



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

TRESTLE BOARD APRIL 2026

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

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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>

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17th Masonic District of the

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

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Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East Brothers!

We have a big vote planned for our stated communication on the 14th, and I'll write a bit more about that in a minute. First, I want to thank you for being a brother of this Lodge. It means a lot to me to be able to say that! It's hard to find people willing to do what it takes to become a Freemason. We don't make it easy; following a craft and ritual set by our forefathers and carried on through us is a daunting assignment! Yet through that action many of us walked into a place we've never been and met people we've never known, becoming friends and eventually brothers. I was lucky enough to walk into Harbor City Lodge #318. Together, we have done much to serve our community and each other.

HC 318 Worshipful Master's Message Con't

The vote on the 14th is about ensuring we can offer that same opportunity to future Harbor City Brothers. Every lodge I've had the pleasure of visiting has its own local culture and ours is as special to me as it is to you. The culture of Harbor City Lodge- this specific sacred band of friends and brothers-should be preserved and nurtured so that we can continue to give others the opportunity to be as lucky as I am to be your brother.

We've allowed the stated communications in March to serve as our venue for discussion; therefore, we will have limited discussion prior to the vote. This vote establishes a mandate from the brethren for our future; I look forward to seeing the will of the craft and I stand ready to execute as you direct.

With that being said, we have a ton of things planned for April outside of the vote!

4 April-We'll say farewell to one of our departed brother, Curtis Steele. The service will be at the VFW, 4130 N. Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, starting at 2 PM. If you are able to attend this time honored Masonic Tradition to pay our respects to Bro Steele, please contact Bro Richard Huffman.

18 April-Master Mason Degree for Brother Dan Limoge and Brother Jean-Michel Assignon (Breakfast at 0800. Gavel drops at 0900)! These two brothers have worked hard to get ready for us, and we've worked hard as a degree team to get ready for them! Come and join us! Brother Gary Wilson will be reprising his role as MEKS!

25 April-Our Annual Pancake Lodge supporting Croton Elementary PTA (830-1130 for the event, but we'll be setting up by 0700)! Last year was HUGE and I think this year could be even bigger! Come out and support us in keeping this event rocking and supporting local kiddos!

28 April-Appendant Body Appreciation Night (6:30 PM food on the table and 7:15 dessert judging)! We'll have Burgers and hold a Dessert Competition at the same time! Burgers will be \$5 a plate; bring in your best homemade desserts for a cash prize! Friends and Family are invited.

Thanks again for this opportunity to serve!

Fraternally, John Allen, Worshipful Master. 321-604-2513

The Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC looks out over the Tidal Basin.

The Wright Brothers determined who would first fly their airplane by tossing a coin.

The island group that forms the remnants of a land bridge between Alaska and Asia is the Aleutian Islands.

The "City of Brotherly Love" is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1939, "Gone With The Wind" beat out "The Wizard Of Oz" for the Academy Award for Best Picture.

Madonna Ciccone was born in Bay City, Michigan and began her musical career in NYC. She is known as Madonna and is nicknamed: "The Material Girl."

The Sedition Act of 1918 was designed to monitor wartime free speech.

Harbor City No. 318 Senior Warden's Message

From the West,

Spring is upon us Brothers. Flowers are in Bloom and that means one more thing for Harbor City Lodge: Pancakes are coming! That's right, Pancake lodge is just around the corner on the 25th of this month! This is our yearly fundraiser to help Croton elementary. Come out and eat some pancakes and help raise some money for a local school. But before that, we have our big vote coming this month on the 14th, as well as more brothers joining. Things are looking up for membership this year with a Master Mason degree on Saturday the 18th, 8 AM breakfast and 9 AM degree start time. Hope to see you all there. Come out and show support for the brothers and degree team. That's all from me this month, see you all in the lodge!

Fraternally, Bro Greg Jones, Senior Warden

Harbor City No. 318 Junior Warden's Message

Greetings from the South My brothers!

We are taught as Master Masons to use the trowel for the noble and glorious purpose of spreading brotherly love and affection — cementing together that sacred bond which unites us into a society of friends and Brothers who can best work and best agree.

Yet we live in a world that seems to have forgotten how to coexist. Division is louder than harmony. Anger often speaks before understanding. Differences are treated as barriers instead of opportunities for growth.

But within these walls — and more importantly, within our hearts — we are reminded of a better way. The trowel is not just a symbol; it is a charge. It calls us to spread kindness where there is conflict, patience where there is frustration, and unity where there is division.

If the world has forgotten how to coexist, then let us remember.

If society has forgotten how to agree, then let us demonstrate it.

If brotherly love feels rare, then let us be the example.

For it is not enough to meet upon the level and part upon the square — we must also act upon the square and live upon the level.

May we continue to spread the cement of Brotherly Love wherever we go.

Govern yourselves accordingly

Respectfully and Fraternaly, Bro Ed Leaman, Junior Warden

The Aspen Trees in the Grand Canyon grow cooked because of snow drifts.

Pennsylvania is considered the birthplace of Little League Baseball.

The Washington Memorial in Washington, DC is made of marble.

Born in 1806 in New Rumley, OH, George Custer, graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1861 as the 34th of 34 graduates in his class, he led the disastrous battle at Little Big Horn on June 25-26, 1876 between the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne and the Arapaho tribes and the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the US Army. The battle is also known as "Custer's Last Stand", where he was killed.

In 1836, there were 187 defenders of the Alamo who lost their lives after a 13-day siege by Mexican Gen (Bro) Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Fatalities included Brothers: James Bowie, William Travis, James Bonham, David Crockett and Almaron Dickenson.

Harbor City No. 318 Secretary's Notes

Greetings my Brothers! I hope all is well with you and your Families.

We have a lot coming up concerning the future of our Lodge and our Worshipful Master has been working very hard on gathering information and has presented our options.

It is now up to you to decide how we move forward!

PLEASE attend our April 14th Stated Communication as we will be voting on which direction to take.

If you are planning on attending our 197th Annual Grand Communication please let me know so you can be pre-registered.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

May the Good Lord watch over all of you and your Families.

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

Harbor City No. 318 Chaplin's Message

To all my Brothers,

Once again, we bid farewell to one of our Brothers who has laid down his working tools and has gone to meet The Great Architect of the Universe. Join me and wishing "Alas My Brother" to Brother Curtis Steele who passed away on Feb 27, 2026 from surgical complications.

With the passing of Brother Steele in mind, I would like to visit the subject of our obligations as Brothers in our ancient Fraternity, an obligation that transcends the mere keeping up of ones dues and showing up in Lodge once in a while. While these are important responsibilities, the obligation of being present at the ceremony of the life of a Brother who passed is a lasting impression one gives of our time-honored institution. We are all destined to be in these same circumstances and would pray that our surviving loved ones will be left with the feeling of warmth and gratitude one can only get from having a number of brothers present at one's final service.

Respectfully, Bro Richard Huffman, Chaplin

Harbor City No. 318: Sickness and Distress

The following Brothers and families need our prayers:

Brothers Tom M., Wade, Steven S., Oliver B., Jim D and wife, both of our Brethren Police Officers, Joey W., Marytn J., Brother Gary W. his wife and son Mark., Brother Ian W. and family (Emily & Julie), and for the Family of Brother Curtis S.

As in the past I have been asked by Worshipful John Allen to offer prayer for these individuals by name and also to include without names those individuals who wish to have their requests to remain in confidence at each of the Tyled meetings. He has also asked me to say a benediction at each of our nontyled gatherings. I am very proud do comply with his directive, thank you Worshipful.

My Brothers I have Prayer Warriors known only to me and should you have Prayer requests that you would like to have, but in confidence please contact me at (321)-298-1975.

It is incumbent upon us and all Masons to keep these and all our Brothers and their families in our Prayers.

HARBOR CITY No. 318: Charity

I propose our April Charity donation of \$50 be given to the to “Life Recaptured” of Brevard County. Florida ranks 3rd in human trafficking, absolutely an unheard-of number in our modern world today. Bro. Richard Huffman Chaplin 321-298-1975

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday, April 4, Masters and Wardens Meeting at Canaveral # 339. B@ 08/M@09

Saturday, April 4, Masonic Funeral Service for Bro Curtis Steele at VFW Post 8191 4130 N. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne (US 1) (between Post Rd and Pineda) at 2 PM

Saturday, April 11, Amaranth # 51 Open Installation @ 1 PM.

Saturday, April 25, Croton PTO Pancake Breakfast 0830-1130 AM

Saturday, May 2, Masters and Wardens at Indian River # 90. B@08/M@09

Tuesday, May 12, DDGM OV to Harbor City # 318

GOOD OF THE ORDER

On March 14th we held the St. Patrick’s Dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage and Shepards Pie, which was well attended and the food was delicious, thanks to Bro Galler for preparing the meal.

At our stated communication on March 24th, RW Jim Demenkow was presented an award of appreciation by W John Allen; and Bro Edward Leaman received his Certificate of Proficiency for completing his Master Mason Exams 1-2-3.

Congratulations Brothers!

Please see our web page to view the pictures: <http://www.harborcity318.com>

Something to Ponder

Masonry in Action:

There is an apron at the Florida Masonic home. There are several aprons, but this particular apron, is in the corporate boardroom. When you walk into the boardroom, there are several Masonic aprons on the back wall. Each apron has a three by five index card with it giving a short history of that apron. The apron I’m referring to belonged to a southerner who left his plantation to fight for the Confederacy. Towards the end of the war, a Yankee captain and his men approached the plantation house. The lady of the plantation waited for him on the veranda. When the Captain informed her that he was there to burn down the plantation house, she pulled from behind her, her husband’s Masonic apron and asked if there was no one present that would honor it. The captain ordered his men about face and left.

There is nowhere in the world where we cannot go, walk into a lodge, and be welcomed with open arms. We are indeed, members of the greatest Fraternity that has ever been or will ever be. We should make the most it.

Submitted by R:W: Ben Schwartz

HARBOR CITY No. 318 APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st: Ronald Furnival; 12th: Barry Shaffer; 15th: William King; 21st: Stephen Salaka; 22nd: Gerald Spillers; 27th: Carl Shoultz & Paul Beaudoin; 30th: Gabriel Tulier



HARBOR CITY No. 318 APRIL MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

8th: David Velez; 10th: Austin Davis; 12th: David Wisnewski; 17th: Otto West; 21st: Harry Van Zandt & Kevin Smithwick; 24th: Raul Flores & Gerald Spillers & Henry Engle, Jr. & Steven Knowlton & Douglas Setzer; 25th Gregory Jones & Robert Marshall; 26th: Ronald Trinkle



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.jobdaughtersinternational.org

The Buffalo was once referred to as "Humpbacked Cows."

The Grand Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania, F&AM was established on June 24, 1731, The first Grand Masters were: MW Daniel Coxe, MW William Allen and MW Benjamin Franklin. According to the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge website, they have had 125 Grand Masters.

US Presidents, who were Freemasons, include: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford. Some sources also include Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Lyndon Johnson received the Entered Apprentice Degree but did not advance. Presidents Andrew Jackson (Tennessee) and Harry Truman (Missouri) were Grand Masters.

Masonic Founding Fathers include: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Joseph Warren, John Hancock, John Sullivan, Marquis de Lafayette, Baron Frederick von Steuben, Nathanael Greene, John Paul Jones.

President Theodore Roosevelt once threatened to outlaw the sport of football due to the amount deaths and injuries sustained by players at the turn of the 20th century. Injuries included wrenched spinal cords, crushed skulls, broken ribs that pierced the heart. After a series of meetings and negotiations between Teddy and major college football executives, a safer game emerged.

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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. 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 Panicia	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

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
March 29 	March 30	March 31	1 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30 OPEN BOOKS @ HC 318 @ 6PM & School of Instruction @ HC 318 @ 7:30PM	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 1513: Juan Ponce de Leon landed in FL 1792: US Mint established	3 GOOD FRIDAY 1926: Bro Astronaut Gus Grissom	4 M& W @ Canaveral 339 B:08/M:09 2PM: Bro Steele's Funeral
5 EASTER SUNDAY 	6 Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-M-7:00 DDGM OV 1922: International Order of Rainbow for Girls established	7 OES 263 Meeting 7:30 Brevard 113-M:7:00-DDGMOV Beach 354-D6:30/M:7:30 1933: Prohibition Repealed (National Beer Day)	8 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30 1993: Space Shuttle Discovery launched STS-56	9 York Rite @ HC D: 6:30-M 7:30 PM Indian River 90 M:6:30 DDGM OV Palm Bay 397 D: 6:30/M: 7:30	10 1850-Grand Lodge of California F&AM est.	11 Amaranth #51 Open Installation 1 PM @ HC
12 1981-First Space Shuttle Discovery launched 1865-Grand Lodge of West Virginia AF&AM est.	13 Canaveral 339 D-6:30/M-7:30 Gateway 384-D:6:30/M:7:30 1743: 3 rd President Thomas Jefferson	14 Harbor City 318 Stated Meeting D: 6:30/M: 7:30 1865: President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated	15 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30 1912: The Titanic sunk	16 1972: Launch of Apollo 16	17 Amaranth (Ida E. Banks Court No. 51) M 7:30 @ HC 1787 Grand Lodge of MD AF&AM established	18 HC 318 MM degree. B @ 08/Degree @ 09
19 1775: Battles of Lexington & Concord, "Shot Heard Round the World."	20 Melbourne 143-M-7:00 DDGM OV Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30 1884: Pope Leo XIII published Humanum Genus, condemning Freemasonry	21 Brevard 113-D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-D6:30/M:7:30 1821-Gland Lodge of Missouri AF&AM est.	22 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30 1836: Mexican (Bro) Gen Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna captured and spared by Bro Gen Sam Houston after Battle of San Jacinto	23 Indian River 90 D 6:00/M:7:00 Palm Bay 397 D: 6:30/M: 7:30 1791: 15 th President Bro James Buchanan	24 1953: Bro Sir Winston Churchill knighted by Queen Elizabeth II	25 CROTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA Pancake Breakfast at HC 318 from 8:30 to 11:30AM
26 1986: Chernobyl Nuclear disaster	27 Canaveral 339 M-7:00 DDGM OV Gateway 384-D:6:30/M:7:30 1822: 18 th president, Lt Gen Ulysses S. Grant	28 Harbor City 318 Open Comm. Dessert Competition @ 6:30 Eastern Star-Amaranth/York Rite/Scottish Rite Appreciation 1758: 5 th President James Monroe	29 HC 318 Ritual Practice @ 6:30 1933: Willie Nelson	30 1789: (Bro) President George Washington took Oath of Office as the first president of the US on the balcony of Federal Hall on Wall Street, NYC, NY	1 May	2 May M&W @ IR # 90 B08/M09

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 (2nd & 4th Thursdays): 4430 Dixie Hwy., Palm Bay. *Please contact each Lodge or Group to confirm times and programs.*