

# 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

AUGUST 2: MASTERS AND WARDENS

AUGUST 4: STATED COMMUNICATION

AUGUST 6: OPEN BOOKS

AUGUST 18: STATED COMMUNICATION

AUGUST 27: ESOTERIC STUDY GROUP



# 2025 LODGE OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER	GEORGE C. GASPARD	(321) 412-0698
SENIOR WARDEN	AUSTIN D. COWART	(321) 271-6219
JUNIOR WARDEN	R.: W.: GREG DAVIS	(321) 383-1407
TREASURER	W.: JAMES CRAVENS	(312) 927-4651
SECRETARY	ZACH M. WALTERS	(904) 891-6120
SENIOR DEACON	EUGENE B. FILIPOWICZ	(321) 720-4258
JUNIOR DEACON	W.: MICHAEL B. KELLY	(321) 213-0568
SENIOR STEWARD	MICHAEL E. LESTER	(321) 458-8012
JUNIOR STEWARD	JAMES L. ZUHLKE	(321) 537-7210
TYLER	R.: W.: THOMAS R. KRUSE	(321) 544-8440
CHAPLAIN	W.: JAMES E. HAWKINS	(732) 239-7271
MARSHALL	W.: JASON B. ESTES	(321) 514-0911
MUSICIAN	JAMES R. HOUGH	(321) 750-3520

## 2025 COMMITTEES

**ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:** AUSTIN COWART, R.:W.: GREG DAVIS

**BOARD OF RELIEF:** W.: M.: GEORGE GASPARD, W.: JAMES HAWKINS

**CHARITY:** W.: M.: GEORGE GASPARD, W.: JAMES HAWKINS

**COMMUNICATIONS:** W.:M.: GEORGE GASPARD, JOHN CROSSER

**FINANCE:** AUSTIN COWART, ZACH WALTERS

**INVESTIGATION:** W.: M.: GEORGE GASPARD, AS NEEDED

**LODGE PROPERTY:** R.:W.: GREG DAVIS, JAMES ZUHLKE

**MASONIC EDUCATION:** W.: JAMES HAWKINS, EUGENE FILIPOWICZ

**MEMBER WELL-BEING:** W.: JAMES HAWKINS, EUGENE FILIPOWICZ

**PETITIONS:** R.:W.: GREG DAVIS, R.: W.: TOM KRUSE

**VIGILANCE:** R.:W.: GREG DAVIS, W.: JAMES HAWKINS

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** W.:M.: 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  
2024 JASON B. ESTES

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



# AUGUST 2025 EVENTS

## **AUGUST 2: MASTERS AND WARDENS**

HOSTED BY BREVARD LODGE, NO. 113

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

## **AUGUST 4: STATED COMMUNICATION**

MASONIC EDUCATION BY BRO. EUGENE FILIPOWICZ

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

## **AUGUST 6: OPEN BOOKS**

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

## **AUGUST 18: STATED COMMUNICATION**

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

## **AUGUST 27: ESOTERIC STUDY GROUP MEETING**

MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE LODGE

# SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS

## **SEPTEMBER 1: \*\*STATED COMMUNICATION CANCELLED\*\***

## **SEPTEMBER 3: OPEN BOOKS**

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

## **SEPTEMBER 6: MASTERS AND WARDENS**

HOSTED BY PALM BAY LODGE, NO. 397

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

## **SEPTEMBER 15: STATED COMMUNICATION**

MASONIC EDUCATION BY TBD

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

## **SEPTEMBER 17: SONNY'S LODGE FUNDRAISER**

310 N. COURTENAY PKWY, MERRITT ISLAND, FL

DINNER FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

# ***MESSAGE FROM THE THREE PILLARS***

GREETINGS BRETHREN,

JULY HAS BEEN AN AMAZING MONTH FOR MERRITT ISLAND LODGE! STARTING WITH A VERY SUCCESSFUL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE; FOLLOWED BY ONE HECK OF A SEND OFF-- BIDDING OUR CHERISHED MUSICIAN, BRO. JAMES R. HOUGH, JR., A FOND FAREWELL AS HE RELOCATES TO BE CLOSER TO FAMILY; AND, FINALLY, A WONDERFUL RECEPTION OF OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, R.: W.: CRAIG R. BOETTCHER, AND HIS PARTY, AS HE PAID US OUR FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT DURING HIS TENURE. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE BROTHERS WHO PUT IN THE WORK TO DECORATE THE FLOAT, PARTICIPATE, AND PREPARE TO RECEIVE R.:W.: BOETTCHER-- IT TAKES A TEAM TO KEEP OUR LODGE RUNNING AS SUCCESSFULLY AS IT RUNS AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT **YOU!**

AUGUST WILL SEE US VOTING ON THE THE PETITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT FROM BRO. VICTOR ANDERSON AND BRO. THOMAS CASTELLUCCI AT THE FIRST STATED COMMUNICATION ON AUGUST 4, 2025. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL BE PRESENTING AT LEAST ONE LONG-TIME SERVICE AWARD AT OUR SECOND STATED COMMUNICATION. COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR BROTHERS AS THEY SEEK TO RE-JOIN OUR RANKS AND CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THIS FRATERNITY OVER THE DECADES!

FINALLY, AS ALWAYS, PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE TEAMREACH APPLICATION!! TEAMREACH HAS OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON IT AND ALL LODGE EVENTS ARE COMMUNICATED VIA THE APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET JOINED OUR GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER OR BRO. S.: W.: COWART FOR ACCESS!

FRATERNALLY YOURS,  
YOUR THREE PILLARS

# SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

BRO. JAMIE HAWKINS, AND  
ALL THOSE WHO 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

Bros. Victor Anderson and Thomas Castellucci have petitioned for reinstatement after suspension. An investigation committee has been formed. A vote will be held on August 4, 2025 at the Stated Communication.









# JIM "THE MUSIC MAN" HOUGH

**Merritt Island  
Lodge Musician  
1986-2025**







# R.:. W.:. CRAIG R. BOETTCHER'S 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICIAL VISIT TO MERRITT ISLAND LODGE





## **SONNY'S COMMUNITY PROCEEDS NIGHT**

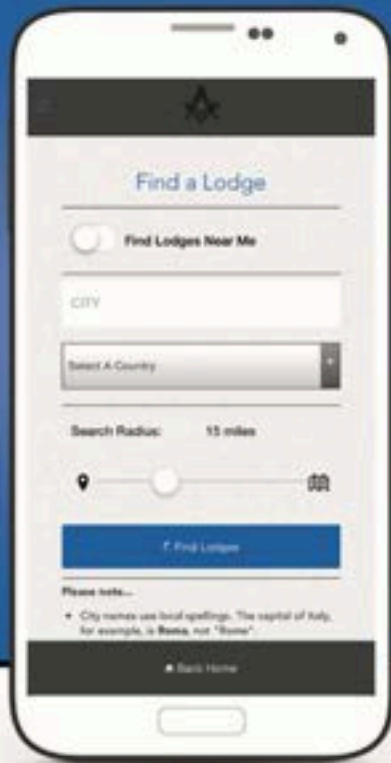
**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> AT SONNY'S BAR-B-Q MERRITT ISLAND 4-9PM**



**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'll there!**

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# PERPETUAL MEMBERS

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KEITH AMSDEN	ROBERT EZROW	JOSEPH MELCHIOR	THOMAS STUART, SR.
JAMES APPLEBY	GLENN FANNIN	JACOB MELLINGER	JOHN SULLIVAN
CHARLES ASHFORD	CLINT FARLEY	BENJAMIN MILES	MICHAEL SWEENEY
RAYMOND ASHMAN	DANIEL FITCH	JOHN MILLHOUSE	JOHN THOMAS
CHARLES BISHOP, JR.	DENNIS FITCH	KERRY MOSS	JOHN TOMME, SR.
JAMES BLACKWOOD	RODGER FOWLER	JAMES MUNDHENK	JAMES TRAMMELL
LLOYD BLACKWOOD	GEORGE GASPARD	HERMAN MURARIU	WILLIAM VON PLOENNIES
VIRGIL BROWN, JR.	MICHAEL GIBSON	DONALD NEAD	STEVEN WALDEN
WALTER BRYAN	FRANKLIN GLENN	EDMUND PERESLUHA, II	ANTHONY WANGER
WALTER BRYAN, II	CARL GOFF	MITCHELL PORTER	JOHN WAYNE
RICHARD BURBANK	ROSS GOODFELLOW	RONALD PURCELL	BRIAN WELSH
HOLLACE CHASTAIN	ELMER GREEN	JAMES RATCLIFFE	JEFFREY WHITE
GLENN CHURCH	JAMES HAWKINS	C VIDYA REDDY	RALPH WILKIE
WILLIAM CLAUS	JAMES HAWKINS, JR.	RALPH RICE, SR.	JEFFREY WOLFE
PHILIP COHEN	MICHAEL HAWORTH	ARVIN ROBERSON	RICHARD WOLFE
MICHAEL COLLINS	WILLIAM HEADLEY	ELWYN ROBINSON	JOHN ZUHLKE
NICHOLAS COLTON, SR.	VERNON HITCHCOCK	PERRY ROGERS	
ROBERT COVEL, JR.	EIRIK HOLBERT	OLLIE ROSE	
AUSTIN COWART	EDWARD HOPPER	THOMAS SAVAGE	
GEORGE COWART, SR.	JAMES HOUGH, JR.	WILLIAM SCHROEDER	
RICHARD CRAVENS, JR.	OLIVER IRLAM	LOUIS SCOTT	
EUGENE CRAWFORD	JACK JONES	FRANK SENDER	
R. BRUCE CUMMINGS	JOEL KICKBUSCH	WARREN SERVATT	
SABATO DANIELE	THOMAS KRUSE	BARRY SHAFFER	
GEORGE DARBY	BRUCE LAUBENHEIMER	JOHN SKINNER	
HENRY DAVIS	JULIAN LEWIS, III	JOHN SMITH	
MICHAEL DAVIS	JULIUS LORENZEN	RODNEY SMITH	
ROBERT DUFF	STEPHEN MANGUM	CLAYTON SOREY	
MICHAEL ELLIOTT	JOHN MARKLE	ROBERT SOWDEN, SR.	
RICHARD ELLIS	WILBURN MCCLELLAN	GREGORY STEPHENS	
WILLIAM ELLIS, JR.	KEITH MCGREGOR	CURTIS STICKLE	
LAURENCE ESKELL			

# BIRTHDAYS

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

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