



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

September 2025

From the East...

Brethren,

As September arrives, we are reminded that the changing of the seasons is also a time for renewal in our Masonic journey. Just as the operative Mason sought continual improvement in his craft, so too must we as speculative Masons seek light, knowledge, and growth in all we do.

This month, I encourage each of you to take part in the opportunities that strengthen both our personal Masonic journey and the collective life of our Lodge. The School of Instruction and Open Books provide excellent ways to sharpen our ritual work, deepen our understanding, and preserve the traditions entrusted to us. These gatherings are not only educational but also a chance to build bonds with Brethren across our District.

Likewise, let us make a strong showing at the Northeast Florida Masonic Association meeting. Our presence reflects the unity and strength of Mandarin Lodge, and it allows us to support the larger Fraternity that we are so proudly a part of.

Brethren, your participation matters. Whether through study, fellowship, or labor in the quarries of our Lodge, every effort helps keep our Light shining brightly. Let us continue to work together in brotherly love, relief, and truth, building upon the strong foundation laid by those who came before us.

Fraternally,

Omar Rivera

Worshipful Master



From the South...

Greetings, Brothers,

Once again another month has blown by. We had a good Fellowcraft degree in lieu of 3TF, as we passed a Brother to his next step. A big thank you to Larry Mason and his wife Tammy for hosting a great Beefeaters. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. If you've never been to a Beefeaters yet, you are missing out. Next possible date for Beefeaters will be Oct 31st, if everyone isn't too busy with Halloween.

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

This months 3TF will be at

Enza's Italian Restaurant @ 6pm

10601 San Jose Blvd #109, Jacksonville, FL 32257

PLEASE RSVP beforehand so I can make a reservation.

Fraternally,

Daniel Breslin

Petition for the Degrees
Arjan Bishka

Calendar

*Subject to minor changes.

September 2025

3– Open Books @ OP Lodge
4– Stated Communication
10– JSO @ Hyde Park
11-13 Scottish Rite Reunion
17– SOI @ Riverside Lodge
18– 3TF @ Enza’s
20 or 21– Lodge Workday
24– NEFMA @Ionic Lodge
25- FL Grand Commandery
Bible Project (RSVP with
Todd Connor)
TBD– Called Communication
EA Degree.

October 2025

1- Open Books @ OP Lodge
2- Stated Communication
4– York Rite Festival
7– MLT 1-5 via Zoom
16– 3TF (TBD)
18– Outdoor Degree @ Ame-
lia Lodge
18– York Rite Festival
22– NEFMA @Solomon
23- FL Grand Commandery
Bible Project (RSVP with
Todd Connor)
25– MM Degree @ Duval
Lodge
31– Beefeaters (TBD)

2025 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master

Omar Rivera
(904) 864-9440

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



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MR. FLORIDA RAINBOW 2026

Registration is Open!

Calling all Florida Masons!

Start your adventure to the title by being a finalist in your region's fundraising race! Scan the QR Code to register. And hurry, the deadline is October 30th!

The girls in your region will decide which of their finalists will advance to the state competition, so be sure to build your relationship with them! You can also earn points towards your score at the final competition by attending events for your local assembly:
1 event = 1 extra point

Girls!

Do you want to host a regional competition to decide which of your fundraising finalists will compete at the state level? Ask your mother advisor to reach out to Rachel Heist at racheljheist@gmail.com for more information.

Mother Advisors!

Be on the lookout for more information about a Q&A session



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mr-florida-rainbow--2026>

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NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

FLORIDA MASONS

MILITARY TRIBUTE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
7:00 PM

HOLYROOD MASONIC LODGE
5500 MEMORIAL HWY, TAMPA

Open to the Public

**SPECIAL EVENT TO HONOR ALL VETERANS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**



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Patriotic gifts will be presented to all Veterans

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

RSVP USING EVENTBRITE TO ALLOW US TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lodge-of-military-tribute-tickets-1554693362699?aff=oddtcreator>

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