



23rd Masonic District MMA



Met at: Manatee Lodge No. 31

Met on: August 28th, 2025

At the Monthly meeting of the 23rd District Master Mason Association (MMA):

Officers Present:			
W.M.: Chuck Wolbert III	President	Treasurer	R.W.: John Wermann
WM.: Hans Heide	Vice President	Secretary	R.W.: Thomas Haber

- The meeting was opened at 6:33 p.m. with the flag presentation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country, and an invocation.

- **The MMA President thanked:**

Manatee Lodge for hosting the MMA this month and the Brethren in attendance.

- **Lodge Reports given:**

5 attended from Manatee Lodge No. 31 & announced their upcoming events and that they have the travelling gavel.

3 attended from Peace River Lodge No. 66 & announced their upcoming events.

2 attended from Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115 & announced their upcoming events.

2 attended from Sarasota Lodge No. 147 & won the broken column award.

7 attended from Venice Lodge No. 301 & announced their upcoming events.

Venice 301 took home the Broken Column>

3 attended from Phoenix Lodge No. 346 & announced their upcoming events.

3 attended from Englewood Lodge No. 360 & announced their upcoming events.

1 attended from WestCoast Lodge No. 409 & announced their upcoming events.

4 attended from Liberty Lodge No. 41 announced their upcoming events.

- District OES, Grotto, Scottish Rite, Shrine, York Rite and DeMolay announcements were made.



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Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was given and it was announced that we currently have \$5,097.07 in the operating account and \$13,021.19 in the District 23 Charity account.

Old business:

The new District 23 hats and shirts were discussed during this meeting. An order form will be provided to all Lodges for their use.

Attending a Bradenton Marauders game on September 6th was discussed. If 30 Brothers sign up we will have \$40 tickets including food and beverages.

Approval and use of the Revised MMA By-Laws was discussed after being unanimously approved during the July 24th, 2025 MMA meeting.

The annual 23rd Masonic District picnic (now February 28th, 2026) was previously approved, and it will be coordinated by RW Doug Dobbs, RW Barry Hart and WM: Chris Purdy. A Pot-Luck luncheon was discussed and approved at this meeting to be held on November 1st, 2025. The Pot-Luck dinner sign in sheet was started and will be sent to every Lodge for their inclusion.

A previous motion was made by RW Tom Davie and seconded by RW Barry Hart to spend up to \$250 to obtain a District 23 Banner for use during future events is moving forward, with WM: Chuck Wolbert working on the mock up for approval.

The GMOV event being held at the Sahib Shrine center was discussed. There will be a 5:30 pm check in time, 6:30 dinner and 7:30 Tyled meeting at Phoenix 346. \$2,000 was approved for payment to the Shrine to help offset the costs of the GMOV event. \$247.97 was also approved as payment to Karen Leonard and the Daughters of Mokanna for the GMOV decorations.



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New business:

The date was set for the 23rd District's 2026 Table Lodge, which will be June 20th, 2026 to honor of all District 23 past DDGM's and Past District Instructors. More details will follow.

Holding an annual fundraiser to add funds to the 23rd District Disaster Relief fund was discussed.

It was discussed that all 23rd District MMA Officer Nomination forms must be completed and in the hands of our Secretary prior to the start of the September MMA Meeting.

The next MMA meeting will be held at Phoenix 346 on September 25th at 6:00 pm.

Our RWDDGM JJ Albritton spoke last to the Craft assembled.

This MMA meeting was closed at 7:50 pm and the District School of Instruction was held.

R.W.: Thomas Haber
Secretary – 23rd District MMA

WM.: Hans Heide
2025 Vice-President – 23rd District MMA