

INDIAN RIVER LODGE NUMBER 90 F & AM

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FROM THE EAST

Gentlemen, as my term in the illustrious chair dwindles down, I reflect upon a year of excitement for Indian River 90. While I come to terms with all of the 'possibilities' that did not come to fruition, I am reminded of all of the good we have done in the community and for our own lodge and members.

I would like to thank every Brother and Sister of this fraternity this year for sharing many great meals, ceremonies, laughs, parties and awards. Men have studied harder this year, they put in more physical labor, more charity and have been friendly to one another. I've seen so much great Masonry at 90 that I cannot be any prouder to serve this lodge.

For December's Meeting, there will not only be an Ugly Sweater Competition, but will also incorporate a white elephant gift exchange! (For all those participating, there is a \$20 max budget.)

Ugly sweater, gift exchange, Elections 12/11
Wreath Laying, Canaveral Nat. Cemetery 12/13
25'-26 Officers Appreciation Party 12/18

Brian Carter,
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

From The West,

Brothers, here we are, yet again at another year's end. I have no idea where this year went. As a Lodge, I think we got quite a bit done this year, but more work is needed. As of this writing, the City of Titusville is finally fixing our parking lot. Thanks to a very generous donation from an anonymous Brother, we've replaced the lights in the dining area with new LED lighting with the Lodge Room to follow. What a difference proper lighting makes.

I'd like to congratulate our incoming officers. Thank you for your service to Freemasonry and Indian River 90. We've got a lot of good project ideas coming in for 2026. We're always looking for new and fun things to do. This is where YOU come in: If you have any ideas about what you'd like to see your Lodge do, reach out and talk to us. We're always looking for ways to get our names and faces out into the community and maybe you have just the idea we've all been looking for.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's make Lodge participation a New Years resolution for 2026.

Fraternally,
Sam Rogero, SW

Committees & Committee Chairman

Finance Committee	Sam Rogero
Vigilance Committee	Brandon Windsor
Petitions Committee	Sam Rogero
Masonic Education	Matt Hanks, PM
Board of Relief	WM Brian Carter
Charity	Randy Klaus, PM
Lodge Property	Brandon Windsor

New Members:

MM Catechism – William Murray
EA Catechism – Stephen Morin, Kiran Ramgas
4 Petitions Received: Konjevich, Stiritz, Owens, McGuire

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2025

Worshipful Master	Brian Carter (Sarah)	321-890-5830
Senior Warden	Sam Rogero	321-480-8119
Junior Warden	Brandon Windsor	321-544-1775
Treasurer	Greg Maruna (Billie Jo)	330-608-4620
Secretary	Matt Hanks (Shannon)	321-503-2846

APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 2025

Senior Deacon	Terry Andrews	
Junior Deacon	Brian Stoll	
Senior Steward	Jesse Tibbets	
Junior Steward	Jim Kirby	
Chaplain	Mike Corey	321-431-5461
Marshall	Eric Hall	
Tyler	Louis Fields, PDDGM	

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South!

My Brothers, I hope each of you has a great Thanksgiving spent with loved ones. The next big one is Christmas! I've signed us up to be a drop location for Toys for Tots and hope that in this season of giving you would be able to lend a hand in bringing some Christmas joy to underprivileged children in our community. Toys for Tots was started in 1947 when a Marine was ordered by his wife to donate a few handcrafted dolls to an agency that supports children in need of some holiday cheer. Upon discovering no such agency existed, Major Bill Hendricks started one! In 1947 his Marine Reserve unit collected and distributed over 5,000 toys in Los Angeles. Please bring in a packaged toy at our next Stated Meeting as the pickup is December 19th!

Many Brothers have asked what we can do to be more visible in the community. Toys for Tots and another organization, Wreaths Across America, can help give us more exposure. At the last Stated Meeting we voted to donate as a Lodge, as well as several Brothers out of their own pocket, enough money to support the placing of several dozen wreaths at the gravesites of veterans at our local National Cemetery on December 13th. If you would like to be involved, get in touch with one of the officers of the Lodge.

"Charity is the brightest jewel in the Masonic crown; Charity is the Corinthian pillar whose entablature adds strength, beauty and grace to the Masonic fabric."

- W. Robert Clegg

Mason of the Month
Bill Butcher

Charity of the Month
Wreaths Across America

Indian River #90 Board Of Relief

The Relief Committee meets every Tuesday morning from 9 to approximately 10:30 am just for coffee refreshments at the Lodge. We don't have meetings. We just have social hour. We also keep up on information on our fellow members and families.

In sisterly love,
Barbara Carter

THE SECRETARY'S COMPASS

Your 2026 dues have been sent and are due by 12/27/25. Please do what you can to ensure this is paid for on time. We have kept the dollar value of dues low enough to pay for our expenses while still supporting the community in different ways. We have bigger expenses at the start of the year to include taxes, insurance, fire services, and Grand Lodge per capita.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. It has been a great learning experience and I'm so proud of everything we have accomplished this year. You all make our lodge Great!

Matt Hanks, PM
Secretary

The Rites

Titusville club will meet on 12/9 and have a festive meal at 7 pm.

The Orlando Valley's November Meeting will be open on 12/12 at 6:30pm. RSVP Required as this will be a Christmas Dinner and Production.

York Rite will be hosting a Christmas Observance at Harbor City on 12/6 at 6:30 pm. Suggested donation of \$25 ea. Per person for Dinner.

AZAN Shrine

Azan Christmas Party 12/19 at the Melbourne Temple, 5 pm

Are you a great character interested in learning more about becoming a Shriner? Take the first step and reach out to Todd Forschino at Canaveral Masonic Lodge, 321-588-1910, or call Azan Shrine at 321-259-5302. You can become a Shriner as a Master Mason, go through the cold sands, and start attending our meetings.

Sickness & Distress

As we go through each day, we come across our Brothers and Sisters who have fallen ill, or who find themselves in distress and need good thoughts and prayers sent their way. This space provides a listing of people who need our thoughts and prayers, or perhaps a friendly call to let them know they are thought of. Let the Worshipful Master or Secretary know who we can add to this list.

Barbara Carter - a procedure
Amber Forshino Pete Super

Trestle Board Boosters

Brothers, this is a place we will honor those who donate to help offset the costs of the Trestle Board. If you would like to be added to this list, please let the Secretary know.

Edward Wilson	Louis Fields	Jerry Johnson	Jerry & Sue Ann Reynolds
Ken Kelly	Stanlee Levine	Bill Macken	Randy Klaus
Jim Prevatt	David Norris	Jack McDonald	Martin Antonio
Greg Seaman	Gary Tittle	Dale Wolf	Thomas & Jolene Corbin
Kyle Cannamore	Nathan Herman	Gerald Pierce	David Celli

December Birthdays

Martin Robert Antoniono, Judson C Bailey Jr, John Marcel Beasley, Daryl DeBaets, Louis Fields, David Lance Fitts, Darrell Howard Hamilton, John Hillman Jr, James Paul Hutson, Constantino Dionisio Karfitsas, Mark Allen Kersey, William Patrick Macken, Gregory Maruna, Alva William Medbery Jr, James Clifford Parkman, John Leslie Richards Jr, Randel Rodriguez, Eric Lowell Rollie, Michael Eugene Sestile, Brian Thomas Stoll, Kenneth Jerry Stowe Terry David, Thompson, Reed Scharr Webb

District 17 Happenings & Special Events

Please check out the New District 17 website for information around the District. The first Saturday of every month is Masters and Wardens, a forum where each of the nine lodges come together over breakfast and discuss current events. All Masons are welcomed to attend. See Calendar for Info. <https://thunderingdistrict.wixsite.com/seventeen>

The 17th District also has a new Facebook Private group: "Thundering 17th Masonic District"

The Night Before Christmas, Down At the Lodge

'Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the Lodge
Not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge

Of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West
you could savor the silence, most gladly divest

All metal and mineral, it mattered not,
since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot

In the hearth of your homestead, all Masons abed,
as visions of trestle boards danced in their head;

When up on the roof there arose such a clatter,
Our Tiler jumped up to see what was the matter!

He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door,
three knocks shook the panels - he wondered 'What for?'

He answered the knocking with, raps of his own,
and once the door opened he saw, with a moan

Of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red
Except for one notable feature Instead!

Upon his large finger lie wore what we knew
was compass and square on a background of blue!

'Why Santa!' he shouted and lowered his blade
'I see you're a Mason!' the Tiler relayed.

He looked toward the Master's most dignified chair
and said, voice near trembling, 'Most Worshipful there

Is a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!'
The Master replied, 'Let's allow him - but wait!

You tell me a Gentleman, but I don't see
His Apron beneath that red suit, can it be

Our visitor hasn't been properly raised?
Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased?

'I do beg your pardon,' old' Santa said quick
As he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick

But a cane with, engraving, two balls did appear
and oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear!

Adorned like the Master' complete with a sign
Of "Lodge Number One, the North Pole" on one line!

"Now let man enter," the Master declared,
and once in the Lodge room the Brethren all stared,

For Santa was wearing a jewel not seen
for many a century - there in between

The fur of his coat and the splendid red collar
gleamed two golden reindeer that shone like a dollar!

"It's Donner and Blitzen, who, I must confess
Are actually images brought from the West

By my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!"
And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled

An ear of fine corn and some oil from the east,
"My friend I have plenty, tonight we will feast

On all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir!"
A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir,

As presents and promises flew from his sack
This Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack

For making this Christmas the best you could glean,
And soon even Deacons were laughing, they'd seen

On this very night only happiness reigned!
This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained

That only a Mason could be so inclined
to make all kids happy, make all people find

**A Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right!
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!**



Living & Still Breathing Past Masters

1976 – Brent Cull
 1981 - Joe Fowler, Jr.
 1985 – Keith Hendrix
 1988 – Thomas Corbin
 1991 – Darrell Hamilton
 1993 – William Macken
 1994 – Gregory Davis
 1997 – John Palmer
 1998 – Jerry Reynolds
 1999 – James Cheek

2002 – Silas Mullins
 2004 – Barry McAmis
 2005 – Dennis Stowe
 2006 – John Hillman
 2007 – James Kolb
 2008 – Robert Headley
 2009 – Ben S. Schwartz
 2011 - Jeffrey Bills
 2012 - Jack McDonald
 2013 - Gene Bryer

2014 - Daryl DeBaets
 2015 - Michael Fisher
 2016 - Peter Super
 2017 - Randy Klaus
 2018 - Louis Fields
 2019 - Greg Seaman
 2020 - Ken Kelly
 2021 - Darrell McCall
 2022 - Greg Maruna
 2023 - Matt Hanks
 2024 - Eric Hall

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Board of Relief Coffee Hour, 9 am	3 Open Books Harbor City Lodge No. 318, 6 pm	4	5	6 Masters and Wardens Gateway Lodge No. 384, <i>Breakfast 8 am, Mtg 9 am</i>
7	8 Gateway #384 <i>7:30 pm mtg</i>	9 Board of Relief Coffee Hour, 9 am Titusville Scottish Rite	10	11 Stated Meeting Ugly Sweater Competition <i>6:00 pm dinner 7:00 pm mtg</i>	12	13 Wreath Laying TITUSVILLE HOLIDAY PARADE 6:00 PM
14 HANNUKAH BEGINS	15	16 Board of Relief Coffee Hour, 9 am	17	18	19	20 PORT ST. JOHN CHRISTMAS PARADE 11:00 AM
21	22	23 Board of Relief Coffee Hour, 9 am	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Lodge is Dark	26 HAPPY KWANZA	27
28	29	30 Board of Relief Coffee Hour, 9 am	31	January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 Lodge Officer Installation 1 pm