

Master Mason Association - 23rd District
Minutes of August 24th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Gene Marinelli at 6:45PM with Prayer and Flag Salute with 20 members present at Englewood Lodge No. 360.

Sickness & Distress: RW John Wermann is in the hospital, will be there for a few days, we are unsure of his illness.

Minutes of July 27th, 2017, motion made an seconded to suspend with the reading of the minutes as they are posted on District 23 Website. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking account as of July 27th, 2017 was \$1,319.95 with deposit of \$1,264.00 from the Pulled Pork fund raiser on July 31st and a donation by the Motor Corps of \$200.00. A check written for \$2,200.00 for the Grand Master's Official Visit on August 12th, leaving a balance of \$211.95 that is spendable. Total balance in checking account is \$583.95. The difference of \$372.00 is to be used only for the Youth Group.

Lodge Reports: Manatee Lodge No. 31 - Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30PM. Dark September 4th. Lodge Clean Up September 2nd 8AM-12 Noon. 9/11 Master Mason Practice, September 18th Stated Meeting, dinner 6PM, JW Choice, meeting 7:30PM. September 25th: Master Mason Degree Practice, Degree to be scheduled in October. October 30th - Manatee Night, Bingo Halloween Theme.

Peace River Lodge No. 66 - Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30PM, no report.

Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115 - Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursdays - 7:30PM, no report.

Sarasota Lodge No. 147 - Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30PM. Tuesday, 9/7 PM Degree Practice, Saturday 9/9 Lodge Cleanup 9AM, Tuesday 9/12 7:30PM Stated Meeting, Education: Br Stephen Garcia , 6:45 PM Dinner, Tuesday 9/19 7PM Degree Practice, Saturday 9/23rd 12-2PM Widows Appreciation Lunch. Tuesday 9/26 - 7:30PM Stated Meeting, DDGM Official Visit, 6:45PM Dinner. Saturday 9/30, 9AM -1PM Open Books. October 17th at 7:30PM E. A. Degree.

Venice Lodge No. 301 - Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30PM. Monday, 9/4 Dark, Labor Day. 9/18 - Stated Meeting 7:30PM, Family Dinner 6PM.

Phoenix Lodge No. 346 - Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30PM. Dinner 6:30PM. September 5th DDGM Official Visit, Dinner Speaker will be Elected State Attorney, Ed Brodsky. September 19th Dinner Speaker will be LOSNA Queen Carol Hart and some of her court. Learn the secrets of the White Fez. Carol also has an "in" with a Masonic Jewelry Dealer and you can check out what she can offer and the savings you get. Never pay Retail! September 21st: First Grotto meeting of the year will be held at Sahib Shrine Center just after Queen of Hearts drawing. October 7th - Carrabbas fundraiser for Phoenix Lodge. Scottish Rite Reunion starts October 21st, so get those petitions in!

Englewood Lodge No. 360 - Stated Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30PM. Dinners at 6:30PM. Chicken BBQ 2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30AM - 1:30PM.

North Port Lodge No. 406 - No Report

West Coast Lodge No. 409 - Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Mondays. September 11th - Dinner at 6:30PM.

Liberty Lodge No. 412 - Stated Meeting at Manatee Lodge No. 31 - 2nd Saturday of each month at 9AM.

Old Business: President Gene Marinelli asked for volunteers for Officers for next year and no one did at this meeting and he said to bring names in for the September meeting. We need a President, Vice President, Secretary and a question mark for Treasurer as RW Wermann is in the hospital. We have to have the elections in September and install them in October because we do not have meeting in November and December.

The president reported on the Pulled Park Fund Raiser as being a huge success and plan on having 2 fund raisers next year to raise money for the Grand Master's Official Visit. Possibility of having a Chili Cook off in February and another pulled port in the fall.

R.W. Rusty Glendenning reported on the By-laws for the Master Mason Assn that has to be brought current due to the change in the district number was changed from 27 to 23. He said he would be willing to do this and also he reported that we will have to form a committee and elect 4 Board of Directors, and have membership applications for each member..

At this time a motion was made and seconded to change the by-laws and bring them up to date. Motion carried.

Last but not least: A very important date to remember: Monday, September 11th: Special dinner and meeting in Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Florida 33634 Telephone 813-886-0578 honoring All Sitting Worshipful Masters in our jurisdiction, Girl Scouts, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. There will be a Memorial Service in honor of the 16th Anniversary of 911 and Guest Speakers. This is an Open Meeting so be sure and bring your Lady, Prospects and guest, only \$10.00 for a great dinner and evening. Please RSVP with your Secretary and have him call me with a total and will make the reservations for you. This is a great evening, so don't miss out on a wonderful program and dinner.

No further business at this time. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM with Prayer. District School of Instruction to follow immediately in the lodge room.

Respectfully Submitted

Derl Smith, Secretary

