



April 2026 Trestle Board

Canaveral Masonic Lodge



Important Dates

Open Books Harbor City Lodge

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
6:00 PM

Masters & Wardens at Canaveral Lodge

Saturday, April 4, 2026
Breakfast 8:00 AM
Meeting 9:00 AM

Stated Communication Canaveral Lodge

Monday, April 4, 2026
Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM

Master Mason Degree Canaveral Lodge

Saturday, April 25, 2026
9:00 AM

Official DDGM Visit to Canaveral Lodge

Monday, April 27, 2026
Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM

R.:W.: Craig R. Boettcher
District Deputy Grand Master
17th Masonic District
RH Matthew Green
District Instructor
17th Masonic District



2026 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master Barry Shaffer

Senior Warden Bruce Yelen

Junior Warden Juan Avendano

Secretary Todd Forschino

321-588-1910

Treasurer Dan Maltby

Senior Deacon Darrell Schmitt

Junior Deacon Raymond Garubo

Tyler Cliff Schmitt

Chaplain Glenn Chandler

Historian Bob Watkins

From the East

Barry Shaffer, PM
Worshipful Master

Brethren,

Canaveral Lodge No. 339 is preparing for two significant and meaningful events in the coming weeks, and we are calling upon the strength, unity, and dedication of our Brothers to ensure their success.

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, Canaveral Lodge will proudly host the Master's and Wardens Meeting for our district. This important gathering provides an opportunity for leadership to come together, share ideas, strengthen our Craft, and continue building the future of Freemasonry.

We will begin the morning with breakfast at 8:00 AM, followed by the meeting at 9:00 AM. All attending can expect fellowship, collaboration, and a renewed sense of purpose as we work together to support our Lodges and our Brothers.

Later in the month, we turn our focus to one of the most profound and impactful moments in a Mason's journey.

On Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM, Canaveral Lodge will confer a Master Mason Degree, raising two deserving Brothers from within our Lodge. This is not just another degree; it is a defining moment that symbolizes growth, commitment, and the continuation of our sacred traditions.

To ensure this degree is performed with the excellence and dignity it deserves, we are asking for all hands on deck. Whether you are able to assist in ritual work, serve in a supporting role, or simply be present to strengthen the sidelines, your participation matters. Together, we create an unforgettable experience for our Brothers as they take this important step.

If you are willing to help or would like more information on how you can be involved, please reach out directly. Your time, talent, and presence will make a lasting difference.

Let us come together as Brothers, as leaders, and as stewards of our Craft to support these upcoming events and continue building the legacy of Canaveral Lodge No. 339.

Fraternally,

Barry Shaffer

Worshipful Master 2026

Bruce Yelen, PM
Senior Warden

Brothers, last month we initiated a new brother into our lodge. While standing with the rest of the brethren while our new Entered Apprentice was taking his obligation, I was reminded once again of what I consider to be one of the more beautiful moments of the degree, and its allusion to one of the unspoken but accepted tenets of the fraternity. I'm speaking of the fact that at no time during the degree does the Worshipful Master, or any other participant of the ritual, make any kind of proclamation or announcement to the effect of "I hereby declare that you are a brother". Instead, there is only the subtle fact that, before completing his obligation, we refer to "the candidate" or "Mr.". However, as soon as our newly made brother completes the words of his obligation, he is referred to as "The Brother" or "Brother ...".

To me, this alludes to the fact that, as Masons, we should do our various acts of assistance and charity quietly and without fanfare. There is no need to shout out about our accomplishment(s). When we receive thanks, we can respond with a quiet statement that we're glad to have been in a position to help. When we render assistance to "a Brother, his widow, and orphans", or other forms of charity, we do it *because* we're Masons. As always, I look forward to seeing my brethren in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Bruce Yelen
Senior Warden 2026

From the South

Juan C. Avendano
Junior Warden

Brethren,

Spring is here, and with it comes one of the greatest privileges we enjoy as Masons — fellowship. There is something truly special about gathering around a table with men of good character, sharing a meal, and deepening the bonds that first brought us through the West Gate.

I want to encourage each of you to think of someone in your life — a neighbor, a coworker, a friend you've been meaning to reconnect with — and extend a simple invitation to one of our upcoming dinners or events. You never know whose life might be changed by an evening in the company of good men. That is exactly how many of us found our way here.

Our lodge is at its best when our halls are full of laughter, good food, and genuine conversation. Let's make that happen. Reach out to a friend this week and bring them along. The table is wide, and there is always room for one more.

Fraternally,

J. Camilo Aberndano
Junior Warden 2026

From the Secretary's Desk

Todd Forschino, PM
Secretary

Brethren,

2026 Proposed Legislation is in. We will be reading this in the Lodge and will discuss. If you did not get the email, please let me know, and I can send it to you if you are interested in reading it prior to the reading at the Lodge.



2026 Proposed Legislation
Contains Jurisprudence Recommendations

Please click the button below to view the 2026 Proposed Legislation WITH the Jurisprudence recommendations.

If your address or email address changes, please contact us to update our records.

Phone: 321-588-1910

Email: todd.forschino@gmail.com

Fraternally,



Todd Forschino

Secretary, Canaveral Lodge No. 339

For the Good of the Order



On March 12, 2026, we extend our sincere appreciation to the Brethren of Brevard Lodge No. 113 F&AM for their outstanding courtesy work in welcoming our newest Entered Apprentice. Your time, dedication, and true spirit of brotherhood reflect the very best of our Craft. Congratulations to Brother Jack as he begins his journey in Freemasonry, an exciting path filled with growth, knowledge, and purpose. We are proud to stand beside him as he progresses, and we remain grateful for the continued support and fellowship that strengthen our Masonic family.

For the Good of the Order



Master Mason Degree Canaveral Lodge No. 339



Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00 AM

149 S. Orlando Ave. -Cocoa Beach, FL

For the Good of the Order
FURTHER LIGHT!

Statewide York Rite Festival

In honor of

Most Worshipful Taleb T. Atala

Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

Hosted by The Ft. Pierce York Rite Bodies

Don't miss the chance for an unforgettable weekend by attending outdoor Degree's in the Presence of the Grand Master of Masons of Florida

It's time to continue your journey !



Chapter

**Recovering the Lost
Word of a Master Mason**



Council

**Preserving the Lost
Word of a Master Mason**



Commandary

**Living the Word through
Christian Knighthood**

Cost

**Attendees: Only \$35
(includes all meals)**

**For more information Contact :
Secretary / Recorder**

MI Companion Paul W. Friend PGM



772-260-6404



Mipgm96@aol.com

10 & 11 APRIL 2026

**Friday starting at 5 pm
and**

Saturday starting at 8 am

Location :

The Buxton Ranch

**27850 NE 290th Trl,
Okeechobee, FL 34972**



*The Orlando
Scottish Rite*

*Ancient & Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,
Valley of Orlando Orient of Florida*



Orlando Valley Reunion

April | 11-12 | 2026



*Step into the Orlando Scottish Rite
where knowledge grows, bonds strengthen, and purpose thrives.
Scan now to join us in April.*

For the Good of the Order

Please leave us a review on Google, as this will help us reach more brothers and families in our community. Click on this link <https://bit.ly/CanaveraGoogleReview> or scan the QR Code below. This takes very little time and we would appreciate it.



For the Good of the Order

17th Masonic District
Representing Florida's Space Coast

Welcome to the Thundering 17th Masonic District!

Brethren of the THUNDERING 17th District,

As I begin my journey as your District Deputy Grand Master, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the confidence and support you have already shown me. It is an incredible honor to represent Most Worshipful Talleb Talli T. Atala, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, and to serve this great district alongside each of you. The THUNDERING 17th District has a proud tradition of leadership, unity, and service, and I am committed to upholding and building upon that legacy. I look forward to working with our Worshipful Masters, Lodge officers, and all the Brethren to strengthen our fraternal bonds, advance our charitable efforts, and ensure the continued vitality of our Lodges.

The focus this year will be on Education, Fellowship, and Community Service. These pillars will guide our efforts as we strive to make a meaningful impact within our Lodges and throughout the communities we serve.

With your support and Brotherhood, I know this will be a successful and rewarding year for us all. Let us walk this path together with purpose, pride, and a shared commitment to the Craft.

Fraternally,

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District Deputy Grand Master
17th Masonic District
Representing Most Worshipful Tall T. Atala, Grand Master of Masons of Florida

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R.:W Matthew Green
District Instructor 17th Masonic

District 17 and its Masters and Wardens have a new website. Please save this address for all district events. <https://thunderingdistrict.wixsite.com/seventeen>

For the Good of the Order

Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents



LYPMGC and the Masonic Home

The Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents Program began in 1958. It was created with the intention of every Brother donating a penny a day, to be deposited in an Endowment Fund with the principal never to be touched. The interest from this money would be utilized for the operation of the Masonic Home, which is one of only twenty homes with a FIVE STAR facility rating in Florida, and thereby ensuring the residents of the Home an exceptional quality of life, which they so justly deserve. I am confident that any Brother who visits our Masonic Home will consider his pennies well spent, and will be very proud of our beautiful facility and the comfortable, secure environment that has been created for our Brothers and Sisters. Many Brothers within the jurisdiction of Florida include L.Y.P.M.G.C. in the payment of their Dues to Lodge, in addition to voluntary contributions to the Grand Lodge of Florida. One hundred percent of the funds raised or collected for this program are not discretionary, and cannot be used for other particular Lodge expenditures.

- > Committee Program
- > Contribute to LYPMGC
- > Contact the State Chairman

For more information on how you can continue to give to the LYPMGC, visit <https://www.grandlodgefl.com/glf-initiatives/lypmgc-for-the-home-2/>

Appendant Bodies



Shriners are bound together by our shared values and desire to have fun, do good, and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

Shriners International is more than just a fraternity – it's great men making an even more significant difference – together. Because together, we are more.

Are you of great character interested in learning more about becoming a Shriner? Take the first step and contact Todd Forschino at Canaveral Masonic Lodge or call Azan Shrine at 321-259-5302.

You can also visit

<https://beashrinernow.com/join-shriners-form/>

Check out the AZAN Website at www.azanshrine.org for upcoming events and fun!



*The Orlando
Scottish Rite*

*Ancient & Accepted
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Those interested in expanding their Masonic education and meeting Brothers from other areas should attend the Spring Reunion. It's scheduled for April 11 & 12. It's a great experience that you will retain a lifetime and will become 32` Scottish Rite Masons.

We also have Scottish Rite clubs in Titusville, meeting at Indian River 90, and in Melbourne, at Melbourne Lodge 143. These are intended to give Scottish Rite Brothers who cannot attend the stated meeting an opportunity to stay in touch with meetings, events, and activities.

If you love being a Mason, you will absolutely love Scottish Rite. Our meetings are short, and in most cases, you can bring your wife for a great meal and fellowship. Contact Terry Lewis `32 at 405 501 3157, vmloren@yahoo.com, or Ill. Keith Albright 33` 407 657 4550, gensecorl@gmail.com

Appendant Bodies



York Rite Bodies

Next festival in April

Recently, I went through the York Rite Degrees and enjoyed it. If you love the format of the Blue Lodge degrees, this flows naturally into it. It answers many questions and addresses key gaps in the Hiramic Legend. It's been said that completing only the MM degree, without experiencing the Royal Arch, is like listening to the first part of a song and not finishing it. You can complete only the chapter and council degrees if this is holding you back (commandery). The order of the temple was one of the most impressive and powerful degrees I've experienced

In our awesome district, there are two options to get plugged in:

Cocoa Bodies meets at Brevard 113 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm
James J Joyner Sr is a good POC for Cocoa.

Melbourne Bodies at Harbor City just once a month - 2nd Thursdays.
Matt Green, Todd Forshino, or I can be a good POC for Melbourne.

I would love to see York Rite booming in our district. If your Masonic journey has gotten stale, let's add some excitement!

New Grand YR website below:
<https://grandyorkritefl.org/>

-Matt Hankes



Finance

Bruce Yelen; Senior Warden
Dan Maltby; Treasurer

Vigilance

Juan C. Avendano; Junior Warden

Petitions

Juan C. Avendano; Junior Warden

Education

Barry Shaffer; Worshipful Master
Bruce Yelen; Senior Warden
Jaun C. Avendano; Junior Warden

Board of Relief

Barry Shaffer; Worshipful Master
Bruce Yelen; Senior Warden
Jaun C. Avendano; Junior Warden

Investigative

Bruce Yelen; Senior Warden

Lodge Mentor

TBA



Historian

Chairman; Bob Watkins

Awards Recommendations

Chairman; Todd Forschino

Community Relief

Chairman; Glenn Chandler

Community Services

Chairman; Glenn Chandler

Trestleboard & Flyer Distribution

Chairman; Todd Forschino

Web Page & Upcoming Events

Chairman; Todd Forschino

Publicity/Public Relations

Chairman; Todd Forschino

Transportation (Cable Tow)

Chairman; TBA

Fundraising

Barry Shaffer; Worshipful Master

Bruce Yelen; Senior Warden

Jaun C. Avendano; Junior Warden



MASONIC BIRTHDAY

4/13 STEVEN LAUBENHEIMER

4/14 RODERIC HAYES

4/17 ROBERT STEADMAN

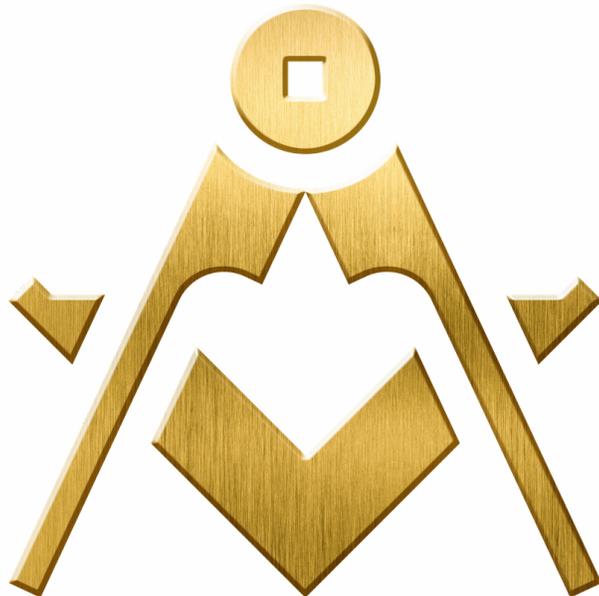
4/24 JAY GENTRY

BRUCE YELEN

4/29 THOMAS SAVAGE

MATT COGNAC

4/30 WILLIAM EWERTZ





SICKNESS AND DISTRESS
Amber and Todd Forschino
Terry Lewis
For those unspoken





CANAVERAL LODGE HONORARY PERPETUAL MEMBERS

CLICK BELOW TO VIEW ALL OF OUR HONORARY PERPETUAL MEMBERS
FOR CANAVERAL LODGE NO. 339



Perpetual Members Canaveral Masonic Lodge | Canaveral Masonic Lodge No. 339

Location: 149 South Orlando Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL
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 [Canaveral Masonic Lodge No / Oct 2, 2024](#)



CANAVERAL LODGE PERPETUAL MEMBERS

BENJAMIN ADAMS JR
JAMES BILLS
RODNEY BORNEFELD
HARRY BROWN JR
DANNY COOK
ROBERT CRAWFORD
JAMES CROMER
HENRY T. DAVIS
IRVEN DAVIS
DWIGHT EASTERLY
HERMAN EFIRD
BILLY EMRICK
JOHN EMSMINGER
WILLIAM EWERTZ
RAYFIELD FAYED SR
ROBERT FITCH
OLIVER FOLLWEITER III
TODD FORSCHINO
RODGER FOWLER
RUSSELL FOWLER
ROBERT HACKETT
JOHN HALLENBORG
ARTHUR HANSEN
JAMES HARRISON
BILLY HARRISON
PETE HUTCHINS
VERNON JENSON
JOHN JOHANSON
KENNETH KING
LACY LATTA
BRUCE LAUBENHEIMER JR
BRUCE LAUBENHEIMER SR
WAYNE LENNOX
PHILLIP MABRY
PETE MAGERAS
JOSEPH MORGAN
THOMAS NEAL
PETER PAUL
EDMUND PERESLUHA II
WALKTER PRIESTER
DALE PROSUHN
RALPH ROBBS

EUGENE SANDERLIN
THOMAS SAVAGE
CLIFF SCHMITT
DARRELL SCHMITT
MATTHEW SCHNICKE
RICK SCHULZE
JACK SCHWARTZ
DONALD SCOTT
MAC SCOTT
BARRY SHAFFER
CHARLES SMITH
GEORGE SNYDER
ALVIN STERN JR
THOMAS STUART JR
WALTER TAYLOR
CHARLES TERRILL
THOMAS VAN HORN
EDMUND VINCENT
JOHN WERNETH
NORMAN WHITE
ROBERT WICKER II
ARMIN WOLLE
WILLIAM ZIELINSKI



CANAVERAL LODGE PAST MASTERS

1962 R.D. VAN VALKENBURG
1963 J.P. RUBINO
1964 H.E. MAY
1965 E. VINCENT
1966 J.B. BROWN
1967 H.P. STRICKLAND
1968 R.D. FARMER
1969 R.L. BREWER
1970 C.W. PFEIFFER
1971 W.W. MURRAY JR.
1972 DWIGHT EASTERLY
1973 S.L. CARSE
1974 BRUCE LAUBENHEIMER SR.
1975 A.B. KOUNS
1976 P.N. MAGERAS
1977 A.C. ADLER
1978 E.A. SANDERLIN
1979 K.L. KING
1980 R.T. SHAVER
1981 B.M. HARRISON
1982 J.W. COOK
1983 J.A. BURRIS
1984 R.L. MCDOLE
1985 R.W. ROBB
1986 F.A. WINISKI
1987 G.G. ROGERS
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1989 H.L. BROWN, JR.
1990 W.L. PATE
1991 H.L. BOSLEY
1992 F.T. HUTSON
1993 R.E. WICKER
1994 R.E. WICKER II
1995 G.R. REVELS
1996 J.H. WORKMAN
1997 F.H. TAYLOR
1998 P.N. MAGERAS
1999 R.L. BREWER
2000 R.L. GREER
2001 DON PRETSCH

2002 RODGER FOWLER
2003 P.N. MAGERAS
2004 J.P. DAVIES
2005 P.N. MAGERAS
2006 BRUCE LAUBENHEIMER SR.
2007 RODGER FOWLER
2008 VERN JENSON
2009 DANIEL MALTBY
2010 RODNEY BORNEFELD
2011 THOMAS SAVAGE
2012 ROBERT WATKINS
2013 WILLIAM "BO" EWERTZ
2014 DANNY E. COOK
2015 JOHN JOHANSON
2016 MATT NEWHOUSE
2017 RICKY JONES
2018 TERRY LEWIS
2019 JOHN JOHANSON
2020 PETE HUTCHINS
2021 DARRELL SCHMITT
2022 WILLIAM ZIELINSKI
2023 TODD FORSCHINO
2024 DARRELL SCHMITT
2025 RICHARD SCHULZE

