS TRADITION AND HOPE IT CONTINUES FAR INTO THE FUTURE!

THE FAMILY NIGHT AT SONNY'S BBQ IN MERRITT ISLAND WENT REALLY WELL AND WE HOPE TO SHARE THE AMOUNT RAISED AT THE NEXT STATED MEETING. SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR J::W:: AUSTIN COWART AND W:: JIMMY HAWKINS FOR SETTING THIS GREAT NIGHT UP.

THE VILLAGE IDIOT PUB, IN COCOA VILLAGE, WILL BE HOSTING A SOCIAL EVENT ON AUGUST 9, 2024 FROM 7:00PM TO 12:00A.M. WHICH WILL BENEFIT MERRITT ISLAND LODGE. THERE WILL BE RAFFLE BASKETS TO BID ON FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND BROTHER ROSS GOODFELLOW'S BAND, "CHARMADILLOS," WILL BE ROCKING THE HOUSE UNTIL MIDNIGHT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO THIS NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT END OF SUMMER AND STAY COOL!!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

W:: M:: JASON ESTES

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# MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST BRETHREN,

A HUGE THANK YOU TO BRO. J.:W:. COWART FOR SPEARHEADING THE MERRITT ISLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PREPARATION! I REGRET MISSING THE EVENT, BUT SAW THAT IT WAS LEFT IN VERY DEDICATED AND CAPABLE HANDS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, REPRESENTED MASONRY SO STRONGLY, AND MADE IT SUCH A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

THANK YOU, ALSO, TO W:. JIMMY HAWKINS FOR HIS TIRELESS WORK ON SETTING UP THE FAMILY DINNER NIGHT AT SONNY'S. THERE WAS A WONDERFUL TURNOUT AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT!

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 SEPTEMBER 5, 2024. PRACTICES REMAIN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7PM UNTIL WE FINISH AND RETIRE FOR REFRESHMENT TOGETHER.

WE HAVE SEVERAL EXCITING EVENTS COMING UP:

- **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.
- **AUGUST 19**: BRO. MICHAEL LESTER WILL STAND PROFICIENT AT THE STATED COMMUNICATION AND WILL EARN THE RIGHT TO BE PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOW CRAFT.
- **SEPTEMBER 5**: CALLED COMMUNICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING BRO. MICHAEL LESTER AND A BROTHER FROM BEACH LODGE TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOW CRAFT. THE DEGREE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE SHOW OUT TO SUUPORT YOUR LODGE AND OUR BROTHERS BEING PASSED.

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,

BROTHERS ALL! WE HAVE HAD A GREAT MONTH OF FELLOWSHIP! BETWEEN THE JULY 4TH PARADE, OUR FAMILY NIGHT AT SONNY'S, AND OUR STATED MEETING WHERE OUR BROTHERS FROM MELBOURNE LODGE AND HARBOR CITY LODGE SHOWED OUT IN GREAT NUMBERS, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MASONIC ACTIVITY! IT IS ALSO NICE TO SEE OUR MEMBERS STAY ACTIVE YEAR ROUND!

NOW, WE ALL NEED TO RALLY IN GREAT NUMBERS TO RETRIEVE MERRITT ISLAND'S GAVEL AND BRING IT HOME!

AS ALWAYS, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR MEETINGS AND PRACTICES.

WISHING YOU ALL A GREAT END OF YOUR SUMMER. TRAVEL WELL!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

AUSTIN COWART  
JUNIOR WARDEN

## **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

BRO. J.:W.: COWART,  
BRO. J.: W.: COWART'S GRANDFATHER,  
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.



# 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

ALVIN "CHIP" GIPSON  
DANIEL WHINERY  
KEITH AMSDEN  
MURRELL HUGHETT  
JAMES BLACKWOOD  
EDWARD RHODES  
CHRISTOPHER LUSSIER

DUANE WIGGIN  
RALPH WILKE  
LEONARD SPIELVOGEL  
WILLIAM CLAUS  
LEROY MILLER  
WILLARD SMITH  
MICHAEL "CHRIS" DAVIS

