

Master Mason's Association – 27th District
Minutes of September 22nd, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President W. Douglas Dobbs at 6:45M with Flag Salute and Prayer with 32 members present at Braidentown Lodge No. 99, host company Palmetto Lodge No. 110.

On Monday, September 19th, 15 Brothers from Phoenix Lodge No. 346, traveled to Manatee Lodge No. 31 and picked up the Traveling Gavel.

Sickness & Distress: RW Eric West's funeral will be Saturday, September 24th at Venice Lodge No. 301 at 2PM, Gary Snyder from Phoenix Lodge No. 346 is in Doctor's Hospital, Room 511 and would like visitors. He has been there for over a week with a heart attack and kidney failure. He is doing much better.

A motion was made by President Dobbs and seconded to wave the reading of August 25th meeting as they are posted on the District 27 Website with one correction, the October meeting will be held at Venice Lodge No. 301 instead of Palmetto Lodge No. 110 Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: RW Wermann reported that there were no changes in in balances as of August 25th, 2016 of \$1547.95 plus \$372.00 set aside for youths from the Baseball Game plus un-deposited funds of \$40.00, leaving a true balance of \$1959.95, leaving \$1,587.95 available balance.

Lodge Reports: Manatee Lodge No. 31: Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays. Saturday, September 24th 10AM to 2PM Circumscribe Registrations at the Lodge, BRING CURRENT DUES CARDS. Monday, September 26th, 7PM, FC Degree. Tom Carter Degree Master. October 8th, Special Olympics Bowling at AMF Lanes, Bradenton, Volunteer's needed. Please register with Bro. Bill Dunning (941-504-5195 or vernell.electronics1@verizon.net). Sunday, October 23rd, 3PM, Masonic Play "A Rose Upon the Altar, open to the public, free for all. Officer's meeting 2nd Mondays at 6PM, Degree practices off Mondays and every Wednesday at 6PM.

Braidentown Lodge No. 99: Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, EA Degree, Saturday, September 28th at 5PM.

Palmetto Lodge No. 110: Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30PM.

Sarasota Lodge No. 147: Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays – 7:30PM. Fish Fry Dinner, Saturday, September 24th – 1130AM – 3:30PM, all you can eat \$10.00. EA Degree, Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30PM.

Venice Lodge No. 301: Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30PM. September 25th, 4PM Lady Wendy Kearney will be having a fund raiser dinner for the Masonic Home Friends without family Christmas Party dinner is only \$10.00. September 26th EA Degree canceled, only practice at 7PM. September 28th, Master Mason 123 Class at 6PM, open to all Master Masons. September 30th, Past Master's Dinner at 7PM, dinner menu will be lasagna, salad, dessert, tea or coffee. Saturday, October 1st, Nav-A-Gator lunch and Peace River Cruise rescheduled from 9/24/016. Saturday, October 8th, Master Mason Degree at 8:30 AM, See W. Lou Kelly if you can help out. Monday, October 24th, Degree Practice. October 21st -23rd Venice Sun Fiesta. Rainbow Girls Meeting on October 13th & 23rd. DeMolay Meeting October 13th & 27th.

Phoenix Lodge No. 346: Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM. Spaghetti Dinner and Dancing Saturday, September 24th – 6PM. Master Mason Degree – Saturday, November 19th, Breakfast at 7AM, Flag Salute and Prayer at 8AM, lunch furnished. Grand Master's Dinner: Sahib Shrine Center 5PM, Registration, Dinner 6:30PM. Called Communication and Tyled meeting with M.W. Stanley L. Hudson at Phoenix Lodge No. 346 to follow after dinner.

Englewood Lodge No. 360: Stated Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:30PM. No Report

North Port Lodge 406: Stated Meeting 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30PM. No report

Old Business: Scottish Rite Recognition Night on September 12th with dinner was very well received with over 250 guests and honoring the Sitting Masters and Youth Groups with the Grand Master being present.

New Business: Open Books is going to be on the 2nd Saturday of each month 9-11 Masonic Leadership Education by PM Gene Marinelli, date to be announced later. Master Mason 123 – Venice Lodge No. 301 6PM open to all Master Masons

We will be voting on the new slate for 2017 officers at our October meeting on October 27th at Venice Lodge No. 301. Let's have a big showing at our last meeting for this year.

Nominations for Offices:

President – Gary Hall

Vice President – Gene Marinelli

Secretary – Derl Smith

Treasurer – John Wermann

Brother J.J. Albritton would like to withdraw his name from the running as a Officer of MMA.

A motion was made and seconded to give RW Albert Dahlberg a check for \$1200.00 to help with the cost of dinner for the GM visit on the 14th of October. Motion carried.

The Scottish Rite Reunion is on October 29th and November 5th starting at 7AM in Tampa.

The next Master Mason Assn. meeting for October will be held on October 27th at Venice Lodge No. 301 starting at 6:45 PM with District School of Instructions to follow at 7:30PM.

No further business at this time, meeting adjourned at 7:30PM with prayer and District School of Instructions to follow in the lodge room with D.I. Ron Baber with Prayer. The Proper way to Ballot for new candidates was shown by some Brothers participating. No further business at this time, School of Instructions then closed with Prayer at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Derl Smith, Secretary