



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

December 2025

From the East...

Brethren,

As we enter the month of December and draw near to the close of another Masonic year, I extend to each of you my warmest fraternal greetings. This season invites us to pause, reflect, and appreciate the many blessings we have shared within our Lodge and throughout the wider Craft.

2025 has been a year marked by renewed energy, deeper fellowship, and a steadfast commitment to the principles that make Freemasonry timeless. Together, we strengthened our bonds, supported one another in times of need, and worked diligently to improve both our Lodge and our communities. For this, I offer my sincere thanks. Your dedication is the foundation upon which our Lodge continues to build and thrive.

As we approach the holidays, let us remember the values that unite us—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In our interactions with family, friends, and strangers alike, may we be living examples of the Light we seek within the Lodge. Whether through charitable giving, acts of kindness, or simply offering a listening ear, let us each do our part to spread peace and goodwill.

I encourage all Brethren to join us at our upcoming December gatherings, including our year-end Get-Together on Dec 14. These events are moments to celebrate our accomplishments, welcome new beginnings, and strengthen the fraternal ties that bind us.

Looking ahead to the coming year, may we continue to work in harmony, pursue further Light, and inspire one another to uphold the highest ideals of our Craft. Let us step into 2026 with renewed purpose, confidence, and unity.

On behalf of the Lodge officers and myself, I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year. May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you and keep you in peace.

Fraternally,

Omar Rivera- *Worshipful Master*



From the South...

Greetings Brothers,

As we wrap up another year at Mandarin lodge, take time to reflect on those whom we have lost, those we have gained and what we hope to achieve in this coming year.

This year has been a good year for us, we welcomed new Brothers, preformed a good de-grees and had great Fellowship throughout the year. 3TF attendance has been good with trying a new restaurant every month. I hope to see it continue to grow next year as well, be it

I look forward to the West next year and welcome the new responsibilities that come along with that chair.

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was good and that Christmas and New Year's brings happiness and joy to everyone.

Entered Apprentices

Bro. Arjan Bishka

Bro. Taylor Silvey

Bro. Mike Magners

Bro. Jorge Garcia will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Amelia Lodge on Monday, December 15 at 7PM. Dinner at 6PM. Go, show your support, and enjoy grat food and fellowship.

Calendar

*Subject to minor changes.

December 2025

- 3– SOI @ Callahan
- 4– Stated Communication
(election of officers for 2026)
- 14– Holiday get together @
Mandarin
- 15– MM Degree @ Amelia
- 17– NEFMA @ AJR
- 18– No meeting.

January 2026

- 3-Callahan Installation
- 3– Duval Installation
- 5– Mandarin Installation
- 8– Stated Communication
- 15– Stated Communication
- 29-Fellowship (TBA)

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	



Amendment to Mandarin Lodge's Bylaws

COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.01** Stated Communications The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held at its hall on the **1ST and 3rd THURSDAY of each month at 7:30 o'clock, P.M.**, provided that such Stated Communication may be suspended during the months of July, August and September of each year by special action of the Lodge, and, *provided, further*, that the place of meeting for any single or particular Stated Communication may be changed by special action of the Lodge when the occasion shall require it, provided that such change of meeting place is approved in writing by the District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic District in which this Lodge is situated and that written notice of such change of meeting place is given to the membership of the Lodge, and, *provided, further*, that no business shall be transacted at such Communication held in such different place except that specifically mentioned in the notice to the membership. **(ACCEPTED AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 2025)**

At our December 4, 2025 meeting, it was agreed that the second meeting to be held Thursday, December 18 will be dispensed with.

- 5.02** Dispensing with Stated Communications By special action of the Lodge at a Stated Communication the next succeeding Stated Communication may be dispensed with, *provided, however*, this Lodge shall hold at least one Stated Communication in each month.

2026 Officers

WM-Wor.: Omar Rivera
SW– Bro. Daniel Breslin
JW– Bro. Carl Mankinen
Treasurer– Wor.: Don Carter
Secretary– Wor.: Lou Govreau
SD– Bro. Travis Reynolds
JD– Bro. Larry Mason
SS– Bro. Hector Mariscal
JS– TBA
Tyler– Bro. Bobby Bethel
Chaplain– Bro. Eric Finkelstein
Marshal– Wor.: John C Young

FLORIDA MASONS!

The Grand Assembly of Florida
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls invites you to

REGISTER FOR MR. FL RAINBOW

Registration is open now through January 30, 2026.

Two titles are up for grabs:

1. Mr. Camp Boggy Creek: Fundraising for our service project.
2. Mr. Florida Rainbow: Rainbow Knowledge and participation.

Registration is \$100 and then it is up to you to raise funds!

EARN BONUS POINTS BY ATTENDING
LOCAL RAINBOW EVENTS:
1 EVENT = 1 POINT

**Competition will be held
on April 25, 2026 in the
Orlando Area.
Exact location will be
announced at a later date.**

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TO
REGISTER**



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

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Approved for Distribution by MW Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master, November 6, 2025