



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

TRESTLE BOARD JANUARY 2026

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 Tuesdays

Open Communication 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>

17th Masonic District of the

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

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

Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East Brothers!

Thank you for your trust and willingness to add me to the line of Worshipful Masters of Harbor City Lodge #318. We have an open installation on Saturday, January 3rd at 6 PM, and there will be a dinner after the ceremony of Baked Ziti! I hope to see you there.

The Worshipful Masters of our lodge have been working on a plan since COVID to give my contemporaries and I the opportunity to better learn what it is to be a Freemason, before taking on the responsibility of the East. Their sacrifice in time and effort is greatly appreciated, and I sincerely hope that my year will show that their service to our cause was time well spent.

I am particularly excited about this year, as it will be the first time since I became a Master Mason that none of the elected or appointed officers have previously held their new positions, except the Secretary and Treasurer. I'm looking forward in seeing how it unfolds!

(HC 318 Master's Message Con't)

Planned changes and discussions

Meetings: Most months this year we will only have one stated communication (the second Tuesday of the month). Our other meeting (the fourth Tuesday of the month) will be an open communication and will be themed in some way, mainly food-centric:). Friends and family are invited and highly encouraged to attend. I'll post a perspective calendar showing at least a month out. The plan for this month is a stated communication on January 13th and our open communication will be a Comfort Food Competition (CASH PRIZE) on January 27th. See the flyer for more details!

Calendar: Based on recent experience, I plan on implementing a process to have a single calendar for lodge events (it'll be web-based) and this will be the definitive calendar for official use of the lodge. This calendar will apply to users of the lodge building to prevent double booking of the lodge. We will review our current key control measures and determine if they are adequate.

The Building: I know this is a sensitive topic for many brothers, but I don't want to leave my year without getting a plan set for the future-whether that future is in the building at 1715 Avocado Ave or otherwise. I expect this topic will come up in our January 13th meeting and although I don't expect we'll come up with an answer in one meeting, I'd like to get a process set in motion to make a decision on what we will do in relation to the building by March 24th (adjustable if it conflicts with directives in the Digest). This makes our stated communications on January 13th, February 10th, March 10th and 24th very important for discussion. If you feel either way about what to do next-the only way to make your voice heard is to show up and take part. My perspective is that I serve at the behest of the Brethren and I will execute my duties the best I can in any direction decided, but you have to decide which direction that will be.

Once again, thank you Brothers and hopefully I'll see you at our installation on January 3rd!
Fraternally, John Allen, Worshipful Master

Harbor City No. 318 Senior Warden's Message

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year Brothers!

It was a great year in the South. It was a great time and an honor to serve you all over the past year. But I think it's time for a change in a new direction if you will. I think the West sounds good. I'll try that out this year. With the help from the new Worshipful John Allen, I hope we can make this year even better. We have raised so many brothers over the past year, and I look forward to even more this year. Worshipful John has some great ideas we hope will carry on for years to come. Fellowship is going to make a comeback. Although I may be out of the South, you will still find me in the kitchen. It was an honor to cook and refresh the Brothers this year and it is something I will still help in the kitchen when I can. Looking forward to seeing you all in the lodge this year almost made my full rounds. Hopefully to the East next year. Until then Brothers and Friends Be safe and I'll see you in the lodge room. Fraternaly, Bro Greg Jones, Senior Warden

Do you remember "The Watergate" hotel in Washington D.C.?

Did you know, the American, Les Paul invented the Electric Guitar.

Hawaii coffee beans are the only commercial coffee grown in the U.S.

The Kentucky Derby is held on the first Saturday of May.

Harbor City No. 318 Junior Warden's Message

Greetings from the South My brothers!

We meet upon the level as strangers and part upon the square as Brothers. The bonds we form within our Fraternity neither wear out, fade away, nor are diminished by time.

I trust that each Brother enjoyed a joyous holiday season and took time to reflect with gratitude upon the blessings of family and friends.

As we enter the coming year in our Lodge, I look forward with great anticipation. Many new and exciting events are already planned, with additional opportunities for fellowship and labor continually being developed.

I am pleased to once again serve in the kitchen this year and have begun planning a variety of meals for our gatherings. Requests are always welcome.

May we work together in harmony and brotherly love, and may 2026 be a year of growth, fellowship, and light for our Lodge.

Respectfully and Fraternally, Bro Ed Leaman, Junior Warden

Harbor City No. 318 Secretary's Notes

Greetings my Brothers,

My Lady Danielle and I wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing the Brothers in lodge and supporting the 2026 Officers and Lodge functions.

It was my honor and pleasure to deliver the Christmas Bag of presents to Sister Verona Minthorn, our sponsored lady at the Masonic Home, on behalf of the Lodge. She was pleased and surprised.

Respectfully and Fraternally, R.:W.: John Paniccia, Secretary 2026

Harbor City No. 318 Chaplin's Message

Hello my Brothers,

Well Christmas has come and gone, and I pray everyone had a great time with Family and you are ready for the challenges of the New Year. We have new officers elected and ready to take us forth in this new year, so how about turning out and show them your support.

I've done some research on a topic that has puzzled me, in that not much has been said other than that which has been disclosed during Degree lectures so here is what I've found on the dot in a circle between two parallel lines.

In every well-regulated lodge there is found a point within a circle, which circle is bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines. These lines represent St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, the two great patrons of Masonry to whom our Lodges are dedicated, and who are said to have been "perfect parallels in Christianity, as well as Masonry". In those English Lodges which have adopted the "Union System" established by the Grand Lodge of England in 1813, and where the dedication is "to God and his service," the parallel lines represent Moses and Solomon. As a symbol, the parallel lines are not to be found in the earlier rituals of Masonry.

This is just a start, and I will continue with more next month with information as it applies to our present-day lodge. Respectfully, Bro Richard Huffman, Chaplin

Did you know the original name of the legendary Eskimo Pie ice cream treat was the I-Scream Bar?

Mount Rushmore is located in South Dakota.

Harbor City No. 318: Sickness and Distress

The following Brothers and their Families need our Prayers:

Brothers: Wade, Oliver, Gary W. his wife Donna and son Mark, Al Z., Tom M., Andy C., and wife, Harry V.'s daughter Katlyn, Steve S., Dwight, Caleb, John A. his daughter Lanai and Ian's family. Our Police Officers: Joey W. and Martyn J.

Brethren I have Prayer Worriers 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 Prayers, please contact me. It is incumbent upon us and all Masons to keep these and all of our Brothers and their families in our Prayers. Bro. Richard Huffman Chaplin Cell (321)-298-1975

HARBOR CITY No. 318: Charity

I propose the January \$50 Charity to be given to: Aging Matters in Brevard. They are "Champions of what matters most to Space Coast Seniors 60+" and are the leading senior services agency in Brevard County. Bro. Richard Huffman Chaplin 321-298-1975

FUTURE EVENTS

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. OPEN INSTALLATION with dinner after the ceremony

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.

Tuesday, January 13, HC 318, Stated Communication. D: 6:30/M: 7:30PM

Tuesday, January 27, HC 318, Comfort Food Competition (Food on tables by 6:30, judging at 7:30)

Tuesday, February 10, HC 318, Stated Communication D: 6:30/M: 7:30PM

Tuesday, February 24, HC 318, Fried Chicken Competition (Food on tables by 6:30, judging at 7:30)

Tuesday, March 10, HC 318, Stated Communication. D: 6:30/M: 7:30PM

Saturday, March 14, HC 318 St. Patrick's Day Meal: Corned Beef & Cabbage. Details soon

Tuesday, March 24, HC 318, Stated Communication. D: 6:30/M: 7:30PM

GOOD OF THE ORDER

On December 10th, Harbor City conferred the Fellow Craft Degree on 3 of our EA brothers, Jean-Michel Assignon, Daniel Limoges and Michael Austin. Bro Greg Jones was in the East. Congratulations to our new FC's and the Degree Team, which was excellent.

Do you remember baseball's great, Willie Mays' famous exclamation was: Say hey.?"?

Did you know the namesake of "Hooverilles" was the 31st US President, Herbert Hoover?

Only Three US states do not have a National Forest: Connecticut, Delaware and Hawaii. But Florida has three: The Apalachicola, The Osceola and The Ocala National Forests.

HARBOR CITY LODGE #318
PRESENTS



Comfort Food Competition

Bring your best comfort dish! \$50 Cash Prize



January 27th, 2025
Food on Tables at 6:30 PM
Judging at 7:30 PM
at Harbor City Lodge #318

Entry Requirements-
Need to have at least 10
servings.
No Beverages, No Alcohol.

Refer All questions to:
321-604-2513
jjdog79@gmail.com

Something to Ponder

What is Freemasonry?

How do we answer that question when the uninitiated ask? We could give the stock answer; we make good men better. We who have been in Freemasonry understand that answer, but to the uninitiated that sounds really corny. Or, we could respond: Freemasonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols; but so are religions, so again, to the uninitiated that sounds like another bunch of corn. To the uninitiated, those two answers mean nothing. How do we convey to the uninitiated a sense of Freemasonry?

Actions speak louder than words, or so it has been said. If that's true, then perhaps the retelling of a personal experience can convey the meaning and feeling of Freemasonry we wish to convey to our potential candidates.

Why did you become a Freemason? Maybe you witnessed an interaction between Masons and that convinced you, this is for me. That seems to be the case for William McKinley.

Why did William McKinley become a Mason?

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happen to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequum,(County of Frederick, Virginia) I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well," said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry, I will take some of it for myself."

And so, William McKinley became a Mason; received his degrees in Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Winchester, Virginia, in 1865, and in 1897, was elected the 25th President of the United States.

As Masons, we should be considered at least one step above the average man in the street. We should behave more honorably than the average Joe. We should act according to the precepts we have learned without the expectation of anything in return.

How should Masons act and behave towards one another?

We can easily define unacceptable Masonic behavior, lying, deceit, bullying, manipulation, false promises, etc. How do we define acceptable Masonic behavior? Again, we can provide examples to the candidates. The ideals of Freemasonry are so cherished, that even during times of extreme conflict, the tenets of Freemasonry rise above the discord. We should be engaged in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts that promote the welfare and happiness of our brothers. How we act towards one another defines us and our Fraternity.

Submitted by R:W: Ben Schwartz

HARBOR CITY No. 318 JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd: MW Jorge Aladro & Ernest Libby; 17th: Ty Buterbaugh; 25th: Glen Cox; 28th: Charlie Hatchett; 31st: Andrew Cozenza

HARBOR CITY No. 318 JANUARY MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

13th: James Demenkow; 17th: Kenneth Henschel; 19th: Robert Long; 26th: David Buettner; 27th: Robert Galler; 31st: Alfred Zabel



The Florida Masonic Home, in St. Petersburg, FL provides Assisted Senior Living and Skilled Nursing to our Brothers and Sisters and their families and is open to all applicants through the Fraternal Care Plan and a Private Pay Plan.

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 Florida DeMolay is growing strong.

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: 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

HARBOR CITY NO. 318: CURRENT OFFICERS

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Treasurer	: Shaun Arner	321-720-2952	sarner318@gmail.com
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Tiler			
Marshall			
Musician			

HARBOR CITY No. 318 COMMITTEES	
Finance	Bro. Greg Jones, Chmn., R:W: Kevin Smithwick, : Al Zabel, Bro. Brian Nemeth, Bro. Dennis Dyer
Vigilance	Bro. Ed Leaman, 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, : John Allen
Lodge Mentor's Committee	: Shaun Arner
Board of Relief	: John Allen, Chmn., Bro. Greg Jones, Bro Ed Leaman
Lodge Property	: Al Zabel , Chmn., : Allen Gregg, : Mike Hutzler, Bro. Richard Huffman, Bro. George Major
Charity	: John Allen, 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 or briannemeth5@gmail.com Thank you. Bro Brian Nemeth

PAST MASTERS OF HARBOR CITY LODGE NO. 318

1954	*Aubrey Bates	PDDGM		1990	Fred S. Ferrell	
1955	*E. R. Mayfield			1991	*George Ed. Gardner, Jr.	
1956	*Richard F. Griffe	PDDGM & PGM 1976-77		1992	William C. White	
1957	*Raymond McAlpine			1993	*Kenneth L. Jenkins	
1958	*Leo Culp			1994	Robert P. Edmiston	
1959	*Steven Rianaldo	PDDGM		1995	Thomas L. Moore	PDDGM
1960	*Richard F. Griffe	PDDGM & PGM 1976-77		1996	E. Dean Hall	
1961	*Keith Brown			1997	Mark C. Mason	
1962	*Paul Heiss			1998	John Paniccia	PDDGM
1963	*Charles McLin			1999	Dayle Schrock	PDDGM
1964	George Schulthies			2000	Jim Kerrigan	
1965	*Paul V. Gandy			2001	Gary Wilson	
1966	*Adam Budris	PDDGM		2002	Fred Baker	PDDGM
1967	John Beasley			2003	Ron Trinkle	PDDGM
1968	*Arlon E. Noll			2004	Fran Cirillo	
1969	*Robert Notvest			2005	*John Ellis	
1970	Robert M. Bullock			2006	*George Goddard	PDDGM
1971	*Edward P. Abbott			2007	Ernest Libby	
1972	*Glenn T. Stitt	PDDGM		2008	Michael Hutzler	
1973	*Robert L. Goldsmith	PDDGM, PGM 1983-84		2009	James Demenkow	PDDGM
1974	Carl C. Planck, Jr.			2010	Shaun Arner	
1975	Douglas Dagley			2011	Wade Atchison	
1976	*Henry Farrow			2012	Richard Seteroff	
1977	*Donald R. Pacetti			2013	Henry Engel	
1978	*Patrick A. Galbraith			2014	John Dandeneau	
1979	*Curtis Horton			2015	Jay Rodgers	PDDGM
1980	*James H. Bragg			2016	Doughlas Setzer	
1981	Robert C. Birmie			2017	Kevin Smithwick	PDDGM
1982	*Wallace L. Whiting			2018	Alfred Zabel	
1983	Stanley W. Miller			2019	John Dandeneau	
1984	*Gerald T. Freese			2020	Jorge L. Aladro	PDDGM, PGM 2012-13
1985	*Ronald E. LaClair			2021	Steven Knowlton	
1986	Charles R. R. Walle			2022	Wade Atchison	
1987	Corenth Owens			2023	James Demenkow	PDDGM
1988	Karol M. Dziegiel			2024	Michael Hutzler	
1989	Allen P. Gregg			2025	James Demenkow	PDDGM

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, PDDGM

Do you recall, in the movie: “It’s A Wonderful Life”, George Bailey’s (Jimmy Stewart) Guardian Angel Clarence Odbody was portrayed by Henry Travers.

HARBOR CITY LODGE No. 318-----JANUARY 2026 Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			31 Dec New Year's Eve 	1 New Year's Day 1895 ;Bro John Edgar Hoover 1735: MW Paul Revere	2 1788: Georgia 4 th state to ratify US Constitution	3 HC 318 Open Installation 6 PM, Dinner to follow
4 1643: Isaac Newton	5 Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30	6 OES 263 Meeting 7:30 Brevard 113-D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-D6:30/M:7:30 Palm Bay 397-D:630/M:7:30	7 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30 OPEN BOOKS @ HC 318 @ 6PM & School of Instruction @ HC 318 @ 7:30PM	8 York Rite @ HC D: 6:30-M 7:30 PM Indian River 90 D 6:00/M:7:00	9 1913: 37 th President: Richard Nixon	10 1861: Fl 3 rd state to secede from the Union
11 1861: Alabama secedes from the Union	12 Canaveral 339 D-6:30/M-7:30 Gateway 384-D:6:30/M:7:30	13 Harbor City 318 D: 6:30/M: 7:30	14 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30	15 1892: Bro James Naismith published rules of basketball	16 Amaranth (Ida E. Banks Court No. 51) M 7:30 @ HC	17 1706: Bro Benjamin Franklin
18 1892: Bro Oliver Hardy	19 Martin Luther King Day Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30	20 OES 263 Brevard 113-D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-D6:30/M:7:30 Palm Bay 397-D:630/M:7:30 Bro Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin 1930	21 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30	22 Indian River 90 D 6:00/M:7:00	23	24 1712: Bro Frederick the Great 1759: Bro Robert Burns 1696: MW Glen Bishop GM of FL 2023-24
25 1924: First Winter Olympic Games	26 Canaveral 339 D-6:30/M-7:30 Gateway 384-D:6:30/M:7:30	27 Harbor City 318 1756: Bro Wolfgang Mozart	28 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30	29 1843: Bro William McKinley (25 th President)	30 1882: Bro Franklin Roosevelt (32 nd President)	31 1865: 23 rd Amendment passed

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