



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

TRESTLE BOARD SEPTEMBER 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 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thundering17>

From the District Deputy Grand Master

I want to thank everyone that came out to support the Grand Master at his Official Visit to District 17. We had a great turnout from the district, Thank You all. Extra thanks to those on the team that helped make it a success, their help was invaluable. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone around the Lodge and District soon, next up, Masters and Wardens this coming Saturday the 5th at Brevard Lodge #113. We have some great events coming up, stay tuned, and stay cool!

R.:W.: Henry Engel, DDGM, 17th Masonic District

HC 318: Worshipful Master's Message

Greetings from the East Brothers!

Welcome back from going dark for the month of August. We have an exciting close to the year coming up, including more food competitions, degrees, our Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Deliveries and Santa for the Haven festivities! I did want to point out one big change: I had a table lodge planned for November, but in lieu of that event I am switching it to a memorial dinner for some of our Brothers who passed on this year.

This summer we lost Brothers Richard Huffman, Oliver Bryant, Otto West, and Robert Varney; Brother Curtis Steele passing in February. I knew some of these brothers better than the others, but we should honor all of their memories. If you get a chance, say a prayer for our brothers called through the Celestial Gates this year.

We have significant work ahead to determine the lodge's future, and your input is key to whatever we decide as a craft. Make sure your voice is heard by coming out to this month's stated communications! We have two scheduled in September, and I look forward to seeing you there!
Bro. John Allen, Worshipful Master. 321 604 2513

HC 318 Senior Warden's Message

From the West: Brethren,

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of our Brother and Chaplain, Brother Richard Huffman. Brother Richard was a valued member of our Lodge and a Brother who served the Craft with dedication. His presence, guidance, and fellowship will be missed by us all. Let us keep his family and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in eternal peace, and may we never forget the mark he left upon our Lodge.

As we continue through the year, I also want to recognize the hard work being done by our Relocation Committee. There is a great deal happening behind the scenes as we work toward the future of our Lodge and the relocation process. I appreciate the time, effort, and dedication of the Brothers serving on this committee. A report should be presented at our September 22nd meeting.

As Senior Warden, I am proud of the way our Brothers continue to step up, work together, and support one another. Masonry is not simply about the work we do within the Lodge—it is about the bonds we build and the legacy we leave behind.

I look forward to continuing this work together and seeing what we can accomplish as a Lodge.

Fraternally, Bro Greg Jones, Senior Warden

The US Marines Training headquarters is Parris Island, South Carolina

The state of Nevada has the lowest average rainfall in America

The forward pass in football was introduced largely to prevent death and injuries

Did you know that in 1968, oil was discovered on Alaska's North Slope?

HC 318 Junior Warden's Message

From the South, My Brothers;

I believe the events of this past month have reminded us of a truth that every Mason comes to understand: we are all traveling the same journey, though none of us knows how many steps remain upon our Winding Stairs.

With each step, we move closer to that Undiscovered Country, the place beyond this earthly existence where our earthly labors are finished, and we are called to rest from our work.

As Masons, however, our journey is not meant to be traveled alone. We have an obligation to our Brothers, to their families, and especially to the widows and orphans left behind when a Brother lays down his working tools.

So, my Brothers, let us look around our Lodge. Think of those Brothers we have not seen in some time. Reach out. Make the phone call. Knock upon the door. Let them know they are remembered and that the bonds of Brotherhood extend far beyond the Lodge room.

Let us slow down. Let us put aside the distractions of our daily lives and be present with one another. We never know which step upon the Winding Stairs will be our last, or when our earthly travels will come to an end.

One day, each of us will pass beyond the veil and be received into that Celestial Lodge Above, where the Great Architect of the Universe presides. Until that time, we still have work to do. Let us make every step count.

In Memory of Our Brothers

Brother Curtis Steele

Brother Otto West

Brother Robert Varney

Brother Oliver Bryant

Brother Richard Huffman

Their journey upon this earthly path has ended, but their influence, their Brotherhood, and the memories they left behind remain among us.

May we honor them not only with our words, but with our actions—by looking after one another, by supporting those they left behind, and by striving each day to become better men and better Masons.

The Winding Stairs are before us. The Celestial Lodge awaits us. The Undiscovered Country lies beyond.

Until that final step, let us travel together as Brothers.

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

Pennsylvania opened the first stone-paved toll-road in the US

Do you remember that Chubby Checker had America doing the "Twist"?

From the District 17 Instructor

I am planning a Saturday Open Books at Harbor city # 318 on October 10, starting at 8 AM.
A note of gratitude for Harbor City degree team, I see you all laboring in the quarries and putting on practices for ritual. I admire your brothers for intentionally preserving our time-honored craft. Ritual competition is quarter 1 of 2027 if anyone wants to put together a team (FC Degree), please contact me. R:H: Matthew Hanks (321-503-2846)

The Whiskey Rebellion was a 1791-1794 uprising in western Pennsylvania against a federal excise tax on whiskey. This happened after Congress passed the first federal excise tax on distilled spirits in 1791 and was proposed by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, to help pay off the national debt from the Revolutionary War.

HC 318 Secretary's Notes

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

We are back from our "break" and are going to be busy! Your Officers have been working hard over the summer.

Congratulations to R:W: Henry Engel on a successful and enjoyable GMOV! You make us proud my Brother!

Just a reminder from our Grand Lodge Office:

Dear Brethren:

You are fraternally reminded that your members who are six (6) months in arrears in payment of their 2026 dues must have a "Notice of Delinquent Dues" forwarded to them by June 30, 2026, per the requirements of Article X, Section 20, of the Constitution. Further, a "Final Notice and Summons" must be forwarded to the delinquent members who did not heed the first notice within three months, by September 30, 2026.

May the good Lord watch over you and your Families!

Respectfully and Fraternally, R:W: John Paniccia

HC 318 Chaplain's Message

RIP: Brother Richard Huffman



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, Gary W. & wife Donna and Son Mark. It is incumbent upon us and all Masons to keep these and all of our Brothers and their Families in our thoughts and Prayers.

HC 318: Charity

To be decided at the stated communication.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Saturday, Oct 10: Open Books @ HC 318 @ 8 AM.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

HARBOR CITY No. 318 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Padgett; Steven Spears; Murray marsh; Evan Nitz; Michael Manning; Eric Hall; James Padgett III; Richard Howe; William White; Chad Coates; Michael Austin

HARBOR CITY No. 318 SEPTEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

John Palmisano; Michael Hutzler; Evan Nitz; Francis Cirillo; Douglas Kerens; John Maynard; Steven Spears; Ralph Cox; Donald Huggins; Jay Rodgers; Allen Gregg; James Cox



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



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Chaplain			
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.
Lodge Librarian	:. Al Zabel, Chmn.
Sickness & Distress	
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	Douglas 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, PPDGM

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 OES 263 DARK (SEPT) Brevard 113 D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354 M:7:30 National Cherry Popover Day	2 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30 National V-J Day (1945)	3 1923: Mort Walker Comic Strip writer: Beetle Bailey and Hi & Lois	4 1784: Bro William Pope Duvall National Macadamia Nut Day	5 M&W @ Brevard # 113: B-08/M-09
6 1757: Bro Marquis de Lafayette	7 LABOR DAY Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 DARK Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30 National Grandma Moses Day	8 Harbor City 318 D:6:30/M:7:30 1925: Bro Richard "Peter" Sellers Star Trek Day	9 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30 OPEN BOOKS 6 PM @ HC 318 1890: Bro Harland David (Col) Sanders	10 York Rite @ HC D: 6:30-M 7:30 PM Indian River 90 D:6/M:7PM Palm Bay 397	11 PATRIOT'S DAY <i>Rosh Hashanah begins</i>	12 1876: Bro Harry Stutz National Chocolate Milkshake Day
13 1860: Bro (Gen) John Pershing "Uncle Sam" Day	14 Canaveral 339 Gateway 384 D:6:30/M:7:30	15 Brevard 113 D:6:30/M:7:30 Beach 354 M:7:30 1851: Grand Lodge of Oregon AF&AM estab. 1857: Bro William Taft, 27 th President	16 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30 Mayflower Day	17 MM Degree at Merritt Island # 353 1930: Bro Edgar Mitchell, Astronaut 1930: Bro & Lt Gen Thomas Stafford, Astronaut	18 NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY (Ida E. Banks Court No. 51) 1947: USAF estab.	19 National Butterscotch Pudding Day
20 <i>Yom Kippur begins</i> Pepperoni Pizza Day	21 Melbourne 143-D-6:30/M-7:30 Merritt Is 353-D-6:30/M-7:30 National Pecan Cookie Day	22 Harbor City 318 D:6:30/M:7:30 AUTUMNAL EQUINOX	23 HC 318 FC Degree 7 PM 1857: Grand Lodge of NE AF&AM estab.	24 Indian River 90 D:6/M:7 Palm Bay 397 1930: Bro John Young, Astronaut	25 Native American Day National Lobster Day	26 National Pancake Day
27 National Chocolate Milk Day	28 Canaveral 339 Gateway 384 National Strawberry Cream Pie Day	29 1758: Bro Horatio Nelson 1907: Bro Gene Autry National VFW Day National Coffee Day	30 HC 318 Ritual/Degree Practice @ 6:30	1 October 1924: Jimmy Carter, 39 th President National Homemade Cookies Day	2 October National Fried Scallops Day	3 October M&W @ Beach # 354: 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!