



**HARBOR CITY LODGE NO. 318 F. & A. M.**

**TRESTLE BOARD DECEMBER 2025**

**Established: April 21, 1954 A.D., 5954 A.L.**

**1715 Avocado Ave. Melbourne, FL (321-537-0113)**

**Mailing address: 1963 Cato Ct., Indialantic. FL; 32903-2518**

Stated Communications: Second and Fourth Tuesdays.

Dinner at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:30 PM

Lodge web site: <http://www.harborcity318.com>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/HarborCity318?mibextid-JRoKGi>

**17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District of the**

**Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida F. & A. M.**

Grand Master: M.:W.: Taleb T. Atala-- [taliatala@grandlodgefl.com](mailto:taliatala@grandlodgefl.com)

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District 17 website: <https://thunderingdistrict.wixsite.com/seventeen>

District 17 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thundering17>

DDGM, RW Craig Boettcher wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

## **Worshipful Master's Message**

My Brothers,

As 2025 draws to a close, I would like to thank the Brethren of Harbor City Lodge for allowing me to serve as their Worshipful Master this past year. It has been an honor and a pleasure.

I want to thank the Brethren for putting together and delivering Thanksgiving Baskets to 32 needy families. The Lodge will hold a Christmas party at The Haven on December 13, 2025. A gift list for the children is on-line at [Haven Christmas List 2025](#). The Thanksgiving and Christmas activities are very worthwhile charities, and your support is greatly appreciated.

We had a very successful Table Lodge, held on November 11 with 82 Brothers, visitors and guests. We also had the honor of having 12 members of the Eugene C. Johnson Lodge No. 318 PHA join in the festivities.

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### **HC 318 Worshipful Master Message Con't)**

We have a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for December 10, 2025. I encourage all of the brethren to come and join us for the conferring of these degrees because your Lodge does excellent degree (HC 318 Worshipful Master Message Con't)

work. If any brother would like to get more involved, or re-involved, in ritual work, you are most welcome to join the degree teams.

The installation of 2026 Lodge Officer is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2025. This will be an open installation and friends and families are welcome.

Fraternally, R:W: Jim Demenkow, Worshipful Master (321-956-0684) (landline)

### **Harbor City No. 318 Senior Warden's Message**

Greetings from the West Brothers!

For a lodge that only has one stated communication in December we certainly have a lot going on!

December 9th- Stated Communication- we've got a couple proficiencies (EA brother Michael Austin and Dan Limoges), elections for next year's elected line and discussion/balloting on raising the lodge's dues for 2026. Come in and let your voice be heard!

December 10th- Fellowcraft degree for Jean Michelle, Michael and Dan! Come on out and support our up-and-coming brothers!

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Santa delivers to the children of the Haven! The list is full, so make sure to get your gifts to the lodge! If you need access call/email me and I can get you into the lodge to drop off your gifts.

Wow what a year. It kind of flew by from my perspective. Lots of moving parts and pieces both at home and here at the lodge and I can't help but be thankful for the last few years and excited for the next steps. I wouldn't have gone down this road without the help of all my brothers, and of the Worshipful Masters of the lodge who have guided us as a brotherhood - and me personally. I'm hoping that some of the wisdom and knowledge I've been exposed to has rubbed off on me the last few years and I can replicate the good and bring us forward into whatever happens next

Fraternally, Bro. John Allen, Senior Warden (321 604 2513)

### **Harbor City No. 318 Junior Warden's Message**

Seasons Greetings from the South My brothers!

It is that time of the year my brothers and friends. The time for giving and sharing special moments with family and friends. Hope all is going well. The turkey baskets went to all 32 families in need, and we have started collecting gifts for the Haven. It has been a great year for masonry. It has been an honor to serve as Junior warden this year. It has been an honor to cook for everyone this year and I have no doubt my replacement will enjoy it too. One meeting in December, then the installation. Looking forward to you all in the meetings and degrees!

Respectfully and Fraternaly, Bro Greg Jones (321-831-8841)

## Harbor City No. 318 Secretary's Notes

Greetings my Brothers,

My Lady Danielle and I hope you and your Families are doing well.

The year has flown by and we are not done yet.

We have elections for our 2026 Elected Lodge Officers at our Stated Communication on December 9<sup>th</sup> and a Fellow Craft Degree scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have elected to go dark for our second Stated Communication on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

My Lady Danielle and I wish all of you and your Families a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

May the Good Lord watch over you and your Families.

Respectfully and Fraternally, R.:W.: John Paniccia, Secretary 2025

## Harbor City No. 318 Chaplin's Message

Hello my Brothers,

I've been moved to write this after reading the history of Masonry in the State of Florida. But first a word about our past Table Lodge, to those folks who worked so tirelessly to make it a great evening, a hearty Thanks, it was successful. Now to our history:

When we look back to the earliest days of Masonry, in what would become the State of Florida, we find a story filled with both uncertainty and courage. In those turbulent times, when the territory shifted between nations and loyalties, many early Masons found themselves living under the wary eye of the Spanish authorities. Suspicion toward fraternal societies meant that some of our earliest brothers were forced to gather quietly, and some - even entire groups - chose to flee northward, rather than abandon the principles they held dear. Those early Masons did not run out of fear alone, they ran in faith. They carried with them the belief the Light they protected was worth preserving, even if it meant doing so in another place and another season. They stepped away from danger not to surrender their ideals, but to safeguard them - trusting that someday they might return.

And return they did.

When the soil was ready, when freedom took root, they came back and built Lodges upon foundations stronger than before. Their resilience, not their retreat, became their legacy.

Brethren, their story invites us to reflect on our own time. If faced with pressure, misunderstanding, or adversity, would we stand our ground? Would we retreat to preserve what is sacred? And - should the moment require it- would we return with courage to rebuild what had been threatened?

Respectfully, Bro Richard Huffman, Chaplin

The Vice President's home is on the grounds of the Naval Observatory.

There are over 380 National Parks in the United States.

The Hoover Dam is considered one of America's Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders and borders Arizona and Nevada.

## Harbor City No. 318: Sickness and Distress

The following Brothers and their Families need our Prayers:

Brothers: Tom M, Scott S., Oliver B., Wade A., Steven S., Andy C. and wife, Gary W. his wife and son Mark, the family of Brother Walter Bamert, whose mother went to be with the Lord, the family of the Most Worshipful Joseph C. Fowler in their hour of need at his passing and our Police Officers: Joey W. and Martyn J. Brethren, I have Prayer Warriors known only to me, who are dedicated to praying for the need of our Brethren, who they Pray for, remains in confidence, known only by us, should you need such Prayer please contact me. It is incumbent upon us and all Masons to keep these and all our Brothers and their families in our Prayers. Bro. Richard Huffman Chaplin Cell (321)-298-1975.

## HARBOR CITY No. 318: Charity

As we use the Thanksgiving Basket Distribution for our November charity event and the Haven for our December charity event, I will accept your suggestions for our January charity.

Bro. Richard Huffman Chaplin 321-298-1975

## FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday December 9: Stated Meeting of Harbor City

Wednesday December 10: FC Degree at Harbor City

Saturday December 13: Haven Christmas Event

District 17 Installations coming in December and January.

Saturday, December 27 at 6:00 PM, Brevard Lodge No. 113.

Monday, December 29 at 6:00 PM, Melbourne Lodge No. 143

Saturday, January 3 at 2:00 PM Indian River Lodge # 90

Saturday, January 3 at 6:00 PM, Harbor City Lodge No. 318.

Saturday, January 3 at 6:00 PM, Merritt Island Lodge No. 353

Saturday, January 10 at 10:00 AM, Canaveral Lodge # 339

Saturday, January 10 from 1000 AM to 2:00 PM Palm Bay Lodge # 397 at Melbourne Masonic Temple

Saturday, January 10 at 2:00 PM, Beach Lodge # 354

Saturday, January 10 at 6:00 PM, Gateway Lodge # 384

Please contact each lodge to confirm dates and times if you wish to attend the installations.

The "Famous" Apollo Theater mis located in Harlem, NY

First Lady "Lady Bird", was the wife of the 26<sup>th</sup> President, Lyndon Johnson

The animated short film "Steamboat Willie" was the first synchronized cartoon with sound. It debuted on November 18, 1928. That is considered Mickey Mouse's Birthday.

Baja Californias is not a territory of the US.

The first daily broadcasting radio station, KDKA, originated from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

"Silly Putty" was introduced in 1949 and children all over America fell in love with it.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

On November 11, Harbor City Celebrated Veteran's Day with an Open Table Lodge with a Prime Rib dinner along with an inspiring talk by W Rick Weil, and the winning ticket for the Henry Golden Boy Masonic Tribute Rifle was drawn and Bro Dino, from Melbourne Lodge was the winner. Congratulations.



Some of the attendees at the Table Lodge.



Guest speaker: W Rick Weil

On November 22, members of Harbor City Lodge assembled 32 Thanksgiving Dinners with all the trimmings including Pies and distributed them to area families.



In 1933, The NRA was an acronym for The National Recovery Administration

Brown University is located in Rhode Island.

### **HARBOR CITY No. 318 DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Robert Howe; Larry Phillips; Steven Knowlton; Harry Van Zandt; Frederick Yee; Allen Gregg; James Cox II; John Whigham; David Waddell, Sr.; John Palmisano; Robert Barden; Douglas Stitt

### **HARBOR CITY No. 318 DECEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry Derr, Sr.; Ronald Phelps; George Stenzel; Ronald Hill; Robert Howe; Mark Mason



The Florida Masonic Home, located in St. Petersburg, FL provides Assisted Senior Living and Skilled Nursing to our Brothers and Sisters and their families.

# MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

DeMolay International is the largest fraternal organization for young men in the world. It provides Masonic tenets and values to a younger audience for young men throughout the world. DeMolay exists in all 50 states and more than 20 countries across the world. Age range 12 to 21. [www.FLDeMolay.org](http://www.FLDeMolay.org) DeMolay is going and growing strong in Florida.

The Mission Statement of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is to Prepare girls for responsible and purposeful adulthood through character and leadership development, encouraging unselfish service and higher ideals in life, and promoting teamwork and effective interpersonal communications. Age range from 11 to 20. <https://www.gorainbow.org>

Job's Daughters' is an international leadership organization for girls. Its mission is to create confident young women, respect tradition, and shape the future. Our members learn invaluable skills that increase their confidence and prepare them to lead. We teach girls to use their voice. Age range 10 to 20. [www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org)

## HARBOR CITY NO. 318: CURRENT OFFICERS

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Junior Warden	Gregory C. Jones	321-831-8841	Gjoneshc318@gmail.com
Secretary	R:W: John Paniccia	321-537-0113	jpsec318@aol.com
Treasurer	: Shaun Arner	321-720-2952	sarner318@gmail.com
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Junior Deacon	Jacob Moore	321-312-8999	moore.jacob1027@gmail.com
Senior Steward	Robert Galler	321-405-8375	bgaller@yahoo.com
Junior Steward	Steve Logsdon	321-215-1669	steveberry@live.com
Chaplin	Richard Huffman	321-298-1975	rhuffmanjr34@gmail.com
Tiler			
Marshall			
Musician			

## HARBOR CITY No. 318 COMMITTEES

Finance	Bro. John Allen, Chmn., R:W: Kevin Smithwick, : Al Zabel, Bro. Brian Nemeth, Bro. Dennis Dyer
Vigilance	Bro. Greg Jones, Chmn., R:W: Thomas L. Moore, R:W: Ben Schwartz
Petitions	: Wade Atchison, Chmn., R:W: John Paniccia, : Shaun Arner
Education	R:W: Ben Schwartz, Chmn., R:W: James Demenkow, : Mike Hutzler, Bro. Brian Nemeth, Bro. John Allen
Lodge Mentor's Committee	: Shaun Arner
Board of Relief	R:W: James Demenkow, Chmn. Bro. John Allen, Bro. Greg Jones
Lodge Property	: Al Zabel, Chmn., : Allen Gregg, : Mike Hutzler, Bro. Richard Huffman, Bro. George Major
Charity	R:W: James Demenkow, Chmn., Bro. Richard Huffman
Lodge Librarian	: Al Zabel, Chmn
Sickness & Distress	Bro. Richard Huffman, Chmn
Investigations	As Needed

*From the editor: If any Bro. or sister has anything they would like to see in our Trestle Board, please send it to me at: [briannemeth@msn.com](mailto:briannemeth@msn.com) or [briannemeth5@gmail.com](mailto:briannemeth5@gmail.com) Thank you. Bro Brian Nemeth*





## PAST MASTERS OF HARBOR CITY LODGE NO. 318

1954	*Aubrey Bates	PDDGM		1989	Allen P. Gregg	
1955	*E. R. Mayfield			1990	Fred S. Ferrell	
1956	*Richard F. Griffe	PDDGM & PGM 1976-77		1991	*George Ed. Gardner, Jr.	
1957	*Raymond McAlpine			1992	William C. White	
1958	*Leo Culp			1993	*Kenneth L. Jenkins	
1959	*Steven Rianaldo	PDDGM		1994	Robert P. Edmiston	
1960	*Richard F. Griffe	PDDGM & PGM 1976-77		1995	Thomas L. Moore	PDDGM
1961	*Keith Brown			1996	E. Dean Hall	
1962	*Paul Heiss			1997	Mark C. Mason	
1963	*Charles McLin			1998	John Paniccia	PDDGM
1964	George Schulthies			1999	Dayle Schrock	PDDGM
1965	*Paul V. Gandy			2000	Jim Kerrigan	
1966	*Adam Budris	PDDGM		2001	Gary Wilson	
1967	John Beasley			2002	Fred Baker	PDDGM
1968	*Arlon E. Noll			2003	Ron Trinkle	PDDGM
1969	*Robert Notvest			2004	Fran Cirillo	
1970	Robert M. Bullock			2005	*John Ellis	
1971	*Edward P. Abbott			2006	*George Goddard	PDDGM
1972	*Glenn T. Stitt	PDDGM		2007	Ernest Libby	
1973	*Robert L. Goldsmith	PDDGM, PGM 1983-84		2008	Michael Hutzler	
1974	Carl C. Planck, Jr.			2009	James Demenkow	PDDGM
1975	Douglas Dagley			2010	Shaun Arner	
1976	*Henry Farrow			2011	Wade Atchison	
1977	*Donald R. Pacetti			2012	Richard Seteroff	
1978	*Patrick A. Galbraith			2013	Henry Engel	
1979	*Curtis Horton			2014	John Dandeneau	
1980	*James H. Bragg			2015	Jay Rodgers	PDDGM
1981	Robert C. Birmie			2016	Doughlas Setzer	
1982	*Wallace L. Whiting			2017	Kevin Smithwick	PDDGM
1983	Stanley W. Miller			2018	Alfred Zabel	
1984	*Gerald T. Freese			2019	John Dandeneau	
1985	*Ronald E. LaClair			2020	Jorge L. Aladro	PDDGM, PGM 2012-13
1986	Charles R. R. Walle			2021	Steven Knowlton	
1987	Corenth Owens			2022	Wade Atchison	
1988	Karol M. Dziegiel			2023	James Demenkow	PDDGM
				2024	Michael Hutzler	

## Affiliated Past Masters of Harbor City Lodge No. 318

1963	* William P. Finche	1981	* William Thomas
1986	* Ernest G. Peterson	1988	* Erwin c. Hamm
1989	Jorge L. Aladro, PDDGM & PGM 2012-13	1994	J.S. Harris
1999	* Charles E. Bryant	2000 & 2001	** Robert Buotte
2001 & 2019	Barry R. Shaffer	2002 & 2007	Roger Fowler
2009	Steven B. Walden, PDDGM	2009	Ben Schwartz, PPDGM

# HARBOR CITY LODGE No. 318-----DECEMBER 2025 Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30  1918: Iceland granted independence from Denmark 1941: Civil air Patrol founded	<b>2</b> <b>OES 263 Meeting 7:30</b> Brevard 113-D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-D6:30/M:7:30 Palm Bay 397-D:630/M:7:30  1866:Bro Charles Ringling	<b>3 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30</b> <b>OPEN BOOKS @ HC 318 @ 6PM &amp; School of Instruction @ HC 318 @ 7:30PM</b>	<b>4</b> 1912: Col Gregory "Papp" Boyington, USMC, MOH & Navy Cross recipient 1933: Wink Martindale 1935: Paul O'Neill, 72 <sup>nd</sup> Secretary of the Treasury	<b>5</b> 1782: 8 <sup>th</sup> US President: Martin Van Buren	<b>6 M&amp;W @ Gateway # 384: B8/M9</b>
<b>7</b> <b>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	<b>8</b> Canaveral 339 D-6:30/M-7:30 Gateway 384-D:6:30/M:7:30  1980: John Lennon killed	<b>9</b> <b>Harbor City 318 D: 6:30/M: 7:30</b>	<b>10</b> <b>FC Degree at Harbor City @ 6:30 PM</b>	<b>11</b> <b>York Rite @ HC D: 6:30-M 7:30 PM</b> Indian River 90 D 6:00/M:7:00	<b>12</b> 1881: Bro Harry Warner	<b>13</b> <b>HC HAVEN Christmas Event</b> 1852: Bro Albert Ringling
<b>14</b> <b>Hanukkah Begins</b>	<b>15</b> Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30	<b>16</b> <b>OES 263</b> Brevard 113-D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-D6:30/M:7:30 Palm Bay 397-D:630/M:7:30  1770: Ludwig van Beethoven	<b>17</b> <b>HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30</b>	<b>18</b> 1777: First US Thanksgiving 1787: NJ was 3 <sup>rd</sup> state to ratify the Constitution	<b>19</b> <b>Amaranth (Ida E. Banks Court No. 51) M 7:30 @ HC</b>  1843: Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" published	<b>20 US SPACE FORCE 2019</b>  
<b>21</b> <b>Winter Begins Winter Solstice</b>	<b>22</b> Canaveral 339 D-6:30/M-7:30 Gateway 384-D:6:30/M:7:30 <b>Hanukkah Ends</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Harbor City 318-Dark</b> 1805: Bro Joseph Smith	<b>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b>  1809: Bro Christopher "Kit" Carson	<b>25 CHRISTMAS</b> 	<b>26 KWANZA Boxing Day</b>	<b>27 FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANELIST</b> 1968: Apollo 8 landed
<b>28</b> 1856: 28 <sup>th</sup> US President Woodrow Wilson	<b>29</b> 1808: 17 <sup>th</sup> US President Bro Andrew Johnson 1809: Bro Albert Pike	<b>30</b> 1865:Bro Rudyard Kipling 1803: Louisiana Purchase	<b>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> 	<b>1 Jan 2026</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>2 Jan 2026</b>	<b>3 Jan 2026</b>

Beach 354 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays): 1550 Hwy A1A, Indialantic---Brevard 113 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) 40 Carmalt St. Cocoa---Canaveral 339 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays): 149 S. Orlando Ave. Cocoa;---Gateway 384 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays): 2995 Temple La., Mims---Harbor City 318 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays): 1715 Avocado Ave. Melbourne---Indian River 90 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays): 19 N. Washington Ave. Titusville;---Melbourne 143 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays): 2300 Dairy Rd. W. Melbourne---Merritt Island 353 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays): 247 S. Tropical Tr. Merritt Island---Palm Bay 397 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays): 4430 Dixie Hwy., Palm Bay. *Please contact each Lodge or Group to confirm times and programs.*