



May 2026 Trestle Board

# Canaveral Masonic Lodge



## Important Dates

### Masters & Wardens at IR90

Saturday, May 2, 2026  
Breakfast 8:00 AM  
Meeting 9:00 AM

### JROTC Cadet of the Year Cocoa Beach HS

Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
9:00 AM at the school's performing arts center

### Open Books Harbor City Lodge

Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
6:00 PM

### Stated Communication Canaveral Lodge

Monday, May 11, 2026  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM  
Vist by our Junior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr.

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

### Stated Communication Canaveral Lodge

DARK due to Florida Grand  
Communication

Grand Communications  
Sun- Wed 5/25-5/27/2026  
Orlando



## **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

**Tyler** Cliff Schmitt

**Chaplain** Glenn Chandler

**Historian** Bob Watkins

# *From the East*

Barry Shaffer, PM  
Worshipful Master

May is already here, and the Lodge is progressing on many fronts. We had a valve break in the Ladies' bathroom, which W.: Rick discovered early. Rick Schulze, and we escaped with minor flooding into the social hall. With some quick action by the Brethren and a Rug Doctor, we got the carpeting cleaned and dried quickly. W.: Dan Maltby replaced the valves on all the toilets with metal-ended and woven lines.

The kitchen renovations are on track, to remove and replace the sinks, remove the gas stove and dishwasher, and replace them with commercial-grade countertop models. I thank all the Brethren and Ladies of the OES who have worked hard to raise funds or made donations to enable the Lodge to proceed.

On the Degree front, we raised Br. Braddock Keffer to the Sublime Degree, of Master Mason, another Brother working on his Fellow Craft catechism, and 3 brothers working on their Entered Apprentice catechisms.

Finally, because Grand Lodge occurs at the same time as our second Stated Communication, we will only be having the first meeting on the 11th of next month. In addition to a great meal beforehand, there will be a presentation on famous Masons who fought the Barbary Pirates and the birth of the US Navy. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

*Barry Shaffer*

*Worshipful Master 2016*

*From the West*

Bruce Yelen, PM  
Senior Warden

One of the most beloved members of my home lodge was Worshipful Brother Verl Stewart. WB Verl had one of the best Masonic Fellowship stories I've ever heard. He liked to relate the story of his "big" vacation trip, where he drove out to California with his wife. They stopped in Hollywood for a few nights to do the tourist thing. Verl learned that the Hollywood lodge was meeting one night he would be in town and decided to attend. In his words: "I walked into the lodge, and there was Clark Gable, John Wayne, and other famous Hollywood stars! Here I was, a small town postal clerk, suddenly thrown in amongst all of the famous men." And then he'd stop, look at the brother he was telling the story to, and say, "And do you know what I found out? It was like being in any other Masonic lodge I've attended. I was welcomed, had a great dinner, and was just another brother amongst the brethren".

May we always "... meet on the level..."

Fraternally,

*Bruce Yelen*  
*Senior Warden 2026*

## *From the South*

Juan C. Avendano  
Junior Warden

Brethren of Canaveral 339,

The Craft has always been a labor of the hands before it was a labor of the mind. Before any Mason stood to deliver a charge, he first stood in a quarry with gavel and chisel, hewing rough stone toward the square. That labor was slow, repetitive, and, by any modern standard, unglamorous. It was also the only way the work ever got done.

When we gather on practice nights, we are doing what operative masons did in their quarries. We are shaping ourselves into something serviceable to the Temple. It is tempting to think of stated communications as the \*real\* meeting and practice as something we squeeze in between obligations. From the South, I would suggest we have it backwards. Stated communications are where we display the finished ashlar. Practice is where we hew it.

So this month, I ask every mason of this lodge to make practice nights a priority. Come early. Bring your ritual book. If you don't yet know your part, work it through with a brother who does. If you do, help a brother who doesn't. Newer brethren come even without a part on the floor. Watch, listen, ask questions.

I must make this ask with some humility. My work schedule this season will not permit me to be at most of our practices, and I feel that absence keenly. So I am asking, Brother to Brother, for your special help: please attend, please participate, and please support one another in the work while I cannot be on the floor as often as I would wish. A lodge is never the labor of one man; it is the labor of the Craft.

The same is true of training in every form it takes, district instruction, Grand Lodge education, or an evening spent unpacking a passage with an older brother. A lodge that honors training finds that its work deepens even as its ranks turn over.

Let us honor the quarry this month. The perfect ashlar is not given on the day of our raising. It is earned, blow by patient blow.

Fraternally,

*J. Camilo Aberndano*  
*Junior Warden 2026*

# *From the Secretary's Desk*

Todd Forschino, PM  
Secretary

Brethren,

Communication is one of the most important tools we have in staying connected as a fraternity. To ensure you continue receiving important updates, event notices, and opportunities to stay involved, we kindly ask that you keep your contact information current.

If your address, phone number, or email changes, please let us know so we can update our records. Staying connected helps us serve you better and keeps you engaged with all that's happening within our Lodge.

Phone: 321-588-1910

Email: [todd.forschino@gmail.com](mailto:todd.forschino@gmail.com)

Additionally, if you have announcements, articles, or anything you would like included in our monthly Trestleboard, please email them to me by the 20th of each month to ensure they are included in the next edition.

Thank you for your continued support, your commitment, and all you do to strengthen our fraternity. Together, we keep the light shining bright.

Fraternally,

*Todd Forschino*

*Secretary, Canaveral Lodge No. 339*



# For the Good of the Order



Saturday, April 25, 2026, was truly a special day for our Brotherhood as we congratulated our newly raised Master Mason, Braddock Keffer!

From the wisdom of experience to the excitement of new beginnings, we witnessed something powerful: our oldest member, Tyler Cliff Schmitt, standing proudly at 93 years young, alongside Braddock at just 19. A reminder that Freemasonry bridges generations, uniting us in purpose, tradition, and brotherly love.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Degree Team for their outstanding work, and to everyone who came out to support and celebrate this meaningful milestone. Moments like these are what make our Fraternity so special.

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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

## 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/>**

# For the Good of the Order

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 17th Masonic District website. The header features the district's name and logo. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains navigation links: 'DDGM Visits', 'District Calendar', 'Learn how you can become a Mason', 'District Committees', and 'Masters and Wardens'. The middle column contains a welcome message from the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Craig R. Boettcher, and a portrait of R.:W. Matthew Green, District Instructor. The right column contains a portrait of R.:W.: Craig R. Boettcher and his title.

**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 Taiib (Tali) 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,

R.:W.: Craig R. Boettcher  
District Deputy Grand Master  
17th Masonic District  
Representing Most Worshipful Tali T. Atala, Grand Master of Masons of Florida

R.:W. Matthew Green  
District Instructor 17th Masonic

R.:W.: Craig R. Boettcher  
District Deputy Grand Master  
17th Masonic District

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

# Appendent Bodies



## *The Orlando Scottish Rite*

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

Dear Brothers,

The Spring Reunion has come and gone. We honor those Brothers who have accomplished the position of 32° Scottish Rite Mason. We wish to extend our congratulations to those who have attained the esteemed rank of 32° Scottish Rite Mason. This accomplishment is truly commendable.

For those interested in joining the Scottish Rite Masons, please email me at [vmloren@yahoo.com](mailto:vmloren@yahoo.com). Our next reunion will take place this fall, with details to be announced soon.

Fraternally,  
Terry Lewis, 32° KCCH  
Valley of Orlando

### Update

Brothers, I wanted to provide you with an update on my health. I have completed radiation treatments for the lesions in my brain and the back tumor, which was quite an experience. I am now undergoing treatments for my lungs and the rest of my body through medication infusions. I am dealing with challenges in my right leg, but I am hopeful that the infusions will help.

Despite difficulties moving around, I am managing with the help of pain medication and lots of sleep. Your well-wishes and prayers mean a lot to me, and I appreciate the support from my Brothers across the country and Cherokee Lodge near my neighborhood in Murphy.

I look forward to being able to be with all of you again soon!

Fraternally,  
Terry Lewis

# Appendent Bodies



Calling All Master Masons... Your Next Step Awaits.

There comes a moment in every Mason's journey when the call to do more becomes impossible to ignore. To give more. To serve more. To be part of something that reaches far beyond the walls of our Lodges.

That moment is now.

At Azan Shriners, we don't just wear the Fez. We wear a commitment to compassion, brotherhood, and a mission that changes lives every single day. Through the incredible work of Shriners Children's, we help provide world-class care to children and families, regardless of their ability to pay.

This Fall, we invite you to take that next step.

Join us for our Fall Ceremonial at the North Brevard Shrine Club and become part of a fraternity that blends fun, fellowship, and a purpose greater than ourselves. Here, you'll find laughter, lifelong friendships, and the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children who need us most.

Why become a Shriner?

Because you believe in turning brotherhood into action.

Because you want to be part of the world's best hospitals.

Because the legacy you build today will echo in the lives you touch tomorrow.

Take the first step today:

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Be part of something bigger... For the Children.

# 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

# Appendent Bodies



## Canaveral OES No. 297

Greetings from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

We are at the Golf Village in St Augustine. It has been a busy and fun week here. A week of seeing old Friends and making new ones! Some exciting things are happening for our district this coming year, and our own Chapter 297.

We have a New Grand Officer from our Chapter, Sister Diana Pence, as Grand Esther. Our own Susan Metcalf did a beautiful job as Grand Ada. Other appointments are Sister Joyce Myers as Chairman of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project. Now we start a new year with Mary Ann Holt as Worthy Grand Matron and Richard Keepin as Worthy Grand Patron.

We are off to a great year!

Submitted by Judy Moising OES 297

# KENTUCKY Derby Party

OPEN TO ALL!



Join us for an evening of fun and racing,  
fellowship, and the excitement of the Kentucky Derby!  
AZAN will provide pulled pork.



Saturday  
May 2, 2026



5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



AZAN Oasis Lounge



#### WHAT TO BRING:

Please bring a side dish,  
appetizer, or dessert to share.



WEAR YOUR BEST DERBY HAT!



#### CONTACT HENRY

with your side dish by sending an  
email to [hengel66@yahoo.com](mailto:hengel66@yahoo.com)



OPEN TO ALL!





& North Brevard Shrine Club  
Present

*Shine for the Shrine*  
**CAR SHOW**

Open to the  
PUBLIC

**May 16, 2026**  
**10AM-2PM**



North Brevard Shrine Club  
545 N. Washington Avenue  
Titusville, FL 32796

*Come Out & Enjoy the*

**BlueGrass Band**

*All Vehicles  
Welcome*

**CARS,  
TRUCKS & BIKES**

**MASSIVE CAR DISPLAY**

**FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**TROPHIES**

**RAFFLES**

**\$20**

**FOR Show  
Vehicles**

**FREE ADMISSION  
TO THE PUBLIC**

**For more information, contact Pete Brown at 304-481-3413**

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFIT THE NORTH BREVARD SHRINE CLUB AND ARE NOT A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION**

VENUE DECOR BY KIM BIEGLER

# THE TEXAS BBQ

★ BENEFITING ★

**First Lady Cat's Project**  
(Acoustical Improvements to the Oasis Lounge)

Wear your western gear

**\$20**  
**DONATION**  
Per Person

TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE

**MAY 17, 2026**  
**at 1 PM in the**  
**OASIS LOUNGE**

**Country Music!**

Smoked Beef Brisket by Chef Chris Biegler  
Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast & Cake for Dessert

**OASIS LOUNGE at AZAN SHRINE CENTER**

1591 W. EAU GALLIE BLVD., MELBOURNE, FL 32935

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE FIRST LADY'S PROJECT AND ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

# SCOTTISH RITE

## 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### WATCH PARTY

May 31st ~ Festivities begin at 10am with Cigars in the Parking Lot

Food and Live Feed starting at 11am-3pm

\$7.50 / person

Price includes Lowcountry Cuisine and  
a LIVE feed from Charleston Scottish Rite  
as they open the time capsule!



CELEBRATE 225 YEARS  
OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY

Join us at the  
**Orlando Scottish Rite**  
**1495 Grand Road, Winter Park 32792**

BROTHERHOOD • FELLOWSHIP • TRADITION



**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**

Bruce Yelen



**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

5/3 JOHN WOLFRAM  
5/12 KYLE REYNOLDS  
5/13 CHRISTOPHER BURR  
5/16 JAMES BROWN  
5/19 GERALD BOX  
5/22 WYATT WERNETH





# SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Terry Lewis  
Jeff Battaglia  
The Shulze Family  
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

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  
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  
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.  
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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

