



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

November 2025

## From the East...

My Brothers,

As we enter this season of gratitude, I thank each of you for your continued dedication to Mandarin Lodge. Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Arjan Bishka — may your Masonic journey be rewarding and full of Light.

Please make plans to attend the Grand Master's Official Visit to the 8th and 9th Districts on November 15th at the Scottish Rite. Even if you don't have a reservation for dinner, come join us — there will be a tiled meeting following dinner.

This Thanksgiving, let us remember the true meaning of Brotherhood. Reach out to a Brother, offer a kind word, and continue to strengthen the bonds that make our Lodge special.

Fraternally,

Omar Rivera, Worshipful Master

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



## **From the South...**

Greetings Brothers,

We are close to wrapping up another year for Mandarin. It's been a good, productive year for us and hopefully will keep that going into the next. Like the last few months, I've been out of town, so my months have been flying by.

We mourn the passing of our Brother Rick this month. Keep his wife Connie in your prayers.

As long as I'm in town, this month's 3TF will be a special one at Terra Gaucha. I talked to a few people so far and they are in. Please RSVP for this one. It's a nicer restaurant, so I have to have a count for this.

Fraternally,

Daniel Breslin

Junior Warden

### **Sickness and Distressed**

Bro. Rick Vickery laid down his working tools. Masonic Rites to be conferred at Mandarin Lodge on November 8 at 11:30AM.

### **Entered Apprentices**

Bro. Arjan Bishka

Bro. Taylor Silvey

Bro. Mike Magners

### **Fellowcraft**

Bro. Jorge Garcia

# Calendar

\*Subject to minor changes.

## November 2025

- 5– Open Books @ OP Lodge
- 5– SOI @ OP Lodge
- 6– Stated Communication
- 8– Bro.: Vickery Masonic Rites @ Mandarin
- 15– Craft Business Fair @ Mandarin
- 15– GL Cornerstone Laying Ceremony
- 15– GMOV @ Scottish Rite (attendance requested)
- 19– NEFMA @ Neptune Beach Lodge
- 20– 3TF @ Terra Gaucha

## December 2025

- 3– SOI @ Callahan
- 4– Stated Communication (election of officers for 2026)
- 14– Holiday get together @ Mandarin
- 17– NEFMA @ AJR
- 18– 3TF (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>	<b>1991 Henry B. Tucker</b>	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	<b>2017 David J. Gilpin</b>
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	



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

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NOVEMBER 2025

**BULLETIN**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE**

**OFFICE CLOSED:**

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – in observance of Veterans' Day

Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, 2025 – Thanksgiving Holiday

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday the office will be closed from December 24, 2025, through January 2, 2026. Office Staff will be periodically checking email during this time off.

The Grand Lodge Office Staff wishes you season's greetings and hopes that you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

# HISTORIC CORNERSTONE CEREMONY



Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 12:00PM

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Most Worshipful Taleb T. Atala, and the Grand Lodge Officers will conduct the Cornerstone Ceremony on our new Grand Lodge Building.

*Master Masons are encouraged to wear their Aprons and representatives of our Allied and Appendant Bodies are encouraged to wear their regalia.*

9137 Merrill Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225

There will be a shuttle from the parking area provided.