



March 2026 Trestle Board

Canaveral Masonic Lodge



Important Dates

Open Books Harbor City Lodge

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
6:00 PM

Masters & Wardens at Melbourne Lodge

Saturday, March 7, 2026
Breakfast 8:00 AM
Meeting 9:00 AM

Stated Communication Canaveral Lodge

Monday, March 9, 2026
Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM

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Monday, March 23, 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 Decon Darrell Schmitt

Tyler Cliff Schmitt

Chaplain Glenn Chandler

Historian Bob Watkins

From the East

Barry Shaffer, PM
Worshipful Master

I hope March finds everyone well.

We have 2 EA Brothers beginning their catechism practices, and we will be adding another Brother to them on the 12th.

The Lodge is really working to make our meetings more entertaining, with good meals beforehand, and we hope to see you soon.

At our meeting on the 23rd, we will have an Irish dinner featuring traditional dishes. If we can finish our business at our first meeting, we will open the Lodge in the EA Degree for education and fellowship.

Fraternally,

Barry Shaffer

Worshipful Master 2016

From the West

Bruce Yelen, PM
Senior Warden

Brethren, I'm currently sitting here in front of my computer, trying to figure out what I'm going to write for this month's Trestle Board. I was thinking of doing something regarding Masonic history, esoterica, lodge activities, or any of a host of subjects you would normally expect to see in this space. Then, like an epiphany, I realized that when I stand at the Senior Warden's station, there are perhaps only three or four brothers sitting on the sidelines. Why is this? Why don't I see more of my brethren attending? Yes, I know that "life happens" and that some of us have moved away from the area. I also know that some of us are unable to attend due to illness or other circumstances (I myself was absent from Masonry for 6 months in 2023 due to medical issues). Is the lodge not fulfilling your expectations of a Masonic experience? Are we as officers lacking?

My apologies for being such a "downer" in a space meant for uplifting words, but taking Freemasonry seriously includes supporting my lodge to the best of my ability. If there is anything I can do to improve the Masonic experience of my brethren, please let me know. My email address is byelen@afternoont.com, and I will welcome and share with our master, officers, and brethren any suggestions on how we can improve the lodge, its programs, or anything else to enhance everybody's Masonic experience.

And please, try and attend often enough that I will at least remember your face!

Fraternally,

Bruce Yelen
Senior Warden 2026

From the South

Juan C. Avendano
Junior Warden

Brethren,

Greetings from the Junior Warden's column! As we continue through this year, I am grateful for the fellowship and dedication shown by our Brethren at every stated communication. The South is in good order, and the craft is at refreshment — but the work ahead is meaningful, and I encourage all of our Brothers to remain engaged, attend our meetings, and bring a friend who may be interested in the Craft. There is no better time to be a Mason than now.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Joao, on taking his first steps into the light of Masonry. Welcome to the Craft, Brother — the South is glad to have you!

Fraternally,

J. Camilo Avendano
Junior Warden 2026

From the Secretary's Desk

Todd Forschino, PM
Secretary

Brethren,

The 2026 Dues Notices have been sent. Your timely contributions are essential to the smooth operation of Canaveral Masonic Lodge No. 339, and to our continued work within the community we proudly serve. Your support ensures that we can maintain our traditions, uphold our obligations, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that define our Lodge.

For your convenience, you can pay dues via Zelle to the Lodge.

✉ Lodge Email: Canaveral339@gmail.com

📝 Please include in the memo: DUES 2026

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
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 Tall 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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Representing Most Worshipful Tall T. Atala, Grand Master of Masons of Florida

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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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Valley of Orlando Orient of Florida*

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

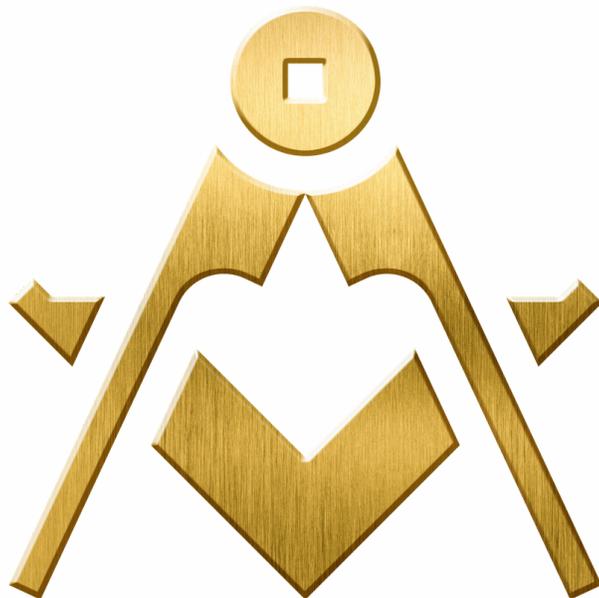
Bruce Yelen; Senior Warden

Jaun C. Avendano; Junior Warden



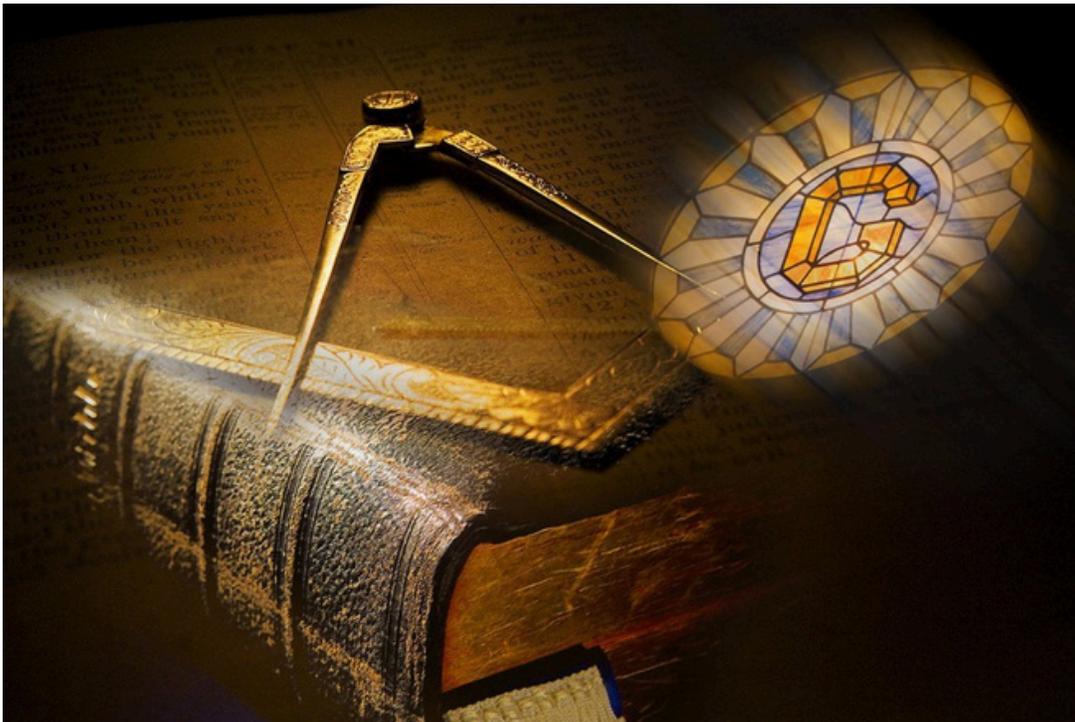
MASONIC BIRTHDAY

3/2 THOMAS STUART JR
3/12 GLENN CHANDLER
3/17 THOMAS PERRY
3/23 JAYSON MOATS
MIKE SWANBERG
3/28 DONALD SCOTT





SICKNESS AND DISTRESS
Amber and Todd Forschino
Terry Lewis
James Bill
Richard Schulze
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
32931 Phone: (321) 328-7326

 [Canaveral Masonic Lodge No / Oct 2, 2024](#)



CANAVERAL LODGE PERPETUAL MEMBERS

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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
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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
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JACK SCHWARTZ
DONALD SCOTT
MAC SCOTT
BARRY SHAFFER
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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
1988 D.L. PRESSLER
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
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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
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2004 J.P. DAVIES
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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

