



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

TRESTLE BOARD AUGUST 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

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**17th Masonic District of the
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida F. & A. M.**

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

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

Bro Charlie: "How can you tell if a snake is venomous or poisonous?"

Bro Clyde: "If the snake bites you, and you die, it was venomous. If you eat the snake, and you die, it was poisonous."

Q: What American musician closed the Woodstock festival by playing the Star-Spangled Banner on his electric guitar? A: Jimi Hendrix

Did you know that Prohibition in the US lasted for four years? It ended in April 1933.

Did you remember that the Battle at Little Big Hor happened in Montana from June 25-26, 1876. It was a battle against the combined Tribes of the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho. The Native Americans won this battle. It is also known as "Custer's Last Stand."

HC 318: Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East Brothers!

Wow what a month! It seems like this year is flying by and we have finally made it to a quick break - we are going to be dark the month of August! However, we do have our Grandmaster's official visit (Townhall and Dinner) on August 29th- (reminder emails to follow this month). I'll be sending a couple of fundraiser ideas to the craft this month for execution!

One idea is an asynchronous range competition so we can determine who is the best shooter in the district. The other idea is a Sand Castle/Shore Fishing Competition on the Beach (combined with a picnic of course). The Sand Castle competition will take place on a Saturday in September. The Range competition will be little different - we'll sell and mark the targets for individual shooters - the shooters will go to the range with another Mason and fire on the target at a designated distance and number of rounds. The Shooter will have the accompanying mason sign their target as a witness and return it to our lodge by the first meeting in November.

Finally, on a sadder note, we had several Brothers pass on through those celestial gates this month. Some I knew and some I didn't, but each passing hits differently. For all of them, though, we should celebrate their lives and their choice to donate their time, benevolence and treasure to their fellow humans through Freemasonry. Freemasonry teaches through symbolism, and one of the greatest symbols Freemasonry can have is how you, as a Brother, and a Man, live your life. Our departed Brothers were most excellent symbols of what we strive to be.

On that note, our most recently passed Brother Oliver Bryant will have a visitation from 12-2 PM, with a service following on August 22nd at the Davis Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, located at 560 Montreal Avenue in Melbourne (near the Eau Gallie Causeway). No Masonic funeral is requested, but the family would like us to attend and honor his memory.

Bro. John Allen, Worshipful Master. 321 604 2513

HC 318 Senior Warden's Message

From the West: Brethren,

I hope this message finds you and your families well.

This past month has reminded us of both the joy of fellowship and the importance of supporting one another through difficult times. We are deeply saddened by the passing of our dear Brother Oliver Bryant. His dedication to our Lodge and the principles of Freemasonry will not be forgotten. His zeal for life and hard-working spirit are something we should aspire to. Let us keep his family and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as we honor his memory and the legacy he leaves behind.

As we move into the coming months, I encourage each of you to attend our meetings, support our candidates and degree work, and continue reaching out to our brothers who may need encouragement. Together, we can continue building a stronger Lodge through friendship, service, and brotherly love.

Fraternally, Bro Greg Jones, Senior Warden

HC 318 Junior Warden's Message

From the South, My Brothers;

Perfection belongs only to the Great Architect of the Universe. The rest of us are merely rough ashlar, each entrusted with the lifelong labor of shaping our own character.

No Mason is expected to be perfect. We are expected to keep working. With every challenge we face, every lesson we learn, and every act of kindness we extend, another rough edge is removed from our ashlar.

There will be setbacks. There will be days when progress seems slow. But the working tools remind us that true improvement is not measured by perfection—it is measured by perseverance. Every sunrise offers another opportunity to become a little wiser, a little stronger, and a little more worthy of the obligations we have taken.

As Brothers, our work extends beyond ourselves. Let us encourage the Brother whose burden seems heavy, strengthen the Brother whose faith is wavering, and celebrate the Brother who is making progress. When we help another Mason refine his ashlar, we strengthen the entire Temple.

May we leave this place committed to continuing the work—patiently, faithfully, and humbly—remembering that the greatest structures are built, one carefully placed stone at a time.

Keep shaping your ashlar. Keep building your character. Keep spreading the light of Freemasonry.

Govern yourselves accordingly. Respectfully and Fraternally, Bro Ed Leaman, Junior Warden

Oregon's Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the US with a maximum depth of 1,943 feet. It was formed about 7,700 years ago when the former Mount Mazama stratovolcano collapsed. Crater Lake is 6 miles across and is one of the clearest lake in the world.

HC 318 Secretary's Notes

Greetings my Brothers. We hope you and your Families are doing well.

Mark your calendar for August 29th as our District will host the Grand Master's Official Visit at the Azan Shrine Center.

Please come out and support our Grand Master and our very own R:W:: Henry Lee Engel, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of the THUNDERING 17th Masonic District.

PLEASE, if you plan on attending make sure you R.S.V.P. as the events are filling up fast.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

May the good Lord watch over you and your Families!

Respectfully and Fraternally, R:W:: John Paniccia

Did you know the Liberty Bell was created in London?

Did you know, Brother Thomas Edison holds the most patents for an American with a staggering 1,093. And he started General Electric?

HC 318 Chaplain's Message

Brethren, how great it is to have new brothers in the quarry with their tools. It's certainly an opportunity for us to not only tell these Brothers how great the Fraternity is but to show them, not only while in the Lodge but when out in the world.

I've been spending time watching a lot of Facebook while sitting with my wife in the hospital after the injury to her leg, while on the subject, I would like to thank my Brothers for all their prayers. Back to the Facebook subject, there are a lot of things about Masonry there; while I know a lot have malicious undertones, but knowing what we know about our Fraternity, we are able to sort the good from the bad, there has been a lot of research done by some of the contributors. So, if you're so inclined view some of what is offered, I've learned quite a bit. There was a young artisan who made a golden orb that was suspended above a golden pyramid with the all-seeing eye. It was a treat to watch his skilled hands as he formed this wonderful tribute to our Fraternity. We have the Grand Master's visit this month which is always a great time to see our Grand Master. While I'm on the subject of our Grand Master's visit, it such a great honor once again to have a Brother from our Lodge as the newest DDGM, way to go Brother Henry Engle, you are doing our Lodge proud and we anticipate seeing more of you in Lodge with your entourage. You are always welcome.

Respectfully, Bro Richard Huffman, Chaplain

As a result of the Spanish-American War, the US acquired Cuba and the Philippines.

North Carolina is the only place in the world where Venus Flytraps grow naturally.

Do you realize, the home state of Tennessee Williams and William Faulkner is.....Mississippi?

HC 318: Sickness and Distress

The following brothers and their Families need our Prayers; Brothers: Tom M., Wade A., Steven S., Al Z., Scott S., Joey W., Harry V., Michael H., Ed L. and family, Jim D & wife Bobbie, Richard H and his wife, Gary W.& wife Donna and Son Mark, Family of Oliver B and Family of Otto W. My Brothers, we have Prayer Warriors available for prayers if you will let me know of your desires, your request will be kept in the strictest of confidence if that is your desire. You can reach me by text or call at (321)-298-1975. It is incumbent upon us and all Masons to keep these and all our Brothers and their Families in our thoughts and Prayers.

The Smithsonian collection is so large, it can only display 4% of its collection at any one time.

George Ferris invented the Ferris Wheel and introduced it at the Chicago World's Fair in June 1893 and cost 50 cents to ride.

HC 318: Charity

I will propose our September charity be LOVE I.N.C. This is a unique Charity I found at a Thrift Shop in the shopping center on the corner of Apollo and Sarno Road in Melbourne. They do not hand out money, they are there for a long-term, deeply rational life-transformation program. It's a nice shop with the title of LOVE INC, the I.N.C. is an acronym for In the Name of Christ, it's a worthy effort by a few trying to help the many in our city to Stabilize their Lives, set goals for their future, strengthen their foundations and support them emotionally and spiritually.

Bro. Richard Huffman Chaplain 321-298-1975

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug 5: Open Books @ HC 318 @ 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Aug 5: HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Aug 12: HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Aug 19: HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Saturday, Aug 22: Funeral Visitation and Service for Bro Oliver Bryant at Davis-Seawinds FH 12:00 to 2:00 PM (No masonic service)

Wednesday, Aug 26: HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Saturday, Aug 29: GMOV Town Hall Meeting@ Indian River # 90 at 0800 AM.

Saturday, Aug 29: GMOV Dinner hosted by District 17 at Azan Shrine, registration @ 5:00 PM

Wednesday, Sep 2: Open Books @ HC 318 @ 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Sep 2: HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Sep 8, HC #18 Stated Communication: D @ 6:30/M @ 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Sep 9, HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Sep 16, HC FC Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Sep 22, HC # 318 Stated Communication: D @ 6:30/M @ 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Sep 23, HC # 318: FC Degree

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tales of a Traveling Brother:

In July, Bro Brian Nemeth decided to embark on a 3,000-mile road trip to Iowa for a quick family visit. Along the way, he visited Stockbridge Lodge # 691, F&AM in Stockbridge GA and Equality Lodge # 2, AF&AM in Equality, IL. Stockbridge lodge was chartered on October 27, 1948, and Equality lodge was chartered in 1837. While Equality's number is 2, it is the oldest continuous functioning lodge in IL (according to their Secretary). Both lodges were happy to accommodate this visitor and allowed him to sit in lodge after due examination. It was educational and interesting to witness different jurisdiction's ritual work.

If that wasn't enough, just 3 days later he traveled to Dothan, AL for the FL-GA-AL Tri-State Convention, held at the Dothan Masonic Temple. This was a great experience. The event was attended by the Three Grand Masters of each state: MW: Haskell Vest, Jr. of Florida, MW William Shepard of GA and MW Andrew Barnett of AL. Florida lodge, Orange Park # 267 exemplified the EA degree with WM Lance Holman doing an excellent job, not only in presiding in the East but also delivering the lecture. This was followed by Georgia lodge, Tyrian # 111 (Warner Robins) exemplifying the FC degree, again, an excellent presentation by their degree team. Lastly, Alabama lodge, conferred the MM degree on a "real" FC of AL. Can you imagine the stories he will be able to tell his children that he was raised where 3 Grand Masters and more than 117 masons from 3 states were in attendance?

All in all, Bro Brian was able to get 2 more pins for his jacket! He's always looking for more.

Where will you travel? Please let us know about your experiences.

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

HARBOR CITY No. 318 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

William Springer; John Allen; Mitchell Smith; Dan Limoges; Michael Hutzler; Francis Cirillo; Paul Thompson; William Slaver; Herbert Stratton, Jr.; Ronald Trinkle; Dayle Schrock; Kenneth Henschel; Jay Rogers; Romel Saweress; Marvin Achord; David Buettner



HARBOR CITY No. 318 AUGUST MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Barden; Jerry Vanderzyl; Dayle Schrock; Charles Cooksey; William Williams; Stephen Rossi; Ricky Conner; Carl Shoultz; Douglas Stitt; Jeffrey Wells; Paul Marek; George Maxwell III; Mitchell Smith; David Waddell, Sr.



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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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

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. Aladroo, 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-----AUGUST 2026 Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 M&W @ Melbourne 143: B-08/M-09
2 1861: Grand Lodge CO AF&AM established	3 Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30	4 OES 263 DARK (AUG & SEPT) Brevard 113 D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-DARK (Aug) 1961: 44 th President: Barack Obama	5 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30 OPEN BOOKS 6 PM @ HC 318	6	7 1877: Grand Lodge of NM AF&AM established	8
9	10 Canaveral 339 DARK (Aug) Gateway 384 D:6:30/M:7:30 1874: 31 st President: Herbert Hoover	11 <i>Harbor City 318 Dark</i>	12 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30	13 York Rite @ HC D: 6:30-M 7:30 PM Indian River 90 D:6/M:7PM Palm Bay 397 Dark	14	15
16	17 Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30	18 Brevard 113-D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354-DARK (Aug) 1893: Bro Benjamin Abrams, of Farragut #976, NY-founded Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp	19 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30 1946: 42 nd President: William Clinton	20 1833: 23 rd President: Benjamin Harrison	21 (Ida E. Banks Court No. 51) DARK (AUG)	22 1200 to 2:00 PM: Visitation and service for Bro Oliver Bryant at Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home
23	24 Canaveral 339 DARK (Aug) Gateway 384-DARK	25 <i>Harbor City 318 OPEN COMMUNICATION</i>	26 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30	27 Indian River 90 Palm Bay 397 7 PM DDGM OV 1908: 36 th President EA Lyndon Johnson	28	29 GMOV Masonic Forum 0800 @ Indian River 90 GMOV Social & Dinner 5:00 PM at Azan Shrine
30	31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 5	Sept 5 M&W @ Brevard 113 : B-08/M-09

Melbourne # 143: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 2300 Dairy Rd., W. Melbourne.
 Canaveral # 339: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 149 S. Orlando Ave., Cocoa.
 Beach # 354: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1550 Hwy A1A, Indialantic.
 Harbor City # 318: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1715 Avocado Ave., Melbourne
 Palm Bay # 397: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 4430 Dixie Hwy., Palm Bay.

Merritt Island # 353: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 247 S. Tropical trail, Merritt Island.
 Gateway # 384: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 2995 Temple La., Mims.
 Brevard # 113: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 40 Carmalt St. Cocoa
 Indian River # 90: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 19 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
Please contact each Lodge or Group to confirm times and programs!