

MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION - 23RD DISTRICT
Minutes of July 27th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Gene Marinelli at 6:45 PM with Prayer and Flag Salute with 36 Members Present at Venice Lodge No. 301.

Sickness & Distress: Gene Scheuring, SW from Venice is in the hospital.

Minutes of June 22nd, 2017, motion made and seconded to suspend with the reading of the minutes as they are posted on District 23 Website. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Not available.

Lodge Reports:

Manatee Lodge No. 31 - Stated meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays. August 7th - Steak Night 6PM, meeting 7:30PM. August 21st - Jr. Warden's Choice - 6PM Dinner - Crime Prevention Task Force 7PM and stated meeting 7:30PM. Master Mason Degree Training on off Mondays.

Peace River Lodge No. 66 - Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:30PM. One meeting during the summer months. No Report.

Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115 - Stated meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays , No Report.

Sarasota Lodge No. 147 - Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30PM, Dinners 6:45PM, Tuesday, August 1st EA Degree. Tuesday, August 15th - Degree Practice. Saturday August 26th 9AM - 1PM Open books. Saturday August 26th 1PM - 3PM Sarasota DeMolay. Tuesday, August 29th - 7 PM Degree Practice. DDGM 23rd District Official Visit on August 22nd.

Venice Lodge No. 301- Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30PM. August 7th, meeting dark. Family dinner August 21st 6PM DDGM Official Visit. Order DeMolay & Rainbow Girls 7PM on August 10th & 14th. Master Mason Degree on August 19th at 9AM.

Phoenix Lodge No. 346 - Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. August 1st, dinner speaker at 6:30PM is Sarasota City Commissioner Liz Alpert. August 15th dinner speaker at 6:30PM is Selah Freedom, in Human Trafficking, issues locally.

Englewood Lodge No. 360 -Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30PM.
Dinners at 6:30PM. Chicken BBQ 2nd & 4th Sundays ,11:30AM till 1:30PM. A Little Trivia: George Washington became a Master Mason in 1753.
North Port Lodge No. 406: No Report

West Coast Lodge No. 409: Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:30PM. August 14th - Steak Dinner at 6:30PM. August 17th & 23rd Masonic Night with the Bradenton Marauders. Hospitality starts at 5:30PM, all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips and soda or water. Cost #22.00.
August 28th - Junior Warden's cooking 6:30PM dinner.

Liberty Lodge No. 412: Stated Meeting at Manatee Lodge No. 31, 2nd Saturday of each month at 9AM. F.C. Degree August 19th 8AM at Manatee 31.

Don't forget the Grand Master's Visit on Saturday August 12th at the Sarasota Fair Grounds, Potter Building, Fruitville Road, Sarasota , starting at 5PM. Let's have a great turnout for the Grand Master. The dinners are free and each lodge has to pay according to their membership.

New Business:

Here will be nominations at the next meeting for officers for 2018, so it will be a very important meeting. Please try to attend. August meeting will be held at Englewood Lodge No. 360.

District 23 Child I.D Program is in need of donations.

Hope those who went to the Pulled Pork Challenge at the Shrine had a good time, this was for a fund raiser for the Grand Master's Visit, so lodges would have less to pay.

CHARITY QUARTER AUCTION: Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Proceeds to CMGT Philip P Fessenden Memorial Fund. American Legion Post 113 , 3436 Indiana Road, Rondonda West. Fl. 33937. Doors Open at 6PM, starts at 7PM. Must be 18 years or older and is open to the public.

No further business at this time, meeting adjourned at 7:30PM with Prayer.
District School of Instructions to follow immediately in the lodge room.

Respectfully Submitted, Derl Smith, Secretary