Trestleboard

Mandarin Masonic Lodge No. 343 F.&A.M. July 2025

From the East…

Brethren,

As we enter the heart of summer, I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication to the Craft and to our lodge. July traditionally marks a time when many lodges "go dark"—a period of rest and recess. However, this year, we will *not* be going dark. There is too much important work ahead of us, and I am confident that with your support, we will rise to meet every challenge.

Our lodge has momentum right now—momentum we cannot afford to lose. Whether it's degree work, community outreach, or improving our facilities, the tasks before us require our collective effort and consistent presence. This is a time for action, not idleness.

I understand that summer brings travel, family time, and well-deserved rest. Please take the time you need, but I also ask that you stay engaged. Attend when you can, reach out to Brothers, and continue to support the lodge in whatever way you're able. Our strength lies in our unity and commitment.

Together, let's make this summer a season of progress—not pause. The Light we seek does not take a vacation.

Fraternally,

Omar Rivera

Worshipful Master

From the South…

Greetings Brothers,

I hope all is well with you. We had another Bingo night last month. Thank you to all that made it. We are in the early stages of possibly moving Bingo from the Fellowship Hall, to The Muse bar down the street. I will keep you posted on how that pans out. We are tossing around the possibility of having a silent auction there as well to raise money for the kitchen remodel . We talked to the person in charge of events at the Muse and because it's a fundraiser, they will not charge us to hold the above-mentioned events there. If everything goes well, this could benefit us greatly. We form a relationship with a local business, we are seen doing events in public, anyone there can play or bid, so the amount of money we can raise increases, plus we can enjoy a drink while playing Bingo. It's a win/win.

Please spread the word, we will be having a craft/business fair at the lodge November 15th to raise money also. If you know anyone that would like to be a vendor at the fair, please let me know. If you don't, just tell your friends and neighbors that we are having an event. This is our lodge, let's get the word out so we can make the necessary improvements. Remember, the nicer the Fellowship Hall is, the more we can rent it for and the more people will want to rent it. Plus, as a side bonus, all future Junior Wardens will have access to a better kitchen and hopefully result in better meals every year.

----------3TF----------

3TF this month will be at Cooper's Hawk Winery and restaurant at 10601 San Jose Blvd. PLEASE RSVP so I know how many people to get a table for.

Fraternally,

Daniel Breslin

Junior Warden

Awaiting EA Degree

Taylor Silvey

Petition for the Degrees

Mike Magners

Calendar

***Subject to minor changes.**

July 2025

2– Open Books @ Orange Park Lodge
2– DDGM @ Stafford Caldwell
3– Stated Communication
7– DDGM @ OP Lodge
8– DDGM @ Wesconnett
14– Called Communication (EA)
15– DDGM @ Arlington
16– SOI @ AJR Lodge
17– DDGM @ JW Fargis
17– 3TF @ Cooper's Hawk San Jose Blvd.
19- Open Books @ Hyde Park Lodge
19– Jax 21 Rainbow Installation @ Duval Lodge
21– DDGM @ Temple
23– NEFMA @ Mandarin Lodge
23-26 DeMolay Conclave @ Orlando
24- FL Grand Commandery Bible Project (RSVP with Todd Connor)
25-26 Tri-State Degree @ Jackson Lodge

August 2025

6– DDGM Audit
7– Stated Communication (DDGM Official Visit)
9– Masonic Education Conference @ Pine Castle Lodge
12– DDGM @ Ribault
21– DDGM @ Ionic
27– NEFMA @ Amelia Lodge
25– FL Grand Commandery Bible Project (RSVP with Todd Connor)

2025 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master
Omar Rivera
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Senior Warden
Bob Davidson

Junior Warden
Daniel Breslin

Treasurer
Don Carter, PM

Secretary
Lou Govreau, PM

Marshall
Jan Lindahl, PM

Chaplain
Jack Krumbein

Senior Deacon
Carl Mankinen

Junior Deacon
Mitchel “Shane” Weaver

Senior Steward
Travis Reynolds

Junior Steward
Larry Mason

Tyler
Bobby Bethel

2025 COMMITTEES

Finance
Bob Davidson, SW
Larry Rogers, PM
Travis Reynolds, SS

Vigilance
Daniel Breslin, JW
Jack Krumbein, Chaplain
Travis Reynolds, SS

Petitions
Lou Govreau, PM, Sec
Shane Weaver, JD
Bobby Bethel, Tyler

Masonic Education
Todd Connor, PM
Lou Govreau, PM, Sec
Chairman- Ed Mann, PM

Board of Relief
Omar Rivera, WM
Bob Davidson, SW
Daniel Breslin, JW

Charity
Todd Connor, PM
Don Carter, PM, Treas
Larry Mason, JS

Lodge Property
Bob Davidson, SW
Daniel Breslin, JW
Carl M, SD

Community Relations
Jeff Starke , PM
John Young, PM
Larry Mason, JS

PAST MASTERS

1962 ***C. P. Munger***
1963 ***C. E. Futch***
1964 ***W. H. Ange***
1965 ***Walter Wilson Powell***
1966 ***M. D. Bish***
1967 ***Billy Collier***
1968 ***T. "Ira" Higginbotham***
1969 ***C. J. Bowden***
1970 ***R. L. Flynn***
1971 C. R. Bell (PDDGM)
1972 John Ammond Peoples Jr.
1973 ***Earl Davis Waldrep Sr.***
1974 ***Donald E. Bush***
1975 ***Earl Herndon (PDDGM)***
1976 ***M. C. Cassidy***
1977 ***Nicholas Manos***
1978 ***Cecil Lenard Platt***
1979 ***Cedric Frank Thompson***
1980 ***G. Grayson***
1981 ***T. Thompson***
1982 ***Jerry Johnson***
1983 ***J. R. Knight Jr.***
1984 John Porter Hufman
1985 Richard Gale Hornbrook
1986 ***Richard Faye Mauro***
1987 Donald Wyman Carter
1988 ***Joseph J. Frederickson***
1989 Christopher C. Ramsayer
1990 Anthony "George" Colson
1991 Henry B. Tucker
1992 ***Elva Ray "Pete" Copeland***
1993 Walter Manfred Pace
1994 ***Lenwood Earl Bucks***
1995 ***Gerald Dean Pugh***
1996 Earnest Jackson Strange
1997 Jimmy J. Pace
1998 ***Siegfried Rohrbacher***
1999 Randy Carter
2000 ***Paul Johnston***
2001 John Downes
2002 Charles Benham
2003 Larry M. Rogers
2004 Charles Higgins
2005 James C. Ruoff
2006 David M. L. Randall
2007 William E. Avera III
2008 George S. Blum
2009 ***Eddie E. Bides***
2010 Nate Vargo
2011 Larry M. Rogers
2012 Mike Minter
2013 Larry M. Rogers
2014 George Sarkees III
2015 Angelo Echevarria
2016 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
2017 David J. Gilpin
2018/2019 Todd Connor
2020 Lou Govreau
2021 John Young
2022 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
2023 Edward Mann
2024 Jan Lindahl



MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING
2025 ZOOM ONLY WORKSHOPS

Your State MLT team would love to invite you to MLT Zoom 2025. This is a great opportunity to join us in July, August and October and take advantage of attending a few workshops or all fifteen.

DDGM's, Lodge Secretaries and all Master Masons we encourage you to promote these events at upcoming Stated Communications and post them on the Trestleboard.

Wednesday, July 09, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(1) Lodge Officers' Duties, (2) Worshipful Master Duties, (3) Planning your Year, (4) Becoming Worshipful Duties, (5) Running Your Lodge
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kpXPYIPsS8y76zCgGEdjTg

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(6) Committees (7) Petitions and Investigating Committee, (8) Communications, (9) Budgeting and Finance (10) Membership
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/MQ790K0YQ8aidO7e9dnmlA

Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(11) Lodge Renewal, (12) Ritual, (13) Service, (14) Event Organization, (15) Public Speaking
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uA0LHQ39Qs-2tUAtRd7s-w

Wednesday, August 06, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(1) Lodge Officers' Duties, (2) Worshipful Master Duties, (3) Planning your Year, (4) Becoming Worshipful Duties, (5) Running Your Lodge
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/c_J1uOWxRf6f93OfuRMWhg

Monday, August 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(6) Committees (7) Petitions and Investigating Committee, (8) Communications, (9) Budgeting and Finance (10) Membership
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/adKMBnk0RmaWlkg-5uDxug

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(11) Lodge Renewal, (12) Ritual, (13) Service, (14) Event Organization, (15) Public Speaking
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yRmC1zfAQtyU_qhRw_cpCg

Tuesday, October 07, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(1) Lodge Officers' Duties, (2) Worshipful Master Duties, (3) Planning your Year, (4) Becoming Worshipful Duties, (5) Running Your Lodge
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/GjxVP1XGQqSkQ1eTthWq5A

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(6) Committees (7) Petitions and Investigating Committee, (8) Communications, (9) Budgeting and Finance (10) Membership
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/UfkTSAgxSrOHPJzLWLOxHQ

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST:
(11) Lodge Renewal, (12) Ritual, (13) Service, (14) Event Organization, (15) Public Speaking
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VjvfSyjvT5OUxS7a81On1A

Please note participants ***must*** have their GL Membership Number to register. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Fraternally yours,

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MASONIC TRI-STATE CONVENTION

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JULY 25TH & 26TH, 2025

JACKSON LODGE Nº 1

Free & Accepted Masons of Florida — Est. 1824

Friday, July 25th

- Registration from 5:00pm to 7:30pm
- Reception Dinner 7:30pm - $25 per person

Saturday, July 26th

- Full Breakfast 7:00am - $10 per person
- Florida Lodge Opening, Reception of Grand Masters 8:15am
- Georgia Lodge Opening — Entered Apprentice Degree
- Alabama Lodge Opening — Fellow Craft Degree
- Lunch Noonish - $10 per person
- Florida Lodge Opening — Master Mason Degree 1st Section
- Florida District 6 Ceremonial Team — Master Mason Degree 2nd Section
- Florida Master Mason Lecture
  - M∴W∴ Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master of Florida — 1st Half
  - R∴W∴ Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of Florida — 2nd Half

Please RSVP via Eventbrite link https://tinyurl.com/tristate-afg
or contact Don at Voicemail/Text 850-524-3773 or don@raptortek.com



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2814 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32301
850-792-5400
Tri State Degree—https://tinyurl.com/tristate-hotel

Rooms & Rates
1 King Bed—$99.00
2 Queen Beds—$99.00

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